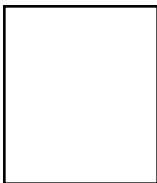




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The Acclaim July 2023

Weekly Services & Times

Sunday: 9am Bible Study
10 am Morning Worship
Please see Sunday Overhead
Announcements and Bulletin for
Listing of Special Services!

Volunteers are needed in various areas within the church. There are many things that we can use your help with. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to assist us through this coming year. There is a job for everyone to do here at APCC and we all appreciate your help and desire to serve.

APCC Yard Signs and License Plates: Coming soon we will have APCC Yard Signs to be put out in your yard. These will be available for \$8.00 per sign. There are also APCC License plates available in the Office now. Please be on the lookout for more information on the price and dates of availability for these. If you are interested in a Sign or License Plate, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

LIVE STREAMING on YOUTUBE is still provided every Sunday! If you are having trouble viewing our YOUTUBE Worship programming, please see Tony Ratliff or call at your convenience. We will be happy to take you through the procedure step by step.

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 1 Peter 2:16

Please be in Prayer for YOUR church family: Many people were not able to return to Florida this year. We have lost others in death. Please remember and feel welcome to check with the office for addresses of those you miss. A card brightens the day!

APCC News and Upcoming Events

Together Tuesday Is Postponed for Summer
July 02 9 AM Sunday Bible Study
July 02 10 AM Sunday Service
July 04 Happy July 4th
July 04 Office will be closed for Holiday
July 09 9 AM Sunday Bible Study

July 09 10 AM Sunday Service
July 16 9 AM Sunday Bible Study
July 16 10 AM Sunday Service
July 19 Day of Prayer!!!
July 30 9 AM Sunday Bible Study

Happy Birthday

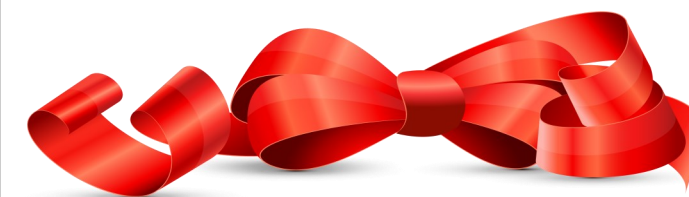
July 01 Judith Nicely
July 02 Caison Ratliff
July 09 Marty Lamy
July 19 Judy Lewis
July 31 Lee Taylor



Happy Anniversary

June 06 Bob & Clara Ovre

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Please contact the office with updates and changes for Anniversaries and Birthdays!

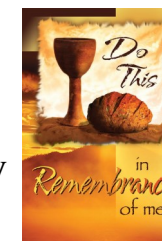
July 2023 Servers

Open Up/Lock Up Host:

Ricky Helms

Communion Meditation:

Week July 02 Ricky Helms
Week July 09 Lee Taylor
Week July 19 Ricky Helms
Week July 23 John Kornegay
Week July 30 Tony Ratliff



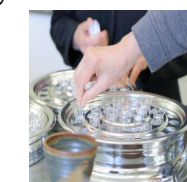
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Communion to the Sick: *

Week July 02 Ricky Helms
Week July 09 Lee Taylor
Week July 16 Ricky Helms
Week July 23 John Kornegay
Week July 30 Tony Ratliff

Communion Preparations:

Thelma Rachel



*** Please inform the office if you desire Communion brought to your home. Due to Covid, we respect your privacy. Please give us 1 day advance notice.**

CHURCH FINANCES—Once again we have encountered a few more repairs to our building. Please share with the church a “special blessing” to help offset these repairs.

Together Tuesday Has been postponed until after the Summer Season. We will make decisions about the start of it again as we approach that time. Please plan to join us and watch for updates!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6pm

We have been watching for the past few months the Video series "The Chosen". Our study contains both video and discussion. We have been blessed as we have watched the disciples instructed by Jesus and challenged by man in their quest to follow and obey the commands they are given. We have postponed the Wednesday Evening Bible Study for the time being. Please keep a watch to future announcements concerning when we will be restarting.

Adult Bible Study—Young At Heart Classroom

This month, we have begun an exciting study of the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews might be described as *The best just got better*. There was nothing inferior about the Jewish religion. It was given and designed by God. Every principal, every rule had a specific meaning. The Old Testament served as a faithful guide for thousands of years. But when Christ came, the best got better. Hebrews was written for the Jewish believers who were torn between the new faith and their old ways. The temptation was to slip back into familiar routines and rituals, settling for second best. The author makes a skillful case against such a digression. He argues that Jesus is better than every form of the old faith; better than the angels; better than their leaders; and better than their priests. In comparing the two, Christianity has a better covenant, a better sanctuary, and a better sacrifice for sin. Salvation through Christ was so much better so why settle for second best? Come join us Sunday morning at 9 AM for this great study.

PLEASE NOTE: The Ladies have postponed their Bible Study for the Summer Months. Please see Susan Taylor for information about the next book to be studied and watch for information about when the Bible Study will be resumed. Plan now to come and share this exciting study with us when the study is resumed, and receive a blessing. Please see Susan Taylor or Beth Helms for more information and to get your books.

*The Christian must realize as a charge daily that he is **morally responsible to God and those around him/her**. He or she must put God **FIRST** in everything (Matt 10:37) and be submissive to the will of God. -copied*

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

The Time Has Come...

This simple little phrase has been used time and time again to say good-bye. Well I've chosen the phrase to say good-bye, but also to say I'm still here just in a different roll. I began ministry here in 2007 and have chosen 2023 to draw this ministry to a close. I shared a couple of months ago that I would need to pull back from full-time ministry to part-time. Unfortunately even the part time ministry is becoming too much. I find these days that getting up, dressing and getting to church on time can be a problem. So I feel I must now step away completely.

I have enjoyed serving you as your minister, preaching, teaching, helping to guide you as you open your lives and allowed me to serve you, I have only been fully retired a couple of weeks and find I already miss this ministry. I thank God for your support and calls. You have allowed me in this time to help in your lives, Please know I will continue to serve you as God will and God allows. Until He calls me elsewhere, I will continue to be available in service.

Again, I thank God first for opening this ministry, I then thank you for allowing me opportunity to serve you and your family. Even through the difficult times, we can thank Jesus for one another. Lastly, I thank God for His Holy Spirit who has guided me along this path.

May God continue to guide our steps in Christian love in the days ahead.

We love you all!



Pastor Greg

Anthem for the Fourth of July

On this auspicious Day, Freeman, thy homage pay, The king of kings.
Ancient of endless days, Above all creature praise,
To Him loud Anthems raise, On Freedom's wings.
Our favor'd land afar, The world's bright morning star, Shines in the West.
It's light shall still increase, Till Liberty and peace,
Expand, and never cease To make men blest,
Justice and equal laws Maintain the sacred course Columbia boasts,
Freedom's our magic word, The rights of man our sword,
Our banner is the Lord, The Lord of hosts

-Author Unknown