

# GraceVine



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**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,  
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## Pastor's Corner



### ***Commitment ... at What Cost?***

Kenneth L. Dodge writes, "56 men signed the Declaration of Independence. Their conviction resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families. Of the 56 men, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sunk by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in poverty. At the battle of Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis had taken over Thomas Nelson's home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly ordered General George Washington to open fire on the Nelson home. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and mill were destroyed. For over a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home only to find his wife dead and his children gone. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion." (*Resource*, Sept./Oct., 1992)

Jesus picked a dozen men to follow him ... to become his disciples, doing what he did and teaching what he taught. These men were totally committed to their task and to their calling. When their Rabbi, their Master took his leave of them, these men did, in fact, carry on Jesus' work. As a result of their commitment each suffered and died for his faith.

Fox's *Book of Martyrs* tells us that Andrew, Philip and Simon were crucified, Peter was crucified upside down, Bartholomew was beaten then crucified, James, the son of Alphaeus, Judas (not Iscariot) and Matthias were stoned to death, James, son of Zebedee (John's brother) was beheaded, John was exiled and died of old age ... alone and Matthew and Thomas were run through with a spear.

On the World Wide Web I came upon the first story. But when I read it I couldn't help but think about the second story. The item which both stories have in common is commitment. In one case it is commitment to a cause and in the other it is commitment to a person.

To what or to whom are we committed? For what or for whom would we die? Those are tough questions, aren't they? I'm afraid ... deep down inside ... I would probably be happy never to be put into a situation to have to find out. How about you?

The Lord be with you ...

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

All Military Overseas & at Home  
 All 1st Responders  
 All Educators  
 Pastor, Church & Officers  
 Lenny Barshinger  
 Dixie Battin  
 Bourdeau Family  
 Harriet Brandt  
 Paul & Betty Carlisle  
 Scott Galloway  
 Joe Garcia  
 Larry Ickes  
 Grace Johnston  
 Betty Jones  
 Nancy Kesner  
 Lehman Family  
 Sheri MacIntyre  
 Gerald Marsh  
 Molina Family  
 Katherine Nolen  
 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.*



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY 1	JANELL WEBB
JULY 5	ALEXIS BROWN
JULY 20	PHYLLIS LARRANAGA
JULY 21	DAVID FARMER
JULY 21	BOB YUILLE
JULY 29	KENNETH MUNSCHE
JULY 31	JUSTIN ANKNEY
JULY 31	SUSIE GREEN

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 27	DAVID & PAT FARMER
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# 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

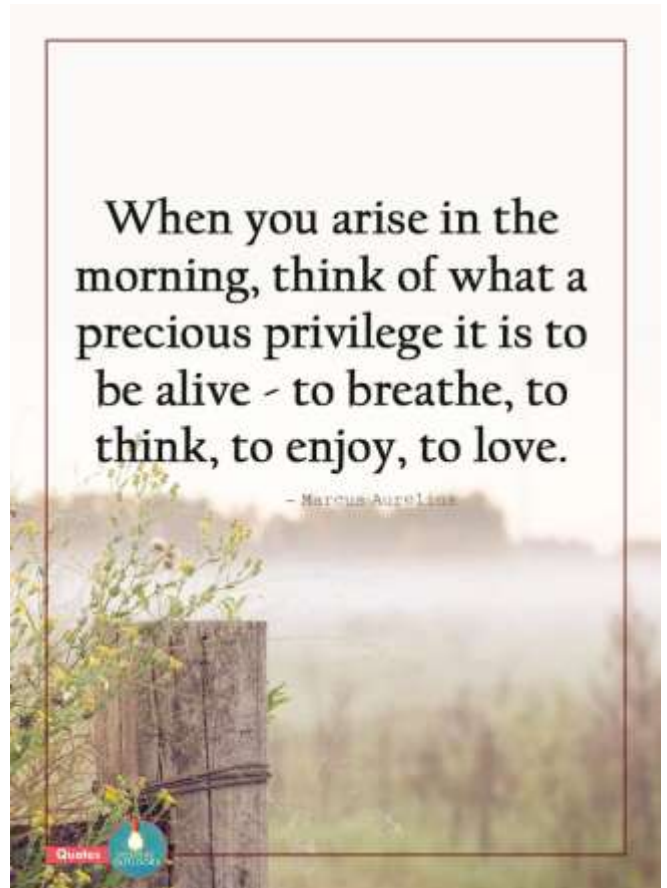


If I showed you my teardrops,  
 Would you collect them like rain,  
 Store them in jars,  
 That are labelled with "Pain",  
 Would you follow their tracks,  
 From my eyes down my cheeks,  
 As they write all the stories,  
 I'm too scared to speak,  
 Would you stop them with kisses,  
 Bring their flow to a halt,  
 As you teach me that pain,  
 Isn't always my fault,  
 Would you hold my face gently,  
 As you dry both my eyes,  
 And whisper the words,  
 "You're too precious to cry",  
 If I showed you my teardrops,  
 Would you show me your own,  
 And learn though we're lonely,  
 We're never alone.

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When you arise in the  
 morning, think of what a  
 precious privilege it is to  
 be alive - to breathe, to  
 think, to enjoy, to love.

- Marcus Aurelius



# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5	6 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Mtg 6:00 Connection	7 9:00 Labor & Landscape	8	9
10 <b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship	11	12	13 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	14 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	15	16
17 <b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship	18	19	20 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	21 9:00 Labor & Landscape	22	23
24 <b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship	25	26	27 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	28 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	29	30
31 <b>8th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship						



### Stitch N' Stuff

After college I learned a wonderful principle: "Don't do something great, too many people already have. Only do something that excels."

Excellence produces excitement. Excitement produces energy. Energy creates momentum. And momentum makes things happen! Your days can be filled with happiness, thrilling, exciting and youthful enthusiasm if you will learn to think of the possibilities.

Why don't you come to one of our meetings to see how energy creates momentum so we get our work done each week. Then at the end of the year it is amazing to see how much has been accomplished in just one year.

You might even like to join in on the fun and excitement of the Stitch N' Stuff group to help make someone else's day a little brighter with one of our items.

If you have any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

*"For with God nothing is impossible."* Matthew 17:20



### Calling all Women

It is time to restart two of our fellowship groups: Our Presbyterian Women's Circle and our "Widows" Support Group for Single Women. If you are interested in either one, or have questions, please call Beth Day at 239-693-1784.

## The Soul Journey

You start dying slowly;  
 if you do not travel,  
 if you do not read,  
 If you do not listen to the sounds of life,  
 If you do not appreciate yourself.  
 You start dying slowly;  
 When you kill your self-esteem,  
 When you do not let others help you.  
 You start dying slowly;  
 If you become a slave of your habits,  
 Walking everyday on the same paths,  
 If you do not change your routine,  
 If you do not wear different colors,  
 Or you do not speak to those you don't know.  
 You start dying slowly;  
 If you avoid to feel passion,  
 And their turbulent emotions,  
 Those which make your eyes glisten,  
 And your heart beat fast.  
 You start dying slowly;  
 If you do not risk what is safe for the uncertain,  
 If you do not go after a dream,  
 If you do not allow yourself  
 At least once in your lifetime,  
 To run away from sensible advice.  
 Don't let yourself die slowly  
 Do not forget to be happy!

~ Pablo Neruda

### Nursery Attendants

July 3 - Kathie Saum  
 July 10 - Vicki McWhorter  
 July 17 - Janelle Webb  
 July 24 - Alexis Brown  
 July 31 - Kathie Saum



### 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

## Worship Committee

Good day everyone, I would like to say thank you to all the Worship Committee members and everyone who brought goodies for fellowship after Church during the month of June. Also, thanks to everyone who helped set up before and clean up afterwards, most especially to Margaret and Barb who are always there organizing and making sure things work smoothly, you are very much appreciated.

As you know we have always had a purple and a white stole to drape our Cross. Now thanks to Donna Peterman, we have a red and a green stole to use with our Paraments also.

The Worship Committee thought maybe you might like to know what the color changes stand for:

**PURPLE** represents penitence and preparation because it signifies the feeling of sorrow for our sins in the light of Christ's passion and death. We use purple during Lent from Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday. We also use it during Advent as a symbol of looking forward to welcoming the coming of a King.

**WHITE** symbolizes purity, holiness and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White (and gold) represents days and seasons of joy and marks pivotal events in the life of Christ. It is used for Epiphany, the seven weeks of Easter, Christmas Eve through the Epiphany, the four Transitional Sundays in Ordinary Time, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration of our Lord, Trinity Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.

**RED** is the color of fire and symbolizes the presence of God's Holy Spirit and the Sacrifices of martyrs. Pentecost is the only Sunday red is used.

**GREEN** is the color of new vegetation. It symbolizes the hope of new life which is ours in the Life of Jesus Christ. The color green is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

Once again, thank you Donna, for making the two new stoles to drape our cross.

Kathie Saum  
Worship Committee Chair

## Membership at BPC

Are you interested in becoming a member of Buckingham Presbyterian Church?

Please notify Pastor Tim and he will meet with you to discuss.

**NEXT  
STEPS**



## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE AT BPC?

We are always looking for additional members for our committees to contribute to many tasks. If you are interested, please reach out to any Session Member and they can help you determine your best fit based on your interests, talents, gifts and abilities.

"Yesterday's history, tomorrow's a mystery and today is a gift from God, that's why we call it the Present." Live everyday as if it is your last. We "expect" to wake up tomorrow, however, tomorrow is promised to no one and only God knows when we have fulfilled our job on this Earth.

## Online Giving Available

Online giving offers multiple methods and accepts most common forms of payments, making it easier than ever to keep current with your pledges, tithes, and special offerings.

Scan the QR code below to give an online offering from your web browser now or you can add the Give+ App to your Apple or Android phone. You can set up for one-time or recurring offerings from your checking account, credit card or debit card. You can also go to our church website anytime and access the online giving web page from there – [buckinghampc.org](http://buckinghampc.org). If you have any questions, please email or call our Technology Committee members:

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