

July 2025 Volume 7

The Disciples' Connection...



Men's Club will meet on Saturday, July 12. Come for the fellowship at 8 a.m. and bring a friend.

The Women's Friendship Circle will NOT meet in July.

Wednesday , July 2 - Hamburgers and hotdogs, bring a side or desserts to share and have fun.

Wednesday , July 9 - Bring salads, sandwiches, and desserts to share.

Wednesday, July 23 — Menu will be BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, chips, slaw, and Desserts. Call or text Susan McGinnis for plates. 706-857-8009.

Planning Ahead for August

The Women's Friendship Circle will host a bridal shower for Megan McGinnis on August 17th after the 11 a.m. service. The shower will be in the Fellowship Hall. Megan will wed Patrick Durkin on October 4th. They will be living in New York after they are married. They are registered on Amazon and Walmart. Gifts purchased on both websites will be delivered to their house in New York. It would not be convenient to pack gifts and transport to their house. Megan and Patrick have plans to do renovation on their house and Lowe's gift cards would be most appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS

SHORT TERM

Randy Brinkley (cancer), Dennis Jackson (cardiac), Tammy Thompson (recuperating), Joey Tremaine (work accident), Allan McDonald (Wes' friend), Mike Alverson (surgery), people dealing with the heat, all military personal, the ceasefire in the Middle East, Beverly Brooks (cancer diagnosis), Cassidy Houser (recovering from surgery), the conflict in the Middle East, Dee Slason (Cancer free), Terri Garnsey (blood draw), Shirley Hoffman (Rachel Hamilton's grandmother)

LONG TERM

NATALIE BURNLEY (heart), CAROLYN ROGERS (finished chemo), GARY HYLANDER, JIM MEDICI (Dossie's brother), JILL SPEARS (MRI), REBECCA SLASON, JANE STOKES, GAIL ALLEN, CARTER BLACK, DIANE FULTON, LUCILLE HAMBY, BEN MCCOOL & FAMILY, JANE MCCOOL, KASSIDY MCCOOL, DIANE MCCONNELL, DOSSIE PRIVETT, JEFFERY FLOYD

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The family of Jimmy Hunt, the family of Helen Robbins (Linda Leonard's niece), the family of Barbara Davis, the family of Paisley Mae Marshall, the family of Alice Dotson, the family of Kenny King, the family of Linda Black

JULY BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

7/12 Mary Beth Waggoner
7/14 Owen Irvin
7/17 Sydney Wilson
7/19 Honey Housch

ANNIVERSARIES

7/9 Sydney and Parker Wilson
7/27 Christine and Justin Hammitt



Have a Safe
and Happy
Fourth Of
July.



From the Pastor

My dad had some great advice about helping that I admit I didn't really understand until I had been an adult for a while.

"If you're going to help someone, do what they need you to do."

I knew what he meant and I knew why he was telling me; I just didn't know that there was any other way to help.

One of the ways this lesson was made real to me was while I was a mechanic. I was under a truck, working to line up the transmission after installing a new clutch. I had just pulled the lineup shaft out and was about to slide the transmission forward, when a friend climbed in the frame and shoved the transmission into place. The only problem was that my hands were in the way. I was lucky that it didn't go all the way in, or I would have lost several fingers. Needless to say, I was not a happy camper. There was no ill intent on my friend's part, but his help wasn't helpful.

A good rule of thumb is to ask before you help someone. Maybe they don't want help. Maybe they have a plan you know nothing about. Sometimes you have to act fast to prevent harm. Sometimes you need to slow down to prevent the same harm.

If you have been around me when I talk to a family dealing with a serious issue or a loss, I ask if there is ANYTHING the church can do. To make sure I'm being clear, I often say, "if you need the trash hauled away, we will do that. Whatever you need us to do."

Sandy and Sarah are doing wonderful work with their sewing ministry. I can sew well enough to get by. They don't need my help, but they are gracious enough to allow anyone who wants to participate to come and help. I've watched several of the more skilled seamstresses teach a novice. Their ministry might be sewing dresses or pillowcases, but they are strengthening the body here in Summerville.

Then there are the people who are happy to help, as long as it doesn't put them out in any way. They would be glad to cook, but they're never able to cook on the dates needed. Or, they are only able to supervise, when supervisors aren't needed.

Helping Dossie recuperate has given me a lot of new insights. When she first came home, she needed help with some very basic things. She didn't just need the help once, she needed it every time. She wasn't being difficult, but for instance

putting shoes on and taking them off is a challenge if you only have one hand. Getting out of a chair with only one hand is also a challenge.

“If you’re going to help someone, do what they need you to do.”

I knew I was going to cook and clean. I didn’t think about putting shoes on or helping a short person get into a high bed. All without pressing on the surgical area.

By now, you’re probably saying, preacher, you’re just whining. Maybe a little, but the disciples, who knew Jesus was their master, were arguing about the hierarchy of servants in his service. Jesus said there shouldn’t be any room for argument. As his follower, being a servant was how you demonstrated your faithfulness.

Jesus said about himself, “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”

Do you want to be a faithful follower of Jesus, learn how to serve.

Do you want to be like Jesus, learn to put yourself and your need last.

I’m going to paraphrase Luke 6:38, Serve and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down and running over, will be poured into your lap.

You’ve heard it said that you cannot outlive God. I’ll add that you cannot out serve God either.

Happy Independence Day

Wes

Sew Joyful Ministry

SEW JOYFUL MINISTRY met twice this past month. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered their time, those who have donated fabric and supplies, and to those helping support us financially.



- We have completed 20 dresses for the *Dress A Girl Around the World Organization*; we plan to complete 30 total by the end of the year.
- We completed an additional 66 hearts for the *Hearts of Love* project.
- Everlasting Ministries invited us to be a part of their upcoming summer camp. The girls will gather in our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday July 8th at 12:30. About 15-20 campers and staff will be learning sewing skills by completing a fun and joyful pillowcase! This is a wonderful event if you would like to volunteer with us to help these young women succeed on their life's journey, and develop a closer relationship with Christ. We will also be providing them drinks and snacks that afternoon if you'd like to make a contribution.

Financial Report

Financial Report Jan 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Operating Spending Plan

Receipts \$54,696

Expenditures \$72,727

Difference (**\$18,031**)



Missions

Receipts \$5,517

Expenditures \$3,004

Difference \$2,513

Morning Worship June (non-designated receipts) General Funds:

week 1 \$1,995

General Funds: week 2 \$4,405

General Funds: week 3 \$1,192

General Funds: week 4 \$1,281

Online Giving \$271

TOTAL \$9,144

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Live as people who are free, not using your *freedom* as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16
(ESV)



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