

PRESBYTERIAN PROGRESS

602 Clarke St., Clay Center, KS 67432

August Helpers

Sermonette

- Aug 6 - LaVonne Hartner
- Aug 13 - Mission Trip Youth
- Aug 20 - Julie Cole
- Aug 27 - Stephanie VanMatre

Hosts for Coffee

- Aug 6 - Nancy Ryan
- Aug 13 - Sam and Linda Gibbs
- Aug 20 - Reta Hemphill
- Aug 27 - Sam and Linda Gibbs

Greeters

- Aug 6 - Sam Gibbs
- Aug 13 - Sam Gibbs
- Aug 20 - Sam Gibbs
- Aug 27 - Sam Gibbs

Nursery Assistant

- Aug 6 - Mandy E. & Grace D.
- Aug 13 - Linda G. & Grace D.
- Aug 20 - Christie & Tillman H.
- Aug 27 - Anna K. & Aidan G.

Deacon: Linda Gibbs

July in Our Souls

This July has been hot and dry—pretty typical July for Kansas. We don't have to be outside long to feel the effects of the heat. It saps our energy and strength, and we feel exhausted. It seems like the plants feel the same way. It's hard to grow on heat and dust. Often our spiritual lives feel this way too. It can feel like we're trying to survive on nothing but heat and dust. In this circumstance, Charles Spurgeon, a pastor in the 1800s, gives the remedy:

"My soul, now that the cool of the day has come, retire awhile and listen to the voice of your God. He is always ready to speak with you when you are prepared to hear. If there is any slowness to commune, it is not on his part, but altogether on yours, for he stands at the door and knocks (Rev 3:20), and if his people will open, he rejoices to enter.

But in what state is my heart, which is my Lord's garden? May I venture to hope that it is well trimmed and watered, and is bringing forth fruit fit for him? If not, he will have much to reprove, but still I pray for him to come to me, for nothing can so certainly bring my heart into a right condition as the presence of the Sun of Righteousness, who brings healing in his wings.

Come, therefore, O Lord, my God. My soul invites you earnestly, and waits for you eagerly. Come to me, O Jesus, my well-beloved, and plant fresh flowers in my garden, such as I see blooming in such perfection in your matchless character! Come, O my Father, who are the Shepherd, and deal with me in your tenderness and wisdom! Come, O Holy Spirit, and bedew my whole nature, as the herbs are now moistened with the evening dews. O that God would speak to me. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening! O that he would walk with me; I am ready to give up my whole heart and mind to him, and every other thought is hushed.

I am only asking what he delights to give. I am sure that he will stoop to have fellowship with me, for he has given me his Holy Spirit to abide with me forever. Sweet is the cool twilight, when every star seems like the eye of heaven, and the cool wind is as the breath of celestial love. My Father, my elder Brother, my sweet Comforter, speak now in lovingkindness, for you have opened my ear and I am not rebellious." —from *Morning & Evening*, Evening of July 1

Love,

Pastor Scott

August Birthdays



- 12 - Clayton Wright
- 15 - Maxine Neill
- 17 - Barbara Fickes
- 17 - Forrest Hartner
- 18 - Dorothy Carlson
- 20 - Brock Bebermeyer
- 22 - Marty Averill
- 23 - Wayne Carlson
- 25 - Jenna Mall
- 27 - Michael Bigler
- 27 - Lucille Wohler
- 28 - Maynard Blake
- 30 - Wyatt Weller

August Mission Focus

Tezar and Tatiana, along with their daughter, Elena, are EPC missionaries serving in Southeast Asia. They would like prayers for:

- A Team that would be excited and on board with a vision of Church planting.
- New relationships with nationals and that the relationships would continue in depth and trust.
- New church plant logistics to go smoothly (finances, staffing, etc.)

“Transforming Grace” Sponsorship Dates Available

The dates listed below are open if you would like to sponsor “Transforming Grace,” First Presbyterian Church’s radio ministry on KCLY. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

- August 27, 2017
- September 3, 2017
- September 10, 2017

Coffee Time Dates Available

If you would be available to host Coffee Time, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We are very appreciative to those who help out with Coffee Time each week.

First Presbyterian Deacons

August Youth Group Schedule

- July 28-August 4 - Costa Rica Mission Trip
- August 6 - No Youth Group
- August 13 - Mission Trip Sunday
- Mission Trip Dinner (6:30pm)
- August 20 - Back to School Bash (5-7pm)
- August 27 - Drew on Vacation

Financial Stewardship Update

June General Fund Income: \$13,380.58

June Expenses: \$16,215.91

Amount Needed Each Month to Meet Projected Budget: \$20,121.67

All Church Pool Party!

When: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Where: Clay Center Aquatic Park

Who: Everyone is welcome!

Come join us for a fun evening at the Clay Center Pool!

