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## A Declaration of Interdependence

“Dependence does not destroy human personality,” writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are “never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God.” Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
- That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God’s plan.

Acts 10:2—“He prayed to God regularly.”

“Five words tell me everything I need to know about Cornelius: He prayed to God regularly. Scripture doesn’t record exactly when or where or how he prayed. It doesn’t reveal whether he prayed in the morning or the evening. It doesn’t tell us what he said or the posture he prayed in. It just says he prayed regularly. And when you pray to God regularly, irregular things happen on a regular basis. You never know when or where or how God will invade the routine of your life, but you can live in holy anticipation...

“If you establish a prayer routine, your life will be anything but routine. You will go to places, do things, and meet people you have no business going to, doing, or meeting. You don’t need to seek opportunity. All you have to do is seek God. and if you seek God, opportunity will seek you...”

--from Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge by Mark Batterson

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# Christmas in July



- 7/1 Clint Thomas
- 7/2 Glenda Bell
- 7/7 Alyssa Chunn
- 7/8 Trish Boylan
- 7/14 Ray LaCroix
- 7/14 Hannah Cummins
- 7/14 Tom Walton
- 7/16 Benjamin Pierce
- 7/16 Susan Phillips
- 7/17 Ellen Case
- 7/20 Sam Smith
- 7/22 Carolyn Kendall
- 7/23 Mary Lee Thessen
- 7/23 Gail Whipple
- 7/25 Kathy Lanier
- 7/26 David Clark
- 7/28 Caitlin Coleman

July is here already so now is your chance to get a start on your Christmas shopping! As we do each December, we will provide age appropriate bibles to all of the children we bless through the Angel Tree Program. Every year we are able to bless nearly 100 children with a Christmas they might not otherwise get, and what better way to show our Christian love, than by providing a bible to go along with the goys and clothes they each receive. Bibles will once again be \$15 each. Make your check payable to the church, with Christmas in July in the memo line! You can drop your check in the offering ladle, mail your check in, or stop by the church during the week to make your donation.



We know that summer is a time of fun, sun and travel, but just like in your household, the bills need to be paid even when you're away. Please remember your church as you go about your busy summer and drop your monthly pledge check in the mail to us, or stop by the church office if you're in the area, we want to keep the lights on and the air conditioning running when you are here!

# Presbyterian Day School

## Check out the new PDS Facebook page!



**Presbyterian Day School - Batesville, Arkansas**

15 likes • 31 followers

Presbyterian Day School offers an excellent program to help your child develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively. It is our goal to provide a school atmosphere that is conducive to each child's individual creativity and self-expression.

Presbyterian Day School - Batesville, Arkansas Jun 3 · 🌐

"Both of my children attended PDS, and it was their home away from home. From the loving atmosphere, fun activities, and amazing friends they made, it was the BEST experience!"  
- K.M.



Presbyterian Day School - Batesville, Arkansas Jun 5 · 🌐

"We have loved this school! I love the out of the box learning and flexibility of their program! The small school/classroom sizes allow everyone to know everyone! Watching my kid's confidence and knowledge build and blossom has made my Mama heart proud!"  
- A.G.



**Would you like to help PDS?** The Day school would welcome any donations in the form of snacks, supplies and scholarship donations. Please check with Ms. Alyson or Ms. Laura if you would like to donate snacks or supplies. Any scholarship donations may be brought to the church office.

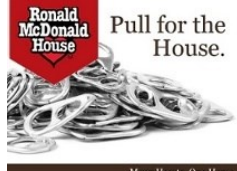




**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

*Be on the lookout this summer for Wednesday Nigh Suppers!*

Drink from a can? Pull the tab and bring it to church! Drop your can tabs in the jar in the Narthex to help the local V.F.W. support the Ronald McDonald House! Tabs can also be dropped off in the office.



### Your Donation Can Spread Joy

Your Outreach Committee needs your help to be a blessing to local charities. Drop your donations off at the church and they will be delivered to an agency with a specific need for that item.

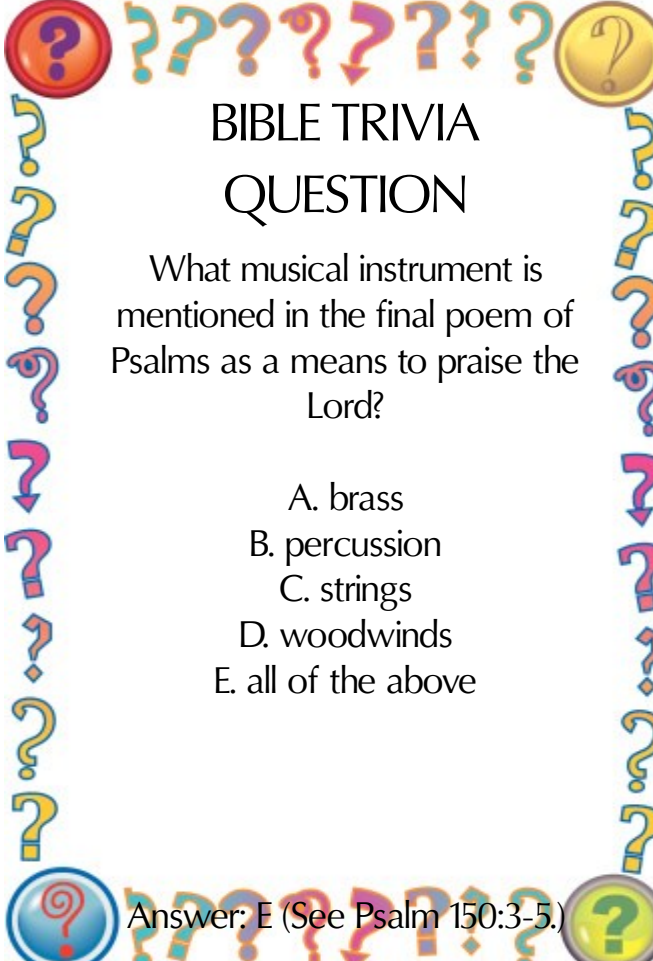
This Month's Item:

**Men's and women's deodorant**

**(This will be donated to the Batesville School District pantry to help families in need.)**

**-and-**

**Bug spray and sunscreen (for Our Father's Table)**



**BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTION**

What musical instrument is mentioned in the final poem of Psalms as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above

Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5.)

## Our Father's Table

Our Father's Table has a few different options for volunteering including:

-Filling their Blessing Box with items. Let's collect these items to put in their box (located behind the Baptist Organization Building across the street from Hollywood Bowl): small toiletries, small first aid kits, hand sanitizer, bug spray, and sunscreen food items that do not need to be heated up and that don't require a can opener such as: protein bars, cereal boxes, pop top canned items and pop tarts just to name a few).

Please consider picking up some of these items next time you are at the store. We will collect items in a basket located in the Narthex, and deliver as the basket fills up.

There are volunteering opportunities on Mondays and Tuesdays to help serve dinner. The two shifts available are 3:30-5:45 and 5:15-7:15. If you wish to serve in this way, please reach out to the volunteer coordinator Cassondra at 870-213-6100.

## Flower Chart

The flower chart is looking pretty bare for the second half of 2024. If you would like to provide flowers for the chancel shelf the second part of the year, please sign up on the chart outside of the pastor's office. Flowers can be placed in memory or in honor of someone, or an event, or just because you're willing to provide flowers.



### CURRENT ELDERS:

**Class of 2024**  
Debra Bell  
Wil Moore  
Shelly Moser  
Mollie Grace

**Class of 2025**  
Gerri Coleman  
Price Holmes III  
Carlene Lewis  
Ceil Smith

**Class of 2026**  
Wanette Baker  
Lenora Baldwin  
Deborah Stroud  
Janet Thomas

### CURRENT DEACONS:

**Class of 2024**  
Betty Adams  
James Anderson  
Ashley Holmes  
LeAnn Holmes

**Class of 2025**  
Wesley Beal  
Melissa Qualls  
Sam Smith  
Janet Wood

**Class of 2026**  
Rachael Baker  
Clint Howard  
Payne Moser  
Larry Whipple

## Preaching and Worship Schedule

### July 7—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Preaching:** Rev. Maggie Alsup

**Liturgist:** Karen Lange

### July 14—Eight Sunday after Pentecost

**Preaching:** Rev. Karen Cherwien

**Liturgist:** Sandy James

### July 21—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Preaching:** Rev. John Lodge

**Liturgist:** Bob Stroud

### July 28—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Preaching:** Rev. Maggie Alsup

**Liturgist:** Andrea Weaver

## Mind the Gap!

If you have visited London and ridden the Tube, you are used to hearing a voice say “mind the gap”, making sure you are aware that there is a little space between the train and the firm footing of the underground station. We are entering that “gap” ourselves, as we wait for an interim pastor who will provide leadership as we seek a new minister. During this time, it’s possible that preaching schedule won’t always be set in time to make it in the newsletter, but know that someone will be lovingly and prayerfully leading worship each Sunday during this time. Summertime is always a bit slower around here, but one thing you can do to support the church during this time is to show up and be a friendly face and a listening ear. God’s word will come to us through each preacher who fills our pulpit, and worship is always worth our time!!

## Pastoral Care




**PLEASE REMEMBER** these members and friends of First Presbyterian Church in your prayers.

**MEMBERS:** Barry Gehm; Ron Karg; Danny Yeager; Bob and Sandy Qualls; Kathy Whittenton; Jo Cudd; Farris and Dick Nelms; Nat Zumwalt; Trish Boylan.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Sam Crawford (*friend of the congregation*); Ann Eustace (*mother of John Ried*); Suzanne Bethell (*mother of Leslie Roper*); Chip Rayford (*son-in-law of Theodora Hightower*); Bill Olson (*friend Amy Crouch Howard*); Dwight Barnett & family (*brother of Carlene Lewis*); Dr. Bill Waldrip (*friend of the congregation*); Kelli Sarrett (*niece of Celeste Whipple*); Dr. Mark Williams (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Pam Barnett (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Linda Richardson (*aunt of Karen Lange*); Daniel Neal (*friend of Zack Mobley*); Zach Miller (*son-in-law of Price and LeAnn Holmes*); Charlie Robuck (*grandson of Jo Cudd*); Paul & Susan (Critz) Guthrie (*friend of the congregation*); Marjorie Seasholtz (*friend of Kathy Whittenton*); Don Weatherman (*friend of the congregation*); Roger Blackmore (*friend of James & Camille Anderson*); Todd Phillips (*nephew of Camille Anderson*); Eloise Kikkert (*granddaughter of Don & Lynn Weatherman*); Jim & Diane Campbell (*brother & sister-in-law of Lenora Baldwin*); Betty Howard (*friend of Kathy Whittenton*); Nick Slagle (*nephew of Ceil Smith*); Susan Anselm (*sister of Jo Gehm*).

**IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS**, we remember to pray for these ministries:

Please Pray for... 	July 7	Grace, Little Rock	First, Malvern
	July 14	Barr Memorial, Norman	Hopewell Church, Morrilton
	July 21	First, Mountain Home	First, Newport
	July 28	First, Little Rock	Presbytery Staff

## Presbyterian Day School

Limited space is still available for the Fall. If you know of anyone looking for a half-day program for their three or four year old, let them know about P.D.S. and have them call the office or more information!