

***The Herald* ~ The Monthly Newsletter of**
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Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples, Serving Others

JULY

- 3 Sunday: Regular Worship Day**
- 4 Monday: Independence Day**
9:00 AM Home With a Heart
Church Office Closed
- 5 Tuesday: 6:15 PM Discipleship Study**
- 6 Wednesday: Evening Activities**
11:00 AM Circle of Love Women
- 9 Saturday: 9:00 AM Joyful Quilters**
- 10 Sunday: Regular Worship**
12:15 PM Monthly Deacon Meeting
- 13 Wednesday: Evening Activities**
10:00 AM Men on Mission pick up at
Harvest Hope and stocking to PERC
- 17 Sunday: Regular Sunday Worship**
2:00 PM Piedmont Post Acute
Worship in Song & Devotional
- 19 Tuesday: 6:15 PM Spiritual Renewal**
- 20 Wednesday: 6:00 PM Hot Dog &**
WWW WATER-FAMILY FUN Night
- 24 Sunday: Regular Worship Day**
11:00 AM Deacon Election
- 26 Tuesday: 6:15 PM**
Circle of Joy Women's study
- 27 Wednesday: Evening Activities**
- 30 Saturday: 2:00 Churchwide Pool**
Party - O'Brien Family Backyard
- 31 Sunday: Regular Worship Day**
6:00 PM Community Combined 5th
Sunday Service at Porch Fellowship

Regular Sunday Worship Order:

9:30 AM Morning Prayer-All are welcome
10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
11:00 AM Worship Service

Regular Wednesday Order:

6:15 PM Children/Youth Family Meal
6:45 PM Children/Youth Activity
Mission Friends
Prayer/Devotion Meeting for all
7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

"The Strength of Our Faith Builds Our Togetherness in Christ"

As we seek His face and do the will of God during our Summer Sermon Series in Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians, let us be mindful of how we can demonstrate what it truly means to be "together in Christ."

Paul's letter to the Galatians strengthens our faith and assurance that we are truly free in Christ (*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery,"* Galatians 5:1, NIV). His letter to the Ephesians strengthens our faith and gives us understanding about the true nature and purpose of the Church (*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all,"* Ephesians 4:4-6, NIV). And, his Epistle to the Philippians strengthens our faith and offers us the only true source of joy through Jesus Christ (*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"* Philippians 4:4, NIV). We have freedom, purpose, and joy in and through Christ alone. But, with such freedom, purpose, and joy comes the responsibility to do the Lord's will. It is God's will that these Divine strengths are to be invested in the building up of the Church, the Body of Christ, and in furthering His Kingdom.

With singleness-of-mind and purpose, are we using the strength of all our gifts, talents, time, and treasures in proclaiming the Gospel to the lost in our community, in the making and multiplying of maturing disciples, and in serving others as Jesus serves us each day? Or, are we selfishly and neglectfully simply giving back to God out of our excess, our leftovers, and our scraps – if there are any crumbs left to spare?

God's Master Plan includes the desire to set us free, to give us joy, and the building up of our faith in order for our Church to live and work "together in Christ." But, this can only be achieved if we are truly filled and walking in the authority and power of the Holy Spirit; in our mind, body, heart, soul, spirit, attitude, and behavior.

Together, let us allow God to use us to encourage and strengthen one another's faith and the building up of the Saints until His return. Let us work together in completing the mission the Lord has given to us, individually and as "One in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). This is how we truly demonstrate thanks to God for what He has done for each of us.

I am hoping to see our church family rally together to invite your youth, friends, family and neighbors to gather teams of three or sign up individually to meet some new friends for our

Piedmont Community Youth Disc Golf Tournament

Friday, August 5th 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Piedmont Presbyterian Church Park
3-person teams ages 9-12, 13-15, 16-18
Lunch included Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

Register/Questions - call or email:
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Together in Christ, Pastor Ron



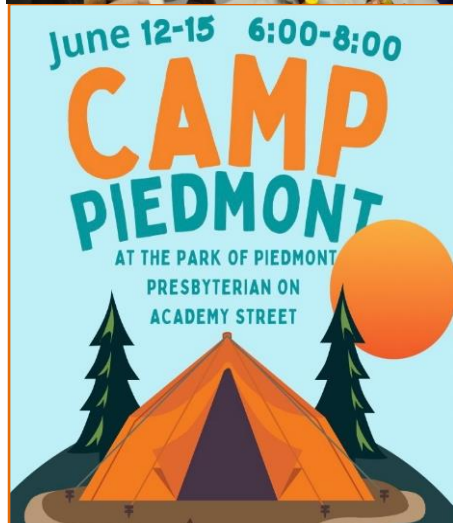
AA/NA Meetings in the Morgan Building: Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 PM
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM M-T-Th-F 1:00-5:00 PM Wednesdays

Youth & Children

GROUNDING IN FAITH

COMMUNITY VBS CAMP PIEDMONT included 4 days, 3 Bible characters, 47 children, 5 churches, 8 craft tables, 350 ice-pops, 4 field games, 25 volunteers, 7 cans of bug repellent, a night of 101 degrees, an ice-cream bar with 12 toppings, countless blessings and scripture memory in the heart.

Special thanks to Piedmont Presbyterian Church for sharing their beautiful park as our venue and to Kenneth & Crystal Selfridge & George O'Brien for organizing the crafts, setting up craft tents and tables every night, plus the amazing ice cream bar. Christy Rose, Barbara Greer, Gloria McAbee and Jessica & Emmaline Few, Ron & Sherry Rallis blessed the kids with smiles and helping hands in many support roles.



Two Above: Aiden and Wyatt display Children's Church activity and Cierra's multi language verses on, "His banner over me is love." **One Above:** Summer Family Game Night with *Meme*, *Clue* and *Candyland*. **Left:** Sometimes it takes teamwork: Maggie and Lorelai ring the bell for Call to worship. **Right:** Pastor Ron and George set up a VBS team paper airplane launch.

We are the Hands & Feet of Jesus

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUPS

CIRCLE OF LOVE – Meets the **1st Wednesday** of each month at **11:00 AM** "For God so loved us that we want to share that love." All ladies are invited. Join us **Wednesday, July 6th and August 3rd**.

CIRCLE OF JOY – Our devotional study, *The 52 Greatest Stories of the Bible*, meets on the **4th Tuesday, July 26th, 6:15-7:30 PM** (light snack provided) All ladies are invited.

JOYFUL QUILTERS – Join us **Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** in the Howard Room, as we create comfort quilts for friends and for your family- beginners welcome.

WWW– Churchwide **Watermelon-Wieners-Water Slide** **Wednesday, July 20th, 6:00-8:00 PM**.

WWW-JULY 20th Watermelon-Wieners & Waterslide: Piedmont Fire Department & Women on Mission will bring our summer waterslide fun for the whole family. We'll have a free ice cream truck along with a hot-dog supper and water games. Invite your neighbors & friends.

"THIRST DAY" • Thursdays, 2:00 PM

We have reached our first milestone! God has led us to complete the visitation of all the homes in Grove Landing near the intersection of Highway 25 and Old Bessie Road (Highway 86). We have been blessed with Gary Peterson and Maria Gomez as regular attendees of our Sunday services from this effort with the potential of others joining them. Thank you to Christy Rose and Bridget Tunstall who have joined the Outreach Team and are serving by preparing the Welcome Bags each week. We need another team of two people so we can reach 20 new families each week. That would mean a new attendee could join us every two weeks! Thank you, God, for rewarding our faithfulness! Days/Times are flexible. Please contact George O'Brien.



PIEDMONT POST ACUTE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE – On **July 17th and the 3rd Sunday monthly, from 2:00-2:30 PM**, the Outreach Team hosts a singing and devotional service at the Piedmont Post Acute. Contact: George O'Brien.
Left & Below: Melissa

McMahan presents Father's Day flowers to each person who joined us for the June 19th devotion, while George led devotion and music. We welcome anyone to come sing with us.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jackson Greer	7 th	
James Johnson	10 th	
Paige Crawford	11 th	
Debbie Adkins	12 th	
Kitty Blackstone	12 th	
Lori Shelton	12 th	
Dan Hall	14 th	
Ron Rallis	15 th	
Jon McCann	16 th	Maggie Cloninger 19 th
Nathanael Eppes	18 th	Abigail Vaughan 24 th
Miranda White	18 th	Nora Hooper 25 th



Congratulations on your WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Ron & Sherry Rallis 30th

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES

THE PROCESS FOR "MAKING DISCIPLES"– **Monthly Study:** What is true discipleship? Let's seek the Lord together.

Tuesday, July 5th 6:15-7:15 PM, 1st Tuesdays monthly CHURCH-WIDE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FORUM – **Tuesday, July 19th, 6:15-7:15 PM**, and each **3rd Tuesday**, Pastor Ron facilitates a Church-wide open forum on living an abundant spiritual life.

Below: A prayerful song by our summer ensemble draws us to worship and ask the Father to, **"SHINE ON US."**



GENERAL FUND BUDGET & GIVING REPORT

MAY Monthly Report

BUDGET: \$ 16,288

RECEIVED: \$8,454

Board of Deacons

2021-2022

Lewis Cowart
Robert Elrod
Jeff Garrison

2022-2023

Brian Few, Vice Chair
Crystal Selfridge, Secretary
Kenneth Selfridge, Chair

JULY 10 monthly **DEACONS MEETING** 12:15 PM

JULY 13 Churchwide **Business Meeting** 6:45 PM

To make online tithes/offerings/donations, options include credit card, debit card, or Paypal account. Click the QR code or the link on our website: <http://fbc-piedmont.org/> If you have questions, please contact Ann Yerrick in the church office.



~MEMORIALS~

In Memory of VON LEE GAMBRELL: Cathy Ballard, Rebecca Grant, Doris Hughey, Patricia Parker, Rev. Ron & Sherry Rallis and Carol Ann Rosenberg

In Memory of BEVERLY TRAYNHAM:

Rev. Ron & Sherry Rallis

Thank you to our JULY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Nursery:

Sunday Children's Reflection:

3	Tiffany Lister	3	Gary Peterson
10	Christy Rose	10	Crystal Selfridge
17	Dixie Caulder	17	Sherry Rallis
24	Gloria McAbee	24	Ni O'Brien
31	Sherry Rallis	31	Gary Peterson

Deacon of the Month: Lewis Cowart

Counters: Brent Greer & Kenneth Selfridge

Elevator: Kenneth Selfridge

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Are You Looking Forward to Serving?

Our Nominating Committee is praying and seeking to grow servant-leadership committee teams who enjoy working *Together In Christ*, by sharing your gifts and talents in so many different areas. If you are interested in serving on a special committee, feel free to contact:

- Barbara Greer, Chair
- Melissa McMahan
- Betty White



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