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Minister's Minute

Each November we remember the Saints who have passed from earth to heaven. As Christians, we often speak of eternal life, but how often do we pause to truly consider what it means? Jesus' words to Martha in John 11 remind us that physical death is not the end of our existence; rather, it's a transition to a different reality. Jesus in comforting Martha said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die will live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25) For those who believe in Christ, death is not a termination, but a transformation—moving from life in this world to life in the presence of God. When we think of death, we usually associate it with separation and finality, but in Christ, death is the "true life that is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). When we pass from this earthly existence, we are not lost, but rather found in Him in a new and more profound way. We step into the fullness of the life that Christ promised us—life that is everlasting. Eternal life begins not when we die, but when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. From that moment, we are given the assurance that we will never truly die. Our physical body may cease, but our presence, the person we are that makes us a body continues on, and our location changes from earth to heaven. Paul said it well, "It is sown a physical body and raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body." (1 Corinthians 15:44) This is why Paul could confidently declare, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) He understood that death simply meant being present with the Lord. This reality should shape how we

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live our lives today. Knowing that we are eternal beings, destined for life with God, we can live with hope, courage, and purpose. We can face trials and suffering with the knowledge that this world is not our final home. We can love others selflessly, knowing that our true reward is in heaven. And we can share the gospel boldly, knowing that the message of eternal life is the greatest gift we can offer. In Christ, we never die. Our life is an everlasting journey with God. Death is not something to be feared, but a door to the eternal life that awaits us. Our current location may be earth, but our ultimate destination is heaven, where we will live with God forever. It has been said that the late Peter Marshall in his last words said to his wife Catherine, “I will see you in the morning.” I like the old hymn, “When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be. When we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the victory.”

Remember we are “Marching with the Saints.” ***Blessings, Bob***

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
<i>Ushers:</i>	Frank Wilson Kevin Horres	Kevin Horres Eddie Eubanks	Mitchell Jenkins Thomas Eubanks	Martin Morrow Will Eubanks
<i>Children’s Moment:</i>	Jennifer Eubanks	Kevin Horres	Barry Pettit	Chris Olson
<i>Children’s Church:</i>	Erin Rollins	Taylor Thomas	Marlee Pettit	Chris Olson
<i>Nursery:</i>	Marlee Pettit	Ashley West	Erin Rollins	Laura Olson



November Birthdays

2	Robbie Pettit	13	John Eubanks
5	Eddie Eubanks	20	Morris Eubanks
7	Chris Olson	23	Clay West
10	Ashton Rollins	25	Susan Wilson
11	Ricky West	27	Allison Morrow
12	Shirley Camby	28	Jan Keith



Prayer Requests:

Kay West, Lana Phillips, Ann Gill, Eddie Zimmerman, Gail & Sunny Vincent, Jeff Casey, Cheryl Smith, Barbara Eubanks, Joel & Katherine Smith, Jacob Casey, Bob Fisher, Daryl Smith, Susan Wilson, Gordon DePoint, Pat West, Shirley Barnett, Carol Knox, Juanita Laughter, Annie Laura West, Jane Miller Waters, Bruce Sanders, Joyce McCain, Connie Jackson, Stephanie Malone, Phil Cantrell, Scott Pitcher, Angel Flower, Sharon Peck, Jan Vassey.

Homebound: Jerry Powell – RM Campbell Veterans Home, Anderson, SC



"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
James 5:16

Third Sunday Lunch

We started out Third Sunday Lunches again in January and had a wonderful turnout each month since. Thanks to all who helped setup, serve, and clean up afterwards. Make plans now to attend our next lunch on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

DONATIONS

We have four funds that you can donate to In Honor of or In Memory of someone special. Just mark your donation with which fund you want to apply it to. We have our **Building Fund** in which money donated goes to upgrades and future expansion projects related to our church buildings. We also have a **Cemetery Enhancement Fund** which will go towards future enhancements to our cemetery. And now we have a **Community Outreach Fund** that will support the projects undertaken by the Community Outreach Program and a **Kitchen Fund** that will help support the third Sunday Lunches.

Donations made In Honor of or In Memory of:

- *Mitchell Jenkins in Honor of Abby Jenkins*
- *Abby Jenkins in Memory of Dean Jenkins*

General Donations:

Building Fund (BF), Cemetery Enhancement Fund (CEF), Community Outreach Fund (COF), Kitchen Fund (KF)

Bob Pettit (CEF), Bob Pettit (BF), Richard & Faye Waters (KF), Pamela Palmer (BF), Dean & Gayle Thompson (CEF), Marianna McKeown (CEF), Etta Jenkins (BF)

Donations that did not make this newsletter will be included in the December edition.

Prayer Time: Each week the Session is asking you to pause around noon one day and pray for a specific need that exists. That specific need is printed in the bulletin each Sunday. If you are unable to attend the service on Sunday, the bulletin is posted on our website each week (www.glensspringspres.org).

The Community Outreach Committee: Distributes bags of food to those in need on the last Saturday of each month. If you know someone who would benefit from this program, let them know that this outreach assistance is available.

Third Sunday Lunches: Thank you to all who faithfully support our 3rd Sunday lunch Community Service project with your attendance and desserts. Special thanks to Joan Atchley, Dee Daniels, Robin & Mike Snelgrove, Frank Wilson, the Olsons and the Eubanks. You are terrific! All volunteers and menu suggestions for 2025 are welcome. Speak to Jim or Linda Powell if you would like to help or have ideas for the menu.

Angel Bags: Each year our church participates in providing items for residents at the Rosewood Assisted Living facility in Pauline. Bags with suggested lists will be placed in the Narthex beginning this Sunday (November 3). Please consider taking one or more bags and purchasing those items for the residents. They are extremely appreciative of us doing this outreach project each year. Please return the bags by December 8. If you have any questions, reach out to one of our Outreach Committee members.

Watch our Sunday services live on YouTube Live

The best way to access the service on Sunday mornings is by going to our website, www.glensspringspres.org and clicking on the **Watch Our Service Live!** button at the top of the page.



The next Newsletter deadline is the last **Sunday of the month.** Please have all newsletter submissions turned in by this date.