



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Johnson City, TN



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**JUNE 5-8**

**5:30-8pm**

**IT'S**

**VBS**  
**TIME!**

COKESBURY'S VBS

**HERO**  
**CENTRAL**

Discover Your Strength in God!



4yrs - RISING 6TH GRADE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 105 S BOONE ST., JC

## By the Way, Thanks Be to God and Each of You

by Jackie Kossin

February days hereabouts can be chilly and gloomy. This was one of them—a day to do inside things. Tooling around the Internet hunting the name of a musician that escaped memory was one of those things. Bill Pearce. His wasn't the elusive name, yet why was it vaguely familiar on a list of gospel musicians? A moment of brilliant reflection and there was the answer: Google Search.

“Bill Pearce. Trombonist. Singer. Song arranger. Broadcaster.”

Of course. During college days and at home with my very sick Dad, his radio program came on late at night, first from the Moody Bible Institute and later, for 30 years on his own “Nightsounds.” His signature, soothing voice, thoughtful devotional dialogue drawing on Scripture and diverse resources, and, of course, music all suited to the theme of each weeknight's program theme, were a balm, a calm for a too-busy mind, for anxious thoughts in the night, for fears and fretting. For rest. In all his endeavors, Bill Pearce passionately served God, affirming the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

On that February day, I found this treasure trove of Bill Pearce's monumental life's work. There it was on *nightsoundsradio.org*; two weeks of his magnificently contemporary programs renewed each week. There was an app(lication) for smart phones to download that provided access to these same very contemporary programs, but also a devotional thought for the day. Locally, these rebroadcasts can be heard at 11 PM on WHCB Radio, 91.5 FM.

March days hereabouts can be tumultuous, winds working hard to blow winter out of the way, or gloriously sunny and warm—a day to do outside things. March 25 was one of those lovely days. Pruning was one of those things. Almost finished trimming a cantankerous barberry, I had a stroke that lovely morning. No warning. No feeling in my left side. Movement gone.

Dear friend Laura Champouillon, alongside every step of the way, every day on this unexpected journey that was mine to take, called the ambulance. In the ICU by evening I was disoriented and struggling to regain balance. I had been given a clean bill of health just a few weeks before at my annual checkup, now had a broken vein in my brain. My mind was working hard to sort through the day. Though exhausted, I could not rest. Ah, “Nightsounds” on my phone. Thirty minutes later, as Bill Pearce closed the program in prayer—peace. His peace was palpable and I rested. In February I had passed on to family and a few friends the information about “Nightsounds.” Little did I know the Lord was preparing it for me in the hospital!

Now, my friends, I pass this treasure on to each of you as a thank you for your prayers, visits, cards and calls of encouragement, meals, offers of rides until I can drive. My appreciation is great. So, too, my thanks. I hope you, too, become acquainted with Bill Pearce. PRAISE BE TO GOD!

## June Calendar

|     |                                      |                  |
|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1   | River Board Meeting                  | 12:30 p          |
| 5-8 | VBS                                  | 5:30 p           |
| 6   | Staff Meeting                        | 10:00 a          |
| 11  | New Membership Class                 | 10:00 a          |
| 17  | Miracles Happen Recreation Event     | 11:00 a          |
| 18  | Miracles Happen Business Mtg         | 1:00 p           |
| 19  | Good Samaritan Lunch                 | 10:30 a          |
| 20  | Staff Meeting                        | 10:00 a          |
| 24  | Streetside Ministry                  | 11:00 a          |
| 27  | Stewardship Committee Session Prayer | 5:30 p<br>6:40 p |
|     | Session Meeting                      | 7:00 p           |

## Each Week

### Sunday

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Praise Team Rehearsal       | 7:45 a  |
| Worship service             | 8:45 a  |
| Fellowship and Refreshments | 9:45 a  |
| Sunday School               | 10:00 a |
| Summer Choir                | 10:00 a |
| Officers' Prayer Time       | 10:45 a |
| Worship Service             | 11:00 a |
| IPSM Games and Devotions    | 6:00 p  |

### Monday

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| Sanctuary Reserved | 2:00 p |
| Miracles Happen    | 7:00 p |

### Tuesday

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| Worship Planning Team      | 9:00 a |
| LXI Bible Study and Dinner | 5:00 p |

### Wednesday

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| Fellowship Dinner - 1Table | 5:45 p |
| Adult Bible Study          | 6:30 p |

### Thursday

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| Sanctuary Reserved       | 9:00 a  |
| Men's Lunch, Bible Study | 12:00 p |

### Friday

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| Miracles Happen | 7:00 p |
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### Saturday

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| Miracles Happen | 7:00 p |
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## In Spirit Birthdays

(Consider sending a note or card to our folks who are not physically able to join us—but join us in spirit—to brighten their day on birthdays, or “just because”...)

June 2

Teenie Chambers  
702 Hillrise Blvd  
Johnson City, TN 37601

June 25

Cathy Huff  
2022 Sherwood Dr #415 Elm  
Johnson City, TN 37601

## Update on AFRICAN WATER PROJECT

*Excerpts from the report by Fred Foy and Cecily Strang*



**Bush-camp home-away-from-home**

The Strangs are back in Kenya after getting Cecily's mother settled in an assisted living facility and Fred Foy's recovery from a broken bone.

The project is moving slowly, but progressing. The drought has been very bad and the need is great. They are grateful for the generosity of the folks here in Johnson City.

*From the Strangs' report...* "We have met with the Amboseli National Park Warden and the chair of the environmental committee for the region. It seems there is a Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) water pipe that runs very close to the Inkuito area. This is used to pump clean

water to a ranger station far afield. We are in negotiation with stakeholders to tap into this line and build a storage tank at Inkuito so that when the water is pumping, the tank will fill, thus providing consistency of water availability. Of course, we would need to pay for the tap, valve, run of pipe, tank, etc. and, likely, a KWS fee of some sort. This is the best and most viable long-term, sustainable remedy. But, it is taking a long time."

"In the meantime, we have held meetings with the village and can move forward with putting gutters and rain tanks at the primary school so that at least rainwater may be harvested. We have tasked the community to come up with the written cost quotation from the contractor as well as to tell us what their 'sweat equity' will be in the project. We are anticipating movement forward in the very near future."

"We also have permission to bring the Living Water of Jesus Christ to the village area through the showing or the *Jesus Film* in the Maasai language. We look forward to this opportunity."

"Thank you again for your partnership with us in helping bring water to a very needy area."



**Drought effects**

## STUDENT MINISTRY

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us. In addition to vacations and family fun, our student ministry changes direction from May 28-July 30. You will be receiving a summer calendar; you will notice we tend to focus on the following things:

1. Fellowship - Summer Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, Camp and the Mission Trip are all opportunities for us to grow closer together as group and church. Several events are family-oriented so join us when you can.
2. Worship - We are excited to worship God not only through Sunday morning worship but uniquely, as many students attend Camp and the Mission Trips this summer. It is exciting to know that God calls us to a life of worship as we go throughout our day (Romans 12: 1-2).
3. Service - The church and student ministry believes in missions and that we should actively be a part of God's work, not only locally, but regionally and globally. We hope many families will participate with us this summer.

### Important dates to remember:

**June 5-8** VBS (Serving the Children's ministry)

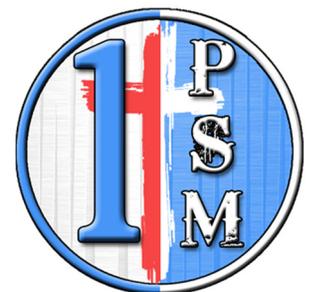
**June 11-17** The Great Escape (Rising 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

**June 25-30** High School Mission to Cincinnati, Ohio (Rising 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Let me know if I can help or serve you in any way.

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*Kitchen Manager*

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*Director of Children's Ministries*

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*Director of Student Ministries*

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*Director of The River*

**Amy Sentell**

*Director of the Preschool*

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### **TRAVELERS' TRIP**

***Prayer in Song: Concert Featuring Timothy Landis, Basso***

*Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol*

*Sunday, June 4 3:00 PM*

Leave church at 2:15 PM and return around 5:00 PM. Dinner will be optional when we return to Johnson City.

Call Jean Brent, 610-8453, for more information.

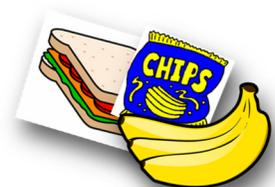
### **GOOD SAMARITAN LUNCH**

**(MELTING POT)**

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

*10:30 AM Church Office*

Bring sandwiches (individually wrapped), bananas and chips.



Sign-up sheets for food donation or to help serve are posted outside the church office and the Worship Center. For further information, call Shelby Ingram (282-5856).