

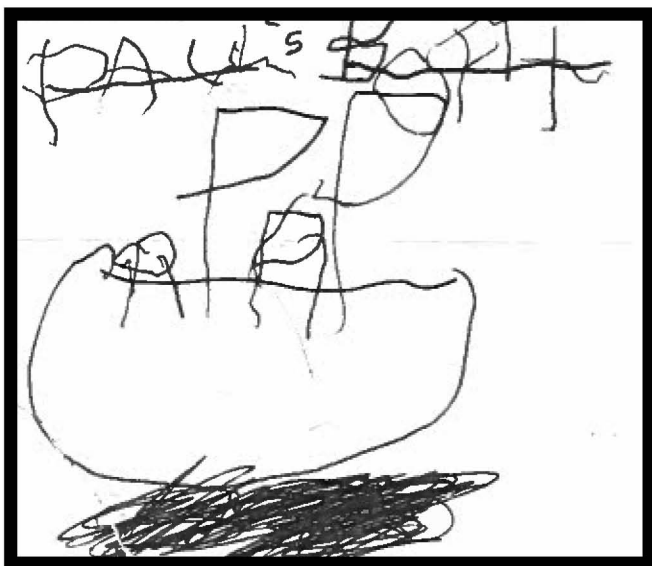
# The Children's Worship Bulletin

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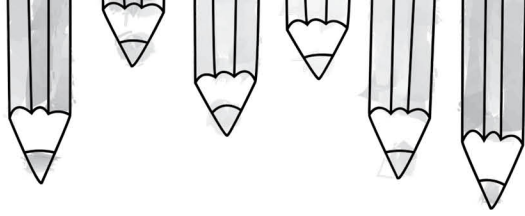
Trinity Presbyterian Church

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September 26, 2021



Name: John Caleb Wood Age: 4



# Just a word from Mr. Mac

Claude E. McRoberts III • Senior Minister

Dear Children,

I wonder if you went into your yard at home how many vines you'd find growing there. Maybe ask your parents to look with you. Some are vines you want in your yard or garden; many you do not want!!

There is a vine called Kudzu. This is an amazing vine. It grows so fast you can see it grow. (That's a joke; not really true). It is all over Mississippi where I grew up. As you drive down the highways of Mississippi, especially in certain parts like where I lived and a part of Mississippi called "the Delta," you can see it everywhere.

It covers trees! It covers houses! You can see old houses on the side of the road where no one has lived in many years, and the entire house is covered in Kudzu.

Kudzu came from China, Japan, and the Indian continent. When I was your age, the joke was that Japan wanted to cover America with Kudzu as a mean trick, so they gave a little piece of it to a farmer in the Mississippi Delta. The farmer asked, "This is great. How do you grow it?" And the Japanese man said, "Just put it on the ground, and get out of the way."

Well, like I said, there are good vines and bad vines. Jesus calls Himself "the Vine." He is saying, "I AM THE Vine!!" And we are the branches. Which means our entire spiritual lives live or die depending on if we are part of the Vine.

Let me see if I can explain this to you. If you have a vine and branches, you have one plant. We, along with Jesus, are like one plant. Not really a real plant but as an example to help us understand how close we are to Jesus.

If Jesus is the Vine (which He is), and you are the branches (which you are), then you and Jesus are very, very close!! Jesus calls it: "Abide in Me." He talks a lot about how we are one with Him; in union with Him.

Kinda hard to understand, I know. But look at a plant in your house or yard, and think of Jesus as the stem; you as a branch; and God the Father as the Gardener. Sometimes the Gardener comes and snips the branches that have died, and He takes them and throws them away. But the good branches ... the ones that bear fruit ... He prunes them so that they grow even more beautiful and produce even more fruit. Like we do with our plants: cut them back so that they can grow even more beautiful.

In my words to your parents, I am going to ask them to help this be more understandable to you.

I sure do love you, and I hope you have a great day.

Mr. Mac



**Do you have a:**

**Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for?**

**Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?**

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

**Mr. Mac wants to know!!**

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear Mr. Mac,

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# **A Guide to Family Worship September 20 - September 25**

**Suggested questions for mom and dad to use this week:**

**1. Mom and dad, HELP! LOL, but I tried to write your children a letter in this issue of the children's bulletin, but I felt like I was making it more confusing. Read it, and then see if you can make it plainer.**

**There are some ideas for exercises you could do to help them explain that Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches.**

**2. What does it mean to prune? In what ways does God prune us? What kinds of things might He cut away from our lives to make us grow in our relationship with Jesus?**

**3. If your children find it hard to understand the phrase "abide in Me," then look at the ten encouragements in the outline, and simply go through some of those, explaining them to your children.**

**4. Make Psalm 80 a part of your time as a family this week. Think of how much God loved His new vineyard (Israel), and how disappointing they were to Him; and how the Psalmist begs God to show mercy and let Israel find themselves in His favor again. (A great prayer to teach all of us ... and your children).**

# Sermon Art

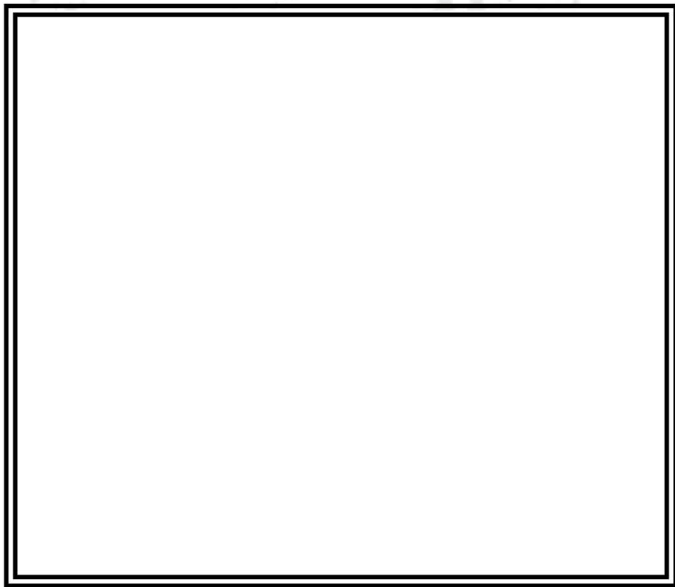
Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

**This week's lesson is on**

John 15:1-8

Want to see your artwork on  
the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

“And He said to them,  
‘Go into all the world  
and proclaim the gospel  
to the whole creation.’”  
Mark 16:15

**Meet Our Missionaries!**



**PCA Discipleship  
Ministries  
Lawrenceville, GA**

Our mission is to glorify God by serving the members and churches of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) as they seek to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). When the PCA began in 1973, the First General Assembly formed the Committee on Christian Education and Publications (now called Committee on Discipleship Ministries) to “assist ... local churches in the task of learning and proclaiming the truth to the end that God’s people will be adequately equipped to do the work of ministry.” At its essence, discipleship is the process by which the Holy Spirit brings a sinner to a life-changing knowledge of Christ, using the Word of God and members of the Body of Christ. Discipleship goes beyond evangelism as it includes every aspect of a believer growing in his/her love for and obedience to Christ. In a local church, discipleship ministry is multi-faceted; therefore, the ministry of CDM covers five areas: ministry to children, youth, women, men, and seniors. They are committed to philosophies and practices that are grounded in covenant theology, whereby God reached out to his fallen creation and began a work of redemption through Jesus Christ. They seek to promote ministry that enables God’s people to engage a fallen world with a Christian worldview, thus participating in God’s work of redemption.

# Music and Hymns

## #119 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

It has been said, "Tell me what you sing, and I'll tell you who you are!" That means, what we sing becomes what we believe and think. This is why the writer of this hymn, Isaac Watts, wrote it specifically for children. He wanted the words to be true about who God is and what He has done, but simple enough to easily be remembered by everyone, no matter how young! The main theme in this hymn is God is powerful, God is good, and He created good things. Often, we sinful humans use our power to hurt those who are weak, but God is not like that. All of the earth and all that is in it reveals how awesome God is.

Remember, God is in control of everything...  
even the wind, seas, and stars!

## #98 "Now Thank We All Our God"

There are so many things to be thankful to God for! Some things we should be thankful for are mentioned in this hymn, such as: "countless gifts of love," and His promise to "guide us when perplexed," "keep us in His grace," and "free us from all ills in this world and the next." God is so wonderful and He loves us so much! We should thank Him and praise Him daily. What do you have to be thankful for?

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"Now, our God, we give You thanks,  
and praise Your glorious Name."  
I Chronicles 29:13



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