

## SEPTEMBER 2020

*Philippians 4: 6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Sisters and brothers, what is going on in our world? God knows. Truly He knows exactly what went on in each city around the globe and in each home and in each heart last night and what will be in the hearts of each one this night. And tomorrow. Nothing will happen that will be a surprise to God, so we need not be anxious for God is still in control even in the midst of what is seemingly chaos.

So Paul's letter says to give thanks in everything. Even for the chaos? Yes. That God's glory may be revealed. Be thankful that God knows the beginning from the end. Be thankful that God know the cause and the cure for Covid 19. Pray that He would reveal the cure to honorable scientist who would share it without price gouging. Pray that the scientists would collaborate to find a cure faster.

As to the riots, give thanks that God is in those cities as well and pray for the rioters. Pray that someone would share the good news of Jesus Christ with them so they too may know His love and mercy and forgiveness. Pray for the injured and their families. Pray for the police and their families.

Then after truly praying your heart out unto the Lord, leave your troubles with Him. Be at peace and let Him take care of it. When you take a car to the mechanic to be fixed, you do not stand over them fretting that they do the work correctly, giving them advice and suggestions. You leave it in the their capable hands. You wait for them to tell you what was wrong and how it was repaired then you go about your day.

Pray - give thanks in everything. Pray - leave your worries with God to straighten out. Pray - be at peace.

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### Pastor

**Grace Hammer**

### Session Leaders

**Barbara Pearce**

**Kent King**

**Sally Schmidt**

**Deloris Pitts**

**Martha Clark**

**Melvin Matos**

### Clerk

**Michelle Matos**

### **YOUTH SUNDAY September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Practice will be  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> at  
5PM with Paul  
Veldhuizen.  
Both Churches  
will participate**

## **CHRISITAN EDUCATION**

*By Barbara Pearce*

### **Putt-Putt Golf**

Eight children and 4 adults went on an outing Sunday, August 2 to the Yeoman Putt-Putt Golf facility. The evening ended with Ice Cream.

Everyone had a great time.

**OASIS** Kick-Off this year was on

Wednesday August 5, 2020. We ate hotdogs outside. There were lots of outside games to play and school supply prizes for the children at

the end. Judy Connor from the Delphi Presbyterian Church

brought a friend to entertain the

children with arm paintings and balloon creations. The kids, 17 children had a blast. Many were not ready to go home at 8:00 PM. We will be practicing Social Distancing every evening and ensuring children will be kept separate during meals. We want to thank all of our ladies helping with meals. We would be totally lost without them. We also want to thank Judy Connor (from Delphi First Presbyterian Church) and her friend. They entertained the children with arm paintings and balloon shaping.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will start on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Jane Kearns will be leading Adult Sunday School for the first 3-4 weeks. Then Martha Clark will take over leading the class. They

will start by finishing up the book: "Finding Your Worth in Christ: A Study of Mary Magdalene". The adults will meet in the room upstairs next to the Kitchenette. The Children will finish the video Curriculum: What's in the Bible. The children will meet in the Dining Hall downstairs.



Many, Many Thanks to the Mary Martha Circle for supporting our VBS

Mission for the last few years. It takes a lot of hands to raise money for missions at the Community Thrift Shop. The Mary Martha Circle helps many local organizations and programs with mission cost. Our VBS has been fortunate enough to be one of the missions to receive financial assistance. Our partnered VBS cost this year was over \$1700.00 and Mary Martha Circle helped with the expense.

## **MISSION/ OUTREACH**



*By Deloris Pitts*

The ladies from the Women's Ministry had two rummage sale fundraisers at Flora Church. Both were very successful and I would like to thank everyone who donated items. A special thanks to those who volunteered setting up the sales and gave up their time and days to run the sale and then tearing it all down. We had volunteers from Delphi as well and a few children helped out. We had a wonderful time at the Women of Joy Conference. Eleven women went this year between the two churches. If you were not able to attend this year I hope you are able to join us next year! **Missions Outreach** is excited to be doing some fundraising soon so be looking for information on that in the near future.

## **NOTES**

by Chaplain Toni

***“How marvelous! How wonderful, and my song shall ever be! How marvelous! How wonderful, is my Savior’s love for me.”***



We as musicians, we as members of the congregation, we as listeners and singers are so very blessed as we sing the stories of Jesus. Each of us are able to write His words on our hearts and in our minds. Music is the powerful glue that helps gather His words and scribe them into our memories. We can bring the Lord’s Prayer to our lips and pray along as we hear it sung in our minds. Our hearts can tell about the manger holding His sweet little head or the Wisemen seeing the Star and traveling afar to find the Infant King. “Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.”

Each Sunday, every person present participates in this holy miracle of music. Some sing... Some listen... Some pray, some play. And through the Holy Spirit, our musical experience as we participate is offered as worship to our Triune God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen



We are finally going to begin rehearsals after this long stretch of sheltering in place and quarantine. We have already had several

weeks of rejoicing as we have returned to corporate worship ...being back together again in God’s Holy Sanctuary. Bells will begin rehearsals at 8:30 AM each Saturday at Flora. Set up will begin at 8:15. Choir rehearsals will be 9:45-10:45. These groups are for the entire parish. This invitation goes out to both congregations: Delphi and Flora.

Our goal is to share music with both congregations and have members as music makers from both congregations! Do you love music? Do you sing in the shower? Do you sing along with the radio in the car? Did you sing in the choir in the past? Come back!! Join us now. Come be a part of the choir or part of a small group. Perfection is not required. Reading music is not required. Loving Jesus and loving music, that’s is what is important. We have on the job training!

Do you play an instrument? Let Toni know! Sally Schmidt is taking piano lessons and is doing a wonderful job. Jamison Colagrossi plays 5 instruments by ear...Indian Banjo, Organ, Piano, Accordion and a Zither. Elisa Johns plays the clarinet and provides offertories and postludes at Delphi. Melvin Matos plays drums, guitar and piano...all by ear or by chord. Haylee Randolph takes piano lessons and has begun sharing special music with us. Beth Zootman’s son, Zachary takes piano and is preparing a set of songs to share with us soon. (Beth is our parish secretary.)

Interested in bells? You must be willing to practice, practice, practice and accept correction when you make mistakes. We all make mistakes, find out how to ring it right and keep on working. Let me know if you are interested and we can work from there building a full bell choir or small group.

Remember, ***we all sing*** to God’s glory. ***We are the music makers***; we are the dreamers of dreams. Blessings.



## **RISE UP** **WOMEN OF** **JOY!!!**

First Speaker was Crystal  
Evans Hurst. She reassures

other women to fulfill their potential in Christ. Crystal encouraged us to be courageous in our walk with God. She explained we need to Rise Up and make the decision to follow God. We need to take our mat and stay committed in our work for God. And finally, we need to go home by completing the work God has given us to do.

Liz Curtis Higgs talked about 3 women in the bible who had fallen and but did Rise Up. The bleeding woman that was cured by touching the hem of Jesus's robe. Jairus daughter that Jesus rose from the dead. The third woman Liz told us about was Tabitha that Peter told to Rise Up. Tabitha responded to Peter by standing up and was then presented to the people. We can all Rise Up to the life God wants for us if we just lean on him for help.

Phil Waldrep spoke on the Principle that changes everything! The Principle that will change how others relate to you! The Principle is "People Love People Who Love People". Love appreciates others, Love acknowledges others. Everyone around us will help us to Rise Up by returning our Love with Love. Sheila Walsh speaks with honesty, vulnerability and humor. She opened up about her clinical depression. She holds onto Jesus, her shepherd and returning King. She believes if you acknowledge who your father is, nothing will come between you and God.

These awesome speakers were accompanied by musicians Charles Billingsley and Danny Gokey. This God-filled weekend has given me

inspiration to Rise Up to God and above human obstacles. **By Barbara Pearce**

There were 11 women from both Flora and Delphi who attended the Women of Joy weekend.

Our chauffer Pastor Grace got us there safely, with Chaplain Toni following in her car. She was like our chuckwagon since she had her car filled with drinks, snacks and sack lunches for Friday evening.

At the conference the speakers were very good. They included Crystal Evans Hurst, daughter of Toni Evans, Comedian and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs, Pastor Phil Waldrep, and Speaker, Singer Sheila Walsh.

The music was really great. Charles Billingsley and his band led worship, and a concert by Danny Gokey.

The comradery with all was really great. We had 3 ladies in wheelchairs and everyone helped out when needed.

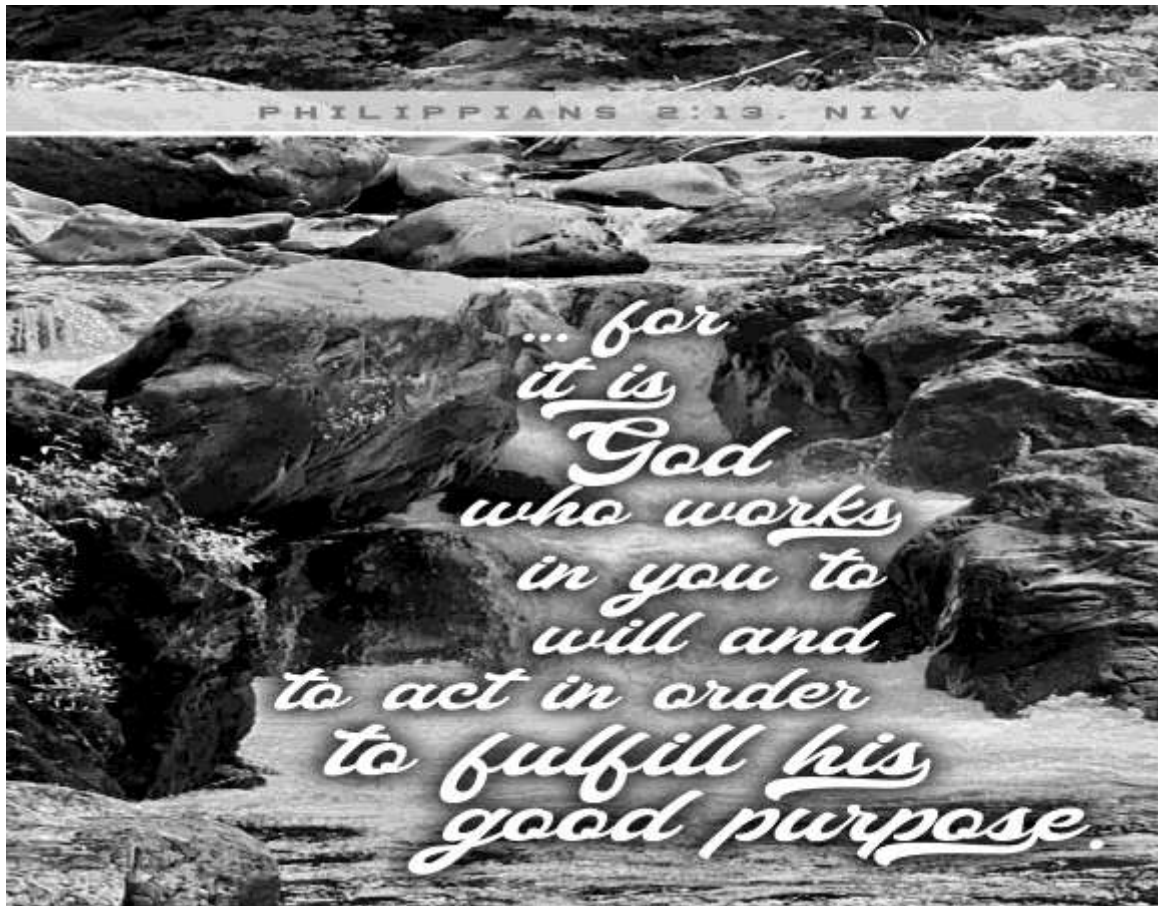
In the end of the stay we all came home feeling enlightened and so much closer to God. It was a great 2 days!

**By Sally Schmidt**

First of all I would like to thank the churches for being able to tag along on this wonderful weekend. What an awesome opportunity.

The speakers were great and filled with messages of Rising Up.

The musicians were wonderful and you could tell they truly sing from the heart. It is an amazing experience to be in a room filled with hundreds or thousands of women worshipping the Lord together. **By Beth Zootman**



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# September 2020

**B=Birthday**

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                    | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                                     | THURSDAY                    | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|--|
|                                    |   | 1<br>B=Ron Austin                  | 2<br><b>OASIS</b>                             | 3<br>Bible Study<br>5:30PM  | 4      | 5  |
| 6<br>Communion                     | 7<br>Labor Day                            | 8                                  | 9<br><b>OASIS</b>                             | 10<br>Bible Study<br>5:30PM | 11     | 12<br>Bell Rehearsal<br>8:30<br>Choir 9:45                                 |
| 13                                 | 14<br>Bible Study<br>12PM                 | 15                                 | 16<br><b>OASIS</b><br>B=Michelle<br>Matos     | 17<br>Bible Study<br>5:30PM | 18     | 19<br>Bell Rehearsal<br>8:30<br>Choir 9:45                                 |
| 20                                 | 21<br>Bible Study<br>12PM                 | 22<br><b>First Day of<br/>FALL</b> | 23<br><b>OASIS</b>                            | 24<br>Bible Study<br>5:30PM | 25     | 26<br>Bell Rehearsal<br>8:30<br>Choir 9:45<br>Youth Sunday<br>Practice 5PM |
| 27<br>Youth Sunday<br>Flora/Delphi | 28<br>Bible Study<br>12PM<br>B=Matt Clark | 29                                 | 30<br><b>OASIS</b><br>B=Marshall<br>McCammack |                             |        |  |

