

Grace Presbyterian Gazette



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PASTOR'S CORNER

JIM HAYS

Labor Day

I know a lot of people look forward to Labor Day, the first Monday in September. It is a national holiday set aside to honor those who work and have worked to build up this country and maintain this country. It also marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of fall and all that goes with fall such as cooler weather, changing of leaves, football and everything pumpkin (maybe too much). Labor or work for the most part has a negative meaning to it. Work means to perform physical or manual labor and work is only associated with the means one does to support themselves or their families with food and the necessities of life.

Why is it that work seems so tedious and well seems like work? God did not plan it this way. Yes God did plan for man to work as in Genesis 2:15 it says, "God placed the man in the garden to work the garden and to watch over it." This scripture tells us man is supposed to work, but as we can see from the garden of Eden it was not a task of burden but a task of joy. I can only imagine the joy Adam had in working and keeping that Garden. I say that because my small areas of rose bushes and flower beds are a mess, I haven't worked them enough and they have become somewhat slightly neglected. (Hopefully I will get to them when the cooler

weather comes.)

But the garden of Eden must have been a sight to behold and to work in. Every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food was there and so was God himself, walking with Adam as Adam tended to the needs of the garden. But alas, sin came and entered into Adam and Genesis chapter 3 verse 17 says, "the ground is cursed because of you. You will eat of it my means of painful labor." And that is why work is such a labor for us today – because sin has separated us from God and from the joys of serving God.

The national holiday of Labor Day is set aside to take a day off. How ironic our Lord God Almighty had already done that by giving us the Sabbath. So, this year when you remember Labor Day remember the very idea of taking a day off from the work we do, originally came from God – as did our labor itself. And may we all feel eager and ready to get back to work the following day. As Paul said in Colossians 3:23, "whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward."

Grace to you all,

Jim

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August Budget & Finance

Operating Budget Contributions	\$14,378.11	Memorials	
Operating Expenses	\$12,823.66	Joy Upham	Bill & Roseanne Johnson
Deacon Fund Contributions	\$ 395.00	Cliff Ford	Bill & Roseanne Johnson
Building Fund Balance	\$87,188.90		
Average Attendance	37		

"THE DEACON'S POST"

In our first edition of the Deacons post we explored, "who would you call"? If you will recall, this was a time for us to re introduce to you who the current slate of Deacons are and how you could reach them. In this months newsletter I want to dive into what the Deacons are here to do for you when you call. I know we all have a generic thought process of what they are here to do, but I want to dive into specific ways your Deacon can and will assist you. So, here we go:

- #1. Helping the physical needs of people who are hungry, poor, naked and prisoners,
- #2. Visiting those in the hospital (please be mindful that during covid, the hospitals are the ones most keeping us out of the rooms and not your Deacons),
- #3. Offering support during the death of family members,
- #4. Providing meals as needed,
- #5. Visiting nursing home and homebound members, again, we are limited to a degree here as well during covid,
- #6. Befriending those who are having a life crisis,
- #7. Establishing financial assistance for those inside and outside our church. This is important for you to know as you may know of folks who don't attend our church that need assistance, don't hesitate to bring this to your Deacon if needed,
- #8. Lastly, calling to check on our church members on a regular basis.

The Deacons love serving and want to serve you in any capacity that is needed, please don't hesitate to let your Deacon know what if any assistance they can provide for you or someone you know.

In Christ, Joe Pruett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ Save the Date: September 14 (Tuesday) from 9:30 to 11:30. "**Grace Gardens**", a ladies fellowship and Bible study, is back. All ladies are invited to join in at the church for a time of friendship, study, and prayer. Plan to bring your own Bible, drink, snack, & offering. If you have questions, please call Barbara Watkins at 501-908-9892 or Karen Griffin at 501-269-2485. See you then.
- ◇ **New Sunday School class:** Beginning September 12 at 9:30, we will be discovering the meaning in the Gospel of John. There's a companion study workbook that will be provided and Joe Pruett will be teaching the class. This class is designed to reveal an understanding of central Christian truths. The stories in the Gospel of John are amazing; you won't want to miss it.
- ◇ October 10th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. we will meet at the 5th Street Park Pavilion for our **Annual Church Picnic**. Don't forget to bring lawn or board games for extra fun!
- ◇ Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Ministry Center Storehouse Client Choice Pantry**. If you would like to help, you can place your donations in the two tote bins located in the hallway at church, contact Ken Hunter or call the church for information. Items can be dropped off Monday -Thursday 4:00-5:00.

Joe Pruett's Small Group Bible Study has a new name.

Look for it It's coming

Wednesdays

"3 in 1"

It's Fellowship

It's Singing

It's Bible Study

More information coming soon

Supper will be \$5

See you at GPC

6pm

SPOTLIGHT ON: RAY AND SADIE CRUMBLEY

BY RENÉE HUNTER

Ray and Sadie Crumbley moved to Conway in 2018 to be near their oldest daughter, Stefanie Dickinson, a professor of music theory, and her husband, Paul, a professor of composition and music theory, both at UCA.

It didn't take the Crumbleys long to discover, join, and become active at Grace.

The couple grew up in the same small town in Georgia and went to the same schools.

Ray first noticed Sadie in the eighth grade, but Sadie didn't notice him until they had a math class together in the 10th grade.

"He was the smartest boy in class," she said. Not surprising, then, that Ray became a mechanical engineer.

Because Ray didn't drive, the couple's first date was a double with Sadie's best friend and her date. A year later, the two went to the junior-senior prom together. They had become a couple.

They dated for five years before getting married on June 23, 1963 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toombsboro, Ga.

After high-school graduation, Ray enrolled in the cooperative education program at Georgia Tech University, which allowed him to put his engineering studies to use at Engelhard Corp in McIntyre, Ga., while attending college.

"He was serious about getting his education," Sadie said.

Ray graduated from Georgia Tech in 1965 and went to work full-time for Engelhard.

Sadie chose not to go to college because she felt her brother would need the education more than she did, and there wasn't money enough for both to go.

Instead, she went to work as a computer operator for Oconee Clay Products, which manufactured terra cotta items and bricks.

Then "I followed Ray to Atlanta," she said, and took a job with Hartford Insurance Co.

In 1968, Ray became engineering manager for Super Mold Corp. in Macon. Shortly thereafter, the Georgia plant closed and the Crumbleys moved to Lodi, Calif., for a brief period.

They didn't much like California, so after a short time, Ray resigned and the couple returned to Georgia, and Ray sought a new job. He interviewed for two jobs, but neither seemed to be the right fit. Finally, through some connections of his mother's, he got a job as production manager for Freeport Kaolin in Gordon, Ga.

"It was God that cared for us," Sadie said.

In 1985, Ray's first employer, Engelhard, acquired Freeport Kaolin, and Ray worked for Engelhard until he "retired" in 2001.

In 2002, Ray accepted a position in industrial relations at Mercer University School of Engineering, where he remained until he again "retired" in 2006

Shortly after that retirement, Ray began volunteering with SCORE, a non-profit, advising people who want to start their own businesses. He does most of this work from home via telephone and email. SCORE, which is partially funded by the Small Business Administration, has about 10,000 volunteers nationally, Ray said. He talked to about 75 people last year, he said.

"It was a ministry, in a way," Sadie said.

The Crumbleys have three daughters, Stefanie, born in 1966, Lydia, audit manager for a firm of CPAs in Portland, Ore., born in 1975, and Rachel, a senior trend forecaster for Cotton Inc. in New York City, born in 1978.

While raising the children, Sadie didn't hold a paid job, but instead did a lot of volunteer work at the various churches the family belonged to and at their daughters' schools. She said she held just about every position and did every job necessary at both places.

Once the girls were grown, Sadie returned to paid work, taking a part-time position at the Macon/Bib County Convention and Visitors Bureau, serving first as a bus tour guide. It was this job that resulted in a disorder of the larynx that still plagues her today.

Later, she served as an "information specialist," for the bureau, answering tourists' questions about the area. Macon is "The Cherry Blossom Capital of the World," Sadie said, and boasts 300,000 cherry trees. While with the bureau, she and a colleague co-wrote a coffee-table book about the area.

When Sadie was furloughed in 2008, she obtained her commercial drivers license and became a bus driver for the local senior citizens center.

In her spare time, Sadie enjoys gardening and quilting.

She and Ray share an interest in genealogy and travel and own a mountain home near Cashiers, NC, which they disappear to for a part of every summer.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP NEWS

Attendance:

August 1, 2021	37
August 8, 2021	36
August 15, 2021	38
August 22, 2021	40
August 29, 2021	36

Communion:

September 5, 2021, October 3, 2021 (World Communion)

Special Music:

The choir will perform "Like A River In My Soul," "Do Be Afraid"

Preaching Schedule:

Sep 05, 2021	Jim Hays	2 Samuel 15: 1-3
Sep 12, 2021	Jim Hays	2 Samuel 24: 18-25
Sep 19, 2021	Joe Pruett	Psalms 1, Solomon 1: 16-21, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11: 18-20
Sep 26, 2021	Joe Pruett	Ester 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22 or Psalm 124

Liturgist: Joe Pruett, Tommy Mebane

BIRTHDAYS:

9/3 - Rosemary Hubbard, 9/12 - Karen Griffin; 9/25 - Lavon Dunn; 9/26 - Zack Deem

CURRENT PRAYER LIST AS OF (9/1/2021):

Prayer Concerns: Janet Bainter, friend of Barbara Watkins difficulty with chemo; Heather Beczo, daughter-in-law of Tibor and Ilona Beczo; Tibor Beczo; Jean Brown; Ron Carter, brother of Jean Brown with cancer; Bill Conner; Virginia Driggers, friend of the church; Darrell Glover, uncle of Joe Pruett; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Charles and Trudy Jordan; Larry and Carol McAdams, sister and brother-in-law of Nancy Davis, health concerns; Carolyn Mebane, loss of sister, Betty Chikar; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff; Connie Staal, friend of Larry and Lavon Dunn; Phil and Cheryl White, father of Nancy Davis' daughter-in-law with heart trouble; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friends of Joe and Sue Dablock.

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