

Message from the Pastor

It was after the resurrection. A group of the disciples had gathered on the beach at dawn, and Jesus had cooked them breakfast. Following the meal, Jesus looked at Peter and said: "*Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?*" Peter, of course, responded vigorously: "*Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.*" Jesus then asked Peter the same question a second time, and then a third time: "*Simon, son of John, do you love me?*" Each time Peter answered in a voice which must have carried a mixture of enthusiasm and frustration: "*Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.*"

Why would Jesus ask the same question repeatedly? Well, if we think about it carefully, we can see that Peter struggles throughout his relationship with Jesus. One day he is The Rock, firm and unshakable, steady and unwavering in his commitment to Christ. The next day he is ON

the rocks, providing abundant evidence that he is, as Jesus said, a man of little faith.

Throughout his relationship with Jesus, Peter wobbles between faithfulness and betrayal, obedience and denial, mountain peaks and desert valleys. Sound familiar? How many times have you been proud of how far you have come as a Christian, and then, within a matter of days or hours, you commit a grievous sin which reminds you of how far you have to go? How many times have you felt that your faith was unshakable, only to have something happen which shakes you to your very core?

Like Peter, we constantly dance this dance of faithfulness and denial, walking in the certainty of God's Way one day, and floundering in the muck of our own way the next day. But the amazing grace of God is that,



despite our repeated failures, despite our faithlessness, despite our unbridled pursuit of worldly things, Jesus Christ is constant and faithful and passionate in His love for each of us. As often as we despise Him, He loves us.

As often as we turn away from the Father in anger, the Father turns toward us in love.

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Scripture of the Month — Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

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Special dates of interest:

- **National Day of Prayer and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast—May 3**
- **One of Many Retreat at Pinecrest—May 4**
- **Communion Sunday—May 6**
- **Service of Healing & Wholeness—May 6**
- **Session Meeting—May 6**
- **Last Wednesday Night Dinner & Children's Program—May 9**
- **Mother's Day & Sunday School Recognition—May 13**
- **PW Bring a Dish & Installation—May 14**
- **Pentecost Sunday & Celebration—May 20**
- **Youth Sunday/Baccalaureate—May 20**
- **Memorial Day—May 28**
Church Offices closed



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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

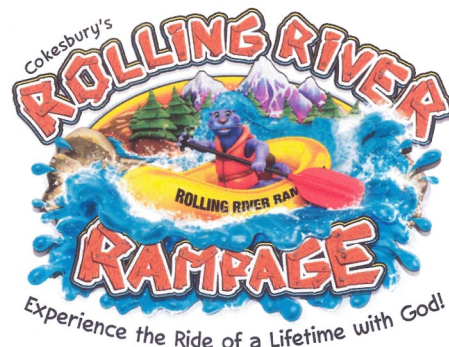
Class of 2020

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.

VBS 2018—June 11-14



"When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage! Children will enjoy interactive, energizing, Bible-based good times as they *Find Adventure on the River! Find Acceptance! Find Joy! And Find Peace in the River!* Children will participate in games, make crafts, learn new songs, strengthen friendships and create new ones!

Vacation Bible School

At First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN

June 11-14, 2018 * 6-8 pm

(A light snack will be provided)

Children ages 4 through incoming 5th grade

For more information, please email Laura Byrd at fpcclaura@eplus.net or
Libby Smith at fpcclibby@eplus.net

Lectionary Readings for May 2018

May 6 ~ Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 13 ~ Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**May 20 ~ Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8: 22-27; John 15:26-27; John 16:4b-15**

May 27 ~ Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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. ***This is our LAST couple of weeks until August! Come join us!***

May 2 — MENU: Italian Salad, Spaghetti, Creamed Spinach, Buttered Corn, Sliced bread, and Lemon Squares for dessert.
PROGRAM: Small Group Studies (last week!)

May 9— MENU: ***Breakfast for Dinner!*** Apple Celery Salad, Fruit Bowl, Frittata w/ peppers, onions and mushrooms, Bacon Slices, Hashbrown Casserole, Assorted Scones and Devonshire Cream, and Peach Delight for dessert.

PROGRAM: ***Children's End of Year Program*** (see *The Children's Corner*, page 13, for more info!)

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.

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Message from the Pastor (continued from page 1)

No matter what we have done, no matter what we have said, no matter the depth of our treason or the height of our deceit, one thing remains certain, and that is the unquenchable, unfathomable love of Jesus Christ for each one of us. We can walk on the moon and stroll along the bottom of the sea, but we cannot ever make Jesus stop loving us.

Have you ever heard of a man who responds to betrayal with love and forgiveness? Have you ever heard of a man who comes back from the grave to bless those who abandoned him?

Now you have. His name is Jesus.

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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 May 7 @ 9:30 AM

NO MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

PW BRING-A-DISH: May 14

The women of the church will have a **Bring-A-Dish dinner** on Monday, **May 14 at 6:30 PM**. The PW Officers for 2018-19 will be installed. The Birthday Offering will be collected. All women of the church are invited!

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!*

BIRTHDAY OFFERING: The PW Birthday Offering will be collected at the May 14 PW Bring-A-Dish Supper. This offering began in 1922 and has enabled a long succession of mission projects both overseas and in the United States. If you would like to contribute, but are unable to attend the supper in May, you may send your check to *Presbyterian Women*, c/o Susan Boutwell, 14 Windover Rd., Jackson, TN 38305. Please indicate "Birthday Offering" on the memo line.

Service Opportunities:

Helping Hands: First Monday of each month @ 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall,

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

RIFA Soup Kitchen —(Desserts)

May 1—Deborah

June 1—Mary

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!

Service Day a Success! Thank YOU!

The Service Committee would like to THANK all who participated in the Service Fun Day & Earth Celebration! There were over 30 members (kids, teens, parents, seniors & all ages) at the RIFA gardens, where we not only cleaned out 1st Presbyterian's beds, but prepared them all. The Key Hole Garden was a new addition and will be a great example of another way to garden. Eight benches were made for NaCoMe & Pinecrest; hand print pictures were made for Pinecrest by the kids & many hamburgers & hot dogs were enjoyed thanks to the Fellowship Committee. Also, please find the new addition to the Arboretum- *Candy Pecan Tree*- in front of the kid's play area that was dedicated for Earth Day.



FIRST PRESBYTERIANS AT WORK!

*Collections for Boys and Girls
Club and Dream Center
will continue to allow
others to donate!*

Membership Corner

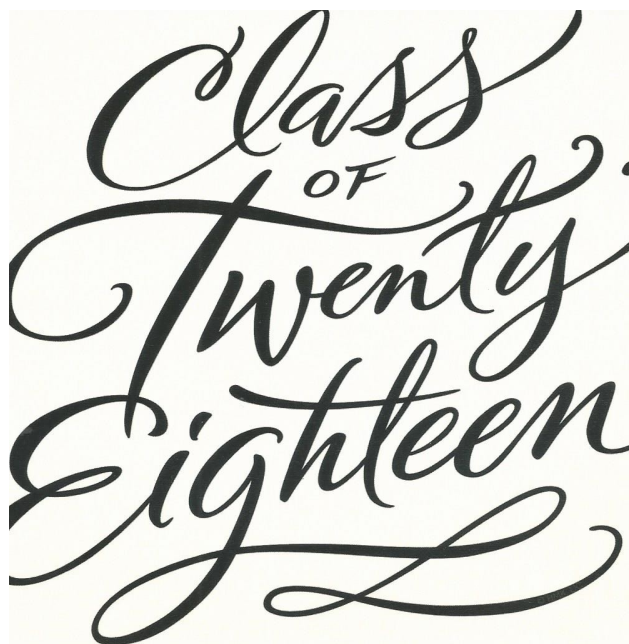
**"In Christ, we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5**



**CONGRATULATIONS
to
JOHN HILL**

John received the **Room in the Inn Volunteer of the Year Award** at the ARM **"How Do I Say Thank You"** Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

God Bless You John! We are so excited that you received this recognition!



Please come to a graduation reception to celebrate

AMELIA SPURLIN

*Saturday, May 19th 1:00-3:00 pm
Memorial Hall-First Presbyterian Church
1573 N. Highland Ave. Jackson, TN*



**DEADLINE
For
June Issue
is May 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



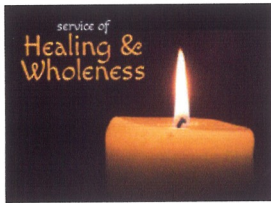
*Are you unable to attend
church and would like home
communion?* Call the church office 422-1591, and
you will be contacted when communion is observed,
and a convenient time will be scheduled.



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)



CHOIR NEWS!

Helen Redding will be taking a leave of absence during the months of May and June. We are very thankful for the loyal service of Ellen McClune in the choir and as children's music director. In addition to her other duties, Ellen will direct the Chancel Choir during these months.

The Chancel Choir welcomes new member Vivian Pauley to the choir loft. We are grateful for her service in this way. By the way, this is a great time to join the choir. Summer choir (no Wednesday rehearsals) begins the month of May and lasts through to the middle of July. Join the choir on Sunday mornings for a short rehearsal before the service. You'll be glad you did!!

And, thanks to our wonderfully talented choir interns! They have truly been a welcomed addition to our ranks. There are several who will graduate in May from Madison Academic Magnet High School. Graduation Blessings to Ethan Baskin, Clara Norell, Eren Brooks and Michael Head. Keep songs in your hearts!

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 AM

The Jackson Area Ministerial Association is hosting the **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday May 3, 2018 at 7 AM at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.**

May 3 is the National Day of Prayer, officially established by an Act of Congress in 1952, amended in 1988 to be on the first Thursday of May each year. Tickets for the breakfast are only \$7 each. You may pre-order tickets by calling the Mayor's office at 425-8240.

Please join us on this day that is offered to all Americans, regardless of religion, to celebrate our faith through prayer. Together let's foster unity within our community through Jesus Christ, while giving glory to God.



THE JACKSON SYMPHONY

is seeking volunteer host housing for out of town musicians for the 2018-2019 season.

If you are interested and request additional information, we have forms and info available in the church office.

You can also contact the office of the Jackson Symphony by calling 731-427-6440.





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

Cornerstone Group

On Thursday, April 19 our church sponsored an Estate Planning Luncheon. We were very fortunate to have Joey Howell, Attorney and member of our church, to share with us his experience and advice on Estate Planning. We learned that having a current Will, a Living

Will, and an Advance Directive for Health Care is very important regardless of age. We were also provided with information from the local retirement and assisted living facilities.

Did you know that your church provides a form to help you in organizing and directing plans for your funeral or Memorial Service? These forms, called the Memorial/Funeral Advance Directive, are available and kept on file in the church office. It is helpful to your family to have a copy of your wishes and for your church to have a copy.

All of these forms and information is available on a table in the Fellowship Hall for a few weeks. You are welcome to pick up any of the information that you might be interested in. If you have questions, you may contact the church office or Nora Alexander.



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

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

05/01	Jonathan Hill	05/13	Giovannie McCoy
05/02	Byron Elam	05/14	Kristin Bodiford
	Andrew Powell	05/16	Libby Justice
	Robbie Rodgers	05/17	Helen Johnson
	Ezra Stevenson		Stone Pickens
05/03	Jake Campbell, V	05/20	Jan Crossett
	Justin Smith		Kathy House
05/04	Annika Jerge		Sherry Taylor
	Dolly Mathis	05/22	Jeff Chambers
05/05	Matt Varino		John Kendall
05/06	Lynn East	05/23	Bill Kipp
	Sam Justice	05/24	Grace Abbott
05/07	Rick Kendall		Lilly Kate Varino
05/08	John Singleton	05/26	Vivian Jones
05/09	Jeff Harbin		Beth Norwood
05/11	Terry McRoberts	05/29	Tim Crossett
05/12	Wayne Monks		Kevin Jerge



05/29	Elizabeth Thomson
05/30	Will Bodiford
	Bryan Byrd

Happy Anniversary!

05/09	Pam and Sid Conger
05//10	Lauren and Jimmy Henson
05/11	Sharyn and Chuck Thompson
05/16	Elizabeth and Trey Climer, III
	Carly Ann and Jake Fry
05/24	Kristin and Jace Bodiford

Please let the church office know your birthday and anniversary! If your May 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:

May 6 ~ Jimmy and Lauren Henson; David, Sharon, Logan and Mason Keen; Ellen McClune

May 13 ~ Mona Higginbotham; Jerry & Margaret Ann Lucas; Terry McRoberts

May 20 ~ Billy, Deborah and Rebecca Hurt; Ken Keim; George and Patty Smith

May 27 ~ Helen Johnson; Jim and Gail Marple; Tom and Nancy Strawn

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: *The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tammy Buchanan-Anderson and family in the death of her mother, Judy P. Melton on April 11, 2018.*



ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233
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)

Tom Blackmon
Bill Sipes
Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)
Paula Mathews
Bill Hatch
Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)
Susan Atwood
Robert Mathis
Jimmy Melton
Lt. Cmdr. Clay Bridges
Brian Fowler (cancer)
Benny Houston
John and Susannah White
Destinee Haynes & newborn son
(Tamara's family)
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-Hospice Care
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

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 May, please pray for:

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN
Older Adults
First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO
Campers & Staff at Pinecrest and NaCoMe
LaGrange Presbyterian Church,
LaGrange, TN
Disability Inclusiveness



PRAYER CONCERNS

Asa McCarty & family
Dot Holt
Jennifer Geraghty
Billy Donnell
Felecia Cobb—John Ross' sister
Arturo Palomino
Dr. Phil Norsworthy
Don Lewis and family
Norma and Clarence Smith & son
Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)
Claircy Purinton

ONE OF MANY 1/2 Day Retreat: May 4 at Pinecrest from 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Includes Communion and Noon luncheon, as well as time for spiritual reflection and renewal in a beautiful setting. Brochures are available in the Fellowship Hall, with more information. Cost is only \$25 per person, and includes lunch.



Playschool News

Over the last 10 years or so we Playschool teachers have found ourselves reviewing how we lead our students and what materials we offer in our classrooms. We have noticed shorter attention spans in our students and, during the times when children can choose their own activities, they most frequently choose to imitate characters they have seen on television or video. Our instincts suggested the changes we were seeing were in significant part due to the exposure to screens from a very young age. Screens are everywhere: smartphones, tablets, computers, large televisions, and in our cars. We have come to accept and depend on their presence in our lives.

I wanted to know if our best guess for the behavior changes had any scientific support, so I started to read. Indeed, studies going back to the arrival of televisions in American homes have found a correlation between screen time and behavior changes. The intervening years have also seen an enormous shift in parenting styles. Together these changes have shifted how we raise our children and what parents expect from their children's schools. I have found the following two books very interesting and affirming to our mission at Playschool and I am happy to recommend them to you: *Achtung, Baby: An American Mom on the German Art of Raising Self-Reliant Children* by Sara Zaske and *Be the Parent, Please: Stop Banning Seesaws and Start Banning Snapchat* by Naomi Schaefer Riley. I found these helped me consider and re-consider what I assumed, and were a great conversation starter with my spouse, friends, family and co-workers. Both are available at the public library.

Save the Date! NaCoMe Church Family Weekend



60th ANNIVERSARY NaCoMe Church Family Weekend!

July 20-22, 2018

**Transportation for a day trip on Saturday will be offered!
More Details coming soon!**

**YOU
NEED TO BE
IN THE GROUP
PICTURE FOR 2018!**



Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	
Jesus & Zacchaeus: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20	
K-2 3-5	Cooking Games	Games Cooking	Art Art	Video Video	

MEMORY VERSE: *"The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them."*

Luke 19:10

OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT! Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Zacchaeus rotation, including Jennifer Flanagan, Callie Dollar, Stacey McAdams and Marlie Richardson.

First Century Cinema (VIDEO): The children will watch a video about the story.
Focus: Recalling the events of the story.

The Synagogue School (GAMES): The children will play "Out on the Limb" game.
Focus: Finding the "lost".

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): The children will make Zacchaeus cookies.
Focus: The change in Zacchaeus' heart.

"And God Created" (ART): The children will create a Mother's Day gift.
Focus: God's love transforms our hearts and lives.



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!**
(See page 2 for info!)



**Children are a heritage
from the LORD.**



**Never too young to help
greet in church!**



Easter Sunday Morning!



**Celebrating Earth Day!
Hooray!**



THE FRUIT of the SPIRIT
CHILDREN'S END OF YEAR PROGRAM
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Everyone is welcome to join us for this special program! Our Blast and Launch Pad Children will present a short program immediately following dinner in the sanctuary at 6 PM. It will be about **"The Fruits of the Spirit"**!

Our children's programs are always precious, and we hope to see you there!!

Galatians 5:22-23

"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control."

SAVE THIS DATE!
June 30
Safari Park





Youth News!



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director

We are twirling the end of the year away!!

Youth Sunday is May 20; make plans to attend!

Baccalaureate Sunday is also May 20.

Please be in prayer for our **Seniors: Amelia Spurlin and Grace Abbott.**

Amelia will be attending UT Knoxville, and Grace will be attending UT Martin.

End of the year party May 20. More information to come!!!



**Important dates
to remember:**

**Youth Sunday
& Baccalaureate
May 20**

**End of Year Party
May 20**

**Montreat Youth Conference
July 15-21**

DO NOT LET
ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU
ARE **YOUNG**
BUT SET AN
EXAMPLE
FOR BELIEVERS
IN SPEECH, IN LIFE
IN **LOVE,**
AND IN PURITY.

-1 Timothy 4:12
EVERLASTING/2020

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FINANCIAL UPDATE – March 2018

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$232,335	\$ 154,179	\$ 189,558
Total Contributions	\$259,004	\$ 178,679	\$ 197,066
Total Income	\$270,969	\$ 214,478	\$ 211,689
Total Expenses	\$179,322	\$ 214,478	\$ 210,231
Net Income	\$ 91,647	\$ 0	\$ 1,458

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 April 8, 2018 at 5:00 PM and conducted its regularly scheduled business. The Session:

- ♦ was reminded of the Presbytery Pentecost Event to be held at Rhodes College on May 20, 2018;
- ♦ was advised that work has begun on choosing people to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee for 2018/19 and that a Congregational meeting to elect the committee will be scheduled at the next Session meeting;
- ♦ voted to round up the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to \$2,000, with money to go to Puerto Rico relief—extra funds to come from undesignated benevolences;
- ♦ voted to plant a tree during Earth Day celebration at cost of \$250, and a scripture plaque, with money to come from undesignated benevolences;
- ♦ voted to install a donation box specifically for the Arboretum for the Earth Day celebration on April 21, 2018;
- ♦ voted to approve the 2017 internal audit done by Cowart, Reese and Sergeant for both the church and playschool;
- ♦ received info from Budget & Finance Committee that there will be two counters of money for the collection on Sunday; and that the church will no longer reimburse taxes paid on items purchased for the church, but that tax exempt forms will be provided to retailers at point of sale;
- ♦ was informed that Andy Combs of First Presbyterian Church Brownsville, will lead our domestic mission trip for 2018;
- ♦ voted to approve Cynthia Jones as an Affiliate Member of FPC, Jackson;
- ♦ voted to hold next meeting on Sunday, May 6, at 3 PM, due to Mother's Day;
- ♦ was provided information about the Presbytery Listening Sessions in the process of calling a new Executive Presbyter, with next sessions on April 15, 22 and 29.

All members of the Session encourage questions or comments at any time.

**NEXT SESSION MEETING
May 6 @ 3 PM**



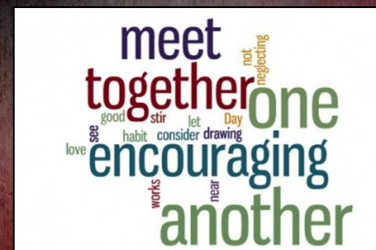
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**NaCoMe
Church Family
Camp**

July 20-21-22

**Please make plans
NOW
to join us!**

60 Year Celebration!



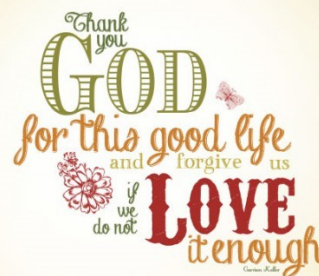
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WHEN MAKING PURCHASES FOR THE CHURCH:

Since FPC has a tax-exempt status, and we have a sales tax exemption number, all persons making purchases for the church should use the tax form and number when making purchases.

As part of our latest audit report, we are not to reimburse anyone for sales tax as part of a receipt/request for payment. You may get a Tax Exempt form upon request from Vicki Pope to use when buying items for the church, which should be provided to the retailer at point of sale.

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in the church and community.

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A Beautiful Day of Worship ~ April 29, 2018

A beautiful day in God's creation with the Steve Berger Band!

