

SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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From the Heart of Pastor Bryan Bult

The Apostle Paul writes to tell the Thessalonians that Christ 'died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.' Scripture is clear that salvation is full and free in Christ. For this we should be eternally grateful, because none of us could ever earn or deserve it. And scripture is just as clear that salvation carries with it implications for our lives. In other words, we are saved from sin and condemnation, but we are also saved for something. And that something, in this passage, is spelled out as the responsibility to encourage one another, and to build one another up. Even as he writes this instruction to the Thessalonians, he wants to assure them that he sees them doing these very things. Well, I see you doing those things too, and it greatly encourages me. I see an awful lot of mutual encouragement going on in our congregation. Encouragement can take many forms, from a written letter, to a kind word verbalized, or through supportive presence and offering a helping hand. I see all of these among our church family, and especially among you, our cherished seniors. I am grateful that as a result of Christ's death, you in turn are building your fellow believers up in the faith. It is a true sign the gospel has taken root in you.

**Don't get discouraged,
but keep doing what you are doing!**

July/Aug 2023

Seniors Ministry Pastoral & Support Staff

Rev. Bryan F. Bult Assoc. Minister to Seniors
Janet B. Altman Seniors Ministry Coord.
Scottie Crawford Pastoral Intern

2023 Seniors Ministry Session Committee

Joe Walker, Chair
Bond Nickles
Rick Werts
Harry Jeffcoat

July Gatherings

- 05 11:00 AM Seniors Ministry Committee - ZOOM
- 08 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast
- 12 11:30 AM Wednesdays @ First Resume
1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 17 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee
- 20 7:00 AM Depart First Pres for Braves Game
- 26 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer & Note Writing
- 27 11:30 AM Encouragers Lunch at Nick's
- 31 8:00 AM Senior Men's Breakfast



August Gatherings

- 01 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Committee
- 05 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast
- 09 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 10 6:00 PM Encouragers Board Games & Snacks
- 17 6:30 PM CIA Attend Cola Fireflies Game
- 23 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer & Note Writing
- 28 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee

**Christian Life Books on
Shelf Number 248**

*FROM FORGIVEN TO
FORGIVING*
Jay E. Adams

THE HAND OF GOD
Alistair Begg

LIFE TOGETHER
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*THE PRACTICE OF
GODLINESS*
Jerry Bridges

*THE RARE JEWEL OF
CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT*
Jeremiah Burroughs

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
John Calvin

EXTRAVAGANT GRACE
Barbara R. Duguid

*DISCIPLINE: THE GLAD
SURRENDER*
Elisabeth Elliot

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
Sinclair B. Ferguson

*THIS WORLD IS NOT MY
HOME*
Mark G. Johnston

GROWING IN HOLINESS
R. C. Sproul

The Bridge, Room 200
Check-out is for 2 weeks and
procedures are posted.
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couples
IN ACTION
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**Let's Go to a Columbia
Fireflies Game!**
It will be "Country Night"
at SEGRA Park.

Thursday, August 17



6:30 p.m. Meet at the ballpark
7:05 p.m. Play Ball!
Last day to sign-up:
August 10

**Steering Committee
Meetings**

5:30 p.m.
2nd floor of The Bridge
WOC Room

Monday, July 17
&
Monday, August 28

**Thirty-three Couples
Participated in CIA
Supper Clubs This Spring**
Fall sign-up will begin
in August.

ENCOURAGERS
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Singles 50+ Years Old



Saturday, July 8

Saturday, August 5

9:00 a.m.

Jackson Hall
Reservations needed.



Thursday, July 27
11:30 a.m.

Nick's House of Pizza
1082 Sunset Blvd
West Columbia, SC 29169
Reservations needed.



Thursday, August 10
Board Games & Snacks
6:00 p.m.

2nd Floor of The Bridge
WOC Room
Reservations needed.

2023 SUMMER LECTURES

JULY 2 Justification
Rev. Jason Helopoulos

JULY 9 Definitive Sanctification
Dr. Ligon Duncan

JULY 16 Adoption
Dr. David O. Wilson

JULY 23 Progressive Sanctification
Rev. Nate Shurden

JULY 30 Perseverance
Dr. H. B. Charles

AUG 6 Glorification
Dr. Dave Garner

AUG 13 Stewardship
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

10:00 a.m.
Family Life Center

SENIORS MINISTRY Men's Breakfast

Monday, July 31
8:00 AM
Jackson Hall
Reservations needed.



Let's Go to a Braves Game!

Thursday, July 20

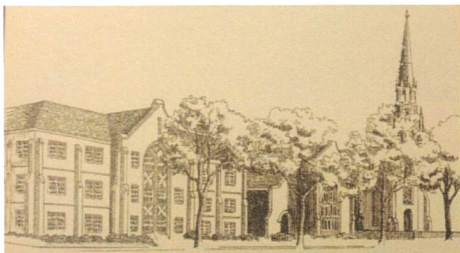
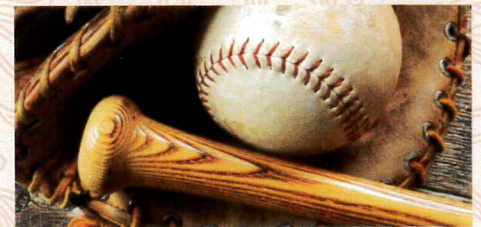
Depart FPC: 7:00 a.m.

Game Time: 12:20 p.m.

Return FPC: 8:00 p.m.

Seniors Ministry has purchased 45 tickets and chartered a Motor Coach for this trip. A few tickets are still available. If you are 50 years or older, please contact Janet Altman to claim your ticket(s). This is an intergenerational trip so we'd like senior members to invite younger church members/family members.

Cost: \$50 per person includes: a seat on the bus, admission to the game, and \$25 in concession stand credit.



Pictured above is a First Presbyterian note card. One group that makes use of these note cards is the Barnabas Ministry which meets the 4th Wednesday of each month to pray for needs of members and write notes of encouragement. If you would like to join this group, please contact Pastor Bryan Bult.



Fitness Walking
Family Life Center
Tuesdays & Thursdays
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Join the Cool
People in the
Gym!

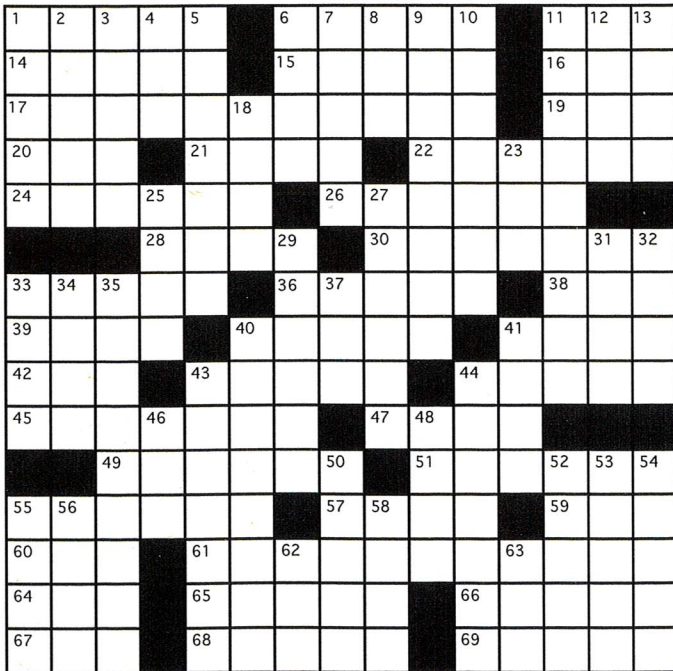
Participation in Fitness Walking is open to all ages. Please consider "doing your laps" in this cool and safe place with family and friends.

Please contact Janet at
(803) 799-9062,
Extension 550
with any questions.

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Plant new crops
6. Of Leo XIII or Pius X
11. Make an offer
14. Modify
15. Remain
16. Keatsian work
17. ___ with; writes to
19. 3rd and 4th words of "Home on the Range"
20. Agency concerned with pollution: abbr.
21. Fly
22. Line on a weather map
24. Stations
26. Idaho's output
28. Dull sound
30. Counting calories
33. Lessen
36. Chauffeurs' vehicles, for short
38. Golly
39. Fords, for instance
40. ___-law
41. Movie detective
42. Robot play
43. Cut
44. Dull finish
45. Characterized by passionate feelings
47. Love deity
49. Scoffing ones
51. Buries

55. One who comes in 2nd
57. One of the Apostles: abbr.
59. Branch of sci.
60. Period of time
61. Unfortunate
64. Fond du __, Wisconsin
65. "I Am...__"; Neil Diamond hit
66. Muslim ruler: var.
67. Dutch commune
68. Cornered; treed
69. Gaseous element

DOWN

1. Went quickly
2. Say "I do" without fanfare
3. Thin strip of leather
4. Poet's contraction
5. Struggle
6. Family member
7. End a mission early
8. Brooch
9. First grader's math
10. Renters
11. Instrument on a warplane
12. "What's the big ___?"
13. Precious
18. Unexceptional
23. Scrap
25. ___ for; selects
27. Think the world of
29. Short-tailed shorebird

31. Shipshape
32. Man's nickname
33. Land unit
34. Oz's creator
35. Haughtiness
37. Ending for Joseph or nectar
40. Harshlest
41. Throw
43. Russian region
44. Loch Ness legend
46. Twitch
48. Noisy disturbance
50. Narrow groove
52. Diminished
53. Log-rolling contest
54. No-nonsense
55. Brazilian athlete
56. Cargo
58. ___ Lamarr
62. Gift of ___
63. Drs.' group

