

Welcome and Announcements

*Senior Pastor Wallace Tinsley*

The prelude is a call to prepare to worship the Living God. Please use the Meditative Scripture as you focus your heart and mind upon the Lord.

Meditative Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

\* Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Silent Confession of Sin

Gospel: Mark 10:45

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Vocal Praise to the Lord

\* Dedication of the Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

\* The Doxology, spoken: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Children's Challenge: 161. The King Burns the Bible (Jeremiah 36)

1. What did God tell Jeremiah to do with the words He told him?
2. What was the name of Jeremiah's secretary, who actually wrote down the words?
3. What did King Jehoiakim do with God's written words, which are part of the Bible?
4. Did Jeremiah and his secretary write them down again? Are these words in our Bible?

Next Week: 162. Ebedmelech to the rescue. (Jeremiah 38)

1. Why did the king's officials put Jeremiah in the well?
2. What did Jeremiah do after Ebedmelech rescued him?

These stories are from *365 Great Bible Stories* by Carine Mackenzie

## Pastoral Prayer

\*The Scripture for the Sermon: Acts 6:1-7

Sermon: "UNITY, MISSION, AND WITNESS"

*Associate Pastor Dave Hall*

\* Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

\* Postlude, Exiting

\* Hymn "His Mercy is More" (sung outside):

\* Benediction: II Corinthians 13:14

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Acts 6:1-7 • "Unity, Mission, and Witness"

I. A Crisis of Neglect threatens the Unity of the Church

II. The Establishment of the Diaconate preserves the Unity and Mission of the Church

III. The Ministry of Mercy, overseen by the Deacons, furthers the Mission of the Church, and expands her Witness

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Acts 6:1-7 - "Unity, Mission, and Witness"



The Apostles knew it was important to serve \_\_\_\_\_ and to preach  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Can you name the first seven Deacons?

What kind of men do Deacons need to be, according to Acts 6?

## FILBERT FEATURES

WELCOME to Filbert PCA Church. If you are visiting, please fill out one of the visitor's cards and place it in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service. We are so glad to have you here!

THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, **September 30** at **10:30AM** in the **sanctuary**. We'll be considering Psalm 79. Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and exploring God's Word! All ladies welcome, **ages Youth and older!**

R AND R 11:00 AM SATURDAYS: At 11:00 am on Saturday mornings, we have a program on the Filbert Facebook page, which is our Saturday Huddle for Refreshment and Renewal, in preparation for the Lord's Day. It is specifically a preparation for the children's challenge Bible study and questions during the morning worship service, but it also is a preparation in general, to remind us that, indeed, the Lord's day is the whole 24 hours of Sunday. It is an enjoyable time for children and adults. Join us when you can!

YOUNG DISCIPLES' CLUB will meet during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This is for all 1st-6th graders who wish to come. We will be learning the Child's Catechism together.

PRAYER MEETING will be held this Wednesday, September 23, in the Choir Room, at 7:00 PM.

FILBERT YOUTH GROUP will resume meeting this evening from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All 7th-12th grade students are encouraged to join us for Bible study, fellowship, games and refreshments.

FILBERT FAMILY RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE! Filbert's Family Retreat will be Friday Nov. 13 - Saturday Nov. 14 at Ridge Haven. This is in place of our multi-church youth retreat, which we hope to reschedule for March. Dave will have more details available soon. Please see him if you are interested, in the meantime.

SEPTEMBER THE MONTH FOR SUGGESTING OFFICER NOMINATIONS: For the entire month of September, communing members of Filbert PCA Church will have the opportunity and responsibility of praying for the Lord's guidance in recognizing His work, developing men in the congregation spiritually to be qualified to serve in the office of Elder or and office of Deacon in His Church. In one way, no one is qualified. It is all by the Lord's grace, but He does provide male leadership in His Church. He does the work in a man's life, and it is the responsibility of the Body of Christ, the people in the Congregation of God, to recognize His work. That's what you'll be doing during the month of September, thinking and praying about how the Lord is developing and providing Elders and Deacons for His Church. Then you will simply write the office and the name(s) on a slip of paper and hand it to an Elder (Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder). There is no need to speak with the men whose names you suggest. Your making suggestions is just the beginning of the

process. In this time of COVID, you are also welcome to call someone on the Session (audio call) and make suggestions for nominees.

This is a list of men currently serving as officers:

Elders

Class of 2020: Randy Gieselmann, Dan Hall, Mike Whitesides

Class of 2021: Bob Hall, Everett Whitesides, Joel Wood

Class of 2022: Robert Allison, Mark Palmer, Daniel Hall

Elders not presently serving on the court: Jeff Reed, Ken Rodgers,  
Grier Sandifer

Deacons

Class of 2020: Greg Mitchell, Chris Stephenson, Mike Taylor

Class of 2021 Travis McDaniel, Ken Siebert, John Templeton

Class of 2022 Chad Jones

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE GREG SANDIFER FAMILY:

1436 Carrington Court, Winter Springs, Florida 32708

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REMINDER: Remember that our position about wearing masks in worship, since preparation for our first worship service in the fellowship hall on May 31, is as follows: “We welcome those wishing to wear masks to do so, but the wearing of masks is not required. No masks will be provided.” Also remember the spiritual commitment behind that position, (1) to obey the civil authorities that the Lord has placed over us (as long as we are not being commanded to sin against the Lord and His higher Law) (Romans 13 and Acts 4:18-20) and (2) our love for our brethren and our fellow man, considering “one another as more important than ourselves” (Philippians 2:3,4).

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

From Barbara Mitchell

*Dear Filbert Family,*

*I want to thank everyone for the love you have shown me after my stay at the hospital. The cards, food, flowers, visits and prayers meant so much to me.*

*I love you all.*

*In Christ's love, Barbara*

From Katherine Ashbaugh

*Dear Friends at Filbert,*

*Thank you for your generous donation and support and prayers towards my new role as Campus Staff with RUF at Winthrop.*

*At the time of this letter, we are on week 2 of in-person classes at Winthrop. Mark and I hope to update everyone with general ministry information, but I wanted to share some specifics to my role.*

*In the past few weeks, I've been able to connect on-on-one with the 12 female students on our ministry team. Half have served in this capacity before, and half are now. It has been such an encouragement to me to hear how God has worked through his Word, and his people, specifically through the ministry of RUF. I'm grateful for the strong foundation of care that Jaimie Pastori laid in these women's lives.*

*It's also fun to note the different strengths, weaknesses, and understanding of them all. Some are at a place to just get to campus, to meet and love their classmates with the gospel. They have a vision and just need encouragement, prayer, etc. Others are newer, have a desire to serve, but are very much at the beginning of knowing how or what to do. Day by day, week by week. It is my joy and privilege to walk alongside these women, in what it means to know and love Jesus. I'm learning so much myself as well. I's just so fun.*

*Thank you for your continued support in this important work. We are grateful for your prayers as we continue to figure how to best reach and care for students during this strange covid season.*

*We have been so encouraged so far this semester. Because everything is different, it also all seems new and surprising. It feels as if the Lord is showing up in unexpected ways, which has been especially refreshing for our team.*

*Thank you again and God bless~*

### Filbert PCA Calendar

The month of September                      Month of Suggesting Officer Nominations

Sun., Sept 27                      11:00 am Dave preaches

Wed., Sept. 30                      10:00 an Young Disciples Club

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study in the sanctuary

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the choir room

Thurs., Oct. 1                      8:00 pm Ladies Bible Study Zoom

Sat., Oct. 3                      11:00 am Saturday Huddle: R & R on Filbert Facebook

Sun., Oct. 4                      11:00 am Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Oct. 12-18                      Wallace and Ruth on vacation

Mon., Oct. 12                      6:30 pm Deacon's meeting

Thurs., Oct. 22 7:00 pm Session meeting

Oct. 24                      WIC Fall Gathering at Westminster PCA

Oct. 24-30                      Dave on DMin. study leave

Nov. 13-14                      Filbert Family Retreat at Ridge Haven

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Hall                      15<sup>th</sup> Brandon Deas

3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Whiteside                      16<sup>th</sup> Lucille Mitchell

Jose Luis Cardona                      Kerrie Taylor

Easton Hall                      Wallace Tinsley

4<sup>th</sup> Chrissy Sandifer                      21<sup>st</sup> Payton Sandifer

5<sup>th</sup> Bill McSwain                      23<sup>rd</sup> Ebbie McDaniel

8<sup>th</sup> Ann Biggers                      25<sup>th</sup> Gary Cobb

9<sup>th</sup> Cindy Howell                      27<sup>th</sup> Bryson Stephenson

10<sup>th</sup> Robin Currence                      Turner Hope

Jen Ramsey                      28<sup>th</sup> Ethan Whitesides

13<sup>th</sup> Travis McDaniel                      30<sup>th</sup> Ellie Reid

### Y3B: THREE YEAR BIBLE READING SCHEDULE Year 1, Week 38

☐ September 27                      Psalm 38

☐ September 28                      I Samuel 11

☐ September 29                      I Samuel 12

<input type="checkbox"/> September 30	I Samuel 13
<input type="checkbox"/> October 1	I Samuel 14
<input type="checkbox"/> October 2	I Samuel 15
<input type="checkbox"/> October 3	Matthew 24

### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
 Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more  
 Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
 Stronger than darkness new every morn  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
 What Father so tender is calling us home  
 He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more. Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more. Chorus

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Prayer Guide for September 23, 2020 and  
for Morning Worship on September 27, 2020

Please pray for...

- Our nation**, the United States, as we move toward elections on November 3, as we deal with the effects of hurricanes and wildfires and civil unrest. For the intervention of the Lord Himself into our lives, that He would bring revival.
- Our students, parents, teachers, principals, school staff, and district administration, as the school year resumes.
- Pray for safety, wisdom, and the Lord's blessing upon all the various approaches to schooling.
- Our Elders, Deacons and WIC, as they seek to carry out ministry within the Body of Christ at Filbert.
- Wallace and Dave, as they persevere in daily ministry in a strange and difficult context.
- Ministry to youth and children during the school year.
- Pat and Chip Petit, pray that she will improve following difficulties with a UTI. After having been on antibiotics, Pat did not improve as hoped and had to go in to see her doctor on Wednesday. Pray for wisdom for her doctor and for Chip, as he invests his life at home caring for his mother.
- Teri and Sam Carpenter, who attended the funeral of Teri's dear aunt, who greatly influenced Teri spiritually over the years, on Wednesday, September 23. Her aunt's husband, and other members of the family have just tested positive for COVID, so please pray for the safety of Teri and Sam who attended the graveside service.
- Brice Stephenson, who will have knee replacement surgery on October 2. Thanksgiving that Christine is doing much better from a UTI.
- Betsy Abernethy, as she recovers from surgery to remove a cyst from her brain. Pray that the cyst is indeed scar tissue, and not cancer.
- The family of Ginger Wyatt, Teri Carpenter's cousin, who went to be with the Lord last week. Pray especially for Ginger's mother, Flora.
- Scotty Deese, thanksgiving for a good recovery from hernia surgery, and improvement in the swelling in his legs.
- Bonnie Trammell, as she recovers from surgery.
- Mark Capper, that he would receive clear help from a neurologist appointment this past Friday, and for his continued healing. Pray for him as he begins his new internship at Grace PCA in Waxhaw.
- Holly Reid, as she recuperates from hernia surgery.
- Holly Palmer, as she waits for results from a prophylactic endoscopy, based on her genetic propensity for cancer, this past week.
- Dale Nicholas, Barry's brother, as he deals with Alzheimer's disease. Pray for Barry as he helps to care for Dale.
- Corban Jones, as he prepares to take the firefighter physical agility test in October.
- John and Mo Franklin, praise God for their wedding yesterday. Pray for the as they establish their home together in Christ.
- Clara and Brooks Willet, who live in Seattle and have had to be confined to their home, due to the heavy smoke from wildfires, for more than a week. Please pray for everyone affected by the horrible fires on the west coast.



- Eddie Pursley, that he would benefit much from the injection he received in his spine.
- Steve Brown, that he would benefit from an injection he received in his knee.
- Bob Holland, Mandy Allison's father, thanksgiving that he has a telephone in his room. Please pray for his daily care.
- Jason Cox, that he would fully recover from COVID 19 and that his coughing would significantly improve.
- Debbie Hand, praise God for improvement in her scoliosis, due to wearing a brace. Pray for Debbie's continued diligence, and Glenn and Amy's patience and wisdom as they guide her footsteps.
- Alexis Deese, Carrol and Glenda's granddaughter, as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Pray that this would not set her back in school as she finishes preparing to be a surgical technologist.
- Mike Taylor, as he deals with several kidney stones.
- the family of Peggy Brown, a neighbor of the Pursleys, who died last week from COVID-19. Pray especially for her husband Elmer.
- Sharon Carter, as she recovers from repairs to her knee replacement surgery.
- Alex Morgan, 6-yr-old niece of the Tinsleys and Franklins,. Praise and thanksgiving that she will be able to have rotationplasty surgery at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore on Nov. 11!
- Sam and Teri Carpenter, as they consider options to treat Teri's back condition (including a risky surgery). Pray for the Lord to give His wisdom, faith in His promises, and clear direction.
- Elaine Sprinkle, under hospice care with abdominal cancer. Pray for Bob, and daughters Rachel and Sarah.
- Dave, as he begins research for his D.Min. project on ministry to Young Adults. Pray for fruitful study, and practical benefits for our church.
- That all of us would be careful and thoughtful and loving, as we deal with all the inconveniences of this pandemic, considering our sacrifices in light of Philippians 2:3-5:  
<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.
- Glenda Deese, that her heart would stay in rhythm, and its strength increase.
- Melissa Mitchell, as she seeks effective treatment for diverticulitis.
- Jewell Bratton, as she recuperates from a broken femur at White Oak Rehab on Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill..
- RTBE in York, Clover and in Rock Hill (on the board of which Amy Jones' dad serves).
- Wisdom for our elected leaders during this crisis; our healthcare workers, for protection, strength, and daily mercy as they care for others.
- Ann Beard, as she receives treatment for CIDP (Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy). Pray for effectiveness, and for growth in grace.
- Mary Trimble and other loved ones in nursing homes.
- Martha White Waters, Robin Currence's cousin, and her father Murray White, receiving treatments for cancer.
- Susan Evans, Beth Currence Evans' mother-in-law, as she recovers from having her left leg removed below her knee.
- Bennett Hall, that the Lord would heal his kidney reflux.
- Vaccine and treatment for COVID-19, and that its spread would slow down.

-Those Expecting Children: Jonathon and Mary McKay (Jan.),  
Travis and Hannah Bryant (Jan.), Laura Deas, Audrey and Kurt Gray (Feb)

### **Our Missionaries**

- David and Elvira Ramirez, and their daughter Eunice, in Tarecuato, MX, along with Bernardino and his family. Pray that they would be able to continue renting the land where the Ma Jajki center is, as it has been sold.
- Palmer and Joanna Robertson in Winston-Salem, for Palmer's work on volume one of *The Christ of the Consummation*; for African Bible University's charter to be completed; for Murray (MS State), Elliott (Belhaven), and Daniel (high school), as they return to school.
- Michael and Tricia Lee, for continued online ministry with believers in Panama; thanksgiving that there is hope they could return to Panama mid-October.
- Jose Luis and Conchita Cardona, in Monterrey, MX, thanksgiving for the Lord's providing a new place to meet (once they can meet in person). Pray for God's grace as they continue to adjust as a family with teenage children.
- Andrew Hanethat the Lord would make the way clear for him to return to Honduras. Pray also for Andrew's work with Raul, as they begin a Bible Institute in La Ceiba..
- From Roger and Laura Dye: Pray for Jonathan and Hanna Sumdio in Panama, who have both lost their jobs and business, leaving them with no means to support themselves. Pray also for fruit from the Zoom marriage and family conferences their Latin American partners have been hosting with great turnout. Pray that they would be equipped to minister to so many in Latin America whose home lives have been "pressed" by this pandemic.
- Keith and Elizabeth Franklin, with Refuge 139. Pray that the Lord would provide the right people for three vacant positions on their team. Pray for wisdom, creativity and new ideas for their curriculum writers, as they work on new material.
- David and Danielle Grotton and sons Jacob and Elijah in Santiago, Chile with MTW. Praise God for the easing of restrictions in Chile! Pray for wisdom and the Lord's timing about their eventual move to Vina del Mar to serve the church there.

DURABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN: Filbert has several pieces of medical equipment that can be borrowed. Items are kept in the closet in the classroom across from the library.

You can contact Robin Currence for assistance at (803) 209-0538 or robincurrence79@gmail.com. You may also check out items on your own by signing the sheet placed on the inside of the closet door.

Items include:

Wheelchair (requires removal of back to transport)

Transport wheelchair

Women's disposable briefs

Crutches, including youth size

3 regular walkers

Oxygen hanger for wheelchair

"Ice Man" machine for post-op orthopedic surgery

Numerous braces, including expensive metal knee braces

Canes

Tub transfer bench

2 "rollator" style walkers

3 bedside toilets

Leg prop

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Folders are located outside the church office door, which are available for you to communicate with various people or organizations within the church. There are folders for the Deacons, Clerk of Session, Dave, WIC President, Anne Jones, Chris Stephenson, and for Filbert Features and Prayer Guide submissions. If you would like to submit suggestions or a request to any of these organizations within the church you may do so by placing them in the appropriate folder. Making those submission just prior to the time the Diaconate or Session meets would bring concerns or needs to their attention quickly.

If you would like to have an announcement placed in Filbert Features or add a prayer request to the Prayer Guide, you may contact our secretary, Janette Deas, either by calling the church office 684-6881, writing out the request and placing it in the blue folder marked "Filbert Features and Prayer Requests" on the office door, or emailing the church at [filbertpca@comporium.net](mailto:filbertpca@comporium.net). **Janette's workday at the church is Thursday of every week; therefore your request will need to be turned in by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you would like to have it published.**