



LIME LIGHT
WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC
March 6, 2025



Your Gifts Let Us Do Ministry and Mission

The Finance Committee keeps track of the church's income and expenses each month but thought people might like to see the overall picture for last year.

We had a planned budget of \$310,407; but, thanks to some wonderfully generous members and friends, our total contributions came out to \$315,574.

We had some unusual one-time expenses as well, though. We spent approximately \$30,000 for a new furnace (paid for mostly from the HVAC Fund) and over \$19,000 for a new roof (covered mostly by an insurance payment).

The largest part of the budget, as always, went to Personnel - \$180,294. \$73,091 was spent on Building and Grounds. We had budgeted benevolences that totaled \$15,785, and we also had a number of monthly offerings and Relief and Hardship payments that came out to \$21,280. The total benevolences, then, were \$37,065.

The other church committees - Christian Education, Fellowship, Outreach, etc. - are all important, but didn't account for a major part of

our budget. Most spent less than their planned amount for the year.

When all was said and done, the church was blessed with an unusually large budget surplus of \$22,680 for 2024. --Jim Watts, Treasurer



It's THIS weekend!

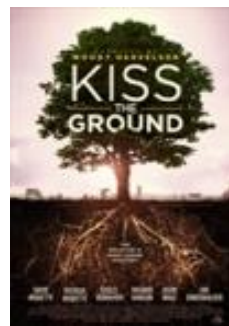
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night, and we'll see you in worship Sunday!



Joy Circle will meet Tuesday, March 11th at 10:30 AM in the church parlor.



The Grace Circle meets tonight (Mar 6) at 7:00 pm at Janet Carroll's home, 2490 Love Springs Road. Barbara Jarman will lead the study of Lesson 5, Air Quality.



**Sunday, March 9
6:30 p.m. in the
Parlor**

What is soil? Can you define it? Describe it? Soil is a natural body made up of minerals, air, water, organic matter, and living organisms. It is the interface between the

atmosphere and bedrock. Distinct soil "horizons" transition from the nutrient-laden topsoil that teems with life, all the way down to mere crumbled rocks beneath. Soils are infinitely diverse, morphing based on their parent material (underlying rock), local climate and topography, and the plants, animals, and fungi that inhabit them. Soil is not a renewable resource. What will we do if our soil no longer nourishes seeds?

Daily Examen: A Lenten Practice



Final Session: Spring Bible Study

We will conclude our study of the Jewish year by looking at some 20th-century additions to the calendar. Join us in the FLC at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

We Are Praying For...

Susan Best; Johnny Wyatt's dad; Sharon Thompson; Jane Aldridge; Brenda Boozer; Roberta Byars; Lisa Cleveland; Mary Aiken; Lib Allen; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley.

Calendar

Sunday, March 9

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
6:30 PM Movie Night – Parlor

Monday, March 10

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room
6:15 PM Fellowship/Congregational Care Comm. Mtg. – Conf. Room

Tuesday, March 11

10:30 AM Joy Circle – Parlor
6:00 PM Bible Study – FLC

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

Sunday, March 16

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

The Shakers practiced a spoken confession of sin to the Elders and Eldresses in their community. The only question the Society asked of those seeking membership is, "Are you sick of sin, and do you want salvation from it?" They sought to help people repent, to turn away from their sin, and leave their sins behind them.

This year for Lent, you are encouraged to take on the practice of a daily Examen - or consideration of your day in search of where you saw God and where you moved away from God, so that you, too, can practice repentance - turning away from sin and turning toward God.

There are five steps in the historic practice of Examen:

***First**, thank God for the blessings of the day.

***Second**, ask for light. Ask God to let you see your day honestly - to shine a light on its good as well as its less-good as you seek to examine it.

***Third**, stop and think where you saw God during the day - in human action and interaction in creation, in the words someone spoke or didn't speak in the growth of your own faith.

***Fourth**, face what went wrong. Where were the points in the day when you spoke - and shouldn't have - or you didn't speak up when you should have? When did you act in ways that are contrary to your calling as a follower of Christ? When were the times - in big or small ways - that your words or actions, thoughts or feelings were not the words or actions, thoughts or feelings of Jesus?

***Finally**, repentance. To repent is to turn around. In the last step of Examen, the prayer is that God will turn you around from those words, actions, thoughts, prayers that are anti-Christian, anti-Jesus. The prayer is to return to God, to a healed and whole relationship with God, to experience God's forgiveness one more time, to be welcomed back by God as the beloved child you are.

We have created a Daily Examen Journal to help you in this practice. You do not need to have a journal, but it is available if you do. The journal contains instructions for the Examen process (with adults and children) and provides places for your daily observations, prayers, and notes. You can find a copy of the journal on the Peggy Jolley Information Hub. This Lenten season, consider what it means that "by turning, turning, we come 'round right.'"



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