

Newsletter June 2022

Pastor's page

Has anyone not noticed that it is starting to get hot outside? We've had some toasty days this May. Now that we are headed into June, things are going to get downright uncomfortable. I know I shouldn't complain. I work in an air-conditioned office, have an air-conditioned house, and drive an air-conditioned car. I really don't have any right to complain. But I have to leave my air-conditioned house to get to my air-conditioned car. I have to walk all the way across the driveway. And sometimes I walk across a parking lot so I can go into an air-conditioned store. My experience with these brutal temperatures is for very shorts bits of time. So who am I to complain? Well, I actually do get out in the weather a little bit. The dog needs a walk, but even she doesn't like to be out in the weather. Today, she turned back toward home and started pulling me back home, far short of our typical walk. Even the dog knows it's hot outside.

I was grumbling about how hot it was when I drove by a home getting a new roof. I was in my car, while the roofers were working in sun standing on black tar paper. Shortly after that, I saw some people doing landscape work. After that, I saw a delivery truck with the doors open as the worker carried a package up to a home. It's hot outside, but I have no right to grumble. So why do I?

I grumble when I "have" to eat leftovers, when there are people in the world who don't have enough to eat. I grumble when my ice melts in my tea, when there are some who have no clean drinking water. I grumble if traffic is bad, when there are those who must walk everywhere they go. I grumble when I don't find anything interesting on TV, when those who are blind can't watch anything at all. I don't really think of myself as spoiled or selfish. But there are times, I am. What about you? Does thankfulness

disappear if the air conditioning isn't set right and leaves you feeling too cold, or too warm? Do you cling to old hurts, and nurture negative feelings? Do you dredge up problems from the past, rather than letting them go? Do you grumble?

Are you like me? Do you need to be reminded just how incredibly blessed you are? We are loved by the Creator of the universe. He has chosen to love us so much He sent his one and only Son to surrender His life for our salvation. Even though we are unappreciative of all He does, He still rejoices over us. He has declared us precious, beloved, and a treasure. He considers our heartfelt prayers to be like perfume. He knows our in-most thoughts, and watches over us no matter where we go. He loves us beyond anything our imagination could conceive. If He had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

I'd like for you to pause for a moment, and not worry about how hot it is, or whether the lawn needs watering. Pause and think about the blessings that you have. Take a look around you. Take note of all the wonderful things that are a part of your life. Now, thank God for His wonderful blessings. Thank Him for opening the windows of heaven and allowing His generosity to rain down on you. And for a moment, step outside into the heat, and then come back in. And offer

God a prayer of thanks that we have air-conditioning. Psalm 147 begins, "Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting." I encourage you to take a moment, and praise God. Psalm 147 is a great place to start.

Wishing You Abundant Life,

Chad

Session Notes

The next stated Session meeting will be Sunday, June 26, at 1:30.

The Pentecost Offering will be taken up June 5. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A Note from Our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends,

I wanted to let you know that I will be retiring at the end of August. August 21 will be my last Sunday with you. The job of an Interim Pastor is to guide a church through the transition from one pastor to another. Their job is to bring change, encourage new thoughts, and to get people asking "Why?" and "Why not?". Over the last year, Edgewood has seen some transitions; made some difficult decisions; and like most

churches, has struggled to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Your PNC is working hard and they will report to you as soon as they have something positive to report.

I have been blessed to be a part of the Edgewood family. It has been an honor to serve you.

Chad



June Prayer Families
of the Week

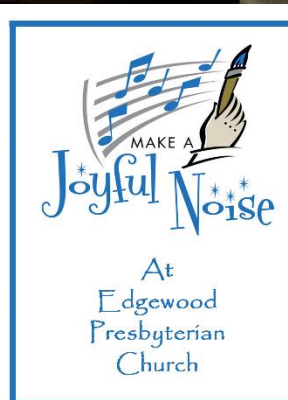
- 6/5 Johnny, Trish, & Stephanie Sellars
- 6/12 Rusty, Beth, & Brooke Singer
- 6/19 Gerald & Anne Thomas
- 6/26 Amelia & Milton Torres



To Everyone Celebrating
June Birthdays!



Wilson Weathers will be back to play for worship service, on Father's Day, June 19.



When we sing hymns or choir anthems, they teach us, they connect us. They touch our souls, bring peace, give us feelings of gratitude, and provide a sense of awe

for the majesty of the Lord. Simply put, the singing of a hymn is a form of worship, opening the door for the Spirit to speak in the same manner as the reading or reciting of a favorite Scripture.

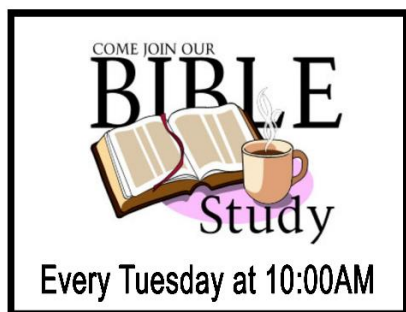
Let's pray that our choir can soon be back together!



Thanks, Alex, for sharing your talents with Edgewood during worship in May. Blessings on you and your future!



And of course, we are so appreciative of Leslie Hanna for bringing us her and her family's musical talents to enhance our worship!



The circle will meet Monday, June 13, at 11:00. Ladies, please come out and join us for the bible lesson and fellowship with one another. Janet McNeill will lead us in Lesson 9, *(What the grandmothers of our faith have taught us.)*



The PW *Birthday Offering* was \$325.00

Only the Coordinating Team will meet in July (18) for a planning session. They will host a Brunch for the women, **August 13 at 10:00. Save the date.**

There will be an Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 16, from Fellowship Committee. Save the date!



Congratulations Wyatt!

MARCHING BAND AWARDS
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
AND
MOST SPIRITED MEMBER
2021-2022



LEE COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL

May 12, 2022

*Patsy & Chip McBryde
Celebrated their
Golden wedding anniversary
May 5th*



*Jerry & Connie Wynn
will celebrate their 58th wedding
anniversary June 28!*

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the Bible?
 - Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
 - Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
 - The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
 - If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
 - 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible?
 - Should the central verse have an important message? "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." Psalm 118:8.
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