

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

SEPTEMBER 2017

LABOR
Day

Labor Day
September
4th



Session Mtg.
Sept. 17 @
12:30 followed
by Planning
Committee
Mtg.



September
22nd



Communion September
10th



Oasis Begins!!!
September 6th

Great Banquet

Lafayette:

Men's 9/14-9/17

Women's 9/21-9/24

Logansport:

Men's 10/12-10/15

Women's 10/19-10/22

10/26-10/29

THROUGH THE WEEDS

Genesis....In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The beginning of something has so much potential and promise. The beginning of the school year was always exciting for me. New binders and notebooks waiting to be wrote in.

A new outfit of clothes that I would promise to hang neatly and keep ironed.

A new home holds great promise. Get rid of clutter, promise of organized kitchen cabinets and closets. For me the hope of new flower beds to create and rose bushes to plant. Bulbs to watch grow and fill the area with color...gladiolas, daffodils and tulips.

But first the old must be dealt with. I've been sorting through "stuff" deciding what to move and what to discard from my past. I have a lot of clutter to remind me of childhood, parents and friends. Some I will not part with yet, others I have chosen to sell for someone else to create memories with.

At the new house there is chaos in the landscaping. Overgrown vines, weeds and a few plants are in the way of creating the landscape that I envision. Clearing it out is hard work. As I write this, my hands and back are not happy with my efforts as they ache tremendously. Yet my heart and mind is alive with the promise of what can be.

As I look over the past 9 months as your pastor, I remember the great promise we both had for the future. We are both trying to see what the promise of this new beginning holds. Yet there are also decisions to be made about what from the past to discard to make way for the future.



That means going through what we have. Making decisions about what to keep, what needs some TLC to help it flourish and what to

leave behind. This will cause some aches and some pains at times. Some rethinking at times but in the end it will be worth it. Here at the house I have found a beautiful snake plant that had been hidden by high grass, weeds and a wood pile.

What treasures does God have waiting for us that we have allowed to be lost or forgotten in the midst of needless weeds in our lives?

In the beginning God created. Let's work together on finding the hope and the promise that God has in store for us.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace.

Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson



Sunday School

We are inviting Teens and Youths to Sunday school, again this year. The hope is to not only have children from our Sunday Congregation but also Children from Oasis to join us. Pastor Grace has graciously volunteered to lead the Teens (grades 7-12) in a study on Confirmation. They will meet in the room next to the upstairs bathroom. The Youths (grades k-6) will meet in the Noah's Ark Room to study the topics like Attributes of God, Salvation, and how to Pray. The Adults, like normal, will meet in the room next to the mini-kitchen upstairs to study "Just Walk Across the Room" Sunday School will start at 9:00.

Oasis –

Oasis will start on 9/6/2017 with the "Kick Off" at 6:00 PM. Walking Tacos, Deserts and Drinks will be served. Attractions will include the Moon Walk, Shaping Balloons, Face Painting, Side Walk Chalk and more. There will be a sign up table for Oasis and a promotional table for Teen and Youth Sunday School. Oasis is our exciting Church Mission and God appreciates everyone that comes to get their hands dirty.



Children during Worship

For those who may have wondering minds, there will be Activity Bags during our Worship Time.

Nursery

The Nursery will be available for anyone with small children during Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:15.

Missions

Pastor Grace will be hosting a Bible Study from her house for women outside of our church. This is an exciting new avenue for leading local women to Christ!!

De la Croix

We are excited to be sponsoring a return visit by the Christian music group, de la Croix, aka the Fontaine family, members of our church 20+ years ago. We will be having a block party in our parking lot Saturday evening, September 30th, followed by a concert in the sanctuary. On Sunday morning, October 1st, they will lead worship. Come and bring a friend! Be watching announcements for ways you can help with the block party and specific times for the meal and the concert.

Clerk of Session

The next Session Meeting will be September 17th

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss

Great Banquet Dates are approaching



If you have not attended a Great Banquet week-end, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Tammy Moss @ 765-588-7408.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet September 19 in the basement dining room at 7:00 pm. The Hostess will be Joan Moss; Year Book of Prayer, Joan Moss; Horizons, Lola Snavelly; Bible Study, Barbara Wilkinson. We welcome and invite all women.



Thrift Shop Schedule for September

Sat. Sept. 9..Cashier....Barbara W.
Sat. Sept.16..Tags.....Sally S.
Sat. Sept.23..Sacker.....Barbara W.
Thurs.Sept.28..Sort&Mark..Marlene S.

ATTENTION LADIES: SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO CLEAN THE SHOP. PLEASE PLAN TO SPEND A BIT OF TIME EACH WEEK, SEPTEMBER 1-30!

Stewardship and Missions

by Joe Mayfield

I am writing this article after having returned from Nashville to see the total eclipse. An awesome event and one that makes Genesis 1:1; "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." and Psalm 19:1; "The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship." all the more profound. We are indeed created by an awesome God, and He is worthy to be praised!

For many of us this summer has been a busy one. September, I believe, is a time to reexamine our daily priorities and make a conscious effort to find more time for the work God has for us. The leadership of the church is planning many activities for the fall, and we will need your help for them to be successful. Please participate as much as you can. Our future, and all of the work God prepared in advance for us to do, needs us all!

For the first half of 2017, income from all sources was 53,786 dollars, and expenses for the same period were 64,121 dollars. We had planned, and knew in advance, that we would have a period of time where expenses would exceed income. Our hope is to grow into the future with new ideas, new ways of doing things, new ways to serve the community, and new ways to serve those in need. Many new ideas have been brought forth and we are in the process of prioritizing those ideas and creating a plan for implementation. Join us on this exciting journey into the future!
See you throughout the fall,

In Christ,
Joe Mayfield, Stewardship and Missions
Committee

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

Our breaking of bread and drinking of the cup will be Sunday, September 10.

The choir members will be meeting and practicing on September 10 at 9:30am in the choir room. If you have thought about singing with us, please come and join in the fellowship and singing of praises to God. You are never too old or too young to worship and that includes choir. All glory and honor to Christ the King and God the Father!



Usher Schedule

Sept 3	Bob & Ann Brown
Sept 10	Joe & Tammy Moss
Sept 17	Marshall & Patsy McCammack
Sept 24	Susan Scholl, Maggie Scholl



Nursery Volunteer for September

Susan Hollis

Scripture Readers for September

Sept 3	Laurie Brower, Terry Langston
Sept 10	Kent King, Tammy Moss
Sept 17	Kathy King, Sally Schmidt
Sept 24	Joe Moss, Martha Clark

Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
Terry Langston- Worship
Tammy Moss & Sally Schmidt-
Congregational Life
Barbara Wilkinson- Christian Ed.
Joe Mayfield- Trustee

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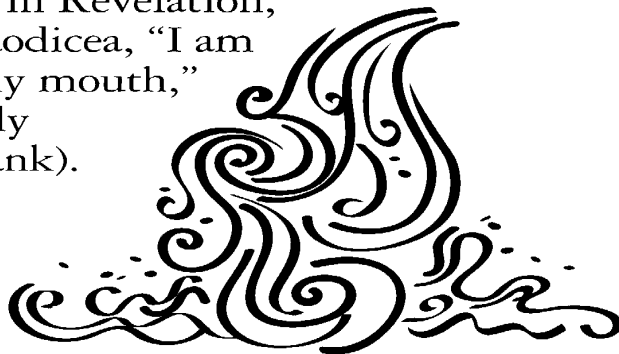
B=Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 	5	6 Oasis Begins!!	7	8	9
10 Communion Clerks Gathering SS Kickoff	11	12	13 Oasis	14	15	16
17 Session Mtg Planning Committee mtg.	18	19 Mary Martha Circle 7pm	20 Oasis	21 Pulse Articles Due	22  First Day of Fall	23
24	25	26	27 Oasis	28 B=Matt Clark	29	30 Block Party w/ de la Croix B=Mark Good, B= Marshall McCammack

Bible Quiz

In memorable language in Revelation, God tells the church in Laodicea, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth," because it is metaphorically _____ (fill in the blank).

- A. too hot
- B. too cold
- C. tasteless
- D. lukewarm



Answer: D (See Revelation 3:16.)

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