

Pentecost

Pentecost is on June 8 this year. On Pentecost Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate the formation of the church when the Holy Spirit called people into community as Christ's body and blessed them with universal understanding of languages. Some theologians describe Pentecost as the Church's birthday. Others describe it as a "big bang" that brought the Church into being, for just as God's Spirit came rushing into the world over the waters of creation, in Acts 2, God's Spirit rushes into the world to gather and transform God's people.

So where does that leave us? If we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God's kingdom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



Sacrament
by Anna Strickland
Digital painting

Playology Workshop at Ferncliff

From Jacelynn: “During the Playology Workshop at Ferncliff, we learned about different ways to introduce the Bible.



L to R: Mary Jane, Jacelynn, and Mary Lee



One way can be through games: word scrambles, emoji games, and many more! While playing these games, we were able to meet with people from all over the world, such as India, Germany, Colombia, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. This was a thrilling experience!”

Honduras AR Presbytery Mission Team Returns with Renewed Spirit and Stronger Bonds

The Arkansas Presbytery Mission Team has returned safely from its 9th mission trip to Honduras, full of gratitude, stories, and strengthened friendships. From March 22–29, 2025, twenty dedicated participants representing churches across Arkansas and students from three colleges joined hands with our Honduran partners to continue our shared ministry grounded in faith, service, and love.



Next trip is planned for Spring Break 2026. As we look to the future of our vibrant connection with the Presbytery of Honduras, we give thanks for the Spirit moving through relationships and every block laid. May the seeds planted continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Title and text are from the trip report by Leigh Woodruff

Congratulations, Jacelynn!

Jacelynn graduated from Vilonia High School as an Honors Graduate after 4 years on the A/B Honor Roll. She enjoyed playing soccer on her high school team for four years, was Athlete of the Week twice, and was Soccer Captain for two years. She was in the Technology Student Association and Future Business Leaders of America, and won first place for Architectural Design for the county once and for the state twice.

Jacelynn has also shared her gifts and talents with us. She has been a lay leader, served on the Mission Committee, and has been especially active in the missions of our church. She has brought energy, intelligence, and a bright smile to our church. Her involvement has enriched our congregation in every way. In the fall Jacelynn plans to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and study architecture. We will miss her, but we send her with our support and love!





Meet our new intern!

"Hi, my name is Lauryn, and I'm from Nassau, Bahamas. I'm 22 years old and I'm a senior at the University of the Ozarks majoring in finance. I'm very kind and a little reserved, but I love meeting new people and I love animals."

Lauryn is also minoring in psychology and art, and she is adaptable and organized. She is looking forward to collaborating with other people during the internship, and learning about the church, its people, and the community it serves!



Don and Mary Lee's son, Eric, and their grandsons Tate, Zane, and Dax played at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History on May 24 in their band, The Little Uncles.

Macy, wife of Brock, grandson of Don and MaryLee, is graduating from Harding University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. She earned MLS certification from Baptist at the same time. She was enrolled in an accelerated program, allowing her to complete the six-year program in four years. All the while she maintained a high grade point average and was on the Dean's List each semester. She has accepted a position as Medical Lab Scientist at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.



Ministers, Scriptures, and Themes for June

June 1	Mary Lee	Ps. 97	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
June 8	Rev. Elizabeth	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21
Pentecost Sunday			
June 15	Rev. Elizabeth	Psalms 8	Romans 5:1-5
Trinity Sunday			
June 22	Mary Jane	Ps. 42 and 43	1 Kings 19: 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a
June 29	Rev. Elizabeth	Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Attendance for May

May 4: 35 May 11: 32 May 18: 18 May 25: 31

May Report from the Community Care Room

In the month of May, we gave members of our community:

- 322 snack bags
- 93 pairs of pants or sweatpants and 106 t-shirts
- 146 pieces of clothing such as socks or underwear
- 5 accessories such as jackets, hats, or belts
- 9 pairs of shoes
- 27 hygiene packs/individual hygiene items
- 4 bags/backpacks
- 8 blankets, sheets, or other bedding items
- 5 items for pets such as dog food or leashes

Thank you for giving to this ministry—your donations make a difference!

Dylan was baptized on May 25, 2025. We celebrated as a congregation after worship.



Announcements

The Community Care Room is in need of chicken and tuna kits, Vienna sausage, and plastic bags.

Bible Study will continue during June on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

Socks to Share!

Thanks to Emily Hooker, Director of Mission & Outreach at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Share the Goods, and Bombas we were able to receive 500 pair of socks to give to the unhoused, in-need, or at-risk in our community. Thank you Ferncliff!

Prayer Requests from May

The family of Janet
Bill and family
Jeff and Pam
Keith
Lauryn
Madison
Marilyn
Mike
Pam
Toni
Travelers

Prayers of thanksgiving for this congregation

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



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*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out
your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your
heart to love.
And as you leave this place, may you see the face of Christ on
everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face
of Christ on you.*

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