

Message from the Pastor

By Fran Smartt Addicott

I might be exhausted and the children might be cranky, but I will be going to church on Sunday.

Don't know who is preaching, doesn't matter – the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my attention or doesn't – it's the singing. I go to sing.

I get up, get clean, get dressed, possibly get mad (at not-ready kids, at empty coffee pot, at traffic), get going, get there, get seated, get comfortable, get focused, and when the music starts, get saved.

It's the singing. I go to sing.

It's the willingness to stand if you are able, the common agreement on page number, the voluntary sharing of songbooks with people on your row, even ones you rode there with – but most of all, it's the collective in-breath before the first sound is made, the collective drawing upon the grace of God, the

collective, if inadvertent, admission that we are all human, all fragile, all in need of the sustaining air, freely dispensed, all in need of each other to get the key right and not sound discordant – it's the hidden life-celebration in the act of making a joyful noise, all together.

We don't even have to sound that good.

Singing together still brings home the we-ness of worship, the not-alone-ness of life in God, the best of all we have to offer each other.

When we are singing, I think that I might actually be able to forgive you for being so terribly human, and you might be able to forgive me for being so terribly not there yet, and we might be able to find peace now, not postpone it for some heavenly hereafter but live and breathe it today, drawing in the grace of God, voicing out our need and hope and gratitude and longing.



When we are singing, I can feel the better world coming, and if I get to be a part of it, you do too . . .

so sing with me, and we'll make our way down that blessed road together, collectively better than we ever thought possible.



Scripture of the Month — Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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Special dates of interest:

- Feb 3—Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb 4—CT Meeting
- Feb 4—Helping Hands
- Feb 10 & 19—Room in the Inn
- Feb 10—Session Meeting
- Feb 11—PW Circle meetings
- Feb 12—Threads of Love
- Feb 14—Valentine's Day
- Feb 23—Handbell Festival Concert
- Feb 24—Sunday School Attendance Recognition
- Feb 24—Cornerstone Lunch/Youth Fundraiser
- Feb 25—PW Mission Day
- Mar 2—Presbytery Mtg @ Idlewild
- Mar 4-5-6—Playschool Registration
- Mar 6—Ash Wednesday



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Class of 2019

Leigh Anne Bentley
Tammy B. Anderson
Bryan Byrd
James Harris
Carol Sue Keathley
Justin Smith

Class of 2020

Benita Brown
David Greene
Russell Jones
Stacey McAdams
Kevin Pauley
Stephannie Williams

Class of 2021

Greg Abbott
Barry Broughton
Russell Cook
Debbie Hurt
Mary Jane McWherter
Patty Smith

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.

Bits N' Pieces!



THANK YOU!

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your donation of \$1386 to the Dream Center of Jackson in 2018.

--- (omitted due to lack of space)

- ♦ In the last year you helped make it possible to send four of our residents to school, serve over 50,000 meals, and provide clothing, hygiene products, diapers, and other supplies to over 300 men, women, and children. With just 27 beds at present, we were able to provide 9,855 warm, safe nights for our women and children. We thank you!

Sincerely, Gail Gustofson

Open Hearts



He Calls Us Friends

John 15:15

My heart is full of gratitude to God for such a caring and loving church family. I want to thank you for the many expressions of love and concern. I certainly appreciate all the cards, calls, Christmas Cookies, and most of all for the many prayers offered for me and my family. God is Good, and we are trusting as we continue to heal.

Love,
Evelyn Taylor

Mark Your Calendars!

PC(USA) Big Tent Event

Romans 12:2

Theme: *Called to a Movement
beyond Institution*



SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH SPRING WORK DAY!

April 6
8 AM—1 PM

Rain Date:
April 13



Lectionary Readings for February 2019

February 3 ~ Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 10 ~ Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 17 ~ Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

**February 24 ~ Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38**

Wednesdays @ First



Join us Wednesday nights for fun, good food, and informative programming. Dinner is at 5:15 PM, with special programming at 6 PM. There are separate activities for the **Youth** and for our younger friends at **Launch Pad Kids** and **Blast!**, while the adults are involved in their activity. A nursery is also provided.

- Feb 6—** **MENU:** Grape Salad, Wild Rice, Chicken Florentine, Roasted carrots, Baked Yeast Rolls, and chocolate éclair for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Groups. (*It's not too late to sign up! See selections below!*)
- Feb 13—** **MENU:** Asian Salad, Honey Walnut Chicken, Fried Rice, Vegetable medley, Baked Pears, Buttered Bread and Mandarin Orange Cake for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Groups.
- Feb 20—** **MENU:** Salad Bar, Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Yeast Rolls, and Red Velvet Cake for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small Groups.
- Feb 27—** **MENU:** Garden Salad, Turkey Sausage, Pepper and Rice, Tomatoes & Okra, Buttered Corn, Sliced French Bread, and Bread 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).

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

SMALL GROUP SELECTIONS:

Church of the Small Things by Melanie Shankle

Meaning and significance can be found in the mundane moments of life! Learn how God can work in our daily lives and in small everyday actions.

Getting Offended by John Bevere (based on the book, *The Bait of Satan*)

This study helps us understand how getting offended can separate us from God and our fellow Christians. Getting offended negatively impacts our lives and our relationships. Bevere shows us how to escape Satan's grip of offense, and avoid the victim mentality.

A Praying Life, Connecting with God in a Distracted World by Paul Miller

Practical down-to-earth advice on how to talk to God in the midst of your daily routines

The Book of Acts... a line by line study of the Book of Acts, chronicling the history of the church.



Cornerstone News!

On Thursday December 6th, the Cornerstone Group gathered for a festive Christmas brunch in Memorial Hall. Everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship and good food. We hope you each had a very Merry Christmas and that you will have a great 2019!

NEW EVENT! On **Sunday, February 24** immediately following Sunday school, the Cornerstone Group will host a delicious **Lasagna Luncheon**. Our chef, Molly Richardson, will prepare the meal which also includes a Caesar salad, garlic bread and dessert. The youth of our church will be serving our lunch. There is **no charge** for the event; however, **Donations** are welcome and will go to the Youth program of our church. Please come out and support the youth of our church; they are our future. Reservations would be appreciated.

A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall.





PW of First Presbyterian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CT MEETING: *(if needed)*

CT meeting **February 4 @ 9:30 AM**

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle meetings—

Monday, February 11, 2019

10:00 AM

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

Baara— meets at the home of Virginia
Conger at 590 Westmoreland Pl;
Robbie Rodgers, hostess 217-4409

7:00 PM

Deborah—meets with Susan Reeves at
189 Saddlebrook Dr., 410-8364

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

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)
February 1—Mary
March 1—Abigail

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!

Missions Day ~ February 25, 2019 @ 9 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

**ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, YOUNG, AND
NOT-SO-YOUNG!**

**Mark your calendars for our annual
Mission Project Work Day—February 25th
from 9 AM until about 1 PM.**

Each year our Presbyterian Women sponsor a Missions Day at the church, where
we make layettes for area hospitals. All 100 Layettes Discharge Packets from our
2018 work day have been delivered! The hospital counts on us to provide them
so that the babies go home in beautiful warm outfits.

**REMEMBER.....we need as many non-sewers as we need sewers. There is some-
thing for everyone to do!**

All hands are needed!

See you there!



JACKSON AREA HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The Jackson Area Handbell Festival
will be held **Saturday, February 23,
2019**. Handbell choirs from the West
TN area will be participating.

The Clinician will be Dan Arterburn.

The festival will be held in the
Fellowship Hall of **First Baptist
Church, Jackson, TN**. The choirs
will rehearse Saturday morning begin-
ning at 9:15 AM and present a concert
at **2:00 PM**. **Admission is free.**

Our very own handbell choir will
participate.



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
FOR MARCH ISSUE
February 18, 2019**



Membership Corner ~ Welcome New Members!!

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



Ann Y. Schmidt

*joined December 2, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

192 Wyndchase Dr.
Jackson, TN 38305



David & Clara Smith

*joined December 2, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

2921 Christmasville Rd.
Jackson TN 38305



Rick & Nelda McCune

*joined December 2, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

4050 Bells Hwy
Jackson TN 38305



**Matthew & Mary McCaslin,
Thomas and Lara**

*joined January 6, 2019
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

270 Ridgecrest Rd.
Jackson TN 38305



Gary & Shirley Nelson

*joined December 16, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

36 Greenwich Cove
Jackson, TN 38305



Wallace & Ruth Potter

*joined December 16, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

42 Sharpestone Cove
Jackson, TN 38305



Stan & Carol Carnell

*joined December 23, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

322 Edenwood Dr.
Jackson, TN 38301



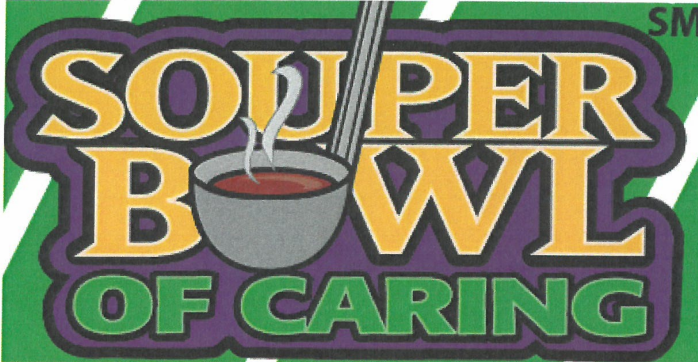
Blake Anderson

*joined December 23, 2018
by Reaffirmation of Faith*

29 Laurel Lane
Jackson, TN 38301

“Souper” Bowl & New Member Lunch

February 3



LET'S TACKLE HUNGER!

TOGETHER WE CAN TURN THE NATION'S LARGEST WEEKEND OF FOOTBALL INTO THE LARGEST WEEKEND OF CARING!

The FPC Youth Group & Membership Committee will host a **POTLUCK** soup luncheon immediately following Sunday School. A sign up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Donations will go to the "Souper" Bowl of Caring campaign - raising money to help feed the hungry.

FEB. 3RD
11:45 | SUNDAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for lunch and to recognize our new members!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE RIFA SOUP KITCHEN.

Ministry in Words Ministry in Deeds
First Presbyterian Church



The Membership Committee would like to encourage you to invite people to join us for worship and fellowship anytime, but particularly for our special services and events. Maybe your guests will even become regulars and join our church family in worship and service.



Staff Christmas Party—Dec 2018



UPCOMING DATES!

February 10—Youth
February 19—Connections Class
March 5—Directions Class
March 19—Mayo Class
April 9—Fellowship Class/church wide
April 23—Connections Class/church wide

Playschool News



As a congregation you are surrounded by so many blessings! Playschool is certainly one of your blessings. As active church members you receive priority Playschool registration and are eligible for church member tuition rates. Our Pre-K class has enrollment options of Monday through Friday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday. Our 2 year old class has either Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday enrollment. If you are interested in your 2, 3 or 4 year attending Playschool next fall please call Playschool at 424-6515 to arrange a visit. Children enrolling for the first time should be 2, 3 or 4 by August 15, 2019.

If you are a returning Playschool family please note the registration times below. If you know another Jackson area family that may be interested in Playschool please share this registration information and encourage them to look at fpcjacksontn.org and give Playschool a call at 424-6515.

The dates for the 2019-2020 school year registration are as follows:

Monday, March 4 – church members; grandchildren of church members 9:00 AM (Playschool building)

Tuesday, March 5– presently enrolled Playschool families:

9:00 Returning 4-year-olds and their siblings (Gym building lobby)

10:30 2-year-olds moving up to 3 & 4-year-old class and siblings of children who are not returning (Gym building lobby)

1:00 Children of families whose siblings or parents have attended Playschool (Gym building lobby)

Wednesday, March 6 – Children new to Playschool 9:00 AM (Gym building lobby)

*****In case of inclement weather please check the FPC website for updates about registration times.*****

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

02/01 Ken Brasfield
David Greene
Shirley Nelson
02/06 Joey Howell
02/07 Crystal Climer
02/08 Pam Bowers
02/09 Joyce Elam
Jaxon Reynolds
02/10 Kristen White
02/14 Stephanie Gordon
02/15 Steve Carls
Darcy Puffer
02/18 Albert Alexander
Ana Taylor
Sophie Varino

02/19 Callie Dollar
02/20 Tom Blackmon
Jim Campbell
Catey Beth Donnell
Ben McGregor
Kendra Smith
02/21 Charlie Crenshaw
02/23 Jeannette Hendricks
David Ide
02/24 Nelda McCune
John Norwood
Gordon White
02/25 Tom Brimm
02/26 Eleanor Cahill

Happy Anniversary!

02/09 Sandra & Ken Brasfield
02/18 Lynda & David Vince
02/27 Polly & Mo Pledger



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

February 3 ~ Eleanor Cahill; Tom & Susan Blackmon; Patrick, Callie & John Patrick Dollar

February 10 ~ Donald, Rita and Gioia Carp; Bill Hatch; Khريس, Stephanie & Jacob Gordon

February 17 ~ Gertrude Driver; Tom and Ginny Brimm, and Charlie & Stella Crenshaw;
David & Catherine Greene

February 24 ~ Martha Hanserd; Ty, Ceil & Allie Cowles; William, Teresa, and David Ide

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: *The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jan Crossett and family upon the death of her father, John Clifton Moyers on January 12, 2019.*

ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Jeannette Hendricks, #K112

Helen Johnson, #D65

Dolly Mathis, #C43

John Singleton, #F95

Betty Stewart, #M8

Judi Wilson, #E85

Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

Adamsville Healthcare and Rehab

Charles Huffman, #515

Elmcroft

Bob Elam, #215

Northbrooke Nursing Home

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

Bells Nursing and Rehab

Sue Carruth, #219

Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

Alexandria Place

Sylvia Henson, B1

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Day

Ellen McClune

Maddy McKissack

Kathy Whitener

Linda Houston

Bill Duke (recovery from surgery)

Mildred Brimm

Billy Brimm and family

Bob Beare

Wayne Monks

Ron Taylor

Evelyn Taylor

Eloise Phillips

Hunter and Kelsi Gray

John and Susan Anderson

Izzie Green, and baby Iris & family

Mike Taylor (recovery)

Hannah Smith

Janet Dollar

Carole Stewart

Mo Pledger

Lisa Samarrippas (thyroid cancer)

Anne Garrard

Alex Harris

Joyce Jones

Harbert & Nora Alexander

Bobbie Jones

Betsy Babb

Martha Hanserd

James Harris

Linda Taylor and family

Florence Bridges

Bert Bankston

Susan Allison

Bobby Benson

Felicia Cobb—John Ross' sister

Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)

Clairey Purinton

John and Susannah White

Tom Blackmon

Bill Sipes

Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)

Paula Mathews

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

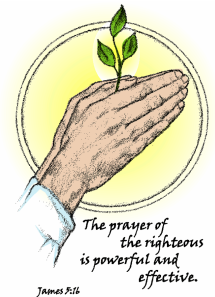
James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

Cancer patients on our hearts

Mission Partners in Asia

Mission Partners in Peru

Disaster victims: fire, flood, hurricanes



We are united in the Spirit when we pray for our brothers & sisters in Christ in our Presbytery and around the world. This month please pray for:

World Hunger

Day of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

Camp & Conference Ministries

Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church,

Bethel Springs, TN

Universal Day of Prayer for Students

Presbyterian Youth Connection Retreat

at Pinecrest

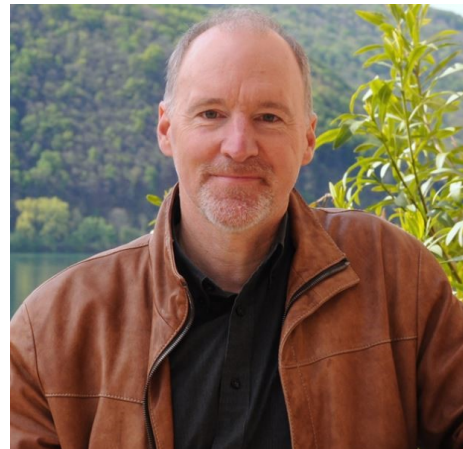
Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN



LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO
SEEK THE LORD
REJOICE!
PSALM 105:3

Organist Jonathan Dimmock ~ Concert @ FPC, March 28

Concert organist Jonathan Dimmock has distinguished himself through his dazzling and highly sensitive performances in churches, major concert halls, music festivals and cathedrals throughout the world. Lauded for his diverse repertoire and his engagement with audiences, his performing is marked by both musical depth and a distinctive personalness, causing audiences immediately to warm to him. Hailed by the Eskilstuna-Kuriren (Sweden) for “power and flaming brio,” cited by the Natal Mercury (South Africa) for “musicianship, taste, and unostentatious virtuosity,” and described by the Adelaide Advertiser (Australia) as playing in such a way that “the organ has rarely sounded more clear and multi-hued than in his very expert and virtuoso hands and feet,” Jonathan is considered by many to be one of the leading musicians in his field.



Organist Dimmock is well-known internationally as a concert soloist of exceptional merit. He is the Principal Organist at the Legion of Honor Museum, Organist for the San Francisco Symphony, and Music Director at both a church and synagogue in San Francisco. A graduate of Oberlin and Yale, he had the unique privilege of being the only American to serve as Organ Scholar of Westminster Abbey under the tutelage of Simon Preston. Continuing his career in the United States, he served three Episcopal cathedrals: St. John the Divine (New York), St. Mark's (Minneapolis), and Grace (San Francisco). Jonathan lives in San Francisco, where, for over twelve years, he was Music Director at St. Ignatius Church (the largest Jesuit church in the United States) and where he bases his extensive freelance career. He is one of the few organists in the world to tour on six continents and is especially renowned for his interpretations of the music of Bach and Messiaen.

Jonathan has recorded more than fifty CDs including a Grammy Award-winning CD of Mahler Symphony 8 with the San Francisco Symphony. In addition to hundreds of listings on YouTube, iTunes, Spotify, and other online music sites, he has been interviewed and featured on numerous radio and television stations including National Public Radio, Radio France, BBC3, ABC (Australia), MTV2 (Budapest), BCC (Barbados), and SABC (South Africa). His teachers and mentors include Olivier Messiaen, Gillian Weir, Jean Langlais, Peter Hallock, Haskell Thomson, William Porter, Thomas Murray, Ton Koopman, Harald Vogel, Naji Hakim, and Frédéric Blanc.



Jonathan's intellect and creativity are decidedly those of a visionary. His numerous blog writings, his vocation as a teacher, his passion for communicating, and his personal focus have been the impetus for his founding of five non-profit organizations, including the highly acclaimed American Bach Soloists (ABS), Artists' Vocal Ensemble (AVE), and, most recently, The Resonance Project – using live music to transform conflict and find common ground. This project (www.Music-Resonance.org) has led him to interview some of the greatest musicians in the world, all of whom share his excitement about the interface between music and neuroscience. The project has garnered attention from the United Nations, the U.S. Dept. of State, and President Obama. Jonathan is deeply committed to sharing the transformative power of music with the whole world.

For more information you may visit his website @ www.JonathanDimmock.com.

Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	Week 5:
Jesus Walks on Water	Feb 3	Feb 11	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 3
K-2 3-5	Art Cooking	Cooking Art	Video Video	Science Drama	Drama Science

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 14:27

"Be brave. It is I. Do not be afraid."

OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT! *Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Jesus Walks on Water rotation.*

The Synagogue School (SCIENCE): Children will conduct science experiments about floating.

Focus: How our faith helps us follow Jesus.

"And God Created" (ART): Children will make a Valentine craft for our "Special Friends at Home".

Focus: Jesus is with us no matter what.

The First Century Cinema (VIDEO): Children will view a video clip about the story and create a thaumatrope.

Focus: Events of the story.

MasterPeace Theatre (DRAMA): Children will act out the story.

Focus: Exploring the feelings and meaning in the story.

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): Children will make a Baked Alaska.

Focus: Losing our focus on Jesus.



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!**



Delivering the gifts to the Hub Club!



We are "snow" happy to welcome 2019!!!

Join us in Children's Church
and Rotation Sunday School!!



Save the date...

it's going
to be great!!!

VBS...

June 10th-13th

Life is Wild...

God is Good!!!





Youth News!

**** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE YOUTH
DURING YOUTH CONNECTION ON SUNDAY NIGHTS
PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY @ fpcmolly@eplus.net ****



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director

Having fun at Youth Group!
Come Join Us!



**Important dates
to remember:**

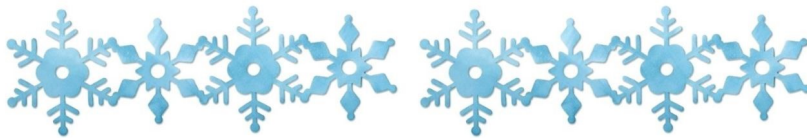
February 3
"Souper" Bowl of Caring
& Super Bowl Party
February 10, 2019
Room in the Inn
February 24, 2019
Fundraiser Luncheon
June 9-15
Montreat Sr. High
Youth Conference

FINANCIAL UPDATE – December 2018

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$643,044	\$ 616,718	\$ 586,424
Total Contributions	\$732,997	\$ 714,718	\$ 644,217
Total Income	\$850,596	\$ 857,911	\$ 783,194
Total Expenses	\$767,100	\$ 857,911	\$ 783,194
Net Income	\$ 83,4946	\$ 0	\$ 0

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

For questions or more details on the financial report, contact Carol Sue Keathley (Finance Chair), at 431-1262, Russell Cook (Treasurer) at 694-1991, or Machele Anderson (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.



Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 5:00 PM in Memorial Hall and conducted its normal business.

The Session voted to:

- ◆ approve the minutes from the Stated Session meeting of December 9, 2018 and the Called Session meetings of December 16, 2018 and December 23, 2018;
- ◆ direct Clerk of Session, Elder James Harris, to write a letter of thanks to Elders Mike Dunnivant and Robert Reeves as well as Carrie Jones on behalf of the Session for their diligent work toward the 2018 Stewardship campaign;
- ◆ elect Russell Cook as Treasurer and Mary Jane McWherter as assistant Treasurer;
- ◆ approve the budget for 2019;
- ◆ approve the following dates and occasions for the serving of Communion: January 27, 2019; March 10, 2019; April 18, 2019; June 9, 2019; August 25, 2019; October 6, 2019; November 24, 2019; December 24, 2019; Communion to be served at NaCoMe family camp, Session meetings and service to Home Bound members;
- ◆ approve the “Souper” Bowl of Caring offering and luncheon be held on Sunday, February 3;
- ◆ call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 27, to approve the changes in the terms of call for Pastor John White.

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

NEXT SESSION MEETING
February 10 @ 5 PM

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.



THANK YOU!

The Service Committee would like to thank all those who donated to the **Bob Mathis Memorial Fund**, set up to help with Room in the Inn and Soup Kitchen expenses. Out of these funds we were able to purchase **30 new blankets** for Room in the Inn.

We also had a great turn out for Meals on Wheels & appreciate those who could serve.

-- Stephannie Williams



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

*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
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**Deadline for submissions are the 18th of each
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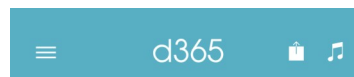


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