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First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 1, 2023

Humorous Prayer Incidents

Prayer can spark funny moments. You can imagine various reasons why my three brothers and I might burst out laughing while our poor bedraggled mother returned thanks for the Sunday pot roast. Here are a couple of prayer incidents, actual or fictitious, that might prompt a smile.

A rabbi said to an energetic six-year-old boy: "So your mother says your prayers for you each night. That's really great. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God, he's in bed."

A youngster was saying the Lord's Prayer in church and got hung up on the word "trespasses." This four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

It was a blistering hot day, the house was full of guests, and things weren't going too well. Finally, the hostess got everyone seated for dinner and asked her seven-year-old daughter to say grace. "But mother," said the little girl, "I don't know what to say." "Yes you do," said her mother, "just say the last prayer you heard me use." Obediently, the child bowed her head and recited timidly, "Oh, LORD, why did I invite these people on such a hot day?"

Does our theology allow us to envision Jesus cracking up at something we said or did? I think God has an amazing sense of humor, and at times the LORD laughs out loud with us.

Enjoying the journey with you,

Les

I Follow Jesus



How can we prove we follow Jesus? The first step is to be baptized. Baptism is how we make our bold public stand and statement that we respect and love Christ. We will have the baptistry filled and ready to go for our worship service on Sunday, March 12. Please talk to Pastor Les if you are interested or have any questions.

Spring Flowers

You have the opportunity to purchase spring flowers that will be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday (April 9) in honor or in memory of someone. Then, you can take your flower home after the service. Order forms are available in the foyer, and the cost is \$9.00 per flower. You may also mail your order and payment to the church office. Our deadline for orders is Sunday, March 12.



This Saturday!

Howard and Jan Jones are hosting a reception for Rose McCormick this Saturday, March 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the church basement. She will be 100 on March 9th! The gift of your presence is all they want. All are invited!

Teachers - Sunday, March 5

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren

LOL

Remain in service



Stewardship

February 26, 2023



General Budget	\$1,601.51
Building Maintenance	\$180.00
Missions	\$220.00
Flowers	\$54.00

Total **\$2,055.51**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to EULIS "PEE WEE" WEST

Eulis will celebrate 90 years on Sunday, March 5. Please add his name to your birthday list for March. You may send a card to him at 200 Caylor Blvd. Room 111, Bluffton.

Prayer Items

Don Reeves - surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his neck on March 1
Karyn Gilly - healing from cancer and strength as she continues chemotherapy
Carolyn McBride - successful rehabilitation of her leg
Ruby Davis - successful rehabilitation of her knee

*"Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven."*

Psalm 85: 11-12

Weekly Events

Youth Bible Study - Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the CE wing upstairs. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to come for snacks, Bible study, and games.

Adventure Kids - Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the CE wing downstairs. Students in grades K - 5 are welcome to come for snacks, Bible stories, games, and other fun.

Men's Bible Study - Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room downstairs. All men are welcome to attend. It lasts about one hour.

Christian Care
Gloria Reeves - Room 214A

Home
Rose McCormick
Bonnie Riddle



*Remember Our
Homebound Friends*

River Terrace
Eulis West - Room 111
Karen West - Room 133
Carolyn McBride - Room 103B

Auburn Village
Rick White

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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