

## Message from the Pastor

C.S. Lewis wrote that: “The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists in shoving it all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in.”

So how do we do this? How do we nurture a personal relationship and come to know God? Five things are helpful. First of all, we must pray regularly. You cannot come to know someone whom you do not visit. We must regularly open ourselves to God in prayer.

Second, we must learn how to listen to God. Have you ever been in a relationship with someone who couldn’t seem to stop talking long enough to listen? It doesn’t work. God will probably not speak to you audibly, but if you share your

heart with God and then spend some time in silence, listening for a reply, you will begin to understand the strength and the love and the direction and the will of the great “I AM” who created you.

Third, we must read and study God’s Word, for the **person** of God is revealed through the **word** of God. We come to know God as we perceive how God has come to know God’s People through the ages. We love because God first loved us. The Bible is the story of how God consistently loves, guides, and interacts with God’s People.

Fourth, it is important for us to at least sometimes go to God in prayer without an agenda. Without a demand, without a request, without a wish list – with nothing but an open mind and heart, and a willingness to encounter God *on God’s terms*.



And fifth, as you build a personal relationship with God, share your experience with others – this is a personal relationship, but it is not a solitary relationship. We are all part of the body of Christ, and we grow together and stronger when we are in relationship with one another.

During this Lenten Season, may you intentionally seek to nurture your personal relationship with God.

### Scripture of the Month — 1 Timothy 1:15-16

*“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.”*

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#### Special dates of interest:

- *Soup Kitchen—April 1—5*
- *Work Day in the Pines—Apr 3-5*
- *Spring Work Day at Church—Apr 6*
- *Fellowship Movie Night—Apr 7*
- *Room in the Inn Dates—Apr 9 & 23*
- *Mission Info Mtg—Apr 10*
- *Summer Fun Registration—Apr 11*
- *Red Back Hymn Sing—Apr 13*
- *Palm Sunday/Session Mtg—Apr 14*
- *Holy Week Service @ FPC—Apr 16*
- *Cornerstone Event—Apr 17*
- *Maundy Thursday Worship—Apr 18*
- *Breakfast with Easter Bunny—Apr 20*
- *Easter Sunday—Apr 21*
- *ARM Thank You Breakfast—Apr 25*



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### SESSION

#### 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.*

## Annual Spring Work Day—April 6



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CHURCH SPRING WORK DAY!**

**April 6**

**8 AM—12 Noon**

We will be weeding, spreading leftover mulch on shrub beds, cleaning windows, and pressure washing concrete walks. There will be something for everyone to do!

**Rain Date:**

**April 13**

## Notes from the Choir

The Chancel Choir wants to give a warm welcome to Bill Kipp. He is our newest member and is fitting right in. We welcome this talent to our ranks.

The Chancel Choir's last rehearsal of the year will be Wednesday, May 22. After that, we will have no Wednesday rehearsals until August. The choir will meet at **8:45 each Sunday morning** to run through an EASY anthem. This might be a good time for all you folks desiring to join the choir. It would be a great way to "ease into" the routine.

Our Chancel Choir has been so faithful and diligent this year. Please express your appreciation for their hard work.



### Lectionary Readings for April 2019

**April 7 ~ Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8**

**April 14 ~ Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56; Luke 23:1-49**

**April 21 ~ Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12**

**April 28 ~ Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31**

## 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.

- Apr 3—** **MENU:** Strawberry Salad, Vegetable Frittata, Bacon & Sausage Links, Baked Pears, Scones & Cinnamon Rolls, and Blueberry Delight for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** Lenten Video series
- Apr 10—** **MENU:** Salad Bar, BBQ Chicken, Baked Mac & Cheese, 3 Bean Salad, Coleslaw, Yeast Rolls, and Applesauce Cake for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** Lenten Video series
- Apr 18\*—** **MENU:** Garden Salad, Chicken Fried Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Buttered Bread, and Pineapple Upside Down Cake for dessert.  
**Thursday** **PROGRAM:** \*Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion (*see page 15*)
- Apr 24—** **MENU:** Grape & Almond Salad, Pork Loin with apples & onions, Rice with mushrooms, Vegetable Medley, Cheddar Bay Biscuits, and Peach Cobbler and ice cream for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** TBA

*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.



### PERU MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING ~

**Wednesday, April 10 @ 7 PM**

**Mission Dates:** July 19- July 28 to Urubamba in the high Amazon jungle region

**Approximate cost:** \$1700 - \$2200, including flight, lodging and meals.

**Projects will include:** teaching first aid to the women of Women’s Bible Institute; teaching about common illnesses people in that region face; and teaching gardening techniques.

For more information, please contact Elder James Harris.

## Family Movie Night ~ Sunday, April 7



**Save the Date!**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ~ Sunday, April 7th**  
**from 4—6 PM**  
**on our new projector!**

The Fellowship team is inviting everyone (all ages) to come enjoy friendship, light snacks and coffee while watching the movie, *“I Can Only Imagine”*, on Sunday, April 7th from 4 to 6 PM. This movie received the Dove Award for Inspirational Movie of the year 2018. It was a huge box office success and was the 4th highest grossing musical biopic of all time in the United States. A nursery will be provided for ages 3 and under, and children ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will watch the movie *“Wonder”*.

If weather permits, outside play will be offered as well as a light snack.

**If you plan to attend and need childcare,** please email Libby at [fpclibby@eplus.net](mailto:fpclibby@eplus.net).

**We have 25 spots for children!!!** So, make your reservations ASAP!!!



## PW of First Presbyterian

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CT MEETING:

CT meeting April 1 @ 9:30 AM

#### APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle meetings—

**Monday, April 8, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Abigail**— meets with Sandra Lawson, 18 Greensborough, 668-3649

**Baara**— meets in the church library

**6:30 PM**

**Deborah**—meets with Nora Alexander for a Salad Supper, 1723 N. Highland Ave. 424-2380; *note change in time!*

**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)

*April 1—Baara*

*May 1—Deborah*

**Collect Eyeglasses** for Mark Harris to take overseas.



#### NEWSLETTER

#### DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE

**April 18, 2019**

#### MEN'S TUESDAY COFFEE GROUP

**9:00 AM  
Sun Parlor,  
Memorial Hall**



Our Men's Coffee Group is GROWING! 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!



#### UPCOMING DATES!

**April 9—Fellowship Class/church wide**  
**April 23— Connections Class/church wide**

#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING EASTER SUNDAY

***YOU shall be called repairers  
of the breach - Isaiah 58***

This special offering allows us the opportunity to share God's love with our neighbors around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

#### He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.  
Rejoice in the resurrection of

*Jesus Christ.*

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!



#### **NaCoMe 2019 - Mark your calendars for July 19-21, 2019**

We had a blast last summer at NaCoMe ! Check out our fun video at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10h-golvEn5t4l4Vn-WZAvNR5fYMyjxWy/view>

**What is NaCoMe?** It is a wonderful time for fun, spiritual growth, and fellowship in God's natural setting. This is an awesome annual tradition for the ENTIRE Church family – there is something for all ages!

If you haven't been to NaCoMe, you have been missing a treat! NaCoMe has modern cabins with air conditioning, a COLD swimming hole, a creek for crawdad hunting, excellent food, and wonderful fellowship with your Church family!

NaCoMe Camp & Conference Center is located in Pleasantville, TN on the Western Highland Rim. Check out their website: [www.nacome.org](http://www.nacome.org)



# 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**



**Sally Harlan**

*joined  
by Reaffirmation of Faith  
March 17, 2019*

338 Edenwood Dr.  
Jackson, TN 38301



**Aaron & Lisa Tiede**

*joined  
by Reaffirmation of Faith  
March 24, 2019*

173 Farmington Dr.  
Jackson, TN 38305



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.



**RED BACK HYMN  
SINGING~ Saturday,  
April 13  
from 6 PM – 8 PM**

Join us at the Old Denmark Presbyterian Church, 2900 Denmark-Jackson Rd. (Hwy 223), Denmark, TN for an old-fashioned hymn sing, sponsored by the Big Black Creek Historical Association.

## **INQUIRER'S CLASS:**

**April 7 & April 14th, 10:45-11:45 AM.**

John White and Ceil Cowles will be hosting an Inquirer's Class for anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church. This will consist of 2 classes and will meet in the Gym/Education Building. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Ceil Cowles at [fpcceil@eplus.net](mailto:fpcceil@eplus.net) or John White at [fpcjohn@eplus.net](mailto:fpcjohn@eplus.net).



## **HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE!**



Do you have a need to hear the worship service better in the Sanctuary? Hearing assist devices are available for your use. Please let Nelda Rhodes in the church office know of your need by email

[fpcnelda@eplus.net](mailto:fpcnelda@eplus.net) or call 422-1591.

We will mark a unit with your name, identified for your use, and place it in the basket on the usher table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Kevin Pauley or Ken Stumpenhorst can provide instruction for use, if needed.



## **SPRING GREAT BANQUET:**

**Men ~ April 25-28, Women ~ May 2-5, 2019**

This 72-hour experience is for anyone who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life.

If you are interested in learning more about the Great Banquet, or to register for an upcoming Banquet, please contact:

John White [fpcjohn@eplus.net](mailto:fpcjohn@eplus.net)  
or Ceil Cowles [fpcceil@eplus.net](mailto:fpcceil@eplus.net)

## Lent and Holy Week Events!

# EASTER

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON

**LENTEN STUDY - "HE CHOSE THE NAILS"**

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm  
(March 13-April 10th)  
Dinner - 5:00 PM  
Call the church office to make  
dinner reservations  
731-422-1591

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 14th at 9:30 am

**COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
APRIL 16 AT NOON AT FPC

(Additional service  
information can be found on  
our website or mobile app)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 18th at 6:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 21st at 9:30 am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON  
fpcjacksontn.org

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Jackson, TN 38301

## HOLY WEEK 2019

Services at 12:00 // Lunch at 12:30

### MONDAY

Host Church:  
St. Mary's

**SPEAKER**  
Don Thrasher, NSUMC

**LUNCH CO-HOSTS**  
Fellowship Bible

### TUESDAY

Host Church:  
First Presbyterian

**SPEAKER**  
Eric Petty, Skyline COC

**LUNCH CO-HOSTS**  
Northside United Methodist

### WEDNESDAY

Host Church:  
Skyline Church of Christ

**SPEAKER**  
Nathaniel Bond, Light of Life

**LUNCH CO-HOSTS**  
New Life

### THURSDAY

Host Church:  
Northside Assembly

**SPEAKER**  
Dr. Logan Hampton, Lane College

**LUNCH CO-HOSTS**  
1st Cumberland Presbyterian

This year's offerings will be divided between RIFA, the Dream Center  
and Birth Choice.

There will be no Community Good Friday Service.



**POTTED MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES** will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may contribute to the fund between now and the deadline, which is Tuesday, **April 16**. Please make your check payable to FPC with "Memorial Lilies" on the memo line. You may use the form below indicating the name(s) being remembered/honored as well as the contributor as you would like them to be listed. Names will be listed in the Easter bulletin on April 21, 2019.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given By:

# Playschool News



If anyone is still considering Playschool for their child, there are enrollment spots remaining, which we will fill on a first come, first served basis. If you or someone you know may be interested please email playschool at [www.fpplayschool@yahoo.com](mailto:www.fpplayschool@yahoo.com) or call Playschool at 424-6515.

If someone asks you what is so special about Playschool; here's what we say:

We accomplish through play...

Love — every hug helps make new brain connections

Music & Movement — fun connecting the brain and body

Phonics/Reading — reading is critical to boosting brain power

Primary Education Program — teaching self directed learning

Spanish — introduction too nearly 200 Spanish vocabulary words

Numbers/Math — learning to make sense of the world through problem solving

Socialization Skills — developing language skills & life skills through imagination & play

Simply stated Playschool's curriculum is wrapped in love!



## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

04/01	Ty Cowles	04/17	Elizabeth Jerge	04/25	Gail Marple
04/01	Rhett Smith		Samantha Morgan		David Smith
04/01	Sharyn Thompson		Sarah-Tucker Pickens	04/28	Luke Thompson
04/02	Teresa Ide	04/18	Russell Cook	04/29	Martha Hanserd
	Anabelle Thomson		King Kolakowski		Lark Taylor
04/03	Jessica Donnell		Tricia Mathis	04/30	Wallace Potter
04/04	Rich Rosser	04/19	Lily Byrd		
04/05	Mona Campbell	04/20	Susie Alexander		
04/08	Mac Thomson		Ila Beth Reynolds	04/05	Libby and Nick Reynolds
04/09	Rick McCune	04/21	Blake Anderson	04/09	Emily and Nathan Smith
04/10	Chris Alexander		Matt McCaslin	04/15	Martha and Jerry Kizer
	Katie Dunnivant		Lisa Spurlin	04/16	Susan and Tom Blackmon
04/12	Maggie Reynolds	04/22	Jody Pickens	04/23	Patty and Bill Lawrence
04/15	Mark Harris	04/23	Adriana Thomson	04/24	Gail and Jim Marple
04/16	Chloe Hudson			04/28	Allison and Rex Climer

## Happy Anniversary!

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



# Prayer Concerns

## PRAYER PROGRAM

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

**April 7** ~ Julia Austin; Ken & Sandra Brasfield; Jim & Mona Campbell

**April 14** ~ Jo Ann Birmingham; Audrey Bridgewater, Chloe & Bridger Hudson; Benita Brown

**April 21** ~ Steve, Pam and Clayton Bowers; Barry and Karen Broughton; Steve & Catherine Carls

**April 28** ~ Virginia Bridgewater; Brian, Barbara & Barry Fowler; James Harris

**THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION** is extended to Carol Sue Keathley and family on the death of her mother, Sunshine (Sunny) Cato, on March 6, 2019; to Allison Climer, Trey and Crystal Climer, and family on the death of Sylvia Henson on March 9, 2019, as well as to the many friends she had here at FPC; and to Jody Pickens and family on the death of his father, Joe Pickens, on March 27, 2019.

### ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

#### Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

#### Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

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, #209

Dolly Mathis, #219A

#### Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Nancy Strawn

Tim Rogers

Dwight Smith

GG Bray

Myra Deal

Charlie Baker & family

Kelly Deere

Carolyn & Henry Hefley

Dot Holt

Lark Taylor

Linda Houston

Jerry Barnes

David & Eleanor Hooper

Joan Harville

David Smith

Patty Smith

John and Susan Anderson

Walter Lockhart

Barbara Day

Kathy Whitener

Bill Duke (recovery from surgery)

Mildred Brimm

Billy Brimm and family

Ron Taylor

Hunter and Kelsi Gray

Izzie Green, and baby Iris & family

Mike Taylor (recovery)

Lisa Samarrippas (thyroid cancer)

Alex Harris

Joyce Jones

Harbert & Nora Alexander

Betsy Babb

Martha Hanserd

James Harris

Bobby Benson

Felicia Cobb—John Ross' sister

Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)

Claircy Purinton

John and Susannah White

Tom Blackmon

Bill Sipes

Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)

Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)

Brian Fowler (cancer)

Phillip Pickens (cancer)

John Meriwether

Jim Marple

Chase Mobley

Richard and Liz Swaim

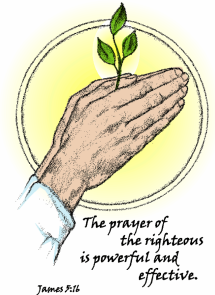
James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

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:*

Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN  
Farmington Presbyterian Church,  
Germantown, TN

Pray for Farmers and their struggles

Germantown Presbyterian Church,

Germantown, TN

Mission Workers

First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN



**Dear FPC Friends,**

*After 27 years, my time as Financial Secretary at our church has come to a close. It's hard to put into words how special March 3 was to me. I will never forget the beautiful tribute during worship or the sweet faces of the children as they sat around me. Thank you all so much for the delightful reception, and for the lovely engraved glass platter, and the honor of having a tree planted on the church grounds in my name. And thank you for the love and memories I will take with me!*

**-Vicki Pope**







# Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	
<b>Easter: Events of Holy Week</b>	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
K-2 3-5	Art Cooking	Cooking Art	Video Video	Music Music	

**MEMORY VERSE:** Mark 15:39

***"This man was surely the Son of God!"***

**OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT!** Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Easter Events of Holy Week rotation.

**The Synagogue School (Bible Skills, Games and Music):** Children will listen and respond with creative movement to music about Holy Week.

**Focus:** Exploring the emotional highs and lows of Holy Week.

**"And God Created..." (Art):** Children will decorate wooden crosses for our "Special Friends at Home".

**Focus:** Sequencing and learning about the events of Holy Week.

**The First Century Cinema (Video):** Children will view a video of the Last Supper.

**Focus:** Children will learn that the Last Supper was a key event of Holy Week.

**Mary and Martha's Kitchen (Cooking):** Children will make and eat Good News rolls.

**Focus:** Children will focus on the resurrection as a key event of Holy Week.



## The Children's Corner



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

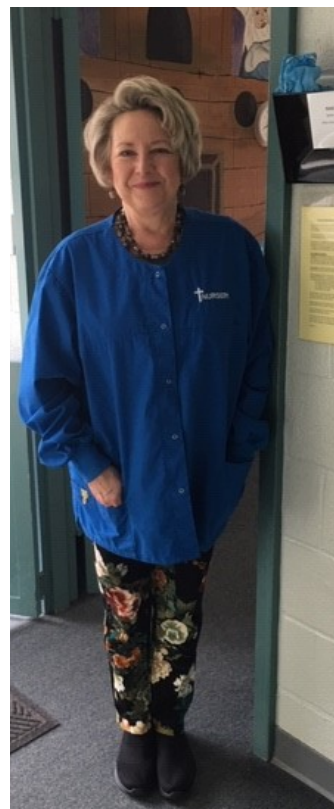


Ms. Laura    Ms. Ellen    Ms. Libby

**Children Are  
A Gift From God!**



These precious kiddos are proudly wearing the sign of the cross  
as we begin Lent.



If you want to love on some of our  
little ones this summer while our  
amazing nursery workers take  
some occasional vacation time see  
Libby or Ceil. You will be blessed.  
We need you!!!



***Laquita Robinson, Libby Smith,  
and Katie Thompson attended a  
workshop in March and received  
certificates at the Safe Kids  
Conference of West Tennessee.***



**ON PALM SUNDAY:**  
Blast Children will sing  
and we will have a palm parade  
around the arboretum prior to  
the beginning of worship  
with the adult choir if weather  
permits.







Molly Richardson  
Interim Youth Director

\*\*\*\* IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE YOUTH DURING YOUTH CONNECTION ON SUNDAY NIGHTS PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY @ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net) \*\*\*\*

*With the help of a very successful fundraiser the youth group, and chaperones, had a great time at the NaCoMe Youth Conference. Jocelyn Wildhack was the speaker and helped us explore The Water In Us: How God Flows Through Our Lives. It was a great, cold, weekend!*

youth  
group  
SCHEDULE

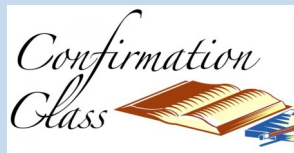
Important dates  
to remember:

May 12

Confirmation Sunday

June 9-15

Montreat Sr. High  
Youth Conference



Please pray for our 2019 Confirmation Class  
and their Sponsors.

### CONFIRMAND

Jacob Barron  
Emma Barron  
James Howell  
Annika Jerge  
Stella Crenshaw  
Lara McCaslin  
Catey Beth Donnell  
Callum Donnell  
Ava Beller

### SPONSOR

Jim Campbell  
Mona Campbell  
Randy Jones  
Nelda Evans  
Ann Mayo  
Kim Dunnavant  
Stephannie Williams  
Robert Reeves  
Lynn East



## FINANCIAL UPDATE – February 2019

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2019 Pledges	\$ 183,151	\$ 104,721	\$ 191,253
Total Contributions	\$ 191,105	\$ 121,087	\$ 210,376
Total Income	\$ 200,464	\$ 151,311	\$ 217,684
Total Expenses	\$ 130,903	\$ 151,311	\$ 122,726
Net Income	\$ 69,561	\$ 0	\$ 94,958

**Pledges can now be paid using ACH bank drafts on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact Machelie Daniel-Hall 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 Machelie Daniel-Hall (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.

## Session Highlights

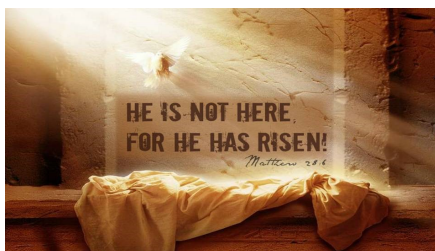
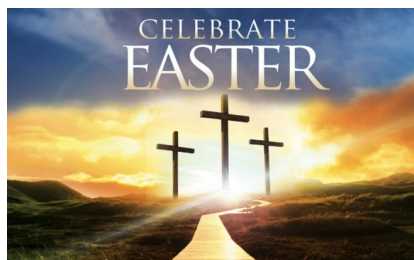
The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 5:00 PM in Memorial Hall and conducted its normal business.

The Session voted:

- *that the minutes from the Stated Meeting of January 13, 2019 and February 10; two Called Meetings of January 6, 2019 and the Congregational meeting of January 27, 2019 be approved as written;*
- *to accept the report of the commissioners to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South which was held on March 2, 2019;*
- *to allow the youth to sell popcorn as a fundraiser to offset the costs for summer camps at the popcorn and movie night of April 7;*
- *via electronic vote to allow the Rhodes College Choir to sell CD's at the door upon exit of those in attendance as well as to take up an offering;*
- *to approve a certificate of Transfer for David and Debbie Browne to First United Methodist Church of Franklin, TN;*
- *for Clerk of Session, Elder James Harris, to contact Stated Clerk, Audrey Toombs, and request an excused absence for Rev. John White and Elder commissioners from First Presbyterian Church to the Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South to be held at Balmoral Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN on Thursday, March 21 at 1 PM.*

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

**NEXT SESSION MEETING**  
**April 14 @ 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 Machelie 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.*



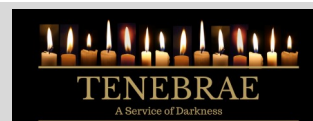
**SAVE THE DATES!**

**SPRING SOUP KITCHEN DATES!**

**April 1—5, 2019**

**The sign up board is in the Fellowship Hall and we have SEVERAL open slots left!**

**If you haven't signed up, but can help on one of our days, just please show up so that we are covered!**



***Maundy Thursday  
Tenebrae Service  
Thursday, April 18  
@ 6 PM following dinner***

***What is a Tenebrae Service?***

The Word "Tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows", and this "service of shadows" dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Through scripture, music, and the extinguishing of candles, we will remember the events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We will also observe communion during this special service of remembrance. The service ends in silence and near total darkness. The service is unfinished and we depart in silence because the end of the story does not occur until Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!



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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.***

## Cornerstone Events!

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### **LASAGNA FUNDRAISER LUNCH A SUCCESS!**

On Sunday, February 24, following church and Sunday School, the Cornerstone Group, along with the youth of the church, co-hosted a delicious Lasagna Lunch, prepared by Molly Richardson and served by the youth. The event was intended to raise money for youth activities and programs. It was a very successful event raising \$1,417.00. Thank you to all who participated!

### **NEXT CORNERSTONE GROUP EVENT ~ April 17 @ 9 AM**

Join us as we journey to **Pinson Mounds State Park**. The van will leave at 9 AM from the church parking lot. We will tour the museum and watch the movie. There will be some walking involved, and anyone who wants to may climb Saul's Mound. After we have enjoyed the mounds, we will go to the **Catfish Cabin** for a Dutch-treat lunch. We expect to return to the church by 2:00 PM. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office @ 422-1591. Hope to see you there!

