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Minister's Minute

One daily devotional book I use speaks of your mind as being "like a pool of water." There should be enough faith to receive whatever the Lord drops in it. Don't let worrying spoil you with your walk through the day. Keep your mind directed on the light shining on you and let it shine through you to some other person. Hurry and rushing may get in the way soiling a joyful thought waiting to enter your mind. One has said, "a leisurely pace accomplishes more than hurried striving." One attribute you often see with an elderly person of color is a slow easy pace. A story has been told of an elderly woman that meets the description of a grandmother who has learned how to deal with the rush and push of life. She has learned how to get the best out of life. Someone ask her how she could face the difficult times of life with so much strength? Her response was, "When I work, I work hard, When I sit, I sit loosely, and when I worry, I go to sleep." This will work in our homes if we have our minds focused upon those thoughts that the Lord drops into our minds. It is different when it comes to sports and entertainment. We can sit for hours in open seats or even stand for entertainment paying a price to do this and not complaining. The same is true with watching TV. Compare this with Sunday School, Worship Service, serving on a committee, keeping the Nursery or Children's Church. There are excuses for not doing any one of these. Some are providential and others are questionable. This is happening to the church. One excuse was told by the preacher in "HEE HAW". The congregation was upset due to the preacher preaching too long. They found too many good stopping

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places, but he continues to preach. One man was determined to stop this. His wife tried to stop him. He stood up any way and went to the center aisle. The preacher stopped preaching asking, "Where are you going?" He responded, "I'm going to get a haircut." The preacher asks, "Why didn't you get one before you came?" The man said, "I didn't need one then," We have learned not to do this. In Anderson the committee that met with me warned at the very beginning that preaching too long was not tolerated. One woman sitting on the back would stand and rattle her keys if the preacher was preaching when the clock struck 12:00 Noon. A man close to the front would clear his voice with a loud noise when he had found a stopping place. Believe me, I never heard the keys and only once the clearing of the throat. This is the problem today. Our focus is on social things, sports, and political bickering with little or no focus on God who revealed Himself in the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember your mind as a pool of water with the Lord waiting drop what truly matters.

Blessings, Bob

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
<i>Ushers:</i>	Mitchell Jenkins Danny West	Robbie Pettit Frank Wilson	Martin Morrow Will Eubanks	Kevin Horres Eddie Eubanks	Thomas Eubanks Danny West
<i>Children's Moment:</i>	Barry Pettit	Chris Olson	Allison Morrow	Kevin Horres	Robbie Pettit
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Ashley West	Chris Olson	Erin Rollins	Taylor Thomas	Marlee Pettit
<i>Nursery:</i>	Taylor Thomas	Laura Olson	Marlee Pettit	Ashley West	Donna Thornton

September Birthdays

5 Laura Olson
 12 Laura Pitcher
 13 Lottie Pettit
 22 Tom West
 25 Taylor Brady
 25 Brett Hill
 29 Joy Keith
 30 Matthew Daniels



Prayer Requests:

Gail & Sunny Vincent, Jeff Casey, Eddie Zimmerman, 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 August lunch on Sunday, September 15, 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:

- *Abby Jenkins in Honor of Danny West*
- *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), Dean and Gayle Thompson (CEF), Richard and Faye Waters (KF), Barnie Rhinehart II (BF), Marianna McKeown (CEF)

Donations that did not make this newsletter will be included in the October 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. We are going to continue the Paw Packs this year. We will begin distributing these bags the first week of September. We are estimating for 25 kids, but we will get a more accurate number from PGS once school starts. We will also be purchasing school supplies for PGS once we have a list of requested items. Our Food Pantry is continuing to grow. In July, we made bags for 40 families, and we had 41 families come. We will prepare for 40 families in August, but will re-evaluate if needed for September.

Sunday Mornings: Each Sunday morning we offer multiple ways that you can worship with us. We start at 10:00 AM with Sunday School classes for both children and adults. Following that time of learning we gather in the sanctuary at 11:00 AM for our weekly worship service. We love to see you in person, but on those occasions when you are unable to make it inside, we offer a radio broadcast that can be picked up in the parking lot or a livestream of the service on YouTube Live. The link is located on our website glensspringspres.org. As the summer vacation season comes to a close, we hope you will join us on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary.

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.