

Message from the Pastor

So now that our Discipleship Series is over, what impact should Christ have upon those who follow him? What should people see in us that is different from the rest of the world? Paul writes the Church in Corinth about that very thing in chapter 4:

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God... For who sees anything different in you... I think that God has exhibited us apostles ... because we have become a spectacle to the world. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when

slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

Leonard Cohen wrote that a saint is a person who has achieved a kind of balance amid the world's confusion. The energy needed to maintain that balance seems to derive from love – love for the world with all its uncertainties and hard realities. The saint does not change the world but rather moves freely in it, gloriously impervious to the forces that drag others down.

As followers of Christ, we **are** different – different because of love, for the sake of the world. We may be seen as foolish, because our attitudes are different from those attitudes so often exhibited in the world. We move freely in the world, but are not of the world. As believers, our goal



should be to enable the values of God's Kingdom to be seen in us.

So be different, for the sake of Christ, and watch Christ change the world one life at a time.



Scripture of the Month — Psalm 62:7 RVS

"On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my might rock, my refuge is God."

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Special dates of interest:

- **Easter Sunday—April 1**
- **Soup Kitchen week—April 2-6**
- **Red Back Hymn Sing—April 7**
- **Congregational Meeting—April 8**
- **Session meeting—April 8**
- **Circle meetings—April 9**
- **Room in the Inn dates-April 10 & 24**
- **ARM Breakfast @ FUMC-April 19**
- **Cornerstone Lunch—April 19**
- **Fun, Fellowship & Service Day—April 21**
- **Community Garden—April 21**
- **Ethan Baskin's Recital—April 21**
- **PW Spring Gathering—April 28**
- **Outdoor Worship—April 29**



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Virginia Conger	Tammy Buchanan-Anderson
Mike Dunnivant	Bryan Byrd
Joey Howell	James Harris
Jody Pickens	Carol Sue Keathley
Molly Richardson	Justin Smith

Class of 2020

David Greene
Russell Jones
Stacey McAdams
Kevin Pauley
Bill Sipes
Stephannie Williams

OUR VISION

First Presbyterian Church is called to be a faithful and inclusive congregation which enthusiastically glorifies God in our worship, education, nurture and service through the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Worship~ 9:30 AM April 1



JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday, April 1 at 9:30 AM

*The Gospel story is retold as it has been for over 2,000 years.
"Jesus, who was crucified, is risen from the dead! Let us be glad and rejoice!"*

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Easter is a wonderful time to invite your friends, neighbors and extended family to join you for worship at First Presbyterian Church.

The Membership Committee encourages you to spread the Word by inviting others to join our church family anytime, but especially for our special services. Maybe they will become regulars and join our church family in worship and service, if we but issue the invitation!

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! AMEN!



How do you
answer this question?

Love is....



Lectionary Readings for April 2018

**April 1 ~ Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118 1-2, 14-24;
I Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-8**

April 8 ~ Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 15 ~ Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 22 ~ Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 29 ~ Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Wednesdays at First

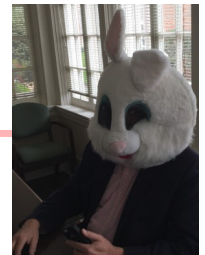


Wednesday Night Fellowship is a time of midweek renewal, where you can enjoy fun, good food, wonderful fellowship and informative programming. Make your plan to join us each Wednesday at **5:15 PM** (*unless otherwise noted*) for dinner, and then stay for the program/worship/study at 6 PM. We have separate programming for the Youth and our younger friends at **Launch Pad Kids** and **Blast!**, while the adults are involved in their activity. A nursery for our toddlers and babies is also provided.

- April 4 —** **MENU:** French country salad, Meatloaf, Roasted potatoes, Cabbage with apples and bacon, Yeast Rolls, and Bread Pudding for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Group Studies resume
- April 11—** **MENU:** Salad Bar, Chicken Divan, Vegetable Medley, Carrot Soufflé, Sliced buttered bread, and Cherry Crisp for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Group Study
- April 18—** **MENU:** Garden Salad, Polish Turkey Sausage with peppers and onions, Jasmine Rice, Black eyed peas, Spiced Pears, Texas Toast, and Banana Pudding for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Group Study
- April 25—** **MENU:** Pear-Grape Salad, Pork Loin with marmalade glaze, Scalloped potatoes, Turnip greens, Cornbread muffins, and Cheesecake with variety of toppings for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Group Study

All meals include Bread, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Beverages (tea, lemonade, coffee or water), and “Kids’ Foods”. Children’s menu will vary weekly, but will be kid-friendly foods. Juice boxes and milk provided. Peanut butter, jelly and bread is always available for our more selective eaters. **Reservations required in church office by Monday at 4 PM (422-1591).**

Cost: \$6 for adults, including children over age 12, \$4 for children ages 3-12, with an \$18 max per family.



Save the Date! Pentecost Celebration May 20, 2018

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Preacher: Kimberly Bracken Long

May 20, 2018 at 4 PM

Rhodes College Bryan Life Center

Men, Women, Youth and Children will come from east, west, north and south to sit together at the Lord’s Table. Join your Presbyterian Family as together we celebrate the birthday of the church, worship, sing, share communion, and feed the hungry.

A special offering will be taken during worship to benefit Puerto Rico’s hurricane victims through PDA.

SCHEDULE:

- 2:15 PM Registration Opens
- 2:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 2:45 PM Rehearsal for Processional, Liturgists, Communion Servers, Ushers, Acolytes, and Flag Bearers
- 3:30 PM Church Slide Show begins (churches are requested to send in 4 digital pictures by 4/20/18)
- 4:00 PM Worship
- 5:00 PM Reception
- 5:15 PM Service Project: Rise Against Hunger**

NO MEAL, so no registration cost!

****Last year we packed over 10,000 meals. Let’s see if we can top that this year!**



PW of First Presbyterian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CT MEETING:

CT meeting April 2 @ 9:30 AM

APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle meetings—April 9

10:00 AM

Abigail—meeting with Patty Lawrence,
51 Tall Oaks Dr., 422-2474

Baara—meeting with Penny Kendall,
319 Edenwood, 668-4765

6:30 PM (note change in time!)

Deborah—meeting with Susan Reeves,
for a Bring-a-Dish Salad Supper,
189 Saddlebrook Dr., 410-8364

TO ALL LADIES!! To all ladies of the church who would like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study, please contact Jennifer Flanagan 668-5722 or Katy Justice at 616-6026. *All are welcome!*

Service Opportunities:

Helping Hands: First Monday of each month @ 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall, (we will meet in February!)

Threads of Love: Second Tuesday of each month @ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

RIFA Soup Kitchen —(Desserts)
April 2—Baara
May 1—Deborah

Collect Eyeglasses for Mark Harris to take overseas.



MEN'S TUESDAY COFFEE GROUP

9:00 AM Sun Parlor,
Memorial Hall

If you would like free coffee and free food, as well as great fellowship and lively conversation, why don't you come and join us? It's casual - we gather at 9 AM and finish up about 10 AM-ish....and you are welcome to come and go as needed. We would love to have you join us! Just show up on Tuesday morning!

PW Annual Gathering~April 28

Presbyterian Women's Annual Gathering

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10 AM—12:30 PM

Stephen Olford Center
4000 Riverdale Road
Memphis, TN 38115

CONFERENCE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LUNCH PROVIDED, by Reservation

Lunch Reservation Deadline: Saturday, April 14 Cost: \$20

Make Check Payable to: Presbyterian Women

Mail to: Melissa Still, 8634 Riverchase Dr., Germantown, TN 38139

Keynote Speaker: Karen Spencer
Immigration in the Memphis Area

Mahal Burr
Crafting Solutions to Systems Oppressing People

Daniel Connolly
DACA: Dreamers and Latino Children in Shelby County Schools

Rev. Carl Meisterman
Christian Hospitality in the 21st Century

Moderator: Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins, Associate Pastor,
Germantown Presbyterian Church

SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO OTHERS, TO GOD, AND TO US



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING PC(USA)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected at the Easter worship service on **April 1**. What is this offering?

Theme this year: Isaiah 58

*You Shall be Called Repairers of the Breach.
Sharing God's Love with
our Neighbors-in-Need*

*...you shall be called the repairer of the
breach, the restorer of streets to live in.*
Isaiah 58:12b NRSV

By giving to this offering you will be joining tens of thousands of Presbyterians who are answering the ways God has called us to share in Isaiah 58. You are supporting ministries working in direct response to help provide access to sustainable food systems, aid and shelter for those who are impacted by disaster, and resources for communities working to loose the bonds of oppression and injustice.

Three Objectives

Self-Development of People
Presbyterian Hunger Program
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
(Hurricane Ravaged Puerto Rico)

Membership Corner

**“In Christ, we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



George and Paula Moschovas
joined March 11, 2018

63 Blue Grass Cove
Jackson, TN 38305

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for the prayers, messages, love and kindness we received at the death of our daughter, Stacy, and our son, Scott. It has been a bad time, and the love of good people is such a blessing. The cards, the calls and the gift to RIFA are greatly appreciated.

Pat and Ronnie Fields

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED!

Betty Stewart called and wanted the church and the Sunday School children to know how delighted she was to receive the valentine that the kids made. She said it made her so happy, and she is going to keep it always!

*- shared by Lisa Spurlin
on behalf of Betty Stewart*




Dear Church Family,

Your expressions of sympathy that have been shared to me and my family at the passing of my grandmother, Hazel Roland Melton, are kindly appreciated. Our comfort and assurance is her eternal life in Christ.

Sincerely, Tammy Buchanan-Anderson

MY
REDEEMER
LIVES!



DEADLINE
For
May Issue
is April 18!



Can't be at worship?
JOIN US by connecting online with our new livestream service.
You can catch the service as it happens, or catch up by viewing the services that are archived.
Go to our website: www.fpcjacksontn.org

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO BECOME PART
OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH FAMILY,
PLEASE CONTACT
CEIL COWLES
OR JOHN WHITE
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
422-1591**

FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE:



*Need a ride to church
or to church activities?*
Call Virginia Conger
731-427-2626



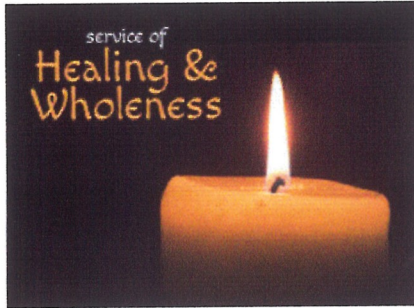
*Are you unable to attend
church and would like home
communion? Call the church office 422-1591, and
you will be contacted when communion is observed,
and a convenient time will be scheduled.*



Can You Give a Lift to a Friend?

Occasionally, on Sunday mornings people need a ride to church from different areas of the city. If we have a need in your vicinity, can we call on you? If you are available, please call **Virginia Conger at 427-2626**.

Service of Healing and Wholeness



SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

In May, First Presbyterian will begin a monthly Sunday evening Service of Healing and Wholeness.

What is a service of healing and wholeness?

The PC (USA) Directory for Worship reminds us that *"Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus which the church has been called to continue as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people."*

These services will be open to all those desiring healing for themselves, or for others of special concern to them, as well as others simply seeking support as we all experience brokenness in our lives. Through services for wholeness, the church enacts in worship its ministry as a healing community. The vital element of worship in the service for wholeness is prayer, as we wait in faith and offer a response to the Word read and proclaimed announcing the gospel's promise of wholeness through Christ.

Join us at 5:00 PM on the scheduled dates and find an opportunity for reconciliation and renewed commitment to the service of Jesus Christ in the world.

May 6

June 3

August 5

September 9

October 7

November 4

December 2

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests
to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)



himself being
the chief
corner stone ...
Ephesians 2:20

Cornerstone Group



LOOKING AHEAD!

How many people die without a will? Too many.... is the answer to that question.

Our church, First Presbyterian, is sponsoring a luncheon on **Thursday, April 19 at 11:00 AM**.

Joey Howell, Attorney and member of our church, will speak to us about the importance of having a current Will, a Living Will, as well as an Advance Directive for Health Care. We will also have information available from retirement centers and assisted living centers.

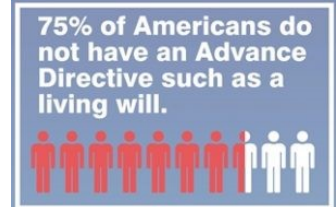
It is also important that you inform your church concerning your funeral plans and have it recorded in the church office. First Presbyterian has a form available that you can fill out and have on file in the church office, called the Memorial/Funeral Advance Directive. These forms will also be made available at this luncheon.

Lunch will be served so reservations will be necessary. Cost \$6.00. Please contact the church office at 422-1591 to make your reservation for lunch and for this informative meeting.



For more information contact Nora Alexander 424-2380 or Polly Pledger 660-6091.

Please join us for this important event and bring a friend.
Everyone Welcome!



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

Birthday blessings to the following members who celebrate their special day this month!

04/01	Ty Cowles	04/18	Russell Cook
	Rhett Smith		King Kolakowski
	Sharyn Thompson		Tricia Mathis
04/02	Teresa Ide	04/19	Lily Byrd
	Anabelle Thomson	04/20	Susie Alexander
04/03	Jessica Donnell		Ila Beth Reynolds
04/04	Rich Rosser	04/21	Blake Anderson
04/05	Mona Campbell		Lisa Spurlin
04/08	Mac Thomson	04/22	Jody Pickens
04/10	Chris Alexander	04/23	Ben Norwood
	Katie Dunnavant		Isabella Norwood
04/12	Maggie Reynolds		Will Norwood
04/15	Mark Harris		Adriana Thomson
04/16	Chloe Hudson	04/25	Gail Marple
04/17	Elizabeth Jerge	04/28	Luke Thompson
	Samantha Morgan	04/29	Martha Hanserd
	Sarah-Tucker Pickens		Lark Taylor



Happy Anniversary!

04/05	Libby and Nick Reynolds
04/09	Emily and Nathan Smith
04/15	Martha and Jerry Kizer
04/16	Susan and Tom Blackmon
04/23	Patty and Bill Lawrence
04/24	Gail and Jim Marple
04/28	Allison and Rex Climer

Please let the church office know your birthday and anniversary! If your April birthday or anniversary is not listed, we don't have it on record in the church office. We don't wish to miss anyone and would appreciate you calling the office (422-1591).

Prayer Concerns

PRAYER PROGRAM

Each week we randomly select individuals or families for whom we encourage everyone to pray. During the coming weeks, please pray for:

April 1—John Hill; Tim, Katy, Sean, Sam, Libby and Kate Justice; Mo & Polly Pledger

April 8— John, Susannah, Forrest and Kathelene White; Charles Huffman; Jan, Julie and John David Jones

April 15—Kathy House; Russell, Carrie, Logan and Caleb Jones; Rick Kendall

April 22—Ernie and Linda Wilson; Don and Kathleen Huneycutt; David, Sharon, Logan and Mason Keen

April 29—Joey, Lori, Mae and James Howell; John and Penny Kendall; Randy and Vivian Jones

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: *The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Richard Swaim and family upon the death of his sister, Jane Swaim Fox, on March 27, 2018; to Gertrude Driver upon the recent death of her daughter Elizabeth Driver; to Greg Abbott and family upon the death of his father, Charles Abbott; to Dolly Mathis and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Harold Rooks; to Tammy Buchanan & family in the death of her grandmother, Hazel Melton; and to Leigh Anne Lucas Bentley & family upon the death of her 12 year old cousin, Jacob Lucas.*



ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Sylvia Henson, #307

Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Tillie Gilliam, #M2

Helen Johnson, #D65

Robert & Dolly Mathis, #C43

John Singleton, #B25

Betty Stewart, #M8

Judi Wilson, #E85

Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

Elmcroft

Charles Huffman, #107

Northbrooke Nursing Home

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

Bells Nursing and Rehab

Sue Carruth, #219

Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

Susan Atwood

Robert Mathis

Jerry Martin

Jimmy and Judy Melton

(Tammy Buchanan's mother)

Lt. Cmdr. Clay Bridges

Ray Tanner

Brian Fowler (cancer)

Benny Houston

Susannah White

Destinee Haynes (Tamara's granddaughter)

Dr. Daniel Musselman & family

Phillip Pickens (cancer)

Tom Williams

Doris Rhodes (cancer)

Margaret Falls and family

Billy Futrell

Bill Dellastatious

John Meriwether

Bobby Benson

Jim Marple

Bill Cole (Susan Anderson's brother)

Chase Mobley

Emily Evans (cancer)

Margaret Suttle

Richard and Liz Swaim

James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

Cancer patients on our hearts

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Houston

Mission Partners in Asia

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 29 @ 9:30 am

Mark Your Calendars!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE April 29, 2018 9:30 AM

Steve Berger Band!

Seating provided.

Casual attire!

More info will be provided later,
so stay tuned!



We are united in the Spirit when we pray
for our brothers and Sisters in Christ in our
Presbytery and around the world.

During the month of April,
please pray for:

Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN
Presbyterian World Missions
Farmington Presbyterian, Germantown
Farmers' Struggles
First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN
Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN
Camp and Conference Ministries

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dr. Phil Norsworthy

Don Lewis and family

Norma and Clarence Smith & son

Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)

Charles Mayo

Clairey Purinton

Tom Blackmon

Bill Sipes

Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)

Paula Mathews

Bill Hatch

Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)





Playschool News

I am pleased to share that we have completed registration for the 2018-2019 Playschool class. It is so gratifying to see the smiles as families confirm their child/children's enrollment for the coming year. Thank you to anyone who made a referral, that is our most effective recruiting tool.

Our enrollment for our 3 and 4 year old class is full! If you might be interested in Playschool in the fall, please call and we will add your child to the waiting list. The sooner you get on the waiting list, the more likely you are to have an opportunity to become part of our Playschool family.

Our 2s class still has some openings so if anyone with a child who will turn 2 by August 15, 2018 is interested in Playschool, please email Playschool at fpplayschool@yahoo.com or call Playschool at 424-6515. We will fill remaining enrollment slots on a first come, first served basis.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, April 8, 2018

The Session voted to call a Congregational Meeting following worship on April 8, 2018, to approve for 2018 the \$5000 bonus which Rev. White received in 2017 for filling both roles of Pastor and Associate Pastor. Please join us for this meeting.



SOUP KITCHEN WEEK APRIL 2—APRIL 6

(Monday thru Friday)

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

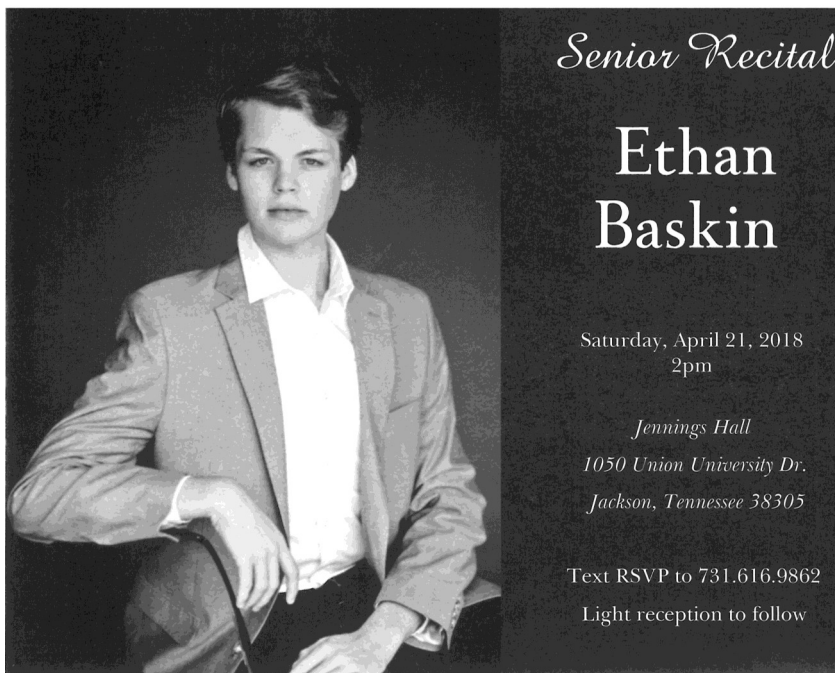
Our Soup Kitchen week begins on Monday, April 2 and we serve all that week through Friday. Volunteers are needed each of the days for two shifts. A sign up board is set up in the Fellowship Hall (with several blank spaces still needing to be filled!)

If you want to reserve a day and time, just call the church office at 422-1591.

The spots needed to be filled are:

Each day for prep: 8:30 AM—10:30 AM,
1 volunteer

Each day for serving: 10:30 AM—1:00 PM,
4 volunteers



Senior Recital

Ethan Baskin

Saturday, April 21, 2018
2pm

Jennings Hall
1050 Union University Dr.
Jackson, Tennessee 38305

Text RSVP to 731.616.9862
Light reception to follow

INVITATION!

Ethan Baskin is one of our regular choir interns. You are invited to his Senior Recital at Union University on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 2 PM.

RSVP via text to 731-616-9862. Light reception to follow.

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE DAY!



Saturday, April 21
10 AM—2 PM

on the grounds of
First Presbyterian Church

LUNCH PROVIDED!

Come join us as we celebrate
EARTH DAY!



Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	
<i>Fruit of the Spirit</i>	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	
K-2 3-5	Video Video	Games Drama	Drama Games	Cooking Cooking	

MEMORY VERSE: *"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*
Galatians 5:22-23a (NLT)

OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT! Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Fruit of the Spirit rotation, including Vivian Pauley, Susan Harris, Stephannie Williams, and Gabi Cox.

MasterPeace Theatre (DRAMA): The children will act out different life situations.
Focus: Showing Fruit of the Spirit inspired behavior.

The Synagogue School (GAMES): Students will play Fruit of the Spirit Tree Charades.
Focus: Knowing the Fruits of the Spirit.

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): The children will create a "Fruit of the Spirit" Salad.
Focus: Learn a healthy way to feed the body of Christ.

First Century Cinema (VIDEO): The children will watch a video that highlights the Fruits of the Spirit.
Focus: Reinforcing the Fruits of the Spirit.



The Children's Corner



Grow, Proclaim, Serve!
Growing our Faith by Leaps and Bounds!



Ms. Laura Ms. Ellen Ms. Libby

**Children Are
A Gift From God!**



**PARENTS!
SAVE THIS DATE!**

- ♦ **June 11-14—VBS,
Monday thru Thursday!
Rolling River Rampage!**
Watch for exciting
details! Be one of the
first to Volunteer and
be a part |of this fun
adventure. The first 15
helpers to |volunteer
will win a prize!!



If you have any questions feel free to contact:
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Ellen McClune emmclune@gmail.com
OR Libby Smith fpclibby@eplus.net and
don't forget to follow us on **Facebook!**





Youth News!



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director



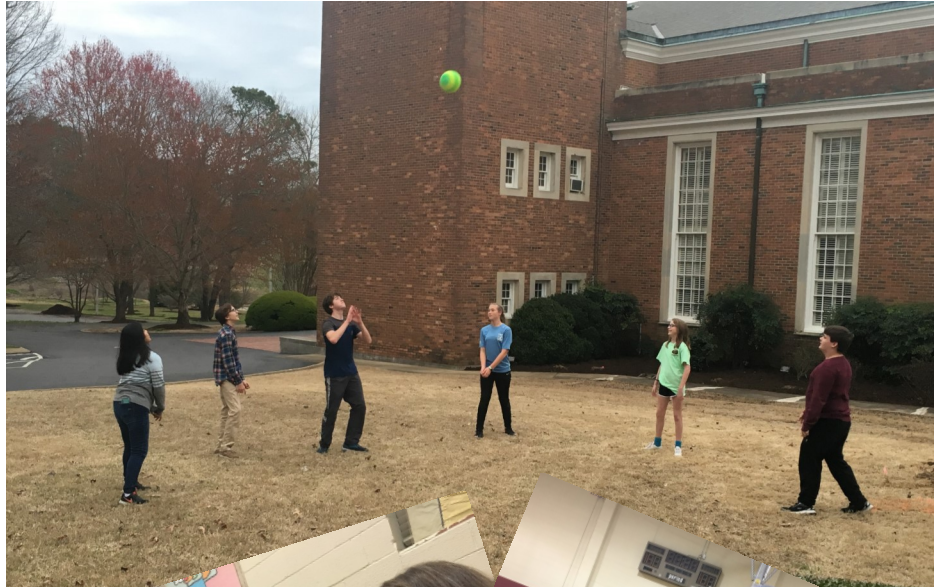
Important dates
to remember:

**Youth Sunday
& Baccalaureate
May 20**

**Montreat Youth Conference
July 15-21**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you would like to prepare a meal for our Youth Connection on Sunday nights, please contact Molly fpcmolly@eplus.net !

**We have had a lot of fun
learning God's Word this month!!**



FINANCIAL UPDATE – February 2018

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$191,253	\$ 102,992	\$ 158,580
Total Contributions	\$210,376	\$ 119,358	\$ 164,329
Total Income	\$217,673	\$ 143,271	\$ 177,720
Total Expenses	\$117,672	\$ 143,271	\$ 119,558
Net Income	\$100,001	\$ 0	\$ 58,162

Pledges can now be paid using ACH bank drafts on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Pope at 422-1591.

For questions or more details on the financial report, contact Carol Sue Keathley (Finance Co-Chair), at 431-1262, Bill Sipes (Finance Co-Chair) at 668-7148, Russell Cook (Treasurer) at 694-1991, or Vicki Pope (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.

Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on March 11, 2018 at 5:00 PM and conducted its regularly scheduled business. The Session voted:

- ♦ to approve the minutes from the Stated meeting of February 18, 2018, and the Called Meeting from February 18, 2018, with the change that Elder Kevin Pauley be marked present at the Called Meeting from February 18, 2018;
- ♦ to accept the report of the commissioners to the March 3, 2018, stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South;
- ♦ to call a Congregational Meeting following worship on April 8, 2018, to approve for 2018 the \$5000 bonus which Rev. White received in 2017 for filling both roles of Pastor and Associate Pastor;
- ♦ to adopt the Long Range Plan with action steps as presented;
- ♦ to approve a “Fun and Service Day” for April 21st from 10AM to 3PM to coincide with the celebration of Earth Day;
- ♦ to approve our Domestic Mission Trip to be coordinated through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to Beaumont, TX, working with the St. Andrews's Presbyterian Church;
- ♦ to invite Elder Andy Combs of First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TN to coordinate and lead our Domestic Mission Trip;
- ♦ to approve the dates of late Spring or early Fall for our Domestic Mission Trip to coincide with Elder Andy Comb's schedule;
- ♦ to list First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN, with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as a wayside church for churches traveling on Mission Trips;
- ♦ to introduce a Resolution of Thanks and Commendation to be given to the music program of First Presbyterian Church including Director of Music, Helen Redding; Organist and Pianist Dr. Terry McRoberts; our choir program including our chancel choir and children's and youth choirs; and our bell choir.

**NEXT SESSION MEETING
April 8 @ 5 PM**



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July 20-21-22

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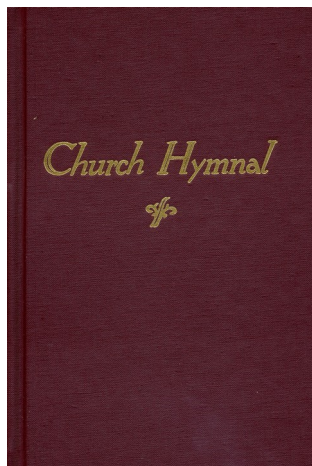
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First Presbyterian Church
seeks to provide opportunities
for people to encounter the life changing
presence of Christ through:
preaching, the study of scripture,
engagement in worship, faithful stewardship
and service to others
in the church and community.

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**Deadline for submissions are the 18th of each
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Red Back Hymn Sing—April 7, 2018



RED BACK CHURCH HYMNAL SINGING

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

6 PM—8 PM

Hosted by: Big Black Creek Historical Association

Everyone welcome!

*Come join us for an awesome evening of songs from the Red Back Church Hymnal.
It's going to be a wonderful evening.*

*If you are interested in singing in the choir, please be at the church at 4:30 PM for a
rehearsal.*

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