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From the Session

As most all of you are aware, Rev. Layton resigned as our minister effective May 18th. We would like to share with you how the shepherding committee of the Central Carolina Presbytery met with the Session to advise and guide. We were advised of what the Presbytery expected of us in preparing an adequate severance package based on the number of years Rev. Layton had served at our church. We, along with their recommendations, presented Rev. Layton with a package with monthly compensation based on years of employment along with allowing the continued use of the manse for several months. All of this led to acceptance of Mr. Layton's resignation and the congregational meeting recently held as required by the Presbytery for the acceptance by the congregation.

The Session has ministers for several Sundays, some of these ministers you may already know. We plan to have our worship services the same as we are accustomed to. We will ask the Women's Ministry (formerly WIC) to assist us in planning some extra activities. As a Session, we will continue to serve our congregation. Any member will be available for any needs, questions, or suggestions.

As we go forward, we need to be in prayer for God to lead us in the search for our new minister, to help us to be diligent in our attendance and support of all church activities, and to take care of each other.

We pray for the Lord to lead Rev. Layton in his new chapter in the ministry and send our love and prayers to him, Ginny, D, Knox and Ben. We ask for you to be in prayer for them in the coming months.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. I Colossians 3:17.

Respectfully,

Jimmy Wagers, *Clerk of Session*

Congratulations

We joyfully announce the birth of Sullivan Theodore Ladin to Madison Dazey-Ladin and Jonathan Ladin. A baby boy, Sully was born April 25, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz and 20 inches long.



Congratulations Graduate!

Grace Carolina Wagers graduated from Georgia Tech. She is the daughter of Mike and Carolyn Wagers and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Barbara Wagers.

Women's Ministry Update

The Women's Ministry (WM) met Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Patricia McCormick. Patricia led the lesson *Controlling Our Finances* from 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19. Paul reminds us in 1 Tim. 6:6 "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it." We tend to mix up our needs and our wants while not being content. There are no earthly possessions that can compare to what God gave us. Paul urges Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

Solus Christus is having a fund raising gala the evening of August 2 held at Winmock in Bermuda Run. The church has sponsored a table for eight people, so those who would like to attend, please let me know. More information is to come about the event. In May, everyone was invited to donate to the Solus Christus wish list and thanks to all who made a donation. We continue to support this ministry and their website is Soluschristusinc.org.

There will not be a Youth Sunday meal in June for graduates since the Session has not received any names of local graduates. The WM will host an ice cream social with homemade ice cream in the fellowship hall on Sunday, June 22, 4:00– 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. We are also planning a movie night for Friday, July 25 at 7:00 pm and more information will follow about that event.

June is our WM dinner outing, and we will go to Casa Santa Ana in Seven Lakes. It is a Mexican restaurant and we will meet at the church at 6:30 pm to travel together. All ladies are invited to join us.

Beth Meacham, *WM President*

Announcements

Ice Cream Social—The Women's Ministry is hosting an ice cream social on Sunday, June 22, 4:00—6:00 pm featuring homemade ice cream. Everyone is invited to attend.

Women's Ministry Outing—There will not be a regular meeting of the Women's Ministry on Tuesday, June 24. Instead, the group will meet at the church at 6:30 pm to travel to dinner at the Mexican Restaurant Casa Santa Ana, 168 Grant St., Seven Lakes. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Church Officers:

Ruling Elders

- Bill Carter, Elder Emeritus
- Tim Clark
- Rickie DeWitt
- Chris Meacham
- Richard Smith
- Mark Tyson
- Jimmy Wagers
- Tommy White
- Tony Yates

Deacons:

- Patrick Bryant
- Tim Grotenhuis
- Jesse McQueen
- Buck Smith
- Kevin Stivers

WM Officers

- Beth Meacham, President
- Chrystal Weatherly, Vice-President
- Jan Stivers, Secretary
- Patricia McCormick, Treasurer
- Barbara Wagers, Historian
- Sandra Futrell, Mission to the World Chair
- Lori Clark, Mission to North America Chair
- Beth Bryant, Christian Growth Chair

June Anniversaries

7 M/M Ricky Monroe
9 M/M Alex Bryant
15 M/M Tim Clark
20 M/M Perry Dawkins
26 M/M Tony Yates



Happy
Birthday
June

1 Patrick McCormick
2 Barbara Wagers
3 Beth Meacham
3 Ricky Monroe
13 Janie Carter
16 Bill Carter
17 Kellie Sears
17 Beth Bryant
17 Amanda N. Moore
18 Kristi Wagers
19 Mary Nell Watson
26 Joleen Moore
27 Clay Wagers
29 Marion Covington



PRAYER LIST: President and other national leaders, the Persecuted Church and Christians worldwide, Glenda Allen, Samuel Austin, Beverly Sears Barber, Christian Barrett, Daniel Brown, Tess Bryant, Billy Carter, Mary Ellen Carter, Ted Carter, Vergie Clark, Kevin Conner, Ronald Lee Cook, Ketta Cooper, Kevin Craven, Tony Craven, Donna Cranford, Alli Cundy, Cindy Daniels, Nancy Daugherty, Sharon DeWitt, Ruby Dunn, Ellerbe First Responders, Carsyn Faile, Mark Futrell, Deborah Greene, Jessica H., Becky Henderson, Pete Herron, Patti Jenkins, Joey Jernigan, Melanie Johnson, Shirley Lovin, Bradley Mabe, Bonnie Mabe, Jerry Mabe, Beth McCune, Bill McFayden, Patsy Dunn McIntyre, Julia McIntosh, Barbara McInnis, Dale McInnis, Sydney McInnis, Shannon McNeil, Ricky Monroe, Trevor Moss, Morgan North, Leo Poole, Sophia Potterfield, Daniel Ryne, Janie Rhyne, Barbara Sears, Doris Sears, Tina Sellers, Herman Stutts, Richard Tyson Family, Tim Ward, Tony Ward, Mica Way, Amanda Watson, Christie Weatherly, Donna White, Hayley White, Curtis Wright, unspoken requests.

June 2025

Sunday School Assembly is in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, classes are at 10:15. Worship service is at 11:00 am Sunday mornings in the sanctuary.

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 7:00 pm Deacon's meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 7:00 pm Session meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 4:00—6:00 pm Ice Cream Social, fellowship hall | 23 | 24 6:30 WM meets to travel to Casa Santa Ana, Seven Lakes | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |