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Senior Pastor's Note

Seasons Change

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that, ***“There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season.”***

Many of us would be much more comfortable if everything always stayed the same, yet it doesn't. Scriptures remind us of this reality, everything has its seasons.

Though many like the changing of seasons in nature, they are frightened with the changing of seasons in life. They grip so tightly to the present that it becomes traumatic when things change.

Ok, I will admit change can be difficult and I'm not always happy about it. But here is what I'm learning through it. Change is not so difficult if we learn to go through the seasons with God. ***“There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season.”***

As I have shared from the pulpit lately, I have done a lot of reflective thinking this past year. I have thought about the time when Angie and I were married and started out as a young couple. I have reflected on the many churches I have served in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. I have thought about our children growing up and moving out. In the past couple of years, Angie and I have become grandparents of seven new and beautiful grandchildren.

In addition, I have been thinking a lot about my heavenly home. I have thought about my dad's death and how someday the same will happen to me. ***“There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season.”*** This is true and that's OK. God has a purpose and a season for everything under heaven and right now each of us are in one of His perfect seasons.

The tragedy is not that seasons change but that many of us fail to see God's will in each season. There is a time to be born and a time to die and a time to do a whole lot of living in between.

Seasons will come and go but God will always remain constant. He will remain constant in trials and suffering as well as in your joy and happiness. God has your best interest at heart. He is our rock on which we can stand, who strengthens us and steadies us as we look to Him (1 Peter 5:10).

Blessings,
Pastor Riley

October Birthdays

4 - Marjorie Byrd
5 - Nancy Jones
5 - Clark Cain
11 - Joan Carter
13 - Shirley Melvin
13 - Kathy Ralli
13 - Teresa Miller
14 - Jo Anne Verwey
19 - Devon Few
19 - Rita Barton
22 - Paul Henderson
29 - Maureen Dunbar
31 - Bill Dunbar

Our Vision Statement:

“Every member a good neighbor.”

Our Purpose Statement:

“Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing.”

Sisters in Service

The Sisters in Service mission circle would like to thank our church family for supporting our ministry to the homeless by purchasing discount coupon books during September. We are providing toiletry items and laundry supplies, and are collecting clothing to deliver to the Washburn Center this fall. We will have another "Undy Sunday" before that trip.

We delivered lunch to the Ronald McDonald House in August and are assisting Mission Fishin' with spreading the Gospel later this month. Without your help, none of this would be possible! We so appreciate you assisting us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the Pensacola community.

If any ladies are looking for the opportunity to serve, SIS meets on the 4th Thursday in the church Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Contact Carol Laguens @ 850-456-5611 with any questions. God bless you all!

Medicare 101

This is an event for Senior Citizens to come get information about Medicare and the changes that have been made for the year 2025. The program is hosted by Shannon Manning in the fellowship hall from 1:00pm to 2:30pm on Saturday, October 26th.



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Retired Pastors

Retired Pastors will be honored on Sunday, October 20th during the Worship Service.

Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday, October 27, 2024

Pastors need to be
valued, respected, trusted
and encouraged —
consistently and regularly.

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If you are going to participate in **Trunk or Treat** this year, please let Janet know so we can set up everyone's spot. You can pick your own spot-first come, first served! We will also have buckets set up in the Fellowship Hall to hold donated candy (individually wrapped and contained). This is probably one of the favorite things we do in this community. I hope everyone participates. Set up will start at 4 pm.

The new **Handbell Choir** has started and will be meeting on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Time for you to go get lunch and come back. The Handbell Choir is multi-generational and you do not have to be able to read music to participate.

If you are a **Grandparent** raising (in full or part time status) your **grandchildren**, let Janet know. We have been asked to start a support group for those of us in this situation. Don't know what that may look like, but I do need to know who is interested in participating.

The next Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, October 19 at 9 am. Bring breakfast food to share and enjoy a guest speaker this month. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me for more information. I would also encourage you to invite your praying friends to participate regardless of whether or not they attend our church. Unity at a time like this is vital to our community.

We are still building a group of volunteers in our church who are willing to help **clean Sunday School rooms** once a week and help **wipe down tables in the Fellowship Hall**. We have a small group of volunteers who have started a **card ministry** to church families who suffer the loss of a loved one, is hospitalized, recovering, ill, etc. Now I would like to know who would like to participate in a **phone ministry**? We would like to call our Silver Patrol list at least once a month and perhaps others who may need a loving touch from their church family. Also, if anyone would like to be a part of a **hospital visitation team**, we have a few volunteers already. Is God asking you to help? Let me know.

I have been meeting with a core group of volunteers to take a look at **present and potential programs**. We would love your input about what you would like to see happen in our church and community. We really want to be a "cradle to the grave" church! If there is a program that we no longer do that interests you and your family or a program that you see other churches doing, let me know and we will look into it.

Please watch the weekly bulletins for any other upcoming dates and events.

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[Facebook Messenger as well](#)

Children's Department

Fall is here and the holidays are just around the corner!

Mark your Calendars:

Wednesday, October 2 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/
\$3 under 12/free under 4)

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Thursday, October 3 "Bring Your Bible to School"
Day

Sunday, October 6 World Communion Sunday

1:00 pm Handbell Choir

Monday, October 7 6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, October 9 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/
\$3 under 12/free under 4)

6:00pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Sunday, October 13 First Responder's Sunday

Troop 2 selling cookie dough

1:00 pm Handbell Choir

Monday, October 14 6:30 pm Pack 2 & Troop 2
Scouts

Wednesday, October 16 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/
\$3 under 12/free under 4)

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Sunday, October 20 Children's Sabbath

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Honor Retired Pastors

1:00 pm Handbell Choir

Monday, October 21 6:30 pm Pack 2 & Troop 2
Scouts

Wednesday, October 23 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/
\$3 under 12/free under 4)

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Sunday, October 27 Reformation Sunday with
mini drama

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Monday, October 28 6:30 pm Pack 2 & Troop 2
Scouts

Wednesday, October 30 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/
\$3 under 12/free under 4)

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Thursday, October 31 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat!

Teachers don't forget that this month is **Pastor's Appreciation month!** We will present any cards or gifts we have for him during Children's Sabbath on the 20th!

If you are at least a third grader this year, we can place you on a waiting list to be an **acolyte**. When anyone retires off the list, then you will fill that spot. Let Miss Janet know if you wish to be on the waiting list. You have to have your parent's permission to participate. You have to be patient!

The next **Family Fun Night** will be Thursday, October 31 at 5:00 pm. We will have our annual Trunk or Treat. There will be games, cars to get treats from and hot dogs and soda! Everything is free! Come early we usually run out of everything by 6:00 pm.

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Wednesday Night Classes

Mark your Calendars:

Wednesday, October 2 1:00 pm Community Classes

Second Gardening Class "Container Gardening"

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Wednesday, October 9 1:00 pm Community Classes

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Wednesday, October 16 1:00 pm Community Classes

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Wednesday, October 23 1:00 pm Community Classes

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Wednesday, October 30 1:00 pm Community Classes

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Just a little change from last month: **Handbell Choir** has moved to Sundays at 1:00 pm. It will still be multi-generational and you do not have to be able to read music.

Please also note that the original **price of the dinners** has been changed: Adults \$ 7, children under 12 \$3 & children under 4 are free.