



Minister's Minute

It is time to listen! As you walk down the ancient street of Ephesus, it is quiet except the visitors who are amazed to see where the old ruins have been discovered. One ruin in particular was The Artemis of Ephesus. This was at one time a high structure of the famous goddess pertaining to wild animals, chastity, and childbirth. One temple was pointed out by the guide indicating a path clearly marked for sailors to find their way when docking their boats for liberty. The coastline was much nearer to the old city at that time. As you come to the end of the street there is a large outdoor theater facing the shoreline which attracted males. Our thoughts go back to when John was on the Isle of Patmos, an island 60 miles from Ephesus where he wrote the book of Revelation. (Rev. 2) He was there not as a visitor but a prisoner who was knocked off his feet as if he were dead. The Spiritual messenger laid His right hand upon John saying, "Fear not I am the first and last, and I am the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and have the Keys of Death and Hades." Now we go back to when Paul who began Ephesian Church is now returning for his final visit.

Paul on his last visit to his friends, he warned them about false prophets who will come in and try to persuade them in the devil's work. He commends them for standing firm and patiently enduring His name's sake. You can see with John the mood changes with a stiff punch. They have abandoned the love they had at first! What was their love at the very first of becoming Christians? Think back about your first love of Jesus entering in your heart, what happened to you? As for me, my eyes opened, the world became new, and the Bible became real. This has left them during the days of John. He tells them..."You are to remember, repent or the very worst thing can happen. I will come and remove the Lampstand. I stand with you against the Nicolaitans. These people are immoral, lawless, and have no respect for sin." They were often compared with and considered to be a part of Baalism. In our own day they would be

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compared to mobs who decide to do what they desire regardless of who it hurts. The key emphasis on Jesus to Ephesus is the abandonment of their first love. Go back to Paul who was visiting them in Ephesus for the last time. What did they do when their hearts were full of love for Christ? The account has it that a number of those who practiced magic arts brought their books and together burned them in the sight of all. They counted the value of them and found it came to fifty (50) thousand pounds of silver. Material values meant very little to Paul. His claim was he had given his life to the ministry of Jesus. (Acts 20:24-38) He wanted them to know they may never see him free again. He closed his talk with Jesus words "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He had not risked his life for what he would get. He did this, as well as John, for the witness of Jesus Christ. It was a touching moment in having given his witness, he knelt and prayed with them all. They all wept and embraced Paul and kissed him knowing they may never see him again. John gave warning to the Ephesian Church in the book of Revelation. "Those who conquer I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the paradise of God." Through Jesus, our First Love, we too have the invitation of eating "of the tree of life."

Blessings, Bob

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
<i>Ushers:</i>	Frank Wilson Eddie Eubanks	Eric West Robbie Pettit	Thomas Eubanks Barry Pettit	Martin Morrow Danny West
<i>Children's Moment:</i>	Kevin Horres	Robbie Pettit	Allison Morrow	Chris Olson
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Taylor Thomas	Ashley West	Marlee Pettit	Chris Olson
<i>Nursery:</i>	Marlee Pettit	Erin Rollins	Taylor Thomas	Laura Olson

May Birthdays

4	Martin Morrow	15	Travis Rollins
4	John Morrow	18	Nancy Smith
7	Will Eubanks	19	Joyce McCain
10	Abby Jenkins	21	JT Rollins
11	Dottie Pack	23	Elaine Olson
13	Bradley Smith	23	Linda Daniels
13	Jayden Cleary-McCravey	26	Bob Barnett
14	Don Morgan		



Prayer Requests: Sunny & Gail Vincent, Bill Lancaster, Jacob Casey, Barbara Eubanks, Eddie Zimmerman, Nelson Smith, Ben Greer, Bill Lestage, Katherine Smith, Connie McNeely, Kay Kirby, Shirley Barnett, Kay West, Lana Phillips, Ann Gill, Gail & Sunny Vincent, Jeff Casey, Cheryl Smith, Gordon DePoint, Pat West, Carol Knox, Juanita Laughter, Annie Laura West, Jane Miller Waters, Bruce Sanders, Joyce McCain, Connie Jackson, 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
May 18, 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**:

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), Richard & Faye Waters (KF)

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

Donations to the Community Outreach Fund through the Unity Easter Lily totaled \$1,770.

You can see the names of those honored at the end of this newsletter.

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Bible School: It's not too early to start planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. We plan to have it June 1-5 so if you are willing to teach a small group, help set up/clean up, lead one of the other stations like games, music or crafts, or provide a meal, then let Taylor Thomas know. More details will follow in future bulletins. Don't forget to invite others to attend.

Congregational Survey: Watch for an insert in upcoming bulletins asking what activities you'd enjoy—and might be willing to help lead. Think Bible studies, day trips, game nights, or physical activities in the Family Life Center. We've offered events in the past, but we want to focus on what people will actually attend and what you'd be excited to help make happen. Start thinking now, we want your input!

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.

Unity Lily Contributions

The Unity Lily you see in the sanctuary represents the unity of our lives in the Church Militant and our close unity with the Church Triumphant. As Christians we are united as the Body of the Living Christ. Thank you for the remembrances of those who have now entered the Church Triumphant and for those dear love ones whom you honor. We can rejoice because the Lord God Omnipotent Reigns!

Given by: Dr. Bobby Earl Pettit & Family

Given in Memory of: Mrs. Geneva Ann West Pettit
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. West; Mr. & Mrs. John L. Pettit
Mr. & Mrs. S. Curtis Pettit; Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Pettit
Mrs. Lukeva Pettit; Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Allie Pettit) Skinner
Mr. John Wayne Pettit; Mr. Atlee Strange Pettit

Given in Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby E. Pettit, Jr. (Anna Barry)
Mr. & Mrs. John Barry Pettit (Marlee);
Little Miss Lottie Lee Pettit
Mrs. Ann Pettit Sander;
Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Dailey (Ashley Ann)
Mr. Preston Davis Sander; Mrs. Mary Wilkes Pettit
Mrs. Sharon Gowan Pettit

Given by: Chris & Lori Morrow

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Jones T. Morrow
Mr. John Wayne Pettit

Given by: Barney & Pam Rhinehart

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Barnette Rhinehart;
Billy & Sandra Jennings

Given by: Robert & Shirley Barnett

Given in Honor of: Dr. Pettit; Kevin Horres
Given in Memory of: Larry Patterson; Pat Patterson;
David Fudge

Given by: Frank & Susan Wilson

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson, Jr.;
Mr. & Mrs. James C. Hill; Mrs. Joyce Hill McDaniel

Given by: Wilbur & Mellie Groce

Given in Memory of: Bethany Groce

Given by: Nelson & Myra Smith

Given in Honor of: Dr. Pettit

Given by: Danny C. West

Given in Memory of: Charles & Mary John West;
Annie Mae Smith

Given by: The Eddie Eubanks Family

Given in Memory of: Edith Thornton; Ruby Eubanks;
Charlie Eubanks; Johnny & Kyrene Hill; Naamon & Jewell
Duty; Chandler Alexander; Marvin Eubanks

Given by: Bob & Donna Bodie

Given in Honor of: Danny West; Kevin Horres

Given in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. S.L. Montgomery, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. H.D. Bodie, Jr.

Given by: Martin & Allison Morrow

Given in Honor of: Our Parents and Uncle Bob

Given in Memory of: Our Grandparents

Given by: Nancy Smith and Family
Given in Memory of: Bob & Darryl Smith

Given by: The Thomas Family
Given in Memory of: Darryl Smith

Given by: Nancy Rogers
Given in Memory of: Tommy Rogers; Mr. & Mrs. Albert Taylor; Scott Taylor; Margaret O. Rogers

Given by: Stephanie Eubanks
Given in Honor of: The Adult Choir (Past & Current Members); Dr. Pettit; Kevin Horres
Given in Memory of: Terry Olson; Darryl Smith

Given by: Morris & Stephanie Eubanks
Given in Memory of: Diane Kirby; Edith Thornton; Ruby Eubanks; Carolyn Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Mauldin Pearson

Please Note: The names used are those which were placed on the forms in memory of or in honor of someone. Every effort was made to accurately interpret the form as it was filled out. Please forgive if you find that a mistake has been made. Thanks