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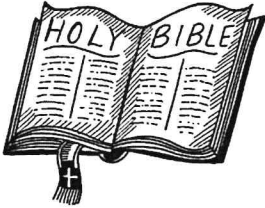
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*Grow
in Christ*

August is here; it has always heralded an upswing in the number of church happenings and events that always seemed to come in rapid succession, all the way through the end of the year! There is no doubt that this year will bring some differences because we, like so many other churches, are still working through the Pandemic and its effects. BUT, we have so much to be thankful for as we move forward. Some examples.....our **PNC** diligently seeks **GOD's** will and wisdom in their search for our next pastor; teamed with **Camp Monroe**, our **Vacation Bible School** July 19 – 23 was a blessing to so many, and **Presbyterian Women** will kick off their new year on August 22. Additionally, in this issue of our newsletter, you will read more details on **September's CULDEE COMEBACK FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**; plus, the restarting of the **REACH Service**! Blessings abound; with more to come! May each of us commit himself or herself to seeking **GOD's** will and direction while walking "hand in hand" with **HIM** each day!

Notes From the Session Meeting of July 11, 2021



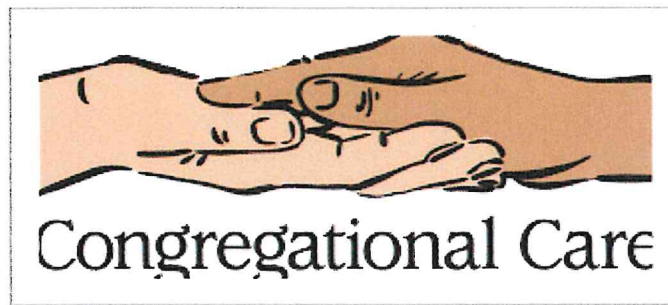
Moderator: Rev. Rick Martindale, Pastor of First Presbyterian of Carthage

Patti Burke, Vice-Clerk

Motions Approved:

- Request for transfer of membership by Jim and Linda Dalton to Community Presbyterian Church.
- Wade Garner will look into possibility of catering the **Homecoming** Meal in **September**.
- Diann Fortune will be the Elder Commissioner for the Presbytery meeting to be held on August 19th at 4:00 p.m. via **ZOOM**.
- **REACH** Service will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 26th . The church family will have the opportunity to greet each other in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 9:45 before the 10:00 **Traditional** Worship Service.
- Guest speakers who will fill the pulpit in **August** can be found on the last page.
- Bids will be sought on a surge protector appropriate for the upgraded sound system in the sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have responded to the “**Membership Roll Review**” letter you recently received. If you have any questions or concerns (before or after responding), please call the church office, one of the session members, or the clerk.



Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

When you feel inadequate to serve God or carry out His commands, remember that what He expects of you is different from what you think. You may believe He is looking for charisma, persuasiveness, and a brilliant mind. But what he requires is:

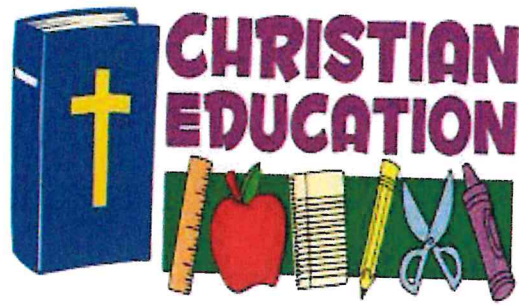
- Sensitivity to the Spirit. Be attentive and obedient to His promptings.
- Service. Humbly glorify Him and edify others rather than promote yourself.
- Self-denial. Seek His kingdom and goals instead of your own.
- Suffering. Follow Him obediently even when it means pain and persecution, knowing that you are serving His eternal purpose.

In other words, the Savior wants to use your life as a platform for His power. So when He calls, don't worry about whether you are smart, talented, or beautiful enough. Just obey Him wholeheartedly. He will surely magnify Himself through you.

(Copied from "Everyday in His Presence" by Charles Stanley)

The Congregational Care Committee will meet on Sunday, August 8th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Homecoming and Harvest Festival. Please plan to attend this meeting and share your thoughts/ideas. The time is approaching quickly and we appreciate and welcome everyone's support and prayers.

In Christ, Eve Williamson, Congregational Care Chair



Camp Monroe/Culdee VBS was “epic” according to our campers. Twenty children were enrolled and participated on Monday – Wednesday at Culdee, seventeen attended Camp Monroe for the overnight camping experience. Five Camp Monroe counselors greeted our campers and engulfed them with love and fun. The week was filled with scavenger hunts, flag races, human foosball, game of grab the bacon and ga-ga ball. The week’s Bible study focused on prayer, and as the week progressed our Culdee campers were willing to pray. The overnight experience included swimming, archery, crafts, and banana Olympics. The faces of each one there completed the story. Eyes were filled with excitement, and although they were tired, they hesitated to leave each other and wanted to gather again. We are thankful to the families for trusting us with their children and to the Culdee family for allowing us this opportunity!

Culdee donations to the event included: registration fee of \$1300.00 (for 20 camper’s \$65.00 fee), \$320.00 donations for supplies and food. Individual donations of water, pizza, cupcakes, watermelon and ice cream were greatly appreciated. We also want to thank our Culdee members who safely transported our campers to and from Camp Monroe.

Due to the popularity of the “Ga-Ga pit”, we would like to build one of our own for our youth to enjoy. If you would like to donate to this project we are requesting four sheets of plywood. If you have questions please call Patti or Wade.

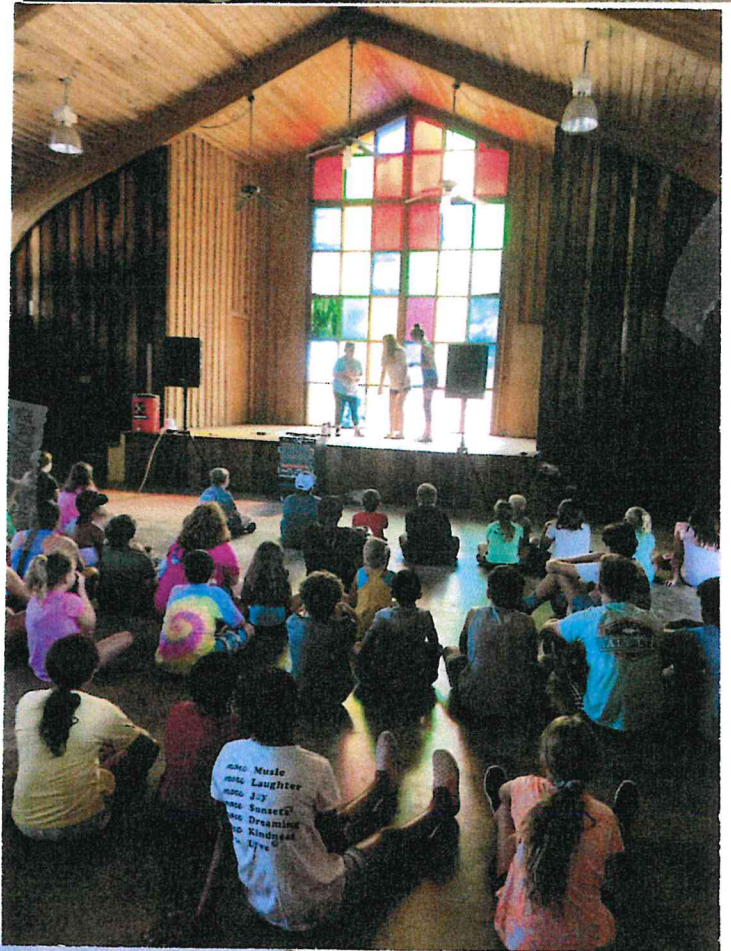
The Christian Ed committee will now turn our focus to the “Culdee Comeback”. Opportunities for women to have Christ, Creation and Conversation, and the men to experience fellowship and fun in the chili cook-off, cornhole, and ministry. For the adults wishing to enjoy a Bible study, we have a study of Daniel and for the children we will have storytelling, crafts, science and hopefully ga-ga ball! Our youth meet at their normal meeting time at the church.

As you can see, we will be seeking volunteers to help with this ministry. We are only asking for you to serve on a single Sunday but with everyone doing their small part, we can all share in God’s work to propel our church forward. Please be in prayer as we plan and invite our community to enjoy this time with us.

Patti Burke Chair - Wade Garner Vice Chair



Camp Monroe/V.B.S 2021





CULDEE SISTER'S SALAD SOCIAL

Please join us at 5:30 pm
August 22, 2021

In the Culdee Fellowship Hall for our
1st Annual Salad Social

Let's get together to eat, laugh and visit

Ladies from 1-100 are invited! So come
And bring your Mom, Grandma, Sister
Daughter, Granddaughter, In-Law,
Aunt, Cousin or Friend!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Your Culdee Sister's in Christ

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sadie Cuff	01	Lisa Campbell	20
Jackie Thamm	04	Myers Buckley	21
Sarah Cuff	05	Grace Bowen	22
Tracy Vest	09	Deelie Whitesell	23
Eli Black	09	Jackson Aldridge	23
Tammy Parsons	11	Nancy Howle	25
Wayne Vest	11	Kristy Taylor	25
Zach Marks	11	Norman Harris	25
Nelson Blue	12	Dana Vest	26
Ray Barber	13	Slylar Lilly	26
Peyton Martin	15	Sharon Cuff	30
Tony Rouse	15	Jed Black	30
Eve Williamson	18	Lisa Huffines	30
Andrew Craven	19	Wyatt Cole	31



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The Annual Salad Dinner for ALL Presbyterian Women will be held Sunday, August 22 at 5:30 pm. Please make plans to attend and bring your favorite salad!

A special thanks to Patti Burke and Wade Garner for their work to make VBS a success!

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held online on August 5, 2021 from 4pm-6pm. Come together to "Rejoice in Hope." Inspiring speakers and preachers will lead a time of rejoicing and renewal. Are you ready to rejoice and be renewed? This will be live streamed on PW's Facebook Page. Additional details as they become available.

Pastor Search Committee Update



Thank you, congregation members, for your continued encouragement, patience and prayers. Culdee has been without a pastor for roughly four years and the PNC feels the pressure of that.

Culdee's PNC Timeline:

- First PNC Meeting March 10, 2020
- Congregational Surveys May 4, 2020 – May 19, 2020
- Session Approval of Culdee's Ministry Information Form August 3, 2020
- PNC Received First Pastor Information Forms August 17, 2020

The PNC has met weekly since March 10, 2020 and so far, has reviewed over 100 Pastor Information Forms since August 17, 2020. The PNC has communicated or interviewed with several potential candidates, trusting that God will guide discernment during this process. Culdee's PNC is working diligently and with faith that God will put the pastor He wants in the PNC's path at the right time. Please continue to have patience and pray for the discernment of the PNC and the pastor candidates so that God's will is done.

PASTOR WELCOME BOOK

In preparation for a new pastor and to assist the new pastor in learning Culdee's church family, the Session has given approval for the creation of a *Culdee Family Welcome Book* sponsored by the PNC. Nancy Howle, Janie Taylor and Stephanie Barber of Culdee's PNC are heading up this project and will be asking for your assistance. Soon Nancy Howle will begin taking photographs of the church family attending services. There will also be a basic information sheet to be completed with space to share any additional information or notes that will help the pastor learn the congregation. Photographs will be attached to the information sheets, then the sheets will be compiled and the *Culdee Family Welcome Book* will be ready for the arrival of a new pastor. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune

Luke 14:28 *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?*

Meeting Schedule:

Church members are welcome to attend monthly Finance Ministry & Session meetings, usually the second Sunday, beginning at 4:30.

Financial Status:

Thank you for your continued support of Culdee. The attached Sandhills Accounting Services (SAS) June 2021 Financial Report remains positive. Currently there are 10.89 months of reserve funds available, 6 months of which are for emergencies. Please understand that reserve funds continue to grow because Culdee is not currently paying a pastor's salary. Additionally, the SAS June 2021 report indicates that if Culdee had a pastor right now and was fully operational, contributions total \$185.88 year to date above the budget.

Interest earned on accounts at Culdee's banks, BB&T and Live Oak, compared to the earnings of funds invested with Stifel Wealth Management Group shows that BB&T & Live Oak's \$186,456.31 earned a total of \$733.50 in interest while Stifel's \$249,564.33 grew by \$14,621.21 for the same time period. There is the realization that the market fluctuates, as will investment and earnings. Funds are invested for moderately conservative growth, as was recommended for churches and non-profits by the professionals at Stifel.

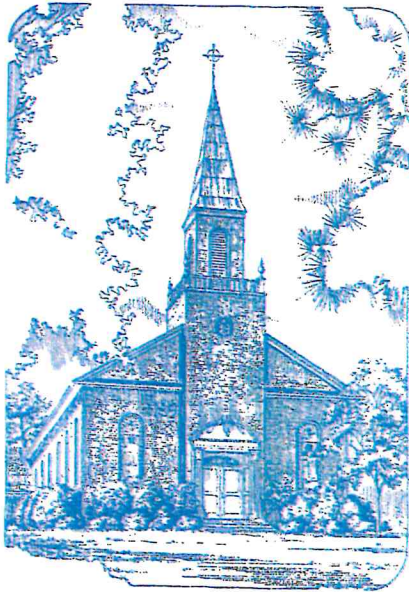


Jesus prayed for His friends.

Use the code to find some of His words.

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He said,



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*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make
known among the nations what He has done.*

1 Chronicles 16:8

Culdee Presbyterian Mission

Culdee Presbyterian Church will build caring relationships with our local and global community while proclaiming the Word of God and building up our faith community.

Filling the pulpit at 10:00 am for Indoor Service the Months of August will be:

August 1 Joe Robinson
August 8...Communion Sunday...Kevin Gregory
August 15 Sandy Stewart
August 22 Matthew Peele
August 29 Kathy Haynes



Weekly Worship Services

Sundays:

In the Sanctuary and Drive-In Service – 10:00 a.m.

Online Service-At your convenience

Wednesday Evening:

Brief weekly devotion and prayer

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