

Message from the Pastor

We live in a world that seems to be guided quite often by distrust and animosity. We do not trust, and often do not like, people whose opinion differs from ours. We tend to believe that God only works in ways that make sense to me, according to my beliefs and interpretations. What if God is bigger than that? What if we lived more according to our faith and less according to our fear?

The following poem by Gordon and Gladis DePree is food for thought and prayer in a broken world.

"...and you shall love [the stranger] as yourself;

for you were strangers in the land of Egypt..."

(Leviticus 19:34)

*"Recognizing the stranger
as a face of God
Takes so much of the
suspicion and hostility
Out of life.*

*Perhaps I have never
met you before...
But if I look at you
with an open face,
Accepting you as a
valid person,
With no need to judge
Whether you conform
to my standards or not,
Will you really seem
to be a stranger?*

*Or will we have
the vague feeling
That we must have
met somewhere before?*

*Somehow viewing the stranger
as a face of God
Changes her as well as me.
For if I have seen
God in her,
How can she see
less in herself?"*



*Love
your neighbor
as yourself.*

Scripture of the Month — Leviticus 19:33-34 (NIV)

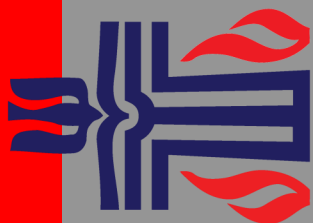
"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

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Special dates of interest:

- Summer Sunset Suppers—Aug 1 & 8
- Service of Healing & Wholeness—Aug 5
- Helping Hands—Aug 6
- Arise 2 Read Training—Aug 6 & 7
- Back to BLAST! Swim Party—Aug 8
- Presbytery Meeting—Aug 11
- Rally Day—Aug 12
- Session meeting—Aug 12
- Threads of Love—Aug 14
- Wednesday Night Dinners begin—Aug 15
- PW Work Day (Missions) - Aug 22
- Back to School Prayer Service—Aug 22
- Playschool Parents' Meeting - Aug 23
- Communion Sunday—Aug 26
- Pres Women CT Meeting—Aug 27





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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

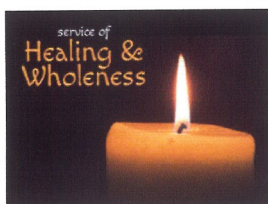
Class of 2020

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.

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)



Lectionary Readings for August 2018

August 5:	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 12:	2 Samuel 18:9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
August 19:	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
August 26:	1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Wednesdays @ First ~ resume on August 15!



Wednesday Night Fellowship is ready to kickoff for another great year of fun, good food, and informative programming. Please plan to join us each Wednesday at 5:15 PM for dinner, and then stay for the program/worship/study at 6 PM. We have separate programming for the Youth and for 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.

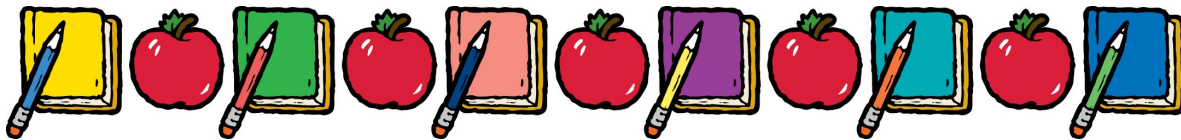
- Aug 15—** MENU: Strawberry Salad, Honey Mustard Pork Loin, Squash and onions, Carrot Souffle, Yeast Rolls, and Four Layer Dessert.
PROGRAM: **"Welcome Back! Highlights of Our Summer at FPC!"** (VBS, NaCoMe, Montreat, etc.)
- Aug 22—** MENU: French Country Salad, Chicken & Mushroom gravy, Wild Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Buttered Bread, Peach Cobbler and Ice Cream for dessert.
PROGRAM: **Back to School Prayer and Worship Service** (see page 15 for details)
Please join us for a worship service for teachers, students and our schools at 6 PM in the Sanctuary for Youth and Adults. Nursery Provided.
- Aug 29—** MENU: Garden Salad, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Texas Toast, and Sweet Potato Pie for dessert.
PROGRAM: Small Groups begin! (see selections on page 11)

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).

Reminder! If you had permanent reservations in the spring and wish to continue, you must make new ones for fall! Indicate on a card found in the pew racks, or call/email the church office.

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



Music Notes!



It's a scientific fact: Singing is good for you!

Folks who sing in a choir are happier than those who sit and listen. Now's the time to join a group of happy folks! Chancel choir rehearsals return **July 25 at 7:00 PM**. Come have fun with us. **You'll be glad you did!**



SUMMER SUNSET SUPPERS 2018

August 1 @ 5 PM
August 8 @ 5 PM

Join us for a good time of fellowship and good food, open to anyone of any age who wants to get out of the kitchen and enjoy a delicious meal and great company.

Aug 1st – Old Fashion Hymn Sing, led by Helen Redding.
Menu: Chicken Salad & Croissants, Cheese & Crackers, Antipasto Tray, Fruit Salad, Lemon Chess Squares.

Aug 8th – "Bingo and White Elephants!" Bring a White Elephant gift. **Menu:** Cucumber & Pimento Sandwiches, BLT Pasta Salad, Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad, Summer Fruit Bowl, Baked Apple Pie Slices.

Cost: \$6 per person

Childcare available upon advanced reservation and request.
Reservations must be made by Monday @ 4 PM

Invite a friend!!



PW of First Presbyterian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

PW MISSIONS PREP DAY:

August 22 @ 9:30 AM (see below)

CT MEETING: August 27 @ 9:30 AM

FALL BRING-A-DISH—All women of the church are invited to the Fall **Bring A Dish** on **Monday, September 10** at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

TO ALL LADIES!! To all ladies of the church who would like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study, please contact Katy Justice at 616-6026 or Kathy House 423-1065. *All are welcome!*

Installation of Officers was held at the PW Bring-A-Dish on May 14.

New Officers for 2018-19:

Moderator—Katy Justice
Vice Moderator—Kathy House
Secretary—Carol Green
Treasurer—Susan Boutwell
Historian—Catherine Carls
Spiritual Growth—Polly Pledger
Community Service—Barbara Fowler
Missions—Karen Broughton
Prayer Chain—Sandra Lawson
Hospitality—Benita Brown

Circle Leaders:

Abigail— Jenny Craig
Baara— Gail Marple
Deborah— Vivian Pauley &
Libby Reynolds

Mary— Twyla Morgan &
Molly Richardson

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)
August 1—Baara
September 4—Deborah

Collect Eyeglasses for Mark Harris to take overseas.



CUTTING DAY ~ August 22! We will hold a PW Prep Day on **August 22 at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall to cut out the infant shirts for the layettes we make on PW Mission Day. **Bring Scissors!** These preparation days have been a big help!

Contact Karen Broughton for more information.



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!



Arise2Read ~ Training Sessions

Be One, Ask One!

Summer Greetings from the ARISE2Read/Team Read Jackson / Madison County Leadership Team!

School is just around the corner, as is our **Fall Kickoff & Training Event!** We ask / require that you attend one of the sessions listed below to coach again this year. Please go to our website to register for this event: <https://www.arise2readjackson.org>.

Training Sessions (just attend one!) **Monday August 6 @ 1st Baptist @ 5 PM** or **Tuesday August 7 @ W. Jackson Baptist @ 10 AM.**



RIFA SNACK BACKPACK ITEMS NEEDED:

Pop-Tarts;
Ramen Noodles (chicken or beef);
Microwave Popcorn (individually wrapped);
Apple Sauce (with foil lids);
Oatmeal (single serve packs);
Chicken Noodle Soup (with pop-tops);
Ravioli (single serve with pop-tops);
Macaroni & Cheese (individual packets/bowls).

RIFA CANSTRUCTION 2018

Canstruction Build—September 25
Carl Perkins Civic Center

Canstruction Awards Gala-
September 27 at 6 PM,

includes a plated dinner, the awards presentation and entertainment by the popular worship duo....
Shane & Shane!

Membership Corner

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Cynthia Jones

New Affiliate Member
(membership held at
Carrollton Presbyterian, Carrollton, GA)
April 8, 2018

10 Deepwood Dr.
Jackson, TN 38305
731-265-6379



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**



FALL 2018

**GREAT BANQUET
DATES!**

Great Banquet at Pinecrest

Men—October 4-7

Women—October 11-14



**Deadline for
September Issue
August 18!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 1 & 8: Summer Sunset Suppers

August 12: Rally Day

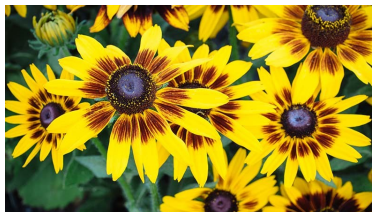
August 15: Wednesday Night Dinners Resume

August 22: Back to School Worship & Prayer Service

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**.

First Presbyterian Church presents

RALLY DAY!

Food / Fellowship / Bible Games / Prizes
Sunday School & Small Group Information

August 12, 2018 • 10:45 - 11:45 AM
Fellowship Hall

Come One, Come All!
See what FPC has to offer for all ages!!!



Push Pay ~ New!!



COMING IN LATE AUGUST!!

We will be introducing two new mobile methods that will enable us to all stay better connected to First Presbyterian Church - Jackson wherever we are.

The first is a simple and convenient "Giving link" through which you can cheerfully and generously make spontaneous, special, and even your pledge contributions for the grace and blessings you have received from God.

Second, a new First Presbyterian Church - Jackson "APP" will keep you instantly engaged with all things church! Just click on the new APP and see the calendar of events, archived sermons, Live Stream, general information, etc.

On-line church event/activity registration and payment will also be available through the APP. Social media links will be featured as well. This will also allow us to easily share our church programs with friends and the community.

We are excited about the new engagement options this technology will offer. While everyone is welcome to continue giving and communicating as they do now, no current methods are being replaced, we are confident that even those who might not be "tech savvy" will find these additions easy and fun to use!

When both the Giving link and APP are introduced in late August, we will offer information, and one-on-one assistance, to everyone interested.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

08/01	Henry Cook	08/16	Vickie Richardson	08/29	Stella Crenshaw
	Lori Howell	08/18	Patrick Cambbell	08/30	Tausha Alexander
	Paula Mathews		James Hill		Laura Crossett
08/02	Andrew Donnell		Sharon Keen		Brad Isaacs
	Stan Harris	08/19	Susan Blackmon		Turner Spurlin
	John Ross		Bob Green	08/31	Connor Donnell
08/04	Ford Richardson	08/20	Steve Lawson		Brantley Gobbell
	Bill Sipes	08/21	Anna-Katherine Smith		Judy Herron
08/05	Allison Climer	08/23	Margaret Hewitt	Happy Anniversary!	
	Sam Thompson		Amelia Spurlin		
08/07	Dot Holt		Betty Stewart	08/03	Catherine and David Greene
08/09	Charles Blankenship	08/24	Alison Ivey	08/05	Tammy and Blake Anderson
	Mary Bess McWherter		Molly Richardson	08/07	Stephannie and Brian Williams
	Jo'Hannah Ross	08/25	Barry Broughton	08/12	Elizabeth and Richard Swaim
08/12	Camille Cox	08/26	Dorothy Alexander	08/14	Susan and John Anderson
08/13	Charles Huffman		Elizabeth Alexander		Caroline and Jeb Campbell
	Tanner Ivey		Mary Harbert Alexander	08/15	Nancy and Tom Strawn
	Ashley Powell		Sidney Richardson	08/17	Marge and Ken Stumpenhurst
	John White		Susannah White	08/31	Julia and Bill Kipp

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

August 5 ~ John, Beth, Ben, Isabella, and Will Norwood; Nancy Oberg; Trey, Elizabeth and Alexandra Climer

August 12 ~ Jody, Linsey, Stone, Sarah-Tucker, and Elizabeth Pickens; Cary Henson, Dustin and Carrie Beth; Phil and Jill Johnson

August 19 ~ Chuck, Ginka, Lexie, Georgia, and Spencer Poole; Greg and Jennifer Flanagan; Kevin, Elizabeth, Elle and Annika Jerge

August 26 ~ Georgia Wellborn; Charles and Marilyn Ames; Jessica, Jacob, Emma and Jane Barron

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: *The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to family & friends of Mary Jean "Tillie" Gilliam who died June 25, 2018; to family & friends of Margaret MacLin Falls, who died on June 30, 2018; and to family & friends of the Rev. Margaret Suttle, who died on July 16, 2018.*

ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

Robert & Dolly Mathis, #C43

John Singleton, #F95

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)

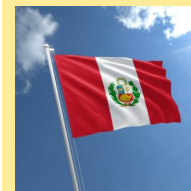
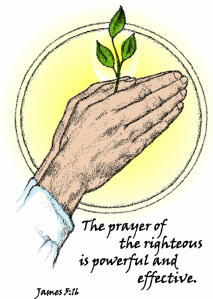
Sylvia Henson
Felicia Cobb—John Ross' sister
Norma and Clarence Smith & son
Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)
Claircy Purinton
John and Susannah White
Tom Blackmon
Dot Holt
Bill Sipes
Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)
Paula Mathews
Bill Hatch
Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)
Lt. Cmdr. Clay Bridges
Brian Fowler (cancer)
Phillip Pickens (cancer)
John Meriwether
Jim Marple
Chase Mobley
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
Fires out west & displaced families
Hurricane areas
Flooding victims

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

Please pray for these area churches during August:

First Presbyterian, Memphis
Idlewild Presbyterian, Memphis
Liberation Community Church, Memphis
Parkway Garden United Church, Memphis

Hannah Smith
Bob Redding
Rich Hellinger
Mike Taylor
Jim Petterson
Janie Cary
James Harris
Ty-8 yr old needing a kidney
Billy Montross family
Patrick Carlton
Holly Cannon
Emily Evans—cancer
Mason West—head injury
Christie Kizer Burbank



THANK YOU FROM PERU!

From Pastor Leopoldo, pastor of sister church in Villa el Sol

Brother, we hope your return has been good. We pray for your health and well-being. In the meantime we are very grateful for the help we have received for our children of the Peruvian Evangelical Church of Villa el Sol. We will be informing you how we have used your contribution. Thank you brothers and sisters, Pastor Leopoldo Aguilar

(A thank you for the \$700 our church contributed from the Pentecost offering for the children to buy uniforms and school supplies.)



Fall Small Groups begin August 29!



Small Groups will begin August 29. The following Small Groups will be offered:

1. **The Gospel According to Paul, Embracing the Good News at the Heart of Paul's Teaching by John MacArthur (book study)** - The apostle Paul penned a number of very pithy, focused passages in his letters to the early church that summarizes the gospel message in a few well-chosen words. Each of these key texts has a unique emphasis highlighting some aspect of the good news. John MacArthur closely examines the texts of Paul's letters to the early church, one verse at a time. The *Gospel According to Paul*, answers questions about the essential elements of the gospel message, how Christians can be sure they are presenting the gospel correctly, and how the Good News can be proclaimed to the world.
2. **Making Space- Exploring What Matters Most (dvd/workbook)** - Do you know what's most important in life? Do you feel too busy to make time for those things? This study gleans wisdom from the Book of Proverbs and from the example of Jesus to show you how to center your life on God's priorities. You will examine the things that matter most to God and to you as a follower of Christ. Then you will learn to apply Godly wisdom that will help you incorporate these activities into your busy life. In some cases, you will find that you are doing the wrong things. Or you might find that you are doing the right things for the wrong reason or in the wrong way, so that they are not life-giving or fulfilling. Each week's session will function as a stand-alone message, providing great opportunities to invite friends and engage in conversations about a given topic.
3. **The Book of Acts (the Bible)**- This is a line by line study of the Book of Acts. The life of the early church is recorded and preserved for us in the book of Acts. Acts is the only biblical book that chronicles the history of the church immediately after Jesus's ascension. As such, it provides us with a valuable account of how the church was able to grow and spread out from Jerusalem into the rest of the Roman Empire. In only three decades, a small group of frightened believers in Jerusalem transformed into an empire-wide movement of people who had committed their lives to Jesus Christ, ending on a high note with Paul on the verge of taking the gospel to the highest government official in the land—the Emperor of Rome.
4. **Same Kind of Different as Me (book study)** - Dig deeper into the *New York Times* bestseller with this compelling study based on one man's experience with slavery and homelessness, and another's life of complacency and wealth. In many ways, our world today is focused on divisions, on differences. Differences between people of different gender and race, between people of different economic status, between people of different belief systems. It's easy, perhaps even natural, to find members of our same "tribe," those who share our worldview and our demographic traits. It's much less natural to reach *across* those boundaries, to try to understand others' experiences, to serve those who have almost nothing in common with us. It's easier to ignore them—especially the homeless—to act as if they don't exist. Along the way, this profound story reminds us that no matter how deep the differences that separate us, just a bit of love may help us to see others' dignity instead of choosing not to see them at all.

Sign-ups for book purchases will be available in the Fellowship Hall in August.

Playschool News



We have openings for this fall in our 2 Year Old Class and are looking for families who might be interested in joining our Playschool family. If you have a friend, neighbor, playmate, family member or acquaintance who has a 2 year old child we would love for you to have them get in touch with Jennifer. Anyone can email her at fpplayschool@yahoo.com to find out more.

To be eligible for Playschool this year a child must be 2 years old by August 15, 2018. We have openings for our MWF or TTH schedule. We have been a part of this community for over 40 years and want to share the wonderful world of Playschool with new friends.

Our 3 and 4 Year Old Class has a waiting list, but it is always a good idea to put your name on the list, that way when an opening occurs you will receive a phone call.

Come be a Playschool Cutie-Pie!

Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	Week 5:
David: God's Chosen King!	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	Sept 2	Sept 9
K-2 3-5	Rally Day Rally Day	Cooking Art	Art Cooking	Science Games	Games Science

MEMORY VERSE: *"The Lord told Samuel, People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what is in their hearts."*

I Samuel 16:7b

OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT! Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our God's Chosen King rotation.

Science: The children will conduct various sensory science experiments.

Focus: Experience the story through their senses.

The Synagogue School (GAMES): The children will review events of story through games.

Focus: Explore the story.

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): The children will be making anointing oil.

Focus: The children will learn how to make flavored oil and will take some home to share as they retell the story to their family.

"And God Created" (ART): The children will complete a partial self-portrait for this workshop that will especially incorporate the memory verse.

Focus: Learning the memory verse.



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!**



IMPORTANT DATES!

August 8 ~ Back to BLAST!/Pizza/Swim Party
5—7 PM; at home of Chuck & Sharyn Thompson

August 12 ~ RALLY DAY! (see page 6)

August 15 ~ "Official" Welcome Back Kickoff for BLAST! More details to follow!
Launch Pad resumes!

August 22 ~ Back to School Worship & Prayer Service—K-5th

It's going to be a GREAT YEAR!

Making a Child Go To Church

Recently, a mother asked me, "Should I make my son go to church?" I answered, "Yes, definitely." Then I explained: "What do you say when your son decides that he does not want to go to school? What did you do when he was little and did not want to take a bath? How did you react when he was sick and did not want his medicine?"

Every right-thinking parent recognizes the importance of these matters and gives the child no opportunity to decide for himself. Instead, parents explain the importance of going to school, taking a bath, or taking medicine when sick.

So, mom and dad, take time to explain the importance of going to church; then simply say to your son or daughter; **"In our family we all go to church and that includes you."**

"Train up a child in the way he should go..." (Prov. 22:6)



60TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY CAMP FUN!





Youth News!



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director

We had a great time at the annual Montreat Youth Conference.

The theme this year was "lift every voice" .

**** if you would like to provide dinner for an evening youth connection
please email Molly @ fpcmolly@eplus.net****



***"Lord give us Peace, Protection, Purity,
Passion, and Perspective now and
throughout the school year!"***

I hope everyone has an awesome year!!

Though we may be small we are mighty!!!

**youth
group**
SCHEDULE

**Important dates
to remember:**

Wednesday night dinner

starts August 15

Sunday evening

Youth Connection

September 9 @ 5:30 PM

FINANCIAL UPDATE – June 2018

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$347,183	\$ 308,359	\$ 296,072
Total Contributions	\$385,326	\$ 357,359	\$ 318,796
Total Income	\$411,621	\$ 428,956	\$ 367,707
Total Expenses	\$372,727	\$ 428,956	\$ 380,168
Net Income	\$ 38,894	\$ 0	(\$ 12,461)

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.

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.

The church will no longer reimburse for sales tax paid.

Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 5:00 PM and conducted its usual business. The Session voted to:

- ♦ recommend Bryon Elam to the Presbytery of the Mid-South as an Inquirer for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament;
- ♦ approve the minutes of the stated meeting of May 6, 2018;
- ♦ allow Marlie Richardson to hold cheerleading camp August 2nd and 3rd of 2018 in the gymnasium;
- ♦ approve pulpit fill for July with Elder James Harris in the pulpit July 1, 15 and 22, and Rev. Ben Mathes in the pulpit on July 8;
- ♦ remove Mike and Cathy McGregor from the membership roll of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson at their request;
- ♦ to move Ben McGregor to the Inactive Roll of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson;
- ♦ elect Elders Virginia Conger and James Harris as commissioner representatives of First Presbyterian Church to the August stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

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

NEXT SESSION MEETING
August 12 @ 5 PM



The Blessing of a New School Year

JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

6 PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH SANCTUARY**

**BACK TO SCHOOL
PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE**

**All youth & adults are invited to join
FPC as we pray for all students,
teachers and families attending all
levels of school.**

Childcare will be provided.

PRAY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



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OUR MISSION:

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.

*If you have an article for the newsletter, please
send it to Nelda Rhodes, Church Secretary at:
fpcnelda@eplus.net. Articles will be used as
space permits and may be edited for length.
**Deadline for submissions are the 18th of each
month.***

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UNABLE TO JOIN US
THIS YEAR,
MAKE YOUR PLANS
NOW TO BE
A PART OF
NACOME 2019!**