



UPLIFT Newsletter

The United
Presbyterian Church
of Blairsville, PA

JUNE-JULY 2022

As I began college, I thought about studying archeology, I figured it was a way to learn the latest dating techniques. (If you didn't get that, pause a moment until you do.) Admission officers can tell you that after movies like Raiders of the Lost Ark students were quick to sign up to go on digs in search of ancient treasures. This past month I've spent time in the dark and dirty corners of the church attic and basement combing through boxes of old financial statements and musty ledgers. My quest hasn't led me to any chests filled with gold and silver artifacts. The history uncovered has for the most part been in the form of attendance rolls and dollars and cents reports.

Any historian will tell you that the facts are important, in the same way each piece of a jigsaw puzzle is important. But those pieces only become meaningful and relevant when we understand how they connect to each other. When piece A interlocks with piece B and together they enjoin pieces C and D, a larger picture is revealed and therein a story is told. Using this image, as historians we are more anthropologists than archeologists. As we have been exploring our past two hundred years as a congregation, we've had to consider the birth and growth of First Presbyterian Church in 1822. And then we have had to understand how another congregation, the Calvin United Presbyterian Church was born just one block away just a decade or so later. Each family of faith had hundreds of active members. Both were rooted deeply in the Reformed theological tradition. Both were committed to a high view of scripture, and both were open to the movement of the Holy Spirit as they lived out their mission and ministry. Two congregations so alike, yet so different. A united faith expressed in such varied ways. And while each lived out their story, they became entwined with other congregations.

As First Church and Calvin Church merged in 1969, you would think the union would be seamless, just like the Brady Bunch—well, therein lies a sitcom. "I'm willing to merge with them as long as they come here, I'm not giving up my church building." "If they think I'm going to change my way of thinking about foreign mission, they're gonna have a long wait." "We've sponsored so and so for decades, we can't drop our support now." "You know, our hymnal is really better than theirs." But just as a blended family learns to navigate new challenges, so a newly blended congregation learns how to dance a new dance and sing a new song and become someone more. When the two Presbyterian congregations merged over a hundred people were so upset about it they stopped going to church all together. Dozens of people started attending churches of another denomination. But while some went out the back door, others accepted the invitation to come in the front door and the ministry of Jesus Christ took a new form in this community and God was praised.

I've always appreciated the photograph of First Church's Centennial Celebration that hangs in the parlor. Hundreds gathered on the north lawn after worship, each bedecked in their Sunday finest, each a little nervous about having their picture taken, each anxious to dig into that fried chicken, potato salad and apple pie that awaited them. The sanctuary wall behind them was only forty years old. Many had donated their time and energy and finances to see the building constructed. In every sense of the word they are a part of our story. While their extended families are long gone and moved away, the echo of their witness still resounds. And we add our voice to the chorus.

So, as we look back with gratitude for those men and women who in faith lived out their convictions, we model their example and pass on their wisdom. But to all they have been we add who we have become. While over the past two hundred years this community has changed, while life challenges are quite different, while generations have been raised up and passed away, the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ remains and the faithful hand of God's provident care steadfastly holds us.

Know that you are every bit as much a part of this story as those whose names appear on the yellowed pages of the ledgers. Your coming and going are a part of the dance of faith in this place. God's hand on you becomes a part of God's blessing on us.....

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jim

Scripture Texts for Worship

The scripture texts for June and July are given for your study in preparation for Worship.

Sunday, June 5

John 14:8-17 (25-27)
Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, June 12

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 19

Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26

Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Sunday, July 3

Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17

Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 24

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 31

Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 7

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August Newsletter

Articles to be published in the August edition of the UPLIFT newsletter are due to the church office by Friday, July 15. Consider sharing church news through the monthly newsletter. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

Summer Worship Assistants—10:00 AM

June 5—Communion

Liturgist: Mary Gorslene
Flowers: Ed Bence
Sp Music: Our Handbell Choir
Audio/Visual: Olivia & Kristi Eckenroad

June 12

Liturgist: Jean Heberling
Flowers: Joe & Elaine Jellison
Audio/Visual: Doug Clayton & John Bruner

June 19

Liturgist: Mel Woodring
Flowers: Jim & Chris Antis
Audio/Visual: Olivia & Kristi Eckenroad

June 26

Liturgist: Dennis Gould
Flowers: Mary Gorslene
Audio/Visual: Olivia & Kristi Eckenroad

Offering Counters

Elaine Jellison and Becky Bence



OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE

Begins

Sunday, June 5-Worship, 10:00 AM

Sunday school classes and Choirs will be in recess for the summer and will resume again in the Fall. Our Summer church schedule runs from the first Sunday after Memorial Day in June until the Sunday after Labor Day in September.

July 3

Flowers: Karen Ruda
Audio/Visual: Olivia & Kristi Eckenroad

July 10—Communion

Audio/Visual: Olivia & Kristi Eckenroad

July 17

Flowers: Bonni Dunlap
Audio/Visual: Eli & Brylea Borbonus

July 24

Flowers: Patrick & Janeen Swope
Audio/Visual: Abigail, Elizabeth & John Bruner

July 31

Flowers: Ron & Kim McKinney
Audio/Visual: Olivia & Kristi Eckenroad

Offering Counters

Tom and Janet Smith

Guest Musicians

Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship while our choir is in recess. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent during worship, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office. Our choir will resume rehearsals in the Fall.

Anniversary Committee

The 200th anniversary committee continues to make plans for the celebration activities. At the last meeting, some start times were decided on. See the list for details. If you would like to get involved, consider attending the next meeting set for Tuesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. Call the church office for additional information.



We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion Sundays, June 5th and July 10th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please take time to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

200th Anniversary Celebration Schedule of Activities

Saturday, August 13—10:00AM-4:00PM

Open House at our Church
during the Knotweed Festival

Sunday, August 14—11:00AM

Church Picnic & Men with Mixers

Saturday, September 17—5:00PM & 6:15PM

200th Anniversary Dinner & Presentation

Sunday, September 18—11:00AM

Bicentennial Worship and Soup & Salad Lunch

Wednesday, September 21

200th Anniversary Concert & Reception

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 5th during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us.

This year our graduates include:

High School:

Andrew Baker

Elizabeth Bruner

Shakira McKinney

Higher Education:

Tyler Moran

Doctorate:

Matthew Cyphert

If we missed anyone, please contact the church office.

Church Camp

The four presbyteries of NW PA (Lake Erie, Beaver-Butler, Shenango and Kiskiminetas) have owned and operated two church camps for decades. Camp Lambec is on the shore of Lake Erie. Westminster Highlands was outside Emlenton. Because of increasing expenses in maintaining our camps and a decrease in attendance, the Camp Board made the decision to close Westminster Highlands. Camping opportunities are still available at:

Camp Lambec—www.camplambec.net

Please contact the church office if you are interested in more information.

Worship in PA Parks & Campgrounds

Chaplains are a friendly presence in the parks and campgrounds, and a witness to the love of God. They welcome you and care about you; feel free to ask for them from any of the park or campground employees. For more information or to see which parks or campgrounds are served by a chaplain, visit www.pachurches.org/ministry/campground-ministry.

Worship Assistants

Volunteers to assist during the worship service are always needed. There are a variety of ways you can become involved as an assistant. Call the office if interested.

Greeter—welcome those coming in for worship and hand them a bulletin; answer questions like, “Can I sit anywhere?”

Liturgist—assist the minister, from the pulpit, by leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and reading the first scripture

Audio-Visual Tech—after training, take your turn in rotation to run the sound and slides from the balcony during worship, and live-stream the service for those at home.

Rev. Thomas Davis was the very first pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Blairsville. We have little information in our archives concerning Rev. Davis. However, this article was written about his son, the Rev. James Davis.



REV. JAMES DAVIS.

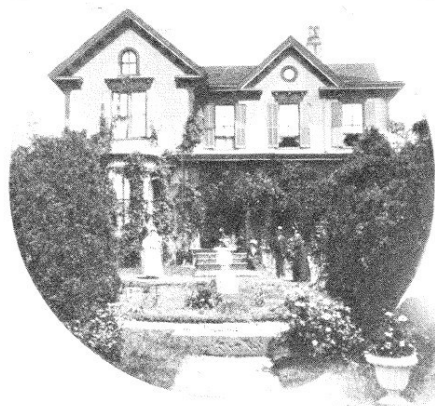
REV. JAMES DAVIS was born in Pittsburg in 1808. When fourteen years of age he removed to the vicinity of Blairsville, his father Rev. Thomas Davis having become pastor of Old Salem and West Union (now Blairsville) Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Davis graduated from Jefferson College in 1834 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1837. He was pastor at Morgantown, Va., for seventeen years. He moved to Stony Run farm in 1856 on account of the health of his eldest son. He refused several tempting calls to churches that he might devote himself to the care of his son. Such time as he could

spare was spent in Home Missionary work among feeble churches along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, especially at Manor, Harrison City, Derry, Blacklick and Armagh. For nearly thirty years he was Stated Clerk of the Blairsville Presbytery, his minutes being noted as models of neatness and precision. He served in the Christian Commission during the war, both in the Potomac and Western Armies. While in Murfreesboro he established the first school for colored people ever opened in Tennessee.

Mr. Davis built his beautiful home "Sunny-bank" in 1867 where he resided until his death in 1895. He married Margaret W., daughter of Joseph Long, of Pittsburg, in 1837, and she still resides in the old homestead.

Mr. Davis was a liberal, progressive citizen, anxious always to do everything for the best interests of the community. He was a man of most extensive information and an omniverous reader. This led to his remarkable conversational powers, while his genial hearty manners were an inspiration and a delight, especially to the young. Of a remarkably frank, open disposition, he harbored enmity against none and passed away honored and respected by all.



Copied from "Blairsville Souvenir and Industrial Prospectus", 1898

Excerpt from Blairsville Presbyterian, February 1895

REV. JAMES DAVIS.

On January 13th, as the people of God were gathered into the various sanctuaries on earth, Father Davis, so long one with us in our worship here, passed over into the great congregation of the sanctified, "unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn;" to behold the Lord in his glory and to participate in a perfect worship. Fitting time for such a transition; at the hour when he was accustomed to seek the courts of God's house here.

Mr. Davis was born in Pittsburg October 28, 1808. He graduated from Jefferson college 1834, and from Western Theological Seminary in 1837. In April of the same year he was licensed to preach and later in the year ordained and installed over the church of Morgantown, West Virginia. After seventeen years of faithful service to that church he moved to the old family home a few miles from Blairsville, and some years later to his late residence in town. He continued to serve the Master as a missionary among the vacant churches of this region far beyond the time usually allotted to man. But in recent years the infirmities of great age had made this service impossible and he joined most heartily with us in our service here.

As the son of the first pastor of this congregation, Rev. Thomas Davis, his life was part of the history of our church. In addition to this he had so closely identified himself with us in later years, as a constant worshipper, as a liberal supporter and as a faithful Sabbath school teacher, that we could only feel that he was one of us.

His character is too well known to need eulogy. Yet we would put on record our own happy experience in fellowship with him. To visit him was always a real pleasure; because of his uniformly cheerful temper, his gentle manner, his hopeful view, his general information, his deep interest in the church, local and general, and above all, his unwavering faith and unruffled patience. To see him in his pew was always an inspiration, because of his bright, hopeful countenance, his evident interest, his careful attention and his well known love for the ordinances of God's house. The results of the silent influence of these quiet graces will be understood only in that day when "we shall know as we are known."

We shall miss him; but we will not sorrow for him as those that have no hope; for he has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith, and now he wears the crown.

"Sunny Bank," Home of late Rev. James Davis.



REV. GEORGE HILL, D. D.

REV. GEORGE HILL, was born in Ligonier Valley, September 18, 1815. He was the grandson of Rev. George Hill, the first pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in that valley. He graduated from Jefferson College in 1837 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1840, and was ordained and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Blairsville, Pa., December 14, 1841. In 1847 he was elected a Director of the Western Theological Seminary; Vice-President in 1870; President in 1883, holding that office until his death. Of his fitness for that position the Board has left on record: "As a presiding

officer he was prompt, decided, and just. His leadership was like that of the sun, and men followed it for the light that fell in its pathway, and for the blessings that attended it." He founded the Blairsville Seminary in 1851, and ever took the deepest interest in its welfare. He was Moderator of the Synod of Pittsburg in 1861, and Commissioner to the General Assembly at Philadelphia in 1843; Charlestown, S. C., in 1852; New Orleans, La., in 1858; Albany, N. Y., in 1868; Cleveland, O., in 1875; New York, in 1889. In 1869 he received from Washington and Jefferson College the degree of Doctor of Divinity. "Theology in its systematic form was the department of study in which he took a special delight, a partiality which he retained in subsequent life. When he left the Theological Seminary he was above all else a well grounded Theologian. So deeply fixed were his convictions on all essential points, that there is no evidence that his views underwent serious changes during a ministry of 55 years. For the work of preaching, Mr. Hill had natural qualifications of a high order. He had a clear, logical mind, and a simple, direct mode of expression which fitted him eminently for successful teaching from the pulpit, and this was his idea of efficiency in ministerial work." "Dr. Hill was a public spirited citizen. There was no enterprise affecting the welfare of the community at large, in which he was not interested. In the dark days of the civil war, his voice rang out in clarion tones, as many will remember, on the side of loyalty and patriotism. He was an ardent and life-long advocate of temperance. He was a pronounced enemy of political and social corruption, and was ready to throw his influence into every legitimate enterprise for the promotion of moral reform. His home life, his life in the church and in society, his life in the wider relations where he was known, will be very pleasant to recall. Everywhere he has been respected and honored for his uprightness and consistency, for his love of truth and righteousness, for his love and service to the church of his Lord." His death on August 22, 1895, closed a remarkable pastorate of 54 years in one church. It as been said by a fellow-presbyter, "His people will never know how much he loved them."

Copied from "Blairsville Souvenir and Industrial Prospectus", 1898

Newsletter of Blairsville Presbyterian Church was published monthly and cost .50 per year. Below are excerpts from the October, 1896 edition. The complete issue consisted of six pages.

BLAIRSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

VOL. II.

BLAIRSVILLE, PA., OCTOBER, 1896.

No. 11.

BLAIRSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

Published Monthly in the interest of the Presbyterian Church of Blairsville

BY THE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
THE SESSION.

EDITOR.....REV. J. W. CRISWELL

ASSOCIATE EDITORS.

Sunday School, M. M. DUNLOPE.

Woman's Missionary Society, MRS. HILL.

Y. P. S. C. E., MISS ELIZABETH PAULL.

"SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE."

The fifth Gospel—have you read it? In the New Testament there are four records of the life of Christ. While they agree as to the great fundamental facts of our Lord's life, they differ in details. Each writer has left the impress of his own individuality upon the record, according as the truth passed through the prism of each mind.

But the fifth Gospel—where is that, and what is that? It is the Gospel according to you. It is a book read by people who never have read the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, and who probably never will. Is it not worth while asking the question then, "What is the Gospel according to you?" What impressions do the men and women with whom you mingle all the week long gain of the value of the religion of Jesus Christ from the way you are living it? What conception of Christ as a divine utility are they forming from your presentation of the Gospel in your life?

The solemn obligation that rests upon every Christian is that he shall lift the acts of his daily life up to the same level as his profession. The religion that is not good enough for every place is not good enough for any place. Men of the world do not discriminate as some fastidious church members do, but judge of a man's religion by the way he lives that religion.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

THE General Assembly appointed a Committee of eleven intelligent laymen to confer with representatives of the Home and Foreign Missions Boards, to inquire into the method of administration of the affairs of the Boards, and also to consider the advisability of selling the new building recently erected, and with the proceeds clear the debts of the Boards.

The committee has not yet published a full report, but has issued the following preliminary statement, which will be a source of gratification to those who have upheld the course of the officers of these Boards:

"We are happy to report to the Church, acting under instructions of the Assembly, that the conference was full, harmonious and satisfactory; and to express to the membership of the Church our full confidence in the integrity, fidelity, good faith and loyal service of all the members of the Boards in the administration of their trusts, including the erection of the new building, No. 156 Fifth avenue.

"And the committee earnestly hopes that the Church will unhesitatingly sustain the causes of Home and Foreign Missions, giving that financial support necessary for the prosecution of the work of the two Boards, and also for the liquidation of the debts which embarrass them at present."

THE *Presbyterian* has this sensible advice to give to complaining ones: "If 'the congregations are declining,' depend less upon the preacher and more upon yourself. Get stirred up yourself, and then stir up others. Stop fault-finding and do something telling. Talk up the church more. Have a good word for minister, elders, trustees, the Sabbath-school teacher, and even the sexton. See something to praise in the prayer meeting, church service, Christian Endeavor Society, Sabbath-school and Missionary Society. Take a hopeful view of things. Put cheer into the desponding. Get some live people about you, and set them to work. The effect will be magnetic."

THE STUNDISTS OF RUSSIA.

At the recent meeting of the Presbyterian Council in Glasgow, the following action was taken: "The Sixth Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System desire to remind their churches and congregations that the Stundists of Russia are brethren of our faith, having had their origin in a German colony belonging to our Presbyterian order; that their forms one of the most remarkable religious developments of our age, their number having grown within half a century to over hundreds of thousands of adherents. The Council commend them to the earnest prayers of our churches, and express to the Stundists their deepest sympathy with them in the difficulties of their present position and in the sufferings they have had to endure. The Council also exhort their brethren to remain faithful to their evangelical position, and assure them they will be remembered in the prayers of our congregations, and may count upon whatever help the Council may be in a position to give."

BLAIRSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

[Entered at the Postoffice at Blairsville, Pa., as second class matter.]

Subscription, FIFTY CENTS per year. Payable in advance to John Moorhead, treasurer, or to the Pastor.

For advertising rates apply to the business committee.

Copy for changes of advertisements must be in by the 25th of each month.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

John W. Moorhead, Banks Pearce, Paul W. Fair.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

PASTOR,

Rev. J. W. Criswell.

ELDERS,

Joseph Moorhead, J. M. Turner, J. G. Turner,
D. M. Fair, Joseph Francis, Henry Robinson,
T. C. Van Tries, M. D., M. M. Dunlope.

Clerk.....Rev. J. W. Criswell.

DEACONS,

T. D. Cunningham, Jas. Harding, W. M. Hosack,
E. M. Evans, S. Lewis Barr, Jno. T. Hedge.

Secretary.....E. M. Evans.

Church Treasurer.....W. M. Hosack.

Office at the store of J. M. & W. M. Hosack.

S. S. Superintendent.....M. M. Dunlope.

Librarian.....Marshall Dadds.

Sexton.....Wm. Stonaker.

SERVICES,

Preaching.....11.00 a. m., 7.00 p. m.

Sabbath School.....9.15 a. m.

Y. P. S. C. E.....6.00 p. m.

Mid-week Prayermeeting, Wednesday.....7.30 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society.....Second Wednesday of each month, 2.30 p. m., in the chapel.

North Side Aid Society.....Last Thursday of each month, 7.00 p. m.

Rays of Light.....First Sabbath of each month, 2.30 p. m., in the chapel.

OUR COMMUNION SEASON.

Our fall communion was observed October 4th. The attendance was very large and the interest seemed very good. We believe that it was a time of special enjoyment to many and we hope that the whole congregation was refreshed in spirit and strengthened for life's work.

Rev. H. V. Givler of the Methodist church preached at the preparatory service on Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon, in connection with the preparatory service, the Sacrament of Infant Baptism was administered. Parents presented their children as follows:

Mary Malinda, by Mr. M. F. and Mrs. Sarah E. Carson.
 Emma Elizabeth, by Mr. J. P. and Mrs. Margaret Barr.
 Alta Gertrude, by Mr. J. P. and Mrs. Margaret Barr.
 Theodora, by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Vandivort.
 Susan Margaret, by Mr. E. H. and Mrs. Margaret Bergman.
 Bertha Viola, by Mr. R. J. and Mrs. Lizzie Kier.
 Martha Elizabeth, by Mr. H. M. and Mrs. Charlotte Diltz.
 Harry Mabon, by Mr. Thos. M. and Mrs. Martha A. Blakely.
 Thomas Rea, by Mr. Thos. M. and Mrs. Martha A. Blakely.
 Leslie Hall, by Mr. H. A. and Mrs. Matitia J. Corneil.
 Warren Lisle, Mrs. Nancy E. Wilson.
 Joseph Sloan, by Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Mary M. Criswell.

Owing to the inability of some parents to be present at this time the ordinance was administered again, Sabbath, October 18, at which time children were presented as follows:

Jane Ethel Victoria, by Mrs. Sara F. Marshall.
 Mildred Iona, by Mrs. J. Mildred Clawson.
 Alice Ethel, by Mrs. Nancy A. McDonald.

At the communion service the following names of new members were announced.

By certificate:

Mrs. S. E. Johnson, wife of Rev. H. R. Johnson, President of the College, from the Reynoldsville church.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Machesney,
 Mr. John Machesney,
 Miss Louie Machesney,
 Miss Minnie Machesney,
 Miss Bertha Machesney,
 from the Salem church.
 Mr. W. C. Knowlton and his wife
 Mrs. Kate Knowlton
 from the Presbyterian church of Dansville, N. Y.

Certificates were received too late

for announcement at that time as follows:

Mr. Kelly,
 Mrs. Stewart,
 from Bradford, Pa.

On profession of faith:
 Mr. Wm. Keener Boyle,
 Mr. Thos. Davis Cunningham, Jr.,
 Mr. Shallus Hall Rowe.

The ordinance of Baptism was administered in the case of Mr. Boyle.

The benevolent offering of the day was for the cause of Home Missions, and amounted to \$144.39. It fell considerably short of our gifts in recent years to the same cause. We hope there may yet be other gifts added to this. We give space elsewhere to an appeal just issued by the Home Mission Board and feel certain that it will touch many hearts, and hope it may find some who may be able to help our distressed brethren and thus bear "one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." \$11.40 was also given for our Synodical Home Missions, making \$71.40 to this branch of our Home Mission work which was the apportionment asked of us.

NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Geo. H. Hill and family, of Beechwoods, Jefferson county, have been visiting his mother on North Walnut street. Mr. Hill was one of the Commissioners from Clarion Presbytery to the meeting of Synod held in Bellefonte.

Mrs. Lucinda Phillips has been dismissed to the Presbyterian church of Homer City.

On Thursday, October 8, 1896, at the home of the bride's parents, near Plumville, Miss Mina E. Lydic was married to Mr. Burt Morrow. Miss Lydic has been one of our faithful workers for several years and we wish her a most hearty "God-speed" in her new sphere.

Our paper is ten days late this month on account of the absence of the pastor.

Mrs. Hill will at any time forward subscriptions, old or new, to the Presbyterian *Banner*.

We would remind subscribers who are in arrears that we are nearing the close of our year in November, and are in need of all subscriptions in order that our bills may be paid. Money should be paid to Mr. John Moorhead, Treasurer.

Our brethren of the Baptist church have purchased the old Methodist church and will have it refitted for their use.

Miss McNaugher has been called home by the serious illness of her

father, and her place in the faculty is being filled by Miss Helen Faris, of Pittsburg. Miss Faris is a graduate of the University of Wooster and is fully competent to do the most advanced work in Ancient and Modern languages.

The enrollment of the College is larger than at any time since 1872.

At a special meeting of Presbytery recently, Rev. Mr. Covert, of Cone-maugh church, was released from his charge to accept a call to a church in the South.

Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the Derry church has received a call to the church of North East, in the Erie Presbytery. It is believed that Mr. Williams will accept the call.

LECTURE.

Unfavorable weather interfered with the attendance at the lecture on Tuesday evening, October 20, by President Johnson, but those who were present were amply repaid by the lecturer's practical discourse on "New wine in new bottles." It was a severe arraignment of bigotry and prejudice as impediments to progress in knowledge and achievement, and a strong plea for minds open to conviction, ready for the reception of newly discovered truth, quick to accept new and better methods and eager for development.

Mr. Johnson declined to accept any compensation and the society realized about \$10.



"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERY-THING."

But the PRESENT is the best to have your picture taken.

Have you examined these pretty STATUETTES & GROUPS we are handling?



PHOTOGRAPHER.

BARGAIN STORE

-: Good Goods :-

-: Lowest Prices :-

T. R. TRAVIS

R. H. FREY,

PIANOS, ORGANS,

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

SEWING MACHINES

MARKET STREET, BLAIRSVILLE, PA.



How Well Do You Know Your Bible—Bible Trivia

Answers in the next newsletter

1. True or False: Jesus asked the children to stay back while he was teaching important things to grown-ups.
2. What is the first commandment?
3. What were Isaac's sons' names and who was born first?
4. Who was to be named Zacharias, after the name of his father, until his mother intervened?
5. True or False: John the Baptist wore clothes made of goat hair.

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM MAY

1. How many disciples did Jesus choose? **Answer:** 12 (Matt. 10:1-4, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16)
2. What is the shortest verse in the Bible? **Answer:** John 11:35 "Jesus wept."
3. Who was King David's son that started a rebellion against him? **Answer:** Absalom (II Samuel 15)
4. What happened to Bathsheba and David's first child? **Answer:** It died (II Samuel 12:15-18)
5. Who was Bathsheba and David's child that became king? **Answer:** Solomon (I Kings 1:28-31)

Food for Family Thought

1. If you could release a helium balloon with a message card attached to the end of the string, what message would you write for the unknown recipient to read?
****Try this for fun.** Have each family member pull from a hat the name of a family member. Include extended family members, if possible. For a whole week, ask each person to pray for the family member whose name he or she picked. At the end of the week, reveal everyone's "Secret Pal."
2. If your home had to be completely surrounded by one natural feature, which one would you want it to be? (Examples: desert, fields of wildflowers, forest, lake, mountains.)
****Being a conscientious parent can feel lonely, but you don't have to go it alone.** Surround yourself with the company of other parents who share and support the values you want your family to live by. They will give you a boost and be valuable witnesses to your child.