

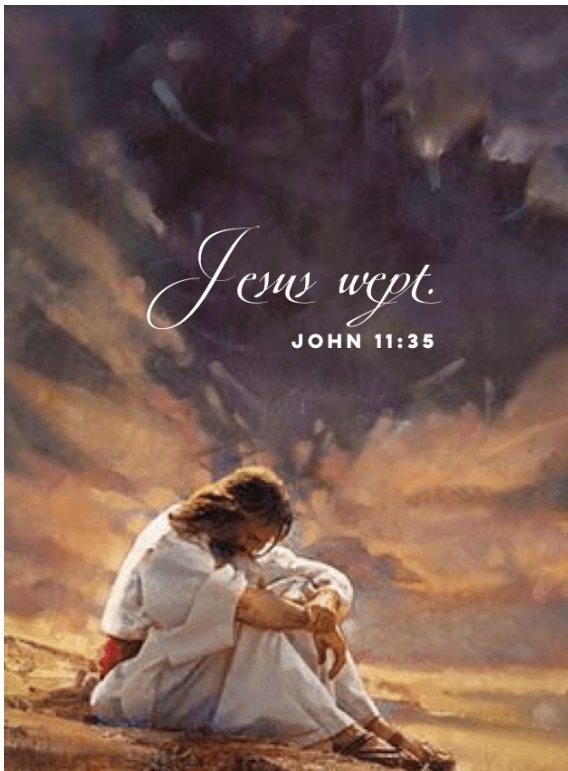
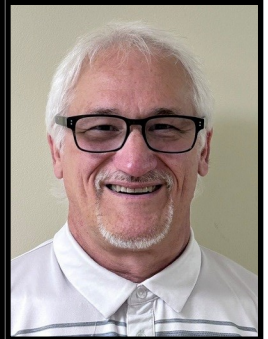


Tranquil Tidings

Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ in our Community since 1820.



You will be
blessed when you
come in
And blessed when
you go out.
Deuteronomy 28:6



Jesus Wept (John 11:35)

Since Lisa died last year, this has become a comforting verse. It is the shortest verse in the Bible, but it holds great power. For those of us grieving the loss of a loved one, we know that Jesus outwardly grieved, even though he was God in the flesh. Jesus' tears were a quiet, barely audible type, as opposed to the loud wailing of Mary and the others. In fact, two different words are used in the original Greek language to describe these actions. Jesus cried nonetheless.

I find comfort in Jesus showing us that it is not a sign of weakness when Christians cry after losing someone special. It is natural, and it is a sign of love. The stronger our bond with the deceased person, the greater our grief will be. Our grief does not change the reality of their death, but expressing it helps us to slowly begin releasing that pain.

Jesus' weeping validates our times of sorrow when we feel that our world has collapsed. In those moments, it really has, and Jesus does not minimize or reject our experience. He is there to support us even when we cannot feel it. As more time passes from the initial impact of grief, we can slowly look back and see that Christ was there just as he promised.

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a season for everything. Dying, tears, and mourning (verses 2 and 4) are all natural parts of the human experience. Grief is a natural response to loss, just as joy is a natural response to happy events.

Peace be with you, Greg

STEWARDSHIP

July Offerings

Yearly Budget received to date: \$ 79,293.00

Attendance	SS	Worship
July 5	12	21
July 12	20	33
July 19	20	37
July 26	20	31

Giving is Worship

Giving back to the One who gave

SERVING

August Trustee of the Month

Ann Coker
(C)864-993-4682

August Counters:

3	Patsy Anderson
10	Sandy Shaffer
17	Cindy Davis
24	Evelyn/Jack Cauley
31	Helen Watson

Altar Guild Volunteers for August:

Evelyn Cauley and Von Hill

Usher for August:

Cindy Davis

ALTAR FLOWERS

August Altar Flowers

- 2** In honor of Adam and Kelli's
Wedding Anniversary
By Sandy Shaffer
- 9** In memory of Nora McKinney
By the Goldman and McKinney Families
- 16** In memory of Blair Willingham
By Anne Willingham and Family

23

30

*To the Glory
of God*

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 2	10th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 32:22-31 Ps 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749) Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14:13-21
August 9	11th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 37:1-4, 12-28 Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 828) Rom 10:5-15 Matt 14:22-33
August 16	12th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 45:1-15 Ps 133 (UMH 850) Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28
August 23	13th Sunday after Pentecost Exod 1:8, 2:10 Ps 124 (UMH 846) Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:13-20
August 30	14th Sunday after Pentecost Exod 3:1-15 Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (UMH 828) Rom 12:9-21 Matt 16:13-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2	Martha Vincent
9	Sandy Shaffer
16	Martha Vincent
23	Sandy Shaffer
30	Martha Vincent

Meetings & Practices



WORSHIP

BE PRESENT

CHOIR PRACTICE

Will not meet this month!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday—August 3rd
3:00 p.m. -Brockwell
Classroom

BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Prayer Requests

Alfrieda Foster

Ashley

Ashton

Austin

Benzie Witt

Billy and Brenda Fuller

Bob Coman

Bonnie

Carson

Claudette McKinney

Cody

Channing

Cindy Davis

Dave Brinkerhoff

Debbie

Dianne

Dolly

Eddie Porter

Emma

Family of Don Wu

Gaines

Helen

Gracen

Harper-Reese

Ian in Kuwait

Israel

James Poore

Janet, Glenda, & Christopher

Jeff Channing

Jeanne Purvis

Jessica

Jim Hagan

Jim Rainey

Joyce and David

Justin

Lawrence Daniel

Linda Sanders

Lois

Lori

Marcia

Margaret Simpson

Matt

Phyllis

Poole Family

Richard Coker

Ronnie and Twiler

Rosie

Sean Cornelsen

Sonny Meadows

Sonny Tharpe

Tranquil

Unspoken

Wayne

Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864-223-5333, tranquilumc@wctel.net or by accessing the church website at www.thetranquillife.org.



CELEBRATIONS

August



Birthdays

2 Kyle Edwards
7 Landon Davenport
8 Sharron Hall
13 Jackie Hall
15 Andrew Byrd
16 Karen McCombs
22 Bryan Langley
24 Lorna Eakin
26 Patrick Grayson Boxx
27 Dawsyn Culbertson-Walker
29 Thomas Hall, Janet Robinson
31 Thomas Ray Darragh, Karen Minter



Anniversaries



5 Thomas and Tauny A. McCombs
6 Sonny and Ann Tharpe
17 Jack and Evelyn Cauley
21 John and Claire Sproch
23 John and Rita Dickert
26 Bruce and Janet Robinson
28 Billy and Karen McCombs
30 James and Mary Long

Happy Birthday!

Birthstone: Peridot

Happy Anniversary!

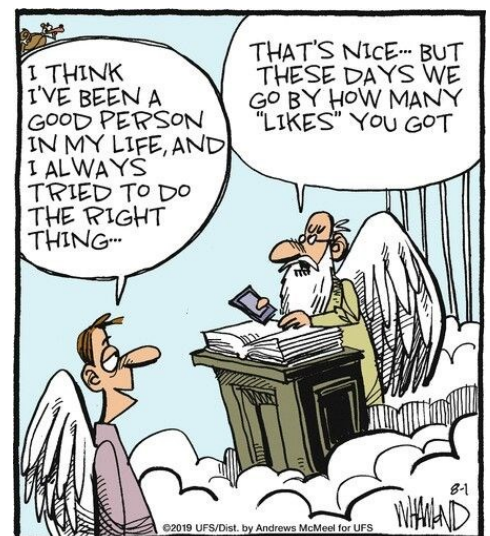
Flower: Gladiolus

Au' gust I'll Just Laugh



What does the Bible say about laughter? Laughter is an amazing ability that God gave us all. Laughter helps us cope with sadness and life. Yet there is a time to laugh and a time not to laugh. Ecclesiastes 3:4

1. A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?"
One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days."
2. My friend DAVID had lost his ID. Now He's just DAV.
3. How many people went on the Ark before Noah? Three! Because it is written "And Noah went forth onto the Ark!"



The gift of giving!

Little Things

Poet: Unknown



Only a drop in the bucket;
But every drop will tell;
The bucket would soon be empty
Without the drops in the well.

Only a poor little penny;
It was all I had to give;
But as pennies make the dollars.
It may help some cause to live.

Only some outgrown garments -
They were all I had to spare;
But they'll help to clothe the needy.
And the poor are everywhere.

A word now and then of comfort,
That cost me nothing to say;
But the poor old man died happy.
And it helped him on the way.

God loveth the cheerful giver,
Though the gift be poor and small:-
What doth He think of His children,
When they never give at all?

In Memory and In Honor

In Honor

In honor of Patsy Anderson's Birthday

By the following:

Carolyn Ferry

In honor of Jack Cauley

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldmabn

In Memory

In memory of L B Adams

By the following:

Helen Watson

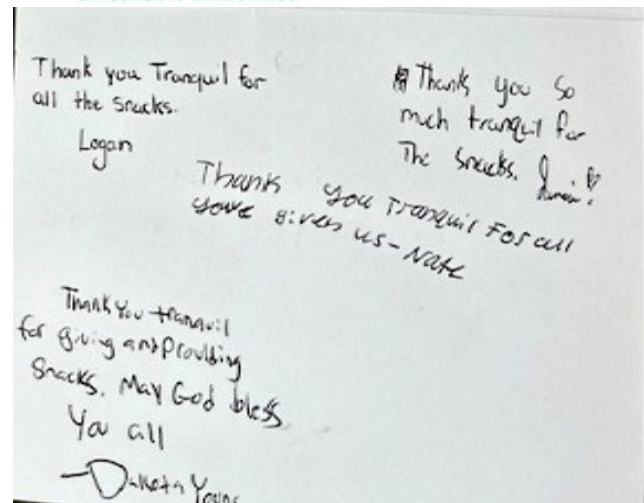
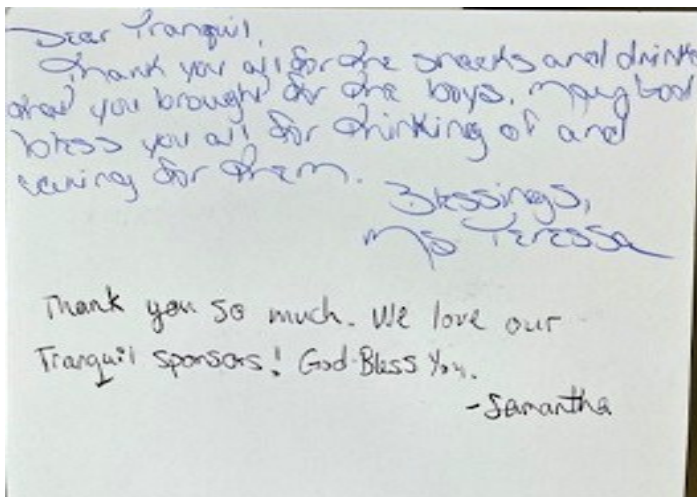


*Tranquil greatly appreciates the gifts
that have been made in honor
and in memory.*

Thank you....from Hamilton Cottage



Connie Maxwell
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Choir pays tribute to Jack Cauley



Pictured l-r front row:
Jo Ann Purkerson, Nancy Buchanan,
Jackie Hall, Jack, Linda Goldman
and Patsy Anderson.

Back Row l-r: Judy Cannon (former organist) Evelyn
Cauley, and Pastor Greg Thompson.

*Missing from the photo is Sandy Shaffer and John
Bolton.*

Jack Cauley began his career at Tranquil by having been asked. "Can you help us out until we find a pianist?" That was 28 years ago. For many years of dedication he directed the choir and provided the most beautiful music on the baby grand piano that was donated by choir member Jackie Hall. Jack could tickle the ebony and ivory keys with such ease and grace. Jack has now decided to take his leave. We appreciate the fact that for so long he gave up a lot of time and energy to the choir and to the church overall. It has been a great honor to have had Jack be a part of this church in such a servant's way. A friendship developed, and his beautiful wife, Evelyn, came into the Tranquil church family as well, not only as a friend, but as a member of the choir. The talent that Jack brought to Tranquil will forever be remembered as a gift to not only our church but to our Lord and Savior.

Thank you, Jack. We look forward to continue worshipping with you and Evelyn and will enjoy your friendship for many more years to come!

May God richly bless you and keep you well.

Your friends at Tranquil.



Healthy Learners



Spelling Bee



THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24,
2026
6:00 — 8:00 P.M.
Greenwood 50
Performing Arts
Center at
Greenwood
High School

WHAT IS HEALTHY LEARNERS OF GREENWOOD?

Picture yourself at a business meeting as a consultant explains a new complicated procedure. You try to focus. But you can't hear everything the consultant is saying, or your abscessed tooth is pounding, or the words on the literature you are given are blurry. Frustrating, right?

Now imagine yourself as a frustrated child in a classroom, unable to hear the teacher's instructions, to see the board, or to focus because of a pounding toothache. This is when **Healthy Learners of Greenwood** steps in and provides public school students who qualify in Greenwood School Districts 50, 51, and 52 with free vision, hearing, and dental services.

Healthy Learners is funded largely by donations that support **The Healthy Learners Adult Spelling Bee**. At last year's event alone, \$48,190.00 was raised. **All money raised stays in Greenwood County.**

As in the past, Tranquil continues to generously support this worthy cause. This year's bee will be at the Greenwood 50 Performing Arts Center at Greenwood High School. Come out and witness this fun event for yourselves. You will not be disappointed.

If you wish to donate make your check payable to Tranquil. Write Healthy Learners in the MEMO line.

What are.....



Seek Abundant Grace

In August's time, when
golden rays descend,
The season's warmth upon
creation spreads,
We turn our hearts to One
who guides our way,
With steadfast faith, we
humbly kneel and pray.

Oh sovereign God, our
Shepherd ever near,
Your boundless love dispels
our every fear.
In this month, may
righteousness embrace,
As we seek your abundant
grace.

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

HOT AND HUMID WEATHER!!!! Why do we call it ‘dog days of summer’? No, those days are not named after dogs but they are named after the *Dog Star*—the brightest star in the sky—Sirius. It is in the constellation of *Canis Major*, the Greater Dog. Now, that’s something to think about! This can be traced back to the days of the Roman Empire. The dates from July 3 though August 11, which is 20 days prior and 20 days after the star Sirius rises and falls in conjunction with the sun.

July 3— What does the name Sirius mean? It is a
August 11 Greek word for “scorching” or “glowing.”
Plus, Sirius is the brightest star visible
from Earth, and it is visible from both

hemispheres. It is also the brightest star in the evening sky during the Northern Hemisphere winter.

We have days of heat occurring primarily due to the tilt of the Earth’s axis. As the Northern Hemisphere tilts towards the sun, the sun’s rays become more direct and intense, causing the Earth to absorb more heat during the summer months.



Ancient Egyptians noted that Sirius rose just before the sun each year immediately prior to the annual flooding of the Nile River. And although the floods could bring destruction, they also brought new soil and **new life**.

So look to the sky and find the Sirius star! The brightest star in the night sky!

EFFECTS OF HEAT ON THE BODY

- Warm and dry skin
- Elevated body temperature (above 104 degrees)
- Confusion or agitation
- Fast pulse
- Nausea

STAY HYDRATED AND STAY IN A COOL PLACE WHEN POSSIBLE.



BACK TO SCHOOL



AUGUST

FOOD BANK OF GREENWOOD COUNTY

DONATE

to the Greenwood

Food Bank

Oatmeal

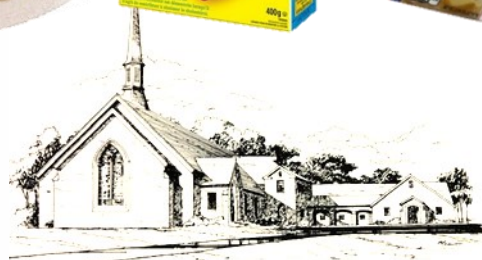
Whole grain cereals

& Grits



Collected items
can be placed on
the table in the
hall located
near the church
office.

Deadline for donations is
August 30th.



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OUTREACH PROJECT

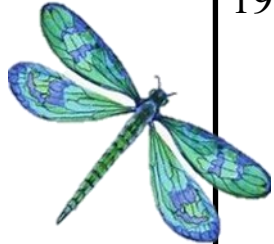


August

Worship Services are available on Facebook, You Tube
and our Website www.the.tranquillife.org.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



2 COMMUNION SERVICE Worship —11: 00 a.m.	3 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING 3:00 p.m. Brockwell Classroom	4	5
9 Worship —11: 00 a.m.	10 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall	11	12
16 Worship —11: 00 a.m.	17 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall	18 	19
23 Worship —11: 00 a.m.	24 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall	25	26
30 Worship —11: 00 a.m.	31 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall	<i>It is in the midst of change we often discover wings we never knew we had.</i>	

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



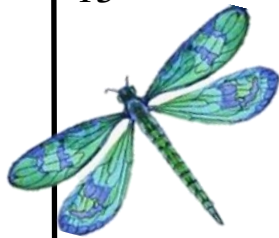
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Tranquil's Web Page

Have you visited Tranquil's Web Page?

You can access Worship Information, the Monthly Newsletter, Online Worship, the Thought for the Day, Current Church Ministries, Contact and Staff information and so much more! Prayer requests can also be submitted. CHECK IT OUT!!!! www.thetranquillife.org



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Call upon ME in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me. *Psalm 50:15*

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