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HOLY



COMMUNION



When someone said thank you to my dad, his reply often was, “You are as welcome as the flowers in May.” We all enjoy the beautiful flowers in May.

But this Sunday when storms are predicted, I was reminded of the old adage, “April showers bring May flowers.” To be able to experience the beautiful irises, tulips, zinnias, etc., there must be rain.

As we approach the Easter season, nothing could be more true. For us to experience the beauty of salvation, forgiveness, mercy and grace, there had to be some pain. The pain and agony of the cross.

Thanks be to God for the pain and the rain by which we experience the gifts of beauty. The beauty of the message of Easter.

In Christ,

Susan

April
BIRTHDAYS



Avery Guinn	02
Char Terry	09
Bessie Salter	16
Sally Parker	30
Dot Solomon	30

OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Stan & Marsha
Bullock**

**Florence Dun-
can**

Stan and Marsha Bullock recently relocated from Dekalb Co. to be close to their son Seth, and his family. Their other son, John and his family live in Oregon.

The Bullocks have faithfully served with First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Payne. They are excited to see how they can serve here at Westminster.



**Seth, Magan,
Brookelyn, Lydia &
Sophia Bullock**



**John Michael, Rilee and Hudson
(6 months)**

Florence Helen Nethery Duncan



Florence is pictured here with her 3 beautiful daughters and granddaughter !

Florence has been coming to Westminster for years, but has decided to officially transfer her membership from First Florence to WPC!

This article was in the newsletter a couple of years ago, but worth repeating today:

The University of North Alabama has named its bachelor of science in nursing program for Florence Helen Nethery Duncan. Tera Kirkman, dean of the Anderson College of nursing said it is fitting that the bachelor's program is named after someone like Duncan. "It's an honor to name the college's oldest program after Ms. Florence Helen Nethery Duncan. "Ms. Duncan exemplifies the qualities of a caring nurse and leader. She is a role model to current and future nurses and has served the profession faithfully." The people she served and cared for were right here in this community, and that's what makes this gift so special."

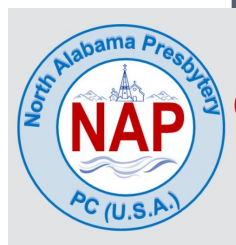
"My sisters and I are very proud of our Nethery family history in nursing that started with our grandmother, Thelma, who began her college education on the UNA campus over 100 years ago," said Jenny Duncan McKinney, the family spokesperson. "Our mother is connected to Florence and this University, having spent most of her nursing career working in Florence, particularly in geriatric nursing.

Florence Helen Nethery Duncan said she was driven throughout her career as a nurse by the desire to help others and fulfill her calling. "I felt like I was doing to the best of my ability what I was born to do and what I was trained to do," Duncan said Friday during a ceremony at the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions. "Maybe they were right to call me Florence after all," she wrote.. Florence Nightingale was a great nurse, after all!

Executive Presbyter



North Alabama Presbytery elected Rev. Bob Phelps to serve as Executive Presbyter in February, 2025. Prior to that call, Bob served as Stated Supply Pastor at First Presbyterian in Albertville for three years. He has served congregations in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, and in his home state of Kentucky. Bob's service to the broader Church has included writing for a number of Sunday School and other teaching resources and for THESE DAYS, a daily devotional guide. He currently serves on the denomination's Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee, the group that produces and evaluates ordination exams. Bob entered Seminary after teaching public school English in Kentucky and working in hospital-based adult education in Indiana. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Memphis Theological Seminary. Bob and his wife of fifty years, Deanna, have two adult sons, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter of whom they are always happy to share pictures and videos. Bob looks forward to getting to know more about the congregations of North Alabama Presbytery and their people. You can reach him at (601) 996-9656 or by email at ExecPresbyter@napcusa.org.





Westminster's Affirmation of Faith

We believe God is, the creator of all things; both humans and animals. We believe God is: almighty, sovereign, merciful, loving, compassionate, omnipotent and powerful. We believe God is three in one: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God, who lived a perfect life here on earth, died for our sins on the cross and through his death we have salvation and forgiveness of all our sins, if we only ask. We believe Jesus taught us how to live a life that is: righteous, happy, peaceful and purposeful. Jesus loves us unconditionally and does not hold our sins against us. We believe Jesus was resurrected, reigns in heaven and we will see him in glory. We believe Jesus suffers with us when we struggle and cares about the details of our lives.

We believe in an empowering Holy Spirit that comforts, protects and guides us. We believe the spirit of God is always with us and provides for us.

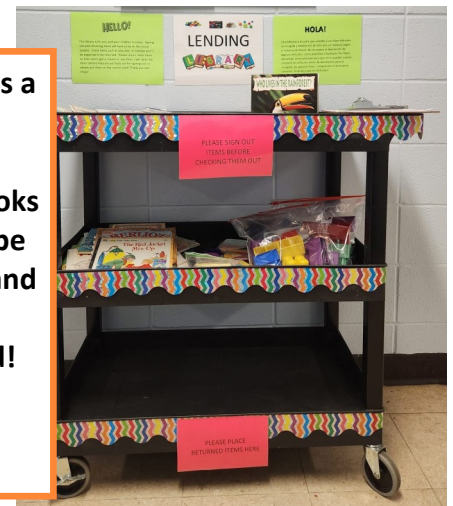
We believe as individuals and as a church we are to: obey God's commandments, pray for ourselves and others, show kindness to all, be a servant to others, teach others by our example and fellowship with other believers. We believe love conquers all, that our faith makes life worth living, and true happiness is found in knowing and loving God.

Amen.

Read Across America Week was so fun! Teachers and students dressed in costume of their favorite book character! Later that week the Florence Police Dept read to each classroom!



The school has a "Lending Li-
brary" where
new/used books
and toys can be
checked out and
brought back
when finished!



SO WE CAN KNOW AND SHOW WE CARE

AT HOME: Jean Blair & Carole James

TN Senior Living: Dot Solomon

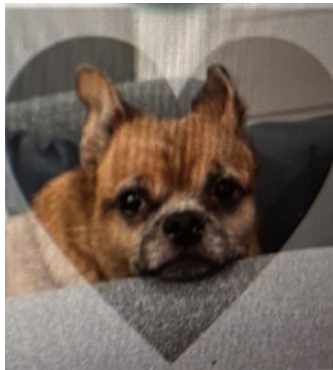
IMMEDIATE: Charles Anderson, John Bruninga, MQ Parker, Vicki Burbank & Pam Methcin (nieces of Brenda Gray & Joe Littrell), Grace Carter, Warren Chambers, & Ray Haner (close friends of the Seme's), Bob Howard, Mark Parker, Bessie Salter, Louise Smith, Paula Stone (Sister of Marsha Bullock), Baby Phoebe, Don Sylvester, Jeremy Sylvester, Char Terry, Nancy Valentine's sister Velma, Nick Winn IV, Nick Winn V, Billie Sylvester, Bailey White & Karen Nelson



Mary George Williams is doing well. Please make note of her new address:

100 Pimlico St.

Long Beach, MS 39560



Please keep Bob Howard in your prayers, as he has recently lost his best companion, Bug. We will surely miss her.



Alonda's dad, Leonard McClure is adjusting well at Madison Village Assisted Living. He appreciates all of our prayers.



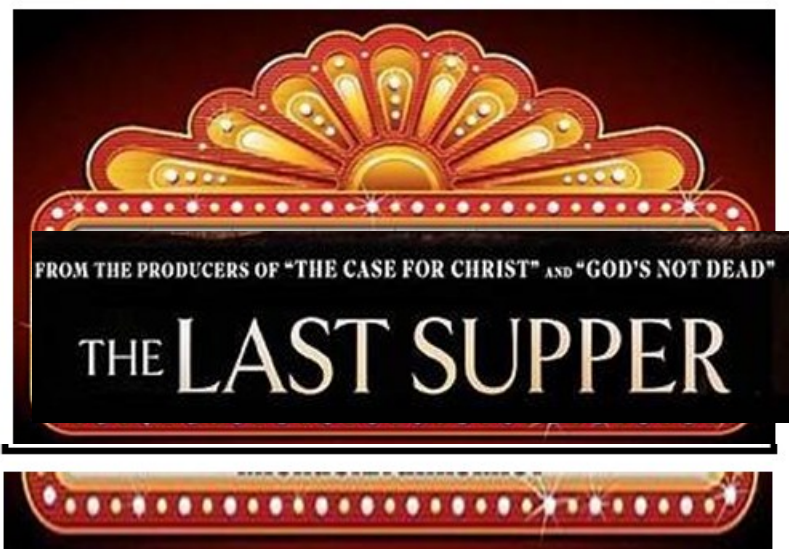
\$16 per Lilly or make a contribution to the Choir Scholarship Program no later than April 9th



Congratulations on your 50th wedding anniversary **Bill & Nancy Valentine!**



A trip to the Movies for Stan Bull-
ock, Bob Moody,
Paula Offutt, Billie
Sylvester, Brad
Moody, Elaine
Brooks, Alonda
Crosslin, Lenore
Favenesi and Sara
Reed





FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

John Freeman, Marsha Bullock, Sue & Nick Winn, Lenore Favenesi, Susan Johnson, Susan Parker, Ann Freeman & Stan Bullock

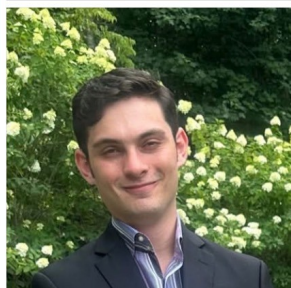


Wed, April 23, meet at church 11:00 carpool

Lunch @ Daniella's In The Park at Joe Wheeler State Park 4401 McLean Dr. Rogersville, followed by a boat ride at the home of Paul & Susan Parker, 655 York Drive, Rogersville

Sign up sheet in Narthex

**When I'm worried,
it's usually because I'm
trying to do everything
myself. When I'm at
peace, it's usually because
I remember that God
is in control.**



AVERY GUINN

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

In the Bible, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Day 41 came and the rain stopped.

Moses committed murder & hid in the desert for 40 years. 41 came, and God called him to help rescue Israel.

Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days. On day 41, he received the Ten Commandments.

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Year 41, they walked into the Promised Land.

Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. Day 41 came, and David slew him.

Jonah preached a message of repentance to Ninevah for 40 days. On day 41, God stopped His plan to destroy them.

Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days. Day 41, and the devil fled.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days. On day 41, He ascended into Heaven.

All this to say...don't quit. The rain will stop, the giant will fall, and you will enter your "promised land." Don't give up at 40.

41 is coming.

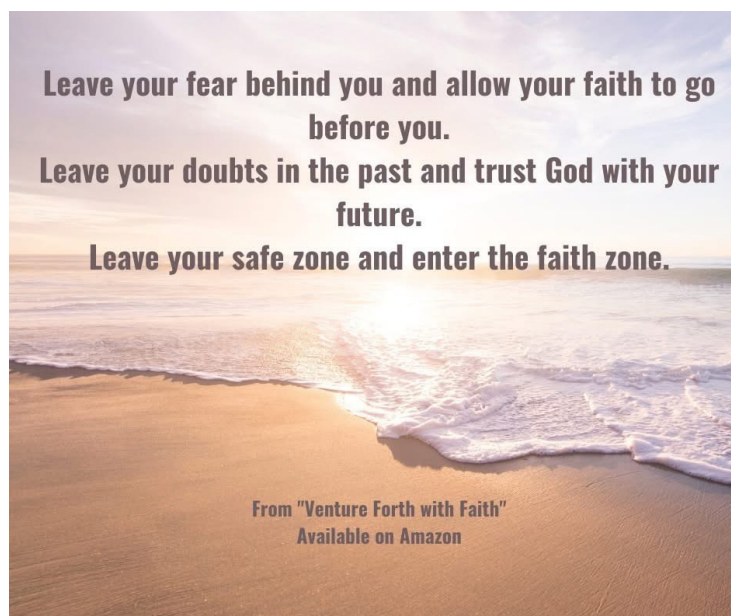
YOUR 41 IS COMING.
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Susan Parker enjoyed the preaching workshop she attended in Bowling Green during March. She taught during some of the sessions. She always enjoys seeing old friends and making new ones!



Special offerings are the single largest way Presbyterians join together to make a lasting impact in the world. Easter Sunday, April 20, Westminster will be receiving The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This offering serves the "least of these" among us by providing relief to those affected by catastrophic events, giving sustainable food resources to the hungry, and changing the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Forty percent of this offering remains local to be used for children and youth.





The WPC Women's Service Group delivered some "Easter Joy" to our shut-ins!

They will not be meeting during April due to being busy with Easter program, etc.

Please attend their next meeting on May 21st at 1:00 PM in the room off the Parlor. Please come to add your ideas for the projects going forward!





Marilyn Bruce
from Montreat
Apartments
shared some fa-
vorite recipes
with Patient Ad-
vocate, Alonda
Crosslin



Recipe Sharing

Recipe

Directions



Hot Water Chocolate Cake

1 1/2 c flour
1/2 c cocoa
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt

mix together
and set aside

Cream together

2 eggs
1/2 c shortening or lard
Add 2 c sugar - mix well
Mix dry ingredients into wet ingredients
half of the mixture at a time

Add 1 c of milk during first mixing
2 tsp vanilla extract
after it is mixed add 1 c of boiling water

350° 30 mins

This recipe came from a very small recipe
book that was a 100+ years old. The
book belonged to my mom.

Recipe



Pineapple Upside Down Cake

350°
30 mins

1 stick of butter - melted
1 c brown sugar
1 20 oz whole canned pineapple - reserve
maraschino cherries juice
whole or chopped pecans
1 c flour
1 c sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
5+ pineapple juice

Mix 2nd place on
top of pineapples

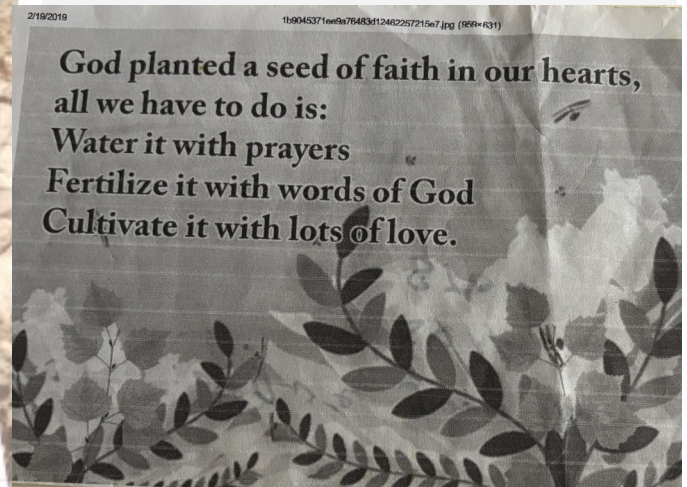
Pour melted butter in baking pan - any
shape
Sprinkle brown sugar on butter
use a fork to press evenly
add pineapple rings
Insert cherries in the hole of the pineapple
Put pecans around all of the space between
the pineapple rings

This recipe came from a recipe book that is over
a 100
years
old
The cake is dense - delicious
and beautiful to look at

2/19/2019

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God planted a seed of faith in our hearts,
all we have to do is:
Water it with prayers
Fertilize it with words of God
Cultivate it with lots of love.



I SEE
London
I SEE
France



**Sally Parker and daughters
Jennifer & Mary Jo were
blessed to experience Europe
together!**



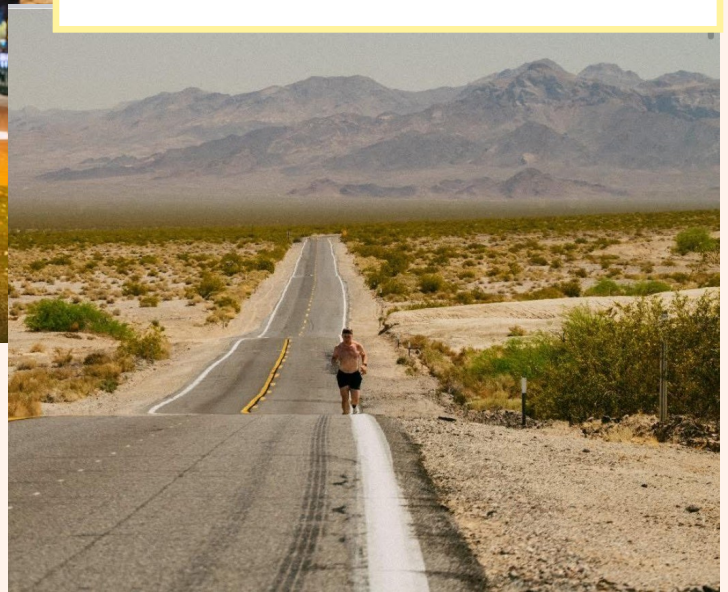


Bailey White's brother, Braden just completed another amazing race to raise awareness and funds for the National Brain Tumor Society in memory of their father Brad.

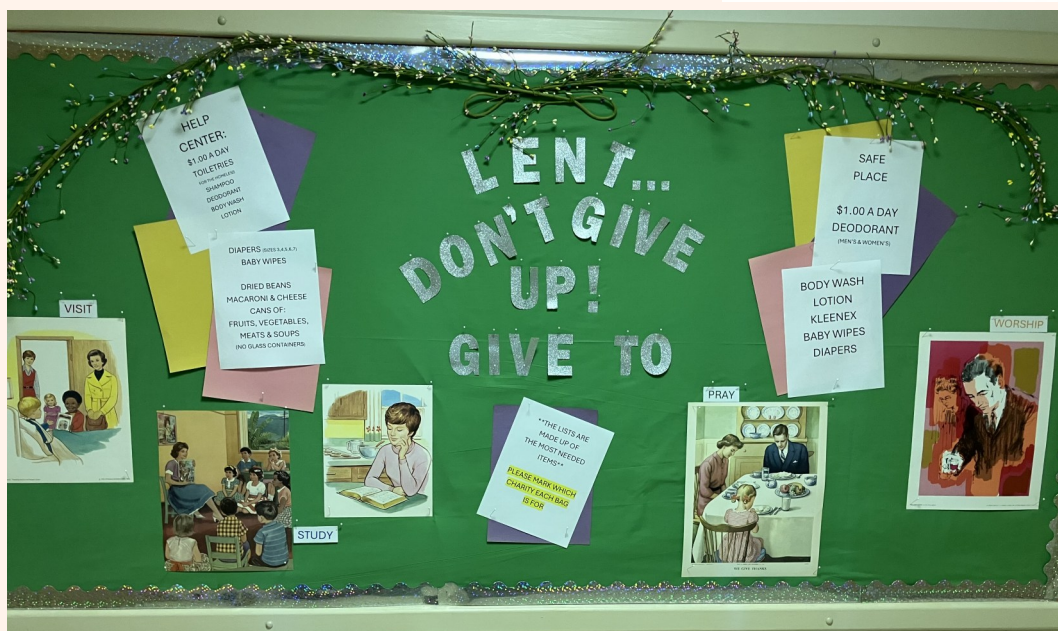
5 runners 340 miles 48 hrs 37 mins!

They battled through the desert and made it to Vegas! Braden said he couldn't be more proud of this entire team and what they represent for the tumor community. This is what it means to

PLAY HURT!



Well done Braden & Team !!!!



DONT GIVE UP GIVE TO.....

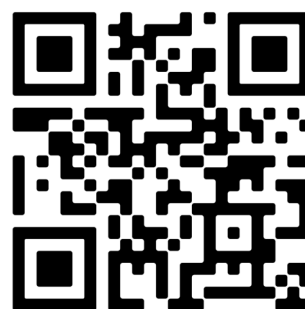
Remember that our donation bags need to be brought to church on Easter Sunday. On this day they will be dedicated to the glory of God as one of Westminster's mission to our community.



Palm Sunday Program: 4/13 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday: 4/17 5:30 pm
Easter Sunrise Service: 4/20 6:00 am
Easter Worship: 4/20 11:00 am



Join us on Social Media!



Go to www.youtube.com and in the search bar put Westminster Presbyterian Florence, AL or simply put @WPCFlorence. You can also click on this link to get there and then save to your favorites: www.youtube.com/@WPCFlorence. You will then be able to click on the video tab to see this past Sunday's sermon.

Let's go on a
TRIP!



Behind the scenes garden tour

Mon, May 12 8:30 leave church

Located on three acres in the north-west corner of the historic village of Mooresville, AL

COST: \$15 (sign up soon before tickets sell out!)

Sign up sheet in the Narthex

1818 Farms is named for the year Mooresville was incorporated (1818), one year before Alabama became a state (1819). The happy animal residents on our little farm include Babydoll Southdown sheep, a Nubian goat, cats, hens, mini pigs, and Great Pyrenees guardian dogs. In an adjacent field, over 14,000 flowers show off their best colors and blooms, having been lovingly and carefully tended to, bringing beauty today and providing seeds for future seasons. In 2019, Natasha McCrary's hard work was recognized with 1818 Farms winning Amazon's United States Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year. In 2022, Natasha was named to the 2022 Class of Women who Shape the State by al.com's This is Alabama. Also in 2022, 1818 Farms celebrated their 10 Year Anniversary and joined the Bloom TV Network. In 2023, 1818 Farms was selected as one of the prestigious Good Housekeeping's 2023 Beauty Award winners, winning "Best Body Butter" for their coveted Shea Creme. The creme was applauded for its lightweight, "whipped" texture and moisturizing properties. Natasha McCrary's dream came true to have a profitable farm where she could teach her children to appreciate the land and animals !

REACHING OUT

Westminster delivered Meals on March 17-21. A BIG thank you goes to Lenore Favenesi, Elaine Brooks, Nancy and Bill Valentine, Brenda Gray, and Joe Littrell. If anyone is interested in doing this, contact Sally Parker.

The Soup Kitchen meal will be prepared and served by the Westminster cooks on Saturday, April 19. Would you like to help? Contact Sally Parker

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