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The Pastor's Pen

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As we go through another summer of hot and humid days, mixed with afternoon storms that rumble along the mountains, adding yet more humidity, it is easy to complain about the weather. With the continued talk of climate change, our lives can be changed in an instant due to things like lightning strikes, flash floods, or hazardous driving conditions. Each summer, parts of our country are scorched by wildfires. Many times these are the result of those lightning strikes. All too often they are caused by human carelessness or just plain stupidity. Our own area saw the powerful destructive force of fires a few short years ago.

At that time many community members came together to assist firefighters, many local and more that came from other states to lend help to people they had never met. Larger churches pitched in to house and feed those brave folks who went into the fire zones. Our own congregation donated funds to help out with expenses associated with that effort. Please never forget that your love, concern, and care go a long way to comfort others in need.

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Treasury Report

Jan. 1 – July 26, 2019

Receipts	\$52,311
Expenses	\$45,144
Fund Balance	\$124,051

His Plan for Billy Frank

There is one character trait that every single human being has, which is just like every other human, we all have free will. Not just a select few or a special group can make choices on their own about their life. Nope ... we all have free-will advantage.

Often when a child is 4 years old they proudly proclaim that they want to be a fireman, or a policeman, or a prima ballerina when they grow up. So definite! So sure! Later when they mature to age 19 they began to worry

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about what money earning career choice would be best for their skills.

Each step along our path the Lord will have a crossroads direction that will serve us best and fulfill His plan. We don't always see this happening until we look back on life, and, then, if we give our Lord credit due, we will 'see' His hand guiding us.

We all know of a special preacher-man named William Franklin Graham, Jr. Billy was born on November 7, 1918 on a farm in Charlotte, North Carolina. His parents had a small dairy farm and as he grew in age and strength, Billy's daily chores began at 2:30 A.M. to help milk 20 cows and clean the milking barn. In his school years he would come home and milk the cows, again, and re-clean the barn or help in the planted fields with his Dad and Uncle.

To say God's 'hand' was at work in the barn or in the fields didn't occur to Billy at the time. But he did see that the Word of God, the Bible, was a part of his parents' entire marriage. He saw them live it through good times and very hard times.

Billy had been raised Presbyterian with a mingling of Methodist doctrine from his Dad. In 1934, there was a revival held in the Graham's field. A prayer led by Vernon Patterson was "That the Lord would raise up someone to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth."! Mr. Graham, Sr. hoped his son Billy Frank would one day be an evangelist to help fulfill such a huge task. But Billy Frank was at the age of resistance towards that idea. Later a preacher named Dr. Mordecai Fowler Ham preached and his style and message of the Bible caught Billy's full attention.

Faith is not passed on to a child like an inheritance, that child/adult must come to Christ on his own. When Billy was 16, he heard

Dr. Ham refer to Roman 5:8 (KJV), "But God commandeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." That was the night Billy Graham, Jr. walked to the altar and gave his life to Christ. It would be a daily journey for spiritual growth but the love for Christ was taking root.

Surprisingly Billy's first public speaking moment was before prisoners in Monroe, North Carolina. He continued to preach and give testimony to any one who would listen. September of 1939, Billy Graham entered Bob Jones College. He also attended Florida Bible Institute in Tampa. To help with expenses Billy sold for the Fuller Brush Company.

In 1947, Billy Graham's ministry took a leap of total faith when he began the Crusades started in Grand Rapids, Michigan and in Charlotte, North Carolina. These lasting values messages of faith filled lives and stadiums until 1996. This farm boy was following the path the Lord had chosen for him and Billy would touch thousands of souls in the busy years of his life.

Who knew the tall farm boy singing Gospel hymns to the cow he was milking would one day preach the word of God to the world? Our loving Lord knew, that's who!

Suzanne Muir

**JUST AS I AM*", the Autobiography of Dr. Billy Graham was researched, and quoted.

The Holden's are looking for an economical second vehicle. If anyone can assist, please send a note to the church or call them directly at 770-365-4474.

Pastor continued

We are small in number but large in the heart-felt love and devotion to help others. My prayer is that you continue to feel moved to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your personal volunteer hours may go un-noticed by some. But rest assured that your loving heart will be seen by the One who guides us. And isn't that the reason?? Not for earthly rewards and honors but for our eternal soul to be at rest with those gone before us, sharing all with our Lord.

We will begin a regular monthly review of the "prayer requests" listed each week in the worship bulletin. The intention is not to remove anyone needing prayers. Rather to maintain an accurate updated listing. If you have asked for someone to be listed, please send an email or a note to have them remain on the list. If their name is removed, you may ask that they be reinstated for the next few weeks, as needed. Remember, it is always better to have a written note than trust your pastor to recall your request!

For those traveling this summer, be safe and have fun.

Blessings,
Fred



Women's Word

PW may not meet in the summer but we have done some things through the summer. We sent a donation to Richard's Kids for School Clothes. We paid to have the CPC indoor/outdoor rugs throughout the church cleaned. We are planning a day at Blue Willow Restaurant on August 28th. Watch for the sign-up sheet. Please remember that all women are part of PW whether you attend the meetings or not. We will resume our regular meetings on Tuesday, September 2nd at 10:00 AM. This year's study is on the Ten Words or Ten Commandments.

Game Night - September 9th

September 15th will be Hymn Sing Sunday

If you have special hymns you would like us to include, please give Carol a note with the name.

Birthdays

August

1 - Janice Elliott
16 - Mary Chalton
23 - Rhett Bickley
26 - Sharon Spivey
30 - John Jenkins

September

11 - Lindi Newman
15 - Jennifer Randall
17 - Fred DiMaio
21 - Suzanne Muir
22 - Gene Roberts
23 - Bettye DiMaio
24 - Linda Farr
25 - Kerstin Dreher
27 - Bob Mott

Anniversaries

August

3 - James and Elizabeth Chestnut
7 - Jim Reynolds and Reneé Ramsay
17 - Frank and Judith Holden
23 - Bill and Linda Farr

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elder of the month – Judy Williams				1 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	2 Open for Personal Prayer	3
4 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	5 Session – 10 AM	6 NA group 7 PM	7	8 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	9 Open for Personal Prayer	10
11 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	12	13 NA group 7 PM	14	15 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	16 Open for Personal Prayer	17 Presbytery Meeting
18 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	19	20 NA group 7 PM	21	22 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	23 Open for Personal Prayer	24
25 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Fellowship Dinner at Black Rock	26	27 NA group 7 PM	28 PW trip to Blue Willow Inn – meet at Church 9:00 am	29 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	30 Open for Personal Prayer	31