

PASTOR'S CORNER

Grace and peace be with you.

Grace and peace.

A Moving Story:

My father was a pastor and an Air Force Chaplain. He served Stateside and in Europe during and after World War II. When the Korean Conflict escalated, he was an involuntary recall who served in Post War Japan. His assignment was to a Navy/Marine base in Osaka, where he served the combat pilots who were rescued after being shot down in North Korea. He worked with Japanese Baptists too. I still have the framed, parchment document celebrating his volunteer ministry with the Baptist Orphanage in Osaka. It is displayed on the west wall in my home office.

My little sister Jan and I were late comers to our family, and the folks used to tell the military stories to our family. One of my favorite stories was when Dad received orders to Good Fellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. He went ahead of the family while Mom and my three older siblings remained at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona. As

happened often during active duty orders, the moving van didn't arrive to move Mother and family. Mom asked Dad to contact necessary folks, which he did. After calls from Dad and Mother to the powers that were, Mother finally took it upon herself to visit the CEO of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. All 4 foot 9ish inches of her walked into the general's office waiting room and she announced that she needed to speak with the General. The clerk receptionist let Mom know that the General had a full schedule and could not see her, but she could make a future appointment. Mom, with her melodic alto voice and rarely flashing eyes, informed the clerk that she was not leaving until she got to speak with the General. She then proceeded to take a seat across from the clerk. The General finished his appointment, the clerk escorted the guest out of the General's office, and while the door was open Mother kindly, with resolve, restated her request. The General heard her, got up, walked to his door, saw Mother and asked her why she needed to

see him, and invited her into his office. He had her sit down, closed the door, and mother told him the situation. All the furniture, clothes, living necessities, etc. were still sitting in the house after three weeks, and the family needed to be reunited with Dad. The General took immediate action, ordered the clerk to contact the moving division, and made sure that the family's needs were met. He added, in front of the clerk, "If Chapy's wife needs anything else. Just get it done!" Mom thanked him. He apologized. The van was at the house at 6 am the next day.

Well, Mom called Dad and let him know that the family would be on its way. Dad was amazed how powerful this quiet little lady was. He would often tell the story with tears in his eyes, because he was so proud of her.

We all knew she was a powerfully, loving woman of faith and action. We had the stories to prove it.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roy

SCRIPTURES AND SERMON TITLES FOR JUNE, 2024

Sunday, June 2, 2024

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 139

1st Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

2nd Lesson: Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon: "When Faith Freezes Over"

Sunday, June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 138:1-8

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-20 & 11:14-15

Second Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: "The Covenant Kinfolk"

Guest Minister

Sunday, June 16, 2024—Father's Day

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 20

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Sermon: "Pay Attention:"

Sunday, June 23, 2024

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:9-20

First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Second Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "Living Through Tough Times:"

Sunday, June 30, 2024

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 30

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Second Lesson: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "Stories: Faith in Context"

PRESBYTIDINGS

June 2024

Rev. Dr. Roy C. Backus

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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What's a Dad Want on Father's Day

13 June 2013 Matthew Ruttan
"A father carries pictures where his money used to be." (Unknown)

I'm a new dad. Well, not *that* new. And I'm not sure if you've noticed, but the role of the dad has changed over the years. Remember Ward Cleaver? Nowadays any man who comes home to sit in his chair and read the paper while mom (who has been working hard by herself all day) continues to handle the kids and make dinner is due for a well-deserved re-buke!

Now I know it wasn't *all* like that in the old days—that's oversimplified. But the game has still changed. You can't deny that. Men—*real* men!—are in the thick of it.

Being a dad to young kids is great. I can't explain it fully. It involves reading lots of stories (often the same one over and over, I might add), middle of the night wake-ups to calm from bad dreams, changing dirty diapers, patching up skinned knees, trying to balance work with

home, making your marriage a priority, being an example, teaching your kids to pray, listening and more listening, being man enough to wear pink princess hair clips, having the patience to answer the same question 15 times, and trying to be a rock for both wife and kids. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Jim Bishop (someone who seems to help us parents-of-wee-ones see into the future) gives some wisdom about the time and energy you put into parenting: "Watching your daughter being [picked up for a] date feels like handing over a million-dollar Stradivarius [violin] to a gorilla." Being a dad is important. There's an old saying that having a child doesn't make you a dad. That makes you biologically able to reproduce. I fear that in the busyness and confusion of our times, fatherhood may be a dying art. I hope not. So it's important to acknowledge, however modestly, that intentional fatherhood is at the center of a healthy home. But back to my point: So

what do (fairly new) fathers want for Father's Day? I can't really speak for others, but personally I really just want to be with my family. At this phase in my life it's tempting to want to take some "time away" because things can get so exhausting. A few hours would be nice. But I wouldn't want to be away for too long. I want to be in the chaotic mix of it all. I want to play princesses and pirates and maybe get a nice card with some stickers on it. In the morning, maybe a hot coffee and a pat on the back to say that you're doing all right. Isn't that what we all want?



June 2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 RECYCLE
2 10:30 a.m. Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:30 a.m. Worship Reverend Chuck Maney will be our guest speaker. Pastor Roy gone thru the 15th of June	10	11	12	13	14	15 RECYCLE
16 10:30 am Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>FPC to work at Food Pantry</i>
23 10:30 am Worship 30 10:30 am Worship	24	25	26 <i>Meladee will be out of the church office at Gailey Eye Clinic</i>	27 <i>5:30 Session</i>	28	29

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH... FUN FACTS ABOUT JUNE

First Presbyterian Church of Gibson City

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Meladee's working hours: Meladee will be in the church office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Email Addresses: As part of the hardware and software upgrade for our church's technology, email addresses as noted below:

Meladee
fpcgc60936@sbcglobal.net

Office@firstpresbygibson.org

Office hours for Dr. Backus will be 9 to 3 on Tuesday and Thursday. Meladee will also be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 3.


June used to be the fourth month of the year: It's hard to picture June falling anywhere other than after May and before July, but the Romans had different ideas to us. Before Caesar's rise to power, the calendar spanned only 10 months, June being the fourth month. The calendar we follow today was first established in 46 BC, bumping June forward a couple of spots. We bet you didn't know that!

June's birth flowers are roses and honeysuckle June is the perfect month for the birth of the hopeless romantic, particularly if you're fond of flowers. June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle. Both symbolize all things related to love, desire, generosity, and affection. Roses are perhaps the flower most symbolic of passion and romance worldwide. So, if your partner's birthday is in June, you really can't go wrong with a bunch of roses.

June's packed with holidays for those with a sweet tooth. June is a highlight for those of us who enjoy a sweet treat or two, though it's likely the bane of dentists nationwide. National Rocky Road Day falls on the 2nd of June, with National Macaroon Day the day after on the 3rd, and National Chocolate Ice-Cream Day on the 7th. Luckily, June's also Great Outdoors Month, as you'll be needing the exercise if you celebrate all three of these in style!

June boasts the most daylight hours. The Summer Solstice occurs towards the end of June, marking the day with the most hours of daylight in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of summer. By contrast, June isn't quite so celebratory an occasion in the southern hemisphere, instead recording the day with the least daylight hours and the arrival of winter. Sorry southern hemisphere!

June has its own full moon. Well, sort of. June has its own named moon, if not its own celestial body, which is close enough in our book. June's full moon is known as the Strawberry Full Moon, named for the bounty of fruit grown at this time of year.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES		<p><i>Second Sunday Offering</i> June 9: Hanley School Supplies July 14: Building Improvements</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ushers</i></p> <p>June: gene and Mary Jane Roth July: Jean Williams and Val Hunt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Communion Servers</i></p> <p>June 16: Charlie Schultz and Tim Swanson Aug 4: Jean Williams and Sharla Williams</p>	<p>body loves June, right? It's typically the month with the most daylight hours to enjoy, which means endless summer bbqs. Also, it's a great opportunity to get some vitamin D or fly off on a long-overdue vacation abroad. Did you know June wasn't always the sixth month of the year though? Read the fun facts above for more information.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>01: Mary Clow 01: Rick Kerchenfaut 03: Stacy Johnson 08: Gene and Mary Jane Roth 12: Chad and Stacy Johnson 19: Larry and Karen Ladd 20: Michael and Karen Mott 27: Dorri Groom 29: Hunter Johnson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>01: John and Barb Kirkpatrick 24: Larry Ricks 26: Chad Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Go forward in life with a twinkle in your eye and a smile on your face, but with a great and strong purpose in your heart.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Gordon B. Hinckley</i></p>		

June 23, 2024: The Wissmiller family will host their family reunion in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU

Pastor Backus and Elders, Thank you for your generous gift to the GCMS FBLA organization. This gift will help fund four of our members to attend the National Leadership Conference. We are so honored to be in a community with your church and deeply appreciate your support. Sincerely, Vickie Conlin, Sponsor of Future Business Leaders of America

Dear Friends, With hearts filled with gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks for your generous donation of \$500 in memory of Ellie Stolz to Kemmerer Village. Your support embodies the spirit of compassion.

Chelsea T. Wood, JD, Executive Director, Kemmerer Village Foundation

Thank you for the well wishes and generous donation to Joe Cornell's family. It's much appreciated. Joe and his family

Dear church members, On behalf of our entire family, **THANK YOU** for the generous donation to Kendall's Miracle. This money has enabled us to move forward with the desired van modifications to give Kendall more independence. The equipment has been ordered and the van will be modified to allow Kendall easier access to both the driver and passenger sides without using her transfer board and assistance from others. She will also have hand controls so she can drive. When the modifications are complete (Hopefully by the end of May), we will send photos. We can't thank you enough for coming along on this journey with us. Your donation means the world to us. With much appreciation and love, Gary, Misty, Peyton, and Kendall Tongate, Rich and Linda Van Dyken

Mary, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the amazing gift you and the elders have given our program. It will be used wisely and will aid greatly to our current goal of purchasing new classroom furniture pieces. Many thanks.

Paige Lange and all of us at Little Achievers

Members of the First Presbyterian Church, It's the thoughtfulness of people like you that makes the world so bright. You all are an amazing congregation. I cannot express how surprised and grateful I was. The donation was so amazing although I knew you helped many folks in our great community. This check came just in time for my three first bills. It helped so much. When you are fighting this journey the bills begin to get scary, can only pray. Last week during my stay in the hospital I had a very frightening experience. I saw the blinding light and saw my mom. They brought me back so I know my journey is not done here. I will continue to fight this journey for God's plan for me. All I ask is that you continue to pray. Love, Rae Ann Maupin

Thank you for supporting the Gibson City IL Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Each gift goes a long way to providing a bed for kids until no kid sleeps on the floor in our town! First Presbyterian Church, Thank you for your incredibly generous gift to our group! We appreciate your support and are humbled by your belief that we can make a difference in this community. Your donation will have such a positive impact on so many families. We are truly grateful! Sincerely, The Gibson City Sleep in Heavenly Peace Team

Members of the First Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for the generous donation for our Bicentennial Celebration on June 29, 2025. As you know, it takes a lot of planning to put on a nice celebration and your donation will really help. Thank you for honoring Danny and Vonna. On

behalf of the committee, thank you very much. Sidney Schaefer, President, Saybrook



Dear First Presbyterian Church: The Gibson Area Service Association (GASA) gratefully acknowledges your recent gift of \$1,000 to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Foundation program in Ford County. We are proud to serve our local community and your generous donation will help us greatly with our efforts! We thank you for your contribution to GASA!

Thank you Danny and Vonna Heustis for putting flags on the outside cross in time for Memorial Day. The cross will stay up through the 4th of July.



CHURCH NEWS



Thank you Emma Swanson for handing out carnations on Mother's Day!



What a nice surprise to see Sharon Heavilin's beautiful granddaughter Harper at our Mother's Day service. Pictured above is Harper's mother Brittany along with Grandma Sharon and good friend Pat Farris.

The McCormick Tutoring Program

Church Liaison Sharla Williams reports that the program was a great success again this past school year. Sharla has managed the program for our church for three years. The program was responsible for providing tutoring at all three GCMS schools -the Elementary School, the Middle School, and the High School. The program finished up at the end of April. Up to 43 students were provided assistance throughout the 2023-2024 school year. This program is a very important mission for our church and funds were provided from the McCormick Memorial Fund started by Stephen and Helen McCormick in honor of their son Thomas McCormick. In addition, scholarships were awarded in May. Thank you, Sharla, for a job well done in managing this very important program for the church and the Community!



Sharla Williams, Church Liaison for the McCormick Tutoring Program



COMMUNITY GARDEN

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Planning has started again for the Church sponsorship of the Community Garden in partnership with Railside Golf Course. In addition, we are excited to announce that we have also partnered with the GCMS Future Farmers of America students under the leadership of teacher Jeff Reale with coordination with Rick Kerchenfaut. Individual plots will be available for \$10 per season with water included at no charge. Mary Clow has sent out letters to those who had garden plots last year. An ad was placed in the Ford County Chronicle. If you are a new gardener and interested in reserving a plot, please call the Church at 217-784-5422 or email Office@firstpresbygibson.org



Thank You Phil Noellsch, Rick and Aizza Kerchenfaut, Ron and Mary Clow and Dr. Backus for unloading 70 bags of mulch for the Community Garden sponsored by our church.



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



Session approved a \$1,000 donation to GASA (the Gibson Area Service Association) for their first approved project -The Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program which is supported by the Dollywood Foundation started in 1988. with the mission of inspiring a love of reading in children from birth to age five. Inspired by Dolly's father's inability to read, The Program was launched in her home county of Sevier County, Tennessee. The program's significant impact led to its international expansion and has gifted over 224 million free books in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland. Every month, the Imagination Library mails over 2.8 million books. The program is currently active in areas across 40 counties in Illinois with nearly 30,000 children enrolled. Research has shown that the first five years of life are critical for young children, with around 90% of brain development occurring during those years. Daily readings by parents or caregivers provide the greatest opportunity to prepare their child for school and literacy is a long-term major social determinant of health and economic impact. Children will receive one book per month through the Imagination Library helping to increase readiness for kindergarten and higher academic achievement. Illinois has allocated \$1.6 million in the FY24 budget for early childhood education and care which will pay for 50% of the cost of the program. As a sponsor, the GASA cost will be \$1.10 per month per child. This book gifting program mails free, high-quality, and age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five, regardless of the family's income. GASA hopes to have the program running by summer and estimates that 764 children are eligible in Ford County. Our donation will pay for one year of monthly books for 75 children!

HEAD START OPEN REGISTRATION GIBSON CITY *AGES 3-5 YEARS*

Head Start Offers:* High Quality Early Learning, Parent Education and Activities, Nutritional Meal and Snacks, Services for Children with Disabilities.

For more information call or visit: Gibson City Center, 401 North Church Street, Gibson City IL 60936 217-848-2871 or 217-848-1386

Required Information:

- Proof of Annual Income
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization records
- Current Physical
- Documentation of Child's Disability

*Transportation is NOT provided. Equal Opportunity Provider
CDI HEAD START serving Vermillion, Iroquois and Ford Counties IL



TRIP TO UGANDA AFRICA

Lyndi Barnes, a friend of our church and a local hair dresser, just returned from a trip to Uganda, Africa. Several people from her church were going to make the mission trip including her dad, Steve Rhodes, and her uncle, Dean Summers. Lyndi has wanted to do this for a very long time and decided that now was the time. Our church contributed \$500 to her trip cost. She said it was one of the most wonderful experiences of her life, especially since her dad was along for the adventure. Here are some pictures that she has shared with us.



Eating grasshoppers! Yes!!!



There was no pretty food, no cute drinks, or pool side service. The only beauty here was the work of the Lord and that far beats anything I've ever seen! It was the most heart breaking, dirtiest yet amazing country I've ever been to. They can make life work with nothing and that makes it absolutely beautiful to me!! From leading children to the Lord to eating grasshoppers and everything in between, I wouldn't have changed one thing!! Trip of a lifetime and I got to spend it with my Dad .Thank you for all who prayed and supported us! I left a piece of my heart in Uganda

COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTINUED

The GCMS Ag students along with Ag teacher Jeff Reale spent the morning spreading mulch at the Community Garden. What a great group of kids willing to help as needed.



NEWS FROM AROUND

Getty Greer and Chloe Tjarks representing the GCMS Future Business Leaders of America made a presentation about their organization to Session at their April 25th meeting. Our Church made a \$1000 donation to the FBLA in February to help with expenses for competing at the State level competition. All of the Elders were so impressed with this fine group of young adults and approved an additional \$1000 donation to help with expenses for 4 members who placed high enough to compete at the National competition in Florida. Getty Greer is one of the four going to Nationals.



FFA members including our very own Addison Kerchenfaut.

Pictures of Meladee Ferguson's youngest granddaughter, Samantha Renae VanSwol, may be found below. She graduated from Mahomet-Seymour High School with honors on May 17, 2024 and there is a prom picture with her brother Ben also.



Sammi Nae will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall. Our church awarded her a \$1,000 scholarship.



Dr. Backus with Getty and Chloe.



ALL AWARENESS DAY

Mary Clow attended the 2nd annual All Awareness Day celebration on May 11th held at the North Park. Mary sat at the Gibson Area Food Pantry table and the Gibson Area Service Association table as needed. Mary reports there was great turnout of families and every child who participated in the powder paint race received a trophy. Our church donated several items as noted in last month's newsletter for their activity booths.



TUNE IN TO HEAR DR. BACKUS ON THE RADIO: Listen to Rev. Dr. Roy Backus on WGCY Radio on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. Also, three times a week, (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) Dr. Backus will be providing inspirational one-minute ("Got 60 Seconds?") messages for listeners. Beginning the first Tuesday in June and each following month, Dr. Backus will host worship for the residents of Holly Brook at 9 a.m.



Father's Day Poem

By: Mike Hastings

Written on Father's Day, June 19, 2016

He's one who celebrates your birth
Who helps you learn and grow
Whose love is always with you
No matter where you go.

One who teaches right from wrong
Who forgives you each mistake.
One who waits with open arms
When wrong turns you choose to make.

He's one who helps you realize
You never are alone.
Who celebrates your victories
As if they were his own.

One you can ask for his advice
Though you don't always take it.
Who helps you as you seek success
And loves it when you make it.

He's one who feels each hurt you feel
With compassion from the start.
Whose heart is also broken
When you have a broken heart.

A father is all this, and more
But still he's just a man.
And sometimes he might fail you
As any father can.

A man who tries to do his best
But perfect not is he.
So he won't always be the father
We'd like for him to be.

But please take solace in this fact
As this path of life you trod.
There is a perfect Father
And that's our Father God.

He's everything and so much more
That a list could not convey.
Mere words cannot describe Him
Here on this Father's Day.

We can't give Him a pretty tie,
A gift card or a meal.
But we can seek Him with our heart
And tell Him how we feel.

So as we celebrate our earthly fathers
Let us not forget to call
And acknowledge our Father up above
The Father of us all.

And the Winner Is



Pictured above: Kathy Branz is the winner of the Bible Word Search Puzzle for MAY. There were nineteen (19) who entered this month: Linda Gandy, Carla Allen, Pat Farris, Danny Heustis, Linda Graham, John Ferguson, Sharon Collings, Denise Birky, Val Hunt, Mona Summers, Barb Williams, Jodi VanSwol, Kathy Branz, Lisa Helgesen, Jeanette Hensley, Janice Swanson, Sherry Tomlinson, Jean Noellsch and Jean Williams. Anyone receiving this newsletter is eligible to win a \$25 gift card to County Market. Please see the **BLUE** colored card in the center of this publication to play. Turn it in to the Church office by **JUNE 25TH!** Not at the church: mail it or place in the black box outside the south east church door. Be certain to read the Bible verses attached to each puzzle.

GCMS CHURCH AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024



Medical Scholarships:
Lilly Breeden, Anna Goodin, (Rick Kerchenfaut and Addison Kerchenfaut), Lily Lahr and Rylie Huls. The four scholarship winners were awarded \$1,000 each.

CLASS OF
2024

McCormick Scholarships:
Allison Spiller, Jacob Henricks (Rick Kerchenfaut and Addison Kerchenfaut presented the awards) and Ella Brake. The three scholarship winners were awarded \$ 1,000 each.



General Scholarships:
Kyah Lee, Mindy Brown, Alex Ward (Rick Kerchenfaut and Addison Kerchenfaut presented the awards), Ryan Carley, and Chasyn Pollard. The five scholarship winners were awarded \$ 1,000 each.

FACTS AND FIGURES

MISSION COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS – MAY, 2024

May

Year to Date April.....	\$78,750.00
FBLA.....	\$ 1,000.00
Community Garden Expenses.....	\$ 750.00
25 DQ Gift Cards GCMS students who helped with Mulch..	\$ 500.00
Gibson Area Hospital Foundation CT Scanner Fundraiser	\$ 5,000.00
Gabe Fairchild.....	\$ 5,000.00
Nichole Schultz scholarship.....	\$ 2,000.00
Janice Swanson Retirement Present.....	\$ 500.00
Emma Swanson Scholarship.....	\$ 2,000.00
Jesse Swanson Scholarship.....	\$ 2,000.00
Annelise Kerchenfaut Scholarship.....	\$ 2,000.00
Sammi VanSwol (Meladee's granddaughter).....	\$ 1,000.00
Eagle Scout Max Moody Project.....	\$ 500.00
Year to Date May	\$101,000.00

Our Church will be honored on "ThankfulThursday" on social media on June 6th for our donations to the Presbytery USA giving Catalog to purchase 10 Chickens, 4 cows, 5 goats, 10 piglets, 10 kitchen kits, 10 sewing machines, 10 fishing nets and 10 jerry cans. You'll find information about our church on that day at this link - <https://www.facebook.com/GivingCatalog>.

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

HANLEY SCHOOL SUPPLIES



As everyone knows, school supplies are an important part of every child's school year. Yet, there are children in our local community whose families cannot afford the basic supplies to start school each fall.

The Hanley School Supply Fund assists qualifying families with this need. This program began through the efforts of Bob and Grace Hanley. Their desire was to help teachers who were buying students supplies with their own money.

Working from donations only and with the help of Shepherd's Closet, the organizers of this fund strive to see that every child in need receives his or her basic school supplies at the beginning of each school year. Not all supplies listed by the school will be available.

The demand seems to increase every year. Assistance is available to all families who qualify for the free lunch program at school. The school hands out the necessary form during registration or through the mail for direct qualifying students.



*Posted on Facebook on April 28th
Gibson City Harvest Fest is feeling blessed!
Friday Sponsor shout out!!! First Presbyterian
Church of Gibson City,
always local sponsors to Harvest Fest, and
amazing supporters of
everything Gibson City! Thank you for all you
do!!
Guys and Gals - check them out and give them
some love!*



Juniors Addison Kerchenfaut and Austin Kasper lead the GCMS class of 24 into the gym for graduation on May 19th.



Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways. They adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as **Reformed theology** and a **form of government** that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

Please watch for more ways the Presbyterian Church is unique in next month's newsletter.

