# A View From the Pew by Peggy Keady

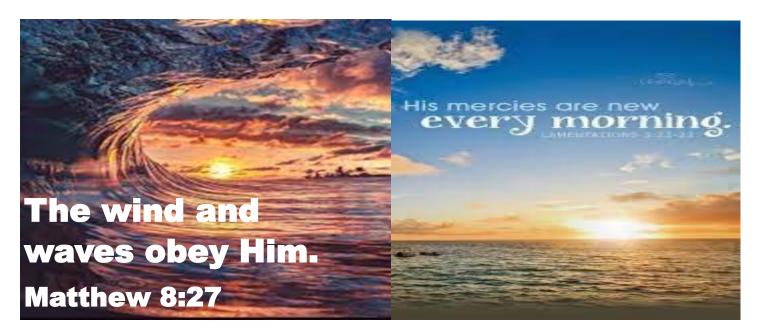
A reprint from February 2012

#### Created with a purpose

One Friday morning as I was driving up the Natchez Trace on my way to pay a visit to WFCA at French Camp, I began looking closely at the many trees on both sides of the highway. There were the tall stately pines with their clusters of green needles and numerous other bushy evergreens. Next were other varieties that had dropped their leaves and stood bare and stark in the winter landscape, awaiting the arrival of spring when their new growth will appear and go on to develop into lush fullness by summer.

Then I saw the elegant outstretched branches of the dogwood trees with their toast-colored leaves. They appeared stunted in their positions next to the towering pines and other larger trees. They were everywhere with their graceful arching limbs extended awaiting the miracle that spring will work within them. At that time the lovely white or pink dogwood flowers will blossom giving testimony to these truths: that after death, new life comes and that beauty and importance are not dependent on size or worldly acclaim.

As I continued to marvel and give thanks, I began to understand that we as Christians are like those small dogwood trees. We live our lives in the midst of a world of towering unbelief and we seem small and ordinary in comparison to the big names and activities of famous celebrities and worldly systems. Yet, we like the dogwood tree, seemingly insignificant because of its size and structure, also have within us the Holy Spirit's power waiting to burst forth and give witness to the new life that is only possible in Christ. After all that is what we were created to do according to Jesus' words recorded in Acts 1:8 "\_But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (NIV)



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	FUMC Financials	Weekly Opportunities	
Tithes and Of	ferings	<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am 10:00am	Sunday School Worship
January:	\$19,913.80	Monday	
February:	\$18,640.00	9:00am 11:00am	Tai Chi in the fellowship hall Book Club first Monday of each month
March:	\$35,440.80	Tuesday	monar
April:	\$33,261.35	1:15pm	Computer class first Tuesday of each month
		Time TBD	Senior Activities second Tuesday of each month
and offerings t	s a convenient, safe way to send your tithes to the church. go to our website	Wednesday 12:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm	Bible Study Homebound meals Children and Youth Activities
	<b>D.com</b> and click on the word give and follow may text the word "give" to <b>662-262-8046</b> phone.	<b>Thursday</b> 9:30am 10:30am	Tai Chi in the fellowship hall Ladies Bible Study in the chapel

## **JUNE 2023 PRAYER LIST**

Church members who are at Atwood: Dr. Bob Gilliland, Bill and Carolyn Mitchell. Kosciusko VA Home: Joe Doty Attala County Nursing Center: Tex Ritter Morning Point Assisted Living Tuscaloosa: June Stokes Church Family Family & Friends

**Ginger Alexander** Frank and Sissy Bailey **Doris Blaylock Catherine Crout** Charlie Davis

**Ernestine Dees** Walker Hill Leesa Grey McBride Jeanette Oakes Ann Windham

Larry Ambrose Ashley Autry Hal and Peggy Bishop Gloria Carden Debra Edwards(Harper McBride) Nancy Falvey(Faye Culpepper) Greg Flint Lynn Goza Gloria Hamilton Cynde Tyler Jones Bill Lacey Quejette Lawrence Pam Lindsey **Bud McCrory** Eddie Moore James Nunn

Jimmy Nunn Laura Patterson Angel Pickett Al Ray CB Ray "Buck" Larry Rea Carolyn Richardson Dan Ryder **Dorothy Sides Barry Simmons** Ben Terry Ron Tisdale People of Ukraine Ron West Jim Wilkerson Wanda Witzel

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Rob Gilliland Jr	06/02	Joe Doty
Larry Alexander	06/03	Barbara Was
Steve Russell	06/03	Betty Davis
Mary Hollis Casey	06/04	Gena Hill
Hart Pettit	06/07	Noah Carter
Summer Jenkins	06/07	Warren Bish
Lacey Poole	06/10	Lizzie Kate Jo
Sara Bailey Jones	06/14	

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kermit and Carolyn Campbell	06/07
Randolph and Christy Cheek	06/14
Stanley and Beth Hartness	06/16
Eddie and Jean Fenwick	06/20

#### Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will not meet during the month of June.

## **Senior Activities**

Senior Activities will be traveling to French Camp to the Council House June 13th. We will meet at the church at 10:30.





#### Leadership Team Meeting

We have a Leadership Team meeting Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall



06/2	18
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Lailon and Frankie Dorsey	06/22
John and Lynn Wiggers	06/25
Ricky and Paula Cain	06/28