



A Note from your Pastor!

Many folks these days are worried about what they owe. With constant decline and rebound in stock portfolios and IRAs, and jobs coming and going, calculations and amortizations account for tight times in the lives of many families these days. While this minister does not have a plan which will turn our economy around for good, there is still much to be said about the forgiveness of debt.

Southern preacher and writer, Will Campbell, tells the story of a family of seven who experienced many tight times during the Great Depression. They walked across Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana before finally stopping at a Mississippi farm. The patriarch of the family told the owner of the farm that they were able to tend his land, and asked if they could work for food and shelter. The kind farmer agreed and lent the needy family part of his land; as well as tools, shelter, furniture, a team of animals, and fertilizer.

The family worked the land all season, and by harvest time there was plenty. Then they came and said to the farmer, "We are moving on, but do we owe you anything?" To which the farmer replied, "You owe me everything!" However, Campbell recalls, when the family began walking away with their heads hanging low, the farmer said, "Wait!, all that you have is yours to keep. I forgive the debt. You are free to go if you like; but you are also free to stay." One might say this is not the sort of thing which happened everyday.

The 21st and 22nd verses of the 18th chapter of Matthew begin a story about the forgiveness of debt between a king and his servants. Jesus explains to his disciple Peter that in God's world things are different: "Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'" Not the kind of thing that happens in normal, everyday life one might say. No, these stories might not be what one would recognize as normal, however, these stories are true in the real world of God's love where calculations are the multiplication of forgiveness and the subtraction of mistakes. Thankfully God's accounting is abnormal; and even in times when we worry about what we owe God in return for God's unconditional love, our debts are forgiven.

Your fellow servant, Jim

Lunch With Pastor Jim

Westminster Canterbury 2017

The following dates are scheduled for lunch with
Pastor Jim Hunter.

Everyone who would like to be a part of this event is welcome.
Lunch will be at 11:45 a.m. in the Fauber Room next to the café.

May 8 June 5

WOMEN ON A MISSION



Dinner/Meeting
Thursday, May 4th.

Isabella's Restaurant
6:00 p.m.

Call or email Nancy Sale if you
can attend.

This will be our last dinner/mtg. until
fall of the year so make your plans
to attend!



Circle 1

Our ladies will gather on
Monday, May 8th
11:00 a.m., fellowship hall!
Guest Speakers will be
Michael Justice,
Gleaning for the World

(Pizza will be provided for lunch)

Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, May 20th
8:00 a.m.
Carol's Place in Forest
Come join us!



CALENDAR



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY

Monday, 1st	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Wed, 3rd	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Group
Thurs, 4th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	6:00 p.m.	Women on a Mission-dinner/meeting at Isabella's
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 7th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting - Parlor
Monday, 8th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Circle 1 - lunch will be provided
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch with Pastor Jim - WC
Wed, 10th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Group
Thurs, 11th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 14th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Mother's Day Baby Dedication
	12:05 p.m.	Diaconate Punch - host: Vicki Mays
Monday, 15th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
		Jim will be at a minister's conference in San Antonio, TX this week.
		No Wednesday Group - Jim out of town
Wed, 17th		Book Discussion Group
Thurs, 18th	4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Men's Breakfast at Carol's Place, Forest
Sat, 20th	8:00 a.m.	Blood Drive - fellowship hall
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
Sunday, 21st	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Diaconate Meeting - Youth Room
	12:10 p.m.	McNeely Group
Monday, 22nd	7:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Group
Wed, 24th	10:30 a.m.	Book Discussion Group
Thurs, 25th	4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Christian Education Classes
Sunday, 28th	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Office Closed for Memorial Day
Monday, 29th		

Come Grow With Us



SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr

RENOVATORS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
Stories of Repentance and Grace

THE FORUM

Religion and current events are discussed in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.

ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor
The Resurrection and the Life

American Red Cross Blood Drive



Peakland Baptist
Church
Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 20th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office, you can call 1-800-GIVELIFE, or you can sign up on their website www.givelife.org.

Women on a Mission will help volunteer and supply snacks during the blood drive, and Tom and Leslie will serve their wonderful barbeque.

Church members are also welcome to come to greet and meet donors.

Sign up today and save a life!



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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Recognizing Our Graduates!

Please contact the church office if you are graduating from high school or college.

Please let us know by May 10th if possible!

Church Team Meetings in May

Stewardship	Sunday, May 7th.	Parlor
Diaconate	Sunday, May 21st.	Youth Room

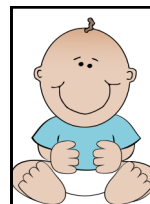
Baby Dedication

Sunday, May 14th
during the worship hour

Little Emma Jean Feuerstein
She is the daughter of
Rob and Ashley C. Feuerstein



and



Little William Agee Cook
He is the son of
William and Nancy Cook

Proud Grandparents, Bill and Rondys Cook



May, 2017



*and *Anniversaries*

1	*Jeff and Cheryl Curcio	18	Ashley Cook Feuerstein
1	Betty Jean Reid	19	Debbie Riley
4	*Bill and Elsie Chambers	20	Dwight Mays
4	Hunter Russell	21	Mary Cook
5	*Jim and Pat Blackburn	21	Richard Bowhay
5	*Gerald and Dona DuVal	24	Martha Hickson
5	Gerald DuVal	25	*Dwight and Vicki Mays
6	Gary Christie	26	Agnes Kirstein
7	Edgar Garrard	27	Liz Redd
7	Margaret Daniel	27	David Riley
8	Ryan Cox	28	Sharon Whitesell
8	*Ebo and Georgia Fauber	29	Buddy Daniel
8	Spence White	30	Liz Jennings
11	Caroline Russell	30	Tyler Cox
12	*John and Elizabeth Cook	31	Brian Riley
16	Emma Kate Russell	31	Jan Daniels
18	Elsie Chambers		

CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Jim Hunter, II	Pastor
The Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Debbie Burton	Music Director
Mr. Allan Heer	Organist
Mrs. Donna Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Judi Handel	Financial Assistant

VISION STATEMENT

We are faithful and loving servants of God who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord. We are a spiritual, ecumenical congregation, called by God, bound by faith, united in fellowship, dedicated to freedom, and engaged in God's work of mission and outreach.