



# FAITH NOTES

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**Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church**

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### **ELDER of the MONTH**

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*Church Family and Friends,*

We have talked recently in our Sunday messages about Jesus' relationship with others. One week we saw His relationship with the Holy Spirit. The next, we saw Jesus attending a wedding feast with His disciples and His mother. Finally, we saw Jesus as He went back to His hometown, the place he grew up, to worship once more with those who knew Him best.

God calls us to be in relationship with Him and with others. In the Garden, God made it a regular practice to walk in the garden with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. Though Adam and Eve (and we) separated themselves from God by their sin, God still longs for our relationship with Him to be complete. God provided the solution to this separation in the person and work of Jesus the Christ, our Savior.

As Jesus spent his early years on earth, He too learned what it meant to be in relationship with the Father, and with those around Him. He received great lessons in family, community, worship, and relationship building. A wonderful example of that is His attendance at that wedding feast in Cana. Though Jesus had begun his great mission of bringing Good News to all the world, He took time to attend that blessed social event, the wedding feast (of friends, family, neighbors, we aren't exactly told who but you get the idea). Jesus cherished the opportunity to be in relationship with those he grew up with, those he lived near, those in this and many other communities.

Yet, despite His desire to be with those near him, he never neglected his most cherished relationship, that relationship with His Father. Jesus would often find time to be alone in prayer, to seek out God's guidance, to worship God in synagogues alongside His fellow worshipers. In this, Jesus shows us that we all need to seek a balance of these relationships, whether it be social, personal, or spiritual. So, if we find that something is stealing time away from our relationship with God, our most important relationship, we must learn to let it go. If too much social activity hinders our personal relationships (spouse, parents, children, etc.), we must learn to adjust our activity to restore that proper balance. If we find ourselves retreating within, spurning relationship with others, we are only fighting against the desire to be in community that God ingrained within us.

Let us not neglect our fellowship with our family, our friends, our community, but most importantly, our fellowship with our Lord and Savior. Spend time with Him daily, and spend time with His people as we share the glory of a cherished relationship with our Creator with others.

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Daniel*

*Let us not love  
in word or talk  
But in deed  
and in truth*



## PRAYER REQUEST

### RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

*(This list will be purged every two to three weeks, unless indicated otherwise in your prayer request.)*

- \*Theresa Karpinski
- \*Ashley Bryan
- \*Anna Reece Reeves
- \*David Moyer
- \*Lorraine Payne
- \*Chuck Watson
- \*David Moyer
- \*Fran Kennedy
- \*Glenn Bryan
- \*Ben Payne
- \*Peggy Jolley

- \*Mark Mardis
- \*Carol Stombaugh
- \*Carol Lumpkin
- \*David Payne
- \*Linda Bishop
- \*Cameron Gillians
- \*Flash Watson
- \*Sid Moyer
- \*Carol Payne
- \*Karen Newton
- \*Rozlyn Green

### LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS

- \*Jerry & Carol Stombaugh
- \*Ginny Acton
- \*Michael Moyer
- \*Walter Westbrook
- \*Charlotte Davis
- \*Elaine Ray
- \*Dale Mayo
- \*Larry Gramling
- \*Aimee Collier
- \*Ava Gallahair
- \*Our military personnel, police, fire, and rescue
- \*The children & families of The Children's Home
- \*Betty Jo Ponce
- \*Marie Hendricks
- \*Janice Spivey
- \*Nell Hall
- \*Sonny Brady
- \*Greg & Jennifer Dobbins
- \*Wesley Lyons

### OUR ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME And HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- \*Milton Roe— *Piedmont Health Care Center in Piedmont, AL*
- \*Ann Corley— *Cherokee Village in Centre, AL*



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