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THE VISITOR



WALKING THE CAMINO IN JULY...

In Spanish "El Camino" means "The Way." Early followers of Jesus were often called "People of the Way."

Instead of being identified by a set of beliefs, these faithful communities were known by their character in the world. Christian faith was a way of life and one that compelled individuals and communities to leave the safe confines of home and church to walk on the road God had set out. "The Way" suggests that faith is a living, active way of life. Perhaps it was from Jesus' words, "I am the Way and the truth and the life." However, in Spain "Camino" came to mean a specific spiritual pilgrimage for hikers across their country.

For more than a thousand years pilgrims from all over the world have traveled different routes through Spain to get to the Cathedral in Santiago, where the remains of the Apostle James are buried. Each year more than 250,000 people make this journey, using the time for reflection, focus, spiritual growth and solitude. There are 33 stages of different lengths, representing the 33 years of Jesus' life.

In recent years hiking has become a strong passion for my wife and me. You may recall that 4 years ago we completed an alternate Camino along the northern coast of Spain. This summer we are going to attempt a similar pilgrimage, hiking about half of the 480 miles. This different route is known as "The French Way." It begins in France, crosses the Pyrenees mountains, and advances through the north of Spain.

For me it's an experience in setting my priorities, asking for and giving help, and watching. PRIORITIES My pack weighs about 12 lbs. It will be all we carry each day along the way. Choosing what I need to take ahead of what I want to take reminds me that life involves priorities.

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Camp Discovery VBS!
Outdoor Kid's Bible
Adventure & Day Festival
Saturday, August 6
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Pre-K through 5th Grade)

At **Camp Discovery**, held on our church lawn, kids will have fun being kids! As we explore the Bible, make new friends, hear God's word through our lessons we will learn how Jesus works through us in our everyday lives and how we can share his love with others.

We will enjoy five outdoor sites learning God's message through:

- Treetop Bible Storytelling ~ Fun Splash 'n Dash Games**
- Big-Timber Bible Challenge ~ Wilderness/River Crafts**
- An Adventure Hike ~ Campfire Lunch/Snacks!**

You may register your child(ren) by calling the church office (336-924-9925) or by calling Tim (336-692-5214).

Adult Volunteers needed!

We will need several adult volunteers to lead/assist in the Adventures, Lessons, Crafts, Lunch, Set-up, etc. Please call Tim if you are interested in helping. Once we have a list of volunteers, we will meet to finalize plans and give out instructions, materials. etc. Thank you!

Please come and join us and see what's happening new at Pfafftown Christian Church!



We would love to have you visit and worship with us!

July Elder Leader/Back-up

Steve Clodfelter (leader)

Ruth Saalweachter (back-up)



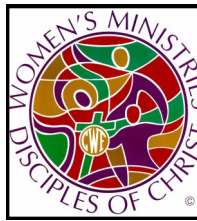
July Communion Server

Beth Faircloth & Lynda Bryant

We are still in need of volunteers to prepare communion for the following months: August, October, and December. Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who helps make this a vital, beautiful part of our weekly Worship Service.



During the month of July, PCC will be collecting **Toilet Tissue** for Crisis Control. Thank you for your continued support to this local ministry that helps so many in need.



CWF NEWS

CWF will not be meeting in July, but please mark your calendars for our next meeting to be held Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall. *We would love for all the ladies in the church to come out and join us in this beautiful time of sisterly love and devoted fellowship!*



Church Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 7,

6:00 P.M.

Church Pavilion

Mark your calendars now!

We will have freezers of homemade ice cream and additional ice cream for "Making Your Own Favorite Sundae" with all kinds of toppings! (You might also bring a favorite topping to share!) Entertainment will be provided by Phil Lanier, guitar; Joe Andrews, mandolin and vocals sharing some gospel and country favorites for our enjoyment!

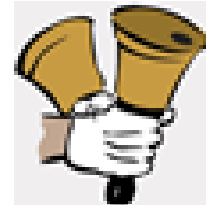
Come out and join your Church Family for a refreshing and relaxing evening of fellowship! A volunteer sign-up for making ice cream or assisting with this event will be located in the Narthex or you may call Tim @ 336-692-5214.



Who Am I?

Can you guess who this pretty little doll baby is? She has loved and been a member of PCC for over 65 years!

Anyone that is blessed to be around this lady can immediately see and feel her beauty and warmth. The answer can be found hidden somewhere in this newsletter... please look for an * and her name.



Come and Join our Handbell Choir

Ever thought about how much fun it would be to play Handbells?...you guessed it...**A LOT!**

If you have interest in playing we will begin a new season in September! Reading music is helpful but not mandatory. (If you can count to four, you can play bells!) The only requirement is that you are able to attend rehearsals regularly! I will be happy to work with any new prospects during the next couple of months if you like, teaching you some basic skills and techniques to help you. Once I have a list of both new folks and our current Handbell members, we will decide on a weekly rehearsal time that works best for everyone beginning in early September! Please consider joining and call me if interested @336-692-5214. You will be welcomed with open arms! -Tim

Worship Schedule for July

Sunday, July 3 ~ Rev. Robert Wolfe

Sunday, July 10 ~ Rev. Tejado Hanchell

Sunday, July 17 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Sunday, July 24 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Sunday, July 31 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

WALKING THE CAMINO IN JULY...

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HELP Having just a few possessions led us to share things. It might be water, soap, advice, bread, money – but every day we learned to ask for help from strangers and give assistance to new friends. Sometimes you just have to keep going and trust that God will provide what you need. **WATCH** I had to keep my mouth shut and watch for signs of the path. It was easy to get distracted and lose the trail. The Camino is marked by scalloped shells and bright yellow arrows – painted on signs, sidewalks, and walls, trees. But you must pay attention to the road and to your surroundings.

And the Camino is about some pain. I fell one morning - got distracted and overlooked a big step. But I learned from falling. Sometimes we cannot learn in any other way. We are stripped of our own dignity and pretense of strength. God teaches us so much in every simple step and slip of life, how to hurt and how to heal. Whether on our knees for praise or on our knees for pain, it's a great classroom.

In speaking about the mysteries of life with God, St. Augustine wrote, *Servitor ambulando*. "It is solved by walking."

I'm going to miss each of you. Thanks for worshipping and serving God together while I am away a few weeks. I look forward to returning with a message and some sore feet on July 17!

Buen Camino!!

~ Rodney

July Memory Verse

John 8:36

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed!

John 8:36 is one of the most inspirational phrases in all of Scripture. True freedom is found **only** in Jesus Christ. Sin deceives and enslaves us all. Those who don't have faith in Christ are bound by sin (Romans 6:18), and slavery and subject to spiritual death (John 3:36). But, those who find Christ, the One and Only source of spiritual truth, are "truly" free.



We are still in need of member volunteers to serve of the on the Church Board, and as Elders or Deacons. Please pray and seek God's direction on how you can exalt and serve Him and support our church.

Notes From Tim

Music has always been closely associated with the emotions of national patriotism and loyalty. Moved deeply by the desire to create a national hymn that would allow the American people to offer praise to

God for our wonderful land, a 24-year-old theological student, Samuel Francis Smith, penned these lines on a scrap of paper in less than 30 minutes in 1832. These beautiful words make "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" a cherished sacred patriotic hymn by many.

The easily singable words of the song are matched with a popular international melody used by many nations, including England, where it accompanies "God Save the King/Queen." The emotionally powerful ideas that Smith expressed had an immediate response. The hymn soon became a national favorite. The stirring tributes to our fatherland in the first three stanzas lead to a worshipful climax of gratefulness to God and a prayer for His continued guidance.

Following his graduation from Harvard and the Andover Theological Seminary, Samuel Smith became an outstanding minister in several churches in the East. He composed 150 hymns during his 87 years. He was also editor of a missionary magazine through which he exerted a strong influence in promoting the cause of missions. Later he became a missionary in various foreign fields. Samuel Smith was truly a distinctive representative of both his country and his God.

May the words of this hymn ring true in our hearts and minds as we face many future challenges ahead as a country and may we pray for God's continual guidance for our nation now and always.

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song: Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

- Tim

*Vicki Davis