



# The Spire Lite

July/August 2021

“The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26



## Worship

Pastor Brenda is on vacation for July. During the month, we will have three different preachers. Please be sure to join us for worship as we welcome these individuals to our church.

July 4            Chris Davis  
July 11          Chris Davis

July 18          Rev. Dr. Frank Frischkorn  
July 25          Julia Campbell

## Texting in During Worship

During the month of July, please text Linda Cook at 610-639-0821 with your prayer requests and check in during worship.

## Pastoral Emergencies

If something happens that you would normally reach out to Pastor Brenda for support, please contact Linda Cook at 610-639-0821. Pastor Brenda has asked Rev. Jeff Evans, New Hope Christian Church and Rev. Terrence Keeling, Central Baptist Church, Wilmington to be pastoral support. Please do not hesitate to let us know what is happening in your life.

## Main Street Elementary Fifth Grade Award



Again, this year we sponsored an award for the Main Street Elementary fifth grade Moving Up Ceremony. We sponsor the *Most Improved Student* award. We gave a \$20 Rita's gift card, the book: Wonder, and a personalized certificate. This year Jayme Sparks received the award. Congratulations Jayme.

## Worship in the Chapel

We look forward to sharing worship with you this summer. Masks are now optional. We continue to want you to feel safe while worshipping. If you need to move a chair, please free to do so.

We are enjoying worshipping in the Chapel in the air-conditioning. We moved just in time in June to avoid those 90-degree Sunday mornings. We hope that you will join us either in person or virtually.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August and September

### July Birthdays

- 2 John Fraim
- 7 Linda Cook
- 8 Billy Lord
- 10 Karen Johnston
- 13 Grace Miles
- 16 Betty Vandergriff  
Christy Mason
- 18 Jesse Kulp
- 28 Harold Hampton
- 30 Stephen Shaw
- 31 Charlene Miller

### July Anniversaries

- 7 Bill & Karin Lord

### August Birthdays

- 1 John Kofroth
- 6 Carol Arscott
- 15 Doris Fraim
- 21 Cameron Klimek
- 24 Barbara Phillips

### August Anniversaries

- 2 Henry & Darlene Strunk

### September Birthdays

- 3 Doris Moody
- 11 Louise Sauk
- 13 Betty Singley
- 15 Monica Manerchia  
Diane Lord  
Rosemary Richardson  
Marsha Scott
- 18 Dave Miskowic
- 20 Bill Lord Sr.

### September Anniversaries

- 7 Akky and Hans Geveke
- 14 Charlene and Dan Miller
- 21 Stephen and Kimberlee Kalichak





## Looking Ahead

September 12<sup>th</sup> we will return to the Sanctuary in the church and share Communion together.

A team has been working diligently to update our church website. We are grateful for John Kofroth's technical support as well as Dave Geveke, Linda Cook and Pastor Brenda for working on this project. We are hoping to be able to reveal the new website sometime this fall.

Saturday, July 24:

American Baptist Men is sponsoring a "Work Day" at Medard's House.

<https://www.medardshouse.org/>

A large church building, and surrounding property were donated with the proviso that it become a youth center in Camp Hill, PA. That's how Medard's House was born!

This faith-based program strives to help kids in grades 6-12 become their best selves and achieve their goals through the pre-apprentice programs, career exploration and academic advancement programs they offer—as well as sports, meals, individual tutoring and mentoring programs.

There will be plenty of work for everyone—from installing a permanent basketball hoop in the driveway to painting, landscaping, cleaning and several other tasks requiring some basic carpentry skills.

Lunch, snacks, and water will be provided. Please register as soon as possible. E-mail Pastor Bob Coats [pastorbobcoats@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbobcoats@gmail.com). Include your phone number and special works skills.

Medard's House  
1120 Drexel Hills Blvd.  
Camp Hill, PA 17070  
Saturday, 7/24; 9AM-5PM

## Office Hours

This summer there will not be regular office hours. If you need something, please leave a message or email: [uplandbaptist@verizon.net](mailto:uplandbaptist@verizon.net) and someone will get back to you. Thanks for your understanding.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."

## Prayer Meetings

We will continue to have virtual prayer meetings in August. Log onto zoom via [www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org) to join us at 7pm on Wednesday, August 4 and 18.

## Devotional Thought... Psalm 89:19-37

19 Then you spoke in a vision to your holy one,  
and said: "I have given help to *one who is mighty*;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.<sup>20</sup> I have found my servant David;  
With my holy oil I have anointed him,<sup>21</sup> With whom my hand shall be established;  
also my arm shall strengthen him.<sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not outwit him,  
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.<sup>23</sup> I will beat down his foes before his face,  
And plague those who hate him.<sup>24</sup> "But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him,  
And in my name his horn shall be exalted.<sup>25</sup> Also I will set his hand over the sea,  
And his right hand over the rivers.<sup>26</sup> He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father,  
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'<sup>27</sup> Also I will make him My firstborn,  
The highest of the kings of the earth.<sup>28</sup> My mercy I will keep for him forever,  
And My covenant shall stand firm with him.<sup>29</sup> His seed also I will make *to endure* forever,  
And his throne as the days of heaven.<sup>30</sup> "If his sons forsake my law  
And do not walk in My judgments,<sup>31</sup> If they break my statutes  
And do not keep my commandments,<sup>32</sup> Then I will punish their transgression with the rod,  
and their iniquity with stripes.<sup>33</sup> Nevertheless my loving kindness I will not utterly take from  
him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. <sup>34</sup> My covenant I will not break,  
nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.<sup>35</sup> Once I have sworn by my holiness;  
I will not lie to David: <sup>36</sup> His seed shall endure forever,  
and his throne as the sun before Me; <sup>37</sup> It shall be established forever like the moon,  
Even like the faithful witness in the sky."

This psalm describes the relationship between David and God. God promises to love David "forever" and desires, in return, David's faithfulness. This may seem a daunting task, knowing our tendency to fail. But the remarkable thing about God is that even when we disobey and God disciplines us, our acts will not reduce God's faithfulness. A promise from God can be counted on completely.

The psalm also compares the everlasting faithfulness of God to nature. Just like the moon and sun appear each day in the sky, God will forever be faithful to His covenant promises.

God's faithfulness indicates that He is a personal God who desires a relationship with us. He created, redeemed, and sustained us to be in fellowship with Him. If you think that you've done something too bad for God to love you, remember the story of David. Our sin is not strong enough to overcome God's love. Confess, accept His forgiveness, and be restored.

Brian Klimek

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