

# The Epistle

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FROM THE PASTOR



Last month, the month of Mothers' Day, we heard from the feminine side. This month, which has Fathers' Day on the 16<sup>th</sup>, we hear from the guys' side – it's only fair – realizing that Fathers' Day is the only day of the year we can get away with it. The men say:

- Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
- Shopping is NOT a sport, and no, we are never going to think of it that way.
- Sunday = sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
- "Yes" and "No" are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.
- Check your oil! Please, check your oil!
- Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all past comments become null and void after 7 days.
- If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.
- If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.
- ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.
- Christopher Columbus did not need directions, and neither do we.

Take those as you will. But on a very serious note, consider these revealing statistics from David Huss: Research shows that 68 million of our nation's 94 million men don't attend any church, despite the fact that 86% of them grew up with some sort of church background.

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Also, if a child comes to know Christ first in a family, there is a 3.5% chance of the rest of the family turning to Christ, 17 % if the mother is the first, and a 93% chance of the family turning to Christ if the father is the first to accept Christ.

Men, I challenge you to be that kind of father (or grandfather in most of our cases), one that will build into them the kind of character that will enable them to face anything in life and teach them to live as we are called by God in Christ to live. Then you will be a real leader, not only in your home, but among your peers, as well.

See you in church.

Jay

MAY HYMN OF THE MONTH - #367, "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

This Ghanaian folk hymn was translated into English in 1969 by Tom Colvin, a minister in the Church of Scotland and missionary to Africa. It has enjoyed wide acceptance and appears in many hymnals. In stanza 2, the original translation read "Neighbors are black and white," but the Presbyterian Hymnal Committee the phrase be changed to "Varied in color and race."

The tune *Chereponi* is a Ghanaian folk melody associated with the text. This setting is arranged by Jane Marshall, a noted composer of choral music and hymn tunes, who is on the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

### ANSWER TO MAY'S BIBLE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

**Who lied about the price they received for a piece of land and died as a result?** (See Acts 5)  
There were some very generous people in the church of Christ in Jerusalem—people who made great sacrifices so that the many poor people in their number were not in need. Ananias and Sapphira wanted to be counted among these philanthropists, so they too sold a piece of property they owned. However, instead of bringing all the money, they brought only a portion, yet represented their gift as the whole proceeds of the sale. It seems that Ananias and Sapphira wanted to gain a reputation for being generous, while minimizing the sacrifice necessary to gain that reputation. So Ananias and Sapphira tinkered with truth and made themselves out to be more generous than they really were. God did not think it a trivial matter: Ananias and Sapphira were punished by death on the spot.

### IN-HOME COMMUNION

Please let Pastor Jay know if you are unable to attend worship services and would like to receive the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper at your place of residence.



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

	<u>Sermon topics</u>	<u>Scripture Readers</u>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>“Sing A New Song”</b> Text: Luke 7:1-10	<b>Janet Walker</b> Reading: Psalm 96
<b>June 9</b>	<b>“Where Is the Joy?”</b> Text: Luke 7:11-17	<b>Dana Reece</b> Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-24
<b>June 16</b>	<b>“Look Who Came to Dinner”</b> Text: Luke 7:36-8:3	<b>Pam Houglan</b> Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-13
<b>June 23</b>	<b>“Afraid Of Jesus?”</b> Text: Luke 8:26-39	<b>Karen Krone</b> Reading: Jeremiah 6:10-15
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Discussion/Dialogue</b> Gospel: Luke 9:51-69	<b>Jean Shuping</b> Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2; 6-14



Birthdays This Month

- June 3 – Earney Walker
- 5 – John Perkins
- 10 – Edith Taylor
- 23 - Melissa Vaughn
- 27 – Emily Bristow
- 30 – Megan Saunders



Anniversaries

- June 1 – Joe and Liz Miles
- 7 – Bob and Shirley Berthold
- 9 – Jay and Phyllis Lambeth
- 19 – Allen and Judy Cook
- 25 – Paul and Janet Walker
- 28 – Dick and Jean Shuping

**“In marriage, each partner is to be an encourager rather than a critic, a forgiver rather than a collector of hurts, an enabler rather than a reformer.”**

**-H. Norman Wright and Gary J. Oliver**



**IN HIS SERVICE**

**JUNE USHERS**

Emily Puckett  
Gerry Burnside  
Margaret Simmons  
Frances Koontz

**JUNE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Sunday, June 2 – Michelle Saunders  
Lane Bauserman  
Carol Parke  
Merrilou Williams



**TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**

What did the writer of the Book of James say we should do if we lack wisdom?



**\* \* \* OUR MAY RECORD \* \* \***

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
May 5	57	\$ 2,749.75
12	65	\$ 1,943.00
19	47	\$ 1,700.00
26	51	\$ 2,415.00



**THANK YOU**

Dear friends at St. Paul.

A special note of thanks to all of you for your calls, cards, caring, prayers and thoughtfulness during my recent hospitalization. I am grateful to be part of such a loving and caring congregation.

Love,  
Jean Shuping



**SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - GREAT EVENING OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Bring your favorite covered dish and join us on Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the food and fellowship, we will be entertained with great music by both of our handbell choirs and a Barbershop singing group being organized by Glenn Ogden. This promises to be a fun evening you will not want to miss.



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Luke Finison, Barbara Carter, Marjorie and Jack Herndon, Andy Bristow, Earney Walker, Lucy Smith, Aiden and Jeanetta French, the families of Beverly Long, Ron Hayden, Hillary Erskine Anne Reese Wagoner and J. D. Hall, Bob Berthold, Jamie Metzler, Jean Shuping, Myrna Stell, Katie Williams, Margaret Simmons, Georgia Giberson, Wendy Woods, Jim Farley, Reuben and Shirley Mercer, Sheila Taylor, Betty Lawson, John Patzsch, Ron Ervin, Dale Holder, John Perkins, Edith Taylor, Jane Christopher, Gary Houglan, Jean Shuford, Roger Coleman, Mark Griffin, Luke Neal, Carl Hollman, Becky Trollinger, Kevin Tewes, Terri Battle, Chris Westmoreland, Joyce Myer, Zachary Reavis, Joe Herndon, Tim Gard, and our own family members in the military: James Lochbaum, Andy Bristow II, Shane Finison, Brian Fountain, Rob Salka, Brandy Zehr, and all who serve in our armed forces.



### FOOD CART

Our food cart items for June are jelly and peanut butter. Please remember – no glass jars. The needs are great. Thanks for your support!



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Peace/Love Circle will meet Tuesday, June 4 at 12:00noon at the church. Members should bring fruit to share in making a fruit bowl.

Charity Circle will meet Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm at the church. Members should bring their favorite toppings to make ice cream sundaes. The ice cream will be provided.



### **SESSION NOTES**

At its stated meeting on May 19, the session made the decision to sell the church bus and look to purchase a 15-passenger van, which will be more practical for our needs. We have already had one serious inquiry about the bus. If you happen to run across any individual or group looking for an 18-passenger diesel bus, or have any leads on a van, please let Pastor Jay, Earney Walker or a member of the session know.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO LAUREN WALKER

Lauren will be graduating from Ragsdale High School on Friday, June 7. She will attend UNC-Wilmington in the fall.



### **GAD-A-BOUITS**

The Gad-A-Bouts are going to Abingdon, Virginia June 25 and 26. They will be going to the Barter Theatre to see the play, "A Southern Fried Funeral."

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### BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for our Adult Bible School, which will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12, 13 and 14. Each session will run from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Refreshments will be served at the end of each session. Again this year we will be featuring speakers from other faith groups to share with us their beliefs and traditions. The specific guests will be announced soon.

