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Tis the season for gardeners. We've seen them around town and all over Facebook. They (and maybe you!) are pulling weeds that have snuck in, pruning off dead branches, pulling old plants, and carting it out by the wheelbarrow full. Now gardeners are taking a look at what comes next.

As a church, we've just passed through the season of Lent. It's a season of pulling weeds and pruning branches—spiritually speaking. Some days you'll find yourself hauling the junk out by the wheelbarrow full.

But Lent is over. The sin isn't gone, but the season has changed. So our attention moves from what we need to get rid of to taking a look at what comes next. Tis the season do some planting. Here are two good practices to plant some seeds in your life that will bear some spiritual fruit.

1. Write down a prayer:

It probably won't take long to figure out what the "right" prayer is. There is something in your life, or the life of someone you love, that needs some extra attention from God. Take the prayer, and write it down. Then put it somewhere. It could be:

- A post-it note on the mirror
- The background of your compute
- A slip of paper in your wallet
- A daily reminder in your calendar
- If you are really feeling bold, you can write it into a hand-labyrinth.

The important thing is to put it somewhere you will keep coming back to it. As you pray it, watch for God to begin working. 1 John 5 says:

And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

It may not be an answer in the way we want, but we know that he has heard us. Notice, however, that the word translated, "made" also means, "desired," and "required." Sometimes, God will listen *beyond* the words of our prayer to the true want or need that lies behind it.

2. Memorize a scripture:

Memorization is a practice that takes some hard work, and in an age where it is MUCH easier to search the internet for a Bible verse than to memorize it, it can seem like there is no reason to go through the effort. But memorizing a verse from the Bible is planting it inside of us. The verse can put down roots and begin to bear fruit in a different way.

A couple tips:

- Start with a small chunk—just a few words—and memorize that first. Once you have that piece, add on what follows next. To do a sentence won't take more than a few minutes.
- 5 minutes a day for 14 days will put the verse into your long-term memory instead of your short-term, and it won't break anyone's schedule. Do this instead of one longer session.

Neither of these practices is guaranteed to bear fruit in a day. Gardens don't either. But plant the seed, and see what comes.

RITI Volunteer Fellowship Lunch

This Sat. April 16 from 11am – 1pm

At Greater St. Paul AME Church

If you attend, please bring a dessert or side dish to share!



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

This Sunday April 17th at 9AM

All are invited to attend

Have you signed up?

We need Worship Leaders and Help with Youth Food on Sunday Nights. Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside the church office.



The old saying goes "Time Flies when your having fun"

Food For Thought's last day will be

Wednesday April 13th

Prayers of the People:

Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Stroby Stewart; David Patrick; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, James Bowman, Christy, Jane Radon, Kelli Newman, Gene Marable Jr., Denise and Todd Holdridge, James Colus, Roy Hall, Marlyn Hagen and Family, Elaine Johnson, Shawn Bray, Cindy Vaughn, Ivy Bridges Blue, John Hendrix, Leatha Grindstaff, Imogene Weavil, Mary Emma Dawson, Howard Sibley, Pat Beigay, John Bohnar, Ty Schrader, Debbie Raden Zinser The Family of Bill Gunn, Beth Akin McNutt and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, April 10th.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: scottsbocpc@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars:

Chancel Team Meeting

THIS THURSDAY April 14th at 4PM

In Pastor Micaiah's Office

Session Meeting

Tuesday April 19th

5PM

Session Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Sunday April 17th immediately
following worship.

Session Elders, please make plans to attend.



Mother's Day

*Don't Forget
Sunday May 8th*



There is a group of 11 adults from SCPC that will be going to Guatemala July 9 -16. Part of the group will work in a CP medical clinic in Guatemala City, tending to teeth and eyes. The other part of the group will work with the CP Hot Lunch Program, feeding and teaching children. This team will go on behalf of SCPC, and they will feed kids, tend to medical problems, teach Bible lessons, play games, and share God's love to children and families. As a global denomination, it is important that we remember that we have Cumberland Presbyterian medical clinics and missionaries already there. We also have several churches who are in the process of becoming CP. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and they are a part of our CP family. We are very excited to be going this summer, and we are grateful for your church support. Please keep this team and all our preparations in your prayers.



Mark your Calendars for this year's
Vacation Bible School
May 23rd—May 27th

VBS will take place in the evenings from 5PM-8PM. Dinner is provided. Friday May 27th we will meet during the day at 10:30AM for our VBS Parade and closing picnic.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Brian Tanck

Join us this spring as CPYC hits the road to bring the CPYC experience to a town near you.


Register online at cpcmc.org/cpyc

April 23
Chandler, IN
The CPYC Experience
Huntsville, AL
April 30

Chandler, IN
Saturday, April 23
1PM-8:30PM
Chandler Cumberland Presbyterian Church
338 S. State. St
Chandler, IN 47610

Huntsville, AL
Saturday, April 30
1PM-8:30PM
Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
228 Church Street Northwest
Huntsville, AL 35801

Register for both one-day events online at cpcmc.org/cpyc



And don't forget to
register for CPYC
June 26-July 1
at Bethel University



Larry Stiles, Our Jack of all trades!!

Thanks Larry for all you do!

**Prayers for Micaiah's
restored health**

Pat Rescenate, our man behind the scenes.

Thanks Pat we see your finger print all over the Church.

The Best Choir in Scottsboro

Thanks for all the hours you give week
after week!

Our Pastors

You're the best!
We appreciate you.

In Thanksgiving for Rev. Brian Tanck

I'm sending a Shout Out for the outstanding job that Kevin Dukes, principal of Skyline High School, the faculty, and the students were able to accomplish. There was an article in the Huntsville Times, Wednesday, April 6, 2016 which identified only public schools where the students are best prepared to further their education following high school graduation. The 2016 College Readiness Rank looked at SAT/ACT test performance, graduation rates and the quality of college students consider and attend. I found it particularly interesting that the parent and student reviews were also considered. Of the top 19 Alabama High schools who best prepared their students to further their education, Skyline High School is ranked 16th.

As a member of our church family, we wish to thank you for your guidance for the children in your care to continue achieving their goals in life.



Robert Donnell Presbyterial Camp

June 27- July 1, 2016

Camp McDowell

Nauvoo, Al

Rising 3rd- 9th graders

\$225 per camper

If registered by May 15

If you would like to donate money to the renovations of our current building, you are invited to do so. We understand that different people have different passions when it comes to giving money. So, if you'd like to see our current building spruced up, you can give to the building fund- with "Building renovations/repairs" in the subject line. We will make sure that this money does not go toward the new building.

Fundraising Goals



2016

General Fund

April 10th offering: \$4,737.00

Total Offering to date: \$ 95,753.65

Budget Requirements

Giving Required per Sunday: \$6,747.40

Required to meet budget to date: \$ 101,210.77

Attendance for:
Brian's Ordination: 77
Sunday 4/10/16
Sunday School: 49
Worship: 106

Worship Aids for Sunday

Pastor: Brian Tanck

Worship Leader:

Greeter: Gentry Benson and Gay Zimmerman

Flowers: Mark and Lisa Williams

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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