

From the Pastor ...Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Dear Church Family,

Can it be that summer is nearly over? Just a few days ago I heard on the news that it was the first official day of summer and, “bam!”, kids are lining up to purchase Crayola crayons, glue, and tablets, and signing up for soccer and whatever else they get on lists for these days.

Many of you are either still on vacation or telling stories from your travels. Sometime, if you tell me yours, I’ll share when Linda and I went to Miami and I discovered a really good deal on some tours—including one on a faux pirate boat on which they handed out plastic swords and eye patches. That was not the worst. We still don’t talk about it at home but enough time has passed that I can share it privately with others as a good learning experience.

The seasons come and go all too fast but the rhythm is comforting to us. Church colors mark the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter. Humans need this order to mark the seasons and we get excited to see them come no matter how many times we have be through the cycle.

This has been a difficult year for some in our congregation, with hospital visits or treatments at a clinic, or troubles at home. Some of you worried about test results and side-effects of drugs. You had to depend on God’s promises. A favorite promise I like to share is in Isaiah 55:10-11: “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

So, as we get on with facing new seasons, new routines and who-knows-what-experiences, God’s promise to you is firm. God’s purposes will be fulfilled in you.

Therefore, I’ll joyfully go on vacations in the future without the slightest fear of mishaps, mainly because Linda will be planning them. God bless you as we look forward to another year full of God’s promises.

May the Lord bless you,
Darryl

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August Birthdays

John Abbott	5
Jeremy Stephens	6
Carol Strong	7
David Nelson	11
Turner Matthews	14
Sylvia Newbill	16
Donna Moore	21
Linda Webster	22
Sherrie Nelson	24
Fate Webster	25
Virginia Wright	27

August Anniversaries

Don & Jan Foster	3
Greg & Frances Vogel	4
Fate & Linda Webster	14
Jim & Joyce Boyd	23
Stu & Carol Strong	24
Philip & Nelda Gilbert	30



MISSION OPPORTUNITY FEED THE NEED SCHOOL BACKPACKS

To continue with our theme of **Helping Children at Risk**, your Mission Ministry Team is going to be partnering with several churches in the community to provide food through the City-Wide Backpack Food Program again. This is for children who may not otherwise have enough to eat over the weekend. A plastic bag is filled with food and the school puts these bags in their backpack each Friday. If you prefer, we will gladly accept monetary donations. Leave your check in the envelope provided or bring cash to the office during the week.

We are excited to continue this mission again and need your support and continued prayers. Thank you to everyone who helped last year feed the need in our schools--you did a great job!

Food Suggestions:

instant oatmeal	individual cereal boxes
cereal/granola Bars	Pop Tarts
Ramen Noodles	canned soups
canned dinners (spaghetti, chili, stew)	boxed dinners
canned or pouches of tuna or chicken	microwave Mac 'n cheese
Individual packaged snack crackers	small boxes of raisins
microwave popcorn	individual pkg. fruits
fruit roll-ups/snack packs	

Everything must be non-perishable.



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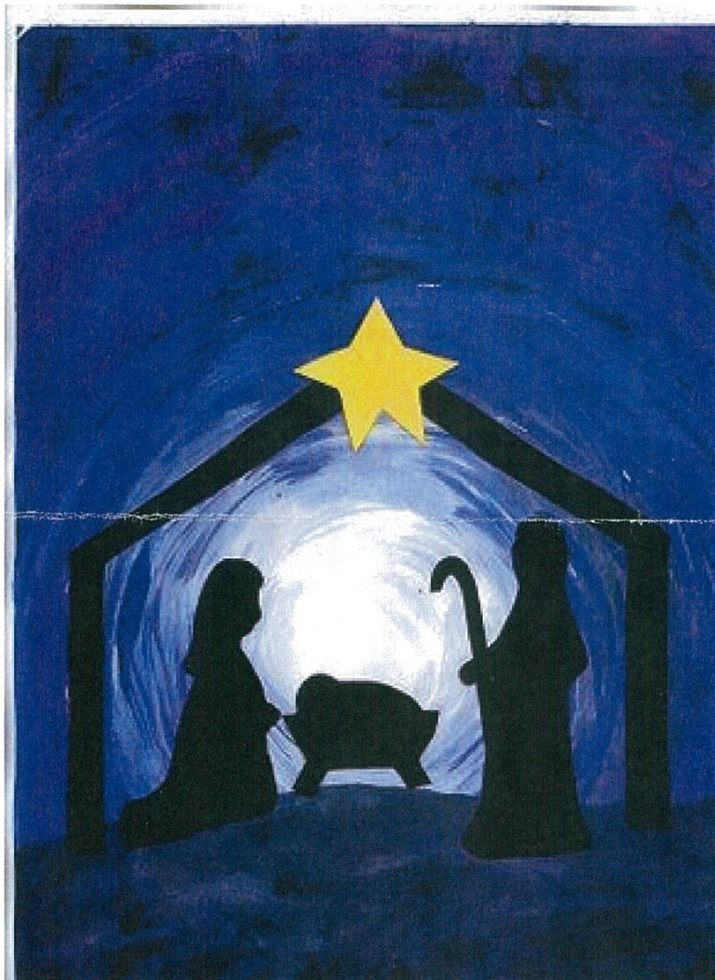
2017 Christmas Cards

to benefit the
Presbyterian Home for Children

Get an early start on Christmas by ordering your holiday cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children -- and make a donation to this worthwhile cause at the same time.

The Presbyterian Home is taking orders now through September 30 for Christmas cards to be delivered by the end of October. The artwork for the card (shown) was painted by a resident at the Home. All proceeds from the card sales will be used to support the programs of the Presbyterian Home.

You may order Christmas cards until September 30. Orders will be available for delivery in October.



By purchasing cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children, you will receive a high quality card at a reasonable price while supporting a valuable cause. Your cards will demonstrate your special interest in the Home and the proceeds will make a difference in many lives.

Order in advance to be sure you receive all the cards you need to share with your friends!

Presbyterian Home for Children Christmas Card order form

How many packages? _____

(10 cards per package)

x \$15.00 each (includes shipping) _____

Total enclosed: _____

Ship cards to: _____

**ORDER ONLINE
WWW.PHFC.ORG**

**Deadline for orders is September 30, 2017.
Cards will be shipped in October.**

**Mail check and order form to:
PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN
P. O. Drawer 577, Talladega, AL 35161**



To the Farthest Shores **by Elizabeth Camden**

This is one of nine historical fiction novels by this award winning author.

The unpredictability of her upbringing prepared Army nurse Jenny Bennett to face any challenge at the Presidio Army base in California, but the sudden reappearance in her life of a dashing naval officer who broke her heart six years ago is enough to rattle even her.

This book covers it all, history, romance, mystery, suspense, and the characters overcoming insurmountable odds.

Wednesday Night Potluck Suppers and Classes will meet the following dates during the summer starting at 6:00 pm:

Wednesday, August 23

Weekly Activities start Wednesday, September 6

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for you to serve as a Host. Instructions are on the sheet. We need someone to sign up for August 23 and following weeks.



C.A.T.S. DAY TRIP

It is time for another CATS outing. Please plan to join us on August 25 when we will visit Decatur's newest museum--the Decatur Union Depot Museum located at 701 Railroad Street. The Director, David Breland, will provide information about the museum.

The museum features railroad and transportation artifacts, a mural of the city's rail history and a short movie that shares that history. Some of the pieces are the original superintendent's desk; round and X-shaped cast-iron cross-bucks that are mounted on the walls in the theater room, both about 100 years old; and a rare deep-green velvet Pullman passenger car seat.

After visiting the museum, we will travel down the road to one of our favorite places to eat -- Dot's. Mark your calendars for August 25. We will meet at the church at 9:30 to car pool to the museum.

A sign up form is in the church office. Contact Faye Anderson if you have questions.



VBS IS FUN FOR
CHILDREN OF
ALL AGES
THANKS TO ALL OUR
HELPERS!



School Supply Mission Project

We had a very good response to this year's project. We were able to fill the lists for 5 of our regular youth and children. The remaining supplies will be going to the CCC. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Greg Vogel & John Brandon
Missions Committee



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Noon—Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor 6:30 Choir	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday	7	8	9 First Day of School	10	11 Rummage Sale @ CCC 7a-2p	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 6:00 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	24	25 CATS Trip Meet at church at 9:30a	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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August Volunteer Schedule

	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27
Liturgists	Turner Matthews	B.J. Breeding	Shelly Shull	Ceil Hydrick
Ushers	John Abbott Stu Strong John Newbill Harold Moore J. Brandon, alt.	Don Foster Turner Matthews John Shull Ed Wyle F. Webster, alt	Doug Coshow Dan Watt Fate Webster Ceil Hydrick George Hilleary, alt.	Dave Ellerbe Harold Culbert Greg Vogel Jim Boyd, alt.
Children’s Message	None/Communion	Rev. Goldman	B. J. Breeding	Rev. Goldman
Nursery	Cheryl Ellerbe	Lee Zeiher	Carol Strong	Joan Jordan
Wednesday Host	No activities	No activities	No activities	Wed., 8/23 Barbara Allen
Communion August 6	Preparer: Linda Grissom	Communion Servers: Stu Strong, Ceil Hydrick, Linda Webster, Greg Vogel, Nellie Gates		