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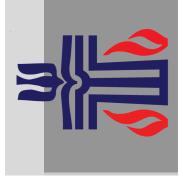
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## from the pastor

Those of you who know me well know that I just can't develop an "appreciation" for country music.

Since I live in Rockabilly country, I have tried to like it; truly I have. But somehow the twangy, whiny, "left my sweetie at the Georgia State line with a pack of crackers and a bottle of wine..." type of storytelling just doesn't appeal to me. By the way... I made that line up all by myself!

There are a few country songs I like, however, one of them being "Looking for Love in all the Wrong Places," written by Johnny Lee and made famous by Debra Winger and John Travolta in the 1980 movie, *Urban Cowboy*. As John and Debra dance in a honkytonk, we hear these melodious words whining in the background:

"I've spent a lifetime looking for you; single bars and good time lovers, were never true. Playing a fools game, hoping to win, telling those sweet lies and losing again.

I was lookin' for love in all the wrong places, looking for love in too many faces, searching your eyes, looking for traces, of what... I'm... dreaming of...
Hoping to find a friend and a lover, I'll bless the day I discover another heart, lookin' for love."

When you think about it, the words to that old Johnny Lee song are very sad. They paint a picture of an elusive love, and the one who is looking for love is portrayed as being unfulfilled.

Obviously, Johnny Lee was not Presbyterian! Presbyterian theology is firmly grounded in scripture, and scripture is quite clear about the fact that we are ALWAYS surrounded by the love of God. We don't have to go looking for it anywhere – It is always around us and in us: "See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God." (1 John 3:1).

During this Valentine's month, I challenge you to let the love of God, which has been given to you, be made visible in your words and actions. Do something loving for a neighbor – share the love of Christ with your church family – be creative with your love, let it shine for the community and your family to see, and then tell me about it. Let's help all those people who are out there lookin' for love in all the wrong places find that love in us – the love of Jesus

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH:

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27

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#### **SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST**

FEBRUARY 2, Souper Bowl of Caring

FEBRUARY 2, New member recognition
FEBRUARY 3, CT Meeting, Helping Hands
FEBRUARY 8, Rev. Courtney Bowen is
received by the Mid-South Presbytery
Farmington Presbyterian, Germantown
12:30
FEBRUARY 9, Children's Choir sings
in worship
FEBRUARY 9, Room in the Inn
FEBRUARY 22, West Tennessee Handbell
festival
FEBRUARY 23, Pizza with the Pastor
FEBRUARY 24, PW Mission Day
FEBRUARY 26, Ash Wednesday Service



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#### **SESSION**

#### Class of 2020

Class of 2021 Benita Brown **Greg Abbott David Greene** Barry Broughton Russell Jones Russell Cook Stacey McAdams Debbie Hurt **Kevin Pauley** Mary Jane McWherter Stephannie Williams Patty Smith

#### Class of 2022

Chris Alexander Mark Harris Judy Herron Shirley Nelson Jamie Richardson Robbie Rodgers

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#### **OUR VISION**

We are 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.

# wednesdays @ first



#### Join us Wednesday nights for fun, good food, and informative programming!

Dinner is at 5:00 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 pro-

February 5 MENU: Southwest salad, taco casserole, black beans,

steamed broccoli, Texas toast and chocolate cherry cake

**PROGRAM:** Small groups

February 12

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MENU: Strawberry salad, honey garlic porkloin with pear chut-

wild rice, roasted brussel sprouts, yeast rolls and red

cake

PROGRAM: Small groups

February 19 MENU: Salad bar, hamburger steaks & gravy, mashed potatoes,

green beans, buttered bread and peach cobbler &

ice cream

**PROGRAM:** Small groups

February 26 MENU: Garden salad, chicken tetrazzini roasted carrots, baked

peaches, sliced bread and peanut butter pie

PROGRAM: Ash Wednesday Worship

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 maximum per family. Reminder: Take outs cost \$1 more for each meal, to help cover the cost of the extra packaging.

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

February 2 Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;

Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

February 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8

February 23 Exodus 24:12-18: Psalm 2 or Psalm99:

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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### christian education

#### 2020: NEW YEAR AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It's easy to get lost in a crowd—to feel lonely even though you may be surrounded by worshipers on a given Sunday. It may not always seem easy to make a connection.

Here at FPC we want everyone to have the opportunity to be known and cared for and also to find their niche in ministry. We all grow faster spiritually when we feel free to ask real questions, get honest answers, and sense the support of a group.

Lucky for us, *Wednesday Night Small Groups* are just getting started and they can provide the open and connected setting you are looking for right now! And bonus, dinner is served every Wednesday before small groups so you

can give your attention to the discussion and not a grumbly stomach.

Not sure *Wednesdays* will work? Check out a *Sunday School class*. You are already here so hang around a little longer and give yourself a chance to dig deeper into scripture and relationships. I know we tend to be creatures of habit but, full disclosure, there is no actual rule that says you can't visit a different Sunday School class. I can't promise food will be better in any particular class, but EVERYBODY has coffee.

You can find information about Small Groups online, in the bulletin, on the table in Memorial Hall, or you can just ask your neighbor where they go and then tag along.

#### **SMALL GROUP SESSION STUDIES**

The Book of John is a continuation of the 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.

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis (book study) is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. Lewis's revolutionary idea in the *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis' *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil.

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple by Adam Hamilton (book) is the book of an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He was not rich or educated but wasfamiliar with hard work. He was quick tempered and impetuous but possessed a passion that would change the world. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

How Happiness Happens: Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment, and Unmet Expectations by Max Lucado (dvd/study guide) explores passages of Scripture-explaining how practical acts of generosity can produce a life of satisfaction and moments of true joy. Our culture tries to convince us there is one way to happiness: aspire, acquire, desire, retire. Happiness depends on what we hang in our closet, park in our garage, and deposit in our bank account. Yet, it's a path that always fails to deliver. In a world searching for happiness, Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus' teaching and modern research.





### PW OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

#### **TO ALL LADIES**

To all ladies of the church who would like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study, please contact Vivian Pauley at 731-506-5545.

All are welcome!

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4
9:30 AM: CT MEETING

FEBRUARY 10 10:00 AM: Morning Circles meet Abigail ~ Sun Parlor Baara ~ Library

7:00 PM:

Evening Circle meets Deborah ~ Memorial Hall

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### **HELPING HANDS**

First Monday of each month @ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

#### **THREADS OF LOVE**

Second Tuesday of each month @ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**ONGOING: COLLECTION OF EYEGLASSES** for Mark
Harris to take overseas.

### SAVE THE DATE: THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-SOUTH'S

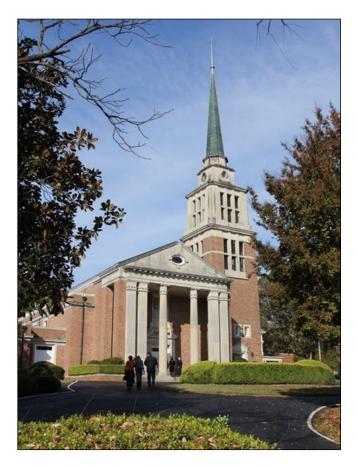
# **2020 ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING**First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Our Presbyterian Women are hosting the Presbytery of the Mid-South's **Annual Spring Gathering on Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00-12:00.** We hope that you can come and learn or relearn about PW at the Presbytery, Synod, and National Assembly levels. This sisterhood is really special and has a large number of service projects that

GUEST SPEAKER:
Jan Albert
P.W. Moderator of the
Synod of Living Waters

She will share the PWUSA Mission Experience Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:
Breakfast
Worship with songs
and prayer
Communion
Installation
Grants
Memorial Service
Lunch



All Presbyterian Women - Young and Not so Young!

Annual Mission Project Work Day – February 24th

Mark your calendars for our annual mission day, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until about 1 PM.

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### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



#### **MARY ABBOTT**

Joined by Reaffirmation of Faith on December 15

755 Oakview Dr. Trenton, TN 38382



**JUDI WILSON** 

Joined by Reaffirmation of Faith on December 15

Elmcroft of Jackson 911 Old Humboldt Rd., B102 Jackson, TN 38305

#### **NEW CAR MAGNETS**



The Membership Committee wishes to encourage the Congregation help promote FPC in the community by displaying this magnet on your car. Stop by the church office to pick one up.

A new and easy way to give to FPC!



Shop at: www.smile.amazon.com

The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price on eligible products to FPC. On your first visit to Amazon Smile, you can select First Presbyterian Church Jackson TN and then start shopping.

# WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS



#### Courtney Bowen, Associate Pastor for Youth

Courtney graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2018 and has since served as Pastor for the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Elizabeth, IN. While in seminary, she served for three years as Student Pastor for First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville, IN, primarily focusing on families, young adults, youth and children. She has also worked as a Chaplain Intern in the Trauma Center at the University of Louisville Hospital. Courtney is originally from Birmingham, AL where she was actively involved in both the Hunger Work Group and the Young Adult ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church. She worked in mortgage and banking in Birmingham for twelve years before discerning a call to ministry. Courtney enjoys hiking, knitting, and is an avid reader. She has been married to her husband, Lane, for 15 years. They have an 11 year old son, Cleve and a 1 year old daughter, Carter.

#### **Emily Morrow,**

#### **Administrative Assistant to the Pastor**



Emily graduated from MTSU in 1998 with her Bachelor of Science in Communications and Journalism. She has been a visual journalist and illustrator for most of her career, working for various newspapers, magazines and websites across the country.

Emily, and her husband Josh,

have been married for 22 years. They have a 12 year old son, Henry, who is in middle school at Jackson Christian. They recently moved to Jackson from Middle Tennessee.

She is excited to be part of the First Presbyterian staff!

## membership corner





### **CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, NELDA!**

On Sunday, January 26th, we recognized **Nelda Rhodes** upon her retirement as church administrative assistant, and gave thanks for the wonderful ministry she performed at First Presbyterian Church for the past 18 years. Some of you may know that Nelda held the job that was previously held by her mother, Dolly Mathis. Between the two of them, Nelda and Dolly provided **50 years** of

talented and dedicated service to the life of our church!

Nelda was known for her professionalism, her compassion-



ate and listening ear, and her tremendous breadth of knowledge about the ministry of First Presbyterian. We will truly miss her as an integral part of the ministry of FPC, and wish her well in her retirement years to come!

A redbud tree will be planted in the FPC Arboretum in honor of Nelda and Dolly.

If you would like to contribute to a love offering being collected for Nelda, please make your check out to the church and mark it "for Nelda."

Aaron Tiede

Judi Wilson

Ken Yount

Janice Webster

Madeline Yount

#### FPC IS GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Join us in giving thanks for our 32 new members and confirmands!

Mary Abbott **Brad Haves** Perry Poole Arnold Bruns Melissa Hayes James Stewart Anita Callis Jan Jones Emily Taylor Jerry Callis John David Jones Paul Taylor Miranda Harbin Julie Jones Patti Thomas Will Harbin Ali Mason Jerry Thomas Sally Harlan Anna Poole Lisa Tiede

**2019 CONFIRMANDS:** Stella Crenshaw, Callum Donnell, Catey Beth Donnell, James Howell, Annika Jerge and Lara McCaslin

# WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Nicholas Alexander Greene II arrived at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, January 28th. He weighed 7lbs, 4oz and was 21 inches long. Mother, Alexander and Dad are all doing well! Exciting times in the Greene family!

MANY THANKS to Sharyn Thompson for serving the last 8.5 years as our FPC Website and Internet Coordinator. Sharyn was responsible for updating our website as well as key projects such as a new website, live stream, the FPC App and keeping FPC active on social media. Although she will no longer be on Staff, thankfully she is not going anywhere and will remain active around FPC with her husband and 4 children.



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### featured events & reminders

#### **CORNERSTONE GROUP GATHERING:**

On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, the group will meet at Los Portales on Old Hickory at 11:30 for lunch, followed by a visit to the U of M, Lambuth Campus Planetarium. Please make reservations in the fellowship hall or church office, 731-422-1591.



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** Wednesday night, February 28 at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. We will gather in the sanctuary after our Wednesday dinner to worship God together and acknowledge our desperate need of a Saviour. We will confess our sins and ashes will be imposed as we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return – without the saving grace of our Heavenly Father.

#### NaCoMe CHURCH FAMILY CAMP 2020



Mark your calendars for July 17-19, 2020. We had a blast last summer at NaCoMe! Check out our fun 2019 video at this link:

https://vimeo.com/user87440169/download/386243217/95db6dc37a

What is NaCoMe? It is a wonderful time for fun, spiritual growth, and fellowship in God's natural setting. This is an awesome annual tradi-

tion 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



# FPC LIFETOUCH PICTORAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED

As a reminder, if you had your picture made or submitted a picture, you may receive one directory per family.

Also, we now have the option of a password protected **Mobile Directory** for your mobile phone or other electronic device. For security purposes, we will not be sending the Access Code out electronically, but you can get the code from any FPC church staff member. You can download the mobile directory on the FPC website, on the mobile app, or on the web by using this link:

https://mobiledirectory.lifeto uch.com/382610/firstpresbyterian-church

**RECYCLING:** Please drop your used coffee cups in the trash cans marked for recycling. All of the coffee cups we are currently using can be recycled. Please look at the front of the trash can for the recycling symbol and deposit your coffee cups there. Thanks!

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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

FEBRUARY 1: Ken Brasfield, David Greene, Shirley Nelson; FEBRUARY 4: Lana Harbin; FEBRUARY 6: Joey Howell; FEBRUARY 7: Crystal Climer; FEBRUARY 8: Pam Bowers; FEBRUARY 9: Jaxon Reynolds; FEBRUARY 10: Kristen White; FEBRUARY 14: Stephanie Gordon; FEBRUARY 15: Steve Carls, Darcy Puffer; FEBRUARY 18: Albert Alexander, Sophie Varino; FEBRUARY 19: Callie Dollar, Will Harbin; FEBRUARY 20: Tom Blackmon, Jim Campbell III, Catey Beth Donnell, Kendra Smith; FEBRUARY 21: Charlie Crenshaw; FEBRUARY 23: Jeannette Hendricks, David Ide; FEBRUARY 24: Nelda McCune, Gordon White;

Happy anniversary!

FEBRUARY 9: Ken & Sandra Brasfield FEBRUARY 18: David & Lynda Vince

FEBRUARY 27: Mo & Polly 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).

# playschool news

### THE BLESSINGS OF PLAYSCHOOL



JENNIFER GERAGHTY, PLAYSCHOOL DIRECTOR

jcgeraghty@eplus.net

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 stop in for a visit; no appointment is needed.

Children enrolling for the first time should be 2, 3 or 4 by August 15, 2020.

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 Plays

school please share this registration information and encourage them to look at fpcjacksontn.org and give Playschool a call at 424-6515.

### **PLAYSCHOOL 2020-21 REGISTRATION**



#### Monday, March 9

Church members; grandchildren of church members 9:00 AM (Playschool building)

#### Tuesday, March 10

Presently enrolled Playschool families:

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

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 11

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.\*

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### the children's corner





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

# LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS FOR THE KIDS OF FPC

Spring and Summer at FPC will be full of fun events for our kids.

The BLAST group will be singing in worship, there will be breakfast with the Easter Bunny and VBS in June will definitely be something to look forward to.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MS. LINDSEY!

#### **EXCITING DATES AHEAD:**

February 9th

BLAST children sing in worship

April 4th

Breakfast with the Bunny (weekend of Palm Sunday)

April 5th

Palm Sunday BLAST and LAUNCHPAD will sing in worship.Palm parade if weather permits

April 9th

Maundy Thursday worship service. BLAST and LAUNCHPAD children will meet as usual.

June 8th -11th

VBS —"Knights of North Castle:"

Watch for more information



WE SPENT TIME MAKING BIRD FEEDERS FOR OUR FRIENDS IN THE NURSING HOME.



FUN WITH MS. ELLEN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



# THANK YOU **SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



MOLLY RICHARDSON. YOUTH DIRECTOR fpcmolly@eplus.net

A big THANK YOU to

everyone that supported the youth group in the first annual Christmas tree lighting fundraiser! This was a very fun night and we hope to continue and grow this tradition for years to come.



#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 2: Souperbowl of Caring fundraiser: Super Bowl party at the Varino's @ 5:00 PM

February 9: Room in the Inn; March 6-8: NaCoMe spring retreat



2019 was a wonderful year of growing spiritually, mentally and physically for this awesome youth group. We cannot wait to see what 2020 has in store!



The youth group and their families had the opportunity to meet our new associate pastor and their new youth director, Courtney (along with her family), last month. They shared a meal and fellowship time together.

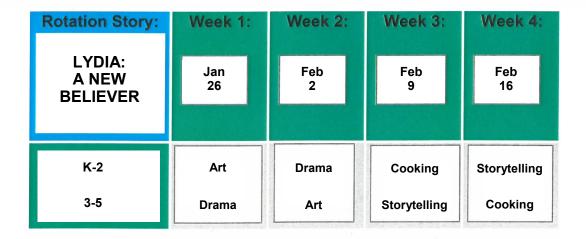


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# rotation sunday school







Memory Verse: "Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT!** Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Through the Roof rotation, including Callie Dollar, Jennifer Flanagan, Mary McCaslin and Sharyn Thompson.

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): The children will make heart shaped cookies. FOCUS. Hospitality.

"And God Created..." (ART): The children will make Valentine cards to give to our shut-ins. FOCUS: The life of Lydia and her occupation.

**The Synagogue School (Bible Skills, Games, Music and Storytelling):** The children will hear a story about Lydia. **FOCUS:** Events of the story, what it means to believe in Jesus.

**MasterPeace Theatre (DRAMA):** The children will perform a puppet drama about Lydia. **FOCUS:** Lydia's character, conversion experience



#### FINANCIAL UPDATE – DECEMBER 2019

	Actual <u>Year-to-date</u>	Budget <u>Year-to-date</u>	Actual <u>Last Yr to date</u>
2019 Pledges	\$ 595,124	\$ 627,070	\$ 643,044
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 708,870	\$ 725,070	\$ 732,997
Total Income	\$ 847,327	\$ 906,055	\$ 850,596
Total Expenses	\$ 808,981	\$ 906,055	\$ 767,100
Net Income	\$ 38,346	\$ 0	\$ 83,496

Pledges can now be paid using ACH bank drafts on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact Machelle 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 Machelle Daniel-Hall (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 Machelle to use when buying items for the church, which should be provided to the retailer at point of sale.

The church will no longer reimburse for sales tax paid.

# session highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 5:00 PM in Memorial Hall and conducted its normal business.

#### THE SESSION VOTED TO:

- Approve the minutes of the stated Session meeting of December 8, 2019, the called meeting of December 15, 2019, and the Congregational Meeting of December 15, 2019.
- Adopt the 2020 Challenge Budget with minor amendments.
- Approve a Souper Bowl fundraiser on February 2 with proceeds going to RIFA.
- Move Doug Jones from the inactive to the active membership roll.
- Approve the 2020 dates for Communion: February 2, March 8, April 9, May 31, June 28, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 22, December 24.
- Elect Russell Cook as Church Treasurer for 2020.
- Set a February 9, 2020 date for a Congregational Meeting to vote on Pastor's Change of Call.
- Make a gift of \$500.00 in memory of Claircy Purinton to the First Presbyterian Dayschool of First Presbyterian Church of Spartenburg, SC, with funds coming from the Undesignated Memorial Gifts Fund.

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

NEXT SESSION MEETING | February 9 @ 5 PM

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### 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 2:** Harbert, Tausha, Ridley, Mary Harbert, Elizabeth and Dorothy Alexander; Ms. Lesa Barton; Joshua and Katie Bowman.

**FEBRUARY 9:** Ken and Sandra Brasfield; Barry and Karen Broughton; Jeff and Pamela Chambers

**FEBRUARY 16:** Ms. Gabi Cox, Ava and Camille; Andrew, Jessica, Callum, Catey Beth and Connor Donnell; Michael, Jennifer and Tim Geraghty



FEBRUARY 23: Ms. Alexandra Harris, Brantley Gobbell and Cooper Harris; Ms. Kathy House; Ms. Dolly Mathis

# ASSISTED LIVING AND EXTENDED CARE:

#### Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #234

#### **Brookdale Jackson Oaks**

Helen Johnson, #D65 Betty Stewart, #M8 Dolly Mathis, #M32 Martha Hanserd, #E85

#### Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

#### Elmcroft

Bob Elam, #215 Judi Wilson

#### Northbrooke

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

#### Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince

(Carol Whitnall's mother)

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Drew and Allison Moore, Ayden and Wesley

The family of Virginia Bridgewater

Jim Marple (home)

Porter Bunch

Jessica Fail Young

Clarence & Norma Smith

Courtney, Lane, Cleve and Carter Bowen

Jimmy East (home)

Ken and Madeline Yount (mission work)

Georgia Wellborn

W.C. Cowles

Jean Wilson (hospice)

James Harris

David Smith (surgery)

Tisha Blankenship

Mike, Christie, and Jared Martin

Sylvia Showalter

Ron Taylor

Sid Spragins

Rick McCune

Martha Hanserd

(Brookdale Jackson Oaks)

Mandy Little (cancer)

Phillip Pickens (cancer – Jody's broth-

er)Florence Bridges (recovery and re-

hab)Eloise Phillips

Debbie Lee (Lori Howell's sister-in-law),

cancer

Kay Engle Medlin (Judy Herron's sister)Harrison Herron
Anne Garrard
Judy Harber (Kathy House's cousin)Marilynn Ames
Judi Wilson
Kathy Whitener (Georgia Wellborn's sister)
John and Susan Anderson
Richard and Liz Swaim
James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

Anderson Presbyterian Church
Disaster victims- all areas involved
Cancer patients on our hearts
Mission Partners in Asia
Mission Partners in Peru
Unspoken prayer concerns
Search Committee & Search Process
Unspoken prayer requests



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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.

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