

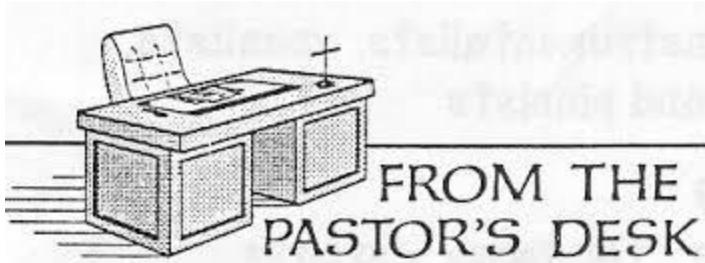


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As the summer winds down, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of our programs. Sunday School attendance has remained steady and we continue to challenge one another as we grow in faith and understanding. I also want to thank those who have

ensured that our Wednesday evening prayer meeting has continued throughout the summer. I have enjoyed sharing some thoughts with those in attendance and hope this ministry will continue through the fall.

Speaking of the fall, I will begin a confirmation class in September and look forward to working with those who wish to participate. I already have 3 or 4 young people scheduled to attend and I believe we will have a positive and fruitful experience as we explore the reformed faith together.

I continue to ask that you keep our prayer list handy and use it faithfully in your personal devotions. I am so grateful that you take this responsibility seriously here at Galatia. I often 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!

Brett

Colossians 2:6: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk with him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

We would like to thank each of you for all of the wonderful support we received through food, cards, visits, texts, emails, phone calls, flowers, thoughts and prayers during our recent loss. We are so grateful for this church family and it was deeply appreciated.

-Harold, Jennie, Wayne, Sheila, and their families



Books for change



Help us stop the cycle of poverty with books at the Ebenezer and Thandizo Libraries.

Thandizo Orphan care started in 2014. Believing that education is the key component in alleviating poverty, their goal is to help orphans get an education. They also work with spiritual development, health, and agriculture. Part of a large resource center has been renovated into a library for children. It is primarily for the children who are part of Thandizo, but all children are welcome to come.

Since most students in the government secondary and primary schools have no access to curriculum books, they can come here to study in the cubicles and receive help on homework. In addition to curriculum books, there is also a small collection of other books. They would very much like to expand their library, aiming now at books for primary grades. The educational director, Mtsigunga, spends mornings visiting children in schools to check on their progress and talk. Her afternoons are spent as librarian.

Ebenezer School is a private primary school for Malawian children. The children's parents work in and around Nkhoma at the hospital, nursing college, university, seminary, market and villages. Their library needs to grow as the student body grows from its current 300 students to almost 600 over the next 5 years. Many of the books are fiction texts with very American themes. They would love more non-fiction and culturally relevant books as students work to master the English language.

-Susan Rembert

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FINANCIAL REPORT (submitted by Frank Dawson, Treasurer)

Other Income and Disbursements for June 2016				
	Received this Month	Received this Year	Disbursed this Month	Disbursed Year to Date
2C Meal Offering (Presbytery)	\$44.44	\$392.26	\$44.44	\$392.26
Children's Hope Alliance (Barium)		\$44.45		\$28.20
Building Fund (Special Fund)		\$15,930.00		\$7,895.00
Cemetery Fund (Special Fund)	\$220.00	\$1,860.00	\$500.00	\$1,750.00
Timothy Fund (Special Fund)				
Organ Fund (Special Fund)		\$90.00	\$190.34	\$1,990.34
Gideon's				
Pentecost	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
One Great Hour of Sharing				

Financial Report for General Fund	June	Year to Date	Sunday School Attendance:		
Total Funds Received	\$12,549.00	\$100,502.28	6/5	21	\$18.00
Total Food Panty Funds Received	\$359.16	\$3,409.59	6/12	25	\$26.25
Total Funds Expenditures	\$15,408.41	\$116,560.05	6/19	19	\$20.40
Total Funds Required	\$19,911.24	\$119,467.44	6/26	20	\$20.35

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

During August we will be collecting: **school supplies such as crayons, pencils, pens, coloring books, etc.** If batteries are needed, please include them. There is a box in the narthex for you to place these items.

Xan Allen





Presbyterian Women

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" Romans 10:4

NO CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR August: (Flowers for August: **Circle #2**)

Sunday, August 7th 3:00pm Bridal shower for Jessica West, bride of Daniel Turner

Monday, August 8th 6:30pm Joint Circle with Sherry Page and Heidi Lindsay

Sunday, August 21st 5:00pm Annual Meeting with Officer Installation

Jane Gillis Turner, Moderator



Galatia's Annual Fall Festival, Saturday September 24th is less than 60 days away.

Mark your calendars for a day of FUN! We will have a BBQ dinner with amazing home-made desserts, as well as Children's Activities, Craft Corner, General Store, and plenty of homemade desserts to take home and enjoy. Let us not forget the Auction!

The Fellowship Committee welcomes your support!

Please sign up to help with shopping, children's meals, auction, advertizing and signs, food serving, decorating, auction donations, ticket sales, food delivery, crafts, or desserts. Call the church office, or contact a Fellowship Committee member!

If you'd like a pack of 20 tickets to sell, contact Julie Layton! (unsold tickets can be returned!)

Thank you in advance for your interest in volunteering for the Fall Festival!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." **I Peter 4:10**

2016 Galatia Vacation Bible School...It was an Ocean Commotion!

Every day, our kids are challenged to stand for God in their schools, among their friends, in our culture...no matter what. And they are bombarded with the lie that God's Word is not true.

Noah experienced the same challenges during the time of the great Flood thousands of years ago. Yet, by God's grace, he was able to **Stand for God, Obey God, Trust God, Thank God, and Fear God**...no matter what. The biggest watery catastrophe the world has ever known happened during his lifetime. But through it all, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

There was an average of 41 campers and over 20 adults each day of VBS. Together, we had an epic adventure as we dove into the account of Noah and the Flood from the book of Genesis.

This year we again had six classes to include the Pre-K Little Sharks (Jessica Gillis/Amanda Gillis), K/1 Turtles (Carol Pyne/Tonya Johnson), 2/3 Otters (Xan Allen/Connie Lindsey), 4/5 Swordfish (Jane Turner/Nancy Autry), 6-8 Sharks (Ruth Dinkins/Lisa Seever) and our adult class (Herman Autry).

All groups (except the adult class) had daily rotation stations. Each day, campers enjoyed music with Amy Stovall and recreation time with Patricia Newton. On Monday and Wednesday night, it was arts and crafts with Shelby Lindsay. Then, on Thursday night there was Science with Frank and Debbie Dawson where everyone learned about how the flood affected Earth.

Tuesday was a special day focusing on our service project where the children spent time with Julie Layton in the food pantry helping prepare for the weekly distribution on Friday as well as learning about how important this outreach program is to our community.

During worship service on Sunday, several children opened our service with a heartwarming song and they also wore their class bandanas.

We set a goal again this year to raise \$1,000.00 to donate to two very important mission ministries in our Church; Ruth Dinkins and the Mission to the World, and Susan Rembert and the Ebenezer Institute of Learning. To make things fun, each day the boys and girls were challenged to see who could put the most animals on the Ark (\$10 in donations = 1 animal). Each day was a fierce competition with the boys placing the most animals and winning the challenge. Even though our attendance was slightly down from last year we still managed to surpass our goal. A big thanks to Ruth for her creative work in creating our Ark and animals.

We are so proud of the work that was done at VBS. A big, big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this year's VBS a success! We appreciate everyone...from the staff at the registration desk, our artists that decorated, to the Camp Chef's, the amazing youth helpers, and the awesome teachers! God definitely was guiding us all as we pulled off a fun and exciting week for everyone. A special thank you to Mr. Earl Capps for the wonderful photos he captured during the week's events. Please stop by the bulletin board to view the photos as it will warm your heart.

Please join the fun next year!





Extraordinary Women Conference
September 30-October 1
Roanoke, Virginia

Speakers include: Liz Curtis Higgs, Julie Clinton, Joe White, Candace Cameron Bure, Ann Voskamp, Kasey Van Norman, and Nicole Johnson

If you are interested in joining this trip, please speak to either Diane Young or the church office for more information and/or to signal your interest. All interested parties need to get on the list by **Tuesday Aug 10th**, so that we can determine lodging and associated fees, then allowing people to make a final decision, and a finished roster can be made and registration can be done as a group.