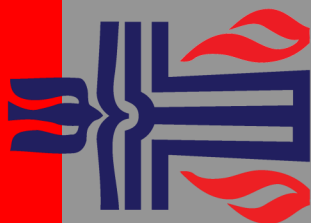


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## Message from the Pastor

A number of years ago I stood on the shore of the Sea of Galilee trying to get up the nerve to step into it. I knew it was cold. I mean, even Jesus had enough sense to walk on top of that chilly lake! Eventually my desire to step into the sea where Jesus and Peter had bathed and fished overcame my fear, and I stepped into the sea. It was frigid, as expected, but it was also clear and full of little fish.

A few days later I stood on the shore of the Dead Sea, which is the lowest dry land on earth. In contrast to the Sea of Galilee, its water was quite warm, but it was also so salty the water itself felt slimy. Nothing appeared to be alive in it.

In his book The Very Next Thing, the lead singer for Casting Crowns, Mark Hall, points out that the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are only a few miles apart from each other, but while the Sea of Galilee is fresh, vibrant, and full of marine life, almost nothing can

live in the dense saltiness of the Dead Sea. This is because, while the Sea of Galilee has outlets, nothing flows out of the Dead Sea. He goes on to say *"One of the surest ways to become your own Dead Sea is to refuse to be a conduit through which Jesus' living water can flow... you're not a pond, you're a river. Everything that God pours into you is for you to pour into somebody else."*

We must grow in our relationship with Christ so that we might be filled with the Holy Spirit, and the nature of Christ might be evidenced in us and flow through us to others. This must be the final goal of every aspect of life and of ministry.

Please come to worship on Sunday mornings, and bring a friend. Here you will find that your life is filled in so many ways, and because of that, you will be a blessing to others.



### Scripture of the Month — John 14:26 (NIV)

*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

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#### Special dates of interest:

- Sept 2—Service of Healing & Wholeness
- Sept 3—Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 4—Playschool begins
- Sept 7—One of Many @ Pinecrest
- Sept 9—Session meeting
- Sept 9—Youth Connection begins
- Sept 10—PW Fall Bring a Dish
- Sept 13—ARM Salt & Light Banquet
- Sept 16—Stewardship Kickoff
- Sept 22—Red Back Hymn Sing
- Sept 24—Playschool Open House
- Sept 27—RIFA Construction Gala
- Sept 29—Starlight Symphony
- Sept 30—Congregational Meeting



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<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
Catherine Carls	Leigh Anne Bentley
Virginia Conger	Tammy Buchanan-Anderson
Mike Dunnivant	Bryan Byrd
Joey Howell	James Harris
Jody Pickens	Carol Sue Keathley
Molly Richardson	Justin Smith

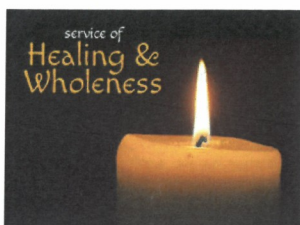
### Class of 2020

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 2018, First Presbyterian began 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 are 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 remaining scheduled dates for 2018 and find an opportunity for reconciliation and renewed commitment to the service of Jesus Christ in the world.

**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 September 2018

**September 2 ~ Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2,6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**September 9 ~ Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37**

**September 16 ~ Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38**

**September 23 ~ Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37**

**September 30 ~ Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50**

## Wednesdays @ First



Wednesday Night Fellowship has kicked off for another great year of fun, good food, and informative programming. Please 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.

- Sept 5—**      **MENU:** Caesar Salad, Spaghetti Pie, Green Beans, Baked Pears, Texas Toast and Lemon Icebox Pie for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** Small groups
- Sept 12—**    **MENU:** Salad Bar, Chicken & Rice Casserole, Buttered carrots, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Sliced Bread, Applesauce Bundt Cake for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** Small groups
- Sept 19—**    **MENU:** Apple Celery Salad, Vidalia Onion Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Cornbread Muffins, Chocolate Cherry Cake for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** Small Groups
- Sept 26—**    **MENU:** Garden Salad, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Yeast Rolls, and Banana Pudding for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** Small Groups

*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.

## First Presbyterian Church at Your Fingertips! FPC APP!

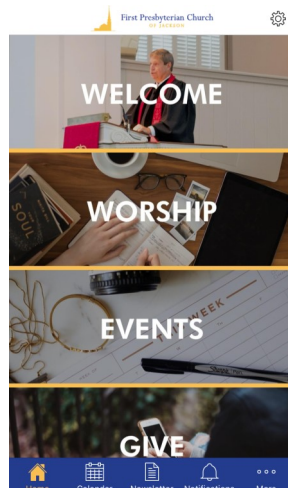
### DIRECTIONS TO GET APP!

1. Text “**fpcjacksontn app**” to **77977** . (note the space between “tn app”)
2. Click the link provided and follow the steps.
3. Download the app and enter the provided keyword.
4. Open the app and confirm that this is your church.
5. Enjoy!



- Share the new app with friends and family with a click of a button.
- Register for events online and share these events with friends.
- View the FPC calendar and newsletter.
- Give anywhere—anytime.
- Watch the sermon live.
- Be notified of upcoming services and events.
- Available on all devices.
- And so much more...

*Stay connected anytime, anywhere!*







## PW of First Presbyterian

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**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)  
**September 4—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!



**Red Back Church  
Hymnal Singing**  
**Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018**  
**6 p.m.**

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

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 p.m., for a rehearsal.

**Old Denmark  
Presbyterian Church**  
2900 Denmark - Jackson Road (Hwy. 223)  
Denmark, TN 38391  
For more information, call 731-427-7897



#### **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 PRESENTS CONSTRUCTION 2018: AN EVENING WITH

# SHANE & SHANE

SEPTEMBER 27 | 6 PM  
CARL PERKINS CIVIC CENTER



**RIFA** **carstruction**  
Reaching Out. Lifting Up.

**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**



**FALL 2018**

**GREAT BANQUET DATES!**

**Great Banquet at Pinecrest**

**Men—October 4-7**

**Women—October 11-14**

This 72 hour experience is for anyone who:

1. wishes to strengthen their spiritual life;
2. wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study, and Christian action;
3. strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God;
4. seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.

If you are interested in learning more about the Great Banquet, or would like to register for an upcoming Banquet, please contact John White or Ceil Cowles.



**WELCOME BABY ELIN!**

***Elin Johnson***

born August 13, 2018  
to Will and Elizabeth Johnson

## **NaCoMe Update!**

We had a blast this summer at NaCoMe and are already planning for 2019.

**Mark your calendars for  
July 19-21, 2019.**

Check out our fun video at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10h-goIvEn5t4l4Vn-WZAvNR5fYMyxWy/view>

**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**



**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](http://www.fpcjacksontn.org)

## **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.



**Deadline for  
October Issue  
September 18!**



**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**.



## Music News!

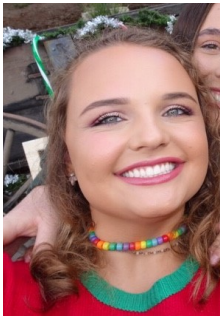
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**The Chancel Choir welcomes** new member Ann Schmidt. She hails from Pittsburgh and lives with her son and his family. Her son is a professor at Union University. We are so happy to have another soprano!! Welcome to Jackson and First Presbyterian, Ann.

**It's almost that time!** Yes, Christmas music time!!! We look forward to our seasonal singers returning to prepare for the Advent Cantata on December 9. More news to come!

**We also welcome a new group of choir interns.** Those returning for another year of service are Naji Combs, Caroline Clements, Natalie Coffman and Jordan Redding. Our new interns are pictured below. These talented young people add so much to the music of this church. We appreciate you!!

### NEW CHOIR INTERNS!



**Eleanor Garrard** is a Senior at Madison Academic Magnet High School. She plays tennis and is involved in theater and choir at school.



**Zane Milan** is a senior at Madison Academic High School, and loves to sing in the First Class Choir. He hopes to attend Middle Tennessee State University next year.



**Evan Holt** is a Freshman at Union University. He loves to play bluegrass music (mainly mandolin) and play ultimate Frisbee.



**Megan Christoferson** is a senior at Madison Academic High School. She is preparing to go to college for musical theatre. Megan is currently in the Jackson Theatre Guild's production of Leading Ladies, showing the last week of September.



**Brennan Forrest** is a Junior at Madison Academic Magnet High School. He has been in choir since the 8th grade and loves to sing. He likes playing sports, especially basketball and golf.

New  
Choir Members  
Welcome!

# Playschool News



We have Mrs. Alison Wyatt joining us as a teacher this year. “Miss” April has taken a leave of absence this year. “Miss” Alison has been a reliable and loved substitute at Playschool for many years.

Alison was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Tennessee as a teenager. She has lived in Memphis and Knoxville, and has lived in Jackson with her husband, Jeremy, for over ten years. She majored in speech pathology at The University of Tennessee, but decided to change majors and earned a Marketing degree from the University of Memphis. She has three children who have all loved Playschool. Ava is 9 and Jack is 6, and they attend Community Montessori School. Maddux is 4, and currently attends Playschool. Alison has loved helping at both of the schools that her children attend over the last few years and she is so excited to be a part of the Playschool family! She looks forward to watching our Playschool children learn and grow this year!



## STARLIGHT SYMPHONY ~ Saturday, September 29, 2018!

Experience a Jackson tradition with a night under the stars as the Jackson Symphony Orchestra performs classical favorites, film music, pops, & so much more!

Pack a picnic to enjoy with family & friends under the stars & be prepared for Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture featuring live cannons!

**FREE! Carillon Concert – 6:45pm    Symphony Concert – 7:30pm**

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

09/01	Patrick Dollar, Sr.	09/16	Clarence Smith
	Jimmy Henson		Elizabeth Swaim
	Charles Mayo	09/17	Ridley Alexander
	Nancy Strawn	09/19	Barry Fowler
09/02	Rebecca Hurt	09/23	Sherry Thomson
	Wesley Richardson	09/24	Walker Ray McWherter
09/04	Abby Varino	09/25	Cooper Harris
09/05	Ted Showalter	09/26	Mike Taylor
09/06	Charlie Collins	09/27	Rex Climer, II
	Andrew White	09/28	Brian Williams
09/07	Stacey McAdams	09/29	Randy Jones
09/09	Nathan Smith		Vicki Pope
09/12	Jessica Barron	09/30	Kay Thomson
	Mae Howell		Kimberly Truell
09/13	Twyla Morgan		Meredith Varino
09/14	Jimmy East		Forrest White
			Kathelene White

## Happy Anniversary!

09/01	Stephanie and Kris Gordon
09/04	Nora and Harbert Alexander
09/19	Julie and Todd Keim
09/22	Meredith and Matt Varino

### ONE OF MANY 1/2 Day Retreat

Friday, September 7, 2018

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

### PINECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

9 AM—Registration

9:15 AM—Bible study

9:30 AM—Silence

11:30 AM—Communion

Noon—Lunch

A wonderful opportunity to slow down, have a morning of rest and refreshment.

Registration: Lucy Cummings

[lucygc@bellsouth.net](mailto:lucygc@bellsouth.net)

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

**September 2** ~ Diane Sklensky; David, Sharon, Logan and Mason Keen; Jeff & Pam Chambers

**September 9** ~ Susie Sadler; John & Penny Kendall; Ruffin & Jenny Craig

**September 16** ~ Justin, Kendra, Rhett and Wynn Smith; Carol Sue Keathley; Russell, Rachael and Henry Cook

**September 23** ~ Bill & Margaret Sipes; Jerry & Martha Kizer; Joe Davis

**September 30** ~ Will, Elizabeth and Elin Johnson; Bill & Julia Kipp; Mike, Kim, Will & Katie Dunnivant

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** *The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kay Weaver and family upon the death of her father Dr. Homer L. Isbell of Maryville, TN on August 3, 2018; to Dolly Mathis and family upon the death of Robert H. Mathis on August 12, 2018; and to Eloise Phillips and family upon the death of her brother, Charles McCallen, on August 23, 2018.*

## ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

### Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

### Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

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)

Jessica Fail Young

Hannah Smith

Bob Redding

Rich Hellinger

Mike Taylor

Jim Petterson

Janie Cary

James Harris

Ty-8 yr old needing a kidney

Emily Evans—cancer

Mason West—head injury

Christie Kizer Burbank

Sylvia Henson

Felicia Cobb—John Ross' sister

Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)

Clairey 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

Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN;

Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington,

TN; First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN;

Global Week of Action against Gun Violence;

Marl Bluff Church, Reagan, TN

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Tommy Thompson

Rose Kolakowski

Will and Elizabeth Johnson, and baby Elin

Eleanor Cahill

Carl Vesper

Terry McRoberts

George Bennett

Mona and Jim Campbell

Florence Bridges

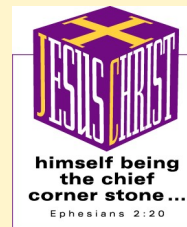
Bobbie Lee

Bert Bankston

Jeff & Mitzi Suggs and family

Susan Allison

Bobby Benson



## CORNERSTONE GROUP UPDATE!

Our Cornerstone Group is gearing up again for this fall. Please join us and offer any ideas or suggestions that you might have for future events.

On **Thursday, October 25** we are traveling to Memphis to tour Graceland and eat lunch at a nearby diner. It should be fun, so get out your poodle skirts and bobby socks and join us as we stroll down memory lane.

On **December 6** we will again host a Holiday brunch at 11:00 am.

We have more exciting plans for the new year such as a trip to Patti's 1880 settlement in Grand Rivers, Ky. This will occur sometime in April. In May, we will go out to support our Jackson Generals for an evening ballgame and supper. Please join us and have some fun!

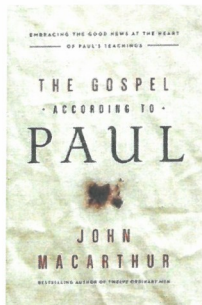


## Fall Small Groups—Join us!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SMALL GROUPS

AUGUST 29TH @ 6 PM



### The Gospel According to Paul 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.



### 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.



### The Book of Acts

(Bible Study) 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.



### The Same Kind of Different as Me

(Book Study/Movie) "Same Kind of Different As Me" is a New York Times best-seller and non-fiction account of two men from very different worlds. A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. A story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it. Join us for a gripping true story of modern Christianity and a modern film based on this incredible story of people from opposite worlds who found life-long friendship in the fellowship of Christ.

Sign-up for books will be available in the Fellowship Hall during the month of August.

Growing in Grace. Serving in Love.  
First Presbyterian Church

# Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	Week 5:
<b>Psalm 23: The Shepherd's Psalm</b>	Sept 16	Sept 23	Sept 30	Oct 7	Oct 14
K-2 3-5	Cooking Games	Games Cooking	Video Video	Drama Art	Art Drama

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 23

**OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT!** Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Psalm 23 rotation.

**Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING):** The children will make "Right Path Grahams" snacks.

**Focus:** God cares for us; God prepares a table for us.

**"And God Created" (ART):** The children will create watercolor pictures to illustrate the psalm.

**Focus:** He makes me lie down in green pastures...

**The Synagogue School (GAMES):** The children will play several games about following and listening to God.

**Focus:** Leading in right paths

**The First Century Cinema (VIDEO):** The children will watch a video on King David.

**Focus:** David as the author of psalms and shepherd.

**MasterPeace Theatre (DRAMA):** The children will visit eight (8) stations to experience the different verses of the psalm.

**Focus:** Understanding and memorizing the psalm.





## 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!



Thanks to Chuck and Sharon Thompson for allowing us to  
"Blast" into Wednesday nights in their beautiful pool.

Off to a wonderful start in 3-4 PreK Sunday School!



It is hard to believe we are ready to start a new year in **BLAST!** This fall we will be studying **Hands-On Faith**. Each week we will do a simple science experiment to illustrate the power of having faith in God. Our key verse for the fall is "**Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.**" Hebrews 11:1.





**Molly Richardson**  
Interim Youth Director

### *Welcome to the new members of our Youth Group!*

\*\*\*\* if you would like to provide dinner for an evening youth connection  
please email Molly @ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net)\*\*\*\*

We are proud to welcome the rising 6th graders to our Youth Group! They are Emma Barron, Jacob Barron, and Catey Beth Donnell. These young people were recognized in church on Rally Day, Sunday, August 12, 2018, and presented with Bibles.



**Molly Richardson presenting Bibles to  
Emma Barron, Jacob Barron, and Catey Beth Donnell.**



### youth group SCHEDULE

#### Important dates to remember:

**September 9**

Youth Connection starts!  
More details to come!

**October 24**

Funny Bones & Trunk or Treat

**November 21**

NO Wednesday Night Program

**November 25**

NO Youth Connection

**December 5**

Advent Worship Service

**December 12**

Christmas Program

**December 16**

Youth Christmas Party

**December 23**

NO Youth Connection





**FINANCIAL UPDATE – July 2018**

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$394,385	\$ 360,163	\$ 347,563
Total Contributions	\$435,078	\$ 417,395	\$ 374,848
Total Income	\$464,706	\$ 501,020	\$ 426,228
Total Expenses	\$429,7250	\$ 501,020	\$ 427,194
Net Income	\$ 34,956	\$ 0	(\$ 966

**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.***



**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on September 30, 2018 for the purpose of electing a slate of officers for the Class of 2021**

**Session Highlights**

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, August 12, 2018, at 5:00 PM and conducted its usual business. The Session voted to:

- ⇒ approve the minutes from the Stated Meeting of June 10, 2018; Called Session Meeting of June 24, 2018; and a Congregational Meeting of June 10, 2018;
- ⇒ accept the report of Commissioner Elders James Harris and Virginia Conger from the August 11, 2018, Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid South held at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee;
- ⇒ accept the resignation of Elder Bill Sipes immediately from the Session;
- ⇒ draft a letter of thanks for the beautiful clock given in memory of Pat Havner to Pat's son Charlie Havner for his donation, Mr. Blurton who set up the grandfather clock in Memorial Hall, and Kenneth Stumpenhorst for moving the clock;
- ⇒ allow the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church to participate in the 2018 RIFA Pack the Bus Bank to help raise funds for the Snack Back Pack Program;
- ⇒ remove Carol Green as a check signer for the Century Fund and add Russell Cook as signer;
- ⇒ allow members who are Amazon members to request First Presbyterian Church of Jackson as a benefactor when purchasing items from Amazon;
- ⇒ call a Congregational meeting for September 30, 2018, following worship for the purpose of electing the new class of elders for the coming year;
- ⇒ table the discussion of where to designate the 25% of the offering received from the Peacemaking offering until the September Stated Meeting of the Session;
- ⇒ remove Jimmie and Ann Moore from the Active Roll of First Presbyterian Church.

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

**NEXT SESSION MEETING  
September 9 @ 5 PM**

AREA RELIEF MINISTRIES

**SALT & LIGHT  
BANQUET**  
Sept. 13, 2018 | 6 PM  
Carl Perkins Civic Center

Special Guests:  
**Father Charles Strobel**  
(Founder of Room In The Inn)

**Love & Truth Worship Team**  
**Lane College Choir**





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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](mailto: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.***

## Rally Day 2018

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**RALLY DAY 2018  
“Under the Big Top”**

...a great way to kick  
off the new year  
for Sunday School  
and Wednesday  
Small Groups.

Check out the many  
classes and Small  
Groups we offer!