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AUGUST

THE VISITOR

2026



Come and experience worshipping the Savior together!

Every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

We would love to have you!

Pfafftown Christian Church

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 1, 2026



True North VBS is designed to help children navigate a challenging world by pointing them toward Jesus, who is their faithful and unshakeable friend. This year's VBS program immerses kids in an **Alaskan-themed Adventure**, featuring the northern lights, mountains, rivers, and glistening glaciers, while connecting Bible stories to real-life lessons through Bible Scripture Adventures, Arctic Crafts, Imagination Station Experiments, Glacier Games, an Arctic lunch, and more.

You may register your child by calling Rev. Tim Shoaf at 336-692-5214 or by calling the church office at 336-924-9925.

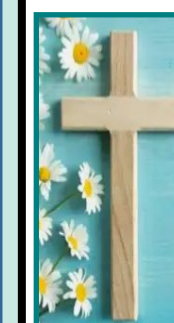


Please remember to bring your Gift Cards for Old Richmond Elementary School no later than Sunday August 2, at the morning worship service. These will be delivered to the Guidance Counselor on August 3, for them to purchase needed school supplies for the students. We sincerely appreciate your generosity with this church outreach program.



**TASTE & SEE
BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON
AUGUST 12 ~ 11:30AM**

Please come and join us as we start back our Taste & See Bible Study Luncheons! We want *everyone* to come and join us! What a blessing these luncheons are! We learn more about God and each other while enjoying a delicious lunch and sweet friendship. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office by 8/7/2026. Thank you.



**AUGUST
Worship Leaders**

Elder: Lynda Bryant

Elder Backup: Betty Simpson

Communion: Tim & Beverly Brown

Greeters: Tim & Beverly Brown

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

... God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves... Romans 8:26-28

We just returned from seeing my niece in London. Although it's a foreign country, they speak English so we found it easy to visit. After a few days we took a train to France. It's also a foreign country whose main language is French. People told us to expect some problems because the French are proud and particular of their language. And they can be snobbish with others who don't speak it. So everywhere we went, we started off with "Bonjour!" and ended with a sincere "Merci!" There were many times when we didn't find the right words, but relied on Google Translator, an ingenious tool on my phone, that takes words in English and translates them into French.

Over the years I have had a similar experience when I try to talk with God. Maybe you have as well. We don't pray because we can't find the right words. They aren't holy enough or they just don't describe what we want to say. Sometimes words get in the way. But the Apostle Paul teaches us that at such times the Holy Spirit knows our hearts and speaks to God for us. He is our Google Translator. Our deepest fears, needs, and joys are heard by God regardless of our words. All we need to do is go to Him in prayer and start trying to share. His Spirit will take care of the rest.

It all doesn't depend on us. That's Good News!
Thanks be to God! Rodney



The Crisis Control gift for the month of **August** is **Toilet Paper & Paper Towels**. Thank you for your continued support.



The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, August 18, at 9:00AM** at **Mama Zoe's Restaurant** on Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem. *Men, make plans to come and join us for food and brotherly fellowship!*



PCC 2026-2027 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are beginning to update the PCC Church Directory. Please review the information we currently have on file in the Narthex and make any changes and/or additions necessary. You may also call the church office at 336-924-9925 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 8:00A-12:00P or e-mail your changes to office@pfafftownchristian.org. Thanks!!



We are still in the need of volunteers to prepare communion and be greeters for a few months in 2027. Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

Dear PCC Women's Fellowship,

Thank you for your gift of \$500 on June 25. Your gift supports the compassionate care of every animal who enters our organization. Your generosity will support pet owners in our community and help us match pets with the people who care about them.



CWF NEWS

Thanks to Cheryl Johnson for picking up corn and to the folks who came out and helped prepare the corn for freezing.

Our next meeting will be @ **1:00 pm August 18th** in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

We will be planning our Fall workshop schedule and tidying up the kitchens.

Looking ahead:

Fund Raiser Dinner for Senior Services Meals on Wheels – September 15th @ 6:00 pm at Beth Faircloth's house

Chicken Pie Workshop

Thursday, September 17 through September 19th.

There will be a signup sheet in narthex for helpers and to order chicken pies.

Notes from Tim

HYMN STORY: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Robert Robinson was a rather difficult, headstrong boy. When he turned 14 in 1749, his mother sent him to school for an apprenticeship to instill some sense of responsibility and structure to young Robert's life. To no one's surprise he was just as much a troublemaker there, and to make matters worse he gained some friends and followers as a leader!

When he was 17, he took his gang to a revival service where a well-known preacher at the time, George Whitfield, was speaking...But something happened that night that Robert wasn't expecting...After hearing the message, it moved him deeply and it made him rethink his life and how he was living it. Nearly three years after hearing that sermon, a twenty-year-old Robert Robinson made his peace with God, and "found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ." Joining the Methodists, and feeling the call to preach, the self-taught Robinson was appointed by John Wesley himself to serve as a minister of a Methodist Church.

It was there in 1858, where he preached his sermon for Pentecost Sunday (on the three-year anniversary of his conversion) that he penned the words of this hymn: "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*." The first stanza expresses praise and adoration, very fitting for the occasion, but the last two stanzas almost feel like his spiritual autobiography.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never-ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

God uses music and hymns for His glory and this is a true story about how one of the greatest hymns of the church came to be! This just goes to show us how God works in mysterious ways sometimes. It's a great reminder for us that God can use anyone for His purposes. His plans are often ones that we would never think of on our own, but if we say yes to His calling, our story is going to be awesome! I would encourage you to take a minute and reflect on your favorite hymns. Maybe one from your childhood that shaped your faith or your understanding of Christianity. ~Tim

Prayer Requests

Bereavement: Pat White (NBIN) in the death of her husband.

Church Family: Owen Clodfelter (great grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt
Carol Jean Hartman: Friend of the Fletcher's
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson

Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt

Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley

Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer

Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher

Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson

Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson

Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi

Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve & Betty Clodfelter

Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer

Lucky Wilmoth: Brother of Helen Johnson

Please call the church office to add or remove someone's name from the Prayer List. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated in our bulletin and newsletter publications. Thank you!

We are aware and apologize for the delay or the non-delivery of our monthly church newsletter. We have contacted our local post office and was advised that the local distribution procedures have changed and unfortunately, there is nothing we can do to remedy the situation. You may also visit our website at pfafftownchristian.org and view our newsletter and calendar on-line. Thank you for your understanding.