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“Be Meek! Creatively So!”

By Rev. Jennifer Johnson

In our Sunday School room are posters listing the Beatitudes, the “Blessed are” statements Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. Now, most of these I can get behind. But “Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth” challenges me. Doesn’t meek mean someone who does not stand up for themselves?

No! Jesus knew it and based this “Blessed” on a truth that had been proclaimed many years before. Psalm 37:11 states, ‘But the meek will inherit the land, and enjoy peace and prosperity.’ The message of that Psalm is to trust God even when the bad guys are flourishing! Those times are an invitation to lean into what meek really means: demonstrating power without undue harshness and relinquishing our need to control in difficult situations, intentionally trusting God to work things out. It isn’t about being passive. It is about being brave, not violently, but subtly, creatively, even.

I notice this in Exodus when the midwives defied Pharaoh, sparing the lives of the Hebrew babies or in Acts when Paul submitted to unjust treatment for the sake of the Gospel. Just as God’s promises often are, the meek inheriting the earth was much bigger than the lives of two midwives in ancient Egypt or Paul himself. After all, here we are thousands of years later marveling at the meekness of these people, and how it made a world of difference in our Jesus-redeemed lives.



Dress a Girl Around the World

This blessing will be a meaningful opportunity to pause and celebrate the incredible generosity, compassion, and hard work that have gone into this special ministry. Each dress represents more than fabric and thread. It represents an act of love—a gift from someone who cared enough to give their time, talents, resources, and prayers so that another child might receive something beautiful and meaningful. We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated, whether by sewing dresses, donating fabric and supplies, contributing financially, or helping in any other way. Every contribution has played a part in making this ministry possible. Before these dresses begin their journey to girls around the world, we will surround them with prayer and ask God to bless both the dresses and the children who will receive them. Last year, Pastor Bill challenged us with a goal of **100 dresses**. Did we meet that goal? **Join us on September 13 to find out!**



Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Please find the details below for the upcoming Fall Gathering:

- Location: Camp Burnamwood
 - Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026
 - Time: Coffee at 9:30 a.m. | Program begins at 10:00 a.m.
 - Theme: “Working together for Jesus: church mission partnerships”
 - Program Features: Guest speaker The Rev. Dr. Lisa Culpepper, author of *Together is Better: How Small Membership Churches Fulfill God's Mission Call Through Partnerships*. The program will include ideas for churches connecting with each other for mission projects, ecumenical connections, and more.
 - Registration: \$15 (Due by Wednesday, September 16)
- Questions, see Bettie George Frye.

Memorial gifts were given in memory of **Steve Jackson** by: Donna Jackson; Bill Gesling

September: wash cloths, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, fun band-aids, nail files

A Little Boo
IS ALMOST DUE!

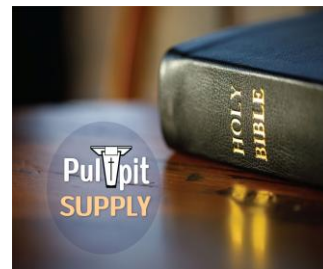
Please join us for a Baby Sprinkle honoring

 Kara Adkins 

Sunday September 6th in the narthex
after church

Big Brother Vonnie has plenty to share,
It's just a Sprinkle to show that we care!
Not much is needed just the basics will do,
Like diapers and wipes and an outfit or two!

Hosted by the Family



Sept.6: Rev. Jennifer Johnson
Sept. 13: Rev. Jimm Smedley
Sept. 20: Ryan Whitman
Sept. 27: Rev. Deanna Bradley



The Missions Ministry Team invites you to a light luncheon following worship on **September 27**. President John Yeager will give a presentation and video about the organization. For additional information, see Donna Jones or visit the website at <https://sunflowerseedstristate.com/>

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food and school supplies to the Youth Services Center. Your continued support means so much to our students and families and helps ensure they have the resources they need to succeed. We are truly grateful for your kindness and partnership.
(Amanda Hetherington and Jeannie Stafford)



Empty Nesters: Monday, Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m.

We will gather for worship in the sanctuary beginning at **9:30 a.m.** Please note that there will be no Sunday School on that Sunday. Ryan Whitman will fill the pulpit. Please keep Ryan in your prayers as he prepares to lead us in worship.

Calling all children and youth to join Sunday School beginning **Sunday, Sept. 27 at 9:45 a.m.**



Please join us on **Sunday, September 27** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



Charlie Holbrook–Sept. 1
Heather Shay–Sept. 1
Kevin Shay–Sept. 1
Brooke Gehringer–Sept. 2
Barry Barbour–Sept. 5
Fetima McGill–Sept. 8
Grant Weston–Sept. 8
Calvin Riggs–Sept. 12
Elsie Clark–Sept. 14
Larry Wilson–Sept. 16
Max Jackson–Sept. 19
Bonnie Pettijohn–Sept. 19
Kaitlyn Stevens–Sept. 19
Theodore Martin–Sept. 19
Jane Ann Goodwin–Sept. 22
Talena McGill–Sept. 23
Lois Jackson–Sept. 26
Eli Scott–Sept. 26
Gretchen Dillon–Sept. 26
Evelyn Goodwin–Sept. 28

Jessica & Brook Goodwin—Sept. 1
Judy & Don Lilly—Sept. 6
Blythe & Greg Weston—Sept. 7