



On May 26, WPC was honored to have Doug Marshall, President and CEO of the Presbyterian Home for Children, attend our Sunday School class and deliver a message during the worship hour. His success stories of the mothers and children inspired our members to help where they can. Doug has agreed to send some ideas of possible things the WPC women can make for the school children. These items could



be delivered in person by some WPC volunteers who could offer their Services to help with cleaning, repairs, etc. More information to come soon. Please let Alonda Crosslin know if you have any ideas for this service project!

Presbyterian Home for Children: A Legacy of Care and Compassion

As the Civil War raged, Alabama's Presbyterians launched a bold initiative to care for the growing population of the state's orphaned children. The plan was to open a home for those orphaned children, the ones who struggled the most to recover from the war's destruction of homes, lives, and families.

The financial condition of Alabama after the war made fundraising difficult, but the Presbyterian women stepped up, taking over and making the dream of a home for children possible. In 1868, the Presbyterian-sponsored Home opened its doors to care for their first children in need and quickly became a pillar of stability for countless children from across Alabama.

Today, the Presbyterian Home for Children (PHFC) continues that legacy of compassion and support. Located on an 80-acre campus in the heart of Talladega, PHFC has expanded and flourished beyond what anyone in the 1860s could have imagined. This ministry of the Presbyterian Churches of Alabama cares for boys and girls of all ages and their female caregivers who find themselves homeless because of poverty or escaping abusive situations. PHFC is accredited by Social Current, the leading accrediting organization for social services in the U.S. and Canada; and EAGLE, the world's only faith-based accrediting body for ministry to children. The Presbyterian Home for Children changes lives. We see children and families at a time of their greatest need, when they are experiencing homelessness, abuse and/or

neglect. Our experienced staff lift up those in the most need and prepare them to live the life God intended them to live.



PHFC provides a variety of programs designed to offer housing security, family preservation, education, and outreach:

Housing Security: Secure Dwellings: Provides transitional housing for homeless boys and girls and their female caregivers, assisting them in moving toward self-sufficiency.

Temporary Supportive Housing: Helps break the cycle of homelessness for families successfully graduating from Secure Dwellings.

Transition to Adult Living: Serves homeless young women as they transition into successful independent adulthood.

Union Village: A partnership with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, offering permanent supportive housing for individuals who are deaf, blind, deafblind, or multi-disabled.

Family Preservation: Family Bridges: An off-campus program that works with families in need of intensive services aimed at reunification, preservation, or strengthening of the family.

Education: Ascension Leadership Academy: An accredited, college-preparatory school founded by PHFC, focusing on individualized learning plans to help students succeed.

Outreach: Wilcox and Marengo Outreach: Ministers to children and youth in the underserved Black Belt region of Alabama through a partnership with the nonprofit M.I.N.D. Mentoring in New Dimensions.

PHFC is more than just a home for children—we're a sanctuary for children and their families. The Home is "the place where the light is always on and the door is always open" to serve those in need of a supportive, healing, and faith-based hand up. Our mission remains steadfast: to nurture, educate, and equip children, young adults, and their caregivers to become the fully functioning persons whom God created them to be.

As we continue to grow and expand our services, we invite you to join us in this mission. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram and visit <https://phfc.org> for more updates and opportunities to support PHFC in our work of providing stability, healing, and hope to those in need. Thank you for being a part of our community and for helping us make a difference in the lives of Alabama's most vulnerable children and families.

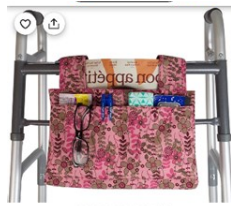


During May, some of the WPC women met to brain storm ideas for Service Projects. Starting later this Summer/Fall the women of the church plan to meet once a month for fellowship while working on various service projects. WPC Women would like to make things to help our Pre-School, local nursing facilities, local cancer treatment clinics, Presbyterian Children’s Home for Children, etc. The following are ideas that came up during the meeting. Do you know of organizations that need our help? Do you have more ideas of things the women could make?

NURSING HOMES:



Pockets for walkers



Fidget Blankets

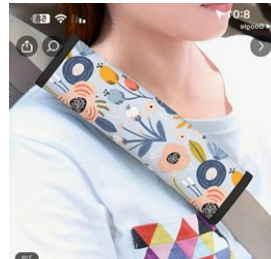


Cancer Patients:

Chemo port pillows protect from the seatbelt rubbing



Lap blankets & neck pillows



Pre-School:



Pencil Pouches



Cell phone pouches for the teachers

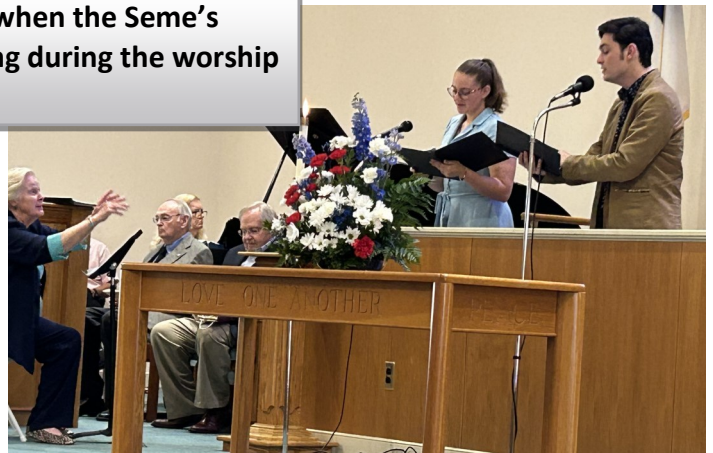


WHEN: Thurs, June 20 @ Noon
WHERE: El Pollito Loco (Buffet available)
 1403 Chisholm Rd.





WPC was blessed when the Seme's granddaughter sang during the worship service!



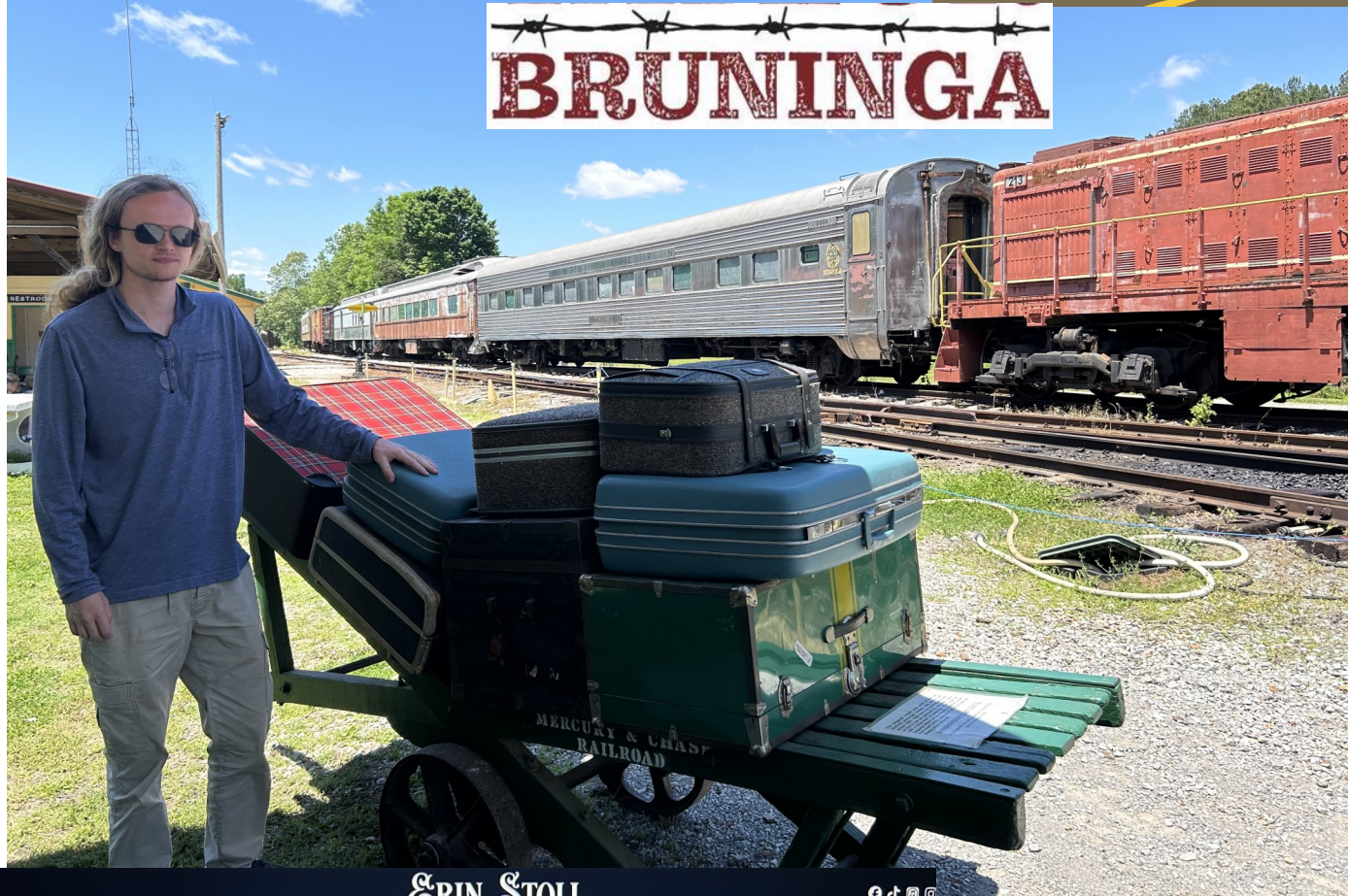
Lud & Linda Seme with granddaughter Emily Faint



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COUNTRY GIRLS TOUR

An award-winning country singer from Ohio, Erin seamlessly blends modern country with a soulful twist.

Since childhood, she's pursued her dream of Nashville stardom, known for her vibrant, crowd-pleasing performances. In 2016, she recorded her debut EP *Unfinished* in Nashville, produced by Randy Barr, which includes the Best Country Song of 2016 in Ohio, *Unfinished*. Currently, she's collaborating with renowned producer Kenny Royster for a new EP, expected in winter 2024, continuing her journey in the country music scene.



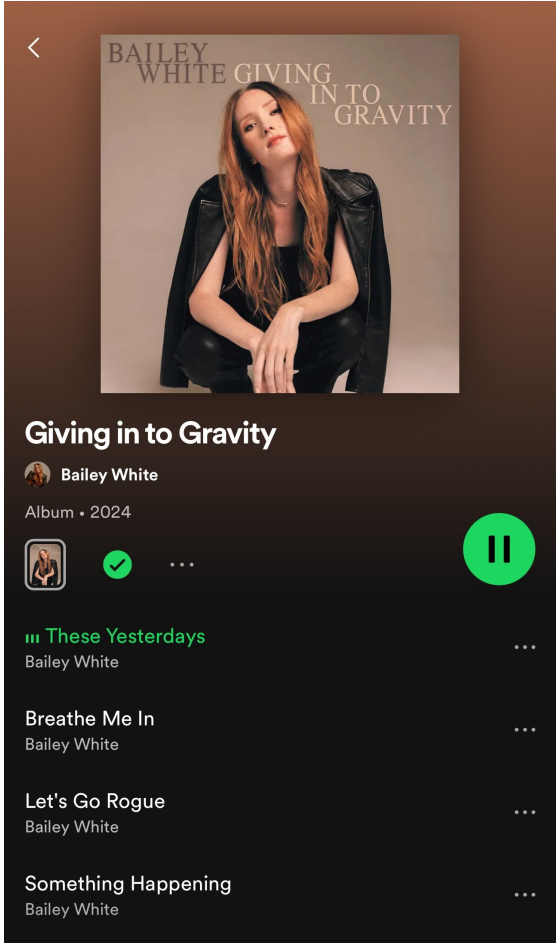
Wil Bruninga is on tour with country singer, Erin Stoll! The Country Girls Tour will start in Ohio where she is from. Wil plans on possibly returning to Florence in the Fall, but will see where he is led. Good luck Wil from your WPC family!

GIVING IN TO GRAVITY – CDS AVAILABLE NOW

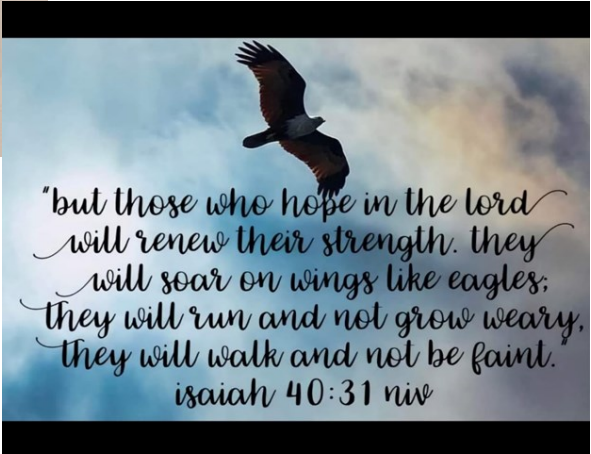
With most of my inspo coming from the early 2000s, there will always be something special to me about a CD. When I was younger, I loved to see how an artist visually told the story of their album with the layout. It was always so inspiring to me, and still to this day listening to a CD front to back is my favorite way to consume music. I am so excited to have created that experience I love so much about a CD for you all with my new album. I have the incredible [Brent Galloway](#) to thank for making this come to life better than I ever could've imagined.

Bailey White has her first album out! If you'd like one for \$10 let Alonda Crosslin know by emailing Alondacr@gmail.com or texting/calling 256)710-8662.

We are proud of you Bailey!!

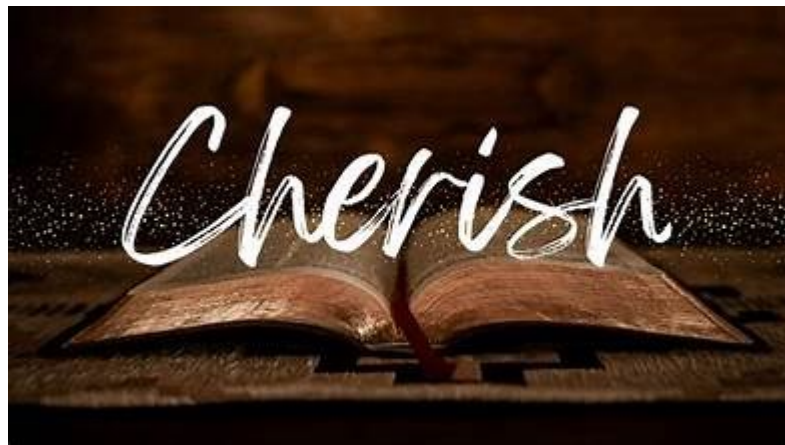


The Bible is the only book that you can never finish. It is Alive! You will see new things each time you study it.



Last Sermon

Of John McKell



Nov 26, 2023

Have you heard the story about the two old ladies who were sitting on the front porch one summer evening? One was listening to the crickets chirp. The other was listening to a choir rehearsing in a church across the street. The second lady exclaimed to the first lady, "Isn't that heavenly music?" "Yes," agreed the first woman. "And I understand they do it by rubbing their legs together."

It all depends on what you hear! Today I want to examine the idea of lifting our eyes beyond the day to day or the face appearance of things in order to experience the abundant life that Jesus says He came to give. This is what Paul talks about in Ephesians 1 where he prays that we will hear and respond to the Holy Spirit as He ministers to us with two very special gifts—a spirit of wisdom and a spirit of revelation in the knowledge of God. In verse 18 Paul says, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened."

That's a very interesting phrase. What would it be like if your heart had eyes? Well, in a crassly literal sense, you would have a great view of your lungs and liver. If they were placed right, you might even be able to see the stomach. Imagine what a help this would be for doctors—"How does your ulcer look today, Bob?" Of course this is not to be taken that literally. What Paul means is that there are things the eyes of our heads don't always see. We need another set of eyes, especially sensitized by God, to see as He sees. The eyes of the heart are inner eyes—eyes that are able to see to the center of a situation, beyond the surface, day to day, same ol', same ol' appearance. Paul implies that we naturally have these eyes but that they have been dimmed by separation from God. His prayer is that they will once again be enlightened. Then we will see the same old things in new and exciting ways. Let me give you an example of what this might be like when it happens. It came from a friend of mine. With two boys of their own, Mifi and Ken decided to adopt some "un-adoptable boys"—boys with serious handicaps. It was not easy with three more boys in the family. In fact, she said, she sometimes doubted her sanity. They worked closely with an agency that specialized in finding homes for hard to place kids. One day she got a call asking them to take, on a temporary basis, another boy who desperately needed a home atmosphere. He was developing an extremely bad temper and needed to get into a home as soon as possible. His handicap was a seriously cleft palate which disfigured his face. Miji said yes—for some reason—and went the next day to get him. But she began to have second thoughts. She was upset about one of the boys at home and didn't want to have to deal with still another ill tempered young boy. As she sat waiting a woman walked in with a child who was peeking over her shoulder. Only the eyes were visible and Miji said, "Lord, if only you could give me a child like that. Those eyes are the most beautiful eyes I have ever seen."

Of course that was her boy. As soon as he pulled up straight, she saw his face and knew, but the experience of seeing only his eyes had changed her. For a moment God had let her see with a different set of

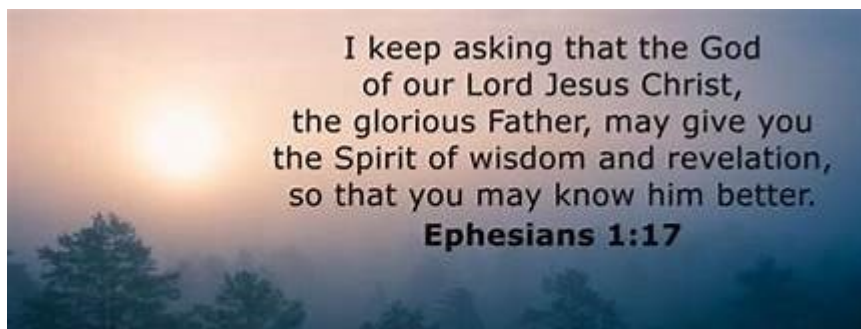
eyes, His eyes, the eyes of her heart, and she saw not a difficult child but a lovely, lovable one. The eyes of our hearts see in different ways than the eyes of our heads. And friends, we need that new vision. We need to see ourselves and the world through those eyes that God would enlighten.

Our society is very feeling oriented. The “bible” of many in our society is the book of Vibrations. In Good Vibrations 2:3 we read, “if it feels good, do it.” In second Vibrations 4:6 we read: “How could God love me when I feel so unlovable?” In Warm Fuzzies 6:3 we read: “If it feels good, how could it be wrong?” Now what is so tragic about this state of affairs is that many Christians are buying into this feeling oriented way of living. Their faith is only an extension of their feelings. Subsequently, their faith goes up and down like a roller coaster—their confidence in God, depending on how they feel that day. Paul calls us away from this emotional subjectivism to an objective look through the lit-up eyes of our hearts. What is it that we should see?

First, Paul writes, we will know the “hope of our calling.” We should know first of all that we have eternal roots to our lives, that we aren’t here by accident but were known and loved by God even before the creation of the world. God has called us to an altogether new life in which we know, love, obey and serve Jesus, enjoy fellowship with Him and with each other, and look beyond present suffering to the glory that will one day be revealed. This is ‘the hope to which God has called you.’ And Paul prays that our eyes may be open to know it. What’s the point of all this?...The point is that we need to have the eyes to see our past, our future and our present if we are going to truly experience the abundant life Jesus came to give.

I read somewhere that a publisher of the London Times named Lord Northcliffe was threatened with complete blindness. Specialists who examined him could not find anything essentially wrong with his eyes and they came to the conclusion that what he needed was the “far look”. The constant reading of fine print and the need for close observation had imposed too great a strain on his eyesight. He was told to take a month’s vacation in the country away from the printed page and to look at nothing but big, far away things. That’s quite a parable for this passage. We too often need the far look in our Christian lives—the ability to see the big picture so we don’t get so wrapped up in immediate problems that we surrender in a fight that God has already won on our behalf. And how do we gain this far look? How are the eyes of our heart to be enlightened? Well, it won’t come from talking about it. It will only come, as Paul demonstrates, by praying for it. The enlightening of eyes is of God’s Spirit—not a product of our intellect. So rather than talk, let us pray.

“I pray that the eyes of each of our hearts may be enlightened, so that we may know what is the hope of our calling, what are the riches of the glory of our inheritance from God, and what is the surpassing greatness of God’s power working in our lives this day.” In Jesus’ name, Amen





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Thank you John Offutt & B&G for getting the church steeple spray washed! (That is the Offutt's neighbor in the bucket)



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