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Heard on High

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Several years ago, my younger daughter Ashley had talked with my wife, Toby to say that she was planning to drive up to Huntsville, Alabama where we lived at the time and surprise me for my birthday. Toby was very excited as was Ashley.

It was going to be a beautiful weekend and the drive for Ashley (a student at the time at the University of South Alabama in Mobile) would be about a 4 or 5 hour drive. The plans were set.

Ashley embarked on her journey. She was doing well until just past Exit 212 on I-65. She was attempting to pass a semi-tractor trailer when her left rear tire blew out. In attempt to correct the car which was next to the semi traveling at 75 miles an hour, she hit the undercarriage of the trailer and went flying off into the median flipping two times before landing upside down.

Ashley was naturally on the phone with one of her friends at the time and her friend Molly heard a scream with the phone suddenly going silent. Molly quickly called Toby.

Over the course of an hour, we finally reached the Alabama State Troopers who told us Ashley was in an accident and had been transported to the hospital. Her condition was unknown. We were told the freeway was stopped in both directions for more than hour.

Some of us have endured these types of troubles, but it was easily one of the most frightening experiences of my life. When I heard the news, I was the one who would travel about two hours to the hospital.

On the way down, all kinds of thoughts raced through my head. What would I find? Is she okay? Is she hurt? I was not numb but rather hopeful of a good outcome. I was definitely anxious and worried.

When I arrived, Ashley was walking out the emergency room doors. She had a couple of bumps and few scratches but that was it. She was wearing her seatbelt. Thank God!

We all go through difficulties in life. Rarely do we recognize that God is close at hand to help us. It turns out when the accident occurred, two doctors were in separate cars right behind Ashley. They stopped and helped. A critical care nurse was on the other side of the freeway. She stopped. She held Ashley's hand as the firemen and paramedics tried to free her.

I don't like to think much about that story. It still troubles me. Sometimes the story leads to many more questions that never seem to get answered.

I do know, however, that as believers in Christ, more is going on around us for our good than we could ever have imagined. And that fills me with a sense a peace and gives me hope. God is in our midst helping us despite the problems that confront us.

Blessings!

Mark

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Finance

First Presbyterian Church - Columbia Financial Summary

2022 Operating Budget Activity				
	As of 03/31/2022	2022 Budget	% of Budget	As of 03/31/2021
Tithes and Offerings	\$120,109			\$173,139
Plus: 2022 Pledges pd in 2021	\$44,000			\$13,000
Less: 2021 Pledges pd in 2022	\$200			-\$8,000
Total Adjusted Tithes and Offerings	\$163,909			\$178,139
Other Operating Income	\$124			\$123
TOTAL ADJUSTED OPERATING INCOME	\$164,033	\$523,140	31%	\$178,262
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$110,260	\$521,665	21%	\$129,069
Net Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)	\$53,773			\$49,193

Memorial Funds Activity	
	March
Restricted	\$500
Unrestricted	\$120
John Satterwhite Memorial Endowment	\$100
Total Memorials	\$720
Total Memorial Expenses	\$100

Account Balances			
	03/31/2022	03/31/2021	12 Month Change
Operating	\$193,286	\$166,386	\$26,900
Restricted Memorial	\$50,381	\$52,664	-\$2,283
Unrestricted Memorial	\$45,601	\$41,495	\$4,106
Total Cash in bank	\$289,268	\$260,545	\$28,723
Long Term Investment *	\$298,797	\$198,390	
John Satterwhite Memorial Endowment	\$271,024	\$261,279	



The Children's Choirs will sing an Easter Anthem at the 10:30 service on Mother's Day; Sunday, May 8. Please bring your kids to Wonderful Wednesdays and Sunday School if you would like them to participate!

The Youth Singers will join the Chancel Choir on Sunday, May 15 to sing an Anthem in solidarity for Ukraine at the 10:30 service.

Congregational Care

Memorials

John Satterwhite Endowment Fund

In **honor** of Brenda Callahan by: Argie Satterwhite

In **memory** of Kay Baxter by: Cindy & Jack Baxter

In **memory** of Henry Jones by: Cindy & Jack Baxter



Memorials

In **memory** of Kay Baxter by: Sue & Ken Brinkley

In **memory** of Russell Caffy (brother of Karen Vest) by: Argie Satterwhite

In **memory** of Mary Jane Miles by: Ann Lewis

In **memory** of Homer Martin by: Ann Lewis

In **memory** of Henry Jones (son of Martha & Chopper Jones by: Gloria & Frank Dale, Robert Barrow Sweeney, Sue Dunnebacke, Sharon & Paul Messick, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Neal, Sue & Ken Brinkley

A **donation** has been given to the church for Vacation Bible School in memory of Eleanor Ryburn Nichol Sweeney (grandmother of Robert Barrow Sweeney) given by: Robert Barrow Sweeney

A **donation** has been given to the Church Flower Fund in memory of Eleanor Ryburn Nichol Sweeney (grandmother of Robert Barrow Sweeney) given by: Robert Barrow Sweeney

A **donation** has been given to the church by: Delta Kappa Gamma for use of the Fellowship Hall



Chancel Flowers for 2022

The calendar for placing flowers in the Sanctuary for 2022 is now available on the table in the Education Wing. To secure your date please sign up now.



Let's get ready to go off road for a Monumental Adventure!

Vacation Bible School

June 27-30

Join us as we explore the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest and learn about the greatness of God's love! Each day we will learn about the story of Joseph and his family and that God is with us everywhere, He is in charge, He is surprising, and He loves us no matter what!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please click on the link below to register your child or to volunteer:

<https://vbspro.events/p/fpcc2022>

Classes are available for children in preschool through rising fifth grade. Our preschool class will join us for opening and closing but will be self contained for activities. Children in Kindergarten through rising fifth grade will travel to activities in combined age crews.

As always, we encourage our youth in rising sixth through twelfth grade to sign up to be assistant group leaders.

Please look at the volunteer positions available and prayerfully consider where you would like to serve!

Christian Education

Volunteer Positions

Register on-line

<https://vbspro.events/p/fpcc2022>

Sing & Play Celebration

Lead children at opening and closing each day, introduce the Bible point, Bible verse, Bible memory buddy, and sing fun songs before sending them on their way.

Imagination Station

Imagination Station is where kids use different sciency-fun gizmos each day to experiment, explore and discover Bible truths in fascinating ways.

Awesome Bible Adventures

Lead the children in a hands on experience teaching the Bible story each day and connect the Bible story to real life experiences.

KidVid™ Cinema

Lead children in using the Bible to find and read each day's Bible verse. After children have watched an inspiring true story reinforce the daily Bible verse.

Red Rocks Rec Games

Lead children in games that connect with the daily Bible point. Each day there are three fun games to choose from.

Oasis Tastes Snacks

Help prepare and serve snacks for the children each day.

Quail Trail Preschool

Lead children 3-5 years old in a special program of their own! Preschoolers will gather with the older kids at Sing and Play Celebration and then go to Little Kids Depot for activities.

Crew Leaders

Lead your crew of up to ten mixed age children (along with an assistant) through the seven stations each day, helping them complete the activities in each station.

Assistant Crew Leaders

Assist the adult crew leader in helping the children with daily activities.

Fellowship

WONDERFUL *Wednesday*

The last Wonderful Wednesday of the season is Wednesday, May 11.

Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee and especially Brenda Callahan for the wonderful meals we have had this year!

Join us for our end of year picnic!

Family Fellowship Picnic

MAY 22 @ 4:00 PM

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us on Sunday, May 22 at the Maury County Park, Rotary Shelter for an end of year picnic! Bar B Que, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Condiments and Paper Products will be provided. We invite you to bring chips, your favorite side or dessert to share.

Go past Kids' Kingdom. Turn right at the 4 way. Turn left on the second road. Jared's Dream playground is across the parking lot. Tony's trail is to the right of the shelter. Located directly next to the Lions Club Pavilion.

Session



Congratulations Confirmands!

At the May 2 Session meeting Mark Bridges presented the Confirmation Class of 2022 to the session. Each young lady gave their statements of faith to the session after a year long class taught by Mark Bridges. They will be confirmed on Sunday, June 5 at Camp NaCoMe.

Anna Grace Taylor, Molly Potts, Mark Bridges & Lilly Allred

Mission



The Outreach FOUNDATION™

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR UKRAINE

On Monday, May 2, the Session voted to approve a motion from the Mission Committee to hold a special offering for The Outreach Foundation for Ukraine relief. We will be collecting this offering beginning Sunday, May 8 through Sunday, June 5. If you would like to give to this special offering you may place your contribution in the offering plate, mail your check to the church office, or donate through the church website on the on-line giving portal. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate Ukraine Appeal on all donations.

Our Transitional Pastor, Rev. Mark Mueller is the Executive Director of the Outreach Foundation. To learn more about the work The Foundation is doing for those fighting against the invasion of their nation as well as those who are sheltering in place or fleeing to safe havens please visit the Foundation's website at:

www.theoutreachfoundation.org

Deacons

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.

*Thank
you*

The Maury County Senior Citizens would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Deacons and the members of the congregation for the Easter meals for our Meals on Wheels recipients.

We heard nothing but rave reviews from our seniors. We are indebted to you for your kindness and support of our older adults in Columbia.


2022
class of
22
CONGRATULATIONS!

Senior Recognition Sunday
May 8-10:30 Service



Tessa Butler
Daughter of
Blair & Lisa Butler



Zane Hargrove
Son of
Jeff Hargrove &
Lisa Rice Lovett



Katherine Green
Daughter of
Will & Penny Green
Granddaughter of
Dick Green



Sydney King
Daughter of Tricia Taggart
& Brian King



Louis Maddox
Son of Lee & Alicia Maddox



Patton Powers
Daughter of Reams &
Carey Powers