



The Proclaimer

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Dear Family God of Philadelphia,

During World War II, with a quarter of a million German troops fleeing through the Ardennes Forest, three Americans fleeing in a jeep should not have raised any alarm. But when they were stopped just a few miles west of Aywaille, Belgium, Privates Charles Lawrence, Clarence van der Wert, and George Sensenback spoke very poor English and did not know the password of the day. It was discovered that they were part of a German operation known as Operation Greif, a Top-Secret commando raid hoping to infiltrate the Supreme Allied Headquarters to kill or capture General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Members of this operation were trained by watching American films to teach them how to salute like an American GI. They were taught to smoke like Americans, “never right down to the butt, and put them out.” They were given daily lessons on American slang, and even taught profanity. Although it was a good plan, fortunately, it only had minor success.

As part of the plan, these “highly trained” commandos were parachuted behind enemy lines, to blend in with the Americans and cause as much chaos as possible. One of their missions was to change the road signs ahead of American troop advancements so that the soldiers would be sent in the wrong direction. With no GPS to guide them, if they had trusted the signs and not their maps and compasses, this could have been a devastating.

This story reminds me of what is happening in our culture in America today. Satan and his allies have infiltrated our government, our education system, and yes even our churches, and have changed the signposts that we have always known to be true. They have redefined marriage; confused a generation about gender; rewritten history; challenged what is right and wrong; and have forsaken universal truth. And millions have decided to follow the “cultural signs”, rather than trusting what they know in their hearts to be true. Proverbs 23:10-12 in The Message Bible says this: “Don’t stealthily move back the boundary lines or cheat orphans out of their property, for they have a powerful Advocate who will go to bat for them. Give yourselves to disciplined instruction; open your ears to tested knowledge.” I would suggest to you that is exactly what we have done. We have “stealthily moved the boundaries” of truth, and “cheated our children” of the boundaries they so desperately need. I want to encourage us all to “open our ears” (and our mouths) to teach our children “tested knowledge.” So that we can return to the Christian nation our Founding Fathers imagined. May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

We will resume watching “The Chosen” in September.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, July 18th

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

Girlfriends in Christ

Wednesday Nights • 7:00 PM

In the Conference Room.

Men's Dinner

DATE: Thursday, July 6th

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Olive Garden



Special
Offering

Building Fund - July 30th

SAVE THE DATE



Homecoming • 250 Years for Christ

Sunday, August 13th



75 Plus News

June has been an exciting month for everyone, young and aged, with school out, Bible School, vacations, etc. Our meeting was very good for us seniors. We had two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, also Pastor and Mrs. Anthony. We were happy to see everyone. (17 people)

We enjoyed spending time together. A short devotion on "Jesus Loves Me" was given. (No sweeter words!) We had a very delicious meal as usual. We had a Catherine pound cake and a Nancy pound cake. That's enough to get people interested, along with banana pudding, WOW! Thanks to everyone who attended.

B I N G O				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

I hope to see you on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM, in the Family Life Center. We will have a BINGO game set up for the ones that want to spend more time together. 😊

Bonnie Oster

July 2023, continued

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	17 Youth at Cas- well	18 Youth at Caswell Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant 9:00 AM	19 Youth at Caswell 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	20 Youth at Cas- well	21 Youth at Cas- well	22 Youth return from Caswell
23 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	24	25 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	26 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC; 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion Special Offering Received for Building Fund; Golden Age Lunch in FLC 11:00 AM	31					



Children's Church

July 2nd: Mary Katherine & Joshua Tarlton

July 9th: Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge

July 16th: Sydney Tucker & Skyla Anderson

July 23rd: Luisa Price & Sara Clay

July 30th: Lauren & Chris Davis



Nursery

July 2nd: Lisa Stutts & Luisa Price

July 9th: Mindy Jenkins, Lexi & Lindsey

July 16th: Jana Turner, Sheri Bradshaw, Alyssa

July 23rd: Whitney & Kyle Beard

July 30th: Ava & Kyle Strawn



Mission Friends

July 5th: FLC – Lisa; Snack-Lisa

July 12th: Lisa; Snack-Lisa

July 19th: Michelle & Lisa; Snack-Luisa

July 26th: Lisa & Ava; Snack-Ava



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	3	4  Office Closed	5 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	6 Men's Dinner at Olive Garden 6:30 PM	7	8
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Church Conference; Deacon Nomination	10	11 75 Plus meeting in the Family Life Center 11:00 AM	12 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs in FLC, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	13	14	15



GOLDEN AGE NEWS

Hello Golden Age!

For our June meeting we met at the Mayfair Restaurant with 15 in attendance. Kay and myself couldn't be there. Peggy Smith led the devotion and prayers were spoken.

On Sunday, July 30th at 11:00 AM we will have lunch in the FLC. This will be the 5th Sunday of the month. The meat and bread will be provided. I'll contact you to bring a dish.

**Thanks for everyone helping.
Teresa**



Youth Week at Caswell



July 17 – 22 • Cost \$175.00

Eddie Briery will be the speaker for the week. See Jenks for details. Rising 7th graders and up.

The 2023 camp theme is Fortress.
"For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand."

Ephesians 6:13

Living the Christian life is a struggle. Spiritual warfare is real. However, God gives us the tools to stand firm in His power. Based on Ephesians 6:10 -18, our responsibility in the battle is to put on the full armor of God.



Dear Ministry Partner,

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we strive to build resilient disciples. I am thankful that you feel so strongly about reaching children with the Gospel of Christ. I have been encouraged by the growth that our Awana clubs have experienced this year in the Carolinas. I look forward to seeing what God has for us next year.

After the closing ceremony at Shining Light Baptist Church, I spoke with a group of T & T students (3rd thru 6th grade). I told them I was the Awana missionary, and one of the T&T students, Lynnea, told me that God was already calling her to missionary work. She is not sure if it will be local or in another country. God has a plan for her life. I'm so thankful for the many loving, caring adults who are discipling Lynnea and will help guide her to fulfill the plan God has prepared for her.

Steadfast Baptist Church also completed its ministry year. They "raced" into the summer with an Awana grand prix. This race was a Lego build. All the cars are made of Legos, which resulted in some cars exploding as they raced down the track. After the race, they presented awards to all the children for their completed work. Steadfast's Awana club is for Cubbies through T&T (3-year-olds through 6th grade), but when your mom is the Awana ministry Director (Carrie Knapp) and strongly encourages you, you complete your Citation award. Congratulations to Caleb and to all the loving-caring adults who poured into him.

It is so exciting to minister to churches and to see the loving caring adults in action. I'm so thankful that I get to share these stories with you because you are an essential part of this ministry. Your prayers and financial gifts make this all possible. Thank you!

In His service, Kathy & Randy Brock

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July

Jared Lowery	July 1
Piper Moore	July 1
Enzo Romanello	July 1
Kelly Rorie	July 1
Dex Stanley	July 1
Tricia Lilly	July 2
Jacob Ross	July 5
Cathy Bradford	July 6
Brayden Helms	July 7
Aly Mills	July 7
Tyler Pittman	July 7
Candace Pope	July 7
Jana Turner	July 7
Mason Keith	July 8
Ada Mills	July 8
Judy Rogers	July 8
Dennis Newland	July 9
Debbie Clayberger	July 10
Krista Taylor	July 10
Isabella Cox	July 11
Michael Atkinson	July 13
Patsy Moore	July 13
Logan Nance	July 13
Lauren Nance	July 13
Hayze Krest	July 14
Michelle Query	July 14
Megan Rape'	July 14
Addison Tucker	July 14
Jacob Rollins	July 15
Walker Burch	July 16
Jackson Lowery	July 16
Jason Patterson	July 17
Timothy Wallace	July 17
Jonathan Flowe	July 20
Blair Hendrick	July 20
Sheree Jenkins	July 20
Marie Wilkins	July 20
Cali Brock	July 21
Lavonne Floyd	July 21
Lucas Gathings	July 22
Dani Lowery	July 23
Dolores McClain	July 23
Maegan Moore	July 23
Bradley Benton	July 24
Kara Keith	July 25
Annette McLaurin	July 25
Patricia Wallace	July 26
Chad Aldridge	July 27



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Jackie Benton	July 27
Holly Johnson	July 27
Tanner Lowery	July 27
Braxton Tucker	July 27
Brandy Lowery	July 28
Shirley Pope	July 28
Patsy Autry	July 29
Loree Evans	July 29
Kyle Lowery	July 29
Michael Phifer	July 30
Lacie Rorie	July 31

Please contact Sheri at the church office to update the Birthday List. Thank you.

First Week of August

Don Hagler	August 1
Leann Jenkins	August 1
Amy McIntyre	August 1
Darien Autry	August 2
Jimmy Kirkley	August 2
Jenny Taylor	August 2
Nicholas Wallace	August 4
Bentley Aldridge	August 6
Doug Anderson	August 6
Tim Bradshaw	August 6
Rusty Kiker	August 6
Sarah Strawn	August 6
Haley Nash	August 7



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Fourth of July Word Search

W S E S S S D N E B G E R D F
Q A Z T U B A R F A C U T E J
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summer
united
washington
white