

**Senior Adults Newsletter**  
**August 2025**  
**Christ Covenant Church**



***BETWEEN SEEDTIME AND HARVEST***

**GRACE TO YOU: A TRIBUTE TO JOHN MACARTHUR**

**By Pastor Bruce Creswell**

Just a young pastor of twenty-nine, I dropped Carolyn and the two kids off with Aunt Margie in Columbia, Missouri and drove on with pastor friend Kim Buttram to attend the Pastors' Conference with **John MacArthur**, hosted by Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, Missouri in 1983.

I was green behind the ears, but with a hungry appetite to learn from a pastor/teacher whose books I had read and whose tapes to which I had listened. Attending the daily workshops were practical and instructive which provided direction for this new pastor. Yet, the highlight each morning and evening was the teaching and preaching of **John MacArthur**. Sitting up front with my Bible, the Spirit opened my understanding and flamed the passion of my call to shepherd the flock, as **John** lifted up the Lord Jesus as the Chief Shepherd of our souls as he taught on ***The Anatomy of the Church***.

Those days of the conference, the Lord impressed on me the privilege and seriousness of God's call to the ministry. I value the learning and teaching that I received there as much as I do from my days in the classroom at RTS.

I never knew **John MacArthur** as a friend, but I have known him as a role model, as an example, and as an encourager throughout my forty-five years of ordained ministry.

**A role model** as Pastor/Teacher, there were few his equal. He stayed at Grace Community Church for 56 years and fed and led his flock. He was a man of the Book who diligently prepared for each morning and evening message he preached. As preaching was the main priority of the Church, he gave the time needed to think through, understand, and apply the text. He preached and pointed his people to Christ and not himself. Along with preaching, he modeled the care that flows out of the pastor's heart to his people. The church was strong and healthy in its government and worship, assisting the flock to worship ***in spirit and in truth***. His high view of the Church was carried out as pastor/teacher at Grace Community Church, setting forth a role model for me and many others to follow.

He was an **Example of Faithfulness**. From 1969-2025, he faithfully served his people in preaching and teaching the Word of God. Staying on track and committed to the Word not only gave

evidence to his own call to the ministry, but also to the centrality of preaching Christ as his priority in pastoring his people. It is easy to begin well but more challenging to finish well. Many pastors and leaders, some of which were his friends, did not finish well and so tarnished both their testimony and Christ's Church. In a spirit of humility and dependency on the Lord, **John** gave careful watch to his life and doctrine and by the grace of God he pressed towards the prize of the high calling and heard on July 23, 2025 **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

As he was faithful in his personal walk and to his beloved church, he was faithful to the Church at large. His stand on the Word of God never wavered, his prophetic voice on the issues and the culture of his day was always in sync with the Word, and his leadership strengthened the Church at large. He saw the Church, men of different denominational backgrounds who were faithful and true to the Word, fighting the same enemy and not themselves. It can be said of **John MacArthur** as it was said of David, **"... after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers...."** Acts 13:36.

As an **Encourager**, **John MacArthur** was the pastor's friend. I think of Paul's mentoring relationship with young Timothy in his call to the ministry. As you read through his letters to the young preacher, they are filled with both admonitions to personal holiness and practical instructions how to pastor and to preach. That is exactly what **John** did with young pastors in his church, his Shepherd's Conferences, and his seminary. That is what he did with me over the 45 years plus of ministry.

He has provided tools and resources to assist in pastoring our churches. I own all his commentaries, books, and many of his cassettes and CDs. They have helped me in my understanding of the Scriptures and in preparing my own studies and sermons.

**John** saw the need to equip the Church with the Word, on a larger scale to the entire world. His church and his seminary reach out to young men from abroad and provide them with the opportunity to learn and put resources in their hands to grow and know the Word of God. Today there are churches all over the world planted and pastored by those who are trained under the ministries of the Master's Seminary and **John MacArthur**.

I thank the Lord for the role model, the example, and the encouragement **John MacArthur** was and continues to be in my life and ministry.

**"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"** Revelation 14:13.

## **BONCLARKEN FALL RETREAT NEWS**

☐ **Payment Deadline is Sunday, August 17 th.**

**Please make checks to Christ Covenant Church and place Sr Adult Retreat in the memo line.**

☐ **Would you still like to go, but haven't registered? Sign up for the waitlist. There are always a few unexpected cancellations as we get closer to the date.**

☐ **Carpooling Options**

**Do you need a ride to and from the conference center? Do you have room in your car for someone else to ride with you?**

**For all Retreat questions, please contact Lucille Ruths- [lmruths@gmail.com](mailto:lmruths@gmail.com). Fall**

## HYMN HISTORIES

By Peggy Dear

### MORE ABOUT JESUS

**Eliza Hewitt** wrote this hymn as she was studying the promises of God that had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The more she studied, the more excited she became as she saw Scripture fulfilled in every aspect of Christ's life. All Scripture, she discovered, focused on Jesus Christ.

It is especially significant that **Hewitt** was so faithfully seeking God at this point in her life. At the time, she was recovering from a severe spinal injury. A Philadelphia schoolteacher, **Hewitt** had been struck with a heavy slate by one of her students.

**Hewitt** was never again able to teach in the public schools, but she continued to be involved with Sunday school. There she was able to combine the two great loves of her life: children and Jesus.

### MORE ABOUT JESUS

*More about Jesus would I know,  
More of His grace to others show,  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me.*

*(Chorus)*

*More, more about Jesus,  
More, more about Jesus,  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me!*

*More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of His holy will discern,  
Spirit of God, my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me.*

*More about Jesus, in His Word,  
Holding communion with my Lord,  
Hearing His voice in ev'ry line,  
Making each faithful saying mine.*

*More about Jesus on His throne,  
Riches in glory all His own,  
More of His kingdom's sure increase,  
More of His coming---Prince of Peace.*

**ELISA EDMUNDS HEWITT (1851-1920)**

## Book Review

### CONQUERING GOTHAM

**A Gilded Age Epic: The Construction of Penn Station and its Tunnels**

**By Jill Jonnes. Viking, 2007**

You may recall the review of The Great Bridge by **David McCullough** about the building of the Brooklyn Bridge between 1869 and 1883. This account deals with another massive construction project in New York City begun about 20 years later.

In the early 1900s the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) Company along with the Long Island Railroad undertook the construction of train tunnels between New Jersey and New York under the Hudson River, and between New York and Long Island to points north under the East River. Two tunnels were built under the Hudson and four under the East River. They were dug not through bed rock as you might think but through the muddy river bottoms. It was a massive project with many risks and dangers.

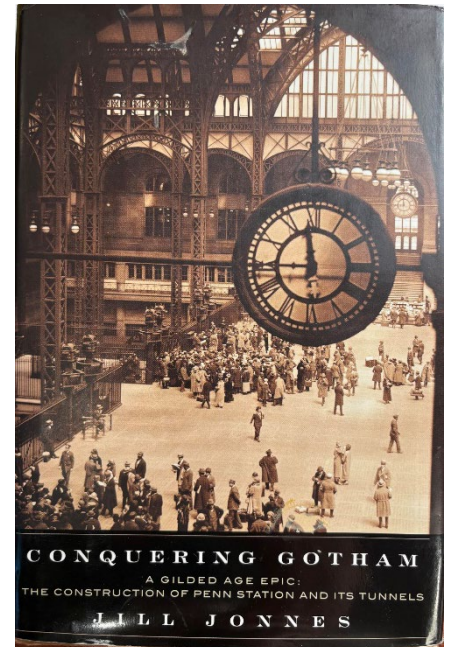
In the middle of Manhattan, the project included the construction of the fourth largest building in the world at that time: **Pennsylvania Station**. **Ms. Jonnes** does a fine job of telling the story; not quite a “page turner” but almost.

A common element between this book and **McCullough's** book is contention with political corruption in New York in the institution of “Tammany Hall;” a daunting network of decadent city leadership, corruption and bribes. These projects could not have succeeded without strong and persistent resistance. The PRR lead by Alexander Cassatt determined early he would not submit to the pattern of bribes and kickbacks that prevailed there and as a result had many political battles to fight locally, and at the state and federal level. This was a man of vision and determination along with many engineering and financial abilities that served the project well. It is interesting that **Mr. Cassatt's** sister was **Mary Cassatt** who became a well-known painter in her day.

Probably few remember **Penn Station** today; you have to be old like me. The station was torn down in 1963 after only 53 years of service. The reasons for this are explained in the book. The site of **Penn Station** now accommodates Madison Square Garden along with a much smaller and modest train station below. The tunnels under the rivers and the city remain in service mostly for daily commuters. I seem to remember the place back in the 1950s when as pre-teen traveling to NYC with my parents. The trip back to Ohio began in **Penn Station** and westward through the tunnel. Then once out of the tunnel the train stopped. I asked why. I was told they had to change engines. This book finally explains what was happening. The train locomotive in the tunnels was, out of necessity, electric. But steam engines pulled the train once in the clear air.

That was a long time ago and passenger travel as we enjoyed it then is long gone. I can remember train trips from Ohio to Seattle with my family, mostly in coach in which you slept in reclining seats with leg rests that folded out or a few times in a Pullman berth or a sleeper car. Then there was the dining car with excellent chefs and heavy tableware that would not slide around as the cars lurched. What a wonderful way to travel!

**Submitted by Chris Williams August 2025**





## Book Review

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

The gifted author, **Dr. Ferguson**, provides a tour of 20 centuries of Christian history. Christianity is still the most dominant influence on world history, and each century's highlights make refreshing reading. The two pivotal verses are the **Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20 and Matthew 16:18—"I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."** Some of the numerous "gates of hell" which God has conquered are discussed first with the applicable century indicated by a Roman numeral. God's word has always been under assault by individuals and other religions. Thankfully, God inspired so many that the tide was reversed, corruption diminished, and the purity of the word preserved.

**NERO (I)** covered Christians with pitch, raised them on a pole and set them on fire to light the city with dying believers. Syncretism was extremely common in those early days (I). Critics attempted adapting the gospel to appease the existing culture, thus diluting the message and mixing the gospel with paganism.

**DIOCLETIAN (IV)**, the Roman Emperor, believed in totalitarian rule, requiring every citizen to submit to his "divine authority" with repression being severe. Churches were destroyed, books and the Scriptures were burned.

**GREGORY, (the great) pope, (VII)** did a disservice to the Christian Church. He believed Christ had made the pope his own vicar, and using this power he 'created' nominal Christian nations. Further, he believed in the doctrine of purgatory, penance, and the ill-conceived Catholic Lord's Supper with Mass as a sacrifice and Christ as the victim. These practices continue to be a dividing wall between Catholics and Reformed church. And, 1.4 billion Catholics believe the pope is the head of the church.

**MUHAMMAD, (VII)**, an orphan, was uneducated and possibly illiterate. In his work, he was exposed to a limited understanding of the beliefs of Jews and Christians. He initiated the 5 pillars of Islam: 1. No god but Allah, 2. Ritual of prayer 5 times a day, 3. Acts of charity, 4. Ramadan fasting, 5. Mecca. His army began their killing of others in 629 and within 80 years the Roman Empire was overrun! Jihad continued and pagans (their view) either accepted Islam or were killed. The transforming Grace of God is nowhere to be found in Islam. "Don't all roads lead to God?" Islam is a religion of submission and good works. No good news is to be found! Islam spreads by military action (killing), and Christianity advances by the preaching of the gospel.

**CRUSADES' (XI)** critics don't tell us that Islam had captured traditional "holy sites" of Christendom and that if we had not taken action, the West today would consist of Islamic states! Unfortunately, the gospel was damaged by Christians killing their enemies and not winning by spiritual means.

**DARK AGES (X)** had a structured state religion that recognized the pope as head of the church. In essence, the church was hiding the gospel, had lost its saltiness, and was weak in its witness to the world. Fund raising was still in vogue, and the people who attended Mass did not understand Latin and were mostly just spectators. Paganism was rampant!

**POPE LEO (XVI)** was deeply committed to completing St. Peter's in Rome, using the evil system of indulgences tied to releasing the dead from purgatory. Repentance to the Catholics meant a one-time action, not at turning around of a life. Deep convolution!

**DEISM (XVII)** arose in England, thanks to **George Herbert** and his book, *Deverite*, written in 1624. The result was that men and women believed that salvation is within their own power. The cross was ignored and **Deism** dominated the Western world.

These "gates of hell" have mostly collapsed and **Deism, Leo, Dark Ages, Gregory, Muhammad, Nero and Diocletian** are dead. **Jesus lives!** So, how well have believers followed the **Great Commission?**

**DISCIPLES** were told by Jesus that they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and ultimately to the farthest parts of the earth, (Acts 1:8).

**ACTS (I)** records the events of the next 20-30 years, including Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit. Within two months of the resurrection, his entire story had spread throughout the Roman Empire. **Paul** and **Simon Peter** spread the word to the Gentile world. Then, the travels of the Apostles were vast, including Turkey, Europe, Persia. etc. Indeed, the men who once deserted Christ devoted their lives to preaching Him to the ends of the earth.

**CONSTANTINE (IV)**, the emperor, made Christianity the official religion of the entire Roman Empire. The bad news is that Christianity became the state religion, so the citizens became de facto Christians, and the gap between a citizen of the secular world and a citizen of the world to come became very small.

**NICENE CREED (IV)** of 325 A D basically confirmed the absolute deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SCOTLAND (IV)** was the country of origin for the 'evangelist monks' who had gospel cells in locations which had no Christian witness. They realized the large church has little impact on its neighbors since its members did not live or work in the community, Roads were almost nonexistent, but the itinerant cell group of evangelists spread the gospel via community life, not isolated large churches. In this regard, there's little difference between the sixth century and the twenty-first.

**FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND THOMAS AQUINAS**, both Italians, are two icons (XIII). **Francis** is known for his devotion to the poor and marginalized, and simplicity of lifestyle. **Aquinas** was a literary giant who authored "*A Summary of the Christian Faith*" and "*The Sum of Theology*" with both widely used to further God's Kingdom. His most famous line was, "*By comparison with the privilege of knowing Christ everything else is rubbish*".

**WYCLIFFE AND HUS (XIV)** are known as the forerunners of the **Reformation**. **Wycliffe** decried the authority of the pope, condemned indulgences and especially the transubstantiation as unbiblical! The great translator was so hated by the authorities that after his death, his bones were dug up and burned and thrown into a river which led to the ocean. **Hus** was a Czech who preached the church was pursuing the theology of glory, not the cross. He was burned at the stake and died reciting the Psalms.

**MARTIN LUTHER (XVI)** We already know so much about **Luther**, but the five **SOLAS** should always be the focal point: 1. **Sola Scriptura**, we come to know God by scripture alone; 2, **Sola Gratia**, by God's grace alone we are forgiven; 3. **Sola Fide**, we receive justification by faith alone; 4. **Solus Christus**, all of God's riches are given to us in Christ alone; 5. **Soli Deo Gloria**, the goal of all of life is the glory of God alone.

**THE REAL ENLIGHTENMENT (XVII)** is described as the time when there was complete intellectual denial of the possibility of the knowledge of God. Christianity is reduced to human experiences.

But, the massive contributions of saints like these men are ignored: **John** and **Charles Wesley**.

**Jonathan Edwards, Whitfield, Newton, Carey, Martyn, Simeon** and many others. They constituted the real enlightenment! What a profound influence on the 'New World'!

**SPURGEON (XIV)** continued the **Great Commission** in London by preaching, beginning in his teens. He never preached the same sermon twice, and his writings are still popular, 133 years after his death. **The Great Commission** was having a profound influence in the world,

**THE TWENTY CENTURIES** of Christian faith has produced an over-abundance of fruit. We have a record number of Christians in the world today despite two World Wars, the Holocaust, the rise and fall of Communism, genocide in many countries, and the radical transformation of moral norms in the West.

**The gates of hell have not prevailed. Jesus is still building his church.**

This book is available in the **Book Nook**.

**Submitted by Hugh Wise August 2025**

## ORDEAL ON THE SECOND FLOOR

By Susan and Steve Sperry

Have you ever noticed that elevators employ two doors? Both open and close while passengers enter and exit. One door opens only if the other door (the opposite passenger car door) opens at the same floor and station. Of course it's for safety: the elevator shaft entranceway must be securely blocked unless the elevator **passenger car** is present (as folks board for transport). Otherwise, the trip downward from upper floors might be rather fast and perhaps too risky. So, it's "**SAFETY FIRST**" - Well, **not always** does an elevator **seem** so **safe**! The following is a true account of surprising shock, danger, anxiety, rescue, and resolve.

Leaving for home after a beach holiday with family, **Susan** and her hubby, **Steve**, attempted to enter their rented time-share's rather old (if not ancient) elevator intending to simply descend from the second to the ground floor below where the other family members of their party could be seen waiting; having loaded up their cars for departure. With a sense of anxiety due to previous occasions of being temporarily stranded in elevators, **Susan** had cautiously entered the foreboding chamber and **Steve** (pushing his walker) was slowly maneuvering to join her inside the windowless, unairconditioned and unattended chamber. Suddenly the outside door began closing very rapidly like the blade of a horizontal guillotine wickedly intent on severing whatever was at the termination of its malevolent track! Just as **Susan** withdrew her imperiled arm after hopelessly attempting to stop the doors relentless advance, and as husband, **Steve**, withdrew his walker, saving it from a certain demolition, the door violently banged itself shut and locked with the jarring clang of a federal prison cell block door locking down! **Susan's** ordeal on the second floor had begun. (*This is a true story based on actual events*).

**Susan** was now trapped, alone inside the elevator, with **Steve** and all other humanity separated from her by that locked steel door. "Call 911!" came **Susan's** voice from within. "Try to stay calm. I'll get help!" responded her concerned mate from without. He yelled with alarm and with hand and arm motions, notifying the family members waiting below. With her mobile phone, daughter **Stephanie** dialed the property **owner**, who would then call the property **manager**, who then would come right over. - - - And they all waited.

Meanwhile: confined inside of the elevator, **Susan** had frantically pushed every button on the control panel with no success. But She discovered **one** promising button to press! It was labeled "**in case of emergency**". She had punched that button and was actually in contact with someone on the other end of the telephone connection. With ears against the outside door, **Steve** could hear **Susan's** part of the conversation with the remote responder. - - - "I'm trapped in an elevator! - - - I don't know the address! - - - I'm in Kure Beach, North Carolina! - - - Why are you asking what my location is?" That's my location: Kure Beach, North Carolina! - - - No. I don't know the specific address. I'm on vacation at a time-share condo! - - - No! I **live** in Charlotte, North Carolina; not Kure Beach! - - - Can't you see where I am on a map or GPS or a grid or something? - - - Where are **you**? - - - **New York**? - - - You're telling me that I'm talking with somebody in **New York**; not even **in North Carolina**? - - - Your **service is based** in **New York**? - - - Thank you, I guess! - - - Goodbye! - - - O good grief!"

**Susan** returned her attention to the other side of the door. - - - "I just talked with some kind of emergency service in New York. They don't seem to think they can get here in time to help very much: It might be too long of a drive! Is anybody coming? Have they called 911?" Has anybody called the fire department? Maybe call the police? This is getting to be ridiculous!"

Clamoring up the stairs and gathering at the door came family members to add encouragement and support: - - - **Stephanie the daughter; Stacy, the son-in-law; Jonathan, the grandson, and his wife, Lizzy; and Katie the granddaughter.** - - - “Hang in there: Are you alright? The manager is here now: He’s talking on the phone to someone! I love you, Grandma! The manager says he called the fire department and they’ll be here soon! LISTEN FOR THE SIREN! We hear the Siren now! Can you hear the siren? The truck is here! It shouldn’t be long now!” “We’re all right here Mom!” “This will all seem funny later!” “Hold on. Someone’s coming!” **Grandpa** will be right back. He went to the bathroom.” “Grandpa’s back.” “Hello there **Suzie**. Did you miss me?”

Four stout young firemen had scaled the stairs to arrive at the scene and quickly addressed the situation. They tried to unlock the stubborn door with a little round key: it didn’t work. They checked electrical circuits: that didn’t help. They checked the elevator doors on the other two floors: That rebellious second floor door remained solidly jammed shut with **Grandma** inside. Forty minutes had ticked by. One of the rescue team spoke to **Susan** through the barrier: “We don’t want to damage the elevator, but we’ll get you out of there soon young Lady!”

Now husband, **Steve**, had become not a little concerned about how much time the ordeal on the second floor was taking so He offered suggestions of strategy and expressions of the need for urgency to help hasten the rescue teams extraction of his imprisoned spouse: **Steve** asked the firemen, “In the event that none of the solutions to opening the door now being attempted didn’t work soon, might they have other options such as **the jaws of life** used to get people out of wrecked automobiles, or certain kinds of **cutting torches**, or an **explosive ordinance** of some sort that could be detonated?” **Steve** also expressed concern about the physical and emotional status of **Susan** and unpleasant conditions within that time-share dungeon. He said, “It can become extremely hot and that woman in there could be ninety-five years old!” (He didn’t lie: He just said it **could** be ninety-five, not ninety-five years old).

As **Grandpa** was beginning to recommend a possible extraction effort through the roof of the elevator, one of the rescue team approached brandishing a giant size fireman’s ax! It appeared that he was prepared to go ahead and do serious damage to the elevator door. But providence took over! Communications via walkie-talkie were taking place between the fireman at the door of **Susan’s** predicament and another fireman at the elevator door below on the ground floor. - - - “The elevator door on the first floor just opened.” Announced the walkie-talkie. “Tell her to keep her hands away from the door.” - - - Everyone waited and watched. - - - The ominous, trouble- making door now - - - innocently - silently – obediently, glided open and remained at rest in its nest as though it had done nothing wrong what-so-ever.

**FREEDOM! CHEERS! THANK YOU! PRAISE THE LORD!** - - - Out walked **Susan**, happy, safe and relieved. - - - Hugs all around next to the empty elevator. The ordeal had ended, and it was time to go downstairs, get into the cars and head for home. How or why the elevator became functional again was to remain a mystery to **Susan** and her family.

Now: the other guests could use the elevator instead of hauling their luggage and coolers up and down the stairs because the elevator was back in service.

- - - *SUSAN AND HER FAMILY TOOK THE STAIRS.*

Post incident note: **Susan** is okay to this day. The ordeal has not resulted in any indications of panic attacks, insomnia or loss of appetite; therapy has not been required to rebuild elevator confidence (apart from **solo** riding). - - - Her husband’s walker remains intact although a brake-job will be needed soon.

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## CORAM DEO HANDYMEN

Did you know?

- We get our name from our seniors' Sunday School Class name.
- We have been doing handyman projects for our class members for more than four years.
- This service-ministry was started to provide "no-cost" labor for doing home/house repairs including helping with minor electrical, plumbing, and carpentry needs.
- We provide this service under the provision of the Seniors' leadership team and in conjunction with the CCC Board of Deacons as needed.
- In the event we are unable to do the repair ourselves or the project requires a licensed professional, we are glad to provide advice and counsel.
- Our goal is to minimize the high and growing cost for this kind of service enabling our seniors' members a ready resource for meeting handyman needs without a service or repair labor cost.
- The **Coram Deo Handymen** ministry-service is made up of two two-men teams.
- Our policy and practice is for a team of two to work on the project together.
- The contact for help with needs should be made directly to **Jenny Blackmon** ([jblackmon@christcovenant.org](mailto:jblackmon@christcovenant.org) or **704-708-6104**) who will contact us with your information. One or more of the handymen will directly respond setting up a time to check out the project.
- With thanksgiving for God's great and continuing blessings to each of us and his provisions that have made all of this possible, we count it a privilege and blessing to be able to serve you.



Some of the projects the handymen have been privileged to do thus far in 2025 are installing curtain rods, closet shelving, and a microwave, making a candy cart for a grandchild's graduation, replacing electrical outlets, replacing drawer handles, programming and installing garage door remotes, rebuilding a 10 x 10 pergola, replacing bathroom faucets and handles and rebuilding a fence and fence gate.

**Coram Deo Handymen,  
Dave Britton, Gary Klipp, David McArthur, Mo Up De Graff**

P.S. Please don't think the project you may need is too complicated or elementary. We are glad to consider whatever you may need.

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### August Senior Ladies Luncheon

Our Ladies' Luncheon will be on Friday, August 8th, at 11:15, at Trio's Restaurant at 10709 McMullen Creek Pkwy (off Hwy 51). Remind a friend to join us for sweet fellowship and great food. **Please let Dot Branson (704-575-5955) know that you will be there.**

### August Senior Mens Luncheon

The CCC "Senior Men's Lunch" will be Friday, August 15 at 11:00 (- ordering @ 11:15), at Park Place Restaurant 10517 Park Rd. Join us for a good, encouraging time gathered with your Christian brothers for great food and fellowship and Pastor Mo's devotional. **Arriving a little earlier helps us get parked and order by 11:15.**

### AUGUST SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Sunday School**, Sundays, 9:00 am  
WC201/Choir Room

**Prayer Meetings**, Tuesdays,  
7:00 – 8:30 pm, WC105

**Ladies Luncheon**, -- Friday, August 8, 11:15am  
Trios Restaurant, McMullen Creek

**Men's Luncheon**, Friday, August 15,  
11:00 am, Park Place Restaurant

**Welcome/Kickoff Luncheon: Friday, September 12, 11:45am**

**Fall Retreat**, October 7 – 10  
Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC

**Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Maxine Pangle!**





Vicky Henson	Aug 01
Chuck Marzahn	Aug 02
Lynn McArthur	Aug 04
Jo Ellen Barrington	Aug 06
John Barrington	Aug 06
Kathy Hopkins	Aug 06
Cliff Chin	Aug 07
Ed Barnett	Aug 09
Robert Adams	Aug 11
Anne Schwoebel	Aug 12
Ruth Colvin	Aug 14
Karen Clingon	Aug 15
Bruce Creswell	Aug 16
Shirley Jones	Aug 16
Steve Rider	Aug 16
Dennis Shaler	Aug 17
Sandy Riddle	Aug 18
Ted Williams III	Aug 18
Jane Yancey	Aug 18
Paul Engle	Aug 19
Jim Prieb	Aug 19
Pete Bridge	Aug 20
Joe Massengill	Aug 21
Lucille Ruths	Aug 21
Diane Medeiros	Aug 25
Hein Furstenburg	Aug 26
Aicy Himongala	Aug 26
Peggy Dear	Aug 27
Jim McClintock	Aug 27
Joe Cathey	Aug 28
Edith Lane	Aug 29
Karen Ellis	Aug 30
Kathy Herrin	Aug 31
Lynnette Peterson	Aug 31

Curtis & Betty Whalen	Aug 06
Jim & Carol Stoudenmier	Aug 09
Gary & Wendy Klipp	Aug 12
Pete & Martha Bridge	Aug 14
Adriano & Jan Conti	Aug 18
Bill & Betty Hough	Aug 19
Chuck & Carol Marzahn	Aug 21
Al & Susan Reinken	Aug 28
Jack & Lisa Burkhart	Aug 30

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