The Way

June 6, 2017

From the Pastor

This past Sunday, as we celebrated both the Day of Pentecost and our graduates, I was reminded once more what a wonderful history, present, and future we have as a church. During the awarding of the scholarships, I remembered fondly so many families who have gone before us and have left a legacy for us. As I watched the recipients pick up their rewards, I was thankful for what they too have accomplished and the things they will do as they learn and give back to society. They give me hope for the future of our world and our church.

In a couple of weeks, we will celebrate the 115th birthday of our church. We are able to do the things that we do as a church because of so many who have been so faithful. I am reminded of that beautiful passage in Hebrews 12:1-2: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,” Truly, as a church, God has blessed us with so many who have shared their lives and resources with us. We are a church most blessed.

We have received many wonderful gifts through the years of people who have remembered us in their wills or have made us beneficiaries of life insurance policies and annuities. In the last several weeks, we have been reminded once again of that kind of faithfulness as the church has received monies that were left to us by Brenda Smith. As with all monies of this nature, our Finance and Stewardship per our bylaws, will be responsible for these funds. We are thankful and grateful for such generosity.

As we approach the 15th anniversary of being in this location, because of your generosity and hard work, we are on a trajectory for paying off our debt. From hot dogs to barbeque to football games to generous gifts to sound planning, the hard work is paying off. As we come to this milestone, we must continue “to run with perseverance the race that is set before us!”

Earnie Hartsell, Chairman of the Diaconate, and I are working on naming a Future Development Committee to help us prioritize our goals and our needs in the coming years. We know, because we have been in this building for 15 years, that there is some remodeling and repairs that we must do. With our continued efforts, we will accomplish these goals. As I said Sunday “Happy Birthday McGill! You are looking great for 115!”

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Thought for the Week

What are the things that you can’t see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love... They’re the guiding lights of a life.

-- President Jimmy Carter
Congratulations, Chandler

Chandler William Mullis has graduated from Mullis Christian Home School. He will join the family landscaping business “Noble Grounds, Inc.”

Sunday at McGill

The Youth Choir sang “In the Light” for the second service this past Sunday, and I could not be more proud. It was a very different style of music than we have done in the past, but it was a lot of fun. I am hoping to do more songs like this when we start a new year in the fall.

Summer Newsletter Schedule

During the summer months we will begin publishing the newsletter every other week. If you have questions about your responsibilities during these months please refer to the church directory. A list of nursery workers, ushers, etc. is listed.

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Delivery drivers are needed. Workers are also needed on the 4th and 5th Friday’s to do desserts and drinks in the dining area. See Winifry Whicker.

Dishes

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BBQ is available. See Bruce Arrowood if you would like to purchase one pound or five pound bags.

VBS NEEDS:

- Hay Bales for decoration
- Empty soup cans
- Brown grocery bags
- Supplies to make Trail Mix...chees, candy corn, cheerios, honey comb, cocoa puffs, M and M’s. Thank you!

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Thanks to Lindsay and all of our musicians for filling in for me while I was away this past Sunday. We are certainly blessed to have so many dedicated and talented musicians. I look forward to being back with you next Sunday.

Our Sanctuary Choir will have a rehearsal following the 10:45 service this Sunday, June 11th. Lunch will be provided for the choir and their families. This rehearsal will give us the opportunity to prepare anthems for the summer months. I hope we will have some new choir members join us for the summer. When singers are away on vacation, we need other singers to fill in.

All of our other ensembles are not rehearsing until after school starts back. I will be in touch with the Guitar Ensemble about playing some outside the church during the summer.

I missed seeing everyone last week. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our trip to Arkansas is fast approaching. Please help by once again bringing beach towels and spray sunscreen before July 1.

J.O.Y Club

Come enjoy the food and fellowship on Thursday, June 8, at 11 a.m. The food will be provided.

Deacon Nominations

We will begin the process of electing new deacons this coming Sunday and also on June 18th. You will have the opportunity to nominate 6 people to serve a 3 year term. Please do not nominate anyone who is presently serving on the Diaconate. The ones rotating off this year must wait a year before they can serve again.

McGill Supper Club Friday, June 16

The June Supper Club will be at the Intimidators baseball game on June 16. The bus will leave at 6 pm or you can meet in front of “will call” at 6:45. Cost is $7. See Jaime if you have any questions.

Preschool Graduation

The concert is free and all are welcome. Service personnel and families will be honored. Special tribute to our MIAs and POWs. Remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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