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“There comes a time - many times, actually - in the lives of our children where we have to put the basket in the water. We have to let go and trust the plan of the Father.

The world is a scary place - a place where we fear our children could drown.

But we must remember that we have to let go so that God can draw them from the waters for His great purpose.

He has called us to be their parents, but they were His first.

My friend, whatever water you may be getting ready to put your basket into - remember that you have to put them in the water for God to draw them out and place them into His perfect plan.

Though you might not be physically present with your child as much during the next phase of life, you can always petition the heart of the Father on their behalf.”

From Elisabeth Eliot Quotes

From the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association:

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10,).

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

[Find peace with God today.](#)

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom."*

2 Corinthians 3:17



A semiquicentennial is a 250th anniversary. In the United States, it marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the nation, which will be celebrated on July 4, 2026.

Your Session:
Moderator: Dr. Coker
Clerk: Doug Smith
Administration/Finance: Allen Boyd
Congregational Life: Nancy Marshall
Worship: Marlene Mathis
Property: Bret Henderson

Elder of the month: Marlene Mathis

People who need spiritual support:

- Update:** Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)- had bypass surgery; he is stable condition now at Emory, but has many medical issues; He has a feeding tube and needs dialysis to protect the one kidney he has; he may have to go to a rehab facility in the future.
- Shane Ferraro:** (Bowyers daughter, Peyton's best friend) currently undergoing chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer.
- Melissa Hughes - (Niece of Marlene Mathis)** is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer. Melissa is focused on spending quality time with her children and making memories with them. Pray for this mother of young children and her family as they seek comfort and understanding.
- Update:** Diann Hall (sister of Rodney Bennett)- undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; she will have surgery Tuesday at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.
- Cleveland Shaw - (the father of Biff & Cheryl's son-in-law)** has a type of blood cancer
- Update:** Patsy Rohrer (Margaret's sister-in-law) Patsy had a knee replacement removed to heal an infection; she is now in a movable brace and will have her temporary knee replaced in the fall.

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost." Billy Graham



July Birthdays

Rob Morrell	1st
Emily Henderson Evans	10th
Betsy Leonard	27th
Debra Boyd	30th



Collections for Missions

Flint River Presbytery has been collecting **aluminum cans** to raise money for the purchase of over-the-counter meds for a medical clinic in the Dominican Republic.

The Presbytery is also collecting **toothbrushes and toothpaste** (small tubes like the ones you get at the dentist) for local ministries.

The Presbytery is partnering with New American Pathways again this year to provide **school supplies** to children in need. Supplies needed include :

Any size clear backpack

Any brand glue sticks

Composition notebooks

Spiral notebooks

1-inch 3-ring binders

Mix of colors, pocket folders with metal prongs

Mix of colors, pocket folders without metal prongs

Pencil bags

highlighters

boxes of pencils (10 or more)

Thin markers

Thick markers

Colored pencils

Crayons

Kids scissors (Up & Up or Fiskars brand)

Travel size hand sanitizer

Lined on one side, notecards

Black and blue pens

Paper Mate, cap erasers

Paper Mate, large erasers

EXPO markers (pk of 16)

Small boxes of Band-Aids

Reusable water bottles

Chapstick

Disinfectant wipes

Tissues

Collection boxes will be placed in the south narthex of the Sanctuary.