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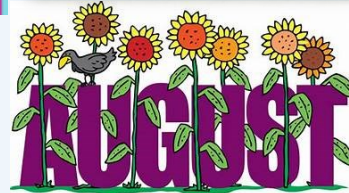
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**Why small is beautiful when
it comes to churches**



2023

Jesus spent the majority of his adult life surrounded by just 12 men, yet saved the world from sin. Gideon only had 300 men yet managed to defeat the Mideonites. David beat Goliath. One might suggest our God is a God of the underdog. It is easy to assume that the churches that have all the money and all the people do all the good, and there is no denying that mega-churches do good things. However, stats released by charity Christians Against Poverty show that 6/10 of the churches they worked with had a membership of 100 or less, while just 1 per cent had congregations 500 strong or more. It all comes down to relationship. The power of the small church is that relationships go deep and are real. This may look and feel a little messier, but real relationships in which people are known to one another fosters a sense of belonging and ownership that empowers members to engage with one another and the wider community. Church becomes more than just a Sunday club, it becomes family. In a smaller church each member is needed – active engagement is required – or else the show will not go on. It is easier to galvanise people to action when they know that their voice is both needed and will be heard. We are family here at WPC!



Dan Hendricks-Leader

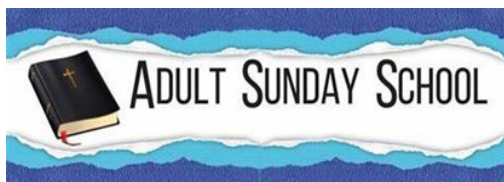
New Class starting on August 13th @ 10:00-10:30!

3D View of the Gospel of John

What you see is not always what you get!

You will not want to miss this class because the Gospel of John will come to life!

Bring your Bible to the old Iseli room off of the parlor!



August Birthdays

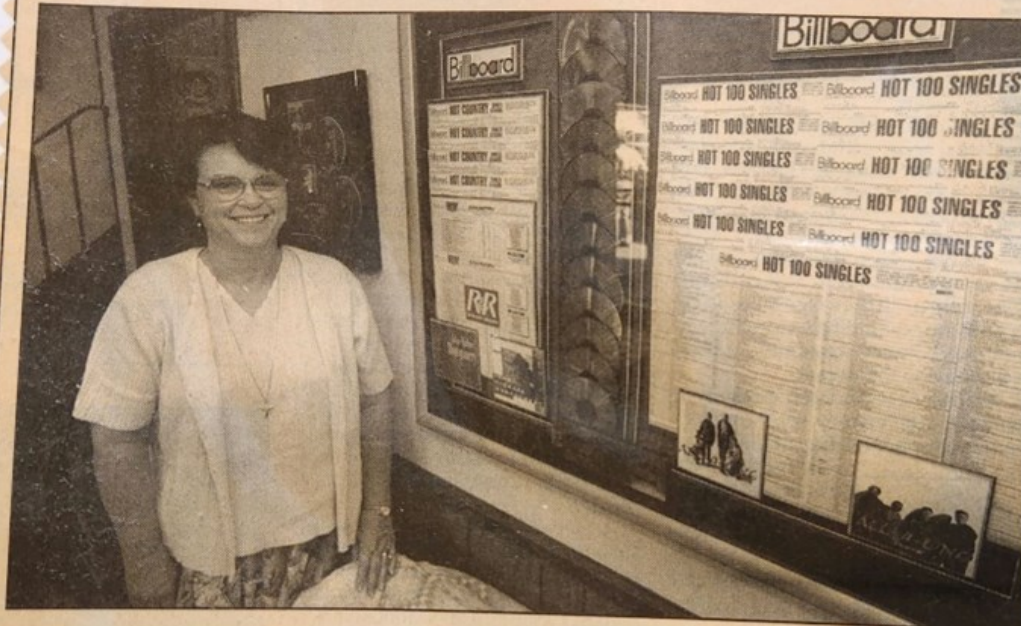
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On the WPC music trip:
Alonda, Paula, Sally, Nick,
Sue, & Susan



FAME-ous mom: Hall takes charge



Linda Hall, the wife of FAME Recording Studios founder Rick Hall, began working at the Muscle Shoals studio while her three sons were in school. She now supervises FAME's financial operations.

*I was born and raised down in Alabama,
On a farm way back up in the woods.*
— "Patches" (1970)

By Terry Pace and Robert Palmer
Of the TimesDaily

Linda Hall's first excursion into the music business started as a part-time, temporary venture to help her husband, Rick, get a new publishing deal up and running at FAME Recording Studios.

Raised in the church, Linda admits to having been "naïve to the ways of the world — and Rick knew that." In the days when her husband was still performing in bands — mostly in places where alcohol was served — he would not let Linda attend. "I never saw him play — except once at a street dance in Sheffield," she said. "He said that these were not places he wanted his wife to go, and he was not going to take me from a church to a honky-tonk." In the late 1970s, Rick Hall had taken two years off from FAME to build a new home in Littleville. By '79, he was ready to return to work. One of the first items on his agenda was to arrange some new publishing deals. Several publishing representatives

At that time, Linda was raising three seeing the household budget and heavy church, school and community projects. for a new challenge, although she didn't opportunity when it first presented itself.

The Halls' new house was finished, restless while their children were in school.

"I was kind of stuck out there, and I to climb the walls," she said. "Everything the house that we wanted done. I didn't there alone. I like being around people

Then opportunity knocked.

"When Rick went back to work, it different," she said. "These publishing to him how important it was that some family know something about the business."

"Our children were still young — they was 12," she said. "The children were to be involved. So if anything ever happened needed to be well-enough informed so publishing part of it could be carried

When Rick returned to work, he ed in the office, so Linda began work help out. Her arrival was timely.

"We were actually looking for because we were going into sub-publishing was a lot of typing and a lot of paper. "I was to help do that and get things

"In the meantime, I started doing accounting, and I found out the girl 'secretary-accountant' for the past six embezzling from us. So Rick said, 'What mistakes, but at least you won't steal do it for the time being, until we find

As their sons grew older, Linda more time at the studio. As her husband years earlier, she began learning the music business through hard experience.

"It's been stressful at times but opinionated — but so am I," she said at times, but it's been good.

"It's helped me to understand what he's tried to accomplish and accomplished," she said, "and to understand the way he has sometimes because because of the pressure he's under."

"I think it's been very helpful in said. "We're still together after 39

In recent years, she said, the duction business has become more more competitive in many respects have gone up as well. Compared said, royalty rates for publishers through the roof.

Linda Hall's busy schedule at telephone rings constantly.



WPC Group pictured with Linda Hall, current Financial Mgr of Fame Studio



Dan and Barb Hendricks have lived in Florence since the Fall of 2012. Dan worked as the Vice-president of Advancement for UNA from 2012 until 2018. Dan holds a PhD in Historical Theology from Duke University. He received a grant to write his dissertation on the Swiss Reformation from the Swiss government. He has worked in higher education for many years and has taught theology at the Memphis Theological Seminary as well as serving the Presbyterian Church as pastor for ten years.

Barb has an MEd in Reading from Duke. She has taught for many years. She is currently teaching with the art museums in the Shoals, as well as working with a new art program at Brick Hatton Elementary.

Dan & Barb Hendricks



The love of a FAMILY is
LIFE'S GREATEST
Blessing♥

Dan and Barb have three daughters and sons-in law and seven grandchildren. They have lived in Louisville, St. Louis, and Lemoore, California before settling in Florence.



The Hendricks 3 beautiful daughters





Fun times at Kentucky Lake with the whole family!



The end of a beautiful day!



Karen Nelson



I have been a resident of Lauderdale County my entire life. I have worked in the accounting field for most of my career. The last position I held as Bookkeeper for 27 years was for Nelson Construction, which was owned and operated by my late husband. Since then I have worked at the Sunrise Center in Sheffield and Substituted for the Lauderdale County Board of Education. I also worked as Intake Coordinator for Room at The Inn during the winter and continue to pass out food and supplies twice a week.

I have spent a lot of time in the past volunteering for different organizations such as Sidney Safe Foundation, Red Cross and Room in the Inn. I am an active member of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary where I have served on the Christmas Committee for over ten years. I have been dedicated to helping the homeless and less fortunate people in our community for the past two years to better themselves, and maybe get back on their feet.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family, bowling and working outside.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me.
Blessings, Karen

»» BOOKKEEPER



Train Dance





Neighborhood Lemonade Party

What a huge success! WPC had a packed sanctuary, and the *Midnighters* had everyone singing, clapping, and dancing in the aisles! Thank you to everyone who provided cookies and lemonade to continue our traditional neighborhood party!



Have a great semester

AYLA HEINITZ

Daughter of Audra & Robo Heinitz

Granddaughter of Angela Hamilton



Kyndall will be back in Auburn working on her Pre-Professional degree (MSNT) in Biological Sciences.



Bob Howard enjoyed his recent visit to NC to visit family! He is pictured here with his cousin Peggy!

Sterling, Wyatt & Stella Mimbs



**God
Bless
America**

**Linda & Lud
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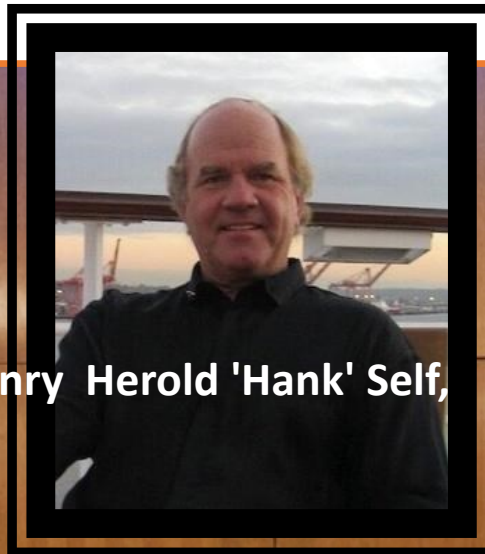
So You Can Know & Show You Care

Immediate: Florence Duncan, Brenda Gray, John Horton, Lawrence Perry, Jeremy Sylvester & an unnamed prayer request

At Home: Jean Blair

Green Oaks: Lynda Hicks

TN Assisted Living: Dot Solomon



Henry Herold 'Hank' Self,

Please keep Laura Jane Self & family in your prayers

died at home surrounded by his loving family, on his 73rd birthday.



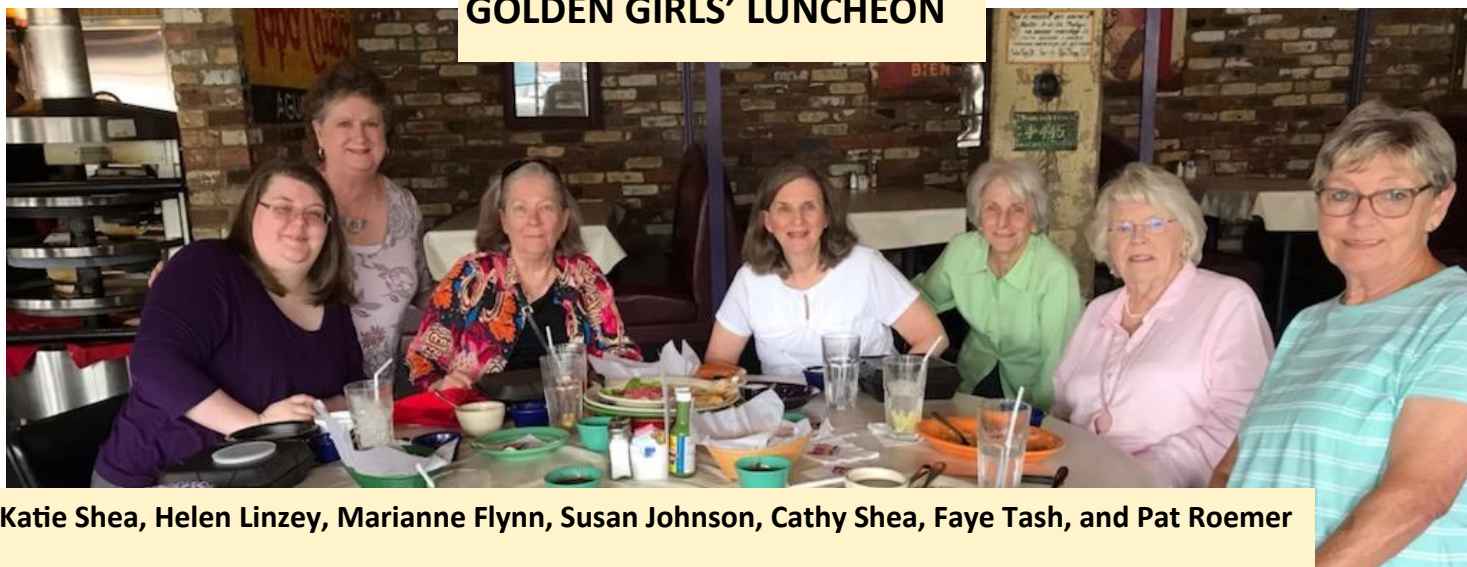


Happy Birthday
Stella & Wyatt Mimbs!!
Children of Sam & Sandra
Grandchildren of Keith &
Devonia
Great-Grand children of
Arzetta Mimbs

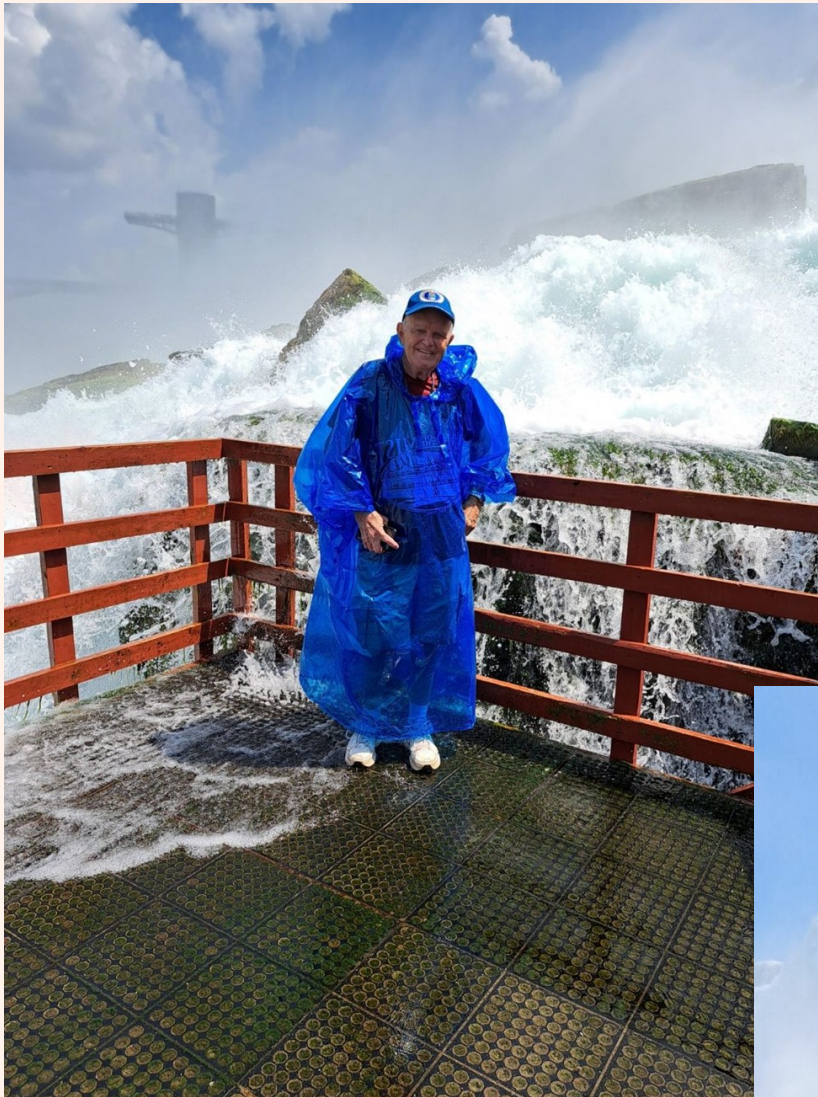


WHEN: Sun, Sept 10TH 4:00 PM
WHERE: Courtyard/Parlor
WHAT: Sign up slips to bring homemade/
 purchased ice cream will be in upcoming bulle-
 tins.

GOLDEN GIRLS' LUNCHEON



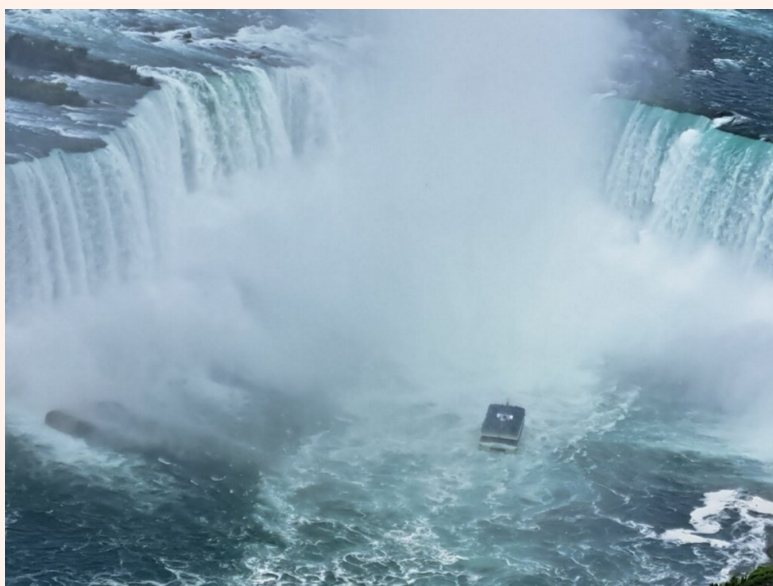
Katie Shea, Helen Linzey, Marianne Flynn, Susan Johnson, Cathy Shea, Faye Tash, and Pat Roemer



Johnny Salter, Joe's brother, says the boat ride was exhilarating and one filled with prayers for a quick return for safety.



Aetna Salter, sister-in-law of Joe Salter, enjoys God's marvelous Niagara Falls.



Johnny and Aetna Salter were awestruck while venturing intimately within God's mighty Niagara beauty.



On July 23, Alonda Crosslin filled the pulpit. She delivered the message "Bloom Where You are Planted"! We don't get to choose the cards we are dealt, but we can choose how we play them. We should strive to be content in any situation because we are led by the Holy Spirit. She closed with this poem.....

"Bloom Where You Are Planted"
by *St. Francis De Sales*:

"Bloom where you are planted",
Shine where you are sent,
Know that God has used you here,
Just the way He meant.

Love where you are living,
Serve where it's His will,
Know that God has plans for you,
That only He can fill.

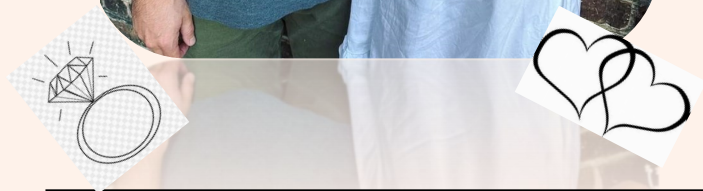
Grow where you are going,
Weep when you're in pain,
Know that God restores your soul,
Makes you whole again.

Pray when you are breathing,
Laugh when you exhale,
Know that God is near you,
Never will He fail.

"Bloom where you are planted!"
Though it be dark or bright,
Some blossoms give their fragrance best,
In the darkest hours of night.

"Bloom where you are planted!"
Be strong, be not afraid.
The winds may blow and sun may beat,
And your spirit droop and fade

But "Bloom where you are planted!"
You will withstand the strain.
God's life within will guarantee,
That His plants will remain.
Amen



Tanner Crosslin & Madeline Edwards would like to announce their engagement!
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

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