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**GOD**

GOD is like Coke—He’s the real thing.

GOD is like PAN AM—He makes the going great.

GOD is like General Electric—He lights your path.

GOD is like Bayer Aspirin—He works wonders.

GOD is like Hallmark Cards—He cares enough to send the very best.

GOD is like Tide—He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

GOD is like VO Hairspray—He holds through all kind of weather.

GOD is like Dial Soap—Aren’t you glad you know him? Don’t you wish everyone did?

GOD is like Sears—He has everything!

GOD is like Alka Seltzer—Try him you’ll like him.

GOD is like Scotch Tape—You can’t see him, but you know he’s there.

Submitted by—Jane Keys

**Special points of interest:**

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than August 27th .
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th.
- LAST FFF June 9th
- Adult Craft Day June 10th
- Vacation Bible School week of July 17th–21st

# Scriptures

## Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear This Summer will come from the following readings:

June 4th	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
June 11th	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8:1-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
June 18th	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
June 25th	Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
July 2nd	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13:1-6 Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
July 9th	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 52-30
July 16th	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23rd	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30th	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
August 6th	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15 Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
August 13th	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
August 20th	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133:1-3 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20)21-28
August 27th	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124:1-8 Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

## Session Notes

Session has decided to take down the fence by the playground/parking lot area due to its poor condition. No decision has been reached regarding a possible replacement. Consideration is being given to replacing with a no maintenance option, while keeping the current picket appearance. If anyone has suggestions please feel free to drop a note into the "mail box" on the table in the narthex. Suggestions are welcome.

We recently had a training evening for all who might be interested, conducted by a member of the rescue squad, Cheryl Chambers. Session has been looking into the purchase of an AED unit to be kept at the church. This equipment is used to give aid in the event of a heart emergency. At this time, due to the cost of approximately \$ 2,000 plus annual battery replacement, we have decided, for now, to not move ahead. Again, input from the congregation is welcome.

There is a low, round, oak table that has outlived its ability to function efficiently for the church. We do not know who might have donated the table. If anyone knows please make that information available to us. If we do not have that information forthcoming, we may offer it to any member who could use it, in exchange for a donation, or we may offer it for sale, perhaps through Sue Clary. Our goal is to free up some space for a desk (that has been donated) near the phone, and to put some bookcases in that area for a library that will make a variety of books available for borrowing. Any ideas?

## Bible Study

Bible study Wednesday, June 7 8:30 AM. Readings for Pentecost not only the familiar include Acts 1 story about the birth of the church, but this year also suggest readings from Numbers 11 about Moses and Israel, fresh from Egypt; problems they encountered. God provide empowerment and guidance through a gift of Spirit. This Wednesday the Bible study group begins a new resource from Adam Hamilton about Moses. We expect 6 sessions for study, content and discussion and that we may learn much and be reminded of even more through our own challenges and successes; and God's gift of Spirit for any who live as God's community today. You are invited, so come once or twice, or whatever and sample some important and encouraging minutes with bible and friends.

## Coming Soon ....

The room outside the bathroom area is being set up to hold our new library. Many of you know that we lost many books in our former library, due to the hurricane and flooding a few years ago. There are more than forty new books ready to place on shelves, and available for borrowing. The collection ranges from "self/church improvement, classic faith literature, to modern personal faith life stories. From time to time we will highlight a book in the hope that you will be intrigued by the content. We will ask you to sign out a book when you take it, but the process will be easy. As soon as the books are in place they will be available. Watch for the final announcement. Happy reading !!!

# Birthdays/Anniversaries

## June Birthday's

7th Tom Jilek  
10th James Tomasi  
25th Arna Thibeau

## July Birthday's

3rd	Dean Hanks	6th	Helen Simmons
7th	Jim Briglin		Mary VanDeWater
11th	Jean Skellie	14th	Donna Holmes
16th	Chris Barrett	17th	Austin Keys
25th	Bob Prebble		
26th	Christopher Barrett		

## August Birthdays

1st	Holden Keys	Evelyn Braymer
	Chris Prebble	
3rd	Neal Rea	
6th	Todd keys	
16th	Irlene Mears	Holly Keys
	Ida Armstrong	
18th	Marie Bell	
20th	Charlie Perry	Norma Skellie
21st	Alberta Murn	
22nd	Amy Thetford	
24th	Madison Barrett	

## June Anniversaries

11th Michael & Jane Barron

## July Anniversaries

3rd James & Kay Tomasi  
28th Tom & Diane Jilek

## August Anniversaries

6th Jay & Kim Skellie  
7th Neal & Carol Rea  
8th Bob & Chris Prebble  
26th Jim & Pat Briglin

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## *Christian Nurture*

Christian Nurture is continuing to truck along. We are in the beginning stages of planning for VBS scheduled July 17-21. It will once again be a morning format, since that seemed to work well for most volunteers. VBS is coming up quick! We have chosen a program from Group Publishing called CampOut. It is actually meant to be a weekend program but we will once again be tweaking it to make it a 5 day morning program. The music is wonderful and the camping theme is just perfect. We will be 'Getting S'More of Jesus' and proclaiming that 'Jesus is the Light' from Monday July 17th -Friday July 21st, 9:00 -11:30am. Keep your eye on the bulletin and church Facebook page for meeting times. We'll keep you posted on any updates and meetings.

Faith Filled Fridays went really well for the month of April. We kicked things off with an Easter egg hunt in the sanctuary. We numbered 78 eggs and the kids had to find them all. Once all were found, we proceeded to open the first 12 in numerical order. Each egg held a small item (for example a plant leaf, a piece of linen, a nail) and also included a scripture passage read by the child who opened the egg. By the time we finished opening all 12 eggs we had read the full account of the Easter story. The rest of the 66 eggs were split up among the 11 kids who came that day. They were in candy heaven! After our time in the sanctuary we moved on to the chapel where we got a little messy painting our 'Hosanna' and 'He is Risen' banners for Palm Sunday and Easter services. The kids loved decorating them with their colorful handprints. We ended with an empty tomb treat. A graham cracker spread with frosting was our base to place a sliced donut on end (so you could see the whole in the middle). We then rolled an oreo into place, just off center of the donut hole, to make it look like the stone rolled away from the tomb. Once the kids were sufficiently sugared up, we sent them home! Can't wait for our next meeting!

Submitted by — Amy Thetford

## Words of Thanks

I don't think words can adequately express the love and gratitude I have in my heart for my church family and the Salem community at this moment. The generosity that poured forth on our little church basket raffle was astounding! And the God moments that sprung up everywhere was simply AMAZING! Here's a few examples to show you what I mean. A church member came and sat down on the bench, tired and a little grim. It was her birthday, she wasn't feeling well and others weren't making it any better for her. Another church member wished her Happy Birthday, tossed her \$15, and said 'Buy yourself some tickets. Have some fun!'. Well, God sure did bless her. She won 2 really nice baskets that we all knew she would love!! Two other church members who kept saying 'I don't know why I bother putting in tickets. I never, EVER win anything at these raffles' . The smiles on their faces when their name was picked was absolutely priceless!

The joy on the kids' faces when I asked them to help me pick names from the bags was wonderful, just beaming with pride, and anticipation! One girl who helped pull names wouldn't draw from one bag because she had come in three times with her father that morning to drop her name into that bag. I asked her if she wanted me to pick for her. She said yes and the whole time I was praying 'Dear Lord let it be her ticket!!' . Sure enough, when I pulled the ticket, it belonged to her and she was grinning from ear to ear (along with Helen Simmons who became her personal cheerleader)!!! And boy did those kids take their duties seriously, shaking those bags until I thought their arms would fall off, and making sure they didn't peek down into the bag when they were pulling tickets. So precious!

The smiles on the faces of those who won was contagious! One gentleman, who none of us knew, was so grateful, just kept saying 'thank you' and 'this is so wonderful' over and over. He couldn't believe someone would pack such a lovely basket with so many beautiful home canned goods. He was in awe! Truly grateful!

And there was the ever faithful Dolores, who sat in that chair tearing off and handing out more tickets than any of us ever thought possible and staying through with me til the bitter end, when we finally locked up at 4:30! God love ya Dolores!!

Not to mention all the rest of the faith family who hung out with us for the afternoon, or checked in and out through out the day. I loved the fellowship! Many hands made light work and I am truly grateful to each and every one of you! WE, that's ALL of us together, made \$1277.00 for Lunch, Learn and Play. God blesses those who bless others. And boy are we blessed! Thank you everyone!!

Submitted by Amy Thetford

## Service Schedule for August 2017

### Elder of the Month: Sylvia Graham

#### Sunday, August 6th

Reader: David Simmons  
Coffee Time: Dave & Irlene Mears  
Kim Skellie

#### Sunday, August 13th

Reader: Sylvia Graham  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

#### Sunday, August 20th

Reader: Jane Keys  
Coffee Time: David & Helen Simmons  
Arna Thibeau

#### Sunday, August 27th

Reader: Kim Skellie  
Coffee Time: Alberta Murn  
Sylvia Graham

## Donkey Duty

Not too long ago we heard a sermon that described the task of getting the donkeys for the entry into Jerusalem as a menial task—one that was perceived as a task that was beneath the status of those who were sent. Since then we have often referred to some of those tasks that need to be done around our building as “donkey duty”. There are numerous big and little jobs that need to be done, that are not assigned to anyone or any group, that we can take care of.

In the past we have had “spring clean-up days” but in more recent years attendance has been minimal due to conflicting schedules among other reasons. Recently we have noticed that some “angels” have been busy in the church. Did you notice that the communion cup and flagon have a new shinier appearance? Someone polished them for us. Hymnbooks and Bibles have been returned to the pews from our winter Chapel use.

There are other “jobs” that need to be done and it would be great if when we see something that needs cleaning, organization, polishing, etc. we just do it ourselves, or get a friend or small group together to address the task.

Some possible ideas are: polishing the cross and candlesticks, dusting/cleaning the Pastor's office or copy room, putting away items that get left in various locations around the building, or maybe removing weeds from the planting areas around the Sanctuary entries.

BE AN ANGEL—find a task that needs to be done, and help maintain our building and grounds.

## Service Schedule for July 2017

### Elder of the Month: TBD

#### Sunday, July 2nd

Reader: Neal Rea

Coffee Time: Mary VanDeWater  
Amy Thetford

#### Sunday, July 16th

Reader: Marie Bell

Coffee Time: Nancy Bardwell  
Neal Rea

#### Sunday, July 9th

Reader: Nancy Rountree

Coffee Time: Marilyn Hanby, Donna Holmes

#### Sunday, July 23rd

Reader: Nancy Bardwell

Coffee Time: Diane Jilek  
Nancy Rountree

#### Sunday, July 30th

Reader: Seth Pitts

Coffee Time: Fifth Sunday Celebration

# June 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 <b>PENTECOST</b>					
5 Michael Barron Worship 10am Plant Orders Due	6 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Bible Study 8:30 am	8 Line Dancing 9:30am	9 FFF 2:30 pm	10 Adult Craft Day 10am
11 Harry Booth Worship 10am	13 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	14 Bible Study 8:30 am	15 Line Dancing 9:30am	16	17
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	20 WIC Clinic 8:30 am	21 Bible Study 8:30 am Session 7pm	22	23	24
19 Char Killam Worship 10 am Worship & Music 11:30 am	26 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	28 Bible Study 8:30 am	29 Line Dancing 9:30am	30	
25 Harry Booth Worship 10am 4 Cents a Meal Collection	27				

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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!  
Service begins at 10 AM

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**Service Schedule for  
June 2017**

**Elder of the Month: Diane Jilek**

Sunday, June 4th

Reader: Jane Barron  
Coffee Time: Ruth Ihne  
Marie Bell

Sunday, June 11th

Reader: Sylvia Graham  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

Sunday, June 18th

Reader: Kim Skellie  
Coffee Time: Dolores Phaneuf  
Jean & Norma Skellie

Sunday, June 25th

Reader: Jean Skellie  
Coffee Time: Kay Tomasi  
Jane & Tom Keys