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The MESSENGER

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**Average Attendance
 for July 2015:**

Worship: 65
 Sunday School: 38



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30AM



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

It's another hot summer day in Brownsville, and I find myself so thankful to be back in the air conditioning! I just returned from a visit to Mr. Jimmy and Mrs. Beverly White at Crestview. Despite the heat, I find that God has truly refreshed me through that visit, led me to green pastures and still waters. I have been restored in a way that air conditioning cannot satisfy.

For some inexplicable reason, Mrs. Beverly greets me with a big smile and a Southern "Hi" when I visit. Her warm welcome restores my faith that we are all created in the image of God. Despite the limitations of a disease like Alzheimer's, Mrs. Beverly seems to connect with me on a very personal level. I like to think of it as one soul responding to another soul. Deep within each of us is a desire to know and to care for the other. There isn't much conversation after the greeting, yet she will look up and seem to be engaged in what Mr. Jimmy and I are discussing. When I leave, I tell her I will back before long. She smiles and says, "OK."

I am reminded of what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Let your light shine before people, that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). While Mrs. Beverly has been robbed by disease of the person she once was, at times like this I see a light within her that was brought forth long ago. Her soul has grown, despite the dissipating of her body. There is the central part of her that God touches still. And that is the part that seems to reach out to me.

Paul wrote "Therefore do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2Corinthians 4:16-18).

I wanted to share these words of hope that apply to many situations in our lives. I pray that you will be strengthened in your faith by the promises of our Lord. We all have this treasure in clay jars.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Anne

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BUDGET REPORT

Total Giving Year To Date for 2015:

\$102,020.62

Total Giving for the month of July 2015:

\$10,539.72



The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm, closed for Lunch from 12pm to 1pm.

Rev. Anne Emery will be in the office from 9am– 12pm Tuesday through Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with the pastor please call 731-772-2893.

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JOHN KNOX FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Gerald Morgan, Coach/Pastor

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7 p.m.
at Restoration Church
Munford, TN

The cost of the meal is \$7.00.
Contact Robert Rooks, 731-772-1749, for reservations.

Liturgist Schedule

August 2nd

Guy Stieferman

August 9th

R.M. English

August 16th Blended Service

Tom Bridgewater

August 23rd

Blanche King

August 30th

Lane Gillespie

September 6th

Mark Dyer

September 13th

Larry Hill

September 20th Blended Service

Tom Bridgewater

September 27th

Peter Mascolo

Thank you for your commitment to our worship. If you are unable to serve as liturgist on the date you are scheduled, please call Marylin Kipley at 901-381-2110 (day) or 731-432-0312 (night/weekend), as soon as possible.

Recent Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Floy Patton
By
Mr. Craig & Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell
Mrs. Betty Boyd

August 2015

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Please contact the church office with any events or birthdays that you would like to add to the calendar.



Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Men's Study Lunch
Thursdays at Noon

For more information call the church office at 772-2893.



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| 3 – Ronnie Richards | 14 – Elizabeth Baddour |
| 5 – Lelia Jones | 15 – Debby Rooks |
| 7 – Brennan Holloway | 18 – Mickey Gallaspy |
| 7 – Beverly White | 24 – Drew Davis |
| 12 – Millie Duke | 26 – Andy Combs |
| 13 – Virginia Smith | |