



# Talk



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A bittersweet farewell. Derwood & Jeannene Smith have moved to North Carolina to be near their daughter Karen and her family. After 50 years of friendship, service, and worshipping together this is a hard goodbye. Derwood served us well as our minister for over 36 years. He taught Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible class as well. We all got the free benefit of his college level courses in Bible and his personal insights into the Word from over 64 years of concentrated study! Jeannene always gave each of us a special hug with her cards and letters as well as working tirelessly in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and the Clothing Give Away, just to name a few.



We will miss their cheering faces and wonderful input, but we pray for a smooth transition to their new home. We pray for loving, happy, easy days in North Carolina near their family and enjoying their place.

We will continue as Derwood taught us to “respect the text” and all that phrase implies. We could not have asked for better companions to travel through this world with us, and we will remember all they taught us in word and deed.

We will determinedly “not cry because it’s over but smile because it happened.”

Farewell dear friends!

## Happy Birthday America. 245 years old—July 4th!

The *Talk*, since 1974, has been a monthly newsletter for the Forest Hill Church of Christ and is dedicated to Christian unity. The usual deadline for submission of articles is the last Sunday of every month with the exception of December.



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On June 18th we lost a dear old friend and hard worker for the Lord, Ed Park. He was 99 and living in Mt. Dora, Florida. Ed lost his wife Connie a few years ago and life was a struggle without her. Ed graduated from high school in 1940 and served in the army during World War II. Ed was an avid reader and loved to talk history—much of which he'd lived himself. Ed got his pilot's license when he was 57 and ran his first marathon at the age of 66. Ed served here as a deacon until he and Connie moved to Florida. You will be greatly missed, old friend.



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Jeannene & Derwood had a great send off Jun 27<sup>th</sup> with a record number of people sharing in the lunch. A big thank you to John & Terra Kessler, Joe & Portia Mason, Terri Moore, Tom Hawkins, and anyone else who helped set up or clean up! The room was lovely, food was delish, and it was a proper send off. The Smiths' new address: 4101 Summer Ridge Court, Apex, North Carolina 27539.

We are back in full swing with our worship services. So, if you haven't please do come back: 9:30 Sunday school, 10:30 church, 5:00 Sunday afternoon Ladies Class, 7:00 Wednesday Bible Study. Tell someone else who may need to be informed. See you soon!



Mark your calendars now for the annual Forest Hill picnic on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in our usual spot in Forest Hill Park. Details will follow. We couldn't have it last year so let's party this year!



Please remember in prayer: the family of Ed Park, Vera Traylor's family because of her mother's passing, Shirley Hennings who is in the care of hospice, Nathan Krause who is a friend of Joe Mason's daughter—has liver disease and is on the transplant list, Agnes Lucas' 2 year old great nephew trying to get into St. Judes, Jeannene & Derwood establishing their new home, our eldership and minister.

You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.  
 – Erma Bombeck

# Of interest...

## LEGACY

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**W**hat do you want your legacy to be? What is it you want to leave behind for your descendants? What will they remember about you? When we suffer the loss of someone either in our own family or in our church family how do we talk about them? What sticks out as the single most obvious or important aspect of that person?

Now, what will be your *actual* legacy?

What we spend our time doing; what we discuss, talk about, question, read; and what our life, in general, emphasizes—that will probably be our legacy.

When we had our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration for Forest Hill we constructed a time capsule with all sorts of things in it that would tell the future generations who we were, what we believed, how we lived, what we hoped for them. Short of writing a letter to our descendants how will they know the most important thing we have learned?

Think right now of the people, family or friends, in your life who have gone. What comes to mind first? I remember Jimmy Williams' compassion for his faith, God, and his church family. I remember he was willing to stand up and be counted for his faith. Can any of us forget how he always quoted 11 Corinthians 9:15: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

I remember Ed Park, former member who just passed in June. Ed was always at church. He was always up for everything we did at church. He loved to talk about history. He never shied away from Sunday school discussions.

I remember my mother as a beautiful, fun-loving woman with a very strong faith that had been tested and only got stronger.

But most of all I remember Jesus and His legacy of love, forgiveness, sacrifice, and a profound sense of duty. We live our lives by that legacy. Where would we be without it? Jesus showed us how to love by loving someone most everyone else hated, Zacchaeus the tax collector. (Luke 19) Jesus showed us forgiveness in the story of Peter who, even though he denied knowing Jesus at a critical moment, was told by Jesus that he was the 'rock' on which the church would be built. (Matthew 26:75 & Matthew 16:18) Of course Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate legacy because there Jesus took all the sins we would ever commit and paid for them with his blood. From early on Jesus made it clear what his job was on earth. His duty here was to be about His 'Father's business;' however, few ever understood clearly what He meant. (Luke 2:49)

It becomes now our lifelong job not only to acknowledge Jesus' legacy but to understand it and act on it. God has given us the written legacy of Jesus in the Bible as well as the

word of mouth legacy passed down from parents to children throughout the centuries. *Now it's our turn.* Will people remember us as devout Christians who put God above everything learned His Word, and did our best to pass on the good news?

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19

### JOY

Real joy does not come from riches or pride but from doing something worth while. Joy is like happiness and freedom for those that seek its direction. You find joy when someone else finds joy because it is catching. There is nothing more fulfilling than enlightening someone who has lost their way or extending a hand to someone who has fallen!

If we hope truly to know joy we must share what we have with others. So, today I will pass along kindness that others have shown me.

~~Ella Hopkins

**Prisoners currently in our Ministry:** Jose Agosto, Michael Bell, Terrance R. Boyd, Larry Duncan, Dean Dupont, Glen T. Evans Sr., Michaellyn Hutchins, Israel D. King, Christopher Konkel, Albert Lacy, Derrick Lartdale, Latrina Lewis, Chris Love, Scott Markel, Ralphonzo Martin, Bradley Mason, Thomas McCarthy Sr., Leon Napier, Lakiesha Phillips, Melvin Rardon Jr., Antonio Spates, Thomas E. Stephens, George Weaver, and Timothy Wilson. **Also, for those released—** Kenneth Ander-

son, Nicholas Bowers, Greg Breville, Tony Campbell, Alfred Cleveland, Leonardo Frazier, Emmanuel Gonzales, Willard Hall, Tyrell Havergne, Keith Hume, Mark Slayton, Jewell Trischler.



Please pray for those imprisoned that they will accept the helping hand God offers them, and for those who have accepted that hand to trust in it.

Which Jewish king used enchantments and dealt with wizards?

Which prophet rebuked people for ‘gadding about’?

Where does the Bible suggest that salt should be eaten with eggs?

What two men, confined in the same prison, dreamed on the same night different dreams, both of which came true?



In summer God gives us all this to enjoy and protect every single year as long as we live on this earth!

2 Chron. 33:6; Jer. 2:36 KJV; Job 6:6; Gen. 40:5-

# For Kids Only...

Relax! Do the puzzle then read the 2 chapters in Genesis to see what all the fuss is about.

## Genesis 20-21

Every word below is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

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| ABRAHAM  | PROPHET |
| AGE      | SARAH   |
| BROTHER  | SEED    |
| DAUGHTER | SISTER  |
| FATHER   | SON     |
| HEIR     | WIFE    |
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Good job! Your brain just got bigger.

# F.Y.I. Healthspot...

This article talks about a great new breakthrough with AIDS. “Testing HIV-positive is no longer a certain death sentence, and new research shows that Americans who have HIV today have life spans similar to those of their peers without the virus. ...

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS, a disease that weakens the immune system, gradually destroying the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers. It is spread most often through sexual contact; intravenous drug use; and from infected women to their babies at birth or through breastfeeding. ...

Someone diagnosed with HIV in this day and age can be linked to care and receive highly effective treatment and feel confident that their survival outlook is actually very good. Researchers found that the difference in early death rates between people with HIV and the general population dropped over time -- the difference was 11 percentage points for folks who entered care between 1999 and 2004, and it fell to 2.7 percentage points for those whose care began between 2011 and 2017.

... Advances in antiretroviral therapy had contributed to the dramatic decline in death rates. ... Drug combos are now easier to take, more potent and have fewer side effects. And people are being treated earlier in the course of their infection. It's also important to understand that the improved death rates reported are really focused on people who are in treatment.”

*For the full article see:*  
[consumer.healthday.com/7-7-Americans-Living-With-HIV-Have-Near-Normal-Life-Expectancy-Study](http://consumer.healthday.com/7-7-Americans-Living-With-HIV-Have-Near-Normal-Life-Expectancy-Study).  
 by Cara Murez

# Recipe...

## CHICKEN PASTA SALAD

- 1 lb. fusilli pasta
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 pound)
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 2 c. halved grape tomatoes
- 2 c. spinach, packed
- 1/2 c. crumbled feta
- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp. freshly chopped dill



### **FOR DRESSING**

- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook fusilli according to package directions until al dente. Drain and transfer to large bowl.

Season chicken breasts with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook chicken until golden and cooked through, 8 minutes per side. Let rest 10 minutes, then cut into one inch pieces.

Meanwhile, make dressing: In a medium bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, Italian seasoning, garlic, and mustard. Season with salt and pepper.

In the large bowl with the pasta, toss together all remaining ingredients. Pour dressing over salad, toss until coated, and serve. Yields about 8 servings.

~~delish.com/cooking/  
recipe-ideas/a25136514/  
chicken-pasta-salad/

# Birthdays...

## AUGUST

12-Lydia Grebenyova Moran

19-Terah McNeal

20-Linda Kidd

24-Wray Brown

29-Laurie Chapman



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Thank you for your contributions to the *Talk* this month. It is a pleasure to hear from you always. If you would like to hand in something for the September Talk please write it up in any fashion and get it to me by Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. You may hand it to me at church, put it in my box outside the church office, snail mail it to me at home, or email me at pthorn50@roadrunner.com. Thanks again.

~~Pam

# Good News...

I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have drawn you with loving kindness. I will build you up again.

Jeremiah 31:3,4

~Our mission: to love like Jesus, to serve like Jesus and to teach others to do the same~