

Sermons, Quotes, and Relationships

Ben Rivers

“These Things” Luke 24: 13-35

- The Reverend Russell Repetske (2010)

“Ben, we really want you to be a part of this church...”

- Teresa Nunn (2010)

“Ben, I’d like to sponsor you to Emmaus...”

- John Stipe (2011)

“Ben, we need a Sunday School teacher for the Young Adult class and I think you’d be a good one for it!”

- Katherine Maddox (2012)

“This Christ is not a reflection of our mood or the projection of our own desires; he is our Lord!”

- The Reverend Dee Dee Lawson (2013)

“Ben, I am really looking forward to meeting you. I am praying for our shared ministry at Princeton UMC.”

- The Reverend Gary Lawrence (2017)

“...I now present to you, The Reverend and Mrs. Gary Lawrence.”

“Michael and Linda, today you have renewed the promises and vows you made to each other on your wedding day...”

- The Reverend Benjamin G. Rivers

Wedding ceremony of Martha and Gary Lawrence and the Renewal of Vows for Linda and Michael Law (2017)

“What Part Are You Playing?” Matthew 1:8-25

- The Reverend Gary Lawrence (2017)

“Karen, I Miss You!” Acts 10:44-48

- The Reverend Gary Lawrence (2018)

The sermon titles and quotes above give witness to how I have been blessed, loved, cared for, and affirmed by Princeton UMC since the very moment I walked into the building April 2010! My journey in ministry began long years ago and continued when I came to Princeton. The lessons learned, relationships formed, and growth we made together is more than I can place in this note. I shall always remember the affirmation I felt December 2010 when, to my surprise, I received a bounty of Christmas cards from the members of Princeton (UMW Christmas Card mailbox); such an amazing display of love!

Through God’s call, it has been my honor to serve Princeton in Sunday School, Methodist Men, SPR, leading worship, preaching, mentoring presence for the children of the church, and a host of supportive roles.

And now, God has called once more and I move on to an exciting career opportunity and ministry call. I take with me the many blessings you have given me. I leave with you MUCH love; and may God’s grace hold us all!

June –July 2018  
Opportunities:



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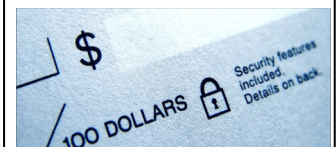
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Online Giving

Your consistent and thoughtful contributions to the church general operating budget are deeply appreciated. Visit our website.



Our United Methodist Women (and a few male visitors) were blessed with a wonderful program at our May meeting. Pam Davis invited our new member and friend, Priscilla Raj, to be our speaker. Priscilla shared childhood memories of growing up as a Christian in southern India. We also learned how life changed in many ways when Priscilla, Grace and Samuel moved first to northern India and then became a most welcome part of our church family here in Athens.

\*Pillows to make for cancer patients at the Loran Smith Breast Center - A workday to be scheduled soon. Our Father's Day Bulletin to honor dads, granddads, etc proceeds will go to benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Our June meeting will be **Thursday, June 21** (to accommodate and support our 2018 VBS). The Annual UMW picnic will be Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 PM at Esther Porter's house. All women are invited. Stay tuned for more information

Blessings, Esther Porter, President

## Golden Age Group

*Hello.* You are a blessed person today. What you are is God's gift to you and what you make of yourself is your gift to God.



Come to the Golden Age Group meetings in June and July for a grand time together. The June 12 menu is Bar B Q with sides and desserts provided by the members. The entertainment will be music by Mr. Willard Smith.

July 10 menu will be your covered dishes with desserts. Each person is asked to wear red, white, and/or blue clothing. The entertainment will be Bingo so please bring a gift for the prizes. We look forward to seeing you at 11:45 AM at the June and July meetings.

May you have a joyful day. Tom Davis, GAG President



## Vacation Bible School

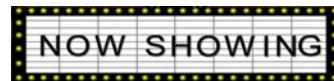
### REGISTER NOW

June 18-20, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

**Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Dinner provided.**

Take a roll down the river this summer for VBS 2018 June 18, 19 and 20. Pick up a registration form in the narthex or register online:

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/princetonumcathens>



## Summer Sunday School at the MOVIES!

Children and youth will combine classes all summer long to enjoy the Superbook DVD series. Superbook teaches timeless moral truths and life lessons through captivating bible based adventures with two time traveling kids.

Popcorn and drinks served at every show!

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. June and July

## C.O.O.L. Kids/Youth

### July-August Summer Events

#### July

Lock-In for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-Date TBD

#### August

Back to School Pool Party-Date TBD

*Thank You*

Dear Princeton Family, I want to thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls last month when I had shoulder surgery. I am doing great now.

**Love, Diane Jarrett**



## SPR News—Welcome Back

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, we have good news to share with you.... Pastor Gary Lawrence has been approved to remain at Princeton for another year. **Plan to attend a "Welcome Back" luncheon August 5th.**

Princeton's vision is "Making and Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community." Pastor Gary will be asking for your suggestions for reinforcing our vision in the upcoming weeks. Prayerfully begin thinking about our vision and the suggestions you may want to contribute.

Need more information about the work at Princeton? You are cordially invited to attend an Administrative Counsel Meeting. Check with our church office for the next scheduled meeting. Janet Valente, SPRC Chair



### Worship Scripture Readers

<b>June</b>	3	Annette Jackson
	10	Cyndy Corley
	17	David Field
	24	David Porter

<b>July</b>	1	Nadia Law
	8	Jerry Whitacre
	15	Callie Heard
	22	Diane Parr
	29	Stan Lee

### BIRTHDAYS

Jim Allison	06/06
Cristin Thurman	06/07
George Townsend	06/09
Cyndy Corley	06/10
Trevor Thurman	06/10
Elizabeth Whitacre	06/18
Katherine Maddox	06/21
Dick Field	06/22
Kira Law	06/26
Clint Jackson	06/27
Cole Morris	07/01
Mae Lee	07/08
Scott Jackson	07/10
Lisa Morris	07/11
Rev. Gary Lawrence	07/16
Charlene Standridge	07/16
Eli Morris	07/19
Roger Landrum	07/20
Hannah Jackson	07/22
Lois Shackelford	07/22
Glenn Doster	07/23
Priscilla Raj	07/31

### ANNIVERSARIES

David Paul & Frances Lamar	06/05
Jim & Marilyn Allison	06/10
Don & Lois Shackelford	06/18
Ron & Joanna Warren	06/29
West & Cyndy Corley	07/15
Bob & Carol Allen	07/18
Charly & Karen Pou	07/18
Rev. Tom & Pam Davis	08/01

### Save the Date

**Life Line Screening**, will be in our community on **Tuesday, August 21, 2018** at PUMC. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, a Heart Rhythm** and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY** at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

### Nursery Schedule

June		July	
3	Natalyn	1	Marilyn
10	Katie	8	Natalyn
17	Esther	15	Katie
24	JP and Lisa	22	JP and Lisa
		29	Esther



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**Princeton Prayer List**

**Special Concerns:**

Please let us know if you want your name added or removed.

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Trey Alexander     | Mae Lee         |
| Linda & Holly Byrd | Andrea Newhouse |
| Becky Hutchins     | Grace Smith     |
| Roger Landrum      | Mary Thrasher   |
| Betty Lee          |                 |

**In Nursing Homes,  
Retirement Centers  
& Homebound:**

- Martha Bishop
- Martha Kelley
- Roger Landrum
- Rae Preston
- Agnes Smith
- Freda Townsend

**Pray for Our Armed Forces Family**

We want to remember all of our service men and women, but our prayer list will only include those who are deployed outside of the USA or have been wounded in action.



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