

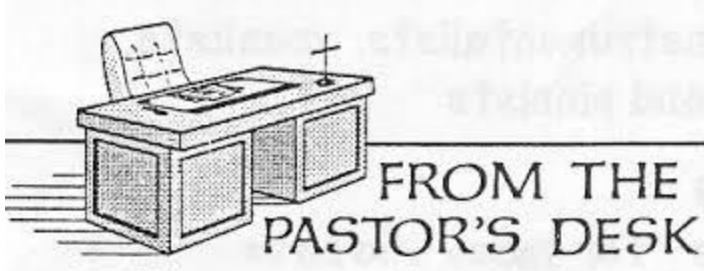


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I hope everyone is enjoying Spring, now that it has finally arrived. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support of our Mission Sunday on April 17th. It was a real privilege to hear from Sue Byrd, Director of Operation

Inasmuch, and Dr. Jay Coker, Mission Advocate for the Outreach Foundation. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to prepare 250 bandanas through the Operation Bandana organization. These bandanas are bound for members of our military deployed all over the world, and I can assure you that your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

I know we have had a busy start to the year; so I thank all of you for pulling together and making everything such a wonderful success. But we're not through yet! We have several major events coming up in the very near future; so watch your calendars closely. As you well know, it takes a lot of work to maintain an active calendar in a church. There are always opportunities to serve. If you are looking for ways that you might volunteer, please see me, or one of your committee chairs. Churches tend to thrive when everyone has a voice and all pull together in mission and ministry.

I mention our prayer list to you often. I cannot stress enough just how important it is for us to lift up one another in prayer. I am so grateful that you take this responsibility seriously here at Galatia. I still get phone calls from people who attend other churches asking us to pray for them. I can assure you that our prayers are making a difference in their lives. Not only does God hear each prayer; but each person listed is strengthened just knowing that others care. Thank you for your dedication.

As always, if there is anything I can do (or your elders), please let us know. We are proud to serve you. What a blessing it is to work in the service of the Lord at Galatia Presbyterian Church!

Blessings,
Brett

1 John 1:5-7: "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

May 15th- Youth Sunday/Graduation Reception
May 15th- 6pm Women's Appreciation Dinner
Chicken or Steak (sign-up info to follow)
June 12th- Student Appreciation Recognition Day
July 11th-15th- Vacation Bible School



The Chimwemwe Way: Today's Mission

Last year I found out that one of the teachers at my school had been stealing money from me. We shared tea together everyday. Through daily cups of tea and shared snacks, several teachers and I would share life. I always considered tea time important, as a way to interact with the teachers on an informal level. But this teacher stole. This teacher was smooth, talking help and compassion, when the only thing being helped was their pocket. A seed of bitterness was planted, and I nurtured it. I boycotted tea time for a term, taking mine inside with the other volunteers. I stopped speaking to the teacher. I was hurt.

After a few months of nurturing my bitterness, someone asked me if perhaps this teacher was part of my mission here today. Perhaps this teacher was looking at me as an example of Christianity. I took a deep breath. I told the teacher that I was tired of being bitter and mad. I was tired of having tea inside with the volunteers. I asked the teacher to forgive me for my bitterness. I told them I was sorry.

Today we share tea together. We do not pretend like nothing happened. We both know. And perhaps the teacher doesn't know, but I know I serve a risen Lord whose chose grace. Oh, God, give us courage to accept your grace so we may be gracious to all of Your children.

Over our 3 week school holiday, Joel and I enjoyed three small trips. We visited his family in the north, went on a retreat with a church in town, and went to the lake with a friend visiting for a week from America. We both loved the time to spend together. Please pray for this school term beginning: for the unity of the staff and that God's grace would be evident in all of our actions.

-Susan Rembert

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FINANCIAL REPORT (submitted by Frank Dawson, Treasurer)

Other Income and Disbursements for March 2016				
	Received this Month	Received this Year	Disbursed this Month	Disbursed Year to Date
2c Meal Offering (Presbytery)	\$64.70	\$178.18	\$68.70	\$178.18
Children's Hope Alliance (Barium)		\$28.20	\$28.20	\$28.20
Building Fund (Special Fund)	\$15,070.00	\$15,730.00		
Cemetery Fund (Special Fund)	\$20.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Timothy Fund (Special Fund)				
Organ Fund (Special Fund)		\$90.00		\$1,800.00
Gideon's				
Pentecost				
One Great Hour of Sharing				

Financial Report for General Fund	March	Year to Date	Sunday School Attendance:		
Total Funds Received	\$22,790.85	\$51,884.80	3/6	25	\$36.50
Total Food Panty Funds Received	\$247.05	\$1,812.27	3/13	18	\$26.25
Total Funds Expenditures	\$20,015.34	\$62,82+9.96	3/20	15	\$13.25
Total Funds Required	\$19,911.24	\$59,733.72	3/27	23	\$24.30



The youth has been hard at work preparing for Youth Sunday on May 15th, Pentecost Sunday. It is sure to be a rewarding service, as our new Bible stand in the sanctuary will be dedicated with the youth during this service as well. This is a special church Bible, and it will help preserve it for years to come by it being protected from wear and tear, each week it will be open to the Scripture reading. It was lovingly made and crafted by Ray Irby with the help of ZD Jackson and Gene Ray, to match the sanctuary furniture. It is not a service to miss, as the youth lead the whole service.

Also, in conjunction with Youth Sunday, we will have Graduate Sunday, where our graduate, Zack Jenkins, will be recognized during service. Following service that day, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to honor our graduate, and this is also a good opportunity to give feedback to the youth who led service that day.



The Robert Perry Hyde family wishes to thank Galatia Church for all the help and support we received over the difficult days of his hospitalization and passing. Thank you for your prayers, your spiritually uplifting words, and your comforting hugs. Thank you for the food you prepared and served. We hold dear the visits, the calls, cards, and other acts of kindness. We will be forever grateful.

-The Hyde Family



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

During the month of May we will be collecting hygiene items to go in the shoeboxes for girls and boys as part of Operation Christmas Child. Please donate items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and brushes. Please NO liquids. There is a box in the narthex for you to place these items. Thank you for your support and prayers as we prepare to spread the gospel to children and their families around the world!



Presbyterian Women

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men...Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. II Corinthians 3: 2, 5-6

CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR May: (Flowers for May: **Circle #2**)

Circle #1: Tuesday, May 10th 2:30@ church

Moderator: Jane Gillis Turner

Circle #2: Monday, May 9th 7:00@ church

Moderator: Nancy Dean

Circle #3: Monday, May 9th 6:00@ Kay O'Tuel

Moderator: Martha Parks



PWCT meets May 1st after morning worship.

Moderator



MEET OUR 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE GRADUATION SUNDAY May 15th Reception following church

Zachary Ryan Jenkins will be graduating on May 27th from Village Christian Academy. Zack has attended VCA since he was in Pre-K. Over the years, he has been very active at both Village Christian Academy and Village Baptist Church.

Zack has attended Galatia Presbyterian Church for the last four years during which time he has enjoyed helping with Galatia's Vacation Bible School program. He is also currently the co-leader for the Children's Church program.

Having a lifelong passion for sports, he has participated in several team sports, but basketball has been his love. He has played in the Upwards program, YMCA, Church Leagues, middle and high school, and traveling teams. During his senior year, he played Varsity Football with VCA and basketball through the Church League. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Art, and Key Club. Zack has participated in several community projects such as his senior mission trip to the Dominican Republic, feeding the homeless at the Salvation Army, and helping with roadside clean ups.

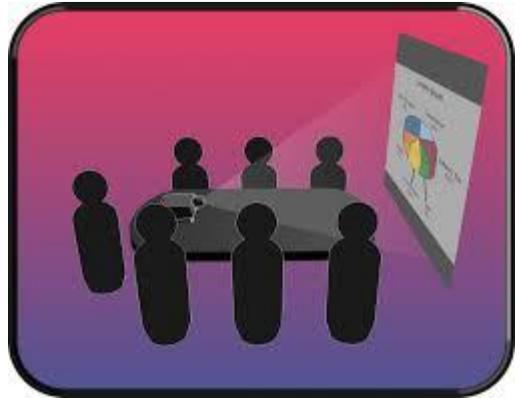
Zack has been accepted into Liberty University, Western Carolina, East Carolina, and the University of Alabama. After much prayer and consideration, Zack has elected to attend East Carolina University in the fall and has chosen Health Fitness as a major and Business as his minor. It is his hope that he is able to use his personal experiences to empower others to reach their personal health and fitness goals. Zack has realized that God has led him through difficult times living with Crohn's Disease so that he could share his story and encourage others during their trials. He is determined to show everyone that difficult times can be overcome and that he will not be held back. His inspiration in life is from Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.



Session Highlights

April 12th

- Pastor Brett introduced Mary Marler, who will be received by letter of transfer from Snyder Memorial.
- Guest Pastor Trinidad presented the following members by reaffirmation of faith: Yadelí Araiza Moranchell, Ezequias Darinel Velasquez Diaz, Dina Chuc, Margarita Chuc; and for baptism Ricardo Baez Salalla, Daniel Cordova Sosa, Isai Velasquez Chuc, Angeles Baez Araiza, and Brandom Baez Araiza.
- Nancy Autry will serve as Galatia's Representative for the June Presbytery Community Meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- The following list of Women of the Church Officers for 2016-2017 was received: Moderator-Jane Gillis Turner, Vie Moderator-Xan Capps Allen, Secretary-Debbie Dawson, Treasurer-Mary Jackson, Historian-Ellen Kate Parker, Search Committee-Judy Dibacco, Birthday Objective-Shelby Lindsay, Joint Circle Moderator-Nancy Dean, Witness, Mission, Thank Offering-Lillian Cook, Advent-Julie Layton, Chrismon Tree-Circle #3, JoyGift-Sylvia Morris & Amy Stovall, Easter Party-Carol Pyne & Patricia Newton, Circle #1 Moderator-Jane Gillis Turner, Circle #2-Nany Dean, Circle #3-Judy Dibacco.
- The Property Committee motion to approve TCS camera security bid for \$7895 for the church grounds and facility camera system was approved from the Building Fund, also they had TCS hardwire an internet extender downstairs to facilitate wifi usage there.
- The Worship and Ministry purchased 2 new chalices to be used during communion by intinction, they approved the Ocean Motion curriculum for VBS, and the purchase and preparation of the communion elements will be scheduled. Lent Jenkins and Joe Gillis volunteered to prepare May's communion, as well as accompany Pastor Brett Johnson to administer communion to the homebound.
- Pastor Brett reported that he will not complete his seminary studies until April 2017, as remaining courses are not being offered. His contract was extended through May 31, 2017.
- Pastor Brett will offer a confirmation class beginning in September.
- Hispanic Mission Support: Trinidad Martinez is currently in the CRE course and is scheduled to complete the course in December. In order to be in a commissioned position, he must be an elder for one year. It is important that Galatia support Trinidad and his mission. The motion was made to have the Administration Committee reword the Bi-Laws to create an 11th elder position from Galatia's Hispanic Community and set the congregational meeting dates.



*The Session notes are a summary of the minutes of the recent Session meeting. The summary is not submitted by the Clerk of Session. Copies of the Session meeting minutes are available on the corkboard across from the office.

VBS is an Adventure in Serving!

Vacation Bible School depends upon willing adult and high school volunteers. It's always fun and rewarding! Our theme this year will be Ocean Commotion and will held from July 11th thru 15th. The schedule will be the same as previous years from 5:30 pm to 8:00pm.

How can adults/high schoolers help at VBS?

No matter what your age, there are many places to serve. Why volunteer?

Well...you will without a doubt:

- Be part of something incredible
- Help us in reaching our goal to reach children and families for Jesus
- Meet others from Galatia and make new friends
- Have fun and be part of one of the most exciting weeks of the year in our church

The #1 reason to give the VBS ministry your time: We are created by God and put on earth make his love known to others and we are called "to be and to make disciples of Jesus."

Assignments include everything from teaching to kitchen staff, decorating, crafts and much more.

Whether you have a couple of hours to help us set up or can help the whole week, your help is greatly needed. There will be a sign up sheet at the church on May 8th. If you have any questions or would like to sign up now- you may contact Winnie Jenkins.

