



The Mustard Seed

July 2024

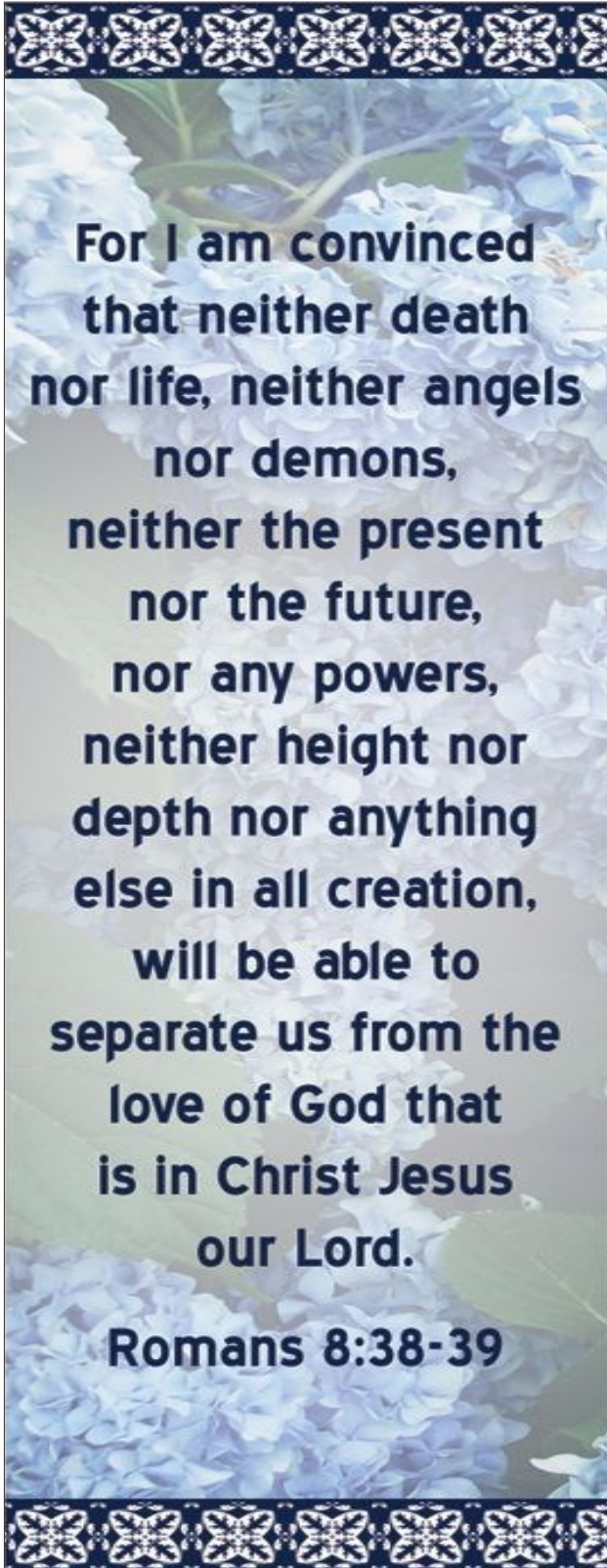
If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

Decently and in Order by Paul King

If you are around Presbyterians long enough you will hear folks talk about doing things “decently and in order”. It is not just a catch phrase. It is what we aspire to do, who we aspire to be. Our Presbyterian polity, our form of governance, is a representative one. We do not answer to an individual leader holding an office at the head of the church because we recognize the head of the church as Jesus Christ. Our church governance, instead, acknowledges the diverse gifts of individual members who make up the church. Some members are called into special service within the church as ruling elders, deacons, or ministers of Word and Sacrament (also known as teaching elders). Presbyterians strive to consider issues and make decisions in the local congregation, in presbyteries and synods, and at General Assembly, by ensuring the diversity of church membership is represented, and by balancing representation equally between ruling elders and teaching elders. When we meet to discuss issues of any kind, from selecting the color of sanctuary carpet to our role in caring for God’s creation, we attempt to do so decently and in order.

The source of this aim can be found in the fourteenth chapter of Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, verse 40. Jodi Craiglow suggests three lessons Paul is trying to teach us. First, be respectful of the people God has put into our community. Second, be deliberate about honoring and utilizing the full variety of spiritual gifts that God has blessed to individual people. And third, remember that our primary purpose in Christian community is “the enrichment of our relationship with God and with one another.” (‘Decently and in order’, PC (USA) Presbyterian Mission website, 05/03/2022).

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In summary, be respectful to each other, be grateful for diverse gifts possessed by individuals, and be reconciled to God and to one another.

Are we always successful at these things. Of course not! We are human! As Paul writes in Romans 3:10, "There is no one who is righteous, not even one." All have sinned and fall short. But we are justified by the grace of God, unearned and undeserved, through the redemption of Jesus Christ, effective through faith. Because we count ourselves as sinners, we confess our sins against God and one another early during our worship service, right after the opening sentences, prayer, and/or hymn. Before we turn our attention to hearing the Word read and proclaimed, we publicly confess how we have missed the mark, and we pray for forgiveness. The PC(USA) Book of Common Worship suggests that the Peace be placed immediately following the Confession and Pardon as a tangible symbol of forgiveness to others. In response to God's amazing love for us and God's grace in pardoning us, we are called to forgive each other. The liturgist prompts the gathering using these words or something similar, "Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another (Eph. 4:32)." And the congregation greets one another by saying, "The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you", as recipients respond with "And also with you".

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER,
TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER,
as God in Christ
FORGAVE YOU.
— EPHESIANS 4:32 —

The Confession of 1967, one of twelve confessions in our Book of Confessions, reminds us, "In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself ... He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission ... the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another." In joy and thanksgiving for the merciful love of God in reconciling us to himself through Jesus Christ, may we enthusiastically endeavor to be reconciled to God and to one another.

~ STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of May 8, 2024

YTD Income: \$23,650
YTD Expenses: \$21,976
YTD Net Income: \$1,674

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17*

~ PRESBYTERY PRAYER CONCERNS



Below are prayer concerns from the Presbytery of the Mid-South for this month. Please add these to your prayers for the week:

- Week of 7/7: Church Leaders, Office Personnel, and all Support Staff
- Week of 7/14: Evergreen Presbyterian, Memphis
- Week of 7/21: First Presbyterian, Memphis
Idlewild Presbyterian, Memphis
- Week of 7/28: Young Adult Volunteers

As always, pray for CPC and its members.

July 4th Celebration



Thursday, July 3 at Cox Park

Join the Town of Collierville for a community celebration for our nation at the 38th annual Collierville Independence Day Celebration!

Wednesday, July 3 we will celebrate together at HW Cox Park (440 W Powell Road). The order of events includes:

6:00 PM - Food vendors open.

7:00 PM - Entertainment begins.

9:30 PM - Fireworks grand finale!

Alexis Jade & the Gemstones will start the show, followed by the Soul Shockers performing a mix of classic 60's Motown, 70's funk, and today's top dance hits.

The highlight of the event will be Collierville's 18-minute fireworks show, one of the largest in the mid-south!

The rain date is Thursday, July 4.

Shine On!

Summer Camp 2024



Play in the Pines - Friday, March 15 from 5pm to Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 am
 Kids bring their favorite adults and spend the night at camp! Enjoy a night hike, s'mores over the campfire, arts/crafts, games, and nature activities. Includes parent information session on summer camp details, supper and breakfast plus private lodging and activities are included. \$45/adult and \$35/kid

Summer Camp Preview Day!

Sunday, March 24, 2024 • 3-5pm
 Visit Pinecrest to see what summer camp is all about! Meet the staff, check out the cabins, play on the playground, try a camp craft, explore a trail, and roast a marshmallow. Our camps serve rising 1st - 12th graders. Canteen open for merch and treats. Complete the scavenger hunt and you could win a Pinecrest shirt! Free and open to anyone interested in camp. Just show up, or RSVP: charity@campinecrest.org



Scan with your phone for more information.





We're all children of God and are created in God's image, and guess what else?! God's delighted with who we are. Let's explore how we let our lights shine, become helpers in a broken world, and deepen our relationship with our Creator.

2024 SUMMER CAMPS



At **LIT CAMP**, high schoolers practice, create, learn, and connect. With lots of laughter, Leaders In Training find out how they can help younger campers have the times of their lives at Pinecrest. LITs can volunteer at least a week during the summer.

NEW! CAMPING 101 Make amazing memories at this two night campout under the stars where kids bring their favorite adults. We provide the meals, set up the tents, and lead everyone through fun activities. Hike to beautiful sights, play among the fireflies, learn the compass, sing by the campfire, and more! One adult must be present for every 4 children. All ages, 1:4 adult to child ratio.

DISCOVERY CAMP is what you expect camp to be. Recreation, activities, swimming, arts/crafts, biking, Bible study...this is the camp that feels most traditional. It's great fun, and our campers make great friends who catch up year after year.

We know it's hard to leave your littles at camp, so try **MINI-CAMP**. We focus on safety and helping them have successful first camp experiences. At the end of their time, many little campers can't wait to stay for a whole week! Parents are SO (pleasantly) surprised.

Sometimes, we just want a little **TASTE OF CAMP**. Only two nights, TOC helps campers feel more comfortable with sleeping away from home and trying out new things. They'll do all the camp-y things, just curated to deliver highlights. TOC happens before Discovery 3, so you may still have time for a full week of camp this season.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CAMP fills up really fast, and here's why: when they come in on Sunday, our campers get to decide as a group what activities and experiences they want during the week. Sleep in a day? Ok. Stay up all night? Sure. Swim twice a day? Why not? It's so much fun!

Switching up **OUTDOOR CHALLENGE**. We'll start at Pinecrest, then head to east TN and NC to paddle the Hiwassee, and do some hiking, rappelling, and other challenges mixed with whitewater rafting on the Nantahala. 20 campers only. Fills Fast!

Have you tried **DANGEROUS CAMP**? Ok, really not that dangerous, but campers try things they don't usually try at home: woodworking, backcountry exploration, 'worst-case scenarios', and lots of other outdoor stuff with emphasis on safety. Campers enjoy building confidence and an enthusiastic sense of adventure.

Back by popular demand, **NIGHT OWL CAMP** is just what is sounds like, but get ready - staying up all night is harder than it looks. Do you have the stuff to last an hour longer each night, culminating in the most fun 8 hours you've had ever? Our days start a little later, too, and we have plenty of time for campy daylight activities as well.

Want to be a summer staffer or do you know someone who could work for us?

Check out summer position descriptions on our website and apply at [Pinecrest.campbrainstaff.com](https://www.pinecrest.org/campbrainstaff) or call **901.878.1247** with questions.

Here's one parent's take: My son accepted more responsibility for himself, and for younger campers. He was mentored by Pinecrest staff, and this interaction served as a model for him. Best of all, he looked forward to it every year. Pinecrest provided him with a range of formative and enriching experiences that would be hard for parents to offer their children directly. I am sincerely grateful for the time he spent there.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Realizing that families have different abilities to pay, Pinecrest offers a voluntary three-tier fee program. You know your family's financial situation better than we do. Simply choose the tier that is most suitable or comfortable for your family. All campers receive the same Pinecrest experience, no matter which amount you choose to pay. As you consider your family's financial situation, please also consider the true cost of camp. For more information about the three tiers, visit www.CampPinecrest.org

Every Child Should Experience Camp

We believe that every child should experience the powerful impact that summer camp at Pinecrest provides, regardless of income. For this reason we also provide "Camerpshtips" (our word for financial aid), so that no child is denied that experience because of financial hardship. If camp fees present a challenge for your family, please contact us at 901.878.1247 or email lucy@camppinecrest.org.

Reserve your summer camp spot now! Here's how:

Go to www.CampPinecrest.org to register online or to print off a full registration form

OR if you don't have Internet access, call us at **901.878.1247**

Register and pay in full by 11:59pm on 2/14/24 to receive the canteen credit (non-refundable).

CAMP	DATES	GRADES (completed)	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
Leaders in Training	June 2-7	10 th -12 th	\$500	\$500	\$500
Camping 101	June 6-8	All ages	\$75 each	\$75 each	\$75 each
Discovery 1	June 9-14	1 st -6 th	\$535	\$625	\$695
Discovery 2	June 16-21	1 st -6 th	\$535	\$625	\$695
Mini-Camp	June 16-19 (am pickup)	K-2 nd	\$335	\$375	\$405
Taste of Camp	June 19 (pm check in)-21	1 st -3 rd	\$295	\$325	\$350
Discovery 3	June 23-28	1 st -6 th	\$535	\$625	\$695
Middle/Highschool	July 7-12	6 th -12 th	\$535	\$625	\$695
Outdoor Challenge	July 12-18	5 th -9 th	\$825	\$825	\$825
Dangerous Camp	July 14-19	3 rd -7 th	\$535	\$625	\$695
Night Owl Camp	July 21-26	4 th -8 th	\$535	\$625	\$695

As Christians, specifically Presbyterians steeped in the Reformed Protestant faith, and as followers of Jesus who included all people in the realm of God, we welcome absolutely everyone to Pinecrest.

[Click here](#) to find out what's happening at your library!



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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

SUPPLIES NEEDED BY JULY 21ST.

Epiphany Lutheran Church is collecting school supplies for Collierville Elementary School students ages 2-6. There is a box outside of the Pastor TroyAnn's office for you to drop off items. Please drop off everything by July 21st. Items will be delivered to the school on August 1st.

[Click here](#) for ideas of things to purchase. Enter Code ID: COLI29. You do not have to purchase items on this site but can use for ideas. Questions? Contact [Twila Hooverson](#).



☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary



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Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	2 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Ethan Williams	3 ♦ Town of Collierville Fireworks (6pm) ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm)	4 	5	6
7 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm) ☺ Hollis Wimpee	8 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	9 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm)	10 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ☺ Mary Ammend	11 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm)	12	13 ♦ Private Event—Dunn (10am-5pm)
14 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Girl Scouts Event (1pm-5pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm)	15 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	16 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Kate Gurney	17 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ☺ John Gurney	18 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm)	19	20
21 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm) ☺ Tingting Davis ☺ Melanye Lunsford	22 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	23 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Ethan Lunsford	24 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ♥ Billy & Lynn Staggs	25 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm)	26	27
28 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm)	29 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	30 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm)	31 ♦ SCL Class (11am-2pm)			

SCL—Shelby County Literacy