

GraceVine



August, 2022 VOL. 49, No. 8



Buckingham Presbyterian Church
 4241 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905
 Phone: 239-694-2444
www.buckinghampc.org
 E-Mail: BuckinghamPresbyterian@gmail.com

[Click here for streaming service](#)

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
 LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner

August



I read an internet article by David Plotz who wrote about the month of August. He said “August is the Mississippi of the calendar. It’s beastly hot and muggy. It has a dismal history. Nothing good ever happens in it. And the United States would be better off without it.” (Remember, Mr. Plotz wrote this, I didn’t. Besides, I lived in Mississippi for four years and I enjoyed it. Some of my best friends live in Mississippi. Heck, I’d move there tomorrow ... if Karin agreed. ~ts) Plotz continues, “August is when the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is the month in which Anne Frank was arrested, in August the first income taxes were collected, and it is the month in which Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe died. August is the month of vagueness. October is the tenth month, March is the third month. What’s August—bet you can’t remember. Does it have 30 days or 31? You have to recite the rhyme to figure that one out.” (The story goes that August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar. The month reputedly has 31 days because Augustus wanted as many days as Julius Caesar’s July. ~ts) Finally, Plotz writes, “You can’t get a day off from August, because it is the only month without a real holiday. Despite its slothful reputation, it is not the top vacation month, July is. Nor is August the hottest month (on the East Coast, at least). That crown, too, is July’s. August is when the garden starts to wither and the long summer days cruelly vanish.”

Mercy! Poor August!

I found some fun facts about August. Enjoy.

- As stated above the month of August was named after Roman emperor Augustus Caesar. In Latin, *augustus* meant auspicious or venerable.
- Before 8 BC the Romans called August *sextilis* as it was the sixth month in their calendar.
- The Anglo-Saxons called August *weod-monath* which means weed month. (Every month is weed month for us, isn’t it? ~ts)
- In the United States August is the month that has the highest birth rate. (And I guess that would mean November has the highest conception rate. ~ts)
- The season for eating crayfish in Sweden begins on the second Thursday in August.
- August was the 18th most common name given to a baby boy in Denmark in 2015.
- In 2009 the Icelandic Naming Committee declared August unacceptable as a child’s name.
- August 1 is celebrated as both Yorkshire Day and World Scout Scarf Day.

But August is an important month in the life of our church. Plans for the season are being firmed up. Events and programs are being lined up. Supplies are being ordered up. The month of August is when the Officer Nominating Committee begins its work. These women and men will work together to create and present to the congregation a slate of nominees for the ruling elder class of 2025. Their work is essential to the life of our church and I trust you will pray for them. In our church August is the month in which the Mission Study Committee should complete it’s work in order to submit their report to both our Session and the Committee on Ministry of our Presbytery.

Finally, August is the month when even year-rounders take leave of Florida for a short break from the summer sun, temperature, and humidity. But remember, *tempus fugit*. September will be here before we know it and with it will come our fall schedule of activities. For now, however, enjoy the rest of my favorite season of the year ... summer!

See you Sunday ...

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All Military Overseas & at Home
 All 1st Responders
 All Educators
 Pastor, Church & Officers
 Debbie Anderson
 Lenny Barshinger
 Dixie Battin
 Bourdeau Family
 Harriet Brandt
 LeeAnn Burt
 Paul & Betty Carlisle
 Scott Gallaway
 Joe Garcia
 Kelly Graham
 Rodney Green
 Cliff Gridley
 Larry Ickes
 Grace Johnston
 Betty Jones
 Lehman Family
 Sheri MacIntyre
 Gerald Marsh
 Joe Miller
 Molina Family
 Kahterine Nolen
 Nolen Family
 Aishia Smith
 Sue Tiso
 Sherry Wilmer

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1	NICHOLAS MOYE-CUDNEY
AUGUST 9	PAM WALLUM
AUGUST 9	SALLY WYCKOFF
AUGUST 17	BILL FOGNINI
AUGUST 17	BETTY ICKES
AUGUST 20	JOAN LEIGHTON
AUGUST 22	ANNELIESE HIGGINBOTHAM
AUGUST 26	SCOTT EDMONDS
AUGUST 28	KURT WAGNER
AUGUST 31	BETTY CARLISLE

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

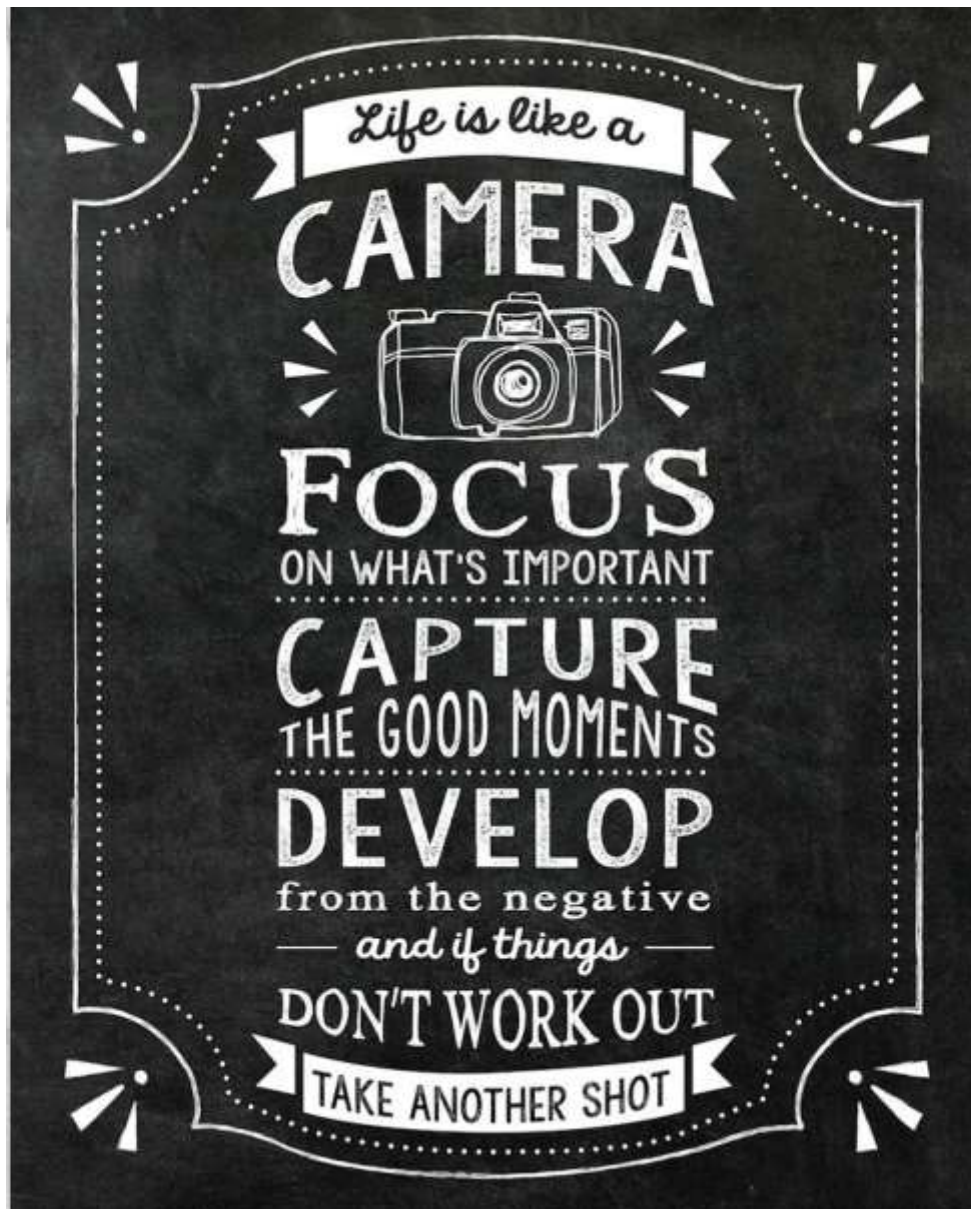
AUGUST 2	STAN & GAIL BUCHER
AUGUST 7	LARRY & BETTY ICKES
AUGUST 10	JIM & JOAN LEIGHTON
AUGUST 24	LEONARD & SUE BARSHINGER



**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service. Please come and join us!

Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm — Wednesday Night Connection, *“The Gospel According to Mayberry.”*



August 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Mtg 6:00 Connection	4 9:00 Labor & Landscape	5	6
7 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Worship	8	9	10 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	11 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	12	13
14 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Worship	15	16	17 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	18 9:00 Labor & Landscape	19	20
21 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Worship	22	23	24 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	25 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	26	27
28 12th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 Worship	29	30	31 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection			

A Note of Thanks

To our BPC family:

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during the loss of our precious Little Bit and my hip surgery. The surgery went very well and I'm at home, recovering and getting around very well, thanks to Susie. We hope to see you all very soon.

Rodney & Susie



Stitch N' Stuff

Charity sewing can fill all kinds of needs in our communities. Many people from sewing circles can turn charity sewing into a real community event. If you're a crafter looking to make new friends this is a great way to go about it. Please check us out every other Thursday from 9:00-12:00 pm in Clayton Hall. Any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

Sometimes people don't notice the things others do for them until they stop doing them. Doing more for others makes your life more abundant. Richelle E. Goodrich



The Christian Education Committee is seeking members to help create innovative ideas and plans to guide our Christian studies.

The CE Committee oversees the Nursery, Wednesday Night Connection, Rejoice & Renew, Bible Studies and Sunday School.

Please plan to attend a brief CE meeting on Sunday, August 14 following fellowship. For more information, please contact Vicki McWhorter.



Thank You For Using AmazonSmile!

Your contributions through AmazonSmile for our 2022 first quarter total \$32.78.

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.

Help Wanted—Technology

We are seeking individuals that would like to learn our AV systems and help operate on Sunday mornings. No prior experience needed. If you are interested, please contact Rodney Burt, 816-260-7767 or John Jones at 863-342-8091.

Nursery Attendants

August 7 - Vicki McWhorter
 August 14 - Janell Webb
 August 21 - Alexis Brown
 August 28 - Kathie Saum



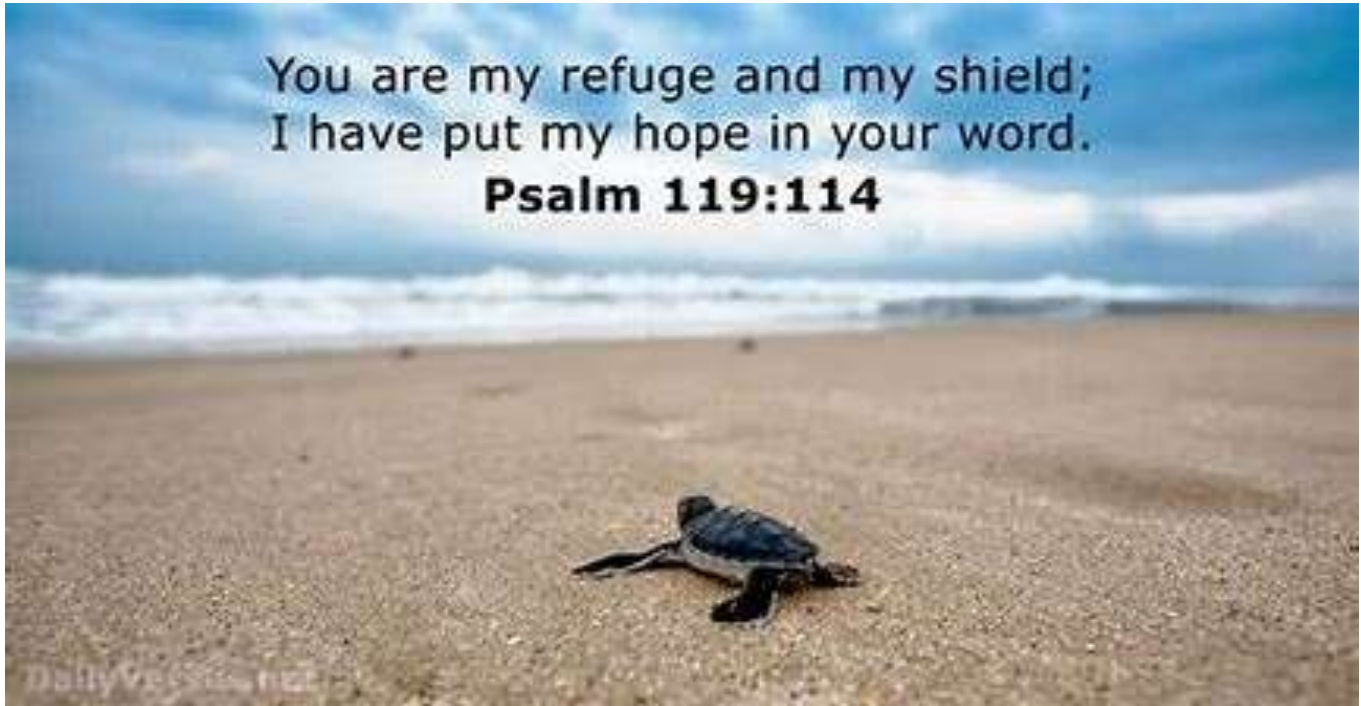
Our New Administrative Assistant

Tammie Vough



Something new appeared in July in the area in front of our chancel. At the behest of the Session, through our Fundraising Committee, we have a birthday box! Here is how it works. During the time that our offering is being received, any one of us who has a birthday, anniversary, or other celebration, in the current month is invited to come to the box and deposit a gift. The “formula” is to give a dollar for each year old one is that month (or for each year of one’s anniversary or it is discretionary for any other kind of celebration). The gift is understood to be an offering ... not a part of one’s pledge. Let us do the math as to what a total annual amount might be for the work and worship of our church. The amount is quite healthy ... if everyone participates.





Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
John Graham

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterman

Vicki McWhorter,
Session Clerk

Nothing is more
important than
empathy for another
human being's suffering.
Nothing - Not career,
not wealth, not
intelligence, certainly
not status. We have to
feel for one another if
we're going to survive
with dignity.

- Audrey Hepburn

THE
WISE
YOU



I am the vine
you are the branches
John 15:5

BUCKINGHAM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4241 Buckingham Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33905

