

## **PARSON TO PERSON**

One of our great hymns of faith contains the following phrase: “...rich in things and poor in soul.” I thought of that phrase as I had opportunity to ride on the Inter Coastal Waterway some time ago with some dear friends. As I had the opportunity to let the wind blow through my hair and to enjoy the fellowship of friends I thought how blessed I am. *One is always rich when they have good friends. Rich in soul.*

I thought back to a time when the Reverend Tom Brittain had a child at Epworth Children’s Home asked him if he was rich. Tom wondered what prompted such a question. The child essentially asked Big Tom if he had food on the table, nice clothes to wear, a roof over his head, and a bed in which to sleep. “If you do,” said the child, “Then you are rich!” *Having the essentials makes one rich. Rich in soul.*

I remember growing up in Graniteville and hard times coming as the company for which my dad worked changed administrations and my dad had to go to work...doing work that was reserved for men many years his junior. Yet, he went and never complained. And we never knew we were poor. Our parents provided what we needed and taught us to want what we had. Measuring life by “keeping up with the Jones Family” was no way to live. *Having parents that taught us the value of wanting what we already have makes one rich in soul.*

When shopping in a store Cooper, in much younger years, he would see something he wanted. We admonished him that some things are too expensive and he already had so much. He would say, “It’s only money!” And, in part, he is right. Too many prevent living in the now because they always point to a time and day that is far into the future.

Life unfolds now. And while preparing for the future is wise, we cannot put everything into the future. Life has to be lived in the now.

This is a good time to assess our faithfulness. The Summer is perceived to be a time that the church relaxes, but it is not the church’s mission to relax. Our membership promises were clear and we all promised God to be loyal to the church and offer our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Faithful Witness. Those are not fulfillments for the Fall and Spring, and Winter. They are matters for now. It is vital that we pray for our church family and our mission. It is important to be in place on Sunday morning for the church is people worshipping a Savior. It is essential that we give faithfully so leaders never have to look at Scarcity but Security. We believe in the “priesthood of all believers” so every one of us has a ministry. Our Faithful Witness will inspire people to check us out.

I do not believe that trends are never reversed. I love it when the church accomplishes things some say it can never accomplish. All of us are “rich in soul” because of our faith. I want us to build up our church during the Summer. And we can do that in every area we have promised to be the church.

-Ken Timmerman

## **GREETINGS!**

We are happy that you are worshipping with us today! A nursery is available for infants and toddlers. Children’s bulletins and doodle bags are available during the service. Units for hearing impaired are available. Ushers will gladly assist you in locating these. If you are interested in membership or

baptism at LUMC, our pastors would be honored to talk with you.

## **FLOWERS**

If you’d like to donate flowers for the altar in the traditional service, please sign up on the flower chart that is on the wall outside of the main office. Thank you!

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET!**

The date is Sat., Oct. 13 from 9am-2pm! Vendors, ¼ chicken dinners to go, bake sale & more! Funds raised will go towards our mortgage debt reduction! Stay tuned for more to come!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **NEW THIS WEEK:**

### **SYMPATHY:**

-Sincere sympathy is expressed to Doris Frye and family on the passing of her brother, Harvey Woodrow Frye, on July 21.

-Sincere sympathy is expressed to Perry & Cindy Rainey on the passing of Cindy’s father, Robert Warren Keys, Jr., on July 21.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Alex Young-tendon surgery 7/13

Jim Gregory-back surgery 7/19

Joan Floyd-home after stroke

Alice Hott-cancer

Robin Andrews-knee surgery 6/5

Janice Eskridge-health concerns

W.T. Scruggs-cancer

L.B. Davis-cancer

Clyde Smith-cancer

Sandra Anderson-health concerns

Laura Beck-healing

Pat Bickel-cancer

Military Troops and their families

## **OUR HOMEBOUND/HEALTH**

**FACILITY MEMBERS:** Gina McCuen, Nona Jacobs, Edna Moore, Ruby Rawl, Warren Scoggins, Bennie Powell, Bobbie Goldin, Ken Robb, Edith Worthy, Bill & Peggy Lott, Marie Schuster, Robert & Ella Scoggins, Dolores Gatch.

## **CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, JULY 29**

8:30am Trad. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Coffee Time (Asbury Hall)

9:45am Sunday School (Classrooms)

11:00am Anew Worship (Wesley Hall)

11:00am Trad. Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00pm Stephen Ministry (MC106)

5:15pm Refuge (off site)

### **MONDAY, JULY 30**

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)

5:15pm Movie Night (Wesley Hall)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 31**

10:00am Staff Meeting (MC106)

5:30pm Al-Anon (Parlor)

6:00pm MS Youth Bubble Soccer (off site)

6:30pm Tuesday Worship (Sanctuary)

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1**

9:30am Walking Group (Wesley Hall)

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Asbury Hall)

11:00am Indoor Picnic (Wesley Hall)

7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 2**

9:00am Line Dancing (Wesley Hall)

10:30am Chick-n-Chat (off site)

11:30am Youth Open Gym (Wesley Hall)

2:30pm Prime Timers Cards (Asbury Hall)

6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders (Asbury Hall)

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 3**

7:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)