



ANCHOR LINKS

SEPTEMBER 2021

My new friends in Christ,

Dr. J. Will Ormond, my faculty advisor at Columbia Theological Seminary, was a mentor in ministry. We fondly called him Dr. O. Dr. O was formally the J. McDowell Richards

Professor of Biblical Exposition and personally a dear friend who shared his wisdom and warmth with me and Denise. One of the assignments Dr. O gave us in "The Synoptic Gospels – B152" was to create a "Mark Chart" of the Gospel of Mark. I still have my Mark Chart, worn and discolored, from the Spring of 1983. Since Mark's Gospel is the focus of the sermons over the next couple of months, I thought I would pull out the Chart and share some gleanings. The "Mark Chart" laid out divisions, sections, and segments of this first recorded gospel in the New Testament. It also noted themes and clues to changing segments of "the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1)

On the second Sunday in September, the Scripture reading is Mark 8:27-9:1. This Scripture passage begins the second half of Mark, according to my Mark Chart. It is the fulcrum on which the whole Gospel turns.

Back in 1983, I described the segment (8:27-9:50) this passage is in:

Peter confesses Jesus is the Christ. At this point Jesus and his disciples are on the way. A motif that ties this segment together is the teaching of the disciples who He is and what is going to happen to Him. The answer to the identity question, the Son of God, is revealed by Mark at the beginning of his gospel. This is a turning point in the direction of the gospel's movement.... Also with His revealing, Jesus tells of the cost of discipleship. ("B152 Synoptic Gospels," Spring 1983, Moran)

We know Jesus is the Son of God and "the Messiah," (Greek, Christos) as Peter said. Mark reminds us that Jesus is the Messiah who suffered and gave His life so that the world may be saved. At the end of that passage Jesus calls His disciples to do the same, "For those who want to lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:25) The world does not understand a Savior like this Messiah Jesus, but we do. We are called to follow that kind of Messiah, the kind who suffered and died. The almighty God and Father put His stamp on such a Messiah by raising Him from the dead to reign over all creation. It is to such a Messiah Jesus that we witness and tell the good news of His love to those with ears to hear.

We have done some of that witnessing and telling good news of Jesus and His love in our "Meet and Greet" groups. I want to thank all who are hosting and attending the "Meet and Greet" groups so that Denise and I can get to know everyone better. Thank you for making our first month in Shelbyville a joyful, affirming, generous, and loving experience, as the Morans are amid transition and starting anew. We cannot wait to make Shelbyville, Tennessee our "forever home."

May the peace and love of our
Lord Jesus be with you,
Jim





COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mission

Monday, Sept. 13 - 5:30pm

Property

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - 5:00pm

Faith & Devlmt

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - 6pm

Worship & Music

Not meeting in Sept.

Pastoral Care

Tuesday, Sept. 21 - 10:00am

Session

Monday, Sept. 20 - 5:30pm

September 1	Kasey Parsons
September 5	Raychelle Flannagan
September 6	Annie Grace Jensen
September 8	Fred Hunt
September 8	Aksel Jensen, IV
September 9	Lana Craig
September 10	Carol Smith
September 13	Knox Smith
September 15	James Smith
September 16	Katie Riddle
September 20	John Hittle
September 20	Jackson Smith
September 24	Linda Anderton
September 24	Kristin Conley
September 24	Sarah Hunt
September 27	Grant Coble Caperton
September 27	Sarah Strasser
September 28	Monnie Caine



September 10

Wayne & Charlotte Williams

September 16

Gail & Naomi Luna

September 18

Ed & Lisa Neese

September 19

Terry & Ashley Jennings

September 29

Lisa & Roy Turner

September 30

Dwayne & Barbara Frisby



MISSION NEWS

Soup Kitchen Saturdays

These meals will be available at the old Save A Lot building where the Tuesday evening meals are distributed. We could use church members to help wrap the food, pack the bags, help with kitchen cleanup and distribute the food. Cooking will begin around 7:30am in our church kitchen with bags ready for distribution at 9:00am. If you feel called to act, leave your name at the church office, tell Aaron or any of the mission committee members or show up at our kitchen



**Starts on Sept. 7th if you have
any questions contact
Teresa Phillips at (931) 619-0749**



Presbyterian Women



Holy Communion

Preparation

September 5

Aaron & Connie Crafton

October 3

Adrian Bomar &
Pat Thomas

November 7

Frieda Bone &
Susan Spears



Book Club

September 24th meeting at
9am at Never rest Park

They will be discussing:

All the Days Past,
All the Days to Come
By Mildred D. Taylor

Worship & Music

If you can help please join us for
Sanctuary Clean Up on
Sept. 11th @ 10:00am



Night Circle

Night Circle will be
starting up again!

We hope you can join us
on Sept. 14th at 6pm in
the Russell Classroom

We will be studying
Chapter 7 in

I Am: Discovering
Who Jesus Is

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	Ushers/Greeter	Hall Monitor	A Time for Young Christians	Nursery
Sept. 5	Bailey Little & Trena Little	Brenda Skelton	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Sept. 12	Richard Wilhelm & Kristin Wilhelm	Terry Saylor	Kate Canady	Lisa Turner
Sept. 19	John Marsh & Pat Thomas	Rob Marsh	Connie Crafton	Mary Marsh
Sept. 26	Roy Turner & Lisa Turner	Pat Marsh	Kate Canady	Christy Jensen



Retired Olympic swimmer calls Shelbyville 'home'

By DAWN HANKINS
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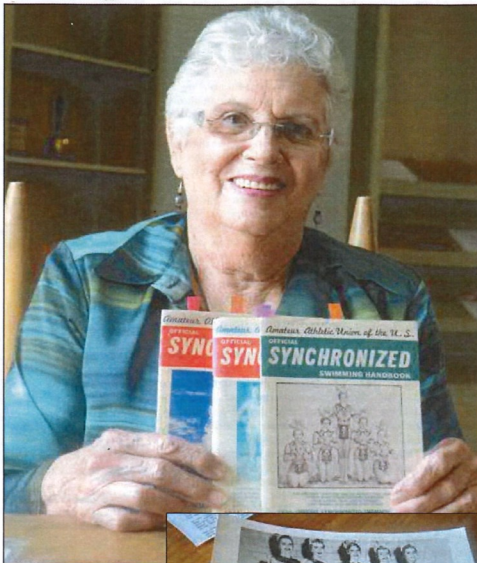
When Loretta Barrious Larsen participated in the 1956 Melbourne, Australia Olympics, synchronized swimming was an exhibition team feature.

Times have certainly changed, says the retired swimmer, who moved here in 2020 to be near family, who had already taken up residency in Bedford County.

Having watched faithfully the recent Olympic games on TV, the Oakland, Calif., native proudly talks about the days she served as one of President Dwight Eisenhower's Goodwill Ambassadors. Her synchronized swimming career, which was pretty fast and furious, took her on a world tour of 22 countries as a very young girl.

"As compared to the way they do synchronized swimming now, ours was so different. Now, it is so much more athletic. That was a criticism of it going into the Olympics, because they said, 'it's more of an art.' They don't call it synchronized swimming anymore; they call it artistic swimming."

She is well aware that cross-training is now necessary to compete. During her generation, it was more about grace and poise, i.e., the style associated with the late swimmer Esther Williams.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins
Loretta Barrious Larsen was an Olympic synchronized swimmer in the 1950s—a time when it was considered more of an art than athleticism. The Oakland, Calif., native now makes her home in Shelbyville.



Meet and Greet

Let's Get to Know the Morans!!!

Your Pastor Transition Team would like to schedule Meet and Greet so Jim and Denise can get to know their new congregation...8-15 members at a time. We are looking for hosts/hostesses to open their home or another venue of their choosing (park, church, etc.) and plan their event. please contact us and let us know 3 dates and times you would like us to consider AND a list of church members you would include on your guest list. If you have yet to schedule your Meet and Greet please contact Kate Canady at VolsCan@aol.com or 684-6849 or 703-399-0626.

FPC gives support to a wide variety of causes, through its financial donations as well as hands on ministry. Two regular Special Offerings our congregation has consistently supported are the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING at Easter and THE JOY OFFERING at Christmas. We recently received a letter from the Office of Mission Engagement and Support acknowledging with gratitude the receipt of \$50 for Christmas Joy Offering and \$358 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Ordinarily the Joy Gift amount is larger but was severely impacted by shut down status of in person church services this past December. These two offerings are ways we as a local congregation can attend to the needs of God's hurting children outside our local community. **Thank you** for your participation in these Special Offerings as they occur during the year.

prayer requests



Jackie Bane (Member)

Patti Jo Bennett (Sister of Jim Sepull)

Wayne Bomar, Jr. (Stepson of Adrian Bomar)

Evelyn Davidson (Member)

Frank Douglas (Friend of Members)

Pat Edmiston (Friend of Christy Jensen)

Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)

Tina Flynt (Sister of Carol Magnuson)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Kathy Kano (Friend of Shirley Luscinski)

Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Gracie Perryman (Friend of Brooke Anne & Blue Jay Farrar)

Family of Kelly Dyan Reed (Dana Edwards' sister)

Stephen Stone (Nephew of Aaron Crafton)

Family of Chris Sullivan (Marylyn Caperton's 2nd cousin)

Warner Family (Friends of Brooke Anne & Blue Jay Farrar)

Sheila Withers (Friend of Shirley Luscinski)

Those in Military Service

LT Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Those who are serving abroad and at home.





In Loving Memory of



Raymond “Buddy”

Wilhelm

For Memorial Fund

Tim & Patty Gray

Belinda Craig

Marion Savage

For Memorial Fund

Belinda Craig

Walter Higgins

For Memorial Fund

Ginger Shofner

Kelly Dyan Reed

For Greg Garner Fund

Ginger Shofner

Roy & Lisa Turner

Steve Beech

For Memorial Fund

Belinda Craig



It's time to “Pound the Pastor” (and Denise, too)!

We are having an old fashioned “pounding.” Not familiar with a pounding? A pounding is a practice that has been around for hundreds of years, especially in the Christian faith. It is gifting items to a new minister to stock the pantry. It was first called a pounding because they brought “a pound” of coffee, flour, sugar, grain, potatoes, etc.

As they move into their new home here in Shelbyville, please help us fill Pastor Jim and Denise’s pantry! Some of their favorites include: Peter Pan peanut butter (both creamy and crunchy!), Heinz ketchup, and Duke’s mayonnaise. Other ideas include but aren’t limited to flour, sugar, cake mix, spices, vanilla extract, coffee, tea bags, popcorn, hand soap, etc, etc, etc. Anything you can think of for their pantry! No perishables, please.

Please drop off your items during the week at the back of the church. Chenel will put a box out labeled “pounding” Monday thru Friday from 8:30 until 1:30 thru Thursday, September 9th. You can also bring your item(s) on Sunday, September 5. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Kate Canady.



September 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  World Day of Prayer	2	3	4
5 Communion 10am service	6 	7 PDO Starts Property Meet 5pm Faith & Dvlpmt 6pm	8  Int'l Literacy Day	9	10	11 Soup Kitchen Breakfast Prep 7:30am Handout 9am Sanctuary Clean up 10am
12 Rally Day Potluck 9am Installation Service 5:00pm	13 Mission 5:30pm	14 Women of the Church - noon Night Circle 6pm	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School Starts 9am	20 Session 5:30pm	21  Pastoral Care 10am Int'l Day of Peace	22	23	24 Book Club Never rest Park 9am	25
26  5 Cents A Meal Due	27	28	29	30		



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**Billie Crowell
Music Director**

**Chenel Gervais
Church Secretary**

**Diane Green
Nursery Director**

**Teresa Phillips
Parents' Day Out Director**

*Session minutes are available in the
church office for any member of the
congregation to review.*

SESSION

LeaAnne Windham, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

**Rob Marsh, Leo Skelton,
Margaret Smith,
LeaAnne Windham**

Class of 2022

**Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith**

Class of 2023

**Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor**

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

Kathy Smith

Class 2022

Pat Thomas

Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."
I Samuel 16:7

Lord, give me a healthy approach to reflection-my own as well as the lives of people You place around me. Help me care for my body as an act of worship and thankfulness, since it is Your creation. Help me care for my soul and spirit by coming to You for healing and growth. When I need to stop and reflect, let me do so without beating myself (or others) up. **Amen.**