

Hello brothers and sisters,

I am ever-more now rejoicing as it seems this pandemic, which has interrupted many of our daily activities, is coming to an end. With that, I truly cannot wait for all of us to worship together again in our common meeting-house. I have recently been reflecting upon the past few months and all of the changes which have occurred. It really has been whirlwind of a year thus far. In light of this, though, my mind then moves to dwell upon God and his unchanging nature and how much of a real comfort for us in this present age that is. Praise him-- he is eternal! This attribute fittingly describes God, and it is something that is very basic to our understanding of him. No one really questions this aspect of God, for it is almost inherently thought that he possesses this attribute very naturally. This is a given, in order for God to be God. He must be eternal, otherwise he would cease to be God. He never has had a beginning and he will never have an end-- he never changes. He exists outside of time and is not bound by it, but is totally free. Scripture supports all this and teaches God's eternality very clearly: "Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." (Psalm 90:2); "Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting." (Psalm 93:2); "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD!" (Psalm 106:48); "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation." (Daniel 4:34); "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:13); "Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God." (Genesis 21:33) (Emphasis mine). Brethren, I encourage you to rest in this reality: that our Father in heaven is eternally the same and therefore worthy of our heartfelt trust.

In Christ,  
Pastor Lucas

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please continue to remember those in our church family who are sick or homebound. Especially remember Dixie Mattison as he continues to recover at NHC in Laurens from recent surgery. Please also remember Pam Posey who had surgery this past Tuesday to repair a heart valve. She is still in the hospital and should be coming home early next week.



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Branching out in ministry and service in our community.*  
– Jeremiah 17:7-8

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“Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell *it*, get wisdom and instruction and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice and he who sires a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and your mother be glad.”  
Proverbs 23:22 – 25



Dear Poplar Springs Baptist Church,

Amanda and I are so grateful for your partnership in the Gospel and investment in God's Work in Liberia. Thank you for faithfully giving each month. As our world emerges from this virus, we look forward to returning to Liberia.

Many blessings,  
Gene and Amanda Brooks