



Galatia Presbyterian Church

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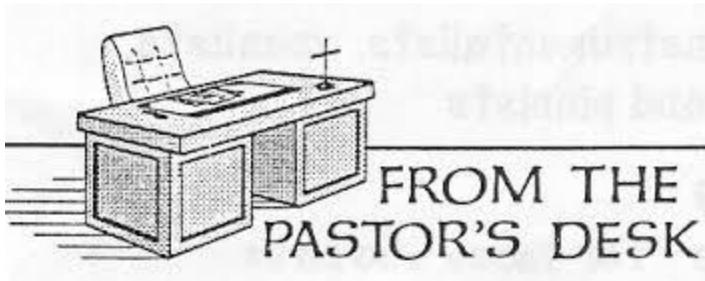
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I hope everyone is enjoying Spring now that it has finally arrived! I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support of our Mission Sunday on April 17th. It was a real privilege to hear from Sue Byrd, Director of Operation Inasmuch, and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

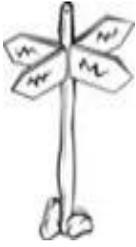
I mention our prayer list to you often. I cannot stress enough just how important it is for us to lift up one another in prayer. I am so grateful that you take this responsibility seriously here at Galatia. I often receive phone calls from people who attend other churches asking us to pray for them. 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 (or your Elders) can do, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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."



The Chimwemwe Way: In Jesus's Name We Play, AMEN

Malawians often do not pronounce the letter R. If they do, it only seems to be where there should be an L. In short, L and R are often confused, and a source of amusement and frustration for the ears that are trained to hear the difference. Haley did not appreciate being called Hairy, and Lubecca just doesn't have the same ring as Rebecca.

Our children love the song that goes like this:
Read your Bible, Pray everyday, Pray everyday, Pray everyday.
Read your Bible, Pray everyday, if you want to grow!

Except when they sing it here, it goes more like this:
Lead your Bible, Play everyday, Play everyday, Play everyday.
Lead your Bible, Play everyday, if you want to glow!

And in truth, leading our lives with the Bible, and playing everyday will make us glow. May we all glow with the love and assurance of God's grace and faithfully.

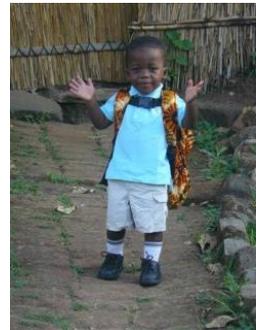
So, in Jesus's name, let's PLAY! (and pray, too).

(A house for Joel and me has been confirmed for next year, which is a huge blessing and answer to prayers. Joel has also started going to the local church nursery school. He loves it.)

-Susan Rembert

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A **MOUNTAIN**
of thanks
for all you
DEW

MEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER JUNE 12TH 6PM

Please come to a wonderful dinner to celebrate and thank the men of Galatia for all the hard work and effort they put in here at the church. All are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex or at the chalkboard!

FINANCIAL REPORT (submitted by Frank Dawson, Treasurer)

Other Income and Disbursements for April 2016				
	Received this Month	Received this Year	Disbursed this Month	Disbursed Year to Date
2C Meal Offering (Presbytery)	\$51.80	\$229.98	\$51.80	\$229.98
Children's Hope Alliance (Barium)		\$28.20		\$28.20
Building Fund (Special Fund)		\$15,730.00		
Cemetery Fund (Special Fund)	\$20.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
Timothy Fund (Special Fund)				
Organ Fund (Special Fund)		\$90.00	\$190.34	\$1,990.34
Gideon's				
Pentecost				
One Great Hour of Sharing				

Financial Report for General Fund	April	Year to Date	Sunday School Attendance:		
Total Funds Received	\$12,238.23	\$64,168.03	4/3	27	\$32.00
Total Food Panty Funds Received	\$327.70	\$2,094.97	4/10		\$28.00
Total Funds Expenditures	\$23,378.00	\$86,208.01	4/17	32	\$39.25
Total Funds Required	\$19,911.24	\$79,644.96	4/24	34	\$36.98



Thank you so very much for the love, support, care, and concern shown to our family during this most difficult time of losing our brother, Floyd McNeill. We appreciate your acts of kindness, to include: visits, food, cards, and especially your prayers. We treasure our church family and your generosity has ministered to us all.

-Janie Barbour and Edith Newton

With graduation approaching, a new journey in my life begins and I want to take a moment to thank the Fellowship Committee for hosting a wonderful Graduation Reception on May 15th. I also want to thank my Church family for their generosity, kindness, and words and prayers of support as I embark on the next phase of my life. It is very reassuring to know that I have so many people lifting me up in prayer. I have truly been blessed. I will be forever grateful.

-Zack Jenkins



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Thank you all for your support and generous donations of toothbrushes and toiletry items during the month of May for Operation Christmas Child. During June we will be collecting items for boys. Items such as toys, socks, t-shirts, or flip flops. If you buy anything that requires batteries, please include the batteries. Items that are prohibited are toys like guns, knives, and military toys. You may place items in the box in the narthex.

Xan Allen



Presbyterian Women

Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phillippians 4:8

CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR July: (Flowers for July: **Circle #1**)

Circle #1: Tuesday, July 19th 2:30@ Ruth Dinkins

Moderator: Jane Gillis Turner

Circle #2: Monday, July 18th 7:00@ church

Moderator: Nancy Dean

Circle #3: Monday, July 18th 6:00@ Judy Dibacco

Moderator: Martha Parks

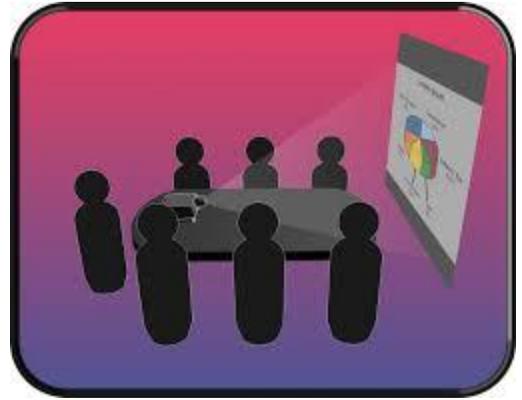


Jane Gillis Turner
Moderator

Session Highlights

May 10th

- The Treasurer gave the Financial Report and noted expenses this year exceed tithing by \$19k.
- It was noted that Mr. Robert Hyde, James Houston Finch II, and Grace Walker Gillis entered the Church Triumphant in April 2016.
- It was reported that there was a Financial Review of the 2015 Financial Statements and no discrepancies were found.
- June 12th was set to have a Congregational Meeting to approve the amended By-Laws and Nominating Committee Members.
- The Administration Committee was tasked with filling the Maintenance position, and the part-time Director of Christian Education at 20 hours per week at \$15 per hour.
- The Fellowship Committee reported that the Spring Sing event was a success and they are preparing for the Men's Appreciation Dinner June 12th at 6pm.
- The Outreach reported the Mission Sunday in April a success.
- The Property Committee noted the cameras have been installed and training will be scheduled. Trinidad and his family will move into the manse after some work is completed. The sanctuary window treatment discussion is on hold until Joe Gillis coordinates with a contractor to assess the situation.
- Trinidad thanked the Session for their support and reported that Hispanic guests from Columbia participate in the Worship service via the internet.
- Pastor Brett reported several things:
 - 1) That he is actively involved in the Hispanic Council.
 - 2) That the Galatia Youth is going well, and that he will work with the high schoolers after the Triennium trip in July to provide a presentation to the congregation at a covered dish dinner upon their return.
 - 3) That the youth will help with the Bible stand dedication during Youth Sunday on May 15th.
 - 4) Ruth Dinkins will provide the Minute for Mission on Sunday, May 22nd.
 - 5) Brett's vacation from July 25th – Aug 1st was approved.
- The Parking Lot Capital Improvement was discussed, pending the State property settlement, and the Property Committee is to get a plan for the parking lot.



*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 at 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 from 5:30 pm to 8:00pm.

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 is a sign up sheet in the narthex and at the announcements chalkboard. If you have any questions or would like to sign up now- you may contact Winnie Jenkins at wjenkins1@nc.rr.com.



**THE FIRST VBS PLANNING MEETING WILL BE:
THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH AT 6PM!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Please bring bottled water and juice pouch donations to the kitchen between the ovens & microwave under the "VBS Donations" sign!

Well, details are coming together for me to head back to Brazil. For those who know me, it really is not a surprise. I often say, "I have two homes and two cultures." Having spent my childhood, teens and twenties on the mission field, no doubt, it is very much at home for me. I hope to be headed back to Brazil between the middle of August and the end of the year, all depending on raising my financial and prayer support.

As many in Galatia Church community know, I was on the mission field from 1997 to 2011. In 2011, the Lord brought me back to the USA to help my mother care for my father. He died in 2014, and she died in 2015. These five years have been a gift from the Lord. Besides the obedience to love and care for my parents, the Lord used that time to "feed" me spiritually. I was blessed to glean from their knowledge of the Lord's Word, and their passion to tell others of God's amazing love and grace. As Daddy would say, "you are a missionary or need one."

It has been such a great blessing to serve and be a part of Galatia Church Family. I will miss you folks dearly. I so thank you for your love, support and encouragement.

Now comes a new chapter in my life. The Lord allowing all to go as planned, I will return to the Edward Lane Bible Institute to assist in the Christian Education department of the Bible Institute. Presently, Mary Lane (granddaughter of the founder, who graduated in 1985) is the coordinator of the Christian Education department. I will assist her in the teaching of theory classes and in the students' practical field work.

The purpose of the Bible Institute is to prepare men and women for ministry. It is a 3 year course (junior college level), and every year, every student has theory of Christian Education (teacher training) and a practical (hands on) class. By the time they have finished their three year course, they have worked with all ages and have worked in all areas of ministry in the church. Ninety percent (or more) of our guys go on to seminary.

I need your prayers for this work and this new chapter of my life.

Thank you again for your prayers. We all need each other's prayers.

Ruth Dinkins

