

Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



“Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear... For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring.”

“But those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

~Isaiah 44:2-3; John 4:14

Water has been on my mind quite a bit. California has not been getting enough of it; Texas has been getting far more than they would like. And recently, I discovered how easily it is to neglect my own thirst on the truly hot days we've been having in past weeks. Working in the yard, I don't always realize how parched and thirsty I am until I get inside, and gulp down two or three glasses immediately. I may realize that it's hot and I'm thirsty, but I don't realize how quickly I become parched and dehydrated, a serious issue that can actually hospitalize any of us. We need water to live; we need water to thrive. And we neglect that truth at our own peril, especially on the hottest and most humid of days, when we become more parched than we might realize.

And this is true spiritually, as well as physically. Just as we need physical water to live and avoid dehydration, we need the Living Water to nurture our spirit and keep our souls vibrant. Without it, we slowly become spiritually dehydrated, and then we wonder why we don't feel well.

Sitting at Jacob's Well in Samaria, Jesus encounters a lone woman who came to draw water in the middle of the day. Such an act – alone and in the hottest part of the day – signifies a lack of community and relationship for this unnamed woman. For whatever reason, she is ostracized and shunned. Perhaps it is her status as an unmarried woman, who has had several husbands. Perhaps it is something else. Regardless, she is someone who, without the support of neighbors and perhaps even the welcome of a worshipping community, has become spiritually parched, dehydrated in her very spirit. And to her, on that hot, dry and dusty afternoon, Jesus offers the very drink of Living Water that she so desperately needs.

When was the last time you allowed yourself to drink so deeply from such a spiritual well? How long has it been since your dry grounds were watered by the Spirit in a quenching way? I realize we come to worship together on Sunday mornings, and this is a wonderful time of renewal, but sometimes we each need more. Sometimes life during the week drains us so much that one hour on a Sunday isn't enough to slake the spiritual thirst we carry with us. At those times, it is necessary for us each to make, perhaps even to force time in which we can seek personal time to connect with the Divine Presence, and be watered. For myself, I attempt to go to worship at Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, where I can go as nothing more than myself and worship, pray, and be fed and nurtured at Christ's Table. We all need this extra drink every so often, and especially when life is draining us.

In these hot days of summer, may you be mindful of your physical health, and drink plenty of water. In all of these days, may you be aware of the gift of Living Water offered, and seek it out – in worship together, and even on your own in a way that is most meaningful to you. And if you need help finding the well of Living Water, I'll be more than happy to look with you! In fact, it would be my honor and joy.

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Jason



**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JULY 2015**

**Sunday, 5 July 2015**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green  
 First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
 Second Reading: Mark 6:1-13  
 Sermon: *[Guest Preacher, Colleen Earp]*

**Sunday, 12 July 2015**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green  
 First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
 Second Reading: Mark 6:14-29  
 Sermon: "Myself a Fool"

**Sunday, 19 July 2015**

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green  
 First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
 Second Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
 Sermon: "With the People"

**Sunday, 26 July 2015**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green  
 First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-15  
 Second Reading: John 6:1-21  
 Sermon: "Whom Do We Feed?"



**OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN..**One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community.

<p>Our military and their families                  Our college students &amp; 2015/16 School Year                  Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother                  Mark Smiley                  Wayne Hedgepeth, Ruth Figg's nephew (health issue)                  Don Vtipil                  Marian McDonald                  James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother                  Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister                  Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother                  Mike &amp; Brenda Harrington, Valerie Harsh's friends                  Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend                  Ben Nicely, the Spain family's friend                  Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother                  Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister                  David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother                  Brittany Mason, Kenny Overstreet's niece (surgery)                  Mark Chariton (new health issue)                  Evelyn Lichvar (health issues)                  Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)                  Rick Lichvar, Evelyn Lichvar's son (chronic illness)                  Becky Smith (recovery from procedure)                  David Johnson                  Jimmy Clark (hospitalized)                  Audrey Turner (health issues)</p>	<p>Larry Katz, Keith Spain's co-worker                  Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend                  Jane &amp; Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (Art's health issue)                  Dawn Kriigel, Morgan Ingram's friend                  Dianne Overstreet &amp; Jaylon                  Dr. Shannon Bowman (health issue)                  Peggy Allen (recovering at home)                  Bob Hogsett, father-in-law to the Rechers' daughter                  Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)                  Aida Faries, recovering (health issue)                  Frances Sebera (recovering, health issue)                  Helen Cibula, health issues                  Cheryl May, employee of Susan Walker                  Harry Johnson, Jamie Meurer's friend (car accident)                  Joanne Overstreet (home)                  Elizabeth Scott (home)                  Ruth Figg (home)                  Susan Walker (injury)                  Donnie Grove, Bobby &amp; Donna Allen's friend, (motorcycle accident, Chippenham ICU)                  Carol &amp; Hugh Mayes, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, hospitalized (victims of home invasion)                  Brandon Quinton Lambert, son of Morgan Ingram's coworker, hospitalized (hypothermia)                  Family/friends of Jerry Bond (d. 6/18)</p>
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**From the Pastor's Desk...****Summer Hours:**

During the months of July and August, we will be worshipping together at 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Class), with coffee provided, and anyone who wishes to stay for coffee and fellowship following worship is warmly invited to do so! It's still being decided if Youth Sunday

School will be meeting in July and August, but other events are planned for them this summer.

**Youth Events!** Junior, Middle, and Senior High youth are invited to join us for the following events this summer: a pool party on July 17, and a stargazing on August 12. Both events will feature food, games, and discussion, and above all a good time. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions can be directed to Jason at the church office.

**Many of you have expressed an interest in receiving our newsletter in an electronic version rather than paper.** We are happy to oblige and will be beginning this process with next month's newsletter. If you would rather receive this via email, please make sure that we have your name and preferred email address. Sign up on the form in the sanctuary vestibule or contact the church office by July 23. Thank you!

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATEKEEPERS:** Gregg Webber (July) Bobby Allen (August)

**CAMP HANOVER AT GMPC!** July 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall of 2015. "Parents Night" ice cream social will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8 in GMPC Fellowship Hall.

**TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP:** July 19-25.

Work Camp Lunch Schedule::  
 Mon., 7/20 Presby. Women/Circle  
 Tues., 7/21 Congregational Care  
 Wed., 7/22 Worship  
 Thurs., 7/23 Facilities  
 Fri., 7/24 Missions.

**NO PG TRIAD MEETING IN JULY & AUGUST.**

**HOLY HUMOR**

Sandy Hunter

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**SO SAD!** A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a fourth grader at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog sidled inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shooed him outside, closing the door behind him.

The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors. Then God appeared beside the dog, patted his head, and said, "Don't feel bad 'fella!...they won't let *ME* in either."

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

JULY, 2015

<b>July 5</b>	
<b>July 12</b>	
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Rose Scott</b>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Marguerite Bishop</b>

**Please write in your name beside the Sunday you wish to provide flowers  
on the Flowers Chart in the Sanctuary's rear hallway**

**For assistance,  
please call Church office at 732-1081  
(9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).**

## SUNDAY SERVANTS – July, 2015

<b>GATEKEEPER:</b> <b>Gregg Webber</b>	<b>JUL. 5</b>	<b>JUL. 12</b>	<b>JUL. 19</b>	<b>JUL. 26</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Rose Scott	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Melissa Johnes Chris Johnes
<b>Acolytes</b>	Breeana Hunter Owen Hunter	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Kiley Johnes Ella Johnes	Jaime Meurer Kaitlyn Hartsell
<b>Announcements</b>	Rose Scott	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet	Rose Scott
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Patsy Johnson	Minister	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
<b>Junior Church</b>	Valerie Harsh Mattie Lynn Metschke	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Lisa Brown Jamie Meurer	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter
<b>Nursery</b>	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
<b>Counting</b>	David Johnson Ron Recher	Kevin Foster Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

# JULY, 2015

GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
				2-8:00 pm Cleaning		<i>Independence Day</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<p>9:00 a.m._ Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p><i>Guest Preacher: Colleen Earp</i></p>	<p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Camp Hanover @ GMPC</p> <p>6:30 pm Homecoming Committee</p>	<p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Camp Hanover @ GMPC</p> <p>12:30 pm Circle</p> <p>6:00 pm Congregational Care</p> <p>7:00 pm Facilities</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship</p>	<p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Camp Hanover @ GMPC</p> <p>6:00 pm Camp Hanover "Parents' Night" @ GMPC Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Camp Hanover @ GMPC</p>	<p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Camp Hanover @ GMPC</p> <p>2-8:00 pm Cleaning</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<p>9:00 a.m._ Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p><i>Sunday Luncheon</i></p>		6:30 pm Outreach		<p>9:00 am News articles in</p> <p>2-8:00 pm Cleaning</p> <p>7:00 pm Stewardship &amp; Finance</p>		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<p>9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25</p>	<p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25 Lunch:Presby.Wm</p>	<p>6:30 pm Missions</p> <p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25 Lunch. Congre. Care</p>	<p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25 Lunch: Worship</p>	<p>2:00 pm News Letter out</p> <p>2-8:00 pm Cleaning</p> <p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25 Lunch: Facilities</p>	<p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25 Lunch: Misionss</p>	<p>Tri-Cities Work Camp: July 19-25</p>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<p>9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p><i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i></p>	7:00 pm Christian Ed.				<i>Committee reports in</i>	

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***JULY NEWSLETTER***



COME JOIN US!!  
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

*We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)*