

ClaytonPres Press

Clayton Presbyterian Church
Fred DiMaio, Pastor

October 2020

Birthdays

October

- 8 – Colin Muir
- 12 – David Baughman
- 17 – Elizabeth Chestnut
- 22 – Ron Spearman
- 24 – Judith Holden
- 28 – Pat Kuvick

November

- 1 – Susan Smart
- 1 – Ken Bonnette
- 16 – Anne Spearman
- 27 – Phil Kempin

Anniversaries

October

- 7 – John and Patty Ball

November

- 7 – Dan and Bobbi Miller
- 10 – Phil and Gwen Kempin
- 19 – Henry and Lindi Newman
- 25 – Richard and Shirley Boyle
- 30 – Gene and Helen Roberts

Treasury Report

Jan. 1 – Sept. 25, 2020

Receipts	\$70,438
Expenses	\$52,612
Fund Balance	\$150,494

Pastor's Pen

The weather has changed and temperatures have dropped, at least for a few days. We continue to pray for those across the world who are impacted by Covid-19. It appears that vaccine trials are progressing – a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.

As you read this, after Saturday at least, we have completed the annual church yard sale. Thanks to all who were involved in any way.

We are also progressing, through the nominating committee, to elect Session members. The names will be presented at a Congregational Meeting on October 18. Thanks to all who considered having their names put forth.

Carol and I will be on vacation the first two weeks of October. We cancelled a short time off in May, so we are looking forward to this adventure in Washington state.

Please keep in touch with each other and let Rev. Ferguson know of any emergency that may come up during this time. Speaking of emergency, we will soon be offering a chance to list any emergency contacts with the church office. Should something happen during any church event we currently have limited access to your contact information. This new form will be kept in the office and not be distributed. It can list family members who should be notified on your behalf. It is completely voluntary.

As always, thank you for your continued love and support for our church and congregation.

May the Lord bless and keep you,

Pastor Fred

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Nancy Phillips and Ronnie Balkcom met at First Presbyterian Church in Eufaula, Alabama, and in the 15 years they have been together life has been full of laughter, work and new adventures.

One very special adventure was when they both rode their horses in the bird dog field trials all over Southwest Georgia and North Florida. They had a blast and loved it! But the main theme of their years together was farming, riding, and traveling. They both had grown up on farms...Ronnie in Georgia and Nancy in Texas.



Ronnie still manages and leases family farms and property in Early County near Blakely, Georgia. Now they have traded their walking horses and cattle in on a Bobcat tractor and Nancy has retired from restoring Carousel horses.

Nancy has a wonderful and very skilled artistic ability. She specializes in pastel portraits and landscapes. This amazing skill and talent is enhanced by her love of all things in nature. Her knowledge of plants and flowers allows her to 'dig in the soil' whenever possible.

Ronnie's childhood home grew peanuts and cotton. They also had beef cattle and timber. Today he maintains his tree farms. Ronnie received a degree in Agronomy (the science of crop production) from UGA-Atlanta. He worked in a lab developing a fungus to destroy nematode (parasitic free-living worm, which is very hard on cotton). In time he retired from Alabama Power as a right-of-way or land man.

If you ask Ronnie, he will quickly tell you, "The very best thing I ever did was to get hooked up with a Texas girl from Eufaula, Alabama named Nancy Jane Phillips!".

This unique couple came to Tiger, Georgia about 8 years ago. Nancy has a daughter in Panama City Beach, FL with two grandchildren and Ronnie has two sons with two children each in Atlanta.

They readily admit to enjoying contra dancing, traveling, gardening and hiking. When it comes to the outdoors these two people can honestly agree that they love it!

12 Commandments For Seniors

- 1 – Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
- 2 – “In Style” are the clothes that still fit.
- 3 – You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
- 4 – Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- 5 – The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it.”
- 6 – “On time” is when you get there.
- 7 – Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- 8 – Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it sure does muffle the sound.
- 8 – It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- 10 – Growing old should have taken longer.
- 11 – Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
- 12 – You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elder of the month – Suzanne Muir Pastor Fred and Carol out of town thru October 15.				1 NA group 7 PM	2 Open for Personal Prayer	3
4 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Rev. Ferguson	5	6 Presbyterian Women 10 AM Caregivers Group Noon-2 NA group 7 PM	7 John and Patty Ball	8 Colin Muir Homemakers 10-2 NA group 7 PM	9 Open for Personal Prayer	10
11 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Rev. Ferguson	12 David Baughman Session – 10 AM Early Voting Begins	13 NA group 7 PM	14 Medicare Seminar 2-3	15 NA group 7 PM	16 Open for Personal Prayer	17 Elizabeth Chestnut
18 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Congregational meeting	19	20 NA group 7 PM	21 Medicare Seminar 2-3	22 Ron Spearman NA group 7 PM	23 Open for Personal Prayer	24 Judith Holden
25 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	26	27 NEGA Presbytery Meeting NA group 7 PM	28 Pat Kuvick	29 NA group 7 PM	30 Open for Personal Prayer	31