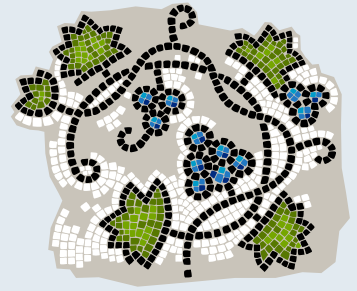


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WE HAVE GREAT NEWS!

Our Church is pleased to announce our new part time interim Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Tim Stewart. You may have been fortunate enough to hear one of his messages over these past few weeks, if not you've missed out. Pastor Tim's official start date is September 1. Thank you to the Session Interim Search Committee, Roy Lipsett and Rodney Burt for leading this endeavor.

**WELCOME PASTOR TIM & KARIN
WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU!**



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10:00 Worship Service

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Pastor's Corner



The Eucharistic Prayer

Greetings sisters and brothers. Karin and I look forward to becoming part of the family of God at Buckingham Presbyterian Church. My first Sunday as interim pastor is a Communion Sunday. With that in mind let me talk about the prayer we will use in this Sacrament. It is called the Eucharistic Prayer or, as some refer to it, the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. The prayer's roots are from the third century work of a man named Hippolytus in his "The Apostolic Tradition." The prayer has very distinctive parts each of which is easily recognized whenever we use the prayer.

The prayer begins with the Invitation. This is when the presider offers words of explanation before inviting worshippers to the meal. Explanations in our services will remind people of things like who can take communion, how we might receive the Sacrament on a given day (served in pews, at the table, etc.) and that we use grape juice and not wine.

The next section is the Sursum Corda, an expression which is translated "hearts on high." This part is a short litany in which the congregation responds to the presider's lines, "The Lord be with you," "Lift up your hearts," and "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

Next is the Preface in which, in very biblical fashion, God is extolled as holy, mighty, and eternal. This part of the prayer reflects the very essence of why we worship in the first place. If we listen, we will be reminded of the awesome presence of God and how, when you and I enter that presence, we are encountering the reality of holiness.

The Preface leads directly to the next movement, the Sanctus meaning "holy." In our use of the Eucharistic Prayer all of us will say the words, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." In many churches the congregation sings the Sanctus.

The Post-Sanctus is next and is a part of the prayer prayed by the presider. The content of this movement briefly emphasizes what has just been said about the holiness of God and it synthesizes the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

The Post-Sanctus is followed by the Anamnesis. As we might recognize from a look at this word, it is about remembering. Over and over again in the Old Testament the people are reminded of THE event for them—the Exodus. God often reminds the people of this event by saying something like, "I am the One who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of Slavery..." From the New Testament we are to remember the miracle of all the miracles in the entire Bible—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. All of this is anamnesis.

Next comes the denouncement of the Anamnesis, the Memorial Acclamation. This short phrase is spoken in unison by the congregation. The acclamation we use is one of several available for use. Ours is, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

The Epiclesis is next and this is a word which means "to call along side." The one who is being called is identified in the first sentence of this section as the presider prays, "Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...". Usually the congregational praying of the Lord's Prayer (spoken or sung) concludes the Epiclesis.

And then we enter pretty familiar territory when we come to the Words of Institution. You will recall them as they usually begin with something like, "On the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested he took bread...". The words of institution include the fraction (breaking the bread) and pouring the cup.

Following the serving of the meal to the congregation by whatever means a session decides to be appropriate at a given service, the celebration of the sacrament concludes with a prayer.

Unfortunately, often in churches all of the above parts are either omitted or compacted into a few short sentences. I suspect that this is all in the interest of saving time to make sure the service is contained within 60 minutes. The prayer we will use will not be the same every time. The words, especially those of the Preface, will be changed in order that they might be seasonally appropriate.

The Eucharistic Prayer (or the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving) will be a part of our service every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Communion, the Lord's Supper, or whatever one prefers to call it. The prayer will be printed in our bulletin and I am thinking it will appear on the large screen in front of the congregation. On September 5 enjoy the prayer.

See you Sunday ...



Church Office Hours

Denise will be in the office each day from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm with a 30 minute lunch break from 1:00-1:30 pm.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09-3 JUDY HINTZ
 09-3 BARBARA MITCHELL
 09-7 NINA SEBASTIAN
 09-10 JOHN JONES
 09-10 MARY NOLEN
 09-11 SUE BARSHINGER
 09-17 JUDITH MCINNES
 09-19 LEEANN BURT
 09-20 PAUL SEMPRICH
 09-22 DEBBIE ANDERSON
 09-27 NAOMI CONLEY
 09-29 DICK EVENSON
 09-30 ANDY RICCIO

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09-13 TOM & VICKI MARI
 09-16 RODNEY & SUSIE GREEN

September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	2 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch 'N' Stuff	3 5:00 Choir	4
5 10:00 Sanctuary Worship & Fellowship	6 Labor Day	7	8 International Literacy Day Higher Education	9 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch N' Stuff	10 5:00 Choir	11
12 10:00 Sanctuary Worship & Fellowship	13	14	15	16 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch N' Stuff 5:00 Choir	17	18
19 10:00 Sanctuary Worship & Fellowship	20	21 International Day of Peace	22 Native American Day	23 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch N' Stuff 5:00 Choir	24	25
26 10:00 Sanctuary Worship & Fellowship	27	28	29	30 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch N' Stuff 5:00 Choir		



Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, can nots, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

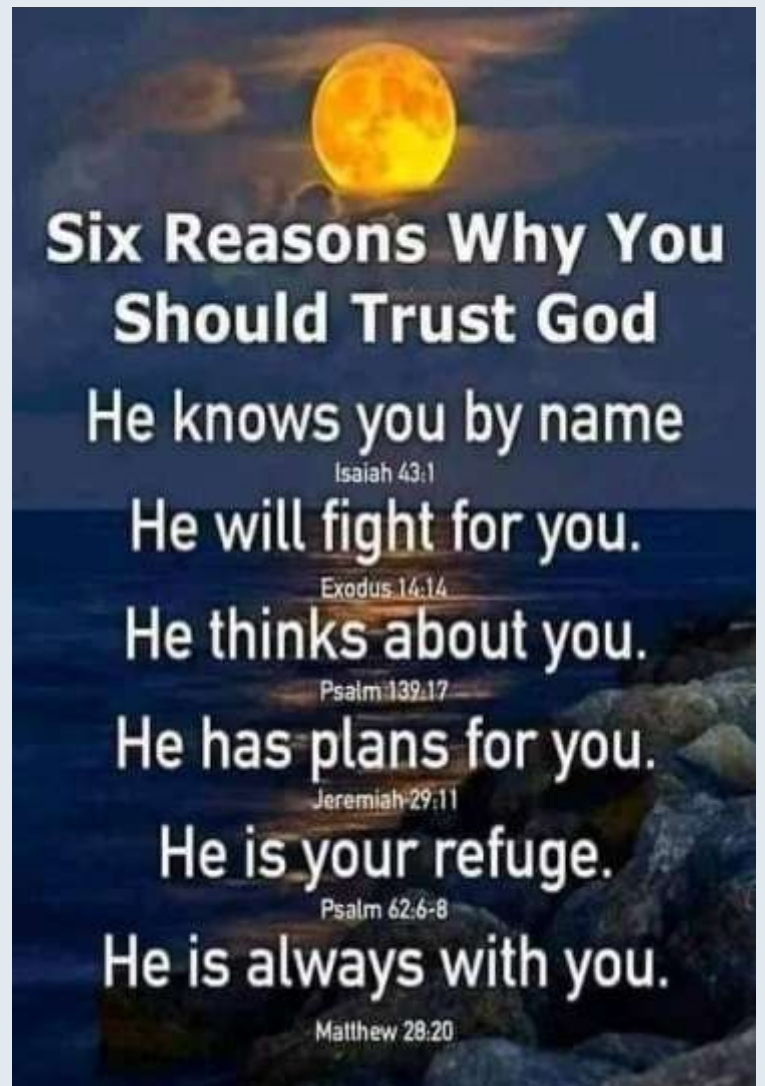
And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the “am nots” that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen.

Search for our new full
time Pastor
Military Overseas
& Home
All 1st Responders
All Educators
Pastor, Church &
Officers
Dawn Hart Branch
Paul & Betty Carlisle
Leslie Fox
Joe Garcia
Mark Harris
Larry Ickes
David Smith
DJ Smith
David Starkman



*Names will remain on the
prayer list for one month,
unless requested otherwise.
Please call the church
office 239-694-2444 if you
wish to add or delete a
name.*





Women's Rejoice & Renew

October is coming and BPC & R&R will be starting our annual Blanket Drive for the homeless. Last year we donated about 75 blankets to the Salvation Army which were given to the homeless. Stitch N' Stuff also made quite a few, as well as quilts for Tice Elementary School. We will be glad to accept monetary donations, clean, slightly used or new blankets. If you would like us to shop for you, we will be glad to do so.

In God's love,
Beth Day
Rejoice & Renew



While Misión Peniel is still not accepting clothing, the following is a list of their needs at this time: Baby diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and disposable razors. Their food needs include rice, beans, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dry cereal and oatmeal. You may drop these items off in the church narthex.



We are pleased to announce that because of your previous generosity, as well as a member who helped supplement the back-to-school needs of Tice, we have provided the following: Back packs, zip lock bags, disinfectant wipes, composition books, pencils, crayons, facial tissues, 2 pocket poly folders, glue sticks, washable markers and underwear. Our very own Stitch N' Stuff donated 82 quilts.

Thank you BPC!



Stitch N' Stuff

The Queen of Sheba heard how wonderful God had blessed Solomon with wisdom. I Kings 10:1 Dr. Viktor Frankl from Vienna, Austria says that goals are great. If you set a goal and reach it, it's best to increase it or set a new goal. That is why we took on Gulf Coast Hospital, because we had reached our goal, so it was best to expand the goal. The mental attitude you have will determine the goals you set. Likewise, the goals you set will determine where you will end up in life. Whether a spiritual goal, a personal goal, a professional goal or your family goal, it makes no difference.

The Lord has blessed us in so many ways, with the fabric and materials we use, as well as with good health (for the most part) with our different workers.

We meet in Clayton Hall each Thursday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. We would like to have more of you come see what we are doing to better understand what it takes to end up with the many items we make from your donations. Call Betty Carlisle if you have any questions 239-728-1101.



Peace and Global Offering

This offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and the world confronting hopelessness, thwarting division and empowering congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves. Offering will begin October 3rd.



THANK YOU! Your most recent quarterly charitable donations to Amazon totaled \$95.98.

Please remember this is an excellent way to contribute to BPC if you aren't already doing so. You can use the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile phone to sign up for AmazonSmile and select "Buckingham Presbyterian Church" as your favorite charity.

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Buckingham Presbyterian Church" as your charity. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

From your Phone -

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the menu (3 bars in lower right corner) scroll down to bottom and select "Settings" select "AmazonSmile"
3. Select "Buckingham Presbyterian Church" as your charity.

From your PC browser - just type smile.Amazon.com, log on to Amazon account as usual and select box that says choose your charity then select Buckingham Presbyterian Church.

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2.0

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of our Church website. It is the same URL as it has always been, but everything else has changed. We have updated the website to attract those searching for a new church home, and for our congregation to stay better connected.

If anyone is interested in helping to maintain this site and update information, please contact Rodney Burt, 816-260-7767, or rfburt@gmail.com.



"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." - [John 16:33](#)

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for after service fellowship with our new interim Pastor over light refreshments (coffee, juice & finger foods.)



A note from your Session

Now that our interim pastor search has ended, your Session will be working to find a permanent pastor after the Mission Study is completed. Your Mission Study Committee consists of the following session and church members. Roy Lipsett, Bob Peterman, Eileen Friday, Grace Johnston, and Barbara Mitchell. They are working together to determine our church's future missions focus.

Stay tuned ...

Session Members

Class of 2021

Mary Edmonds
Bob Peterman

Class of 2022

Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Mike Larranaga
Kathie Saum

Vicki McWhorter, Session Clerk



In Memory

Sadly, we have lost several of our flock since the last newsletter. Two of our charter members, Louella Benson and Doris Whitaker have passed. Additionally, Larry and Vickie McGee, Beryl Cirillia, John Brandt and Marlene Darley have gone to the kingdom place. Please keep their families in your prayers as we grieve with them. We stand in the hope of the promise of the resurrection with these families.

GREAT ANALOGY

God's Word reveals your identity, heritage, origin and ability in Christ Jesus; it's a mirror. Many people are unknown to this fact and struggling spiritually, physically and mentally today. Our responsibility is to accept the picture of us that the Divine Word projects, and live accordingly and share our experience with our brothers and sisters around us through which we can lead everyone to the same goal, that is the actualization of the New KINGDOM OF GOD here on earth. I love this Analogy When GOD wanted to create the fish, HE spoke to the sea, when GOD wanted to create the trees, HE spoke to the earth, but when GOD wanted to create Man, HE spoke to Himself. Then GOD said, "Let US make Man in Our image, according to Our likeness. If you take a fish out of the water, it will die and when you take a tree off the ground, it will also die." Similarly, when Man is disconnected from GOD, he dies. GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We must be connected to HIM because only in HIM there is Life. STAY CONNECTED TO God always. Remember..... "GOD without Man is still GOD but Man without GOD is Nothing". Stay OBEDIENT to God and His word so that we will come to know our identity as the children of God and remain the same forever.

Christian Education News
Welcome Back to Sunday School

Adult Sunday School



This season's Bible study will resume the Sunday AFTER Labor Day weekend, September 12. We will continue our study using Feasting on the Word; a study based on the common lectionary - Bible passages throughout the year. Our Sunday School is from 9:00 am - 9:45 am. All are welcome to join in the Christian Education fun. Anyone interested in helping to lead this study, or if you'd like more information, please call Vicki McWhorter at 239-823-6534 or the church office.



Choir

Come join your fellow worshipers in praising the Lord through song! The next three weeks of practice are on Friday from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Then back to our regular practice time on Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Call Candace Sundby for more information at 239-362-1899.





AUTUMN TRIVIA

1. What is the first day of fall called?
2. How long does autumn last in the Northern hemisphere?
3. What is a harvest moon?
4. What are the 3 Zodiac signs of fall?
5. What weed pollen causes the most common fall allergies?
6. T/F: On autumnal equinox the number of hours of daylight and darkness are equal.
7. In autumn do you turn your clocks ahead or back?
8. During which month does summer end and autumn begin?
9. Why do the leaves change colour in autumn?
10. Although some varieties are available year round, what fruit is freshest in the fall?

ANSWERS: (1) autumnal equinox (2) mid-Sept to mid-December (3) the full moon which occurs closest to the autumnal equinox (4) Libra; Scorpio; and Sagittarius (5) ragweed (6) True (7) Back (8) September (9) As the leaves loose chlorophyll, their other pigments are exposed. (10) Apples