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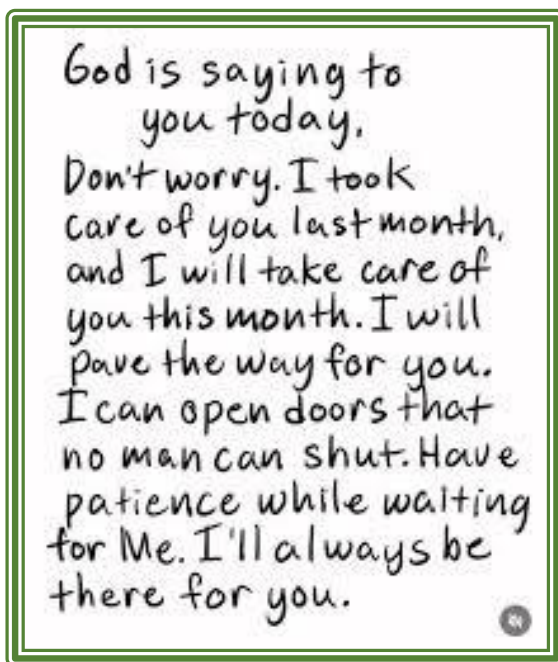
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## August, 2025

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*“Called to be the presence of  
Christ in our community”*



Summer is zipping by as August is blooming.

We had a blessed July with a fun evening at the South Shore Yacht Club, an inspiring General Assembly, and a joyous potluck and camp sign-along (overcoming the heat with an indoor version)!

General Assembly was July 12 – 15 in Memphis, Tennessee. Bill Cook, Rev. Daphne and I attended. We enjoyed powerful sermons and participated in the business of our Church. The new organization and process for General Assemblies passed and Bill will be providing more information on that soon. We also passed several emergency resolutions including a resolution to stand against and help those impacted by the big terrible bill; a resolution to stand against the cruel treatment of immigrants and to support the rights of the immigrants, and a resolution to affirm the World Council of Churches call to end Apartheid, Occupation and Impunity in Palestine and Israel, and to solidify with Palestine people as we struggle for an end to genocide. There was also a demonstration as a part of Rev. William Barber's Moral Mondays that marched to the Federal building to deliver a message on the passed big ugly bill. He is moving his Moral Mondays to the south and Memphis was the first city.

Thank you also for all those who participated in our July Mission Sunday! Hope's Front Door was very appreciative of the school supplies we supplied. I also offered for them to contact us if they have gaps in their school supplies so we can help from our Back-to-School budget.

As we look forward to the Fall, Feed the Body and Soul will be resuming Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Adult Sunday School will resume Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. So, mark your calendars!

Faithfully yours,  
Karen



## **Join Us for Monday Intercessory Prayer (MIP)!**

Prayers are being answered! Please join us for MIP Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. from the comforts of your own home! Spending an hour with God feeling his support and love is always a blessing. Prayer is so needed to keep us in peace and trust during this difficult time!

We not only ask for God's help with our concerns, but we also spend time offering praise for all God is doing in our world. Recent praises were for:

- When Angelina Baker heard that a former HS classmate that she hadn't seen in 25 years needed a kidney, she got tested and was able become his donor.
- TX's Bryan Pederson, 6'7" & 270 lbs., was trapped in SUV after a tree crashed on top leaving him unable to breathe. Petite Veronica, a struggling mother was able to pull him out to safety. Bryan took her grocery shopping & started GoFundMe to fix her mobile home & build a new home
- 39-year-old Mr. Fousseynou Cissé, a receptionist at a secondary school, climbed to the 6th floor of a Paris apartment to save 2 adults and 4 children trapped in the burning building.

God is active and working throughout our world. Hallelujah!  
Join in our praise!

The **conference-calling** feature makes it easy to join from anywhere you are. Dial in to join us for the entire session or just to ask for your own prayer concerns. We welcome all prayer concerns! We document our prayer concerns each week and if you provide us with your email, we can send a copy to you each week.

Join us for a spiritually enriching hour with God! You are free to join in silently or add prayers as you like!

Our Monday night sessions include:

- A brief gathering of any additional prayers and prayer priorities
- A prayer devotion
- Prayers for our joys and concerns: personal, church, community, country, and world
- A brief closing prayer

To Join by Conference Call:

1. Call (607) 374-1123
2. Enter the access code: 390193

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# An Elder's Heart



July has been a good month. There have been ups and downs. However, let me say that there have been more ups and downs, and I am so grateful. Short story, my Grandson CJ was promoted from the baby room to the 3-year-old classroom. And, why? CJ figured out how to unlock the gate to his classroom. He walked out and let out the other babies and went back to help the other babies get out, LOL. We have left July. Where I come from, the number 7 spiritually means the month of completion. 7 is considered a number of deep significances, symbolizing a connection to the divine. Welcome to August, the 8<sup>th</sup> month. This spiritual number is also significant for new beginnings. Mostly we say wonderful to new jobs, new houses, new cars, new whatever. So, this month of new is often thought of in terms of material wealth and success. Here, we will pray for brighter futures, new horizons, and a generally prosperous life.

Which leaves me to this poem of how “I Wish You Enough”, by Bob Perks

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.  
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.  
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.  
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.  
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.  
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.  
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye to Summer in 52 days."

Enjoy your Summer 😊

Wait, let me wish my grandson a Happy Birthday on the 6<sup>th</sup>, go CJ.

Peace to you all, Elder Daphne Hayes

# WOMEN'S TEA



The proceeds of our very successful 2025 Women's Tea will go to our church's Outreach Program and to our new endeavor, Dixie's Cafe.

If you have not looked at Angela's outstanding photos of this year's Tea, you will find them on the Church's Facebook page under photos & albums. You will see photos of all the gift baskets and even of the individual women who won a basket, photos of the enticing tea goodies, (my mouth watered just viewing them), who was seated at what tables, close-ups of the centrepieces artfully put together by our church women (kudos to Sue Huizinga for coming up with the idea), as well as some great photos of our five waiters, (Marv Huizinga, Dan Johns, Bob Reese, Don Peterson and Joe Iaculla).

Mark your calendars for our 2026 Tea - NOON, SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026!!

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## Help a Hero!

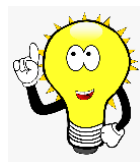
### Support overseas troops...

### Keep troops comfortable



Do you have unscented bar soap, lip balm or toothpaste to spare? If so, send them to Operation: Care and Comfort. This nonprofit organization will send the items to troop members stationed abroad. Mail items to Operation: Care and Comfort (OCC), 1702-L Meridian Ave., #241, San Jose, CA 95125.

# *Did you know...?* By: Bobbie Dean

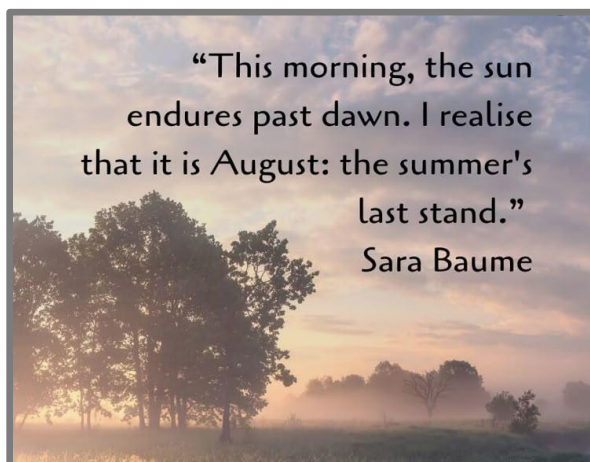


The **Korean** father is the head of the family; he and the oldest son receive the greatest respect.

Traditionally, men were seen as the primary providers and final decision-makers, and mothers were responsible for supervising the household and children.

Today, however, women are generally expected to work outside the home to help support their families and pay for their children's educational expenses, which can be significant given the focus on high-quality education in South Korea. Women have increasingly been able to pursue both higher education and careers. However, broadened opportunities for women have not meant an increase in household responsibilities for men.

Working women are still expected to maintain households and rear children often without help from their working husbands. Although women comprise slightly more than half of the labor force, their status is lower than men's in the workplace. Even so, urban women enjoy greater equality with men than do rural women, and women occupy a growing number of high positions in traditionally male-dominated fields. Female politicians are becoming more common, and the first female president was elected in 2012.



# Church Chuckles

By Bobbie Dean



An elderly priest was dying, so he sent for two members of his parish: one an IRS agent, the other a lawyer. When they arrived, they were each asked by a nun to sit in a chair on either side of his bed. The priest gave a faint smile when he knew they were both there, and he settled in for what would be his last night on earth.

By morning, the priest had passed on to his reward. As the two men were preparing to leave, the lawyer asked the nun why they had been called, since neither had been a close friend of the priest.

"Oh, I suppose it would be all right to tell you," The nun said. "Father said that Jesus had died between two thieves, and he wanted to do the same."



## FACTS ABOUT NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY - AUGUST 21



**Get with the times** - Today, only 3.6% of people over the age of 65 live in nursing homes — older women are likely to live alone, while older men prefer living with a spouse.

**Senior citizens battle serious illnesses** - Four in five seniors will battle at least one medical condition or illness like arthritis or a heart disorder.

**"Get off my property!"** - Over 1/3 of federally subsidized housing is occupied by elderly people.

**They are technologically advancing** - Senior citizens are the fastest-growing demographic on the social platform Facebook.

**Young at heart** - 15 million senior citizens volunteer in some manner.

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Aug. 14     Ruth Sutter  
Aug. 25     Alice Dornan  
Aug. 27     August Johns

## SERVING SCHEDULE



### ELDERS

|         | Lectern      | Table        |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Aug. 3  | Bill Cook    | Daphne Hayes |
| Aug. 10 | Barb Bates   | Bob Reese    |
| Aug. 17 | Becky Daigle | Sue Huizinga |
| Aug. 24 | Sue Huizinga | Karen Johns  |
| Aug. 31 | Daphne Hayes | Barb Bates   |

### DEACONS

|         | Prep and Serve  | Serve          |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| Aug. 3  | Galilee Flores  | Larry Carley   |
| Aug. 10 | Jeff Igel       | Gail Reese     |
| Aug. 17 | Lisa Johnson    | Galilee flores |
| Aug. 24 | Kristi Kijowski | Dave Kijowski  |
| Aug. 31 | Larry Carley    | Gail Reese     |

