

The Lily Pad



“I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.” Solomon 2:1



THANKSGIVING

Our 170th Anniversary Jamboree on Saturday,

October 20, 2018 was a marvelous spectacular success!! And the food from Brazing Pan Restaurant was *Scrumptillyicious*!! Saturday's awesome celebration was only over shadowed by the powerful inspiring Gospel sermon delivered by our bishop, Bishop Hee Soo Jung. These time capsule celebrations, captured our past to create forever memories, all the while enlightening and rededicating our lives to **RESET FOR TRANSITION: Making a Commitment to Improvement through Alignment and Involvement**" (Haggai 2:9) My heart burns with the joy of the Holy Spirit and the expectation and promise of the increase –

I was the one who planted the church and Apollos came and cared for it, but it was God who caused it to grow. This means the one who plants is not anybody special, nor the one who waters, for God is the one who brings the supernatural growth.

Now, the one who plants and the one who waters are equally important and on the same team, but each will be rewarded for his own work. 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 (TPT)

Please keep the Volunteers in Mission group and me in your prayers as we travel to Korea; Pilgrimage for Peace to Korea: Experience & Engage, 23 October–2 November. I look forward to sharing this exciting adventure next month.

It's been 3½ years since my parents, Rev. Willie and Emma Griffin and our “Joy” Marissa passed away. Last month, October, we remembered Marissa's birthday. November 3, will be my Daddy's birthday.

It will also be Ms. Betsy Winquist birthday – **Happy 90th Birthday Ms. Betsy!!**

I've been walking this weird road of grief and pain, these past weeks. Fourth Sunday, we were singing my Daddy's testimonial hymn:

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
IT IS WELL, IT IS WELL, WITH MY SOUL!*

My throat closed up and my eyes started to water and I was done - oh, how I need the prayers and care of my loving faithful God-fearing Georgia Family.

As they are recovering from the devastations of Hurricane Michael, (Major Disaster Declaration for Georgia), I look forward to spending a week of loving and caring for each precious family jewel as I preach the hope and Good News of Jesus at our 30th Annual Harvest Day Sunday as we pray for the recovery and rebuilding

of all areas devastated. This will be first opportunity to preach for my home church – for a joyous occasion. Being at home, I hope to take advantage of the spaciousness of time which will allowed me room for grief and loss that I had not realized I needed. If anything, I continue to miss Mother and Daddy and Rissa so very much. I miss skirting around politics and playing Candy Crush and being in the heart of our home, the kitchen, as we prepared mouthwatering Southern cuisine. Oh, how I so miss having my Mother, Daddy, and Marissa around, right there at the other end of the phone line, just to hear their voice. Gone too Soon!

It helps so much that others grieve, though I do not wish grief on anyone. Grief finds us all, I suppose; it's the price of loving. Today as I write, I think about beloved church family and friends whose names we will recite this year on **All Saints Sunday** and how painful that will be. My deep hope is that they are resting in peace. May all of us be blessed in knowing that our loved ones who we love so passionately knows that they are just as passionately loved and missed. Thank you, Reverend Deborah Thompson, for your pastoral care in my absence.

Veteran Day falls on Sunday, 11 November 2018. With Respect, Honor, & Gratitude - Thank You Veterans! We honor all Veterans, both living and dead, for their sacrifices in protecting the greatest country in the world. With a spirit of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy, we say Thank You! As well as our sincerest appreciation for the men and women of the military who through their service have insured that these freedoms remain intact. Martin, Marissa, and I are honored and proud to have served our country.

**We salute our active duty members:
Nick Mundinger, Andy Glaser, Jason Plasner,
Thomas Acker, Matthew Sheets, Nicolas Martinelli**

We salute all our Veterans and thank you for your sacrifice.

Pastor Clarissa & Martin

SAVE THE DATE

**FAUMC will host the West Bend Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social
20 November 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. - Bring a Pie to share***