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You're Invited

Thursday, August 19

12 noon

The Golden Fellowship Team

would like you to join us as we welcome

Ken Rutherford

to Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church

A simple lunch of pizza and salad will be provided.

Please RSVP by August 18th

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE REVEREND

Gemma and I were very fortunate to spend 10 days in Iceland on our vacation the last part of June. It truly is a young land full of natural wonders – continental plates pulling apart, vast fields of recent lava flows, active volcanos, beautiful waterfalls and more. We spent most of our days driving around to take in and be amongst the scenery. There was so much to notice and so many sweeping vistas to behold.

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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery Care	Preschool Care	Door Greeters	Sanctuary Usher
1	Ken McNulty	Katherine Lyons & Pam Bocock	Katherine Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	1- 2-	
8	Hollis Switzer	Katherine Lyons & Dianne Brown	Katherine Lyons	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	1- 2-	
15	Don Myers	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	1- 2-	
22	Steve Smith	Whitney & Paul Eberly	Katherine Lyons	Natalie & Brian Bocock	1- 2-	Bob Scott
29	Robin Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Robin & Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons	1- 2-Bob Scott	

Dates to Remember:

- 15 - Communion
- 19 - Golden Fellowship @ 12:00 pm
- 23 - Office Closed
- 23 - Session @ 6:30
- 26- Food Pantry 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Elder on Call: Bob Scott - (540)

908-8566

Bus Driver: Ray Heatwole

Attendance Last Month

July	SS	Worship
4	19	79
11	22	76
18	14	72
25	31	73

Plus the 50 to 70 who faithfully continue to watch online and listen via telephone.

Prayer Corner

Luanne May
 Jerry and Charlsie Miller
 Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
 Sue Haley
 Tucker-JD & Diane's grandson
 Terry & Linda Morris
 Raymond Ratcliff
 Karen Church - Interstitial Lung Disease (friend of Karen Moat's family)

Dennis Early - declining health
 Lanny Holsinger-brother-in-law of Fred and Phyllis Simmons
 Donna Simmons-friend of Carolyn Wampler, recovering from cancer surgery
 Jim Fletcher-Nancy Myer's brother-in-law, who has Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Session

Class of 2021

Chad Barnett
 Tom Bocock
 Bob Scott
 Adonica Miller
 Don Myers

Class of 2022

Mark Williams
 Terry Morris
 Jim Suter
 Brad Miller
 Becky Pierce

Class of 2023

Skip Wallace
 Ray Heatwole
 Jeff Heatwole
 Gerald Harper
 Kate Dudley

Mission to Mexico

Tori Moats has returned from her mission trip to Mexico. The Mission and Outreach Team assisted in funding her travel expenses. We are so proud of Tori and her giving heart to help others. Welcome home, Tori!

Salvation Army Christmas in July

Thank you to those that volunteered for the bell ringing during this week-long event.

Open Doors

Open Doors has reopened at Red Front with modified hours and service. They need supplies (some needs can change weekly), evening and morning grab & go snacks (no meal service provided during the summer hours), over-night volunteers (10:30 PM – 7 AM to sleep in separate room and awakened if needed), linen laundry assistance (not personal clothing; any age can help with this), and shelter cleaning (any age welcomed due to shelter being closed when this takes place). Please see Adonica if you see a need that you can fill.

Budgeted Funds

In July, CCPC used budgeted funds to support the Weekday Religious Education. WRE offers weekly Bible classes for approximately 30 minutes for second, third and fourth graders with parent or guardian's permission.

Prayer Ministry

Next month we will begin our fourth year praying for our children, youth, and college students. This past year 32 families took time to pray and mail a card each month to 41 children and 6 college students. By taking time to pray regularly, God has blessed these families in numerous ways. Thank you for dedicating time to pray regularly for our children, youth, and college students.

Parents who would like to be part of CCPC's Prayer Ministry to have their child(ren) lifted up in prayer by a member of CCPC can email me or complete the "Parent's Consent" form.

Currently more church members are needed to participate in the Prayer Ministry so all of our children will have someone to pray for them beginning in September. If you would like to become part of the Prayer Ministry to pray for a child and mail them a card each month, please email me or complete the "I Will Pray" form.

The "Parent's Consent" and "I Will Pray" forms are included at the end of the Courier. Please notify me or place the completed form in the offering plate or turn it into the office by August 10th.

Let us continue to pray for all of our church members, Pastor Seth, Session, and those who are needing physical and spiritual healing.

Five Verses to share with your child to remind them how much God loves them.

- ◇ So encourage each other and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- ◇ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Ephesians 2:10
- ◇ Jesus said, "Now you are my friends." John 15:15
- ◇ God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10

- ◇ God's power works best in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Source: timtowbowfoundation, from his first children's book, Bronco & Friends

*Blessings,
Becky*

Golden Fellowship

On Thursday, August 19, we look forward to welcoming Ken Rutherford to Cooks Creek. Ken is a professor of Political Science at JMU. He co-founded the Landmine Survivors Network and escorted Princess Diana on her last humanitarian mission to visit landmine survivors in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Ken has a long list of accolades – we will let him share his work and missions within the United States and the world!

This event, that is sponsored by the Golden Fellowship Team, will start at 12 noon at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. A simple lunch of pizza and salad will be provided. Please RSVP to 540.810.0144

Golden Fellowship Team



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.... And yet, with the excitement of the big scenery, we still managed to notice the little things – bubbles bursting up from geothermal pools, a little bird perched on cooling lava, a happy little flower in an unexpected place. There is tremendous beauty in both the grand and the small.

Then, I spent 6-10 hours a day in my mother’s hospital room for two weeks. Even though I spent a fair amount of time each day working, learning, reading, and playing on my devices, I still had plenty of time to notice each excruciatingly minute detail of her room. Nothing in the hospital was as visually spectacular as Iceland. Yet, God is in both places. As Frances Dominic says below, there is no place that God cannot be found at its center.

The month of August might be the dog days of summer for you where not much seems to happen or it might be filled with more than you really want (or maybe something in between). Either way, if you allow yourself the space to notice, you will see God. The loving presence of God surrounds you every moment. Whether you see sweeping vistas this month or become ever more familiar with small, banal surroundings, allow yourself to see God and you will be richly rewarded in connecting deeper to the divine.

God sent the Spirit of truth, he dwells in your heart. You have only to listen, to follow, and he will lead you to the complete truth. He leads through all the events and circumstances of your life. Nothing in your life is so insignificant, so small, that God cannot be found at its center. We think of God in the dramatic things, the tempestuous seas; but he is in the little things, too, in a smile of a passer-by or the gnarled hands of an old man, in a daisy, a tiny insect, falling leaves. God is in music, in laughter, and in sorrow, too. And the grey times, when monotony stretches out ahead, these can be the times of steady, solid growth into God.

– Frances Dominic

Blessings,

Offering Envelopes

If you would prefer not to receive offering envelopes for the 2022 year, please let the office know as soon as possible.

You can email the office at cookscreekpres@gmail.com or call 540.867.5117. Thank you!

Background Checks

Due to miscommunication with the VSP department, the background checks will need to be completed once again. The information has been taken from the previous forms and filled out, so it will just need a signature. We will

be able to do this on August 8, 15, and 22nd. If you cannot make it on one of these dates, you can come by the office as well.

Financial Snapshot through June 2021

Income: 145,110.00

Expenses: \$160,367.00

Thank you to those who have continued to make tithes and offerings to continue the work at Cooks Creek.

To learn how you can give online, on your mobile device, through the mail, or in-person, please go to cookscreekchurch.org/give or call the office at 540.867.5117.

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen



COOKS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Keeping in Touch with Members and Friends

One of our most important ministries is to love and care for one another. All of us can participate in this by reaching out with phone calls, cards, visits and prayer. We want to remember the words of our Lord:

"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34



Dennis Early 2/2	Bridgewater Retirement Community 302 N. 2nd St. Room 353 Bridgewater, VA 22812	Lois Frye 10/25	White Birch Communities 847 Oakwood Dr. Rockingham, VA 22801 540-236-5918
Tom and Luanne May T 4/11 L 4/29	1235 Quince Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-476-3205	Pam Sonner 3/20	229 Emerson Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-217-0805
Jerry & Charlsie Miller J 7/30 C 3/5	4463 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-908-8316 millerhomestead@comcast.net	Terry & Linda Morris T 4/9 L 3/1	3935 Sunnyside Dr. Suite B Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-568-8448
Pete & Ann Rhodes P 6/1	624 Erickson Ave. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-434-9473	Curtis Long 11/23	6868 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-867-5127
Wanda Ritchie 1/19	68 Cooks Creek Rd. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-434-1944	CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC	
Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living Room #336 302 N. 2nd Street Bridgewater, VA 22812 540-564-0640	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3574
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15 M 3/23	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257 Eddy – 540-383-5653	Nelson Alexander 11/24	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Walnut Room 330 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-5611
Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Millie Harman- DeVall 4/15	1285 Shank Drive Apt 323 Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Raymond & Jean Ratcliff R 8/5 J 5/23	5366 Snapps Creek Rd. Singers Glen, VA 22850 540-833-6604	Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527
		Mable Branner 4/3	1401 Virginia Ave. Redbud 224 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3352



FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Beginning Balance June 1, 2021

\$17,411.10

DEPOSITS

Individual Contributions	\$8,940.52
Church & Religious Organizations	\$475.00
Total Deposits	\$9,415.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Bread	\$247.86
Hamburger/Hot Dogs	\$528.60
Eggs (Will be reimbursed by Mt. Bethel)	\$74.50
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$1,567.48
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 31 gal. - \$109.69 Sharp Shopper 55 gal. - \$198.85)	\$308.54
Produce Vouchers (Bananas & Apples)	\$72.01
Total Disbursements	\$2,334.56

Balance as of June 30, 2020

\$17,411.10

Wow! Look at this balance! This month's disbursements were \$464.13 more than last month's, but our patrons continue their support. Also, a friend of the pantry left a very generous bequest to WRFP for which we are most grateful. We will continue to use our funds wisely, but we know that God sends us money to use to help people, not to amass a big account. Therefore, this bequest may allow us to provide fresh fruits and vegetables from other sources. In addition to the usual ground beef we gave hot dogs this month and since they were 8 in a pack, we gave the large families two packs and two packs of buns as well as the usual sliced bread. We have given vouchers for bananas a couple months, but May was the first month for the apple vouchers.

The numbers were up a little this month. On Thursday evening we served 55 households with 4 indicating they were there for the first time or not for a long time. Three not in the count were delivered on

Saturday, and five were families served during the month as emergency bags at the pantry. So the actual number of families served during the month is 63. Several people have graciously agreed to make these deliveries to people who have been coming but now have no transportation and are elderly or on disability with health issues that prevent them from coming to the pantry. Based on the 55 who came on Thursday evening, we distributed approximately 1,161 pounds of food, but it was actually more than that. Each family received an 18-ct. carton of eggs, two pounds of ground beef, an 8-count package of hot dogs with buns and a loaf of bread. Large families received two packages of hot dogs and buns and two loaves of bread. This may be more information than you want to know, but these reports are kept as a record, a history of the pantry, and it's sometimes helpful to look back to see what was done in the past. And it is most important that

we be transparent.

This month we surveyed those who came and found that 16 households had at least one diabetic and two households had two diabetics. It would be good if we could provide some special items for them. And we found that only three families don't use the 6-pound blocks of cheese we have given a couple times. We received a whole range of answers to questions such as whether items given were sufficient for the family, items they would like more often as well as items they may get too much. And there was a whole range of answers for other produce vouchers they would like to have with grapes and strawberries getting the most requests.

The approximately 16 who said they had not gotten the COVID vaccination were given fliers with the location and time the shots are available at the CVS and Walgreen sites.

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This is the June food pantry report but I am writing it the evening of the 4th of July. the anniversary and celebration of the birth of our country. Today and tomorrow, the legal holiday recognizing this occasion, we have reflected or will reflect on the founding of this nation and the ideals it stands for. Surely, such a nation whose premise is that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,

that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," could not have been established 245 years ago and flourished these many years without God's guidance and protection. God has seen us as individuals through personal difficulties and crises and has not given up on us even when we did things that displeased Him, and He has seen our country through turbulent, dreadful times and continues to forgive us and guide us. No matter what

race, nationality, or other differences we may have, we are all His beloved children and are meant to take care of each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Following Jesus' teachings to feed, clothe, and care for each other will also make us a stronger nation. May God bless WRFP's efforts to help those in need in our community.

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Friends with Binoculars

At a beautiful outdoor wedding reception in the Colorado foothills, a group of us noticed a family of black bears on the next hill. We were so excited because we'd never seen them in the wild! When some friends grabbed binoculars from their car, however, we realized the creatures were merely grazing cows.

Now I tell this story whenever I'm asked what exciting wildlife I've encountered in the mountains. It gets a good laugh but also reminds me that I desperately need friends with binoculars. Instead of surrounding myself with people who automatically agree with me and don't challenge my perceptions, I need friends in my life who search with me for answers, accuracy and truth. Let's all be on the "lookout" for friends with binoculars!

—Janna Firestone



Once again, the Cooks Creek congregation was most fortunate to have members of our own church family assume the preaching responsibilities for Pastor Seth while he was away on vacation. Gerald Harper, Dick Travis, and Braeden Wallace each took on this task and inspired our entire congregation with their Spirit and deep devotion to the Word of God. The Worship Team and the entire congregation express our heartfelt thanks to these brothers in Christ for their ministry to our church family and all who watched via social media.

The Worship Team

Dear Cooks Creek Family

Thank you all for the graduation gift. I just finished reading the book and really enjoyed it!

*Thanks,
Tyler Showalter*

Thank you for all you have done during the passing of my sister. Your calls, cards and prayers were very much appreciated.

Nancy Norman

Thank you for all the prayers, flowers and cards during our illness and treatments. We greatly appreciate each gesture of kindness.

Terry & Linda Morris

FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

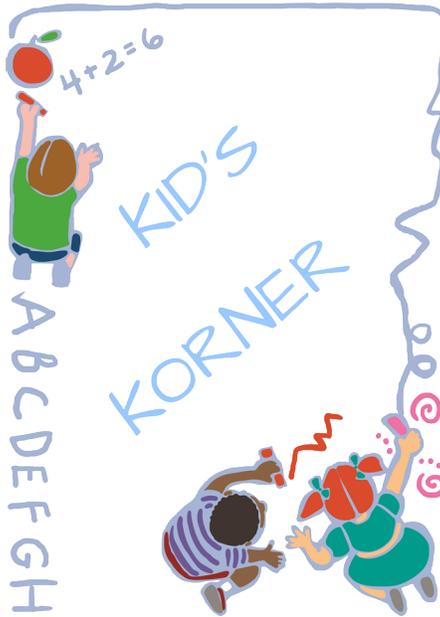
What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

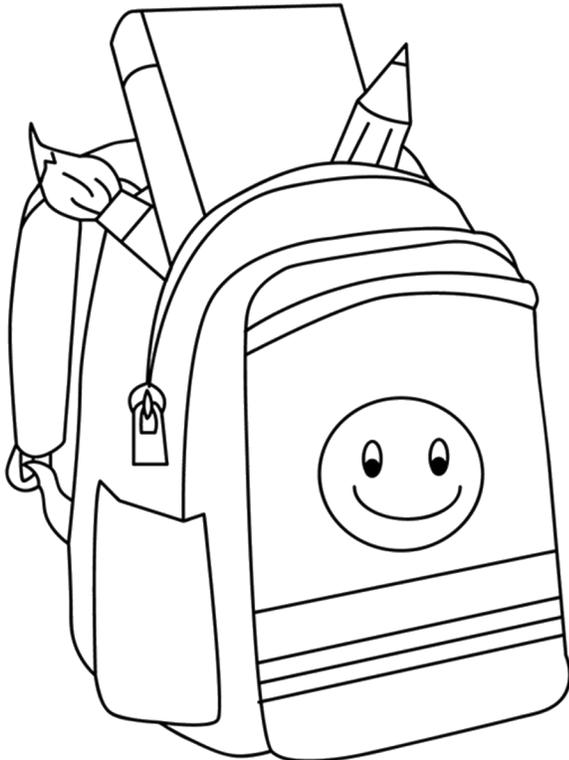


Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

A. once
B. twice
C. three times
D. four times

Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> R
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

R
9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Answer: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O; RESURRECTION

PUZZLE

No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

"_1_ on't let any _2_ ne _3_ oo _4_ down o _5_ you _6_ ecaus_7_ you _8_ re youn_9_ , but set an exa_10_ ple for the bel_11_ evers in speec_12_ , in _13_ onduct, in love, in _14_ aith and in _15_ urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P



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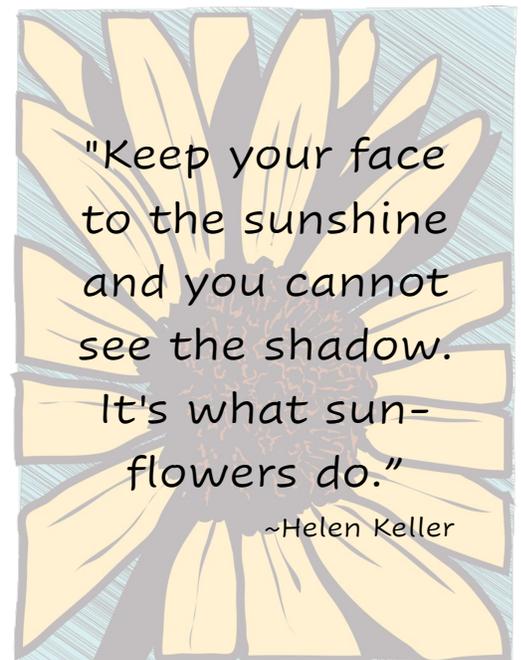
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15  Communion	16	17	18	19 Golden Fellowship 12 pm	20	21
22	23 Courier Deadline Office Closed Session @ 6:30	24	25	26 Food Pantry 4-6	27	28
29	30	31	 <p>August Birthdays & Anniversaries</p>			

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Randy Moyers | 20 - Ruth Dalrymple |
| 2 - Rhonda Swope | Brad Miller |
| 3 - Ronald Miller | 21 - Sara Dolack |
| 4 - Jim Suter | Steve Smith |
| 5 - Raymond Ratcliff | 23 - Marco Keech |
| 6 - Nancy Miller | 24 - Laura Keech |
| 8 - Rowan Bocock | 25 - Helen Suter |
| 10 - Skip Wallace | 30 - Pam Bocock |
| 11 - Tori Moats | Sophia Funkhouser |
| Phyllis Simmons | 31 - James Haley |
| 14 - Michael Garrison | |
| David Price | |
| 17 - Natasha Blosser | |
| 19 - Gloria Miller | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Hunter & Autumn Barnett
- 5 - Earnest & Mary Etta Cornett
- 13 - Ken & Lynn McNulty
- 21 - Randy & Vivian Burkholder



I WILL PRAY FOR C. C. P. C. CHILDREN/YOUTH FOR ONE YEAR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

I would like to pray for _____ 1 child OR _____ 2 or more children in a family for one year. Once a month I will send a personal card/note to the child(ren) to let them know they are a gift from God, and that I am praying for them.

If you are praying for several children in a family, please send individual cards to each child at the same time. Cards can also be sent for birthdays and holidays.

"Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children." Lamentations 2:19

July, 2021

Please notify Becky Pierce at 540-421-6068 or mail the completed form to the office by August 10th.

PARENT'S CONSENT FORM

Praying for our precious children/youth for one year!

Parent's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell/Phone number: _____

I give consent for a member of Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church to pray for my child(ren) for one year. I understand that a church member will be sending my child(ren) a personal card/note to remind them that they are a gift from God, and they are praying for them. Cards may also be sent for birthdays and holidays.

I would prefer for my child(ren) to (please check I):

_____ have different church members pray for my child(ren).

OR

_____ have one church member to pray for all of my children.

Children's names, ages and birthdays:

1) _____ Age: _____

DOB: _____

2) _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

3) _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

4) _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

5) _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

July, 2021