



Minister's Minute

There's a saying about delicious desserts: *"You've saved the best for last."* In a way, this applies to the seventh and final church mentioned in Revelation—Laodicea. When compared to the other six churches, Laodicea seems to encompass all of them. It reminds me of the military's Code of Justice: after listing all the detailed laws, there's often one general clause that covers anything not specifically mentioned. Laodicea feels like that clause—a final word wrapping up the full message to all the churches. Jesus' words to Laodicea might sound like harsh condemnation at first. He describes them as *"lukewarm"*—neither hot nor cold—and ready to be spit out. But this is not rejection. It's a loving rebuke meant to wake them up, to revive them.

Christ ends His message with an invitation to all seven churches. He states, "He who conquers, I will grant him to sit with Me on My Thorne, as I Myself conquered and sat down with my Father on His Throne." As Christ surveyed the inner most life of the church, He saw three repairs needing to be made for healing this middle position. They were to change their understanding of value. God was to be understood as faith, not gold stored away in a bank. This church appears to be very prosperous yet appearing as a poverty-stricken group. A mixture of confusion of value made them very slack in their zeal of expressing outward dedication of faith to Jesus Christ. "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing not knowing you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I

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counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so you may be rich." A second change needing to be made is a change in garments, "White garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen." These new garments are the righteousness that cannot come from their fancy clothes but from Christ's love and forgiveness. This love comes from his sacrifice on the Cross making our outward appearance capable of exposing His righteousness. One other change always needed can only come from the Divine Source. The salve for the eyes to give a clearer vision of Christ who says, "and salve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Jesus was ready and willing to see these changes made. How do we conquer and sit with Him on His Throne? He answers this in a way we cannot deny. He stands at the door knocking, waiting for our hearts to hear the knock and enter only to find true gold, righteous clothing and a new vision. Do you hear Him? Open the door again, again, and again. Opening the door, we have conquered! Victory to everyone who opens. The seat is waiting for all who sit with him on the Throne.

Blessings, Bob

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
<i>Ushers:</i>	Thomas Eubanks Martin Morrow	Barry Pettit Eddie Eubanks	Eric West Robbie Pettit	Will Eubanks Danny West
<i>Children's Moment:</i>	Jennifer Eubanks	Robbie Pettit	Barry Pettit	Chris Olson
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Taylor Thomas	Erin Rollins	Marlee Pettit	Chris Olson
<i>Nursery:</i>	Laura Olson	Ashley West	Taylor Thomas	Laura Olson

October Birthdays

6 Blake Daniels
 8 Etta Jenkins
 13 Caleb Smith
 16 Kay West
 18 Nelson Smith
 18 Katherine Smith
 27 Jonathan Hart



Prayer Requests: Etta Jenkins, Rob Hart, Susan Wilson, Gordon DePoint, Eddie Zimmerman, Shirley Barnett, Jacob Casey, Barbara Eubanks, Nelson Smith, Bill Lestage, Katherine Smith, Connie McNeely, Kay Kirby, Kay West, Lana Phillips, Ann Gill, Jeff Casey, Cheryl Smith, Pat West, Carol Knox, Juanita Laughter, Annie Laura West, Jane Miller Waters, Bruce Sanders, Joyce McCain, Stephanie Malone, Phil Cantrell, Scott Pitcher, Angel Flower, Sharon Peck, Jan Vassey.

Homebound: Jerry Powell – RM Campbell Veterans Home, Anderson, SC



"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
 James 5:16

Third Sunday Lunch

We will continue to have our Third Sunday Lunches in 2025. Beginning in February the cost of the meal was raised to \$12. We can always use volunteers so if you are willing to help, please let Jim & Linda Powell know. Thanks for your support of this fellowship opportunity and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.



Next Third Sunday Lunch
October 19, 2025

DONATIONS

We have four funds that you can donate to In Honor of or In Memory of someone special. Just mark your donation with which fund you want to apply it to. We have our **Building Fund** in which money donated goes to upgrades and future expansion projects related to our church buildings. We also have a **Cemetery Enhancement Fund** which will go towards future enhancements to our cemetery. And now we have a **Community Outreach Fund** that will support the projects undertaken by the Community Outreach Program and a **Kitchen Fund** that will help support the third Sunday Lunches.

Donations made In Honor Of or In Memory Of:

- George Haymond in Memory of Linda Daniels
- Abby Jenkins in Honor of Etta Jenkins

General Donations:

Building Fund (BF), Cemetery Enhancement Fund (CEF), Community Outreach Fund (COF), Kitchen Fund (KF)

Bob Pettit (CEF), Bob Pettit (BF), Mr. & Mrs. Barnie Rhinehart II (BF), Dean & Gayle Thompson (CEF)

Donations that did not make this newsletter will be included in the November edition.

Glenn Springs Presbyterian Church News

Food Pantry: Thanks to all who helped prepare bags of food and then distribute them for the month of September. This is an important ministry for this church here in our own community. The Outreach Committee would also like to thank those who have contributed donations to support this ministry.

Wayne West Oyster Fest: The annual Wayne West Oyster Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025 at the Old Stone Church from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Come and enjoy the best oysters ever, beef and chicken chilis, sides, desserts, games, raffles and music from Northern Border Bluegrass Band. Tickets are only \$40 and can be purchased at gpspreservation.org or by contacting Linda Powell at 864-706-1083.

Bible Stories Revisited: What do you remember about the Bible stories you learned as a child? How does it compare with what the Bible actually says? Join us for a 6-week Bible Study where we will revisit these Bible stories and learn more about how they fit into God's Word. We will continue on Sunday, Sunday October 5 at 6:00 PM and continue each Sunday evening through the rest of October. Please see Allison Morrow if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

Fall Festival: This year Halloween falls on a Friday so we are going to try something we have done in the past that is a little different than recent years. We will be asking for volunteers to decorate their car trunks for a Trunk or Treat evening on Halloween, Friday October 31. If you are unable to participate by decorating your trunk, perhaps you can assist someone else or donate some candy to use that day. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins as the day approaches.

Watch our Sunday services live on YouTube Live

The best way to access the service on Sunday mornings is by going to our website, www.glennspringspres.org and clicking on the **Watch Our Service Live!** button at the top of the page.



The next Newsletter deadline is the last **Sunday of the month.** Please have all newsletter submissions turned in by this date.