

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church

May 2022



Dear Church Family:

As I look forward to the end of my time with you as a transitional pastor I am reminded that I had one unique event occur during my time with you. I have had to cancel church services because of floods and blizzards. I have conducted services with no electricity in the building. For the first time I had to cancel a live service because of a hurricane.

I hope I have been able to help you get ready for the transition to a new permanent pastor in the only way I know. I have turned to the scriptures each week to see what word the Lord had for us in a given week. In the book of Jeremiah the people come to Jeremiah and ask, "is there any word from the Lord?" We should still be asking that question.

It is my prayer that you open your hearts and minds to the Reverend Dr. Amy Chilton as she begins her ministry among you. Be in prayer for her and her daughter as they prepare for this transition in their lives.

For the few weeks we have left together I can still say, "See you in church Sunday."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tim Chesser

Join Us in Person or for On-line Worship Sundays at 10:00 am

Remember services are held every week on Zoom too. Click "Join the Meeting!" below.

Recordings of services are posted on YouTube.

[Click for Zoom Phone Info](#)

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Board of Deacons

All,

We have just come through a very inspirational and glorious Lent/Easter time. The season hopefully renewed your love of the Lord, strengthened your relationship with Him, and has you continuing to focus your walk on His ways. Jesus did pay it all, and we do owe all to Him. May and June we will be focusing on helping Pastor Tim finish his ministry with our church. He has been a delight to work with, and we, as a group, have learned a great deal from him. We wish him continued happiness schooling his grandkids and stepping into the next ministry task that God calls him to.

As we finish out with Pastor Tim, we will also be looking forward to welcoming Pastor Amy. This will be an exciting new adventure for Phillips, as well as for her, and we will work to the best of our abilities to make it a very productive one for both.

As a reminder, please join us when you can on Wednesdays for our Bible study on Zoom. It has been a very fruitful and fun time.

Jeff Damrad

Board of Mission

Many thanks from ABCUSA for our gifts to AFC (\$680) and OGHS (\$725) ... from Harrington Hall for the socks and personal care items ... and from McCauley House for personal care items!!

It turns out that during May/June we collect for ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. This year the need to share our love is even greater: crises in Ukraine; tornadoes and hurricanes in the USA; poverty with hunger and water shortage worldwide (100 million added to the poverty list since the pandemic). This offering supports economic development, climate change challenges, disease treatment, refugee issues, natural disasters....quite a variety! We do this offering as a tangible way to show "Love in Action"love never ends and OGHS shares love in action; it gives not only physical help, but also Hope!

Diana Litterick

"Our highest and holy calling is to BE the Church, not Go to church."

- Cody Sanders

Hope Circle

Hope Circle will be having a **spring/summer rummage sale on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 9-12.**

We will start accepting donations on April 1, 2022. Please LABEL all boxes and bags "RUMMAGE SALE." Donated items can be stored in the coat closet across from the music room in the fellowship foyer. We appreciate all donations! Below is a list of what items will be accepted and what will not be accepted.

WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Seasonable spring/summer clothes only: men's, women's, kids', toddlers'
- Shoes, sneakers, sandals
- Accessories: handbags, belts, scarves, hats, baseball caps
- Linens: curtains, tablecloths, placemats, bedspreads, gently used sheets, blankets
- Houseware items: bowls, pots, pans, all sorts of utensils, glassware, vases, pitchers, dishes
- Toys, puzzles, games (indoor & outdoor)
- Tools, garden tools, indoor electric fans
- Knick-Knacks, craft items

WHAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Furniture (any kind)
- Baby Furniture, strollers, bassinets, infant seats, car seats, pack-in-play, cribs (etc.)
- Electronics (any kind)
- Lamps
- Computers
- Printers
- Televisions
- Bicycles
- Exercise Equipment
- Lawn equipment
- Golf clubs
- Books
- Pillows

Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and sell items on Saturday morning that day. Please call the office at 467-3300 or Diane Steele at 941-6729 if available to help. The more the merrier. Thank you!

Grateful,

Diane Steele

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Ginny Rasmussen’s sister Dotty Price, Thomas Gasbarro neighbor of Belmain Family, Pat and Stan Davies and their daughter Cheryl Onanian, Carolyn Belmain’s sister Sheila McFarland, Roy LaCroix Sr., Madeline Millin, Victoreen Thompson, Jean Manocchia’s son-in-law John Smith, daughter-in-law’s mother, Linda, and friend Suzanne Souza; persons suffering from ALS; Joyce Smith; Lisa Elliot; David Fresch’s friend Evan

Bonnie DerManelian’s daughter Heidi; Rev. Dr. Tom McKibbens; Sheldon Belmain’s sister Judy Carver; Carolyn Belmain’s friend Michael O’Conner; Linda Liebrich’s parents; ABC missionaries around the world and in U.S. and Puerto Rico; our shut-in members.

Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

You will note that starting June 3, 2021, the daily Bible reading list has two series, complementary and semi-continuous. There is no right or wrong way to use the readings. American Baptist Churches USA has used either series. Some people like to use both series, reading one in the morning and one in the evening. It is generally better to read one or the other consistently than try to do both and give up because of the time commitment. If you are not sure which to use, follow the complementary series.



If anyone wishes to have a printed copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Here is the internet address/link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=C>

Birthdays!



Steve Bergquist	May 2
Dick Pierce	May 2
Maxine Hutchins	May 3
Kristen Boudreau	May 12
Stephen Day	May 15
Kristen Trahan	May 18
Carol Iannelli	May 25

Wedding Anniversaries!



Don & Joanne Lovejoy	May 6
Richard & Sheila Zambarano	May 20



A big **THANK YOU** to **Fran Shaw** for getting the beautiful Palm Sunday and Easter Memorial flowers, planting flowers around the church's grounds as well as organizing and hosting the fellowship coffee gatherings, numerous luncheons, and lots of other events.



Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Knitter's Meet in the Trickett Parlor

You don't have to knit - just join us for a lively exchange of ideas.

**"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."**

William Wordsworth

Elder Care Ministries

Zoom Coffee Chats
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.


Growing in . . .

As we navigate the third third of life, where might the ground be fertile for growth? Join us as we chat about how we might grow in:

- Grace
April 20
- Gratitude
April 27
- Gumption
May 4
- Genuineness
May 11
- Generosity
May 18

For the Zoom link, contact eldercare@abc.org

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