

# PIPE CREEK PIPELINE

News, notes, and updates about our church family at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church

## From the Pastor's Pen

Time flies when you're having fun!

It's August already and that normally means the last month of summer fun. I hope you're having fun, even though we're all doing our best to keep our distance, protect ourselves from being infected by the "virus", and keep from spreading the "virus". Even in our time of isolation, there are ways to have fun!

By the time you read this, we will have participated in the "Back to School Bash" at the Lakehills Civic Center. This year families will drive through to pick up their backpacks with school supplies. We will be cheering the families and inviting them to participate in the life of our church family. On Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> we will pray over the students, teachers, and parents asking God to keep our children safe and open their minds to learn new things as they grow into their full potential. Just as parents and students face the reality of going back to school in person or online, we offer our worship services in person and online.

Speaking of fun, it's been a lot of fun and a real blessing to expand the way we worship to include people on zoom! We have people all over the country view our



services! We have also had a lot of fun this summer completing our prayer garden.

Please stop by the church and spend some quality time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it's truly a spiritual place. I want to thank Esther for creating the sculpture of Jesus and for all of the men who worked so hard to create our beautiful garden. It's exciting and fun to be involved in the life of God's Church, may you find your place and experience God's many blessings.

God be with you and your family always!

Duane Manning

## August Scripture Passages

August 2	Isaiah 55: 1 - 5; Matthew 14: 13 - 21
August 9	Psalms 85: 8 - 13; Matthew 14: 22 - 33
August 16	Psalms 67; Matthew 15: 21 - 28
August 23	Psalms 124; Romans 12: 1 - 8
August 30	Psalms 26: 1 - 8; Romans 12: 9 - 21

Theme for the Month:

Christian Discipleship is Living Large!



Thank God we have 5 Sundays in August to experience the wonders of Jesus ministry and learn how to live large as Christian disciples.

August 2nd enables us to live a familiar passage as Jesus feeds 5000 people with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, put yourself in Peter's shoes as he attempts to walk on the water with Jesus. How would you do?

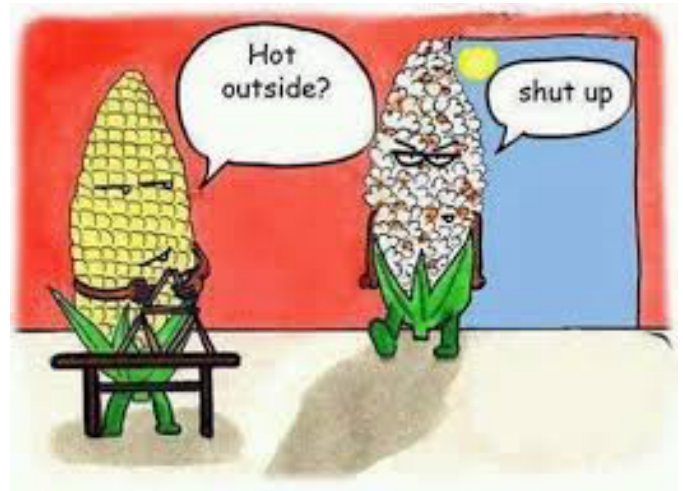
Jesus shows compassion and mercy on August 16<sup>th</sup> as he heals a Canaanite woman whose daughter is tormented by a demon. Jesus tells the woman that her faith has healed her daughter. Let us come to worship as faithful Christian disciples.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Paul writes to the Church in Rome that all of us have unique gifts. His letter is a beautiful description of diversity. Each of you is a valuable child of God with unique gifts.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> concludes with a continuation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans. Verses 9 and 10 read, "Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good, love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." Living out those verses will mean a great life (or as the saying goes, "Living Large"!).

## August Birthday Celebrations

- 03 Lisa Johnson
- 08 Frederick Hoskins
- 18 Marti Radicke
- 24 David Radicke
- 25 Heather Blair



## Wedding Anniversaries

- 22 Laurie and Scott Williams





# Be Like David

7th in a series of conversations  
on the subject of Prayer.

Written by Esther Benedict

We are at a tipping point in this country. Our landscape seems bleak and dark with all we see from virus issues to riots and hatred one against another. Our leaders and the media are making it confusing and almost impossible to know where they are leading us. Anger and hate seem to be front and center...and we stare at it with an empty feeling thinking, "What can I do about all this? How can I help make a difference?"



Look deep in your heart and know this is a time for **fearless prayer**. What is fearless prayer? It is praying a prayer with deep faith that says you are ready to do God's calling even if it means maybe having to go

outside your comfort zone. Ask God what He desires you to do and then pray on how to do His will; and put that into action. We might think that we are not able to do enough. We are not able to change the world from our small corner. We might feel empty, sad, frustrated, and confused. This is the time for fearless prayer! Ask God for His plan and then be silent and listen.

**He has this!** We need to pray and in prayer ask for His will to be done.

Fearless prayer my friends...**fearless prayer!**

The old in you is dead and the new you is filled with the Holy Spirit and Christ Himself. You are not alone.

Let your mantra be, "**I can do anything through Christ who strengthens me.**"

"If God be for me, who can be against me?"

When David faced Goliath, he faced impossible odds, just like us in this country's current events. David, with no armor and a simple slingshot was walking onto a battlefield with a giant. The giant, Goliath, had armor and a mighty sword. How was this young teen a match for this huge opposing foe? Simply put, David had God on his side. We too have God on our side. We must in these times remember **He is with us.**

It is time to pray fearless prayer. Prayer for peace, prayer for the country, prayer for our leaders, and prayer for the human race. Ask

what your part is and hear His answer. It maybe He wants us to just “keep on keeping on” doing what He put us here on this earth to do. Or He may have a different path He nudges you to.

We might feel we are small against the mighty and the masses. Yet we need to have confidence over arrogance. Just like with David, our prayer can be the stone that hits its mark and gives us strength. Knowing we are in spirit with God makes us untouchable.

Does this mean we do not have hard times? No.

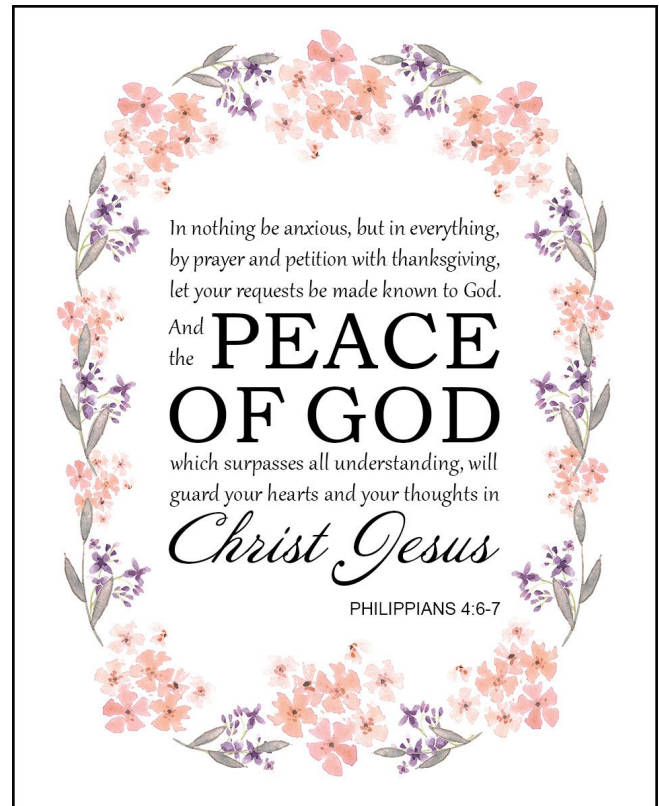
The fruit of the spirit provides patience / long suffering. It is part of our life with Christ, and He stands with us.

Take His yoke upon you and find rest from the chaos. Pray without ceasing and see the light on the horizon.

Yes, hope and the promise of a new tomorrow awaits.

Go for it...Fearless prayer!

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.



## PIPELINE ARTICLE FROM SESSION...

Session met twice in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 12. The following reports and actions were taken:

Before worship, Session met in a Called Session meeting to receive three new members. We welcomed Don and Terri Haga and Joel Price as new members to Pipe Creek's congregation and family. What a great day in the life of our church. Welcome Don, Terri, and Joel!

Following worship, Session held its July Stated Session meeting:

a. The Clerk of Session reported on June's attendance. In June, 174 worshipped in person or via Zoom. To our faithful congregation and friends, we say thank you for worshipping with us on Sunday morning. As we've transitioned from in-person sanctuary worship to in-person Fellowship Hall and Zoom worship during this coronavirus time, worship and fellowship are so very important.

b. Kirk Price reported to Session that adult Sunday school will hold off meeting until after Labor Day. At that time, he proposes that the adult class meet in Fellowship Hall in order to accommodate social distancing. He will work with Tahmar and Rhonda regarding the children's Sunday school class.

c. Pastor Duane took the lead in discussing the status of worship at PCPC in light of the coronavirus numbers in County. Bandera County, due to its low numbers in active cases and no deaths, is currently exempt from Gov Abbott's directives regarding meetings and houses of worship. Duane shared his and Eldon's concerns about safe practices in worship and gatherings. Duane, Eldon, and Session feel that people have a right to make their own decisions about worshipping in person or via Zoom, and PCPC will continue to provide both opportunities.





## New Members

Since January, PCPC has welcomed four new members into our church family. Here's their contact information to update your directories...

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