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**TOGETHER**  
**Growing Disciples To Share Jesus**  
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THE  
POWER  
OF PRAYER

Jeremiah 29:12. "Then you will call upon me  
and come and pray to me, and I will hear  
you." ...

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet  
hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of  
care,  
And bids me at my Father's  
throne  
Make all my wants and  
wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's  
snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of  
prayer!*

*wallford*

**Deacon of the Week**

August 2	Douglas Josey Will Smith
August 9	Jill Josey Kerry Stowe
August 16	Eddie Nunnery Jody Thomas



**The Story** is about God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 chapters, **The Story**, using clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, it is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption---and this story is true. **The Story** is now available in the church library. It has been a pleasure to get books and DVD's to you 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.

God  Answers Prayers

#### Tithes & Offerings

##### July 26

Budget Offering Required	8,694.00
Offering Received	7,981.00
Youth Special Account	1,500.00
Library	50.00
Total	8,046.00

##### Memorials

Rebecca Tinker	Wilma Caldwell
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#### 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.

#### Prayer Walk

As schools prepare to return for the fall, the monthly Prayer Walks at Chester High School will resume. There will be a Prayer Walk at Chester High on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:00 PM. Come and join with others and pray for Chester High School. The walk is outside and social distancing will be practiced as the walk is done. Please come and join with others on August 11 to pray for Chester High School and for all those who are a part of the school.



AS FOR ME  
AND MY  
family,  
WE WILL SERVE  
THE  
Lord

JOSHUA 24:15, NJT



Hello! I hope this article/post finds you well! We are continuing to have Bible study on Wednesday nights, both in person and on zoom. Join us at 6:45 in person, and 7:00 on zoom (text me if you need the code/password, it's the same one we have been using).

I am still hoping to have a camp out before too long, so far weather/schedules have not been cooperating. Keep checking our facebook page for updates.

We are continuing discussions about our fall schedule, including Wednesday nights, Sunday School and Sunday afternoons. We will make announcements as soon as we can. Miss all of you and all of our summer activities! -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, and ministry.



#### Possible Chester Baptist Association Men's Ministry Picnic



There is a Chester Baptist Association Men's Ministry Picnic that is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 PM at Liberty Baptist Church.

Note that the location has been changed. Also, the decision about whether to have the picnic will be made this week, so listen Sunday for an announcement about whether or not the picnic will be held. If the event is held, it will be outside.



One of the things that we have faced over the last several months in the midst of this pandemic is uncertainty. The information that we receive is so often changing as new information is made available. Studies are always being done and new information continues to come out – and often the information is different depending on who one is listening to, who is reporting, or what day it is. There has been uncertainty about where one should or should not go, about when things should or should not open, about when a vaccine will be available, how school should proceed, and how sports should be played. There are areas of uncertainty in almost all walks of life.

In the midst of the uncertainty that we face, we can know with certainty that God loves us. We can know that God promises to be with us and walk with us in all that we face in life. We can know that as we trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, we receive the gift of abundant and eternal life. We can know with certainty that God wants each of us to be one of His children. We can know that as God calls us to serve Him that He empowers us to do what He places before us to do. We can know that God gives to us His peace, His love, and care. We can know that as we confess our sins, He forgives us. We can know that we can have a new start with Him as we come back to Him. We can know that God sustains us and helps us no matter what is going on in our lives. We can know with certainty that God's grace is sufficient for us.

There are many things that are uncertain in our world. With God, we can always trust His love, His care, His promises, and His faithfulness. In the midst of uncertainty, let's put our faith and trust in the Lord who loves us and cares for us. Let's find our certainty in the Lord God who has been, who is, and who always will be. Where are you looking for certainty today?

#### Possible Mission Project Work Day

We are getting closer to completing the work on the house at Loomis Street. If we have people who are available to help this Saturday, August 8, we are planning another work day. We will begin work at 8:00 AM – trying to get some work done before it gets even hotter. Please let Clay or David know if you can come and help. We need to know how many can come and help because we need a good group there to work so that we can try to get this project completed as soon as possible. If we do not have several people who can come, we will postpone the day so please let us know if you are planning to come and help this Saturday.

