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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

Rest in peace, Dolly Parton. I know that there are many serious and terrible things going on in the world right now, such as the war in Ukraine, the war in Iran, the floods in Nepal, and many more tragedies than I could possibly even list. In comparison, losing one person who was able to live until 80 years old and die of natural causes shouldn't seem so sad, and yet it is. I think it is exactly because of all the darkness in the world that the loss of Dolly Parton has struck me so. She was a beacon and a light in the midst of everything. Usually when you see a news flash about a celebrity you think, oh, I wonder what scandal they were involved in, but not Dolly. Every time she was mentioned it was because she had done some new kind of generous thing. She is one of the few famous people I know of that truly avoided any sort of scandal for her entire public life. Sure, there were some things she did that some people didn't agree with, but that is true of everyone. She seemed to just love people and want to do good in the world, not just because it was the right thing to do, but also because her faith in Christ guided her to such actions.

One of my favorite stories about Dolly Parton involves another celebrity, Whitney Houston. Many of you are familiar with what is perhaps Whitney Houston's most famous song, "I Will Always Love You" from the movie The Bodyguard. It won two Grammys, hit number one in 34 countries, and sold 24 million copies. Now many of you know, but some might not, that it was Dolly Parton who wrote and recorded the original version of that song almost 20 years earlier. Dolly always joked that Whitney sang the song better, and sing it well she did, because Dolly Parton also earned 10 million dollars in royalties from Whitney's version of the song. Most artists would have just pocketed that money and moved on, but not Dolly. Instead, she decided to honor Whitney Houston and invest in a dilapidated strip mall in a historically black neighborhood in Nashville, and turn it into something that would serve the community and improve it. She called it the house that Whitney built. She also just did it, and didn't need to make a PR promotion out of it or publicize it the way many others would. She did because she thought it was the right thing to do.

All of us struggle with faith at some point, or perhaps even often. We struggle with belief sometimes, but also how to implement the lessons of Christ into our lives. Let's face it, the world does not often lift up the values such as love, humility, charity, forgiveness, and peace as the greatest of all values, even though these are the ones that were lifted up by Christ and his disciples. Sometimes the world gives good lip service to these ideals, but living them out is another story. Theologically speaking, my view is that we should have faith in Christ, and through that faith we should be inspired to live our lives with these principles being first and foremost. Sometimes we all have better days of exhibiting this than others. I do think, however, that Dolly Parton did a pretty amazing job of this most of her life, and I think that is why she was such a bright beacon in our world and a faithful witness to Christ. I will always be inspired by her actions in this world and I hope you are too. Rest in Peace, Dolly Parton.

Blessings, Pastor Brian

Prayer List

MEMBERS/FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Norma Jackson—Oak Creek Terrace
Wayne
Hudson
Susan Saddler—Bethany
Mary Owens
Laverne
Bonnie Phillips, Legacy
Kate, Lisa's mom



HOSPICE CARE

Jan—Marty's friend
Sandy—Linda R's friend
Charlie & Gary
Jim Abrams
Jean, Julie's mother
Anna, Jackie & Cathy
Joe, Bob—Alan's friends
Jack—Pat F.
Dwayne's mother—Pastor Brian
Gary—Mark F.

RECOVERY

Greg, massive stroke—Linda R.
Ken, back surgery—Pat F.
Mike, brain bleed—Mark F.
Adam, arm—Charlie
Dylan, pitching arm—Jeannette
Colleen, 1st transplant
Charlotte, appendectomy
Jim—Shirley

STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

Chris S., uterine
Jack G., brain tumor
Charles, colon
Rochelle and Marilyn
Aunt Dot, stage 3 melanoma
Tony, stomach
Jim and Scott, stage 4 colon
Debby
Bob C.
Charlene, stage 4 breast
Gary J., stage 4 lymphoma
Lynn's mother, stage 4 cancer



PRAYERS FOR

The family of William Johannes, age 92, d. 7/26
The family of Marc Brownell, d. 8/1
The family of Lori Carlson, age 70, d. 8/6

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS

Steve, ALS—Bob W.
Sharon, ALS—Ann
Austin P., MD
Dale, Hodgkin's lymphoma—Janice
Lisa & Carol—long Covid
John K., leukemia
Evan (age 9), heart—Shirley
Pastor Brian & Amelia
Wayne, chronic infection/pacemaker
Hope, cerebral palsy
Cheryl M., Parkinson's/diabetes
Rob S., Parkinson's
Nancy, Parkinson's—Karen B.
Brooklyn, paralysis—Pat F.
Sandy, dementia—Alice
John L., dementia
Xinhua L., cerebral palsy
Cassidy, leukemia, bone marrow transfusion
Bill B., congestive heart
Alan, heart, kidneys
Josh, opioid addiction
Celina, Alzheimers, age 61

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PRAY for our families and friends, our leaders, our military, our first responders, our teachers, our farmers and workers, our manufacturers and laborers, our health workers, our service workers. And, above all, the homeless, helpless and weak.

PRAY for our nation and the world.

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Please review the Prayer List on page 3 and tell Ruth if there are names to remove.



Prayer List



† Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer
† Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.
† Anthony, brain hemorrhage, operation
† Barb, brain cyst—Nelson
† Blinda, vertigo
† Bob, kidney cancer
† Cabe, recurring cancer
† Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.
† Cathy M., neck pain, surgery, insurance
† Cheryl, breast cancer/liver
† Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley
† Christine & Elizabeth, twins, breast cancer
† Chrissy—Brian & Amelia's friend
† Colleen, new chemo, hospital—Paul A.
† Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan
† Denise M., cancer
† Don and Larry and sisters—Alice
† Don, mini strokes—Mike
† Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice
† Dwayne & Joe, cancer & stroke—Alan
† Gary, rare cancer; Gage, liver failure—Shirley
† Gary, cancer, hole in heart—Jeannette
† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom
† Inalou & Brenda—BeBe
† Jane, hernia—Amelia
† Jeff, heart—Tom R.
† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria
† Jim, back fractures—Barb H.
† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer
† Joan, heart attack, accident, life support
† John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze
† Josh, heart—Nelsons
† Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug
† Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons
† Karen, stroke, brain bleed—Pat F.
† Kate D.—Pat Freeze
† Livia, Mike's gr-grandaughter, tumor
† Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R.
† Maggie, family health concerns
† Maria P., back—Cathy M.
† Marian C., chemo
† Marshall S., heart—Donna B.
† Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R.
† Mike's d-in-law, new job, broke femur
† Nathan, liver transplant
† Neeva, heart ablation, recovery—Pat F.
† Norma J.—fell, health issues

† Pam M., stroke
† Pat, infection—Jeri
† Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley
† Patsy, foot surgery
† Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson
† Pauline, leukemia
† Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley
† Penny, kidney transplant—Pat
† Penrod, B. & B., ongoing health
† Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.
† Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty
† Randy—brain tumor
† Rene in LA & Ashley—BeBe
† Rich K.—Penrod
† Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins
† Rick, brain bleed—BeBe
† Rob, aortic aneurism
† Rob, severe leg pain—BeBe
† Ronnie B., tick bite, serious—Bertine
† Rose, health—Alan
† Sam R., advanced Alzheimers—Donna
† Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker
† Sarah, Brian's friend
† Sarah T., broken shoulder—BeBe
† Shelby R., throat problem
† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.
† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer
† Steve, back—Pat
† Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian
† Susie, knee replacement—Mindy
† Suzanne, lung surgery—BeBe
† Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley
† Terry, aorta surgery
† Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins
† Tim P., heart—Pat
† Tina, lungs—Shirley
† Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer
† Uncle Art—Melissa
† Vicky G. & Mike, hospital—Eddie
† Vickie, stress—BeBe
† Vicki, ongoing health issues—Jeri
† Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin

The names on the prayer list will remain for two or three months or until the crisis has passed. Then they'll be removed to make room for others' needs. Please let Jeannette know if the person still needs prayer.

Church Service List

Communion September 6		
Scripture	Exodus 12:1-14 Matthew 18:15-20	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

September 20		
Scripture	Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-16	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Shirley Nelson	
Altar Flowers	Ruth Tobias, in memory of Bob's birthday on the 18th.	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

October 4		
Scripture	TBD	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Doug & Janice Rice, 35th anniversary	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

September 13		
Scripture	Exodus 14:19-31 Matthew 18:21-35	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Carolyn Conner	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

September 27		
Scripture	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21:33-46	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Alan's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
August 2	\$1590	47+FB
August 9	\$1625	62+FB
August 16	\$2068	62+FB
August 23	\$1569	44+FB
August 30	\$2515	71+FB

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Church News and Events

John Bible Study: September 15th through December 1st

Our Gospel of John Bible Study will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm and take place in-person in the fellowship hall, and online through Zoom. The optional study guide (SG) is the "Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: John" by D. Moody Smith, published by Abingdon Press. Pastor Brian has several copies available for \$25. For the John scripture readings, feel free to use any version of the Bible you would like. It is not necessary to read the study guide if you do not want to, but it would be helpful to read the assigned scripture readings in advance of the class. All are invited, and all questions are welcome. Below is the schedule for our John Bible study:

9/15: SG pages 21-64; John 1:1-1:18
9/22: SG pages 65-92; John 1:19-2:25
9/29: SG pages 93-143; John 3:1-5:47
10/6: SG pages 144-189; John 6:1-8:59
10/13: SG pages 190-231; John 9:1-11:57
10/20: SG pages 232-261; John 12:1-13:38
10/27: SG pages 262-292; John 14:1-16:4
11/3: Break
11/10: Break
11/17: SG pages 293-321; John 16:4-17:26
11/24: SG pages 322-369; John 18:1-19:42
12/1: SG pages 370-406; John 20:1-21:25



Choir & Bell Choir Starting:

It's that time of year when our music program starts back up after our summer break. The choir will start rehearsing on September 6th at 12:15. I am quite certain that we have some wonderful voices that are sitting out in the pews. I would encourage you to consider joining our choir. We could use more people to help us make a joyful noise. The time commitment is really minimal compared to a lot of church choirs. We meet at 10:00 on Sunday morning to review the anthem and then we gather again at 12:15 for rehearsal that ends at 1:00. When it comes time for a Christmas program, we will have a rehearsal the Saturday morning before and once in a while we rehearse a little past 1:00 on Sunday. If you are interested in joining us just show up for our rehearsal on Sunday, September 6th. We would love for you to join us.

The bell choir rehearses on Sunday morning at 9:15 in the room right next to the elevator on the upper floor commonly known as the Sunday school wing. We currently have a number of ringers but would love to have more. We have a three-octave set of bells but are only able to play two octave pieces at the moment due to the number of ringers that we currently have. You don't have to sing and you don't have to be able to read music. If you can count and if you "know your colors" you're good! I guarantee you that you will enjoy the experience....take a chance on doing something that's a little different for you but lots of fun. The one difference between choir and bells, though, is that you will need to let me know prior to our first rehearsal that you would like to join us because I mark each part for each bell ringer. The bell choir will begin on September 13th and NOT on September 6th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me
Karen Barger



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Chicken & Noodle Save the Date: October 17th

We will be having our next Chicken & Noodle dinner on Saturday, October 17th. Please save the date and look for more information to come out soon.

Cookie Walk Reminder

We will be holding our annual cookie-walk again on Saturday **November 21st**. This is just a reminder that we will need cookies and plenty of them. If you can, please start to make cookies and freeze them in anticipation for our November event. We will also have signup sheets under the clock in the sanctuary as we get closer to the date, so that we can get an estimate of how many cookies people are bringing and what types. The more unusual cookies are the ones that are often the most popular. Please help if you can, it is a fun and delicious way to support the church.



Confirmation Class Available

Each year in the fall I ask if there are any youth interested in confirmation. Confirmation is the act by which youth study their faith, and traditionally confirm the baptism they received as an infant, or receive adult baptism. We usually have a class that starts in the fall and goes through to the following summer. During confirmation youth are expected to remain in worship, complete monthly reading assignments, and meet for a class with me each month, either in person or virtually. The age when confirmation is appropriate varies by the individual. I would suggest no earlier than 6th grade, and certainly by 10th grade, youth would be more than ready. Anyone who is interested should contact me and we will try and have a class start towards the end of September, or the beginning of October.

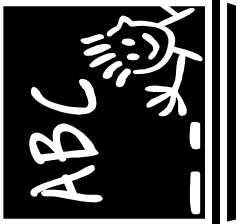
Blessings,
Pastor Brian



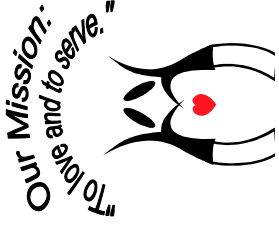
Payton Project Golf Outing

The Payton Project golf outing on Friday September 18th, is a fundraiser for the Payton Project, a non-profit organization that helps address issues of bullying, mental health, and peer pressure in schools. It was started to honor Payton Freeze, a member of Mark's family that was sadly lost due to school bullying. The church will be sponsoring a hole and has two foursomes signed up to play for the event. If you know of others that might be interested, or just want to attend the lunch, or would like to donate to the event, more information can be found at: <https://paytonproject.org>





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CHILD CARE is available during worship services for ages infant to kindergarten.

Beaver Church is wheelchair accessible with elevators. We also have sound devices for those with hearing impairments. Please ask any time.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3 12:30 pm Lunch Club @ Marion's Pizza 8:30 pm A.A. Mtg.	4 <i>Pray for teachers and their stu- dents!</i>	5
6 10:30 Wor- ship & Confirma- tion 11:45 Carry-in	7 Labor Day	8	9 6:30 pm Deacons Mtg	10 8:30 pm A.A.	11	12
13 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	14	15 6:30 pm Bible Study—Gospel of John	16 6:30 pm Planning Committee Mtg	17 8:30 pm A.A.	18 9 am Payton's Project Golf Outing	19
20 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	21	22 6:30 pm Bible Study	23 6:30 pm Consistory	24 8:30 pm A.A.	25	26
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