



*Wilmington
Island
Presbyterian
Church*

Friends,

I recently ran across an old story about a wealthy man who wanted to do something generous for a carpenter who had served him well for many years. He handed the carpenter the blueprints for a beautiful home that called for the best materials, no expense spared, and he asked the carpenter to build it while he traveled abroad.

The carpenter saw an opportunity: instead of building the home to the specs, he skimped on materials, hired cheap labor, and covered mistakes with paint or a thin veneer of plaster. From the outside it looked like a fine home, but he knew the truth.

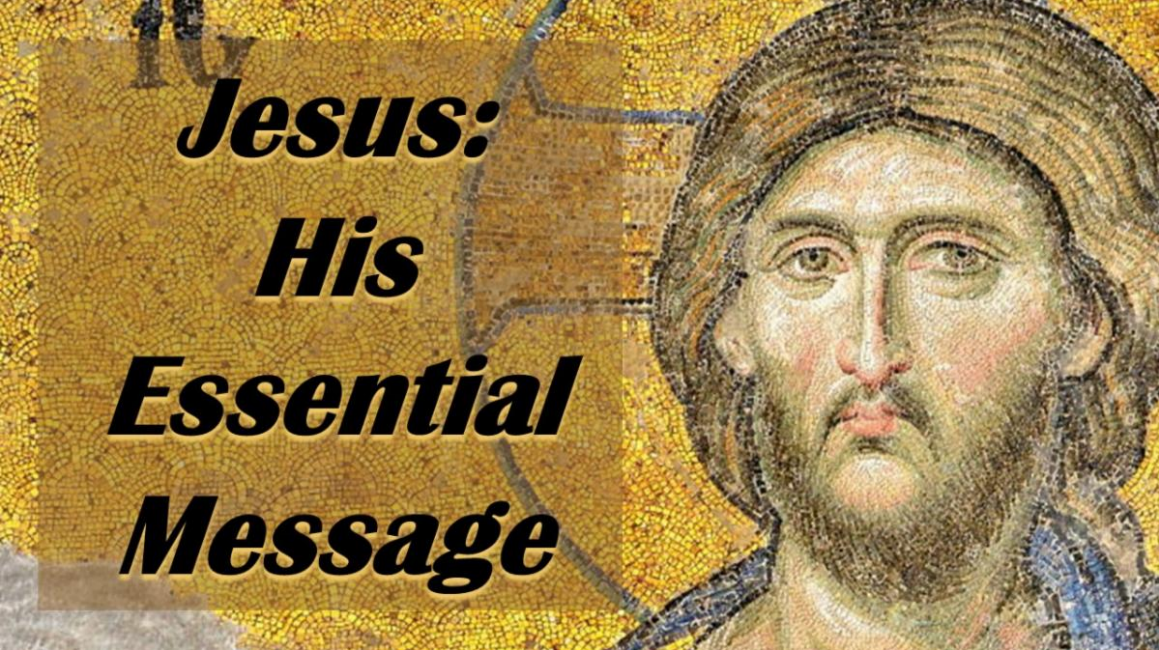
When the rich man returned, the carpenter handed over the keys with a satisfied smile. The rich man took the keys...and handed them right back. "The house is yours," the man said, "A gift from me to you for you and your family to live in."

The carpenter stood there holding the keys to a house he knew better than anyone: he knew every corner that had been cut; every flaw that had been hidden; everything sitting on a foundation that was not what it should have been. He would have to live there, and one can imagine how often, in the years that followed, the carpenter regretted that he had only cheated himself.

This story came to mind as I read again the words of Jesus as he wrapped up his great Sermon on the Mount: "*Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.*" (Matthew 7:24) The house we are building – the life we are constructing day by day, choice by choice; even the world we are called to transform into the Kingdom of God that Jesus spent so much time talking about – is the one we are going to live in.

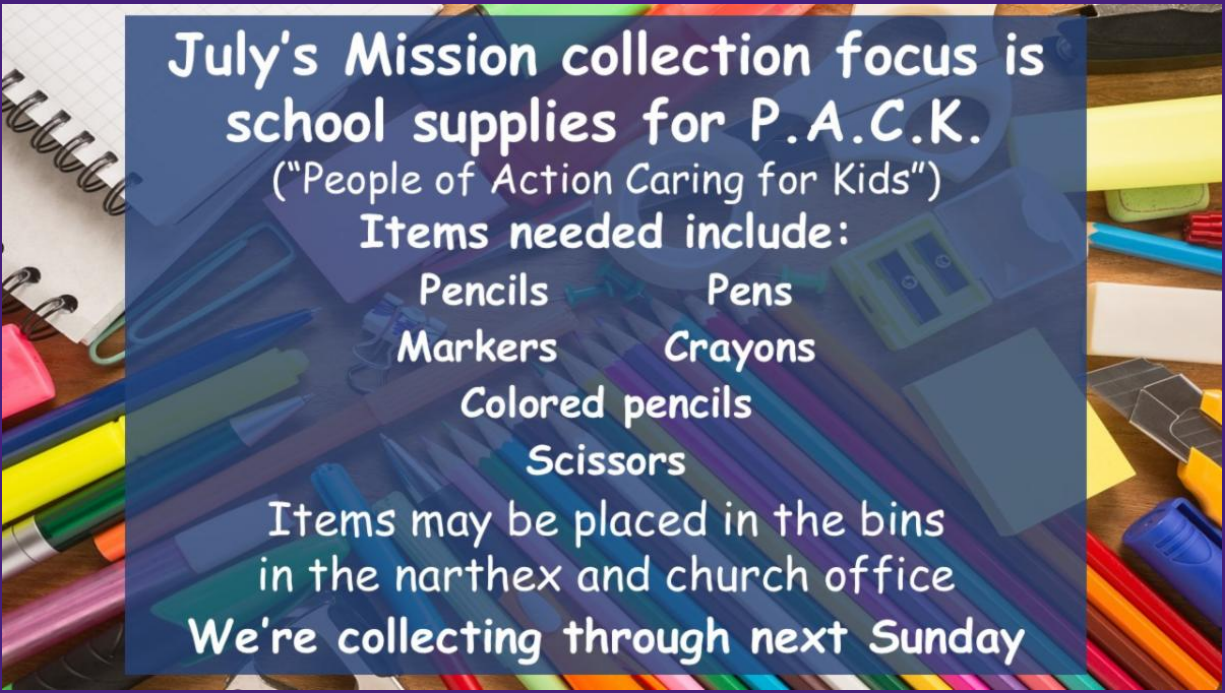
The good news is that we are not building alone. The Master Builder is with us — patient, generous, and more interested in our flourishing than in our failures, and whatever has been built poorly in the past, there is always more house to build.

Have a blessed weekend!
Andy

A mosaic-style portrait of Jesus Christ with a halo, set against a golden background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Jesus: His Essential Message

Join us this Sunday as we finish up our current sermon series; we'll once again stay in John's Gospel (chapter 13) as we explore some of Jesus' final words to his disciples.

A background image showing various school supplies like pens, pencils, and markers scattered on a desk.

**July's Mission collection focus is
school supplies for P.A.C.K.**

("People of Action Caring for Kids")

Items needed include:

Pencils	Pens
Markers	Crayons
Colored pencils	
Scissors	

Items may be placed in the bins
in the narthex and church office

We're collecting through next Sunday

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

KIDS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR BACKPACKS TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND WHERE WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL BLESSING OVER THEM – BACKPACKS AND KIDS – AND TEACHERS, TOO!

If your kids participated in any of our summer activities:

VBS,
Montreat,
Summer Camp
have them wear their event t-shirts to worship on August 2nd



Sunday, August 2nd
Following Worship



Hotdog Picnic,
Fellowship &
Water Slide!





...a Nursery Assistant to help out on Sunday mornings (and a few other times). If you know of good candidates who are loving and caring that we should talk to, please have them contact the church office. Thanks!

Care Packages for the Homeless



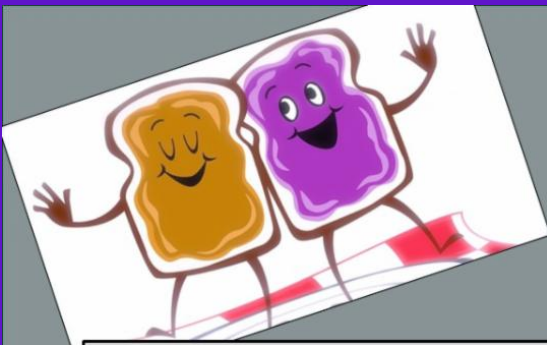
Available in the Narthex;
please take them!



Nursery
Ministry

We need volunteers to help out in the nursery during Sunday worship services throughout the summer. Please click on the link below to volunteer. Thanks!!

Nursery Sign Up



Besides sandwiches, we are now receiving desserts for the **Inner City Night Shelter**. Sandwiches (PB&J or Ham & Cheese) and desserts (cookies or other hand-held treats) should all be individually wrapped in sandwich bags and dropped off in the Fellowship Hall refrigerator. Thank you for supporting the unhoused members of our community!

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FROM MISSION PARTNERS

J.U.S.T. Website

Check out the happenings at
The Savannah Presbytery...
...including some cool "reels" from the Montreat Youth
Conference and Summre Camp!

Mid-July Newsletter

**Do you know where to find when church events are happening -
such as lunches, learning activities or events?**

**Visit our Events Calendar
on our web page by
clicking below:**

Church Calendar

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church
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Savannah, Georgia 31410

www.wipcsav.org
912-897-1840

Rev. Andy Meeker – Pastor
Austin Freeman – Director of Christian Education
Maggie McManus – Youth Director
Amy Estes – Music Director
Erica Gillette – Organist
Lucille Schaffner – Secretary
Barb Evans Becker – Church Accountant
Ashley Cetti – Preschool Director
Rev. Tom Dunlap – *Pastor Emeritus*

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