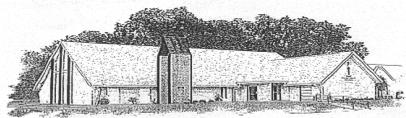


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For Such a Time as This!

Just saying the phrase, “*for such a time as this*,” reminds many of us of a story. The phrase was said to Queen Esther by her foster son, Mordecai. He was asking her to risk her life and go before the King without an invitation. The need was great and the concern was urgent. An evil leader in the land had arranged to have God’s people murdered throughout the empire. If Esther didn’t intervene, God’s people would be slaughtered with the support of the government. Bottom line, the Holocaust would have happened more than 2,000 years earlier at the hands of the Persians.

Esther accepted her role in history. At great risk, she went before the King, who gladly welcomed her. Through the work of God, of Esther’s cleverness as well as beauty, and of her position in the palace, the evil man was eliminated, Mordecai was praised, and God’s people were saved. Esther recognized that God had brought her to her important position “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:12-16).

But, what if this phrase, “*for such a time as this*,” is not just about Esther? What if it is a challenge to each of us—you and me—personally? What if we were purposed by God to live in just this time? After all, wasn’t this story recorded in Scripture to be one of our stories—to help remind us of who we are?

There are basically two choices to understand why we are here.

- We are here by accident—we are nothing more than a random combination of genetic material with no real purpose other than to live out our random fates.
- We are here by God’s plan—we are put here intentionally to live out his purpose in our lives.

If we choose the second, then where we live, who we are, what we have, and how we use those things are all eternally important. We realize that we are put in the position in which we find ourselves “*for such a time as this*”!

We are incredibly blessed, yet we often focus more on what we lack than on how we can use what we have to advance the Kingdom of God. We have not realized that God has put us in the position in which we find ourselves—understanding English which is the new world language, living in a time where we can travel quickly, communicating globally in unparalleled ways via the computer and cell phone, and having the freedom to do these things in the name of Jesus.

Who knows, but that we have come to our position for such a time as this! What you do with who you are and what you have can matter in the lives of others forever, because God put you here as part of his plan “*for such a time as this*”!

Phil Ware, *Heartlight*, Devotionals

Council Actions

May 17, 2018

- ◆ Worshiped and prayed together
- ◆ Discussed the current status of church finances
- ◆ Noted that the Building and Grounds budget had been amended to pay for new security door in sanctuary
- ◆ Discussed personnel matters
- ◆ Decided that the Session would not meet in June

**DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:
Bert Lowe**

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Jan Mims, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, Session, PNC, and Congregation of our church during this transition time

Connected Family: Billy Tapley (Bert's brother)

For all who need our prayers

Prayer 
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM – SPRING HAPPENINGS

Your CE Ministry Team – Jimmy Chapman, Rev. Tolbert (Tolly) Dill, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Kathy Porter and Bert Lowe – met in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 13, for a publicity photo of our 2018 certificate to announce our re-certification as an EarthCare Congregation. We received this re-certification from the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville, KY. Kathy Porter is to be commended for her faithful commitment to Earth Care and her diligence in completing the application for re-certification every year.

Attention parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles! Please mark your calendars: Vacation Bible School this summer will be held at First Christian Church the evenings of Sunday, July 15, through Wednesday, July 18. Katy Hurst (Briar's mom) is helping the First Christian volunteers with preparations for a fun-filled study about how to "put on the armor of God." Our July "Presbyterian Pipeline" and our phone tree will have more specific information.

Our goal in Christian Education is to help us all, at every age, to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Join us!

Bert Lowe, CE Team Leader



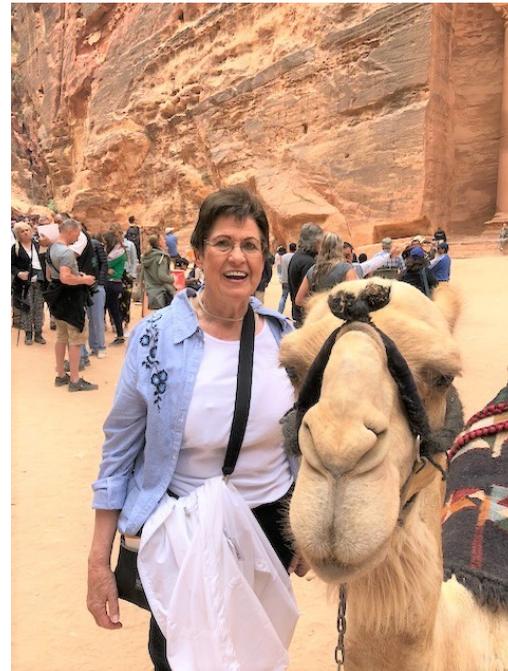
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A picture is worth a thousand words ----- words will come later.

Kathy, Lynn, and John



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WORSHIP TEAM

Your Worship Team is especially thankful to Kelly Weaver for filling in for Lynn Tieken for an entire month of Sundays. I think we can all say that she did a wonderful job and without a hitch, as I understand. Thanks, Kelly!

Our choir also has continued to meet and practice under direction of Joshua Allen, who has brought so much to our services with his multitude of talents. Thanks to Joshua, the choir, the liturgists, the ushers, the sound/lighting group, members of the Worship Team, and the support of the entire congregation in making our worship place and our worship services a glorification indeed to our holy triune God. We have been blessed with ministers and servants, some from our own congregation (Jimmy, James, Jan and John B., and Claudia), who bring God's Word to us with fresh meaning each week. And we are grateful!

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on June 3rd under direction of newly commissioned Lay Pastor Jimmy Chapman. Rev. David Reeder will deliver his sermon entitled "A Prodigal, A Pharisee, and A Padre". The Worship Team plans for a "Hymn Sing" on June 10th, remembering favorite hymns, with some solos, duets, and maybe a few surprises, so be sure to plan to be here.

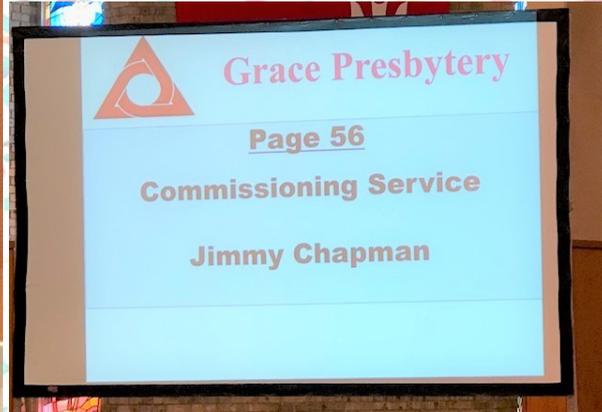
Your Worship Team members are Margaret Hillin, Jan Mims, Cindy Ratliff, Jimmy Chapman, Kelly Weaver, Kathy Porter, and Lynn Tieken, Chair. Choir members are Tim Wasson, Cindy Ratliff, Bert Lowe, Jan Pennal, Katie Hurst, Margaret Hillin, Lynn Tieken, and Joshua Allen. Ushers include Steve Lowe, Travis and Patsy Reynolds, Bob and Lavonne Schauwecker, John Bruce Hillin, and at times, others. Lighting and Sound: Claudia Morgan Gray, Kelly Weaver, Bill Stanley, and John Tieken. Many serve as liturgists. There are many ways where one can serve. It takes a village. Thank you all.



Worship Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Jimmy on becoming a lay pastor!



Last Supper Donated by Travis Reynolds



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	2 WEAR ORANGE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY - JUNE 2 <small>#NTV #WearOrange #NYT</small>
3 <i>Bring H.I.M. Donations</i> <i>Communion</i> Billie Manck	4	5 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	6 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	7 <i>Christian Education Meeting 10:00am</i>	8 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	9
10	11 Tim Wasson	12 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	13 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i> Cody Conway	14	15 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	16
17 Happy FATHER'S DAY!	18	19 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	20 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	23
24	25 <i>Pipeline Deadline</i> Jan Mims	26 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	27 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	28	29 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	30 Mariella Pennal
Reminder <i>Bring H.I.M. donations the First Sunday of every month</i>						