

FLAT BRANCH COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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NEW SERMON SERIES & RECOMMENDED READING,

by Tom Cox

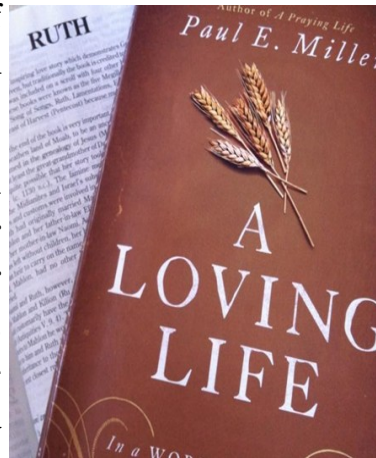
We've just finished our sermon series on the Gospel of Mark. Next, we'll study the Book of Ruth together and will call this series "***There is a Redeemer***".

The basic storyline follows a Jewish woman named Naomi, first as she travels to a foreign land with her family in search of a better life, and then back to her homeland after suffering enormous losses. In fact, when she returns home, she asks people to call her Mara, which means "bitter." Can the Lord provide for a bitter old lady? What roles do her daughter-in-law and her relative, Boaz play in her life? Will God bring good to this poor widow? How does this story fit into God's plan of redemption? We will also examine the implications that this account of the lives of Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi have for the church today. I think we'll come to find that our God brings His blessing to His people even through the most difficult of situations and that Jesus is the ultimate kinsman-Redeemer.

Ruth consists of four chapters that we'll aim to cover in seven weeks during May and June. In addition, you might read some of what I will be reading in my sermon preparation process. To that end, I will be looking at Paul Miller's book, ***A Loving Life*** (he has another book called *A Praying Life* so if you purchase it for yourself, make sure to get the correct title).

About the book: "Best-selling author Paul Miller tackles these tough questions at the heart of our struggle to love head-on. Drawing from the book of Ruth, *A Loving Life* offers the help we need to embrace relationship, endure rejection, cultivate community, and reach out to even the most unlovable around us as we discover the power to live a loving life."

About the author: Paul E. Miller (MDiv, Biblical Seminary) is the executive director of *seeJesus* as well as the best-selling author of several books. With the help of his ministry staff, Miller creates and conducts interactive discipleship seminars throughout the world. He and his wife, Jill, live in the Philadelphia area and have six children as well as a growing number of grandchildren.



Proverbs 31:25-28

*She is clothed
with strength and
dignity; she can
laugh at the days
to come. She
speaks with wis-
dom, and faithful
instruction is on
her tongue. She
watches over the
affairs of her
household and
does not eat the
bread of idleness.
Her children arise
and call her
blessed; her hus-
band also, and he
praises her:*



FBCPC COMMITTEE CORNER

Christian Education Committee:

On May 21st at 7pm, Robert Ivey, Associate Director of Missions with the New South River Baptist Association, will be coming to guide us on how to minister to kids for VBS. Anyone can attend.

Just a reminder that VBS registration is available on the church website (www.flatbranchpc.org) if you will register your children that are attending and pass along this information to anyone that you know planning to attend.

Presbyterian Women News

At the last Pres. Women meeting, we discussed projects for the remainder of 2025. Melanie Underhill suggested that we contact "Santa and Friends" for possible ideas.

On June 1st, immediately following Worship service, Mrs. Debbie Cann, aka, Mrs. Santa, will be at Flat Branch to meet with the PW and give an overview of the Santa and Friends programs.

Hopefully we can gain new ideas and expand our activities to new areas. All Pres. Women are encouraged to attend.



Nancy S. Blackman Smith

April 19, 1934 ~ April 3, 2025

(age 90)

Well done,

My good and faithful servant

Psalm 23 (KJV)

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Lucian Holt Felmet, Jr.

March 8, 1946 ~ April 17, 2025

(age 79)

Well done,

My good and faithful servant

Happy Birthday

Georgette Dempster—5/1

Betty Wilder—5/1 (90 years old!)

Kelli Cox—5/3

Guinevere Rhodes—5/5

Jacey Magyar—5/6

Justin Brown—5/7

Grace Viox—5/7

Matt Adams—5/9

Evelyn Bordeaux—5/10

Kenny McArtan—5/10

Brenda Wilson—5/10

Sherry Adcock—5/11

Maureen Andrews—5/14

Matthew Bain—5/16

Alice Powell—5/21

Thomas Backus III—5/23

Carolyn Shaw—5/27

Ethan Twiss—5/27

Desmond Buckler—5/28

Chris Holmes—5/28

*Happy Belated
April Birthday to:*

Stephen Kinsella—4/27



Happy Anniversary

Marc & Sherry Adcock—5/25

Reggie & Carol Bain—5/28



NEW

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC STARTS MAY 18th

Since Christians are called to make disciples who are able to teach others (as per 2 Timothy 2:2), we'll study principles for becoming effective teachers. Charlie Aslund will lead the discussion, drawn from *Teaching to Change Lives* by Dr. Howard Hendricks and other sources. This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10 AM on 5/18. Join the conversation!

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men and women, who will be able to teach others also.

To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters
and other women
in our lives that care for
us and love us
unconditionally,

Happy Mother's Day!

Memorials

Carl Aslund

Reggie & Carol Bain
Carolyn Shaw

Ken Barney

Reggie & Carol Bain

William Thomas Butler, Sr.

Orton Foundation, LLC

Pamela T. Byrd

Jo Stone-Ash

L. Holt Felmet, Jr.

ARM Landscaping
Reggie & Carol Bain
Ronnie & Lisa Bass
Wanda Brown
Charlene Edwards Law Office
Peggy Hamilton
Jack & Debbie Hanks
Jones & Jones Law Office
Kent & Edna Langdon
Mary Lasater
Ray & Becky McArtan
Harry & Ann Montgomery
Carolyn Shaw
Janice Smith
Dwight Snow Law Office
Nancy Stancil
Lacy & Ann Taylor
Donnie & Melanie Underhill

Glenn G. Gregory

Alvin & Charlotte McArtan
Lacy & Ann Taylor

Bobby Hamilton

Reggie & Carol Bain

Ronnie Maye

Reggie & Carol Bain

Malcolm & Nellie Shaw

Sandra S. Burgess

Lee A. & Nancy B. Smith

Betty Wilder

Nancy B. Smith

Reggie & Stella Akers
ARM Landscaping
Reggie & Carol Bain
Ronnie & Lisa Bass
Charles & Betty Blackman
Evelyn Bordeaux
Wanda Brown
Mary Lee Comstock
Holt & Diane Felmet
Peggy Hamilton
Jack & Debbie Hanks
Mary Lasater
Ray & Becky McArtan
Carolyn Shaw
Gary & Karen Stewart
Lacy & Ann Taylor
Vickie Wilder

Lisa M. Stewart

Reggie & Carol Bain



Honorariums

Shaw Family Reunion

Donnie & Melanie Underhill

John Lucas Underhill (13th Birthday)

Donnie & Melanie Underhill



MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 26, 2025

REMEMBERING.....

*Our military men and women who
made the ultimate
sacrifice for our freedom!*

Prayer Requests

Our Pastor, Church Leaders and Church Family

Our Country (and Leaders) for many reasons

Our Military Personnel & Emergency Services

Western NC

The Family of Nancy Smith

The Family of Holt Felmet

Lester Skoblar—knee surgery on May 8th

Stephen Kinsella—illness

Brynlee Crawford & Family — Brynlee remains in NICU at Duke

Charlie Aslund— Cancer

Donnie Hamilton—health issues

Betty Bain—cancer

Evelyn Bordeaux—illness

Paul & Georgette Dempster— illness

Unspoken concerns

Shut-ins who are alone and lonely

Those who are struggling financially, physically, and mentally.

Those doing Mission work spreading the Gospel of Jesus throughout to World.

The needs are many and these are the ones that we're currently aware of. Please feel free to contact us by the church phone, email, web-site, or Facebook should you have a specific request.

(Additional updated Prayer Requests are distributed every Sunday at Worship Service)



April
Memories.....