



SEPTEMBER 2019

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

Here We Go Again...

God Bless all teachers and students returning to schools/preschools/colleges/universities.

Please join me in praying safety and protection for every teacher, support staff, administrator, media specialist, guidance counselor, school nurse, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, maintenance workers, School Board members and office staff, and every family and every student and every person entering our schools and campuses.

GOD PLEASE PROTECT THEM ALL AND GRANT THEM YOUR GRACE AND MERCY IN CARRYING OUT THE UNIQUE WORK BEFORE THEM!



Pastor Tom Dendy

JOIN ME FOR **GOD GAB** IN SEPTEMBER ON A NEW DAY AND IN A NEW LOCATION!

WHEN: The Third Tuesday, September 17, 2019

WHERE: BOB EVANS Restaurant
(At River Oaks Drive & Hwy 501)

TIME: 6:00P.M. for approximately 1 hour

GOD GAB is an informal gathering for fellowship, food (if you choose) and conversation around Topics of Faith. It is also in an informal setting where you can invite a friend or neighbor to join in what may be a wonderful way to introduce them to others in our Celebration congregation. We WELCOME you and your friends and neighbors to share in GOD GAB as a way to deepen relationships and grow in our faith and fellowship. It is one intentional way that we are TAKING THE CHURCH OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING AND INTO THE COMMUNITY.

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September



A Fundraiser featuring

**Artist from across
the Grand Strand
Performing Broadway Hits**

**One Night Only
Saturday, October 19, 2019
7-10pm
Tickets \$20**




FALL ON BROADWAY II

Fall on Broadway II is in full swing of planning. Sarah has reached out to local performers to share their talent at this year's event. Please plan to come and bring a friend. Tickets are \$20.

If you would like to help with the event by donating raffle baskets/items, gift certificates, help before during or after the event, all assistance is appreciated. It takes a community to make this event a success. Silent auction items were a big attraction last year. Marsha Meek is heading this up for us. If you have connections, please reach out to Marsha. You can reach Marsha at 703-932-3177 or her email address marsha.meek@gmail.com.

If you have a question reach out to Cecilia Evans 843-520-6069.

We are looking forward to another great event.

Raffle Baskets are starting to come in. Here are some of the pictures. Do you have one you would like to contribute?



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our July lunch took us to P.F. Chang's in Market Common. This was only our second time dining here. There were 14 Ladybugs in attendance and we welcomed back Gloria Flowers and Donna Woodard. They don't get to join us very often and we were happy that they could. We collected \$80.00 for charity. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

Several of us had or shared Chang's famous lettuce wraps.....delish!!! Others dined on chicken and rice dishes, salads, dim sum and pad Thai specials. We had a very nice and efficient waitress. As always, the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, September 12, 2019 at noon at Capriccio's Italian Restaurant, which is in the shopping center located on the corner of 38th Street and Hwy 17 Bypass. If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited.....hope to see you there. Come join a bunch of fun Ladybugs!



SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

Finances—Discussion on current liquidity of church. Even with the Rainbow Connection Fundraiser the church has had difficulties meeting expenses this summer. The new cross will be installed but will wait on steeple repair until we have a more positive cash flow situation.

PILP has provided temporary mortgage relief for 12 months but in order to refinance with PILP they are requesting a capital debt reduction campaign.

Motion was made and passed to pursue a 20 year refinance with TD Bank.

Motion was made and passed to suspend all special offerings through year end with the exception of 5th Sunday offerings for property care and upkeep.

Motion was made and passed to suspend denominational support for September-December including Per Capita, Presbytery Support, and Theological Educational funding.

Fall on Broadway II plans are underway. Save October 19 for this fun event. God Gab is returning this fall on the 3rd Tuesday starting in September. The new location is Bob Evan's at 6pm.

Movie night will return this fall on September 28.

An outing to La Belle Amie Vineyard is planned for September 28. Contact Carol Butler for more information.

Shepherd Table teams are being aligned for 2020.

Property will pursue painting the sanctuary as funds and timing allow.

A motion was made and passed to have a Congregational Meeting on September 8 to elect church members to serve on the nominating committee.



We are still collecting food for Helping Hand. Next time you are grocery shopping, pick up a few items to bring to church for Helping Hand. Some ideas are: cans of Vienna sausages, pop-top microwave pasta, pop-top Beanie Weenies, fruit cups, bottled water + single pouch flavorings (i.e. crystal light), Pop-tarts (pouch of two) or cereal bars, peanut butter crackers (Lance or Austin – any flavor), plastic utensils and napkins. Also peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal and much more. You can visit the website Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach for more suggestions. Thank you for helping others in our community.

Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 8, at 9:45am. They will continue on with the study of the Gospel of John picking up at Chapter 7. All are welcome!



The 2020 Attractions Dining and Value Guide Books are here. They are \$20 per book and can be used starting now. They are available in the church office. They make excellent gifts!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GOVERNMENT

A major contributor to Reformed theology was John Calvin, who converted from Roman Catholicism after training for the priesthood and in the law. In exile in Geneva, Switzerland, Calvin developed the Presbyterian pattern of church government, which gives governing authority primarily to elected members known as elders. The word Presbyterian comes from the Greek word for elder.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is governed by councils, which exist to help congregations and the church as a whole be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ. The session is the council for the local congregation and consists of ruling elders and the pastor.

Ruling Elders are elected by the members of the congregation. Together with pastors, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships.

Elders are in one sense representatives of the congregation. However, their primary charge is to seek to discover and represent the will of Christ as they govern. Presbyterian elders are both elected and ordained. Through ordination they are officially set apart for service. They retain their ordination beyond their term in office.

The session is the smallest, most local council or governing body. The other governing bodies are presbyteries, which are composed of a number of churches; synods, which are made up of several presbyteries; and the General Assembly, which represents the entire denomination. The session is responsible for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness. In seeking to help the congregation be and become this community, the session has an important role as it engages in prayerful discernment and attends to how God's Spirit may be at work in the congregation and in the broader community.

We recognize that ruling elders are provided "with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people" and that "together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life a congregation as well as the whole church." (PCUSA Book Of Order)

As it seeks to lead and guide the congregation, the main responsibilities of the session include: 1) Providing the word of God may be truly preached and heard; 2) Providing the Sacraments be rightly administered and received; and 3) Nurturing the covenant community of Christ's disciples.

To give you a better understanding of how our Celebration Presbyterian Church session functions, here are the current session committees: Evangelism, Finance and Stewardship, Missions and Outreach, Christian Education, Hospitality, Personnel, Property, Worship / Media / Web, Endowment, Communication and Technology, Strategic Planning, Preschool Board, and Nominating. Pastor Tom is the Moderator, and our Clerk of Session is Cecilia Evans. Our elders also help to serve Communion and participate in Baptisms. And finally, elders accept and welcome new members into our congregation.



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

It is hard to believe that I am starting my 13th year at the preschool! I know I say this every year but, my how time flies! The excitement to start the new school year is humming through the halls. The teachers have been preparing new activities and setting up incredibly inviting classrooms to welcome our students on September 3.

Join me in welcoming Ms. Erin Ruggerio to the preschool staff. Ms. Erin has had two children that have gone or are going through our program. So, even though she has not been a staff member she has been part of the preschool family for years. Ms. Erin will be working with Ms. Kelly in Room 1 as an Assistant Teacher.

We do have a few spots available in the preschool if you know someone who is interested in attending. Have them contact the preschool office. We are all looking forward to another fun and successful year!

Classes are in session beginning Tuesday, September 3, from 8:15-11:15am and 12:15 to 3:15pm, if you want to pop in for a visit.

If you ever have any questions about our program, please do not hesitate to call me at 843-903-3211.





THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

By Cecilia Evans

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Nancy Torcivia Dom Torcivia Margaret Reeder Beth Bruton Marsha Meek Steve Meek	Roy Andrews Laurie Andrews Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh Doug Larson	Kathy Wechter Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Mike Kotora Joann Piazza Rosie Rashid Jerry Rashid Paul Youngblood Patty Youngblood
January 10	February 14	March 21	January 17	February 21
April 11	May 9	June 20	April 18	May 16
July 11	August 8	September 19	July 18	August 15
October 10	November 14	December 19	October 17	November 21
Sub: Cindy Smith				

If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please contact Cindy Smith to see if she is available and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!

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BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

1—Michael Resnick
1—Paul Youngblood
16—Thomas Webb
19—Sandy Perry
20—Gretchen Deubler
21—Jennifer Baker
21—Rick Thornburgh
22—Heidi Cherry

22—Katrena White
23—Cecilia Evans
23—Carol Stepanek
24—Larry Dowd
24—Linda Miller
24—Bernie Pettijohn
25—Jack Bamrick



Come Join us for
God Gab
Bob Evans
3rd Tuesday
Fellowship and Bible Verse
discussion
Sept. 17 Oct. 15 Nov. 19
6PM



GOD GAB

GOD GAB is back by popular demand.

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Bob Evans for fellowship and a lively discussion on the Bible topic of the day. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

The dates are September 17, October 15 and November 19.

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 6pm. The movie *INDIVISIBLE* will be shown. It is based on the extraordinary true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner and his wife Heather. With a strong, faith-filled marriage, the Turners are ready to follow their calling: serving God, family, and country. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



SNEAKERS FOR SANTA

Now that we have collected the socks (thank you very much) we need sneakers to go with them. We will be collecting sneakers during the month of November and they, along with the socks, will be delivered to the Salvation Army for children and youth in our area.

Watch for sales on sneakers and pick up a few and bring them in during the month of November.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 8, at the close of worship to elect three church members to the Nominating Committee. Elders Jeanne Bredbeck and Ken Krenzer will co-chair this committee.

5th Sunday Offering

The 5th Sunday Offering will be received on September 29. This offering is to allow for the care, upkeep and improvement of our property.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Communion Children's Church Nursery	2 LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED	3 Preschool Classes begin Quilters 10:00 am	4 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	5	6	7
8 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Congregational Meeting at the close of worship	9	10 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Girl Scouts meet here at 5pm	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12 LadyBug Luncheon Capriccio Italian 12noon	13	14
15 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery STATED SESSION MEETING 12:15pm	16	17 Quilters 10:00 am God Gab 6pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19 Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	20 Breakfast Buddies Olympic Flame 9am	21
22 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	23	24 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night 6pm Daisy Girl Scouts meet here at 5pm	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	26	27	28 La Belle Amie Vineyard Time and cost TBA
29 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery 5th Sunday Offering	30					



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Sep 1—Katrena White

Sep 8—Jeanne Bredbeck

Sep 15—Cecilia Evans

Sep 22—Ken Krenzer

Sep 29—Kathy Wechter

Liturgist

Sep 1—Elizabeth Wills

Sep 8—Peg Speidel

Sep 15—Rick Thornburgh

Sep 22—Anne Brallier

Sep 29—Sara Bamrick

Visitors Table/Greeter

Sep 1—Betsy Hughes

Sep 8—Margaret Reeder

Sep 15—Heidi Cherry

Sep 22—Linda Miller

Sep 29—Nanette Kelly

Children's Church—Trudy Miller

Nursery

Sep 1—Vicki Simon

Sep 8—Donna Woodard

Sep 15—Betsy Hughes

Sep 22—Nanette Kelly

Sep 29—Leslie Eckert

Media Shout

Sep 1—Bernadine Lamar

Sep 8—Donna Woodard

Sep 15—Donna Woodard

Sep 22—Bernadine Lamar

Sep 29—Donna Woodard

Sound Booth

Sep 1—Katrena White

Sep 8—Katrena White

Sep 15—Carol Butler

Sep 22—Carol Butler

Sep 29—Katrena White

Ushers for the month

Sep 1—Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Donna Woodard, Sharon Mook,

Sep 8—Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Anthony Tiani, Sharon Mook,

Sep 15, 29—Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Anthony Tiani

Sep 22—Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Donna Woodard, Anthony Tiani

Communion Elders

Priscilla Mulligan, Donna Woodard, Bernie Pettijohn, Barbara Barranco, Bob Miller

Chimes

Sep 1—Janet Rouseff, Sharon Mook

Sep 8—Cindy Smith, Janet Rouseff

Sep 15—Kathy O'Halloran, Sharon Mook

Sep 22—Janet Rouseff, Cindy Smith

Sep 29—Sharon Mook, Janet Rouseff



If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please change with someone and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!