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### HARVEST of GOD'S PROMISES

**The Bible is filled with an abundance of wonderful promises for believers! Verses that will encourage, convict, guide, provoke one to good works, and so much more. Below is just a few scriptures that will inspire you begin your own search of the Bible to find other verses to read and think on daily and/or commit to memory!**



- **God will fill me to overflowing with hope** — Romans 15:13  
“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- **God has a plan for my life** — Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
- **God can be trusted** — Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”
- **God designed me for a purpose.** — Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
- **God’s promises never fail.** — Joshua 21:45 “Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; all was fulfilled.”

## NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2021



The Session met at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with all Elders present; Rev. Rick Martindale served as Moderator of Session. The devotion and opening prayer were given by Danny Aldridge, Elder of the Month. The minutes of the Stated Session meeting of September 12 and the Congregational meeting of October 3 were approved as read.

Session approved/accepted the following items/motions:

- The **Elder Nominating Committee** will hold its first meeting on Thursday, October 28.
- The **Proposed Budget for 2022** was carefully reviewed. The motion was approved to wait until next month to vote on the budget as a whole.
- The following activities will begin on **Sunday, November 7**.....the Adult Sunday School class will begin at **9:15** in the Session Room of the Fellowship Hall building, with June Stewart as teacher. Children's Church will meet in the Children's Church Room in the Fellowship Hall building immediately following the Children's Sermon, and our SS youth will also begin meeting on November 7 in the afternoon.
- Elders approved the **Legacy Youth Group's** proposed trip to the Boone area on November 12 - 15. The funds for the trip will come from the Youth's budget.
- Elders approved Congregational Care's proposed January 1, 2022 fundraiser, "**New Year's Meal**", which will include baked ham, collards, black-eyed peas, corn muffins and dessert. The event may include a silent auction or gospel sing.
- The Worship Service on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** will be a **Music Service**..... "**Joyful Noise**" will take part in the service.
- The **Monthly Financial Report** for September was reviewed and accepted.

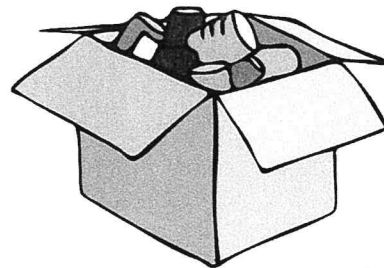
### Sandhills Coalition Food Bags

The following are the immediate needs for the Coalition's Food Shelves.....Please consider bringing a donation to the sunroom!! The need is ongoing!

**Non-refrigerated 100 % juice (lower sugar)**

**Jelly (lower sugar)**

**Instant mash potatoes**



## **FLAGS GIVEN IN MEMORIAL**

Robert Barber, Sr.	Army	Memorial
Arthur Bouldin	Army	Memorial
John Richardson	Army	Memorial
William Christopher Moore	Confederate Army	Memorial
G. Wilson Lea	Navy	Memorial
Junior Flinchum	Army	Memorial
Ray Hodge	Army	Memorial
James L. McKenzie	U.S. Army	Memorial
Richard Stroud	Army	Memorial
Fred Eichelberger	Navy	Memorial
Ramsey Ward	Army Air Corps	Memorial
Family Members	All Branches	Memorial
Herbert W. Martin	Army	Memorial
Carl R. Schweinsburg	Army	Memorial
Mike Salargo	Army	Memorial
J. C. Garrison	Navy	Memorial
Alfred Anderson	Army WW1	Memorial
Desse Engle	Army WW11	Memorial
Larry Lee Upole, Sr.	US Army	Memorial
Jene Bowen	Army	Memorial
Byng Gibbs	Marine	Memorial
Carlton (Sprig) Blue	Army	Memorial
Jim Evans	Navy	Memorial
13 Service Men	Marines, Army, Navy, Afghanistan	Memorial
Tom Clayton	US Army	Memorial
James Clayton	US Army	Memorial
Bert Clayton	US Air Force	Memorial
Clarence Ludwig	Navy	Memorial
Harry C. Howle	US Navy	Memorial
Cecil D. McKenzie	US Army	Memorial
Philip Martignetti	US Army	Memorial
Charles J. Long	US Army	Memorial
Lewis White	Army	Memorial
Harry Downin	Army	Memorial
Arthur X. Zenns	US Navy	Memorial
Phillip Bullins	Army	Memorial
Lanie Esten Garner	Army	Memorial
Donnie L. Black	US Army	Memorial
Masger W. Black	US Army	Memorial
Charles M. Frye	Army	Memorial
Edmund J. Valitutto	Navy	Memorial
Everette Haywood	Army	Memorial
Vernon Whitesell	US Navy	Memorial
Leonard Whitesell	US Navy	Memorial
Mark Whitesell	US Navy	Memorial
Delis "Dink" Whitesell	US Navy	Memorial
David Whitesell	US Navy	Memorial
Max Whitesell	US Navy	Memorial
Richard Mills	US Army	Memorial

William "Buddy" Bunch	US Army	Memorial
Charles Mills	US Army	Memorial
William Berry "Bud" Blue	82 <sup>nd</sup> Air Born Paratrooper	Memorial
John Calvin Blue	Army WW1	Memorial
G. Wilson Lea	Navy	Memorial
James Blaine Ritter	Army	Memorial
James Thomas Ritter	Army National Guard	Memorial
George Marvin Black	Army	Memorial
Willie E. Martin	Navy	Memorial
Joe J. Richardson	Army	Memorial
Harold Cameron	Marines	Memorial
Ralph Welch	Army	Memorial
Bernard T. Williamson	Navy	Memorial

### **FLAGS GIVEN IN HONOR**

Ken Bouldin	Army	Honor
Jake Prevatte	Air Force	Honor
Joe Barber	Army	Honor
Lloyd T. McKenzie	U.S. Army	Honor
Bryan Ward	Air Force	Honor
Rodney Ward	Army	Honor
Michael R. Salargo	US Air Force	Honor
Ronald D. Salargo	US Air Force	Honor
James R. Oakman	US Army/Special Forces/Retired	Honor
Ronald Bowen	Coast Guard	Honor
Harold Clayton	US Air Force	Honor
William Thomas Ludwig	Army	Honor
Timothy H. Howle	US Army	Honor
Col. Lionel H. Bryson	US Air Force Retired	Honor
W. Mitchell Garner	Army	Honor
Wayne J. Black	USMC	Honor
Larry W. Black	Army National Guard	Honor
W. Mills Hodge	Navy	Honor
Edmund J. Valitutto, Jr.	Army	Honor
Francis Valitutto	Army Air Corps	Honor
Francis Michael Short	Air Force	Honor
Jaiden Washington	Navy	Honor
Pryor Moon, Jr.	Navy	Honor
Steven Pryor Moon	Navy	Honor
James W. Black, Jr. (Jimmy)	Air Force	Honor
Clement H. Richardson	Army	Honor
Victor Chacon	US Navy	Honor
Sel Batir	US Navy	Honor
Samuel Chacon	US Coast Guard	Honor
Fred Whitesell	Army National Guard	Honor
Tim Lea	Marines	Honor
Wesley L. Cole	Navy	Honor
Stephen D. Bate	Army	Honor
Harry C. Tune, Jr.	Air National Guard	Honor
Chester Turnage	Army	Honor

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS - Darlene Valitutto, PW Moderator**

### **Children's Hope Alliance Angel Tree 2021**

Again this year, the Presbyterian Women will sponsor the Children's Hope Alliance Angel Tree. We will have seventy-five (75) "angels" on the tree which will be in place by November 13. Please choose one or more angels and provide a gift for these children! Gifts should be returned, unwrapped, by Friday, November 26, 2021. Children's Hope alliance includes Barium Springs and Grandfather Homes for children along with other such facilities in the state. Many of these children are victims of abuse, come from broken home where violence, drugs and alcohol are common. Help us help them have a Merry Christmas!

### **Holiday Bazaar/Bake Sale**

The Women will sponsor the Holiday Bazaar and bake Sale on Saturday, November 20, 2021 - 10am til 2pm. Crafts and home baked goods will be available to purchase. It is a great time to purchase Christmas gifts AND holiday goodies so you don't have to bake. A portion of the sales will go toward missions.

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank everyone who gave me cards, gifts, flowers and money for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The party was truly a surprise and I'm glad those who were able to attend did so. The quilt is beautiful and I so appreciate the efforts of the quilters. I see each stitch as being a stitch of love from each one of you. Thank you to those who helped Darlene and Ed prepare and cleanup for the party and for helping them keep a secret. I can't believe Ed didn't tell me! It is so wonderful having such a loving church family. Thank you, Pearl Frye

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS**

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.*

Special thanks to everyone who donated candy, decorated their cars and participated in our Halloween Trunk and Treat on October 23. As usual, Darrell's Barrels were a big hit with the kids, thank you Darrell and Karon!

The Session approved our request to hold a fundraiser on January 1, 2022. We are planning a meal of collards, black eyed peas, baked ham, cornbread and dessert. This is a church wide fundraiser and we will need everyone's support. A signup sheet will be posted in the Sun Room in the near future. The funds raised will go to our missions' ministry.

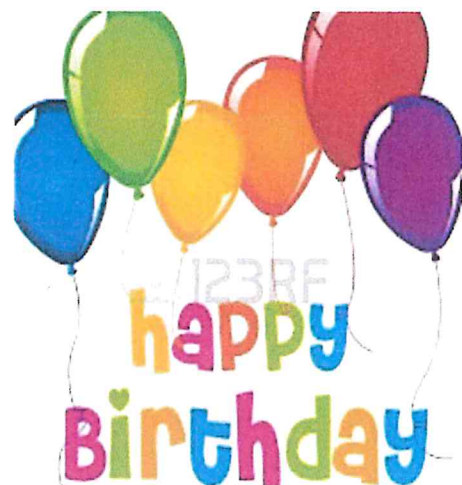
We welcome your thoughts and ideas and invite you to join us. If any of you are homebound and would like a meal delivered, please call the church office. Our next meeting will be held on November 7th following the morning Worship Service. Hope to see you there!

Chair, Eve Williamson



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Valitutto	01	Cole Bullard	17
Sampson Marion	01	Blaine Ritter	19
Janie Taylor	05	Harold Clayton	20
Caelyn Stewart	06	Kenneth White	23
Stephanie Barber	08	Joshua Craven	25
Braxton Barber	08	Kristin Lilly	25
Melanie Huffines	11	Luke Howle	27
Megan Hamilton	14	Daniel Ritter	28
Justin Ritter	15	Rylen Osentoski	29
Marion Cote'	16	Chris Willcox	30
Adin Patterson	16	Chris Lilly	30

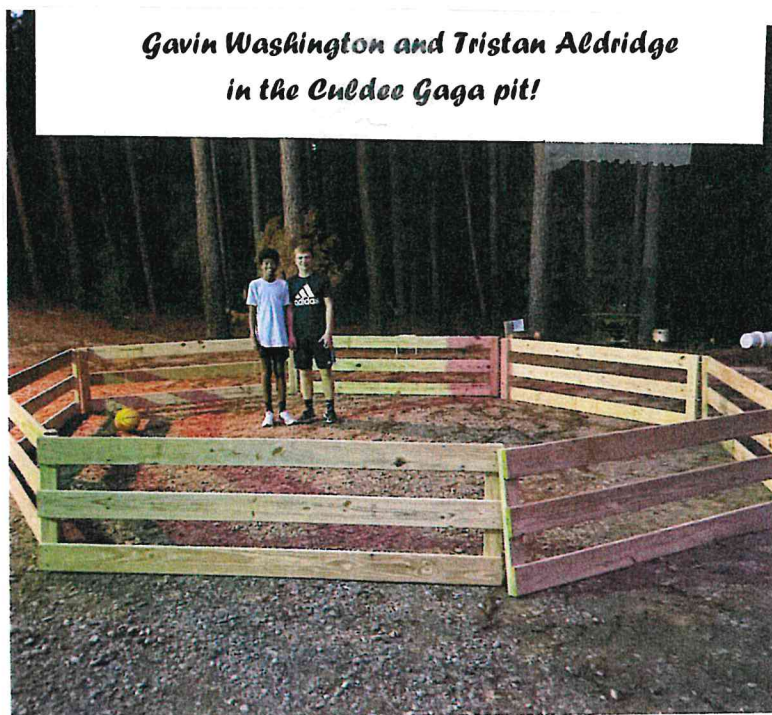


## **Pastor Search Committee Update**

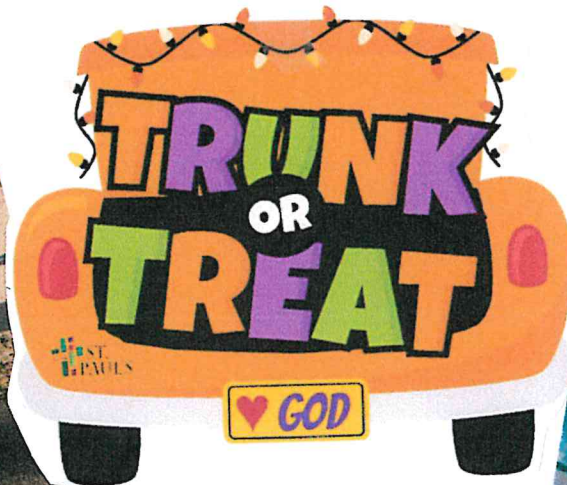


The PNC continues to meet regularly, review Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), and reach out to potential pastors. In our October 9 meeting, we opened with a prayer walk over the church grounds where each PNC committee member prayed in different areas of the church. We continue to seek God's guidance in the search for Culdee's next pastor. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

***Gavin Washington and Tristan Aldridge  
in the Culdee Gaga pit!***









## **CHRISTIAN ED MINISTRY**

The Christian Ed Ministry met on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We hoped the Pandemic would be resolved by now and everyone could celebrate returning to church. We realize the past two years has taken a toll on each of us as well as the church. As a result, our Culdee Comeback is going to be a slow and steady journey. Therefore, the committee decided to postpone the church wide Culdee Comeback until a later date and begin with smaller steps.

On **November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Sunday school class will begin meeting at 9:15 in the session room.** June Stewart will be teaching this class and welcomes anyone willing to assist with this group.

**Children's Church will begin November 7<sup>th</sup>** and last throughout the remainder of the year. This will be our Sunday School program for ages 4 – 8. Lauren Tierney will lead this group and would appreciate volunteers to assist on any Sunday. The Women of the church are responsible for the nursery ages 0 – 3.

**Youth Gatherings for all school age children will begin on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00- 5:30.** This is a VBS reunion and will include a Gaga Pit Tournament. All youth (not just VBS) are invited so please extend invitations to neighbors and friends. The Gaga Pit has been built by Danny Aldridge, assisted by Gavin Washington and Tristan Aldridge. Thanks to these fellas we are ready for fun and fellowship!

As we move forward, it is our hope to add additional programs as the demand increases. Please be in prayer as we begin this journey. We welcome suggestions and hope you will join us!

Patti Burke, Chair

Wade Garner, CO-Chair

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF KENNETH WHITSELL**

It was an honor for the Chancel Choir to be the recipient of the memorial funds from the passing of our beloved tenor Kenneth Whitesell. The choir decided that they would like to utilize this fund by purchasing a baby grand piano for the sanctuary in memory of Kenneth. We ask that you pray for this process as we move forward as a choir in this endeavor. We miss Kenneth and all that he added to our worship music here at Culdee.

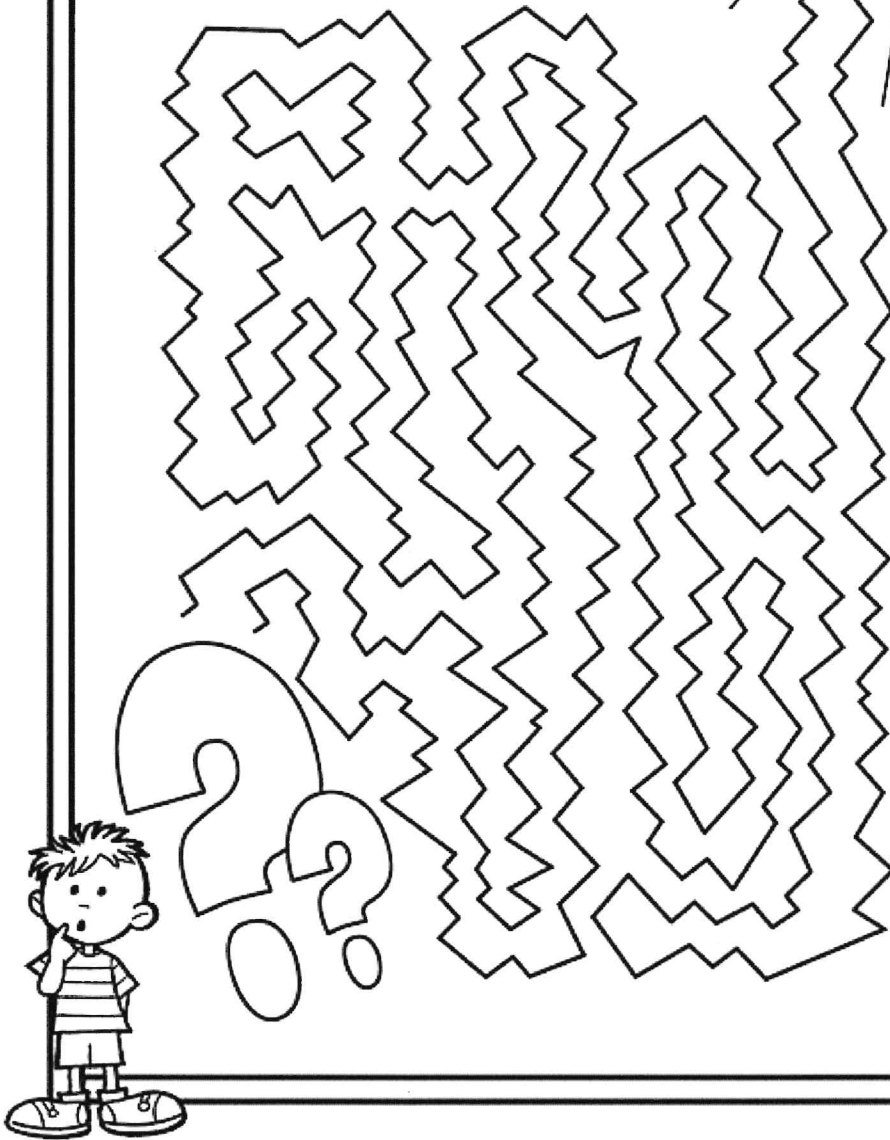
## **COOKBOOK SWAP SHOP**

Don't forget to bring all your unwanted cookbooks to the sunroom bookshelf to swap with other cooks. It has been a fun place to hang out on Sunday mornings and find new treasures.



**FUN (for all ages) PAGE**

*Martin has a problem!  
Help him find the answer  
in the Bible.*





## **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 meetings (4:30 pm) and Session meetings (6:30 pm). Since the budget affects all members, those interested are encouraged to attend the November meetings where the 2022 Budget will be the main topic of conversation.

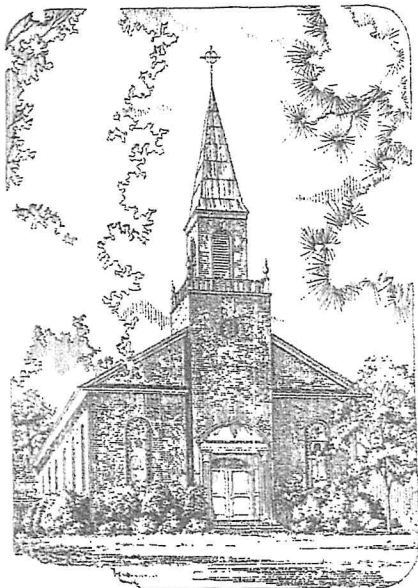
### **Financial Status:**

The Finance Ministry has always looked to God's Word for guidance when making recommendations to the Session about the use and distribution of the contributions from Culdee's members. Using Luke 14:28 as a guide, the Finance Ministry developed a potential 2022 Budget for recommendation to the Session.

As members know, Culdee Presbyterian Church has always operated under a faith-based budget, trusting God will bless the people who will return a portion of those blessings to Him. Culdee does not pledge contributions, which means that when operating budgets are drafted annually, projections can only be based on previous giving and current expenses. Also taken into consideration are the potential effects of church needs and changes in membership.

The Finance Ministry can only make recommendations and will continue to use facts as it makes recommendations for the distribution of contributions used for caring for God's house, sharing His love and doing His will. The Session is responsible for determining the budget for 2022. During the November meeting, the Session will continue discussing the current proposals from the Finance Ministry and from the individual Ministries.

Thank you for your support of Culdee. Please feel free to contact Finance Ministry members if you have comments or questions regarding Culdee's finances.



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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 in November will be:**

November 7 Rev. Tom Currie  
November 14 Mrs. Cathy Haynes  
November 21 Rev. Kevin Gregory  
November 28 Mr. Sandy Stewart

**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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