

First Presbyterian Church Smithville Newsletter

July

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Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown

Because I have been on school time for so many years, I naturally come to the summer ready to relax, to be refreshed by swimming at Barton Springs or Deep Eddy, riding, eating watermelon and peaches, making banana puddings and blackberry pie, perhaps by traveling so that I might see someplace new that will help me see home in a new way. Maybe school time orders how you live too? Most of us enter into summer planning a vacation or maybe some time just to do nothing. What a treat!

And yet, not all of us are able to celebrate summer. For the farmers I know, it can be the hardest time of the year. Maybe some of you are pretty busy at work? David certainly is. By August, our weather may be knocking the pleasure of summer right out of us. If the 100 degree temperatures keep up, we may wish to leave summer behind as soon as we can.

So what might be the value of coming into this season? Summer brings to our notice that we in fact do need rest; we do need time to be refreshed. According to Genesis, a Sabbath is built into God's plan for us from the very beginning. We may not be able to take the rest we need immediately, but the warm air, all the wonderful fruit, pools and beaches, mountains and rivers, call to us: come and enjoy God's creation. Enjoy God's peace. Read a book. Take a nap.

I hope you will be able to do something like this soon. Even for just a few hours. Get out there, rest and relax!

Church Leadership

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Sunday Schedules

We are open for 11 am worship. We will continue our [Face Book Live](#) option also.

The Following are Now Meeting:

Sunday School -10 am

*Beginning June 7th every Tuesday at 10 a.m. we will watch one episode of "The Chosen." We will **not** meet July 5th. We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and all are invited.*

Please check the website for changes in schedule



July Birthdays

- 07/01 RUTH WHITEHEAD
- 07/03 IRVING HERNANDEZ
- 07/15 LEAH SAUNDERS STINSON
- 07/17 MCKENZIE MILLER
- 07/19 PAUL EVANS
- 07/28 BLAKE HERNANDEZ

July Communion Schedule

Harleigh is in charge of Communion for July. She will prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays.

Monica Miller has volunteered to bring the bread and juice for ALL communion services. Thank you, Monica! If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place.



July Anniversaries

- 07/12/2002 LISA MARESH & HOYT JOHNSON
- 07/26 JERI NELL & WALTER WINSLETT

Food Pantry Report - June 2022

Date	Families	Fam. Mem.	New Clients
6/01	106	239	4
6/08	106	240	1
6/15	112	268	3
6/22	124	301	1
6/29	104	274	3
Totals	552	1322	12

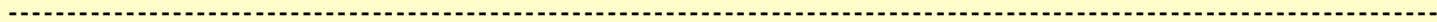
Remember to bring your donations for the food pantry on First Sunday. There are envelopes if

NEWS FROM SUSAN GUEDRY

Sunday school is continuing their study on The Faith of a Mockingbird. We meet at 10:00 on Sunday.

July 5-9 is our week to work at the **Born Again Emporium**. The store is closed Monday, July 4. We will work Tuesday and Wednesday, July 5&6 from 9-2 getting the store ready, pricing items, placing items on shelves. The store will be open Friday and Saturday, July 8&9 from 9-2. Your help is needed on all these days. Just an hour will be a great help.

We will not watch The Chosen on Tuesday, July 5. We will continue this series on Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00. Everyone is welcome!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT THE BROWN FARM JULY 21, 22, 23, and the attendees will lead the service on Sunday, July 24th. If you have a young person who plans to attend, please contact Lilly Willenberg at lillypcs@gmail.com We need to know how many to plan for to arrange transportation, etc. Lilly will send registration forms and liability waivers to be signed when she receives your email. They must be completed and returned prior to July 21st.

CHURCH HUMOR:

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

July 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 4 th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building and on Facebook Live Covered dish lunch following service. <i>Immigration Sunday</i>	4  Happy Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 5 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building and on Facebook Live	11	12 10 a.m. - "The Chosen" Fellowship Hall	13	14	15	16
17 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building and on Facebook Live	15	19 10 a.m. - "The Chosen" Fellowship Hall	20	21 VBS	22 VBS	23 VBS
24 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 am. In the building - and on Facebook Live Youth led service	25	26 10 a.m. - "The Chosen" Fellowship Hall	27	28	29	30