



Weeds are flowers too....

By Martha Schmidt

“Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them.” (A.A. Milne)

“A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning to grow in rows”.
(Doug Larson)

“A plant becomes a weed simply because it grows where humans don’t want it.”

Weeds and Seeds –

I’ve been thinking a lot about weeds and seeds this summer! It started with Rev. Marissa’s thought-provoking sermon on the Parable of the Seeds. (Matthew 13:13-24) She challenged us to look at the role of the Sower as someone who broadcasts broadly – not just in areas where success was guaranteed.

Then on July 18, 2026, Richard Schmidt wrote a devotional in These Days on the same parable. He writes: “A parable’s import is often subtle and multidimensional. It may speak to you differently from the way it speaks to someone else. No one’s insight is invalid.”

He goes on to challenge the reader: “You might begin by asking where you see yourself in the parable and then trying to envision yourself in different roles in the scene. Perhaps you’ve identified with one character at one time and a different one the next time you encountered the text. Could each character embody some aspect of yourself? A natural next question might be asking where you see God (or Jesus) in the parable. Look beyond the obvious answer, perhaps seeing God in a role that seems counterintuitive to your first instinct. Use your imagination. Expect to be surprised.” (These Days, July, August, & September 2026)

The parable is indeed challenging. Am I a seed? Am I a weed? Am I a sower? Do I change roles???

Richard Schmidt concludes his writing with this prayer: “Lord guide my mind and fill my imagination.” **DEFINITELY GOOD SEEDS FOR THOUGHT!**

In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? **Praise God.**

Is life becoming difficult? **Seek God.**

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? **Worship God.**

Are you suffering great pain? **Trust God.**

Are you unsure what to do? **Ask God.**

Are you overwhelmed with joy? **Thank God**



Our Mind’s Storehouse



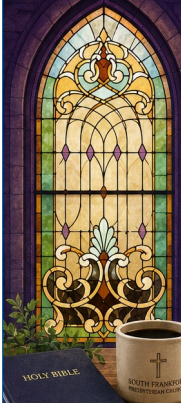
Benjamin Weir, a missionary in the Middle East, was taken captive by terrorists and held in solitary confinement. Blindfolded and cut off from the outside world, he endured deep isolation with no one to speak to and no sense of where he was.

What could he do? In many ways, all he had was a beating heart and a mind still free to think. To endure the long days, he began drawing from what was stored within him. After his release, he reflected, “I called up my memory bank, things that were stored in my mind.”

He recalled Scripture passages he had learned years before. He remembered lines from William Shakespeare, the words of hymns and songs, and the faces of those he loved. He reflected on his work, his family and the steady grace of God throughout his life.

Looking back, he said, “Whatever is in your mind is what you have to draw on.”

That truth lingers. What we place in our minds today shapes what we will lean on tomorrow. It invites a simple but important question: What are we storing away? May we fill our thoughts with what is true, pure and life-giving, with the story of Christ and the hope of His saving grace.



South Frankfort
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You're Invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!

A NEW YEAR OF LEARNING, GROWING,
AND CONNECTING BEGINS HERE.



**SUNDAY
AUGUST 16**



**10:00
AM**

Whether you're new to South Frankfort Presbyterian Church or have been attending for years, you're invited to our Sunday School Kickoff!



**BREAKFAST
Together**

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and great conversation!



**MEET OUR
Teachers**

Learn about each class and the people who lead them.



**FELLOWSHIP
with Others**

Connect with old friends and make new ones!



**BACKPACK
Blessing**

During worship for all students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new school year.

CLASSES FOR Every Age!

 NURSERY Birth–3 Years 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Lead Teacher: Kathryn Rash	 CHILDREN Preschool–5th Grade 10:00–11:00 AM Lead Teacher: Jill Stolz	 YOUTH 6th–12th Grade 10:00–11:00 AM Lead Teachers: Rob Moore & Jacob McCowan	 FAITH IN ACTION Adults 10:00–11:00 AM Lead Teachers: Steve Pace & Gary Stolz	 COUNTERPOINTS Adults 10:00–11:00 AM Lead Teacher: Bill Kirkland	 COMING SOON! PUB THEOLOGY Adults
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Everyone is Welcome!
Come discover a class where you can grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and explore God's Word together.



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Frankfort, KY



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South Frankfort
Presbyterian Church

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. | MATTHEW 22:37-39



Events and Activities

Wednesday, August 12
7:00 ... Choir practice

Saturday, August 15 *Ann Disney's Celebration of Life*
10:00 ... Visitation
11:00 ... Service Both are held at SFPC.

Sunday, August 16 *Sunday School Kick Off, Blessing of Backpacks*
All Students and Teachers should bring their backpacks.
10:00 ... *Sunday School Kick Off Breakfast (all ages welcome)*
10:00 ... Counterpoints SS Adult Class No Faith in Action class
11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Rev. Marissa Carver
12:00 ... Session Meeting

Monday, August 17
2:00 ... Bridge
4:30 ... Knitting Group
6:00 ... SF Neighborhood Assoc. meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 18
12:00 ... The Lunch Bunch, Mr. Peppers restaurant

Wednesday, August 19 *Fellowship Dinner*
7:00 ... Choir practice

Sunday, August 23
10:00 ... Counterpoints SS Adult Class No Faith in Action class
10:00 ... Children's & Mid. School SS Classes
11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Rev. Marissa Carver
5:00 ... Youth Group Kick Off

Monday, August 24
2:00 ... Bridge
4:30 ... Knitting Group

Wednesday, August 26
10:30 ... Church Office Staff Meeting
7:00 ... Choir practice

Sunday, August 30
10:00 ... Counterpoints SS Adult Class No Faith in Action class
10:00 ... Children's & Mid. School SS Classes
11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Rev. Marissa Carver
5:00 ... Youth Group

Monday, August 31
9:00 ... Stock the Shelves, Emergency. Food Pantry
Sign up Sheet is on the table at the back of Sanctuary.
2:00 ... Bridge
4:30 ... Knitting Group

Back-to-School Prayers Sunday, August 16

As students, teachers, administrators and school staff return to the classroom, we invite you to join us in covering them with prayer. Please pray for safety, wisdom, patience, friendship and a joyful year of learning and growth. A special back-to-school prayer and blessing will be offered during worship on Sunday, Aug. 16. Students, educators and school employees of all ages are encouraged to attend. Bring your backpack or daily carry-all bag!



Aug. 4	Kim Erbeck	Aug. 21	Chris Talley
Aug. 5	Caroline Brady	Aug. 22	Brooke Christopher
Aug. 5	Sean Jarboe	Aug. 22	Caitlin Griffey
Aug. 7	Natalie Looney	Aug. 22	Katherine Rash
Aug. 9	O'Mara Tolliver	Aug. 23	Bill Powers
Aug. 11	Jackman Donnelly	Aug. 23	Emmy Toliver
Aug. 11	Brent Sweger	Aug. 23	Judy Turner
Aug. 15	Kristen Bellamy	Aug. 27	Liam Breeck
Aug. 16	Glenda Harned	Aug. 28	Karen Mucci
Aug. 16	Mark Overstreet	Aug. 28	Ella Stumbo
Aug. 17	Jonah Fern	Aug. 31	Jim Baker
Aug. 21	Bill Catlett	Aug. 31	Brianne Bingham
Aug. 21	Dianne Doss	Aug. 31	Marty Schmidt
Aug. 21	Robert Rhodes	Happy Birthday	

Worship Sunday

Attendance: Aug. 9, 2026
SFPC in person: 53
Join us Sundays - 11:00 a.m.,
also online service.
During our live streaming time,
you can go to
YouTube: [youtube.com/
@southfrankfortpresbyteri-
an8198.com](https://www.youtube.com/@southfrankfortpresbyterian8198.com) or to
Facebook: [facebook.com/
sfpcchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch)
The next week, you may go to
www.sfpcy.org, the church's
website and click "YouTube"
or "Facebook" at the bottom
right corner of the website to

If not in the service, please consider donating one of two ways:

1. Mail a check to: South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, 224 Steele Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.
2. Click the green "Give Now" button on our website at sfpcy.org. You can start and manage your account, and even set up repeating donations.



Aug. 9, 2026
Offering: \$4105.00

Prayer List

Helen Taulbee	Glenda Harned
Bill Cheek	Jane Wilson
Patti Cross	Dale Bryant
Alice Delambre	Carolynn Underwood
Presley Winner	Nancey Belle Smith
Disney Family	Brad Wirth
Marisha Johnson	Melanie Pomper
Gail Gramlett	Gail Burge
Brenda Duvall	Chris Mason
Trevor D. Welch	Chelsea Zink Family

Names remain on the Prayer List for four weeks unless the request is long term. To add or retain people with their permission, email or call the church office.



Stay safe from the predicted storms this week.



WASHCLOTHS NEEDED

Mid- Kentucky Presbytery needs help in collecting supplies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kits. These kits, comprised of hygiene items such as washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and etc. are sent to any area experiencing need in Kentucky, the US or around the world.

Our church has committed to collecting 500 WASHCLOTHS for the kits. Please bring the new washcloths to church and place them in the box in Fellowship Hall by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**. To make the kits easier to assemble, please remove the plastic tabs that often hold sets together.

THANK YOU,
The Outreach Committee

Wal Mart and Kohls have packages of washcloths on sale right now.