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How Soon We Forget.....How Much To Remember

I'm writing these words on Monday, October 27. It is my son's second wedding anniversary. Being the good son that he is, he calls me every morning on his drive to work. After I talked with him, I sat down with Polly at the breakfast table, and she asked, "Did you wish Kris a Happy Anniversary?"

"No," I replied. "I forgot."

In a few minutes, Kris called back. He said, "You could have wished me a happy anniversary."

I said, "I could if I'd remembered."

He answered, "Well, Mom remembered. She posted a Happy Anniversary message on Facebook, and Bobbi saw it and called me."

Bobbi is his wife.

"Are you in trouble?" I inquired.

"Nope! She thought it was funny! She forgot, too!"

There are so many things happening in this world in which we live, so much information, that we can't keep up with it all. We forget. We find ourselves with two or three things scheduled for the same day, or at the same time.

I've noticed it with my doctor's appointments. They give me a card with the time and date on it. They send me email reminders. They call me a day or two in advance. I asked if this was only for Senior Citizens, but they say they do it for all their patients. And I still forget! I'm late! Or I have a meeting or an event at the same time.

I'm reminded of a verse from the Psalms: "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits." That's Psalm 103:2, in case you didn't remember. It continues: "Who forgives all your sins, who heals all your ailments; who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercy, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

In the past couple of years, Psalm 103 has become a favorite, as I realize that God does forgive all my sins, and that God has healed and is healing me of all my ailments, that God has indeed redeemed my life, and that God is indeed renewing my life.

By the way, this week makes my second anniversary as your interim pastor. I performed Kris and Bobbi's wedding the Saturday before I came to Marianna to be with you. It is in you and through you that God is renewing my life. And I want to remember to say, "Thank you!"
Yours in Christ's service, Ted Land



Adult Education Hour

Enjoy cookies, juices, hot chocolate and coffee every Sunday prior to Education hour from 9:15 until 9:45. Whether you are new to Marianna or a life-long member, gather for a time of fellowship, make new friendships and to ask about our Church. There are classes for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. including three classes for Adults. The Adults in the parlor will be studying:

November 2 God's Divine Glory Returns

Ezekiel 43:1-12

November 9 The Altar, A Sign of Hope

Ezekiel 43:13-21

November 16 A Transforming Stream

Ezekiel 47:1, 3-12

November 23 Transformation Continued

Ezekiel 47:13-23

November 30 Let Zion Rejoice

Isaiah 52:1-2, 7-12.

Ladies Circles Meeting

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on the following dates:

Monday, November 3

Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor

Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at Macky Gortmoller

Wildflowers on Wednesday November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amanda Hinson



Montreat Group

Thanksgiving Montreat Luncheon

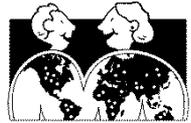
The Youth will be hosting their next Montreat luncheon on **Sunday, November 16th** after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Thanksgiving celebration with Turkey and all the fixings. Please come join us and bring a friend.



PALS Luncheon on November 18

The PALS Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 12 noon. Reservations for lunch (\$5.00 per person) may be made by filling out one of the *Welcome* cards and placing it on the offering plate on any Sunday morning or by contacting the church office by 10 a.m. on Monday, October 20 at 526-2430 or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net. Charlotte Hunter has volunteered to prepare the meals. Come and join us for a great lunch and bring a friend.

Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home for Children



Our Thanksgiving Special Offering for the work of Thornwell Home for Children located in Clinton, South Carolina will be received on **Sunday, November 23**. There will be special envelopes in the bulletin that Sunday that may be used for this offering.

According to our history book, our first offering for Thornwell was received in January 1910! As we receive our Thanksgiving offering for Thornwell in November, we will celebrate our support for this very special work. Thank you for your prayerful concern and support for this ministry.

Help Wanted We want YOU for Sunday School!

Christian Education needs **volunteers** to teach the K-5 Sunday School Class. Classes are taught on a monthly rotating basis so your commitment is for a month vs. the entire Sunday school year. As a Sunday school teacher, you have the opportunity to change lives through your teaching. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity as it is a real need in our church. Please email the church office at firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net.

A Lofty Enterprise



Jack Brainerd, owner of Jack's Painting and Pressure Cleaning out of Alford, works on the louvers on the bell tower of the First Presbyterian Church. Brainerd has plenty of experience restoring buildings. He worked on the restoration of the Hinson house and painted City Hall as well as First Methodist Church in Marianna. Brainerd will be working on sealing cracks, restoring and painting First Presbyterian Church over the coming weeks.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2 at 2 a.m. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

James and Jodi McGill; Mission co-workers in Malawi since 1995 Serving at the invitation of the Church of Central Africa -- Presbyterian/Livingstonia Synod



James and Jodi McGill *Jim and Jodi will next be in the USA, based in Atlanta GA, May – October 2015. Email them or the Mission Connections office (Rachel.Anderson@pcusa.org) to extend an invitation to visit your congregation or organization.*

About Jim and Jodi McGill's ministry

Jim and Jodi McGill have been under appointment as mission co-workers since 1995. Their most recent assignment, which began in 2000, is in Mzuzu, Malawi, just two hours from Embangweni, where they had lived for 10 years. Jim and Jodi moved to Mzuzu at the request of the Synod of Livingstonia of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), the PC(USA)'s partner in Malawi, in order to widen the scope of their work to include the entire synod. After their reappointment in June 2004, Jodi began working part-time at the Ekwendeni Hospital's nursing school as a clinical instructor. Malawi is a landlocked country bordering Tanzania to the north and east, Mozambique to the south, east and west, and Zambia to the west. Mzuzu, a small town with electricity, email access, shops and several schools, is located in the northern region of Malawi. The predominant illnesses in Malawi are malaria, pneumonia, anemia, malnutrition, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS-related illnesses. The average life expectancy is 35 years, which reflects the high mortality rates from malaria and HIV/AIDS. Jim serves as coordinator of protected water within the Synod of Livingstonia's Development Department. He coordinates the clean water and sanitation work of the synod's three hospitals and the clean water section of the synod's Development Department. The focus of his work is to ensure sustainability at the community level and to ensure the church is a strong presence in the rural development of Malawi and an effective advocate for its people.

Country context

Malawi, a relatively small country on the African continent, is poor and has suffered from drought and floods as well as the spread of HIV/AIDS. In spite of the many challenges and hardships Malawi faces, the faith of its people remains strong. With roots in the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland, and the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, the CCAP was formed in the late 1940s. Since beginning its involvement in Malawi in the 1950s, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has sent many long-term and short-term mission personnel to serve in the country. The Synod of Livingstonia, one of four synods of the CCAP, grew out of a mission station founded in 1875 and named in honor of David Livingstone, the famed Scottish Presbyterian missionary. Malawi is a landlocked country bordering Tanzania to the north and east, Mozambique to the south, east and west, and Zambia to the west. Mzuzu, a small town with electricity, email access, shops and several schools, is located in the northern region of Malawi. The predominant illnesses in Malawi are malaria, pneumonia, anemia, malnutrition, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS-related illnesses. The average life expectancy is 35 years, which reflects the high mortality rates from malaria and HIV/AIDS.

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About Jim and Jodi McGill

Prior to their move to Mzuzu in 2000, Jodi was a staff nurse on the wards of Embangweni Hospital, which was founded by mission personnel of the Free Church of Scotland in 1926. She treated patients in the outpatient department, assisted with administration, and worked with Malawian counterparts to develop and implement primary health care projects. In Mzuzu, as coordinator of primary health care, she works with the synod's three hospitals, the congregation-based malaria prevention program, HIV/AIDS prevention and care, support programs in communities and hospitals, and a variety of other public health programs.

Jodi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and microbiology from Northern Arizona University. She also holds an M.S. in nursing and a master's in public health from Emory University. She has served as a nurse both in the Atlanta, Georgia, area and in Africa.

Jim received his B.S. in physics from Wake Forest University before finishing his M.S. in geological engineering at the University of Arizona. Jim has spent many years in Africa doing geophysical research for the Geology Department at Duke and as the child of Presbyterian missionaries to Congo.

The McGills are the parents of six children, twins Jason and Michael, Salome, Selina and twins Joseph and John

A letter from Jodi McGill in Malawi May 2014

In our January newsletter we mentioned that the rains were late in coming. Well, they continued until about the middle of May, so the reservoir is full and hopefully the crop yield will be adequate to meet people's needs.

We also mentioned that Malawi was going to have elections for president, members of parliament and local officials. Today, May 20, is the day, and we continue to pray for a peaceful and fair election day and that the results will be peacefully received this week.

Thank you all for your prayers and thoughts while I was away in the U.S.A. doing my required clinical practice to be relicensed as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I am awaiting the final feedback from the Georgia Board of Nursing but am anticipating everything to go smoothly. I volunteered at a clinic for vulnerable people across from the Martin

Luther King Jr. Memorial in downtown Atlanta called the Community Advanced Practice Nurses Clinic. The clinic operates on a sliding scale with most people paying nothing and some paying up to \$20. The clients ranged from teenage runaways living on the street, some of them coming for required physicals to enter a shelter or work/drug rehabilitation program; immigrants' kids needing the usual school entry physicals; families of foreign graduate students; refugees; women and children fleeing family violence; and people trapped by poverty and/or drug and alcohol addiction. Some clients have been coming to the clinic for 10 years and view the clinic as their primary care facility. Care providers included medical students from Morehouse University and nurse practitioner and public health master's students from Emory University. It was a great working, caring, and learning environment.



Existing hand-dug well producing highly contaminated and very brackish water. The Shire River can be seen in the background. One morning while waiting for the clinic to open I used the time to visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. It is a very moving and inspirational national monument. One of MLK Jr.'s many famous quotes resonated with what I see the

PC(USA) and the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian doing as a way of putting their faith into action. MLK Jr. said, "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture of their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." Locally and internationally the church is engaged in meeting the myriad of needs of people, including the work in which Jim and I are involved in health and water and sanitation.

One program that many of you know of and have helped with is the Synod Scholarship Fund for Secondary School Students. To better link the funds that are donated to the Scholarship Fund a separate ECO account with the PC(USA) is being set up designated specifically for this

Scholarship Fund. This should ensure that funds will be more quickly received and reporting on the funds should be easier and more rapid as well. The new ECO account number is E052170, Livingstonia Scholarships Secondary and Post-Secondary.



The drilling team from Mzuzu with community laborers drilling to a fresh aquifer in Chikoti, Mozambique. PC(USA) partnerships in Africa have provided interesting links in our work, which in turn have led to opportunities in sharing the holistic ministry of the Church. Jim has recently been involved in using the private sector drilling teams that have been trained through his work with the Development Department of the Synod of Livingstonia to provide fresh water across the Malawi border in Mozambique. The PC(USA) regional liaison for Southern Africa, Doug Tilton, was speaking to the Outreach Foundation about their problems in assisting the very needy communities in Tete Province of Mozambique with water,

so Doug made the connection that the hand-drilling techniques that we are training might be a solution for these communities.

The need for safe and fresh water can be met through low-cost hand-drilling techniques. The finished product of a hand-drilled well cannot be distinguished from an expensive mechanically drilled well.

After an exploratory visit across the border of the southernmost point of Malawi (500 miles from Mzuzu), it was seen that the needs in those post-conflict communities are tremendous, but getting mechanical drilling rigs to the sites is prohibitively expensive. We found the communities were drinking water directly from the Shire River and determined that there was good potential for hand-drilling wells that could provide safe water. However, there is a tremendous problem due to the brackish nature of the water found in many aquifers, and people therefore go to the river for its fresh water. With many thanks to the support of the Outreach Foundation, the hand-drilling teams were able to provide two wells, potable water that is significantly fresher than that of the shallow wells used and much safer than the river. Speaking with the communities, we now hope to be able to train local teams of drillers to be able to provide the services themselves and begin to meet the need. You can read more about our work and see other newsletters as well as give toward our support at www.pcusa.org/james-and-jodi-mcgill.

Individuals: Give online to E200385 for Jim and Jodi McGill's sending and support

Congregations: Give to D506718 for Jim and Jodi McGill's sending and support



Heritage Sunday in Review

On **Heritage Sunday**, members and visitors gave thanks to God for the life and faith of all who have shared faithfully in God's work and especially for members of the church who have died since Heritage Sunday 2012:

Christine Crews - Larry Nelson
Lottie Fite - Julia Holmes
Ruth Sherrell - Jackie Parramore
Richard Arlan Hand

We are grateful for the **Memorials and Special Gifts**, placed in the funds indicated, which have been given to the church since November 1, 2013:

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund in memory of:

Jesse Stuart - Rosa Williams
Virginia and Ernest McNeill – Ruth Sherrel
Charlene Garraway - Christine Crews
Larry Nelson - Joanne Marie Hester - John Hoyoux
Blanche Roos - JoAnn Holm - Lottie Fite
Alyne Pitman - Julia Holmes - Virgil Oswald Sr.
Jackie Parramore - Justin Ayers
Chad Plant - Donna Stadsklev - Richard Arlan Hand
Rosemary Hand Battle

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund in honor of:

Larry Nelson - John and Alma Milton
Huw and Rachel Christopher – Charlene Garraway
Daun and Christine Crews

Memorials in memory of:

Jesse Stuart - Larry Nelson - Christine Crews
Lottie Fite - Charlene Garraway - Ruth Sherrel
Jackie Parramore

Food Pantry in memory of:

Christine Crews - Jackie Parramore - Larry Nelson
Lottie Fite - Ruth Sherrel - Charlene Garraway – Donna Stadsklev

Food Pantry in honor of:

Andy Anderson

Montreat Youth Fund in memory of:

Lottie Fite

Alyne Pitman Scholarship Fund in memory of :

Alyne Pitman

Choir Fund in memory of:

Virgil D. Oswald, Sr.

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by:

Alex and Joy Lewis - Chuck and Cindy Morgan

Ernest and Fran McNeill - Larry and Hazel Nelson

Huw and Rachel Christopher - Marsha Rodgers

Robert and Beverly Hinson - Joanne Wynn

Louise Wilkinson - Charles Wynn - Hanni Daffin

Tom and Joan Stadskev - Jack and Peggy Peacock

Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs – Betty Hatcher

Ray and Betty Brendemuehl - John and Alma Milton

Bill and Jean Boyenton - Frankie Stewart

Toni Nowell - Linda Joy Gilbert - Louise Daffin

Richard and Betty Joyce Hand - Joan Stadskev

Fred and Dorothy Carpenter - Katherine A. Sandifer

Charlton and Elaine Keen, Jr. - Emmy L. Granger

Virginia MacKinnon - James and Jeannie Burleson

Samuel and Catherine Baity - Donald Holm

Patricia A. Watson - Ann P. Fletcher

Mary Lynn Hancock - Margaret MacKinnon

Dalton and Sue Barnes - William and Agnes Bell, III

Michael and Linda Zollar - Charlene Bevis Reese

Shelton and Elizabeth Davis – William Hodges

Gregory and Shannon Chappell – Margaret Hutto

Robert and Jeanne Cowen – Anita P. Dillard

Calvin and Frances Crawford - Barbara Johnston

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Thomas and Suzanne Brooks - Dorothy Baxter
Jerry and Carolyn Glass - Richard W. Grant
James and Jeanette Harris - Bruce and Judith Harrison
Gene and Ethel Pelt - Suzanne Sheffield

Gifts to our **1835 Endowment Fund** may be made today or any Sunday using the gold envelopes in the pew racks. If you would like to make your gift to this fund in memory or in honor of someone, please complete the information on the back of the envelope. If you are interested in making a contribution from your IRA, please check with Chuck Morgan, the chairperson of our Endowment Committee at 526-8235.



Congratulations to Alex and Joy Lewis, who have a new great grandson, James Raymond Parker, born Oct 26th at 4:30 p.m. weighing only 5 lbs 1 oz. The proud parents are Ben and Christina Parkert. James and Deborah Lewis Coronato are the proud grandparents.

We also ask that you keep baby James and his parents and family in your prayers as he was born 6 weeks premature, and his lungs are not fully developed. He will remain in ICU for the next 5-6 weeks.



Ron Wierman (brother of Bud Wierman), Bill Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), Will Rountree (requested by Jo-Ann Rountree), Cole Payne, Don Morris (requested by Jim Gibbs), Matt Lein, Ise Daffin, Gina Stuart, Tyler Ward (grandson of Bud and Mary Wierman), Louise Wilkinson Spivey, James Carpenter (Freddie's brother), Sid Riley and Doris Adkins (requested by Dot Carpenter), Cliff Stewart (requested by Ginger Green), Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Mary McLure Clark, Jeff Hinson and Family, Stanley Littleton, Kena Nelson, JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica and Sue Land.

Homebound Members and Friends:

Eileen Drew
Doris Irwin
Louise Hoy
Gina Stuart
Joy Gilbert

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:

Daun Crews (Tallahassee)
Edith Griffith (Dothan)

Signature Health at the Rehabilitation Center:

Raynell Morris Ilene Culpepper Bert Andrews

Please remember those serving in our military:

Wayne Busby (son of Joe and Ginny Busby) at Naval Station in Rota, Spain
Jake Vickery in Afghanistan
Jarred Roberts (Son of Lou and Kathy Roberts) at Camp Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Tyler Schaeffer (grandson of Valerie Marlow) at Tyndall AFB
Tom Abney in Afghanistan (son-in-law of Larry and Jackie Spivey)



November

RULING ELDER OF THE MONTH

John W. Milton

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Marianne Lonsinger	Nov. 10
Natalie Bedini	Nov. 11
Ted Land	Nov. 14
Virgil Oswald, Jr.	Nov. 14
Brent Bedini	Nov. 15
Braylon Oswald	Nov. 15
Hazel Nelson	Nov. 16
Rylie Kish	Nov. 18
Raynell Morris	Nov. 18
Parker Willis	Nov. 20
Tom Kish	Nov. 21
James Busby	Nov. 23
Dru Brown	Nov. 24
Jim Drew	Nov. 24
Scarlett Kradel	Nov. 25
Jack Homoney	Nov. 26
Terry Stevens	Nov. 26
Adam Franz	Nov. 27
Lindsay Milton	Nov. 27
Cooper Milton	Nov. 29
Jackie Homoney	Nov. 30
Bryan Moore	Nov. 30

Flowers for the Month of November are provided by:

Nov 02	Ralph and Janie Frances Pulliam
Nov 09	Toni Nowell
Nov 16	Brian and Merian Milton
Nov 23	Guy and Ginger Green
Nov 30	Joy Hinton



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