
Edgewood Presbyterian Church



Newsletter September 2022



Astonishingly, it took Handel only twenty-four days to write the orchestral music for the *Messiah* oratorio—today perhaps the world’s most famous musical composition, one performed thousands of times every year around the world. The magnificent work reaches its climax nearly two hours after it begins with the most famous part of the oratorio, the “Hallelujah Chorus.”

As the trumpets and timpani announce the beginning of the chorus, voices layer on top of each other as the choir sings the words of Revelation 11:15; “And he shall reign for ever and ever.” It’s a triumphant declaration of the hope of eternity in heaven with Jesus.

Many of the words in *Messiah* come from the book of Revelation, the apostle John’s account of a vision he had near the end of his life describing events culminating with the return of Christ. In Revelation, John returned again and again to the theme of the return of the resurrected Jesus to earth—when there

would be great rejoicing with the sound of choirs (19:1-8) The world will rejoice because Jesus will have defeated the powers of darkness and death and established a kingdom of peace.

One day, all the people of heaven will sing together in a magnificent choir proclaiming the majesty of Jesus and the blessing of His forever reign (7:9). Until then, we live, work, pray, and wait in hope.

From: Our Daily Bread

By: Lisa M. Samra



Thanks to all who made Chad's retirement luncheon a fun fellowship time for everyone. Edgewood members are always very generous, and so we gave from the heart to show our love and support to Chad.



Let Retirement Begin!



Naomi and Ezra will get more time with grandpa.



Dear Edgewood Members and Friends,

Thank you ❤️

I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the warmth and love shown to me while I was serving as your Interim Pastor. I know the next pastor will be greatly blessed. Thank you for the generous monetary gift. It is greatly appreciated, and I know Cindy already has plans for it.

As I have said before, it was an honor and a privilege to lead you in Worship.

Cindy and I will continue to keep Edgewood Church in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you!
Chad

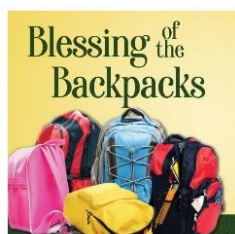


Beth & Stephanie enjoyed having Naomi in our nursery on Chad's last Sunday.

Christian Education Committee

Jean McSwain and her Committee had breakfast for everyone to kick off the new Sunday School Year, 8-28-22. It was a delicious treat with donuts, fruit, coffee, juice, and milk. We all enjoyed the time to fellowship with one another and we look forward each Sunday to learning more about our faith in Jesus Christ.

A special thanks to all the Sunday School teachers who prepare our lessons each week!



August 28, 2022



Jean McSwain was so gracious to Bless the Backpacks and hand out the school supplies, donated by Edgewood members. Thanks members for your generosity & prayers in helping our school students be prepared for the new school year!



"Kickoff" of the new Sunday School Year
August 28, 2022



Presbyterian Women



One of the presentations:
Tea Pot Ministry

Attending from Edgewood: Teresa, Connie & Debra



Thanks to Karen Miller for a nice installation service for the PW officers. Helen Weathers handed out the new handbooks. Thanks, Helen, for your hard work on these! Trisha Sellars dedicated the least coins.

Thanks to all the women who are Bible moderators, officers, and program chairs. We look forward to a great bible study starting *September 12, at 2:00* and the coordinating team provide refreshments.

Session Notes

The next stated Session meeting will be Sunday, September 18, at 1:30. Supply Pastors for September are: Terry Pleasants, Wendell McGee, & Laura Lupton.

The Sarah Wilson Scholarship fund special offering will be September 11.

Our *church cookout* will be September 17th, at 4:30. Please plan on joining us for some good food and fellowship. (See the sign-up sheets in the hallway.)

Edgewood will join with other Lee County Churches for the *Church in the Park* October 2 at 10:00. There will be music, a worship service with Holy Communion, and an offering for the Peace and Global Witness. First Presbyterian Church is providing lunch, after the services. Call 919-775-5216 to reserve your lunch (by Sept. 26).





September
Prayer Families
of the Week

- 4 Thesley, Mary Lee, Hailey, Meghan,
& Adelyn Byrd
- 11 Catherine Coley
- 18 Ron Coley
- 25 Ruby Creed



*To everyone celebrating
September Birthdays*



Property & Grounds, Johnny, had a new dehumidifier installed in the fellowship hall to address the humidity and mold issue. For those of us with allergies, we thank you!

*The Lord says, "I will guide you
along the best pathway for your
life. I will advise you and watch
over you." Psalm 32:8*

Often God must close a door, so that he can subsequently open the door through which he wants us to go.

Catherine Marshall – (writer for DaySpring)

