

# SO WE CAN KNOW AND SHOW WE CARE PRAYER LIST

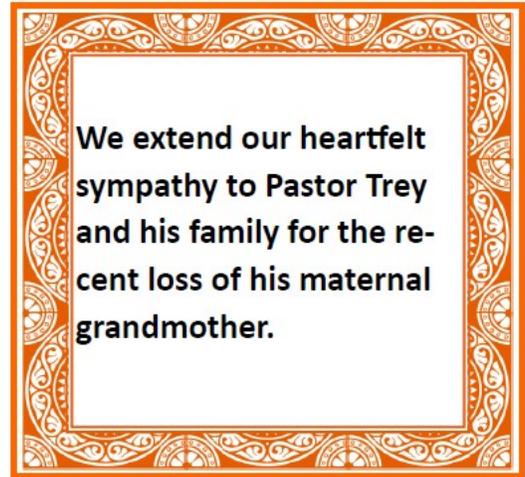
**IMMEDIATE:** Charles Anderson, Mary Rupe, John Bruninga, Vicky Burbank, Grace Carter, John Freeman & Mark Parker (Susan & Paul Parker's nephew) & Joy Willow-Ford

**AT HOME:** Carole

**TN Sr Living:** Dot Solomon



**Trey had a great visit with John & Ann Freeman**



**Paul & Susan Parker's nephew, Stephen "Mark" Parker has a birthday Oct 24 & could really use some birthday cheer & encouragement.**

Stephen Parker  
[1003801005](tel:1003801005) Dorm 5  
Montgomery State Prison  
P O Box 256  
Mount Vernon, GA 30445  
He goes by Mark  
Birthday October 24  
He cannot receive gift packages  
Thanks! Love 💕

**Luke 18:27 "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Amen!**





We are learning about people who work at our school. Yesterday, Mr. Curshonn discussed with the children how the food was prepared. As he was plating the food he told them what they were having for lunch and shared nutritional information.



The Headstart has a Lending Library with children's books, coloring books, activity books, can be shared with the students.



What a blessing that our President, Doug Marshall had today driving south of Tupelo when he got to meet Elizabeth Jermea at Wendy's! Elizabeth saw his PHFC shirt and said the Presbyterian Home for Children changed her life when she was here from 2006-2011 and also attended Hope Academy, now renamed Ascension Leadership Academy. Mr. Doug got to not only meet Elizabeth but also catch up on her life, meet her boss at Wendy's and the district manager. Changing lives - one at a time!

## Beautiful Flower Arrangements

Nick & Sue Winn's daughter, Melissa has turned her love of flowers into an inspiring business. If you'd like to order an arrangement call her at 470-261-7494



Melissa & Alonda



**Lenore Favnesi used Melissa Winn's Winning Blooms service for an arrangement to remember her late father, Dr. Al Favnesi's birthday!**



**Carly James & Connor Koscevic**

*(Carly is the granddaughter of Carole James)*



WPC Fellowship Group Luncheon  
We will meet at Happy Hollow Marina  
At 270 Hammond Dr. (Hwy 47 out of St. Florian)  
On Friday October 10, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.  
(Those wishing to carpool meet at the Church at 11:00)

MQ & Sally Parker's granddaughter, Mia, looked beautiful for all of the Freshman Homecoming festivities!



## Sept Courier Article



Hello, neighbor!

I'm delighted to share a moment with you as the new pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church - on the corner of Hermitage Dr and Rickwood Rd. It's a true privilege to join this warm and welcoming community, and I'm excited to be a part of what God is up to here in this beautiful town.

I'm no stranger to the Bible Belt, having grown up in the south, and I am familiar with both its beauty and its pain. But I firmly believe that God is always doing "a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19), and that's what draws me to Florence. This is a place where we can embrace new beginnings, where faith, hope, and love are alive, and where everyone—no matter who-can experience belonging.

Our vision at Westminster is simple: to hold space for a safe faith community where authenticity, hospitality, and a deep commitment to one another form our church culture. I'm eager to listen, learn, and collaborate with others who long to see a church that offers dignity, respect, and a welcoming embrace to all.

At the core of my own faith is the conviction that true freedom comes from following the way of Jesus. And as Ecclesiastes 7:16 reminds us, it's not about being overly religious, but about living out genuine, life-giving relationships.

I also look forward to the lighter moments together-Mark Twain once said, "Preachers are always pleasant company when they are off duty." I believe there's a place for laughter, conversation, and friendship inside and outside of formal church life, and I look forward to spending those moments with you.

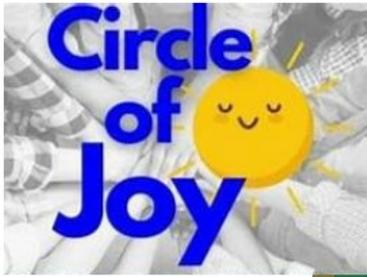
Whether you're seeking a new church home or simply curious about what's happening here, I'm saving you a seat, and would be honored to have you join us as we walk this journey of life together.

*"This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus - anyone can belong."*

With warm anticipation,

Pastor Trey Suey

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**The Circle of Joy Service Group opens its doors to anyone, gender, age, etc. This group meets the 3rd Tues of the month at 1:00 to work on items to give to UNA students, Soup Kitchen, Montreat Sr. Living, as well as other needs. All are welcome to join in "Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus"!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IRA



Happy 3rd Birthday



Brad & Bob Moody



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Special Offerings are the single, largest way Presbyterians join together to make a lasting impact in the world. On Sunday, October 5 Westminster will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering we receive will stay right here in our community to work for peace and reconciliation with Safeplace. Another 25% will support the peacemaking efforts in our mid council and 50% will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministries of Peacemaking and Global Witness all around the world. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special offering.



Elaine had a wonderful visit when her cousins from Michigan and Florida came to Florence!

**COUSINS  
MAKE**  
*...the best friends*

I'm joining a new book club - would you be interested as well?

This isn't a "church book club" - but it is a **book club meeting at the church**—a space for literary discussion, open minds, and good conversation with friends and neighbors.

Our first book will be Flannery O'Connor's classic, *A Good Man Is Hard to Find*. It's thought-provoking, witty, and sure to stir lively discussion.

### Details

- **First Meeting:** Thursday, October 23 at 6PM
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- **Location:** Westminster Presbyterian Church
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- **Group Info:** A cozy group of book worms optimal for robust and manageable conversation.
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If you'd like to join, please let me know so I can save you a spot and you will receive the discussion questions from Michelle Eubanks. Several folks have already expressed interest, and it's shaping up to be a wonderful gathering - with light refreshments in tow. *Pastor Trey*



2 Kings 5:12 “Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean.” He turned and went away in a rage.

Naaman may have lived long before us and in a culture much different from ours, but his story confronts us with something to think about.

Many of us remember Naaman’s story from Sunday School. He was a powerful military leader, accustomed to giving orders and seeing results. But he suffered from leprosy. A servant girl told him that Elisha, a prophet of God, could heal him. When Naaman went to see the prophet, he was disappointed that Elisha did not come out and make a big production of healing someone as important as Naaman. The prophet simply sent word that Naaman would be healed if he washed in the Jordan. Naaman responded with the words of today’s text, basically saying there were better rivers in his home country if washing was all that was required for his healing.

Most of us are a lot more like Naaman than we probably want to admit. We all have needs, and we want them met, but we want them met in ways we understand. We want our churches to grow; we want to welcome new people, but we assume those new people will find meaning in the same things we do. Change rarely comes easily in the Church. Many of us want our communities and their economies to grow and be prosperous, but we do not always welcome the change such growth requires. Even in our families, we want our children to be happy, but we prefer that they find happiness in the same things we do.

Naaman eventually got past his preconceptions and washed in the muddy Jordan and was healed. If we are willing to move beyond similar preconceptions in our own lives, we might be, too.

Grace and Peace,  
Bob

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**Feed my Lambs, Tend my Sheep**



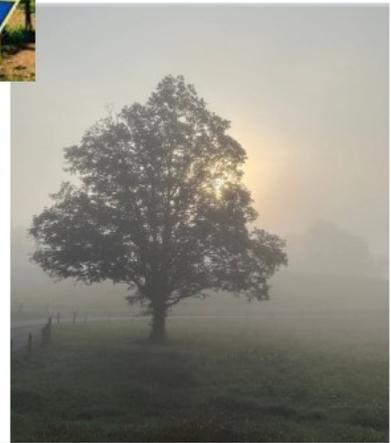
**Bill Valentine, the man behind the message!**

## CADES COVE



## BIKE DAY

Nick Winn V & friend, Sherrie Bowers recently took these beautiful photos while riding their bicycles along Cade Cove's Scenic Loop!



The leaves are and soon (we crisp, coolness that Fall is here an AWESOME



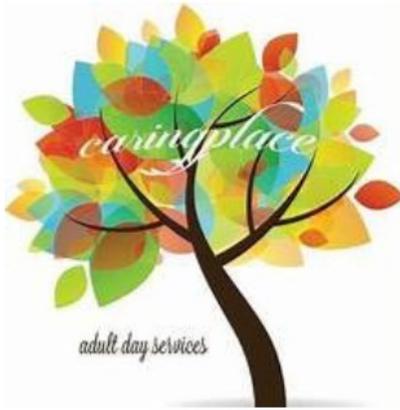
*When fall is coming,  
but you keep thinking about*  
**CAMP!**

beginning to change hope) there will be a to the air, signaling and summer 2025 is memory! Don't worry

though, registration for Summer 2026 is already open! Click the link below to sign up for your favorite week today!

Did you know we also offer retreats year-round? You can reserve a weekend or time during the week to escape with your group. Choose from our Bunkhouse Cabins, the Lakeside Lodge, or even try rustic tent camping. Retreats are a perfect chance to renew and refresh your connection with the Lord and others in the beauty and peacefulness of His Creation!

Another way to enjoy camp all year is through our new Outdoor Academy. This program allows students to explore science through hands-on experiences in an outdoor classroom. We also offer leadership classes where students get to put those skills to practice in fun, engaging activities. If you're part of a group that works with students, you can come for a few days or even just a day trip.



CaringPlace of the Shoals provides day services for patients with cognitive or functional impairments, such as Alzheimer's disease. The center provides respite for the caregivers while engaging the patients in activities like music, art, fitness & social opportunities!



These beautiful flowers were given by Joyce Horton for the Glory of the Lord and His many abundant Blessings!

## Fellowship Luncheon at Senor Tequila



**We had 15 in attendance ! Our food was delicious and service was great!**



**McGee Farm**  
8211 County Road 7  
Florence, AL 35633

**Sign up to go the Pumpkin Patch:  
Thurs, Oct 23 Meet at church at 3:00  
We will go on a hayride & eat dinner at the patch!**

No general admission to shop the big barn, mums and Kitchen.

The Real Pumpkin Patch: \$3.25 per person

Jumping Pillow only Armband: \$3.25 per person (all ages)

Jump, Patch and Ride \$9.50 per person (all ages)

Wagon ride to the Real Pumpkin Patch: \$3 per person

Jump and Patch \$6.50 per person (all ages)

We made available some of our homemade recipes for guests to enjoy: chicken and dressing; traditional white beans, greens and cornbread; homemade macaroni and cheese; chicken salad on a fresh croissant; chicken stew right from the kettle; tasty desserts and of course our specialty homemade PUMPKIN PIE!



Congratulations to Emalyn Mosakowski and her undefeated JV Volleyball Champs from Sunset Middle. She is the granddaughter of MQ & Sally Parker!



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sat Oct 4 10:00 Blessing of the Animals
  - Sun Oct 5 11:00 World-Wide Communion
  - 12:00 Stewardship Luncheon
  - Wed Oct 8 4:00 Rescheduled Lake Cruise
- (Some seats have opened up. If you are interested contact Alonda Crosslin @ 256-710-8662)



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