

..... **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1 Catherine Pike | Allen Moody | Jackie Peterson |
| Cindy Nutt | 14 Lynda Frazier | Bev Marsalis |
| 2 Ken Cutrer | Robin Edney | Karen Skeen |
| Penne Bagley | Billy Hines | 25 Rea Guthrie |
| Mary Jo Harrison | 15 Gerald Barber | Mike Smith |
| Marvin Lancaster | Suzanne Ray | Mike Culpepper |
| Jeff Vaughn | 16 Robert Seawright | 26 Annette O'Neal |
| 4 Josie Gong | Susan Godfrey | Janet Smith |
| 5 Ginger Williford | 17 Burnell Hitt | Freddie Montgomery |
| Jeff Boyles | Ike Tyre | Gary Sistrunk |
| Alice Cook | 19 Donna Strachn | 27 Bobby Ray |
| Lydia Goodman | Susie Tarr | 28 Amy Holmes |
| 7 Reginia Zinke | Sam Vinson | Edith Crosby |
| 8 Jimmy Wilson | Gwen Cullinane | 29 Pat Frazier |
| 9 Lamar Self | Mike Thomas | Mary Anne Narron |
| 10 Tichy Rachel | 20 Rene Edwards | Linda Ignozzitto |
| Larry Ford | Tim Potter | Frank Garletts |
| 11 Angie Klein | Berniece Boney | Nancy Joyner |
| 12 Mary Alice Lee | 21 John Wright | 30 Linda Lovin |
| Monica Ivey | Patti Williams | James Reeves |
| Penny Young | Betty Murray | Timothy Plunkett |
| 13 Sue Hood | 22 Jean Black | David White |
| Lena Causey | 23 Gilbert Isbell | Doug Self |



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“May those who come behind us find us faithful.”

Blessing Through Adversity

Dear Legacy Builders,

If someone were to ask you to name the greatest blessing God could give us, how would you respond? Some of the popular responses would be wealth, good health, and physical strength. Others would respond with family and loved ones. While these are good blessings, they also are all positive responses. What about the things we consider negative? Can they be used as a blessing?

What about adversity? Is it possible that adversity can be seen in a positive sense? Consider the life of Charles Spurgeon, the great preacher of the 19th century. Many people have benefited from his sermons and writings, but he is less known as a man whose faith was shaped by the struggles he experienced. At different times in his life, he would battle bouts of depression and physical illness but count it as a blessing. Finding God’s blessing in the negative aspects of life is a challenge for all of us. However, Spurgeon’s words can be an encouragement as he addresses this very topic: “I am afraid that all the grace that I have got out of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours, might almost lie on a penny. But the good I have received from my sorrows, pains, and griefs, is altogether incalculable. Affliction is the best bit of furniture in my house. It is the best book in a minister’s library.”

Spurgeon knew the truth that God uses our hardest seasons to accomplish His deepest work in us. Romans 5:3-4 tells us that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. The world tells us to avoid pain, but Scripture tells us that affliction, surrendered to God, becomes one of His most powerful tools of transformation.

Take a moment to think about your own life. When do you grow the most in your faith? For most of us, it is not in the comfortable seasons. It is in the difficult times that move us closer to God. Psalm 34:18 assures us that “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

So, the next time adversity comes, we can ask, “Lord, what are You producing in me through this?” Like Spurgeon, one day we can look back and say that our greatest growth came not from the comfortable moments of life, but from the adversity that led us into a deeper dependence on God.

In Him,
Derrick Smith
Congregational Care Senior Adult Pastor

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MONTHLY MEETING FAMILY LIFE CENTER (GYM)

WE MEET ON THE 2ND MONDAY AT 12PM
FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN

JUNE 8 • 12PM • \$8 A PERSON

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Contact Penny at **601.790.2277** or **PRHODES@FBCMADISON.ORG** to Reserve. **DO NOT** send text messages. Penny's office phone does not receive text messages.

MENU: Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Roll, Strawberry Shortcake

ENTERTAINMENT: Our very own our Jeanne Kelly will share some interesting and funny stories about her life.

2026 Volunteers Needed

Look for the signup sheets for the following volunteer positions at the luncheon.

- 4 Greeters
- 2 Cashiers
- Table Decorations/Setup
- 6 Serving Line Food Servers

Governor's Mansion Tour & Lunch

Thursday, June 11

- Van Transportation leaves at 9am
- Cost - Your lunch

Blue Ridge Mountains, Georgia Trip

- November 2-5
- Chartered Bus Transportation
- Trip Highlights-Fall Foliage, Dahlenega & Helen, GA, Amicalola Falls and Train Ride along the Toccoa River
- Single Room \$1000
- Double Room \$615 per person
- Deposit due July 20

- Single Room Deposit \$400
- Double Room Deposit \$250 per person
- Final Payment due September 15
- Cash or Check
- Penny at 601-790-2277 or prhodes@fbcmadison.org to make reservations and payments.

Sit and Be Fit Exercise Class

- Free Exercise Class in gym, 10am
- Mondays and Wednesdays
- taught by Michelle Clark
- A no-impact exercise class designed for senior adults and individuals with limited mobility issues.
- Call Penny to sign up for classes.
- Class will meet June 3, 22, 24, 29

Low Impact Cardio Class

Enjoy gentle easy to follow movements set to upbeat music, at a comfortable pace. This class will be standing and moving your bodies.

- Mondays, 9:30am
- Free Cardio Class in gym
- Taught by Michelle Clark
- This class will meet June 22, 29

Senior Adult Game Day

Mondays, 1 PM, FLC Conference Room (glass room downstairs) Join the Senior Adults in a game of dominos. Bring a snack to share. Drinks provided.

WE NEED DOOR PRIZES!

If you would like to donate a door prize for the upcoming meeting, please contact Penny at 601.790.2277 or bring it by Penny's office in the Family Life Center.

Contact Penny at
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601-790-2277 or 601-790-2268 for
more information on events.

LETTER FROM YOUR LEGACY BUILDER PRESIDENT

Dear Legacy Members,
Scripture gently reminds us of the beauty and blessing found in giving. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the apostle Paul writes, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This powerful verse teaches us that generosity is not simply about the gift itself-it is about the heart behind it.

God does not measure our giving by the size of the offering, but by the spirit in which it is given. A cheerful giver understands that every blessing we possess ultimately comes from God. When we give with joy, gratitude, and love, we reflect God’s own generous nature. Giving is worship to God for what He has done for us. He gave us His Son - the greatest gift of all.

We have a great opportunity in June

to give our time, talent, and treasures to the children at Vacation Bible School. Let us start praying right now for those who will attend and also for the volunteers. Thank you, Legacy members, for buying snacks, serving snacks, being a crew leader, being a teacher, counting offering, and providing refreshments for teachers. You help plant seeds of faith in young hearts.

Let us ask God how we might give more joyfully. Remember: a cheerful heart in giving not only blesses others—it fills our own hearts with the joy of God’s love.

Brother Breck says, “Our legacy is not what we accumulate but what we give away.”

In Christ,
Frank Carlisle
Legacy Builder President

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