

Thank You Volunteers!



Many of us learned as children to lace our fingers and say the rhyme: “Here is the church / here is the steeple / open it up / and see all the people.” A funny thing then happened when we grew up: we heard that *church* in the New Testament never refers to the place in which the people meet but refers always to the people themselves.

It was very evident while preparing for VBS, during VBS, and beyond that our *church* is very blessed with those that choose to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This was our largest VBS to date with seventy four children registered and nearly sixty volunteers that helped from beginning to end. When you see any of the people below, let them know how much you appreciate them, I sure do!

Sing and Play Celebration Leaders: Mary Marshall Jewell and Cramer Martin; Awesome Bible Adventure Leaders: Terri and Patrick Flynn and Dawn High; Red Rock Recreation: Brian Allred, Lee Holloway, Joe Graham, Richard Powers, Louis Maddox, and Will Goodman; Kid Vid Cinema: Gloria Dale and Jean Mac Ball; Imagination Station: Leigh Ann Church, Cathy McDonald, Argie Satterwhite, and Westin Lewis; Oasis Tastes: Cindy Baxter, Mary McClanahan, Debbie Sherman, Brenda Callahan, Karen and Allen Phillips.

Group Leaders: Beth Patton, Amy Overton, Neelley King, Jennie Harlan, Karen Vest, Julie Crichton, Raven Martin, Miranda Campbell; Assistant Group Leaders: Katelyn Coker, Molly Potts, Sarah Ann Crichton, Marley Molder, Lilly Allred, Murphy Call, Macy Luna, Ann Courtner Fields, Mary Dudley Hill, Abby Lewis, Jakob Wilson. Preschool Leaders: Mollie Grace DeMoss, Lynne Hendrickson, Annie Hill, Lily Wilson, and Carter Sweeney. Nursery Leaders: Megan Hill and Blaire Hickman; Registration: Dannette DeMoss and Jamie Wilson.

Set Engineering and Design: Sharon and John Shaw, Jeff Baxter, Lee Brown, Jean Mac Ball, Megan, Annie, Mary Dudley and Margaret Hill, Cathy McDonald, Terri Flynn, James Marshall and Wayne DeMoss (audiovisual).

Monumental VBS was monumental!

In Christ,
Susie Baxter

August 2022

Heard on High

FPC Columbia's *Heard on High* is published monthly for all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church

Something New!

It is becoming more and more apparent that the Pastor Nominating Committee is well on its way in finding the next pastor for FPC, Columbia. The announcement of a new pastor could come about quickly. No one really knows for sure. Hence, there is a need to prepare for something new, in this case the arrival of a new pastor. There is something for everyone to do. Here are some thoughts.

When the announcement of a new pastor is heard think of how you would like to begin. I would suggest the following:

1. Provide your new pastor with opportunities and time to establish relationships. Relationships take time and are critical in ministry. Allow your pastor the kind of schedule, early on, that leaves plenty of room for relationship building.
2. Set realistic expectations for everyone. Sometimes a congregation has unrealistic expectations for its new pastor. A pastor cannot do everything and cannot read minds.
3. Be clear. Developing clarity with everyone, at the outset, about what your pastor's job is and is not helps ensure a healthy ministry relationship. Usually, the PNC will be a great help, but so will the Session as long as information is communicated to the congregation.
4. Welcome the family. If the pastor is married then there is a pastor's spouse and possibly children to think about. What will make them feel welcome?
 - a. I have known congregations to gather basic food items and household necessities for the pastor's family upon their arrival.
 - b. Some congregations provide the new pastor a series of gift cards. Some have taken the pastor's family out to some local entertainment spots, restaurants, parks, etc.

Designate 2-3 trusted families who can “adopt” the pastor's family for the first couple of months and be the people to go to with questions about the church and the community. Sometimes the PNC serves in this capacity.

I have not mentioned everything that can be done or that should be done, but hopefully my short list will get you thinking, praying and planning for this very special time.

Change is never easy, and I can promise that the pastor will be different from other pastors of the past. Yet, God is doing a new thing. It is on the horizon. In a world filled with polarization and discord, let this new relationship be cherished and nurtured. To God be the glory!

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Finance

First Presbyterian Church - Columbia Financial Summary

2022 Operating Budget Activity				
	As of 06/30/2022	2022 Budget	% of Budget	As of 06/30/2021
Tithes and Offerings	\$298,144			\$262,324
Plus: 2022 Pledges pd in 2021	\$44,000			\$13,000
Less: 2021 Pledges pd in 2022	-\$200			-\$8,000
Total Adjusted Tithes and Offerings	\$341,944			\$267,324
Other Operating Income	\$457			\$8,518
TOTAL ADJUSTED OPERATING INCOME	\$342,401	\$523,140	65%	\$275,842
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$227,589	\$521,665	44%	\$261,479
Net Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)	\$114,812			\$14,363

Memorial Funds Activity	
	June
Restricted	\$0
Unrestricted	\$380
John Satterwhite Memorial Endowment	\$2
Total Memorials	\$382
Total Memorial Expenses	\$121

Account Balances			
	06/30/2022	06/30/2021	12 Month Change
Operating	\$251,676	\$112,448	\$139,228
Restricted Memorial	\$47,985	\$51,643	-\$3,658
Unrestricted Memorial	\$45,757	\$42,681	\$3,076
Total Cash in bank	\$345,418	\$206,772	\$138,646
Long Term Investment *	\$266,906	\$207,364	
John Satterwhite Memorial Endowment	\$242,548	\$273,492	

Congregational Care

Memorials

In **memory** of Martha Jane Hines by: John Holtzapple, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Neal, Linda Rainey Bell, Jennie & Al Harlan.

In **memory** of Henry Jones by: Tom Porter, Dixie Williamson, Eva & Don Crichton, Roben & Dalton Mounger, Jennie & Al Harlan.

In **memory** of Clara Mae Goodman (grandmother of Tonjia Potts) by: Jennie & Al Harlan

A **donation** has been given to the kitchen re-model by Ann Evans in memory of Mollie McCaig (wife of Evan McCaig and grandson of Frances and Fred Evans).

Youth



Mark Your Calendars!

Youth Group Returns on September 18th with a Youth/Parent Kickoff

Youth group is for youth in rising 6th-12th Grade. Watch your mail for more information.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee is asking for prayers from the congregation as we move through the next few weeks. While we are far from any decisions, we are optimistic that we have started to move forward in this process. We have faith that God has already chosen our next pastor and that He will reveal it to us in His time.

Chair: Dwight Fox, Co-Chair: Ed Lancaster, Secretary: Jeff Baxter, Internet Communicator: Matt Campbell, Church Communications: Dawn Taylor, Correspondence: Beth Patton, Church Liaison: Jean Mac Ball

Deacons



FPCC is responsible for the People's Table for the month of August. If you would like to volunteer to cook, serve, or clean, please contact the church office at 931-388-1985.

MyRide TN

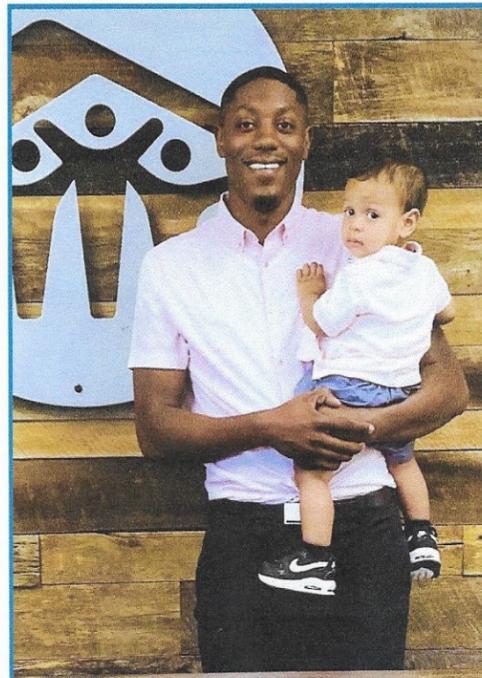


The My Ride program for Maury County is now operated by the Maury County Senior Citizens Center. This program assists residents by supplying transportation to doctor appointments and other essential visits within the county. This program is in need of volunteers who can offer time and assistance to those who are unable to make arrangements on their own.

Contact Terri Thompson, who directs this program, at 931-307-5307 if you can help out a few hours per month.

Mission

The Mission Committee is pleased that Habitat for Humanity has selected a future homeowner for the house we sponsored this spring.



future homeowners The Frierson Family

Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury is happy to welcome Keo Frierson and his son Grayson (2) to the Homeownership Program.

Keo was born and raised in Franklin and attended Centennial High School. As a child, he enjoyed playing basketball, making music, and playing video games. His aptitude for technology led him to win a 1st place prize in Media Sound Concepts at the Williamson County Film Festival while still in high school. Currently he works full time at Caliber Collison and has so for the past two years.

Mr. Frierson and his sister were raised by their mother and grandparents in the house his grandparents owned. His grandfather worked in construction, and grandmother worked as a housekeeper. He remarks that living in a multi-generational household taught him a multitude of skills. He learned work ethic and dedication from his grandparents and strong parenting skills from his mother, who passed away in 2019. "My mom took care of our home while my grandparents worked," he noted. "She was a wonderful mother."

When he found out recently that his grandmother would be selling his childhood home, Keo went to work seeking out affordable housing options. "As a single father, I was having a hard time finding anything reasonable for one income," he explained. "I was so thankful to learn about Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury's (HFHWM) Homeownership Program and for the opportunity to provide a stable, safe home for my son."

Mr. Frierson says the HFHWM Homeownership Program has been a wonderful experience so far, teaching him valuable financial and practical skills. "It's great to know people care enough to help families in need," Keo noted. "I want give a special thanks to my sponsors for their acts of kindness. Without your help I am not sure homeownership would be possible."

Keo Frierson's home build will begin in the Spring of 2022 in Columbia.

Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury
109 Noah Drive
Franklin, TN 37064
www.hfhw.org
615-690-8090



Committees

Presbyterians believe in the "Priesthood of all Believers," which is a fancy way of saying that all of us – clergy and lay people alike – are called to participate in sharing the Good News of God's Love with the world. How do we do that? The ministries of FPCC are led by committees of people who come together to serve a common purpose or function. Most of the direct work of ministry, both within and outside of our congregation, occurs at the committee level. All members of First Presbyterian are welcome and encouraged to participate in the work of our committees.

At FPCC, our Session has several standing committees, each of which is made up of elders and other members of the congregation. Are you feeling called to join into this important work? Please read the objective of each committee, pray about where you would like to serve, and contact the chair of the committee you would like to serve on. For a more detailed description of each committee go to our webpage www.1stprescolumbia.org and click on the "about us" tab and go to committees.

Membership Committee

Objective: The objectives of the Membership Committee are to promote the life of First Presbyterian Church to its members and visitors using the church's promotional vehicles, to identify and nurture church members who have become inactive, and to lead visitors towards church membership.

Contact: **Martha Jones**

Fellowship Committee

The objective of the Fellowship Committee is to successfully and efficiently execute the fellowship/congregational life activities of the church.

Contact: **Dorothy Duncan**

Personnel Committee

The objective of the Personnel Committee is to assist the Session in fulfilling its responsibilities for the persons employed by the church. Contact: **Jack Baxter**

Youth Fellowship Committee

The objective of the Youth Committee is to develop and sustain ministry for and with the youth of First Presbyterian Church. Through participation in our youth ministry, young people will discover their identity in Christ, grow towards maturity in their faith as they learn about and embrace the stories and practices of Christian faith, and be equipped to join in the work of God's kingdom in the world.

Contact: **Dawn Taylor**

Mission Committee

The objective of the committee is to lead the congregation in understanding and engaging in the mission of the church.

Contact: **Dan Garman**

Worship and Music Committee

The objective of the Worship Committee is to guide and lead our congregation in meaningful and nurturing worship that honors and glorifies God.

Contact: **Paula Thomas**

Christian Education Committee

The objective of the Christian Education Committee is to provide oversight and leadership around educational opportunities that encourage and nurture the life-long process of faith formation for church members, visitors, and the community of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, TN.

Contact: **Ed Lancaster**

Property Committee

The objective of the Property Committee is to maintain, repair, preserve, and improve all First Presbyterian property to provide a safe, secure, comfortable, and nurturing environment for boundless worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The committee's mission is accomplished thru continuous assessments, inspections, functional tests, and by solicitations and collaborations with all users of the church facilities.

Contact: **Julia West**

Christian Education

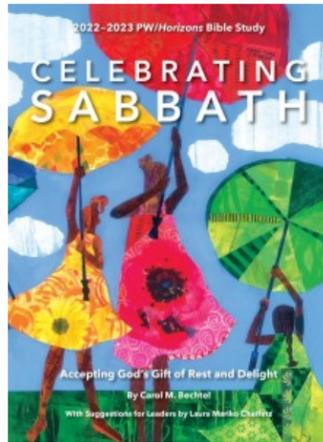


Mark Your Calendar for Genesis Sunday
August 28, 2022

It's time for children and students to move up to their new age/grade level groups for the 2022–23 school year. August 28th marks the start of fall programming for FPCC. We invite you to join us at 9:15 in the Sanctuary for our fall Sunday school kickoff!

The Christian Education Committee is hard at work recruiting teachers and choosing curriculum for the upcoming year. Information on classes and volunteer needs will be out soon, please prayerfully consider where you might like to serve.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study



The Presbyterian Women's Bible study for this fall is "Celebrating Sabbath."

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

Study books are available in the church office.

WONDERFUL Wednesday

Wonderful Wednesday's will resume in September once our kitchen renovations are complete. Stay tuned for updates.

Christian Education



Officer's Retreat

The Officer's Retreat for the 2022/2023 calendar year will be held on Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27 with installation of new officers on Sunday, August 28.

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 26:

5:30 PM-Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM-Guest Speaker

7:00 PM Statements of Faith

Saturday, August 27:

8:00 AM-Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM-12:00 PM-Overview of church officer responsibilities and Diaconate/Session breakouts.

Sunday, August 28

10:30 AM Service-Officer Installation

All outgoing officers are invited to attend the dinner on Friday evening.

Rev. Toby Mueller has been leading officer training for incoming officers, the final training date is Sunday, August 14 from 3:00-4:30.

Fellowship



Ice Cream Crankin' Contest!
Sunday, August 28th-5:00 PM
at Antrim

The Fellowship and Christian Education Committees are hosting our 2nd annual Ice Cream Crankin' contest on Sunday, August 28th, 5:00 PM at Antrim. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be furnished. We need volunteers to make homemade ice cream to share. We ask that you make your ice cream at home and bring it to the event. Please let us know by Sunday, August 21 how many in your family will be attending.

Contact Renea in the church office if you want to enter your homemade treat!