

## Message from the Pastor

What is commitment? In his book How To Spell "Presbyterian", Jim Angell has this to say about commitment:

**COMMITMENT** is both a leap and a rescue. It is God's act of invading love represented by the coming of Jesus Christ into human life, and it is our response of discipleship. It is the opposite of indifference. It is the opposite of death.

**COMMITMENT** is the opposite of greed and anxiety. It is the opposite of "letting George do it".

**COMMITMENT** is the Spirit of God inviting us to change the message of resurrection from an Easter sermon into the 365-day-a-year stuff of life. It is a giving of oneself to honesty of life.

**COMMITMENT** is life's most important "yes" - our saying "yes" to a God who has said "YES" to us in Jesus. It is walking together along a

road that doesn't end. It is suffering together, celebrating, reinforcing one another's impossible dream. It is checking out our understanding of God's will together-deciding how we can be obedient and magnificently obsessed during these days of our own years.

**COMMITMENT** is loving ... and allowing ourselves to be loved. It is being merciful and granting mercy - even to ourselves. It is promises to keep, and promises that keep us.

**COMMITMENT** is knowing from the top of our heads down to our shoes that "private" Christianity is an incongruity; it is believing that we are constantly meeting Christ in one another, and being blessed and identified as children of worth through such meetings.

So...Is it worth being committed to Jesus Christ through the work of First Presbyterian Church?



Yes. Without question. It is imperative that we commit to something positive beyond ourselves, or else we will have no roots, no passion, no grounding in anything absolute. A life with no commitments is a life without purpose.

How important it is to teach our children that there are things to which we may be committed in this world! Things of worth and value that can be trusted, loved, and supported in conjunction with other Christians. So let's claim Christ, even as we have been claimed by Christ!

### Scripture of the Month — Mark 12:30-31 NIV

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

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#### Special dates of interest:

- Sept 2—Labor Day, church holiday
- Sept 7—Bridal Coffee, Katie Pauley
- Sept 8—Session Meeting
- Sept 8—Youth Connection resumes
- Sept 9—PW Fall Gathering
- Sept 12—JAMA Mtg, Fellowship Hall
- Sept 12—ARM Salt & Light Banquet
- Sept 15—Stewardship Kickoff
- Sept 22—Outdoor Worship & Potluck
- Sept 24—Vital Congregations meeting
- Sept 26—RIFA Construction/Chonda
- Sept 27—Starlight setup & rehearsal
- Sept 28—Starlight Symphony
- Sept 29—Congregational Meeting
- Sept 29—Pizza with the Pastor



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### SESSION

#### *Class of 2019*

Leigh Anne Bentley  
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Carol Sue Keathley  
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#### *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.*

## Bridal Coffee Invitation



*YOU ARE INVITED*

*to a Bridal Coffee  
honoring*

*Katherine (Katie) Pauley*

*Bride-Elect of  
Joshua Bowman*

*Saturday, September 7, 2019  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM*

*Memorial Hall  
First Presbyterian Church  
1573 North Highland Avenue  
Jackson, Tennessee*

*Registries:  
Target, Walmart &  
Bed, Bath & Beyond*

*Given by:  
Church Friends*



### Lectionary Readings for September 2019

**September 1 ~ Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;  
Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**September 8 ~ Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21;  
Luke 14:25-33**

**September 15 ~ Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;  
Luke 15:1-10**

**September 22 ~ Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;  
Luke 16:1-13;**

**September 29 ~ Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;  
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31**

## Wednesdays at First



Wednesday Night Fellowship has kicked off for another great year of fun, good food, and informative programming. Please join us each Wednesday at 5:00 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.

**PRICE CHANGE!** Prices will change to **\$7 for adults, \$5 for children, and a family cap of \$20**. Please be sure to include an extra \$1 per “to go” order to support our continuing efforts to be an earth care congregation and conserve supplies as much as possible.

**\*\*If you wish a PERMANENT reservation for this new season, you must contact the church office and ask to be put on the Permanent List.**

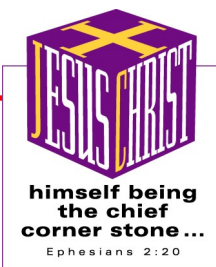
- Sept 4—** MENU: Southwest Salad, Taco Pie, Black beans & Spanish Rice, Baked pears, Texas toast, and Cherry Delight for dessert.  
PROGRAM: Small groups begin (*see page 6 for offerings*)
- Sept 11—** MENU: Salad Bar, Creamy herb chicken, Wild Rice, Buttered broccoli, Roasted carrots, Hot Rolls, and Lemon Cake for dessert.  
PROGRAM: Small groups
- Sept 18** MENU: Garden Salad, Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes,, Roasted Brussell sprouts, Buttered Bread, and Apple Dump Cake for dessert.  
PROGRAM: Small groups
- Sept 25** MENU: Blueberry Orange Salad, BBQ Pork, Green beans, Yams, Coleslaw, Yeast Rolls, and Chocolate Pie 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:** \$7 for adults, including children over age 12, \$5 for children ages 3-12, with a **\$20 max** per family.

**Reminder:** Take outs cost \$1 more for each meal, to help cover the cost of the extra packaging!



## Cornerstone Group News!

Our Summer Sunset Suppers were a great success. We had some of the largest groups that I can remember. We learned a lot of new things and had wonderful fellowship and food.

We are planning to go to Shiloh National park in October. The exact date will be announced later.

Our outdoor worship service will be Sunday, September 22. There will be a pot luck meal following worship. Please join us for this special time of worship and fellowship together.

If you have questions, or have suggestions for outings, please contact Nora Alexander @ 731-424-2380.



### FALL GREAT BANQUET:

This 72-hour retreat 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).

#### Fall Great Banquet Weekends:

**October 3-6 (Men)**

**October 10-13 (Women)**



## PW of First Presbyterian

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**CT MEETING**—none in September

**Circle meetings** will begin in October.

**FALL BRING-A-DISH: September 9 @ 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**  
All women of the church are invited to the Fall Bring-A-Dish.

#### **TO ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH!! All are welcome!**

Please contact Vivian Pauley 506-5545 or Kathy House 423-1065 if you would like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study, volunteer for a PW service project, be part of the PW Prayer Chain, or learn more about PW.

#### Calendar of Upcoming Events:

**September 1**—Deborah—RIFA Soup Kitchen (Desserts)

**September 9**— Fall Gathering Supper  
All Congregation Ladies  
6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

**October 1**—Mary—RIFA Soup Kitchen (Desserts)

**October 8**—First Circle meetings  
10 AM and 7 PM

#### Service Opportunities:

**RIFA Soup Kitchen** —(Desserts)  
*September 1—Deborah*  
*October 1—Mary*

**Helping Hands:** Will not be meeting in September due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Helping Hands** makes whatever the community is in need of. Two current projects involve walker bags and bibs for local nursing homes, and girls' dresses and boys' shorts for Jan Crossett to distribute on her world mission trips with Compassion International.

**Threads of Love:** will be meeting in September on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM.

**Threads of Love** makes burial gowns, blankets and hats for families who have an infant death at the local hospital.

**PW Missions Day** makes *discharge packets* (100 per year). Discharge packets are layette packets that include a blanket, gown, onesie, and hat. They are given to mothers in need to take their newborn home in when discharged from the hospital.

**Used Eyeglasses for Guatemala:** PW collects used eyeglasses for Mark Harris to take overseas on a mission project in cooperation with Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

#### **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!



**Deadline for  
October  
edition  
of newsletter**

**September 18, 2019**



#### **RIFA's 15th Anniversary Canstruction: An Evening with Chonda Pierce Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6 PM @ Carl Perkins Civic Center**

RIFA will host the 15th annual Canstruction event **Thursday, September 26th** at the Carl Perkins Civic Center with **Chonda Pierce** as the featured entertainer.

Emmy-nominated and best-selling comedian Chonda Pierce has been making audiences laugh for more than two decades with her winning combination of fierce wit and southern charm. As the best-selling female comedian of all time, her hilarious take on life is easily relatable as she draws humor and good from every situation. Pierce continues to bring the laughs with her unique blend of music and comedy.

Teams of local businesses, churches, industries and schools will build the structures on September 24th with the awards dinner on September 26th.

Tickets are \$750 per table of 8, \$100 per person,  
and balcony tickets are \$25 per person.

**Tickets can be purchased online or by calling RIFA at 731-427-7963.**



## Membership Corner ~ New Members Always Welcome!

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



**Rally Day was a roaring success!**

**Now we are onto a year full of education and involvement!**

***Still looking for information about Sunday school classes or small group studies,  
children or youth programming, or service opportunities?***

***Just contact John White, Ceil Cowles or Stacey McAdams  
and they will help answer questions and find a place for you!***

AREA RELIEF MINISTRIES

# SALT & LIGHT BANQUET

FEATURING:



**Sept. 12, 2019**  
**6 p.m. - Dinner**  
**7 p.m. - Concert**  
Carl Perkins Civic Center  
[AreaReliefMinistries.org](http://AreaReliefMinistries.org)

### **TICKETS:**

**\$25** each, balcony, no dinner

**\$50** each, banquet table with dinner

**\$400** for table of 8, with dinner

**For tickets contact Mike Roby:**

**731-423-9257**

**[mrobby@areareliefministries.org](mailto:mrobby@areareliefministries.org)**



## Small Groups—begin September 4 @ 6 PM

### THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS BY C.S. LEWIS (BOOK)

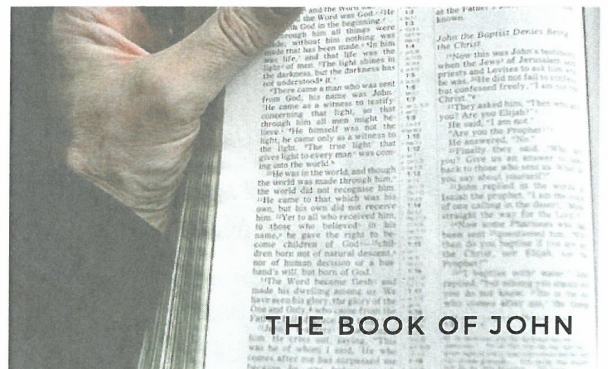
A UNIQUELY WRITTEN BOOK BY C.S. LEWIS—A WRITER, LAY THEOLOGIAN, AND AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS INCLUDING THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA. IN THIS BOOK, WORMWOOD, A DEMON APPRENTICE, MUST SECURE THE DAMNATION OF A YOUNG MAN WHO'S JUST BECOME A CHRISTIAN. HE SEEKS THE ADVICE OF AN EXPERIENCED DEVIL, HIS UNCLE SCREWTAPE. THEIR CORRESPONDENCE OFFERS INVALUABLE—AND OFTEN HUMOROUS—INSIGHTS ON TEMPTATION, PRIDE, AND THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF FAITH OVER EVIL FORCES. GREAT INSIGHTS ON HOW WE GET SEPARATED FROM GOD. THE BOOK CONSISTS OF 31 LETTERS, BUT THE CLASS WILL ONLY DISCUSS SELECT LETTERS. EACH WEEK WILL BE A STAND-ALONE DISCUSSION.

LEADERS WILL BE MARLIE RICHARDSON & STACEY MCADAMS



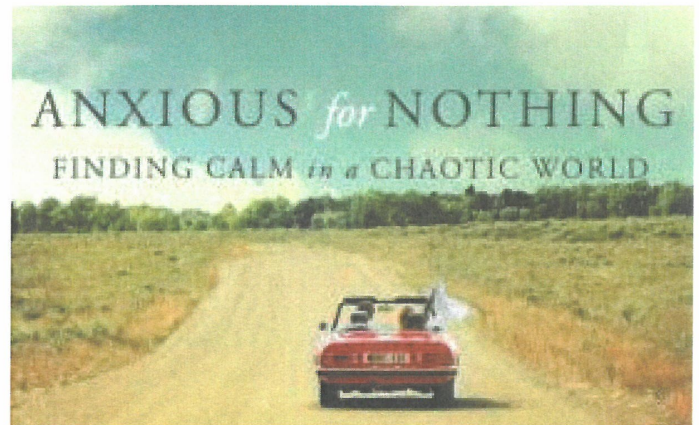
### THE BOOK OF JOHN (BIBLE)

THIS IS A LINE BY LINE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JOHN. THE BOOK OF JOHN INCLUDES CHRIST'S MIRACLES THAT INSPIRED HIS FOLLOWERS, STORIES OF A DEATH THAT REDEEMS THE LOST, AND STORIES OF A RESURRECTION THAT PROVIDES US WITH HOPE FOR ETERNAL GLORY. EVERY MIRACLE, TEACHING, AND ACTION OF JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL HAS A CLEAR PURPOSE: TO PROVE HE IS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, AND THE SON OF GOD. LEADER WILL BE DEBBIE HURT.



### ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING: FINDING CALM IN A CHAOTIC WORLD BY MAX LUCADO

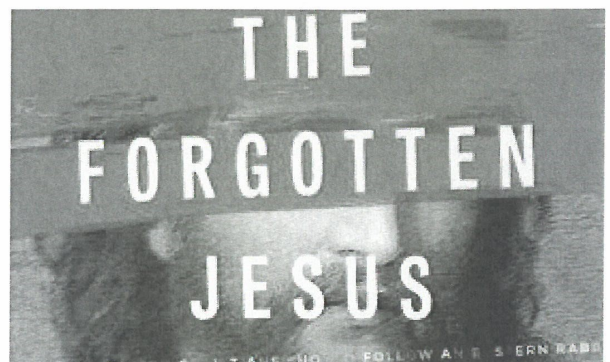
OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES, STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT AMERICANS ARE THE MOST ANXIOUS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. WE TAKE THE MOST MEDICATION FOR IT, SEE DOCTORS TO TREAT IT, AND SPEND FORTUNES TRYING TO RELIEVE IT. HOW HAVE WE LET OUR FEARS GET THE BETTER OF US? MAX LUCADO LEADS READERS TO REFLECT ON THE PROMISES OF PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8. THIS PASSAGE FROM PAUL'S EPISTLE CONTAINS AN ANTIDOTE TO ANXIETY THAT WILL HELP YOU DEVELOP A MINDSET OF RESILIENCE. REDISCOVER THE POWER OF PRAYER AND TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR THOUGHTS. YOU CAN REST IN "THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING." ANXIETY JUST COMES WITH LIFE. HOWEVER, AS GOD'S WORD REVEALS, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DOMINATE LIFE.



### THE FORGOTTEN JESUS: HOW WESTERN CHRISTIANS SHOULD FOLLOW AN EASTERN RABBI BY ROBBY GALLATY

WESTERN CHRISTIANS DON'T TRULY APPRECIATE THE NEW TESTAMENT BECAUSE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE OLD TESTAMENT. MOST CHRISTIANS WOULD SAY THEY KNOW JESUS, BUT DO WE REALLY KNOW HIM? THROUGH THE YEARS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS HAS BEEN SHAPED BY DIFFERENT CULTURAL INFLUENCES. MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT JESUS WAS A JEWISH MAN LIVING IN A JEWISH LAND, AND, OBSERVING JEWISH CUSTOMS, AND INVESTING HIS LIFE IN JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN.

LEADER WILL BE TWYLA MORGAN



# Playschool News

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Thank you to all the FPC family who contributed to the beautiful Back to School Worship Service this year. The scripture, prayers and hymns inspired me to be purposeful in reflecting and praying about teaching, learning and education.

Can you easily define, education, learning and teaching? Do they mean the same thing? An experienced educator challenged me to understand “there is no teaching without learning” A teacher must assist and guide the student in such a way that they have caused the student to learn. Put the pieces together and the result is education.

Teacher and student are just two parts of the equation. Parents, of course, are their children’s first teachers. If a child is truly blessed they have an extended family, a kindly neighbor, a wise minister, a good friend who all have a positive influence on a child’s desire and readiness to learn. Playschool was brought to life on the foundation of partnership of family, church and school. As a Playschool parent so eloquently said, “with the love of Christ as a guiding light, First Presbyterian Playschool and its teachers have (created) a safe nurturing place to learn and grow.”

As we start the 48th year of Playschool, we are ready to let the learning begin!

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

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09/01	Patrick Dollar Sr.	09/10	Jerry Callis	09/29	Randy Jones
	Jimmy Henson	09/12	Jessica Barron		Vicki Pope
	Charles Mayo		Mae Howell	09/30	Kay Thomson
	Nancy Strawn	09/13	Twyla Morgan		Kimberly Truell
09/02	Rebecca Hurt	09/14	Jimmy East		Meredith Varino
	Wesley Richardson	09/15	Holden Taylor		Forrest White
09/04	Ann Schmidt	09/16	Clarence Smith		Kathelene White
	Abby Varino		Elizabeth Swaim		
09/05	Machelle Daniel-Hall	09/17	Ridley Alexander		
	Lara McCaslin	09/19	Barry Fowler		
	Ted Showalter	09/23	Sherry Thomson	09/01	Stephanie and Khris Gordon
09/06	Charlie Collins	09/24	Walker McWherter	09/04	Nora and Harbert Alexander
	Andrew White	09/25	Cooper Harris	09/17	Miranda and Will Harbin
09/07	Stacey McAdams	09/26	Mike Taylor	09/19	Julie and Todd Keim
09/09	Nathan Smith	09/27	Rex Climer II	09/22	Meredith and Matt Varino
		09/28	Brian Williams		

## Happy Anniversary!

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 1** ~ Don Lewis; Robert and Susan Reeves; Wesley, Molly, Sidney and Liam Richardson

**September 8** ~ Ellen McClune; Nelda and Wayne Rhodes; John, Jezel, Je'Delle and Jo'Hannah Ross

**September 15** ~ Dolly Mathis; Vance, Julie and Finis Shoaf; Clarence and Norma Smith

**September 22** ~ Christen Reynolds; Mike, Lark and Ana Taylor; Scherry Priddy

**September 29** ~ Jeremie, Hannah, Harrison, Hudson and Anna-Katherine Smith; Patrick and Sue Ryan; Martha Stockard

**THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION** is extended to family and friends of Paula Jones Mathews, who died August 6, 2019; and to Tausha Alexander and family upon the recent death of her Aunt Susie Cline of Bristol, TN.

### ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

#### Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

#### Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

Betty Stewart, #M8

Dolly Mathis, #M32

Judi Wilson, #E85

#### Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

#### Elmcroft

Bob Elam, #215

#### Northbrooke

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

#### Bells Nursing and Rehab

Sue Carruth, #209

#### Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

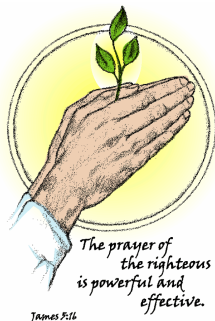
Marilynn Ames  
Patricia White  
Bill King  
Russ Truell  
Dwight Smith (Robbie Rodgers brother)  
Myra Deal (Greg Abbott's cousin)  
David & Eleanor Hooper  
John and Susan Anderson  
Kathy Whitener  
Hunter and Kelsi Gray  
Izzie Green & family  
Betsy Babb  
Claircy Purinton  
John and Susannah White  
Richard and Liz Swaim  
James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)  
Cancer patients on our hearts  
Mission Partners in Asia  
Mission Partners in Peru  
Search Committee & Search Process  
Unspoken prayer requests

*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:*

Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington,  
TN;  
Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN;  
First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN;  
Theological Education/Seminaries;  
Global Week of Action against Gun Violence;  
Marl Bluff Church, Reagan, TN.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Doug Jones and family  
Gabi, Ava & Camille Cox  
Charles & Betsy Cox and family  
Rob Womble  
Nelda & Rick McCune  
Florence Bridges  
Emily Lonon  
Eloise Phillips  
Tharon Scott  
Byron Wilson, Sr.  
Debbie Lee (Lori Howell family)  
Kay Engle Medlin (Judy Herron family)  
Tory Boston  
Anne Garrard  
Porter Bunch  
Judy Harber  
Joey Campbell



*Your cards & prayers have been most  
appreciated and welcomed, and I thank you!  
Our church is really something very special.*

*Sincerely,  
Marilynn Ames*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 22  
9:30 AM**

**Potluck Luncheon immediately  
after Sunday School in the  
Fellowship Hall. Church will supply  
the meat**




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

ALL 4TH & 5TH GRADERS

AUGUST 25  
SEPTEMBER 29  
OCTOBER 20

MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM  
12:00 - 1:30 PM



It's a time for kids to share, ask questions, learn  
about the Presbyterian Church, and build  
friendships in Faith.

# Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	Week 5:
<b>Joshua: Into the Promised Land!</b>	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 13
K-2 3-5	Cooking Art	Art Cooking	Games Legos	Legos Games	Video Video

**MEMORY VERSE:** Joshua 1:9

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

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

**Mary and Martha's Kitchen (Cooking):** Children will make edible walls of Jericho.

**"And God Created..." (Art):** Children will create Remembrance Stone paperweights.

**The Synagogue School (Bible Skills, Games and Music):** Children will play a review game.

**LEGO Construction:** Children will review the story of Joshua by building a model of the city of Jericho with Lego building blocks.

**The First Century Cinema (Video):** Children will view the video "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho – the Greatest Adventure Stories from the Bible".





## The Children's Corner



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

**Children Are A Gift From God!**



Ms. Laura Ms. Ellen Ms. Libby Ms. Lindsey

### WELCOME

#### Ms. Lindsey Patterson!

**Ms. Lindsey** is now at First Presbyterian as our Director of Children's Choir (K-5th Grade).

Lindsey Patterson is the director of choral activities at Madison Academic Magnet HS. She has served as a choral director with the Jackson-Madison Co. school system for 17 years. During this time, she also served as Director of Children's Choirs at First United Methodist Church for 7 years and Director of Music at Grace United Methodist Church for 10 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Milligan College and has completed graduate work in vocal pedagogy.

Lindsey is passionate about music, children, and ministry. Lindsey grew up in Jackson and continues to reside here with her 3 children.



### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!

We helped RIFA **pack the bus** with 410 pounds of food in honor of Ava and Camille and in memory of Brian Cox.



Back To School Prayer Service



### BACK TO BLAST SWIM PARTY!

A special thank you to the Pickens family for hosting our pizza/swim party on Sunday, August 11! Everyone had a "BLAST"!!!





Molly Richardson  
Interim Youth Director



\*\*\*\* YOUTH CONNECTION\*\*\*\*

WILL RESUME **SEPTEMBER 8** FROM 5-6:30 PM!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY @ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net) \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*If you would like to provide a meal for Sunday Night Youth Connection please contact Molly @ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net)!

*Have a great school year!*



### WELCOME!

Ayden Johnson,  
Darcy Puffer, &  
Je'Delle Ross  
received their Bibles from  
Molly Richardson on Rally  
Day as they moved up to the  
Youth Group!

**We need you!** If you  
would like to teach youth  
Sunday School on a  
rotation basis, please  
contact Molly  
@ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net)!



Important dates  
to remember:

**September 8**  
Youth Connection resumes!  
More details to come!  
**September 22**  
Outdoor Worship  
& Potluck Lunch  
**October 30**  
Funny Bones & Trunk or Treat





## FINANCIAL UPDATE – July 2019

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2019 Pledges	\$ 369,700	\$ 365,833	\$ 392,885
Total Contributions	\$ 408,681	\$ 423,006	\$ 433,578
Total Income	\$ 448,646	\$ 528,592	\$ 463,206
Total Expenses	\$ 476,611	\$ 528,592	\$ 429,750
Net Income	(\$ 27,965)	\$ 0	\$ 33,456

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

## Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 4:30 PM and conducted its normal business.

The Session voted:

- that the minutes from the Stated Meeting of June 9, 2019 and the minutes of the Called Session meeting of June 23, 2019 be approved as read;
- to approve the report of the commissioners to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid South;
- to unanimously electronically approve Rev. White to perform a wedding service for Nathan Ahn and Sharon Junn on July 28, 2019 immediately after worship;
- to unanimously by email raise the cost of Wednesday night dinners by \$1; Adults \$7; Children \$5 with a family cap of \$20 including a \$1 upcharge for take out meals;
- that First Presbyterian Church host Presbytery of the Mid South meeting August 13, 2020;
- to remove Bill and Margaret Sipes from the rolls of First Presbyterian Church as they have joined Community Presbyterian Church, Celebration, Florida;
- to table the request of Randilee Fields and Patrick Hewitt to have their wedding at FPC on May 16, 2020 (both members of FPC (EPC) Humboldt, TN in order for the Session to approve the officiant;
- to set a Congregational meeting for September 29, 2019 for the purpose of the election of new elders and church officers;
- to receive the annual Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019 with 75% of the offering going to the Presbytery and 25% going to Arise to Read Jackson.

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

**NEXT SESSION MEETING  
September 8 @ 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 Machele 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 29, 2019  
for the purpose of electing a slate  
of officers for the Class of 2022.**



## 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)



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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.***

## Starlight Symphony ~ Saturday, September 28

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Join us for the  
**Starlight Symphony**  
on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church  
**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

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 as the grand finale!

This free gift to the community is a night you won't want to  
miss!

**Carillon Concert – 6:45 pm**

**Symphony Concert – 7:30 pm**

