

JULY 2019



Communion
July 7th



Independence
Day!!!



July 7th – 12th
5:30-8:30
Flora 1st Christian



July 14th
Flora 1st
Christian
July 21st
Adams Mill



Martyred for Their Faith

Voice of the
Martyr
Conference
July 13th

Summer Time and the livin' is easy.

Ella Fitzgerald popularized this song in the 1960's. It sounds so nice. Fish are jumping and the cotton is high. Corn and soybeans are the crops of this area. Lazy days of summer are upon us if you are a young child or perhaps retired. Yet for most grownups, summertime is a non-stop season. Work, mow the grass, clean the gutters, take kids to ballgames, plan a vacation, mow the grass weed the flower beds....

It's common to take a break from Sunday School this time of the year. Some take a break from church. But let's stop and think this through. Do you ignore the needs of your family just because the weather has turned warm? Do we take a break from our friends? Do we stop using social media? Facebook, email, texting...

Do we stop taking our blood pressure, diabetic or arthritis medicine? So why do we take a break from feeding our souls? Where ever you are this summer you can nourish your soul with regular worship. You can feed your mind with the words of scripture.

Summertime and the livin is busy. Hush little baby don't you cry. Your father in Heaven never sleeps nor does He take a vacation. His Word is true and good for our souls year round.

Enjoy your summer with the Holy Spirit always awake and alive within you.



Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace

Christian Education

by Barbara Pearce



Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults and Children has ended for the year and will resume in September,

2019, but Christian Ed. will continue all summer. We still have VBS,

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Please join us this summer for God's uplifting experiences.



WOMEN OF JOY

August 16-17, 2019

Banker's Life Field House

\$120.00 per person.

THE MOMENTS YOU SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE GOD ARE MOMENTS THAT LAST A LIFE TIME.

Women of Joy bring women together to pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus. Doors open at 7:30 AM Saturday Morning, August 17th, 2019. The Speaker at 8:30 will be Margaret Feinberg, a noted Religious Author and speaker. The next speaker at 10:15 will be Karen Kingsbury, an inspirational author. Angela Thomas Pharr speaks at 12:00. Angela is also a noted Religious Author and Speaker. Listening to God's Word through these speakers will be an awesome uplifting experience that women will carry with them for a life time. An added bonus (included in the Women of Joy Conference Price) will be a Concert by MercyMe on Friday (August 16th).

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

July 13, 2019 9:00 AM-4:00 PM,

Doors open at 8 A.M. No Charge

**Life Point Church, 8540 Combs Road,
Indianapolis.**

Speakers will include Gracia Burnham. Gracia and her Husband were kidnapped by a militant Muslim group while serving as missionaries in the Philippines. They were held captive for 376 days. Dan Baumann will share about his experiences in Iran in 1997. While sharing the Love of Jesus he was arrested on false charges. Dan received two death sentences during his ordeal. Brother Rachid, a Moroccan Christian convert from Islam, host a program called Let's Be Clear. Brother Rachid is one of the most

outspoken Christian converts in the world. Jonathan Ekman leads Voice of the Martyr's internal project overseeing 1,600 projects in 68 hostile and restricted nations. And last, Amy and Gary Shreve live in Nashville, Tennessee. They have recorded 16 CD's, ranging from harp instrumental to vocal with full instrument accompaniment.



Church Summer Camp

The Fundraising Money, along with the Mission Grant from the Wabash

Presbytery has allowed the Flora Presbyterian Church (YOU) to send a total of 16 children to Christian Summer Camps. Some children have already been and returned. They have expressed their thankfulness for their experiences with God. The Mission Grant is specifically geared toward community children. The Fundraising Money is used for our Church Children. Thank you so much for participating in the Fund Raising and allowing us to extend the hand of God.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet in the Church Basement on July 16 at 6:00 pm. Hostess will be Laraine Mac, Year Book of Prayer: Marlene S., Horizons: Libby S., Bible

Study: Jane K.

JULY Thrift Shop Schedule

The Schedule is not available as of yet. When it is you will be contacted.



Stewardship, Mission, Finance

By Tammy Moss



As Doug MacLauchlan heads to Colorado, I want to thank him for all he has done in his role as Financial Secretary. His time and efforts (and probably some sweat and tears), patience and kindness are so appreciated. He will be truly missed and we wish him the best as he focuses his help and attention in Colorado.

Notes from Toni!

It seems absolutely magical how quickly this summer is moving. KB and I drove to Huntington yesterday and saw the majority of crops were about 6 inches tall. And we offered praises that in between all of rains and storms, farmers were still able to get into the fields and get the seeds into the ground. That's how we are feeling in the choir and hand bells. Folks are in and out with all of our varied activities, camps and vacations, as well as visiting guests...but we still gather and work on music to offer during worship services as musical praises to God. And we love it! Sometimes it is challenging, but it is always like polishing diamonds in the rough.

Bells and choir both rehearse on Saturday mornings, and new members are always welcome. (Delphi folks, I'm talking to you, too!) Perhaps you used to sing in choir, back in the "good ol' days" but don't want to commit to weekly rehearsals, consider being part of a small group or ensemble. Come and talk with me and let's make some music.

*Isn't having Melvin with his wonderful talents, awesome? YES! Flora, how did you like the music on the day we combine piano, organ and guitar? Do you love Jane's piano solos? I could listen to her play all day. Let her know that you appreciate her. And Libby at the organ...we are so blessed! Mara and Elisa at Delphi, both so gifted. Tell them that you enjoy their offerings.

*We/I need your feedback. Tell me what you are liking so I know how best to meet our worship needs.

Blessings... Toni

Worship

By Martha Clark

The Flora Presbyterian has been busy with celebrations and activities these last few months. Oasis has seen the end of another fun and successful season with the annual Easter Egg hunt and swim party. Each Sunday of Lent the kids would hang an Easter ornament on the "Easter Tree" during the children's message after discussing the many symbols of Easter and end with a song. The beginning of Holy week was ushered in on Palm Sunday with the children waving Palms. As a tribute to the memory of her mother, Jane Bishop made sure we had enough palms to adorn the church and that the kids could take some home with them. Maundy Thursday was a celebration of the Pass Over Flora Presbyterian style with Heather preparing the unleavened bread, Joan making sure we had Horseradish and saltwater, Kathy and Sally bringing the honey and deserts and Laurie et al making sure the fellowship hall was set and ready to welcome worshipers. We can't forget to mention Kevin's smoked lamb (delicious) and Pastor Grace bringing it all together and reminding us that the connection between the Old and New covenant is Christ.

Mother's Day was observed with communion and carnation's given to all the mothers.

Pentecost was celebrated with the baptism of Lee Mauer and the welcoming of new members: Renee, Hayleigh and Jacob Randolph.

Father's Day was celebrated with communion and a luncheon after the service.

Upcoming events

VBS will take place at the First Christian church July 7th-11th. This year's theme is "In the Wild, Zoom in! Focus on Jesus! All are welcome and if you would like to volunteer, see Martha Clark. There is plenty to do to get ready for the kids.

VBS Block party and registration will have taken place June 29th across the street from the

1st Christian Church from 5:30-7:30. Kevin will have provided the meat.

Joint service at the Flora Christian Church will be held July 14th. A luncheon will follow. Also, if you are able, please stay and help take down the VBS decorations.

The annual Adam's Mill joint worship service will be on July 21st starting at 10:00 am with a pitch-in afterwards. Remember to bring your chairs and place settings.

Thank you

Melvin Matos, Toni Brewster, Libby Sparks and Jane Kearns and the choir members remind us how blessed our little church is to have wonderful music every Sunday.

Bell choir

The Bell choir is practicing every Saturday at 9:30 and will be performing for the church in the near future.

Sound System Update

Flora Presbyterian is in the process of applying for a grant from the Presbytery. It is intended to upgrade our sound system so that anyone with hearing impairment will be able to fully participate in the worship service. Also, we want to be able to live stream the service for our shut-ins. As we all know, the sound system is over 40 years old and is showing its age.



July Ushers

July 7th Gerry and Susan Hollis
July 14th Service at Flora 1st Christian
July 21ST ADAMS MILL SERVICE
July 28th Marshall and Patsy Mc Cammack

Scripture Readers for July

July 7th Marshall McCammack, Barbara Pearce
July 14th Service at Flora 1st Christian
July 21ST ADAMS MILL SERVICE
July 28th Sally Schmidt, Heather Mauer

Audio/ Visual Schedule for July

July 7th Matt Matos
July 14th Service at Flora 1st Christian
July 21st ADAMS MILL SERVICE
July 28th Kevin Clark

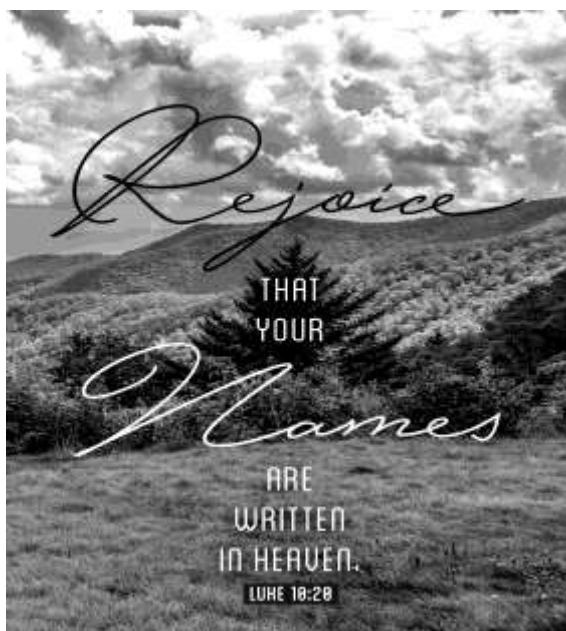
Acolytes for July

July 7th ShawnRoss Pitts, Aden Mauer
July 14th Service at Flora 1st Christian
July 21st ADAMS MILL SERVICE
July 28th Judah Pitts, Janessa Pitts

Communion

Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
Barbara Pearce – Christian Ed.
Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission
Martha Clark- Worship
Kent King-Bldg and Grounds
Doug MacLauchlan-Personnel
Joan Moss-Cong. Life





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B=Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SMF Meeting 5:30 PM	2	3	4 Independence Day Office closed No Bible Study	5	6 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
7 Nominating Com. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:30 @ 1 ST Christian	8 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:30	9 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:30	10 Senior Lunch At Delphi 12PM	11 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:30	12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:30	13 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
14 Joint Worship w/1 st Christian Bible Study 4PM B=Jackie Davis	15	16	17	18 B=Deloris Pitts	19	20 Rummage Sale Fundraiser @ Delphi 8-2PM 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells B=Gabe Mauer
21 Adams Mill Service	22	23 B=Doug MacLauchlan B=Laurie Brower	24 Oasis Planning Mtg. 6:30PM	25	26	27 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells B=Jay McMillin
28 Session Meeting Bible Study 4PM	29	30	31			