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## The Pastor's Pen...

### To Fear or Not to Fear

#### Birthdays

- 08 .....Amy Bailey
- 10 ..... Ted Jones
- 11.....Seth Doss
- 14..... Fran Nabholz
- 15 .....Joey Johnson
- 16..... Brian Marter
- 17.....Maddie Bailey
- 21..... George Bowen
- 25 ..... Chris Nabholz  
Julianne Norkus
- 28 .....Helen Caldwell  
Maria Emerson  
Cayden Jones
- 29 ..... Kathryn Noblett

#### Anniversaries

- 11..... Debra & Billy Hatcher
- 12.....Jenny & Dan Kaminstein
- 20 .....Diane & John Dunsmore
- 26 ..... Laura & Charles Caruso

#### Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended on the passing of Greta Wade on April 16 in Peachtree City, GA. Greta was a daughter of Marian Losch and a sister to Yvonne Clark.

Sympathy is also extended to Joanne Pierce and family on the death of her mother, Angie Cheshire, on April 20 in Florida.

A father walks his boy to the family vehicle. Just before they get to the car, the boy's face turns pale. He screams at the top of his lungs and runs in the opposite direction. After the father finally catches up with his little boy, with bewilderment he asks, "What are you doing?"

"It's a car," his son replies. "I'm afraid of the car."

"Why?" the father inquires. "It's just a car, and cars are good."

"Yes, daddy, but the car is big and powerful and fast, and it's made of really hard stuff. That's why I'm afraid."

"You're right," the father acknowledges. "The car is all of those things, but that is good. It is big and powerful, so that it can take all our family where we need to go. It is fast so it can get us there in a hurry. And it is made of hard stuff, so that it can protect us from getting hurt if we get into an accident. So, you shouldn't be afraid of the car."

Relieved, the boy heads for the car with his dad. He now understands, and his dad is quite proud of himself for helping his son to overcome a needless fear.

The next day the boy is standing on a sidewalk with his dad next to a busy street. When the father looks away for a moment, the little guy starts making his way to the edge of the curb. Horrified, the father lunges for his son, grabs him just in the nick of time, and begins to lecture him frantically, "What were you thinking, son? You could have been hit by a car."

"But Daddy," the boy exclaims with bewilderment, "I'm not afraid of cars anymore. You taught me I don't need to be afraid of them."

"Well, you should be afraid of cars," he shouts. "Don't you know how dangerous cars are? They are big and powerful and fast, and they are made of very hard stuff. Those cars could have seriously hurt you. Be afraid! Be very afraid of cars!"

"Which is it?" we might want to demand on behalf of the boy. "Should the youngster be afraid of cars or not?" Of course, the answer is, It depends on his relation to the car. If the boy relates to the car the way he was intended (inside the car, buckled, riding with an authorized, safe driver), then he does not need to be afraid of the car. All of the good features of the car mentioned are for his benefit and enjoyment. He shouldn't be afraid of the car at all. He should enjoy it. If, however, he relates to the car in a way that he was not intended (for example, standing in front of the car approaching him at high speed), he should be very afraid. He was not meant to play chicken with the car. It is not that the car ceases to be good or to offer benefits. The difference that should lead to fear of the car is not in the car. Rather, it is in the boy's relationship to the car.

So it is with God. Should we be afraid of Him? Should our family and friends? To be clear, I am not asking if we should fear God in the sense of approaching Him with an attitude of deep reverence, awe and trust. As multiple passages of

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# Organ Dedication Recital



## Soli Deo Gloria – Organ Dedication Recital – Sunday, May 19, 4:30 p.m.

Following a tradition that dates back hundreds of years, our new organ (Cornell Zimmer, Opus 128) will be dedicated to the Glory of God and the good of His people on Sunday, May 19, in a recital by Dr. Ronald Boud of Union University, Jackson, TN.

Dr. Boud has a remarkable string of credentials: organ professor, author of more than 60 published compositions, and former organist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. A native of Atlantic City, NJ, Ron began studying piano at the age of eight. By age 12 he was accompanying evangelistic crusades led by

his pastor, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Some years later, after three years as a student at Moody, Ron enrolled at the American Conservatory of Music, also in Chicago. Following graduate studies at the American Conservatory he accepted an offer to teach at the Philadelphia College of the Bible (PCB).

Ron and his wife, Jan, were married in 1969, and he took a break from teaching in Philadelphia to work on his doctorate at Southern Seminary in Louisville. After completing that work in 1971 he returned to the faculty at PCB, and at the same time continued his studies with world-renowned piano teacher at the Julliard School (NYC), Adele Marcus. In 1976 Ron left the faculty at Philadelphia College of the Bible and joined the faculty at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

In Louisville, Boud was reunited with his former instructor, Don Hustad. In the intervening years they had maintained a connection through a position common to both of them: accompanist for the Billy Graham Association. “I started with Leighton Ford part-time in 1966 and was with him 22 years, until he left the Graham Association and stopped doing major city-wide crusades. I was always a full-time teacher but wherever I was teaching I always had the prerogative of being away two weeks a semester playing crusades. It always impacted what I thought ministry is and should be and how it should be done. It made me always be moved to see someone commit their life to Christ – that has never changed. Those things were very formative for me,” Boud explains.

Though he was recruited to the Southern Seminary faculty as a pianist, after a few years Dr. Boud began the shift to organ. The change began during his first sabbatical leave, which was spent at Northwestern University.

“I was singing in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church at Evanston,” Ron remembers. “I had never heard the organ played quite so creatively in a service. I said to myself, ‘I’m a creative person. I could do that.’” Shortly after that, Boud started studying organ in Louisville along with teaching service playing. Gradually Boud’s musical identity shifted from piano to organ. By the time he took early retirement from Southern Seminary in 1995, he was seen almost exclusively as an organist. It didn’t take long in retirement for him to miss teaching, and when an opportunity presented itself to join the music faculty at Union University, he happily accepted.

Though Ron Boud has multiple identities – as teacher, composer, and performer – the one he holds in highest priority is his role as a minister to and shaper of young people.

“I don’t care how they finger a Bach fugue if they have not been taught to be a disciple of Christ,” he stresses. “In the greater scheme of life, if the talent is not fully developed and not fully laid at Christ’s feet for His use, it is meaningless.”

## Member Mention

More than a mere mention, the March 26 Richmond County Neighbors (Augusta Chronicle) highlighted Nancy Parks and some of her accomplishments in the Augusta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Included in that list were her membership since 1988 and her service as Regent (chapter president) 2010–2012. Nancy is credited with starting the chapter’s newsletter, strengthening the chapter overall, and significantly increasing membership during her tenure as Regent, bringing “new life” to the chapter.

## Looking Inside and Out

### Inside Opportunities

*Find your place  
to grow, serve and fellowship!*

- Youth gather every other Sunday evening and each Wednesday night
- Young Adult couples and families meet monthly for Bible study
- Men pray weekly on Friday mornings
- Women study the Word together at both morning and evening studies
- Adults of all ages meet the first and third Thursdays to search the Scriptures
- Monthly Fellowship Meal for all

### Outside Our Doors

**Augusta Care Pregnancy Center**  
Walk-for-Life  
Saturday, May 4

**Heritage Academy** wants you to think about 2013 taxes now that 2012 is closed! For information on the tax credit that is afforded to those who participate in the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program and how to support Heritage Academy by redirecting your state tax dollars, click on the Quick Link to Goal Tax Credit at [www.heritageacademyaugusta.org](http://www.heritageacademyaugusta.org).

## Missionary Spotlight

### Missionary Prayer Focus for May

Please be in prayer for these missionaries and agencies during May, considering the needs you would have if you were in these places.

#### Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine

- Pray for increased financial support and the recruiting of more professors.
- Pray for the particular needs of the family of the Dean of Students.

#### Glenn and Sharlene Grubb, *Wycliffe Bible Translators/Mission to the World (PCA)*

- Pray for Glenn as he continues to work on establishing electronic reporting of aviation safety issues, moving this from paper reporting, so that information can be better shared for learning purposes in the JAARS aviation community.
- Pray for Glenn and Sharlene's son, Max, who will be participating in a mission project during the month of June in Harpenden, England.

#### Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, *Operation Mobilization, Italy*

- The Guadagnos give praise to God for faithfully providing the finances of Forterocca during the winter months.
- Please continue to pray for the resolution of trials endured recently by the OM Italy team.

## Coming Up

Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

### Choir in Concert

The Independent Presbyterian Church Youth Choir (Memphis, TN) will present a concert in the Sanctuary.

Monday-Friday, June 17 through 21  
9:00 a.m. until noon daily

### Vacation Bible School

Children age 3 years through 5th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School on our campus.



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Scripture make clear, such a fear of God is always appropriate (see Prov. 9:10; 19:23; Eccles. 12:13). What I am asking is this: Should we be afraid of God in the sense of experiencing anxiety or terror because of His great and holy character? It depends. If we relate to Him rightly, "No, we have no reason to be afraid of Him!" His holy knowledge, goodness, and power are for our benefit and so should give us comfort. We can and should enjoy God!

If we do not relate to Him rightly, however, the answer is, "Yes! We should be very afraid of Him." Here comes the rub. How could we possibly rightly relate to a holy God, who is all-knowing, all-good, and all-powerful? Because He is all-knowing, He sees our sin - all of it. Because He is all-good, He abhors our sin, and is determined to punish it. Because He is all-powerful, He is able to punish our sin. Given who we are and who God is - our sin and His holiness - how could we possibly relate to God rightly? How could we really be anything but terrified of God?

The clue is found in Isaiah 6:1-7. The great prophet Isaiah exhibits incredible fear when he has a vision of God in His temple. He sees the Lord high and exalted on His throne (v. 1). He catches a bone-chilling revelation of God's holiness, as the seraphim cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts," all the while shielding their faces from the direct vision of this thrice holy God (vv. 2-3). To top it all off, Isaiah sees smoke and feels the foundations of the thresholds shaking. Given what He sees, hears, and feels, no wonder Isaiah is shaking in his sandals! No wonder he exclaims, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips" (v. 5). You see, Isaiah was right to be terrified of God, on account of God's holiness and Isaiah's uncleanness (vv. 1-4). But something happened to change Isaiah's relationship with God. By God's grace, a seraphim took a burning coal from the altar of sacrifice. Touching it to Isaiah, the sacrifice was applied to him. Then, and only then, God declared, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for" (v. 7b). Suddenly, Isaiah, who had reason to be terrified of God and His just wrath, no longer needed to fear. Now, with his sins cleansed and God's justice satisfied, Isaiah was rightly related to the thrice holy God.

As those who live after the coming of Christ, the application is clear. If, and only if, we relate to God through Christ, we have no reason to be afraid of God. For in Christ, our sins are forgiven. They have been cleansed by His blood. The wrath of God for our sin has been satisfied by His sacrifice in our place. In Christ, we are given clothes of righteousness and are perfect in God's sight. Through Christ, we are adopted into God's family and so accepted as beloved children and promised a glorious inheritance that is being kept for us in heaven. In short, in Christ, through faith in His life, death and resurrection, we rightly relate to a perfectly holy God. Therefore we do not need to be afraid of God any longer. In fact, we can and should love and enjoy Him and His benefits as we were meant to do, from now unto all eternity.

Should we be afraid of God? Should our family and friends be afraid of Him? The answer, as we have seen, depends entirely on our and their relation to God - and thus on our and their relation to Christ. Oh, what *earnestness*, therefore, should characterize our pursuit of Christ - that we might be sure we are related to God in Christ! Moreover, what *urgency* should characterize our witness to family and friends! After all, we dare not forget: it is a dreadful thing to stand before a holy God outside of Christ!

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## May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 p.m. Wednesday Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Moncrief home)	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Fellowship Meal 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering			6:30 p.m. Wednesday Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Boyd home)	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship		10 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study (Jones home)  7 p.m. Joint Session / Diaconate Mtg	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Moncrief home)  7 p.m. Young Family/ Young Married Couples Bible Study	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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