

*June 2017*

# *Good News*

**Verse of the Month:** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law” Galatians 5:22-23*



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## It just can't be summer already, can it?

Dear Friends,

It seems as if it was just Easter and yet this month, summer will be upon us. It promises to be hot. In fact, just last week it was hotter here in Absecon than it was in Southwest Florida.

However, even though some activities are “on vacation” during the summer months, we continue to meet to worship the Lord and grow in faith and grace.

The adult Bible studies on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings will be on hiatus starting in June. The King of Kings after school program will also be on break, but “Johnsonburg on the road” day camp will be back this year after a very successful initial season last year.

We also will continue to support our missions at home and abroad and your support continues to be solicited. And, I would be negligent if I did not mention stewardship. Although you might go away on your vacations, your congregation continues to serve the community as well as the members. So, don't forget to continue your support even when you are away. Thanks.

By the time summer is over, I fully expect that you will have a new pastor identified and I will be in Venice, Florida trying to complete four books that have sat on the shelf while I have been in Absecon. I am told that leaving well is important and I agree. When I leave, I will leave with no other agenda except a desire that your next pastor has a fruitful ministry with you, which has been my only agenda for the time I have been with you.

Let us, therefore, continue our journey together for a little while yet and...I'll see you in church.

Grace and peace,  
Tom Purchase  
The IP, (for a little while).



## Sunday School and Related News for June

Our Field day was a huge success; over twenty five children came out and participated. Many ribbons were won by all the children hula hooping, running the three legged race, potato sack races and more. Even though the weather wasn't great we warmed our hearts with fellowship and fun.

The Sunday school hosts an event each month, so check our calendar of events in the foyer. Please remember that all details are listed in the bulletin, the Good News and Presby Post. Please come out and support our program!

Here is the plan for the summer.

### **Highlights and Up Coming Events**

◆ **June 4, 2017 - Youth recognition Sunday**

Children who have attended Sunday school this year will be recognized for their attendance and contributions to our program. We encourage parents to attend as well.

◆ **June 11, 2017 - Graduate Sunday**

If you have a graduate please fill out the information form so they can be recognized on June 11<sup>th</sup>!

◆ **June 17, 2017 - Pool Party**

The Sunday school along with the Mission team will be hosting a pool party on Saturday June 17, 2017 at the Galloway swim club from 1 pm to 4 pm. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and drinks provided. Bring your swimsuits, lotion, and a dish to share. Cost is \$5.00 per person, children under 2 free. Check your bulletins and the Presby post for further details.

◆ **July 14, 2017 - Movie Night**

Come out of the heat and join us for a movie night in Madden Hall! 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Pizza, popcorn and lemonade provided.

**There will be no summer program through Sunday school so children will be expected to sit with their families during service. We are planning program changes for the fall; communication as to what will be offered will be forthcoming!**

If you plan on attending one of our events **please be sure to sign up**, it makes it much easier for planning with a headcount. Have a safe and wonderful summer!!

In his Service,  
Tina



### **Women's Circles**

The last four months we have looked at how the Gospel writers portrayed Jesus. This month we will look at some of Paul's writings. We will see that for Paul, Jesus is the crucified and risen Jesus; the Messiah whose death and resurrection breaks the power of sin and death. Paul views Jesus through the meaning of the Cross and is focused on the risen Christ.

The Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Betsy Cunius Friday, June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. The Martha Circle will meet at 10:00 p.m. Thursday, June 8th at the home of Carol Thomas. All women of the church are encouraged to join us at the time and place that is best for you. Come and join us for study and fellowship.



### **Christian Readers Book Club**

Our next book we will read is called One Light Still Shines by Marie Monville. We will be reviewing the story on July 19 at 6:30 P M. This was written by the wife of the man who killed the Amish girls at Nickel Mines. A story of sorrow and destruction, but also one of deliverance and forgiveness. Join us for a lively discussion.

Carol



*Mission  
Committee*

### **Mission/Evangelism Committee Updates**

#### **Family Promise**

Our next week of hosting will begin on August 13<sup>th</sup>. If we see the Roderick family again, there will be two families with us, with a total of ten people.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** raised \$519, and that check has been mailed to Church World Services for application at their discretion. Maybe we bought a cow for someone!

#### **Hygiene Kits**

The kits will be shipped from our church on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Bakely House**

Our mission house will become vacant at the beginning of August. The committee will then assess its readiness for occupancy and search for a candidate family who could benefit from its use.

#### **Family Fun Day**

August 19<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our next Family Fun Day, if we hold this event for 2017. The effectiveness and purpose of Family Fun Day are currently under review, with opposing points of view represented on the committee. What is your opinion?

## Budget

The benevolence budget is currently running very close to breaking even. We will monitor it weekly, and review the 2017 budget accordingly. If you are thinking about your weekly offering and how to designate it, please consider your portion for benevolence. What is a church without mission or evangelism?

In His Name, please keep these efforts in your thoughts and prayers.

Leo Ransone  
Mission/Evangelism Chair



### Note from Mike Andrews, Director of Family Promise of Atlantic County:

Dear Fellow Servants,

With the change of seasons, some of our Van Drivers have to move on to their seasonal jobs and are unable continue to transport our guests.

Up until recently we had a full roster of Van Drivers. Today, we need 6 more.

Typically, we transport our Guests in the morning, from the Host Church, in time for the students to meet their school bus at 6:50 AM. Our Drivers have a key to the Day Center and will open it up for our Guests. We ask that the Driver remain at the Day Center until the arrival of our Case Manager or myself. In the evening, our Van Drivers transport our Guests from the Day Center back to the Host Church at around 5 or 5:30 PM.

Our van is a 15 passenger Dodge Ram. A regular driver's license is all that is required. We are fully insured. It is, actually, pretty easy to drive and has great visibility all around.

Unless other arrangements are made, the van is parked in front of the Day Center. A Van Driver will come to the Day Center to pick up the van and then return it to the Day Center when finished. The whole trip takes about an hour and a half of your time. In the morning, on school days, you will want to pick up the van by 6:00 AM.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this unique ministry. Feel free to share this with anyone you think might be interested. Contact me right away if you want to help. (609) 513-3758

-Mike





**Looking Back:** Our congregational event on May 6, 2017, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church of Atlantic City's Inspirational Choral Ensemble was a tremendous success musically, spiritually, and socially. Many thanks to all who delivered baked goods for our dessert reception.

Field Day, a combined event between the Sunday School, Mission Committee, and the Fellowship also went over well. It was fun to watch the kids hopping in their potato sack races among many other events. The kids liked getting ribbons and everyone enjoyed the cookout. Thanks go out to our judges, ribbon writers, grillers, food servers, and families for joining us.

### **Looking Ahead:**

#### **Stawberry Festival to take place on June 2, 2017.**

Our longest running fundraiser will take place on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be strawberries galore and all kinds of goodies to go with them. Pound cake, short cake, angel food cake, ice cream, whipped cream, Cool Whip, and oh, the list goes on. John Channell and the Albert Hall players have been invited back to play their famous background bluegrass music. We look forward to this annual event. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. We plan to advertise this event in the Current and hopefully on our sign and the American Legion sign. Invite your friends for a good time and a successful fundraiser.

#### **Church Picnic at Galloway Swim Club on Saturday, June 17 from 1:00-4:00 pm.**

Our church picnic and barbecue will take place closer to home this year at the Galloway Swim Club located off 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Galloway Township behind Galloway's Library and municipal complex. The pool is large and beautiful. There is even a diving board for the brave at heart! There is a volley ball area and tetherball to name a few available activities. The grills are already in place with surrounding picnic tables. We will probably bring more tables and chairs of our own. The church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, and paper products. Members are encouraged to bring some food to share such as a salad or baked good. Please bring family and friends. This is the perfect time to sit back and enjoy watching your children and grandchildren splash around and play in the pool. Jump in and join in the fun. Tickets will cost \$5.00 each.

#### **Benevolence Dinner on June 24<sup>th</sup> to benefit 2 church members.**

Our Mission/Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are joining forces to hold a benevolent dinner to support Barbara Hughes and Russ Adkisson as they deal with expensive medical treatments. Our dinner will include pasta with a choice of two sauces, salad, bread, and choice of baked goods for dessert. The cost of the tickets is \$12 per ticket. We will advertise in the Current, church sign, and American Legion sign. We welcome all donations of ready-made baskets or items that can be turned into baskets. We will have many gift cards to offer as well. This is a great cause to help two individuals who have done so much for the church. Bring your friends and help make this night a tremendous success for Barbara and Russ. People can eat in or take out. We will begin drawing prizes at 7:30 pm.

**Dinner Cruise to take place in July**

Stay tuned for details about our summertime dinner cruise. Gayle Ackerman is putting this event together and will let us know all about it soon. Keep your Wednesdays open in July.

**Our next meeting will take place on Saturday June 10 at 11:00 am in the Cobb Lounge.**

To God Be the Glory,  
Priscilla Schultheis

**Evergreens**

Evergreens will not be meeting during the summer months. We will resume in September.

Have a safe, happy summer.

**Lunch Bunch to Town and Country June 14**

Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on June 14th at Town and Country in Harbor Village located at Zion Rd and Ocean Heights Ave in Egg Harbor Township.

Van will leave church at 11:30 for those who need a ride



Belatedly, I want to thank my friends for the many greeting cards sent me for my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday in April. Coming to church was always a highlight of the week for me and I miss that very much. It is so nice to be remembered. God is good.

Paul Hamer

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## Serving in June

### Lay Assistants

4 David Burgess  
11 David Burgess  
18 David Burgess  
25 Kirk Conover

### Head Ushers

4 Vic & Rita Abelson  
11 Elaine Risley, Naida Burgess  
18 Betty Lloyd, Mary Bew  
25 Bob & Barbara Hudak

### Offering

4 Joan Nale, Franklin Nale  
11 Jack & Dee Heil  
18 Ginny Davenport, Edith Budd  
25 Roy Birkbeck, Greg Hamaty

### Acolyte

4 Franklin Nale  
11 Jacob Sabo  
18 Jack Little  
25 Jackson Harvey

### Deacon of the Month

### Nursery

04 Jennifer Platt  
11 Gloria Achamizo  
18 Jennifer Platt  
25 Gloria Achamizo

### Van Drivers

04 John Channell  
11 Jose Achamizo  
18 Tina Brown  
25 Vic Abelson

### Refreshment Hosts

4 Fellowship Committee  
11  
18  
25

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### Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

04 Set-up: Priscilla Schultheis  
Cook: Melvin Washington  
Clean-up: Debbie Wong, Betsy Eberhard  
11 Set-up: Kris Jenoriki  
Cook: John Channell  
Clean-up: Vic & Rita Abelson  
18 Set-up: Donna Hughes  
Cook: Dirk Williamson  
Clean-up: Wayne Newell, Jim McManus

