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# TOGETHER

## Growing Disciples To Share Jesus

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*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
in You I trust, O my God. Guide  
me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are God, my Savior, and  
my hope is in You all day long.  
I love You, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress  
and my deliverer; He is my shield  
and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold. I call to the Lord,  
who is worthy of praise, and I am  
saved from my enemies.  
Psalms 26:1-2, 5: 18:1-3 NIV*

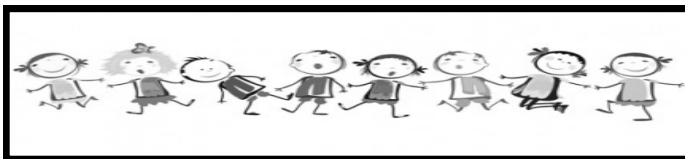


<u>Deacon of the Week</u>	
August 16	Eddie Nunnery Jody Thomas
August 23	Steve Olivadoti Michael Wade
August 30	Jason Owens Jason Wilburn



Bonnie Leon's *Queensland Chronicles Series* will appeal to lovers of historical fiction. Growing up in late 1800's Boston, Rebecca Williams was raised to be independent, strong willed and adventurous. But her father's death leaves her almost destitute. She marries her father's business associate, Daniel Thornton, and returns with him to his native Australia. She's determined to make a go of adapting to her new and strange surroundings in the Australian outback as they face challenges of nature, tradition and society.

It has been a pleasure to get books and DVD's to some of our members during this unusual time, so know that you can call 803-377-3841 to let us know what you want from the library, and we'll make arrangements to either meet you there or to deliver.



#### 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

Now is the time to make sure your 4 year old is signed up for Kindergarten this fall. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 4 by September 1, the child is eligible to be part of the 4 year old Kindergarten here at the church. The program is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn and grow in a Christian environment. Call the church office, 803-377-7187, or Charli Smith, 803-374-1303, to sign-up or for more information. Please pass the word to relatives, friends, and neighbors.

#### Pray for the Schools

Schools will soon be opening for the fall. Some students will be attending school in person and others students will be learning virtually. It will be a different experience for all the students, teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators, and support personnel. Let's pray for our schools and all those involved as they do school in a different way this fall. Education is so important for children as they grow and mature. Education is the key to so many opportunities. Pray for the children and for all those who are seeking to do all they can so the children can learn and grow in these unusual circumstances. Let's faithfully pray for our schools.

#### Tithes & Offerings

##### August 2

Budget Offering Required	8,694.00
Offering Received	10,956.10
Youth Special Account	1,500.00
Media Library	25.00
New Bus	10.00
Mission Fund	25.00
Security	10.00
Total	11,026.10

##### Memorials

Evan Bass	Bobby Love
Wilma Caldwell	Becky Tinker

##### Honorariums

Linda Wylie	Mary Ann Wilkes
Dot Cassels	Karen Huskins
Carol Ford	Faye Alexander
Sylvia Strange	Margaret Bigham
Peggy Billings	Carolyn Turner

##### August 9

Budget Offering Required	8,694.00
Offering Received	6,718.00
Building Fund	125.00
Media Library	100.00
Fleming Trust-Childrens Ministry	500.00
Fleming Trust—TEL SS Class	500.00
Total	7,943.00

##### Memorials

Becky Tinker	Wilma Caldwell
Jessie Anderson	

##### Honorariums

Carol Ford	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wilkes
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##### August 16

Budget Offering Required	8,694.00
Offering Received	4,300.00
Total	4,300.00

##### Memorials

Becky Tinker	Paul Reeves
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##### Honorariums

Glenda Reeves	TEL SS Class
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I hope this article finds all of you healthy and well. We are having Wednesday night Bible Studies, and have begun a series called "Doctrine" by Francis Chan. It is available on Rightnow media, which is free for all students. Contact David if you need to create an account. We will be watching it together in the youth center at 7:00 pm, or you can watch it from wherever you are (with Internet access).

Please continue to pray for all of our students and teachers as schools are starting or finalizing plans for the fall. Due to the pandemic and the staggered school schedule/virtual instruction that Chester County is offering, it is unlikely that we will resume our full Wednesday night schedule anytime soon. Continue to check our facebook and website for details as they are confirmed.

-David

#### Sunday School and Fall Activities

At this point we will continue to have our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services only. Over the course of the next few weeks, as school begins, we will continue to monitor the situation and determine the best course of action. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we consider the best things to do in light of the ever changing situation. Let's pray for the day when we can return to Sunday School and move forward with other activities, events,



Before Christmas last year I bought a new belt. I noticed that the belts had gotten wider since I had last bought a belt. I remember during my growing up years when wide belts were very popular. I bought one that was as narrow as I could find. Unfortunately the belt was not a very good belt; the outside of the belt soon began to peel and so I needed to buy a new belt. Last week I bought another belt. Again the belts were wide, and I tried to find one that was more narrow than most of them. When I put the belt on Sunday morning, I was wearing a suit that I have had for several years -- or maybe even many years. I had to fight to get the belt on. Obviously when the suit was made the belts that were in style were much narrower than the belts that are in style now. The belt loops were made for belts that were popular when the suit was made.

Styles come and go. If you hold on to clothes long enough what was in style at one time will be in style again. Like clothing styles, many things in life change. The beginning of this school year will be like no other in the past. Children are going to school virtually or are going to school some days but not others. Movement in the schools will be limited. Children will wear masks. Things are different.

But even when there is not a pandemic, life is always changing. New technology often changes the way things are. New buildings are built while old things are torn down. Old stores close and new ones take their place. People who are a part of our lives move to new places. Interests we have often change. Children are born, grow-up, and mature into adults. We might face illness and changes in our health. People who are a part of our lives die and leave a void in our lives. Life is always changing – at times for the good and at times in ways that are not so good.

In the midst of all the change that comes, God is steady and sure and faithful. He is our refuge and strength. And no matter what comes in life and no matter how the world changes, we know that God loves us and cares for us. He promises to strengthen us and uphold us by His victorious right hand (Isaiah 41:10). In the midst of change let us put our faith and trust in God. God is sure and steady – He is unchanging in the midst of our changing world.

#### Mission Project

Progress continues to be made on the house at 168 Loomis Street. More of the siding has been done and much of the painting is completed. Please continue to pray that this project will continue to move forward as many people work together to help this family. Thank you to all those who have had the opportunity to work on the house. Continue to listen for other work days and opportunities to help. All help is greatly appreciated.

