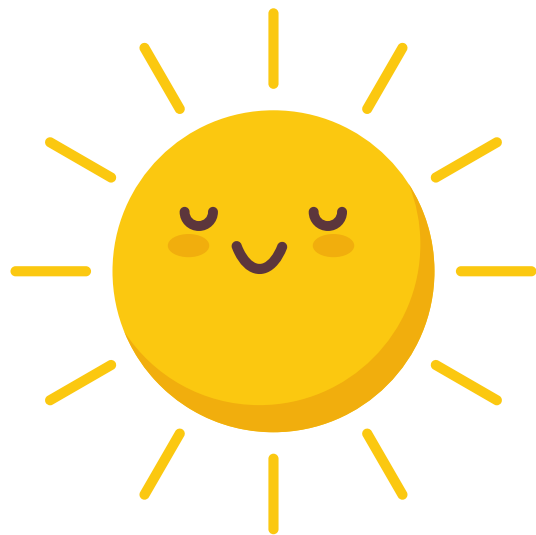




Weekly Newsletter

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"In a family I know they like to play a game with their Christmas presents. The game is to see who can package the other's present the most crazily. It is a grandfather and his grandchildren. They have wrapped a small present in a dryer box filled with fluff, used progressively smaller cereal boxes, concrete, and other means to conceal the object inside the package. The crazier and the more fluff involved the better.

I'm thinking about this crazy package game as I think about seeds, kernels, the kingdom of God and our role in it. While the package game is fun there is still a very real present found within it. The same is true of us. We have a real and true kernel at the center of ourselves. We may dress it up with all kinds of other things but we need to always know what that real true thing is and what the fluff is.

When we know what is real and true about us we learn about what God has made us to be. We learn that though we may feel and be small, we are at least substantial.

There is something to each of us that will not merely blow away with the wind, but instead is connected with the eternal God. It is that seed or kernel that has the power to help build God's kingdom here and now, and to change the world in good ways.

Though we may be small, may we always know that we are substantial,

Pastor Ben



**COMMUNITY FEST PLANNING
MEETING AFTER CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY. LUNCH IS
PROVIDED!**

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK

27. Ecc.10-12
28. Song of S. 1-4
29. Song of S. 5-8
30. Isaiah 1-3
31. Isaiah 4-6
August
1. Isaiah 7-9
2. Isaiah 10-12

Upcoming...

**7/25 Community Table
Cran Team**
7/26 Worship
**11am;Community Fest
meeting/lunch**
**7/27 Brown Bag Bible
Study 12-1pm at UCC**
**8/1 Community Table 4-
4:30pm Grove Team**

Serving in Worship

Rev. Ben Moore
Elder: Amanda Talbert, Lisa Altizer
Media: Nicole Altizer
Worship Leader: Kelly Evans
Deacons: Jesse and Maria Shepherd,
Katie Lemmon, Gary Davis
Music: Praise Team
Accompanist: Gina Rhea

WORSHIP JULY 26

Announcements/Greeting
Children's Blessing
Music Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In this life we cannot do great things

People: We can only do small things

All: With great love!

***Opening Hymn** no. 22 (all)
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

***Opening Prayer**

Special Music

Scripture Matthew 13:31-33
Good News "Kernels of Goodness"

Prayer for the People/Lord's Prayer

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer for Offering

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn no. 566 (all)
"Be Still, My Soul"

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Words of Institution

Share in Communion

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn of Invitation** no. 638(all)
"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***Closing Prayer**

***Going Forth** "Weave" no. 495
*Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.*

*denotes standing, if able

Church Members:

New Concerns:

Susan Barton, Ken Bratton, Ruth Hinkley, Betty Jones, Lauren and Addisen Lawson, Joe Marshall, Sandy Pascoe, Alban and Phyllis Shumate, Brittney Stike, David and Angela Thompson

Long-Term: Frances Carter, Johnny and K.C. Cole, Sharon Dodson, Alice Gallimore, Glenn and Karen Johnson, Jessica Jonas, Tenny Jones, Max Mottesheard, Richard Sandoe, Aubrey Scaletta and family, Danielle Shelton, Phyllis and Alban Shumate, Keith Whitt

Community Friends: Hope Aidam, Teddy Altizer, Pamela Bartle, Larry Beverley, Matt Byrd, Becki and Addy Calfee, Douglas Chapman, **Family of Vince Clark**, Carly Sandoe Cole and family in Dubai, Lucy Coleman, Mike Crews, Kem Darden, All military in the Middle East, Catherine Fox, Jerry Gill, Phyllis Grubb, Toby Hedge, **Family of Phil Hendrix**, Ricky Jackson, David Johnston, Rosemary Kesling, Jeff Lovvorn, Jeff McConnell, Dori Meginle, Joey Murphy, Renie Price, Wayne Queen, Harold Rhodes, Kay Snider, Mary Ann Tate, Pam Thomas, **Family of Kate Vicars-Soloway**, Amanda and Alex Wilkens and family

Shut-ins:

Delilah McConnell - Commonwealth, Christiansburg
Betty Wilson - Kroontje Health Care Center
Doyle Barton - Kroontje Health Care Center
Annie Akers - Heritage Hall

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