

THE PROCLAMATION



FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



It does not seem like much—a simple can of soup. In fact, it does not even cost very much in the big scheme of things. You can buy a can of Campbell Soup for one dollar and sometimes, if it is on sale, for even less than that. For argument's sake, though, let's just stick with a dollar. One dollar is not a lot of money, and it certainly doesn't buy you very much. I had lunch with Leila the other day, and a Diet Coke was two dollars. I used to buy my comics for twenty-five cents. I found out from Tripp that comics are not comics any more. Instead, comics are now called graphic novels, and they cost over ten dollars. Have you been in a Dollar General Store? There is nothing in that store that costs a dollar.

A dollar does not buy much these days, but it can buy a can of soup. But then, a can of soup does not seem like much either. I am not really sure when the last time was that I fixed myself a can of soup. One evening, I came home from a meeting and asked Leila, "What's for dinner?" She told me that she needed to go to the grocery store, but there was soup in the pantry. I opened the pantry. I stared at the soup. I decided to get back in the car and go to Subway. I know that was silly. Leila told me it was silly. Sometimes I don't think I realize how blessed I am. Like so many people, I take for granted the blessings that have been bestowed on me, blessings like... like a can of soup. A can of soup may not mean very much to us, but I guarantee you, a simple can of soup would be a miracle from God if I was truly hungry. If that soup was all I had to eat. If that soup was the *only* thing there was to eat.

A dollar... A can of soup... These things do not seem like very much, but to those who are truly hungry it can mean the difference between having something warm in their bellies and going to bed hungry. Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 7**, when First Presbyterian Church will celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. We are asking for all the members of the church to please give a dollar—if not more—for this very special offering. All proceeds will go to help fight hunger in our community. We will also be accepting food for the Rutherford County Food Bank.

A dollar does not seem like very much, but what God can do with a dollar can change someone's life forever.

In Christ's Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John".

Rev. John Hinkle



**Updates from the Pastor**

**Out of Town**

Rev. John Hinkle, Jr., will be attending the Biannual Meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance, which is held in Orlando, Fla. He will fly out on the afternoon of Sunday, February 14, and return on Tuesday, February 16. He will return to the office on February 17.

**What is the Lord's Day Alliance (LDA)?**

Statement from LDA's Website at [www.ldausa.org](http://www.ldausa.org)

**Our Mission**

The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States exists to encourage Christians to reclaim the Sabbath—the Lord's Day—as a day of spiritual and personal renewal, enabling them to impact their communities with the Gospel.



**New Sermon Series!**

Sunday, February 21, begins the season of Lent. Lent is the time when, as a church, we prepare ourselves for the passion of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

The ministers will be preaching a series of sermons during Lent entitled, "The Sheep of the Stained Glass." For a full worship schedule, see page 6.



**Ash Wednesday Service**

On Wednesday, February 17, First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday service has become one of the most meaningful services of the year. The service will be held in the sanctuary and will begin at 6 p.m., following the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

Nursery will be provided. There will be no classes or choir rehearsal from 6-7 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to be part of this most meaningful service.



**Meetings & Retreats**

**MINISTRY TEAMS MEETING**

On the first Tuesday of the month (February 2), nearly all the ministry teams will hold their monthly meetings at the church. Be sure to check with your ministry team to find out when you are scheduled to meet.



**ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (APNC)**

On February 2, the APNC will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom A.



**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The Evangelism Committee will not meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Instead, they will meet on the first Wednesday of the month (February 3) at 4:30 p.m.



**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Personnel Committee will be leaving to go on a retreat on Friday, February 5. They will return on Saturday, February 6.



**WEDDING GUILD**

The Wedding Guild will meet on February 8, at 6:30 p.m., in Classroom A.



**MINISTRY REPORTS FOR SESSION**

Ministry Reports for Session are due on Wednesday, February 10.



**SESSION**

Session will meet on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.

**Announcements**

**Adventures in Membership Class**

Adventures in Membership (AIM) offers visitors and new members a chance to meet new people and learn more about First Presbyterian Church. For more details, and a complete class schedule, check out "Upcoming Events" on page 5.



**Did You Know?**

*You Can Listen to the Sermon Live... Even if You Aren't At Church!*

On Sunday mornings, we offer a live streaming video of the sermon at 11:00 a.m., Central time.

Just go to [www.mborofpc.org](http://www.mborofpc.org), scroll down the Main Menu, and then click "Streaming Video" to watch.



**Will Be Closed:**

Due to the holiday, the church office will be **closed** on:

**February 15**  
**President's Day**

# Announcements

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming worship service, please sign up on the Flower Guild's sign up sheet, located on the bulletin board in the lobby.



**NICARAGUA**  
The next meeting for the **Nicaragua Mission Trip** will be on Monday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the parlor.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of **inclement weather**, there are a few different ways to find out if services will be held. You can find out about cancellations by becoming a friend of FPC on



**Facebook**, by listening to **WGNS radio**, or by checking the **church's website** at mborofpc.org.

The submission deadline for the next issue of the Proclamation is:  
  
**Monday, February 15**  
(For March's Proclamation)



**Even a dollar can go a long way...**  
[www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. On February 7, the FPC Youth Group will be heading up Souper Bowl of Caring for our church. Every dollar donated goes to the Rutherford County Food Bank, our 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice. We will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food items.

[Portions excerpted from the Souper Bowl insert at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)]



Rachel Low has moved. Her new address is:  
775 Saint Andrews Drive, Apt. 7-102,  
Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

Update: Cindi Hall: 2236 Spartan Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37128;  
ph. 496-5123

Update: Jennifer Ray: 1983 Bishop Ave., Murfreesboro, TN 37130;  
ph. 971-0572

If there have been changes to your contact information, please let us know at (615) 893-3882 so we can update the directory.

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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Deadline for Submitting Articles/Items for the Monthly Newsletter

The third Wednesday of every month  
unless noted otherwise.

Please submit articles to

Sara Brookfield at [sbrookfield@mborofpc.org](mailto:sbrookfield@mborofpc.org).

**Articles submitted may be edited for space or content.**

**Website:** [www.mborofpc.org](http://www.mborofpc.org)

**Phone Number:** 615-893-3882

**Fax Number:** 615-848-6837

To receive *The Proclamation* via e-mail, please e-mail Sara at [sbrookfield@mborofpc.org](mailto:sbrookfield@mborofpc.org).

### Sunday Worship

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Communion is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month.

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## Notes From Session

*Session met on January 19, at 6:30 p.m.*

- David and Sara King moved their membership to Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian in Knoxville. Jamie, Kelly, and Sally Bullock transferred to First Presbyterian, Franklin..
- Michelle Perkins will return to teaching the Senior High School Sunday School class in February..
- A spiritual retreat weekend is being planned for April. Dr. Ben Curtis from Belmont College will be presenting the theme: “Living a Post Resurrected Life.” He will teach on new ways to communicate with God during these challenging times..
- Dress shirts and golf shirts with the First Presbyterian logo on them can be ordered through the church office..
- Care Committee: Communion was taken to 4 shut-ins this past month. We continue to hold a worship service at Adams Place Assisted Living each month. A food tray was taken to one of our bereaved members..
- Much work has been done to the Youth Room (downstairs), giving it a major face lift. You are invited to go downstairs and take a look..
- Sixth grade students will begin their Sunday School class on February 7. Michelle Blaylock-Howser will be teaching the class..
- The Wedding Guild is drafting a set of policies. If you have any particular ideas about what you would or would not like to see implemented, please see Libby McKay..
- Thanks are accorded to Becky Roberts for taking care of the poinsettias during the holiday season..
- We are very pleased to announce that Reverend Nickell has agreed to continue on as our interim associate pastor for another year..
- The Personnel Committee placed a job advertisement in the *Daily News Journal* for the position of part-time custodian. The church received more than 50 applications for the position. The Personnel Committee will review the applications and begin scheduling interviews in the near future..
- During the month of December, 61 visitors/families worshiped with us. The Session approved the motion to compensate Susan Steen \$100 per month for the next 12 months for her work on developing and maintaining our website ([www.mborofpc.org](http://www.mborofpc.org))..
- Dates for the Nicaragua trip have been confirmed as March 21-27. The dates for the South Dakota trip are June 25 to July 2..
- Space has become an issue for the Presbyterian Student Fellowship, as the group continues to grow. Currently there are 40 students involved in the group and who attend events regularly. PSF is making efforts to obtain the property behind their current building.
- The church’s various insurance policies are being reviewed because the present coverage was deemed inadequate. This includes the insurance for our building, personal property, employee/employer and employment practices, and liabilities. .
- Final pledge numbers have been tallied. There were 197 pledges made, which amounted to a total of \$626,965.00. The budget will be adjusted to reflect these numbers.2
- The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has met three times this past month and is preparing the Church Information Form. This form details the requirements for the position and will be sent to seminaries and other appropriate institutions.

*Submitted by Glen Emery, Clerk of the Session*

## Wonderful Wednesday



Don't forget to reserve your spot for Wonderful Wednesday Dinner!

- February 3: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and green beans.
- February 10: Boneless pork chops, rice casserole, peas and carrots
- February 17: BBQ, baked beans and potato salad
- February 24: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes and green beans

*All meals include salad, rolls, dessert and milk/tea. Macaroni & Cheese or ham and cheese sandwiches are available on request. If you wish to change your standing reservation or make new weekly ones, please use the forms found in the pew racks or call the church office at 893-3882 ext. 38.*

## Upcoming Events

### ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP (AIM) CLASS

This class is for anyone interested in exploring membership in the Presbyterian Church. You do not have to participate to join the church, but if you have been visiting and have questions, or you have joined and feel that you need more information, this is the class for you. The course began in January, but there are still many more opportunities to attend. **The class is held at 9:30 a.m., on Sunday mornings, in Classroom E.**

- February 7:** The Reformation – Roots of Presbyterianism, presented by D. Barnes
- February 14:** Essential Tenets of Reformed Theology, presented by D. Barnes
- February 21:** Worship and Polity, presented by D. Barnes
- February 28:** Spiritual Gifts and Time and Talent, presented by B. Barnes
- March 7:** Tour of Adult Sunday School Classes, presented by D. Barnes
- April, TBD:** Invited to the Barnes' for social event of fun, food and fellowship



### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Beginning the week of February 8, our preschool will begin offering **priority registration for church members** to secure a spot for the 2010/2011 school year. The **deadline for securing a spot will be February 26.**

**Open registration for the public will begin March 1.** We will once again be offering one 3 year-old class and two 4 year-old classes. If interested, please speak with Amy Leonard or call 893-4760.



## Presbyterian Women



If you were a Secret Sister last year, but were unable to attend the Presbyterian Women's Soup Luncheon last Saturday, stop by the Secret Sister table and check for a note that will reveal the identity of your Secret Sister.

**Chick Flicks are back!** Come join us every fourth Friday of the month at 10 a.m., for a time of fellowship and film-watching. This month we will meet on Friday, February 26.

On Fridays, at 10 a.m., Presbyterian Women meet in Classroom A to work on crafts. Bring a craft and come join us!

**Morning Circle** will meet at 9 a.m., on February 2, at the church. Helen Weidhass will host, and Sandra Hawkins will lead the study.

**Evening Circle** will meet at 7 p.m., on February 9. Nancy Bertrand will host, and Ann Lannom and Pat Snowden will lead the study.



### Women's Retreat

The last day to sign up for the Women's Retreat is **February 7.** The retreat will be held at **Horton Haven, February 19-20.** The **cost for the retreat is \$65** and includes your room, all meals, and all the joy you will get from attending. **Be sure to fill out a registration form** (available through the church office), and put it in the offering plate with the fee attached, or turn it in to Judi Gray or Laura Savage. This year's topic is: **"Enhancing Communication - Focusing on Family and Friends."** Dr. Letitia "Tish" Erdmann will be teaching at the retreat. *For more information, contact the Judi Gray or Laura Savage, or call the church office at 615-893-3882 ext. 0.*



## Worship & Music

### Worship Schedule

**February 7**

*Good News of Great Joy*

“Bread for the Sabbath”

Luke 3:1-6, 15-17

Communion

**February 14**

*Good News of Great Joy*

“Remember Your Baptism”

Luke 3:21-22

Psalm 29

**February 17**

*Ash Wednesday Service*

The Chancel Choir will sing.

**February 21**

*The Sheep of the Stained Glass*

“The Sheep in His Arms”

Matthew 18: 10-14

The Youth Choir will sing at 11 a.m. service

**February 28**

*The Sheep of the Stained Glass*

“The Sheep by His Side”

John 10:1-6

### Montreat Worship & Music Conference

## “Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith: Daily Living the Sacramental Life”

June 20-26, 2010

This conference is “designed for everyone committed to worship in the church—pastors, musicians, choir members, worship committee members, children and youth.”

Check out [www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org) for more information.

**Early Registration Fees (before April 16):**

**\$374 Adult**

**\$241 Young Adult, Youth, & Children**

**\$20 Not registered Chaperone**

We have reserved a new house, with all the amenities. The house sleeps 14, and has seven bedrooms and five baths. We need to fill it! Please let me, Kim Johnson, know if you are interested. There will be some financial assistance for any youth that would like to attend through the Robert Hornsby Montreat Fund.

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#### Youth Bible Study Schedule

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feb. 17:</b> Ash Wednesday Service</li> <li>• <b>Feb. 24:</b> Lent: Temptation: Luke 4:1-13</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 3:</b> Lent: Temptation: Acts 5:1-11</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 10:</b> Lent: Temptation: Matthew 16:21-23</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 17:</b> Lent: Temptation: Matthew 26:69-75</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mar. 24:</b> Lent: Temptation: Matthew 26:6-16</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 31:</b> (No Meeting: Holy Week)</li> <li>• <b>Apr. 7:</b> Resurrection: The Breath of Life: John 20:19-23, Genesis 2:1-7, Ezekiel 37</li> <li>• <b>Apr. 14:</b> (No Mtg: Spring Break)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apr. 21:</b> Resurrection: The Bread of Life: John 21:1-14, Exodus 16:1-3,13-16</li> <li>• <b>Apr. 28:</b> Resurrection: The Words of Life: John 6:60-63, Deuteronomy 6:1-9</li> <li>• <b>May 5:</b> Last Youth Wednesday: Practice for Youth Sunday</li> </ul> |
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## Choir News

### “What’s Happening in the M&M Children’s Choir?”

Submitted by M&M Choir Director Alicia Lewis

A *lot* has been happening! That’s what! After a successful and fun-filled Fall, we started our Spring semester with a study of Epiphany that was fun and engaging. We crafted potpourri sachets to symbolize the Three Wise Men who brought sweet smelling gifts to Jesus. We also studied the significance of the colors from a (real!) King’s Cake, a traditional symbol of Epiphany, in which the color yellow symbolizes power, green stands for faith, and purple for justice.

We started our musical year by learning a rhythmic chant about the seven liturgical seasons from the church calendar. The M&M Choir is also working on learning some of the great hymns of our faith. Through “Hymn and M’s” the children have an incentive to memorize a hymn which will then be part of a church service during the same month. Also, look for us to present our offering to the Lord during the 11 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you’ve ever wondered what we do in M&M Choir, consider the following *Myths vs. Truths* based on an article by Madeline Bridges, Director of the Nashville Children’s Chorus.

**MYTH:** *In a children’s choir, all the children do is sit around and sing.*

**FACT:** A lot of singing does occur; HOWEVER... Choir includes many other components including playing percussion, tone chimes, learning to read music, learning musical terminology, worshipping together, and many other activities.

**MYTH:** *Since my children are involved in other musical activities (band, lessons, and so forth), they don’t need to come to choir.*

**FACT:** Choir and other musical activities share common goals – developing musical skills, etc. HOWEVER... Only in a church choir do children develop both musical and worship skills in tandem. Only in a church choir will children be privileged to be regular worship leaders RIGHT NOW, not far in the future. Only in church choir will children experience music not just as something they “get,” but also as an avenue for service.

**Come and Join Us!**

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### The Chancel Choir

will be preparing special music for *Palm Sunday*, *Maundy Thursday* and *Easter morning*.

Please consider joining us as soon as possible to prepare and participate in these special services.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

No long-term commitment is required.

### Cherub Choir News

*Be sure to check out and join the **facebook page** for the Cherub Choir (First Pres. Cherub Choir).*

*It is a terrific way to communicate. Cherub Choir Director Emily Kent has posted the following:*

Hello everyone!! As of now, here is the **Cherub Worship Schedule** for this semester - let me know as soon as you can if this poses a problem for any of you. I can quickly change the date if necessary. As you know, on the Sundays we sing for worship, I need the kids in the upstairs choir room at 10:30 a.m. to get them dressed, warmed up, focused, and prepared to sing.

**February 14th:** The kids will sing, “Little David, Play on Your Harp” and “Joy” which will coincide with Kay’s sermon, “Good News of Great Joy” (Transfiguration Sunday).

**March 28th:** Cherubs will be singing, “Sing Glad Hosannas” to celebrate Palm Sunday.

**April 4:** Easter morning, the kids will sing, “Christ is Risen.” (I won’t have them in robes because they always look so cute in their Easter outfits!)

**April 18th:** As we continue to remember and celebrate the Easter season, the kids will sing, “Jesus Lives.”

**May 9th:** “Teach Me Your Way” will be sung by the Cherubs in honor of Mother’s Day. This is an incredibly sweet piece sung with flute. If I can get her, Joanna Riggs will be playing with us that Sunday. This should be special :)

**May 23rd:** We will be done with rehearsals by this time, but I found the cutest song, “Send Your Fire Down!” which is absolutely perfect for Pentecost Sunday. We will be working on this throughout our spring rehearsals, so the kids will be prepared even though rehearsals will be over by then.

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## Bicentennial Countdown



### COUNTDOWN TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BICENTENNIAL

*Contributed by Sandra & Jerry Hawkins, Bicentennial Chairpersons*

In June 2011, First Presbyterian Church will be 200 years old! The Bicentennial Birthday Celebration will last from June 2011 to April 2012, and the Bicentennial Committee will be posting updates on the planned events as the dates draw nearer. Be sure to stay tuned to see how you can get involved!

#### Did You Know?

The flyleaf of the first record book of the congregation states “Rev. Robert Henderson settled among us and Commenced his labours June first 1811.” In April 1812, the Murfree Spring Presbyterian Church was organized and received its charter.

Murfree Spring later became known as First Presbyterian Church of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and is one of the oldest congregations in Rutherford County.

#### So, What’s Being Planned?

The Bicentennial will be a year-long celebration (June 2011-April 2012), and the central committee members—John Hinkle, Susan Daniels, Kim Johnson, Libby McKay, and Sandra and Jerry Hawkins—have begun making plans. We want everyone to join in the excitement of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. There will be sign-ups for the many committees involved, solicitations for pictures and documents, and requests for ideas for activities.

#### We Need You!

One idea we have involves sharing the history of First Presbyterian Church. Susan Daniel and Libby McKay are working on the plans for this. We would like to create a “virtual museum” on the church’s website ([www.mborofpc.org](http://www.mborofpc.org)). We think this will be an ideal way to share pictures and documents of interest that may be among our congregation’s personal collections. We have asked Susan Steen to help us with setting up our “virtual museum” online. We will take digital pictures of any items our congregation might want to share and then place the picture of the item on the website for all to see and enjoy. We are anxious to get started with our museum, so please let us know if you have items, pictures, or documents to share.

## New Class Schedule

**Some classes have already begun, but it’s not too late for you to start attending!**

#### Classes Offered by Rev. Kaye Nickell:

*Critical Junctures in American Religious History: (Wednesday Nights, 6:00 to 7:00)* We will examine several important incidents in American religious history that represent the American tradition, radical alteration of older traditions, or the birth of new religious movements. We will explore the forces effecting change. We will also compare these adaptations with change or resistance to change in our Reformed theology and practice. The first class was Wednesday, January 13, at 6 p.m.

*The Book of Acts: (Thursdays at Noon)* This class is actually part two of the gospel of Luke. We will continue to examine what the author of Luke has to say about the community of the spirit as it unfolds after the death of Jesus. The first class will be Wednesday, March 4, at 12 noon.

#### Class Offered by Rev. John Hinkle, Jr.:

*Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport: (Wednesday Nights at 6:00 p.m.)* Does Calvinism have anything to do with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? What do you think of Calvinism? Do you view it positively or negatively? Do you wonder if you have to be a Calvinist to be Presbyterian? Let’s face it, many of us wonder what a Calvinist is and what Calvinism means for Presbyterians. Beginning on January 20, Rev. Hinkle will spend several weeks reviewing the book “Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport.” This friendly, conversational book helps clear up some misconceptions and distorted views on what it means to be a Calvinist. Even if you don’t think you are a Calvinist, this class will offer an engaging, inside look at the topic. If you are a Calvinist, this class will provide a picture of how we are to live a gentle life and be respectful of others – both Christians and non-Christians – who hold different perspectives.

## New Member Profiles



### Wanda Barr

Although she's been attending our church for about four years, Wanda Barr just recently transferred her membership from First Presbyterian in Franklin.

Born in Smithville, she lived most of her life in Nashville. After retiring from the business world she, along with her husband William, now deceased, ran a farm in Williamson County for 20 years. She has four adult children and six grandchildren, who she says occupy much of her time.

Wanda is a member of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. While at the Franklin church she served three terms on the session. She's involved with a creative writing group based in College Grove and works a couple days each month in the boutique at Steinmart in Murfreesboro. She resides at 326 Kevin Dr., Murfreesboro.

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### Becky Tyner Elrod

Our church surroundings looked familiar to Becky Tyner Elrod when she transferred her membership here from First Presbyterian in Nashville recently. After all, she'd been a member here at age 14 before moving away.

Born in Highland Park, Mich., Becky is the daughter of member Bill Tyner and his late wife Jewel. Employed in the biology department office at Middle Tennessee State University, she holds a degree in psychology from MTSU. She lists reading, walking and cooking as favorite hobbies.

Becky and her husband David have two children, Clayton, 17, a junior at Siegel High School and Grace, 15, a freshman at Siegel. The family resides at 2402 Battleground Dr., Murfreesboro.

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*New Member Profiles Submitted by Glenn Himebaugh*

## Thank You Notes

*Thank you to all the women of the church who baked cookies for our members who don't get out much. We had a great turnout.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Care Committee*

*We truly appreciate your thoughtful cards, your prayers, and your comforting words and hugs in this time of our sadness. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family.*

*-Jerry and Sandra Hawkins*

Thanks for all your prayers and all your help for this year. The help after the tornado and for the trees. We will always in our hearts be grateful.

Love in Christ,

Harold & Lynn Hamm

We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you!" to the home care committee. The meals and well-wishes made a difficult time bearable. The food was fantastic! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Mishelle Perkins  
& Family

To the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the generous check sent to cover the cost of the trees we had to replace due to the Good Friday tornado.

The response & love shown from the Murfreesboro community & especially the church community has been overwhelming.

We will always remember your good deed & God bless each of you.

With love & gratitude,

Roy & Mary Ann Gilley

We can never express to the church in words how much appreciated all your thoughts, prayers, help and monetary gifts were to use after the tornado of April 10th. We are truly blessed by being a part of First Pres!

Thank you so very much for your kindness, joyously given. Lovingly received.

Geneva Delene, Kris Delene,  
Shelly Graham

## February Birthdays

- February 1 Betty Ozburn
- February 2 Annabelle Goodman, Carol Justice, Jennifer Willoughby, Ragen Marie White
- February 3 Andrew Willoughby
- February 4 Steven Wehofer
- February 5 David Corlew
- February 6 Tommy Beernink, Kim Smith, Katie Turner
- February 7 Ernie Brackeen, Ed Maupin III, Trey Randolph, Sammy Owens
- February 8 Virginia Copen, Michael Daniel, Adam Parsons
- February 9 Olivia Arney, Libby McKay, Andrew Swann
- February 11 Kevin Heusinkveld
- February 12 Stacey Borasky, Helen Ponder
- February 13 Mark Bush
- February 14 William Daniel, Bill Sculley, Justin Harney, James Lewis III
- February 15 Beth Brasch, Mark Follis
- February 16 Lynn Felder, Matthew McBride, John Pearson
- February 17 Bud Beagles, Ann Lannom, Brent Blackwelder, Kristin Walker-Carlton
- February 18 Caroline Follis, Missy Veazie
- February 19 Elizabeth Barnhill, Susan Waldrop, Ashley Wessner
- February 21 Anna Maria Manley
- February 22 David Sevier, Mary Woodruff
- February 23 Lynn Hamm
- February 24 Bill Bullock, Buddy Jordan, Evans Gritton, Julia Sculley, William Tocco
- February 25 Beth Barnes, Charles Frierson, Debbie Harney
- February 26 Lois Graeff, Joanne Lecroy, Donald Parente, Rob Steele
- February 27 Wendell Davis, Eve Jones
- February 28 Hunter Foley, Jake Goodman, Bill McKay, Anne McKinney, Matthew Perkins



## Anniversaries

*Happy Anniversary to...*

*Jonathan & Christy Swenson on February 26*

*Kevin & Sandra Wheeler on February 26*

*Jack Ross & Suma Clark on February 28*



## Primetimers



The Primetimers will have a Valentine's Day luncheon on Thursday, February 11 at 11 a.m. The location for the lunch has not yet been announced. Be sure to check upcoming bulletins and "Tidbits" for more details!



## Congratulations!

**They're Engaged!**

Congratulations to **John McDonald** and his fiancé **Alyssa Tozer** on their recent engagement! We wish you all the best!





# February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
•	1 • Men's Bible Study: 5:30 pm	2 •Morning Circle: 10 am •Staff Mtg: 10:30 am •Ministry Meetings that evening •VBS Mtg:6:30 pm •APNC: 7pm	3 • Wonderful Wednesday (WW). Choirs. • Evangelism Committee Mtg: 4:30 pm	4	5 • Personnel Committee Retreat (Fri. & Sat.)	6 • Men's Bible Study: 7 am • Presbytery Meeting at Smyrna
7 •AIM Class: 9:30 am •SouperBowl of Caring •PSF: Super Bowl Party •FIF @ Arnett's: 4 pm: Super Bowl Party	8 • MBS: 5:30pm • Wedding Guild: 6:30 pm: Classroom A	9 • Embroidery: 9:30 am • Staff Meeting: 10:00 am • Care at 1 pm • Evening Circle at 7 pm	10 • WW . Choirs. • Ministry Reports Due	11	12 • Presbyterian Women: Crafts @ 10 am	13 • MBS: 7 am • John Gone to LDA Meeting
14 • <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> • AIM Class 9:30 am • Hand bells & Cherubs: 11 am	<b>15 President's Day</b> •OFFICE CLOSED •CLOSED: Schools & Preschool •Newsletter Deadline •MBS: 5:30 pm	16 • Staff Mtg.: 10:30am • Service of Wholeness: 6 pm • Session: 6:30 pm	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> • John back • Ash Wednesday service at 6pm. No rehearsals or classes 6-7 pm Dinner @ 5pm • Room In the Inn: 6 pm	18	19 • Presbyterian Women: Crafts @ 10 am • Women's Retreat at Horton Haven (Fri. & Sat.)	20 • MBS: 7 am • Women's Retreat
21 • <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> • AIM Class: 9:30 am	22 • MBS: 5:30 am	23 • Staff Mtg: 10:30 am • Adams Place: 1:30 pm • Circle of Faith: 7 pm	24 • Schools: Early Dismissal • WW. Choir.	25	26 • Presbyterian Women: Chick Flicks @ 10 am	27 • MBS: 7 am
28 • <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> • AIM Class: 9:30 am						

## Memorials

The following memorials were made in December 2009 & January 2010:

*Designated Music Fund:*

In memory of Ann Bock Young given by:  
 Dicken & Barbara Kidwell  
 Doug & Susan Young  
 Mary Ann McClary  
 Robert & Marjorie Gray



*Designated Children's Library:*

In memory of Carol Ruth Lewis given by:  
 Bill, Janice, Cody, & Jacob Martin

*Undesignated Memorial:*

In memory of Ann Bock Young given by:  
 Dr. George & Mary L Beers  
 Susan Ridley  
 Dwight & Mary Forrest Hancock  
 Evelyn Cockrill McCrary  
 Mary Frances Brandon  
 Mr. & Mrs. William C. Miller  
 Lori & Walter Gray  
 The Garden Lovers Club of Murfreesboro  
 Harvey R. Houston



In memory of Curtis Riggs Cook given by:  
 Mary G. Conners

In memory of Bob Hawk given by:  
 Earl & Sue Pond

In memory of John Hager given by:  
 Earl & Sue Pond



*In Honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:*

A gift has been given for Bob and Lois Graeff:  
 To the Music Fund by Dan & Martha Johnson  
 To the Church by Bill & Betty Childress  
 To the Music Scholarship Fund by Jerry & Sandra Hawkins

A gift has been given for Jerry & Sandra Hawkins:  
 To the Pew Cushion Fund by Dan & Martha Johnson  
 To the Church by Bill & Betty Childress

*In Honor of the Baptism of Knox McKee Goodman a gift has been given by:*  
 Charles E. Goodman, Jr.



## Mission Update

### NICARAGUA

Just before Thanksgiving in 2009, two physicians from our church, Drs. Wolohon and Pearson, met with Dr. Abraham Salinas. Dr. Salinas was born in Nicaragua but is currently studying public health in Florida. The doctors traveled together to Nicaragua to review the clinic operations at the Santa Lastenia clinic and to meet with officials from SILIAS. (SILIAS is the government agency that oversees local medical care. MINSA (Ministry of Health), in turn, oversees the various SILIAS agencies.)

The clinic in Santa Lastenia, which our church has been supporting since it opened in 2005, is working well. We still have two good nurses and a clinic manager working full-time. We also have three other people employed at the clinic. There are approximately 10 villages that use the clinic's services. Since patients walk to the clinic, we have been trying to find a way for patients from the more distant villages to be seen as easily as those living closer to the clinic. We set up a system that set aside days for each of the communities and that seemed fair to us. Under this system, the clinic would see 25 to 30 patients daily. The clinic focuses on preventative health, prenatal care, and immunization of children, and there have been dramatic improvements in all these areas.

After meeting with the SILIAS officials, it became clear that the current party in power, the Sandinista party, campaigned on a promise of increased access to health care. They are having a very difficult time paying for the promised health care. The director of the local SILIAS office in Jinotega said he was under pressure to remove barriers to health care, and he wanted us to remove the restrictions we had placed trying to make access equitable. He wanted us to have an open-door policy. This may or may not result in more patients being seen at the clinic. Given our limited staff and budget, it is possible that more people will come than can be seen. It is possible that not all could be given medications. Some may leave with only a prescription, which will likely go unfilled. Others may not be seen at all. When we asked him about this possibility, all he could say was "that's Nicaragua." It was helpful that Dr. Salinas's uncle is a physician in Jinotega. Dr. Salinas's uncle knows the SILIAS director personally, and he tells us the director is a good person and physician. We are hopeful that we can establish a trusting and working relationship with SILIAS.

While we were in Nicaragua, there was a meeting of the Nicaraguan Foundation, which is the board that actually owns the clinic. This board is composed of our clinic manager Brigitte, a physician, an attorney, and a financial person--all Nicaraguan--in addition to several people from our church. This meeting was helpful, and everyone remains committed to the successful operation of the clinic. The Nicaraguans were able to give us insight into the local conditions. It was very interesting to learn about the interplay between the political parties and how it affects the clinic's operation. While we were there, the party opposed to the Sandinistas staged a big rally in Managua. Fortunately, our path of travel did not go through Managua. We did see a lot of traffic headed to Managua from the Matagalpa area. We never witnessed any violence, just enthusiasm.

Our church is traveling to Nicaragua this spring, during the week of March 22, and I hope everyone gives consideration to coming.



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