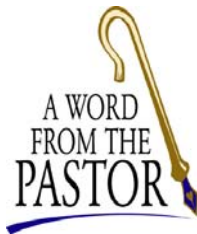


THE PROCLAMATION

February 2011



As you might imagine, when I sit down and write my article for “The Proclamation”, I typically look at the calendar to see what is going on during that particular month. It is not rocket science. Pick a month. May – I talk about kids graduating from high school. August – I always mention my birthday. November – you have to talk about Thanksgiving. And, of course, in December I am sure to mention Advent and Christmas. Well this month is February and the most obvious thing in February to talk about is Valentine’s Day.

I have never been a big fan of Valentine’s Day. Don’t get me wrong, while growing up it was always nice to get a heart-shaped box of chocolates. And who didn’t like making paper mailboxes in school for all the Valentine’s cards from your classmates? As I have gotten older, I confess I have put less emphasis on February 14. Leila and I still buy Tripp a box of candy, but that is it. We buy nothing for each other. No cards. No candy. No gift. But what I try to do at least once is tell Leila how much I love her. I mean, that *is* the purpose of Valentine’s Day: to tell people how much we love them.

Of course, love is vital to the life of the church. In fact, Jesus says to us, “A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have **loved** you, so you must **love one another.**” The only conclusion I can draw from his words is that if we are not loving, then something is broken... with us and with the church. I also find it curious that Jesus’ words are inclusive and not exclusive. Jesus does not say, “I want you to love this group and not that group.” Nor does he say, “You can love tomorrow, but you do not have to love today.” Instead, Jesus is very clear... “I want you to love one another.”

The next question someone can ask is “What does this love look like?” It is a fair enough question, and once again Jesus is pretty specific. “As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Jesus loved us in such a way that he fed the poor, he healed the broken, he gave up his life so that we might know the life that is eternal. Now, that is love, and I will be honest with you... it is not easy to love in such a way.

The challenge before us every day is to love like Jesus loves us. It takes a lot of time and a whole lot of effort, but just imagine what our world would be like if each one of us did just that.

In Christ’s Name,

Rev. John Hinkle

Church cancellation information: In the event of **inclement weather**, find out if worship services will be held by listening to **WGNS radio**, by becoming a friend of FPC on **Facebook**, or by checking the **church’s website**.

For all other church activities, the pastors have decided that, as a general rule of thumb, the church will cancel activities according to county school cancellations. In some cases, the decision may be made to hold activities if the weather has improved. In these cases, an email will be sent out to the congregation.



Worship Schedule

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| Feb. 6* | “The Mustard Seed” Communion at both services. No Children’s Church dismissal. | Mark 4:30-34 Psalm 125:1-5 |
| Feb. 13 | “The Wedding” <i>New Series: The Miracles</i> | John 2:1-12 Psalm 16:5-11 |
| Feb. 20 | “The Water” <i>Series: The Miracles</i> | John 6:16-21 Psalm 42:1-11 |
| Feb. 27 | “The Waiting” <i>Series: The Miracles</i> | John 5:1-18 Psalm 62:1-2, 5-7 |



The Miracles

New Series

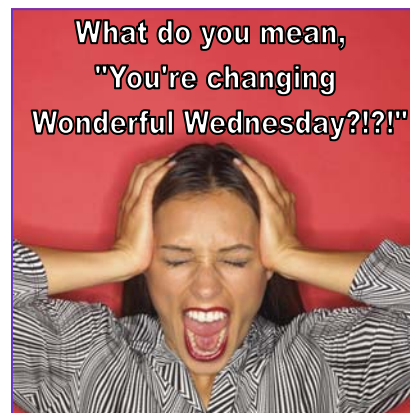
A Note from Rev. Nickell

On February 13, we will begin a **new series of sermons**. The previous series focused on the life of Jesus as seen through the parables. This new series will look at the miracles of Jesus. I believe Jesus’ miracles are about how to see the work of God in the world among us.

* February 6 is Souper Bowl Sunday. On this day, the Youth will be collecting donations (either non-perishable food items or monetary gifts) for the Rutherford County Food Bank from those in the church.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday Night Suppers provide a great opportunity for those at First Presbyterian to gather and fellowship. We don’t want that to change at all! The format, though, is something that we will be changing a little. In the interest of being good stewards, the Fellowship Committee would like to simplify the meal schedule for the remainder of the year in an effort to control and reduce food costs. Each night we will have a main meal, a salad bar, a nice dessert, rolls, sweet tea, unsweetened tea, water, milk and coffee. The format we will pursue is as follows:



- I. The following five meals will be on a rotation schedule for the remainder of the year:
 - A. Boneless Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, and Italian Green Beans
 - B. Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
 - C. Spaghetti, Parmesan Cheese, Broccoli with Cheese
 - D. Boneless Pork Chops, Rice Casserole, Green Beans
 - E. White Beans & Ham, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread
- II. The Salad Bar will consist of : mixed lettuce, tomatoes, croutons, grated cheese, olives, margarine, Ranch dressing, Italian dressing, pickles, and crackers.
- III. Every week we will have a dessert. Desserts will be one of the following: Banana Pudding, Apple Crisp, Lemon Cake, Chocolate Cake, or Chocolate Pudding with Oreos.
- IV. Drinks will be: sweet tea, water, coffee, un-sweet tea, milk.
- V. There will always be a roll, except when we serve corn bread.

This will allow us to continue to provide a very good meal, while also being able to better control costs and make the menu more manageable. (One item to note: There will be no more ham sandwiches served.)

Mission

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING AND OPERATION INASMUCH "FRIENDLY FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION" FEBRUARY 6TH – 13TH

Submitted by Kathy Corlew


We go to First Presbyterian Church because we think Presbyterians are the 'best', right? Well, now we have a chance to 'prove' it! This year, our Souper Bowl of Caring project has two components, one of which involves local churches 'competing' to gather the most donations for local community agencies!

First, on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6th, we will again be joining a nation-wide force (Souper Bowl of Caring) and collecting money for hunger here in Middle Tennessee. Soup pots and tables will be set up for donations. (Look for Bobby and the Youth at the sanctuary doors before and after worship.)

But, wait, we can do more! During the week of February 6th – 13th, our church will engage in friendly competition with the other Operation InAsMuch churches to collect canned foods, which will be donated locally.

Suggested items are: soups, canned meats, peanut butter, cereal, macaroni & cheese, rice, beans, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cake and pancake mixes, syrup and jelly. Also needed are items for the Murfreesboro City & Rutherford County Schools Backpack program (providing weekend food for children in need): chili and spaghetti pull-top cans, fruit cups, individual cereal boxes, juice boxes, and non-refrigerated milk boxes.

Women's Retreat



*"Empowerment,
Strength & Guidance
for Women:
A Biblical Perspective"*

2011 Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12
Horton Haven

\$70 per person (includes overnight lodging & meals)
Registration Deadline: Sunday, February 27, 2011

Room Check-in: 5:30 p.m.
(Those leaving from the church will need to leave at 4 p.m.
We will return to church on Saturday around 3 p.m.)

Dinner: 6 p.m. followed by our Guest Speaker, Lisa Swick

**Women's Retreat Registration Form
March 11-12, 2011**

To register for this year's Women's Retreat, please complete this form and place in the offering plate, in the box of Jenna Willis or see Tracy Webb, Kim Joyner or Beth Brasch during Wonderful Wednesdays. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church (with "Women's Retreat" written in the memo line) by February 27th. Horton Haven is a lodge/camp so remember to bring comfortable clothes, pillows, blankets and/or sleeping bags for extra comfort. Most importantly, bring your Bible and get ready to feel empowered!

NAME: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TRANSPORTATION NEEDED: ___ YES ___ NO
EMAIL: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT/PHONE: _____
ROOMMATE REQUEST (UP TO 2 ROOMMATES): _____

Pastor Out of Office



Rev. Hinkle will be attending the biannual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance on March 8 through the 10th. The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States (LDA) was founded in 1888. That year, representatives of six major Protestant denominations met in Washington, D.C., to organize the American Sabbath Union. This name was later changed to The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States. The LDA has been the one national organization whose sole purpose is to maintain and cultivate the first day of the week as a time for rest, worship, Christian education and spiritual renewal. Over its life, the LDA has worked toward the goal of preserving and protecting workers' rights to time away from work responsibilities to worship and honor the Lord. Today, The Lord's Day Alliance stands on the edge of a great opportunity to proclaim the message of the Sabbath, a message of spiritual renewal and personal well being, in this fast-paced 24/7, 21st century American culture.

Notes from Session

Submitted by Clerk of Session Glen Emery

- We were sad to report the deaths of three of our members: Betty Jean Bellamy, Mary Woodruff, and Mary Saille Corlew.
- Kathryn Roberts, Margaret Roberts, and Alicia Lewis have transferred to other churches.
- The youth room is in great shape. However, the VAST committee is beginning to look at some concerns regarding the ceiling. The property committee is aware of the concerns and more discussions will follow.
- The administration team has a goal of establishing balances of \$100,000 for our maintenance contingency fund and a \$100,000 balance for long term capital improvements fund.
- Thanks are accorded to Marilyn Patterson and her committee for decorating the sanctuary this past Christmas season. All of the Christmas decorations from years past will be reviewed and items no longer used will be put out for members to take.
- Christine Vincent will be honored for her service as Nursery Director at one of the 11 a.m. worship services in February.
- 43 visitors/families worshiped with us in December. A new AIM class will begin on January 30. If you know of any persons thinking about joining our congregation, tell them about the AIM (Adventures in Membership) class.
- Our trip to South Dakota is firmly set for July 8 to 15. Now is the time to sign up for it.
- The hood on the stove in the kitchen has been professionally cleaned.
- Vacation Bible School will be June 13 - 17.
- The Wednesday evening suppers are being examined for ways to maintain the quality of the food without increasing the price. Currently, five menus will be rotated. (See page 2 for details)
- Members of the Care Team gave a devotion and sang hymns with residents at Creekside Living.
- Three shut-ins received communion and one received prayer on January 24. Five members who experienced illness or loss received food.
- The session will have a retreat on January 29 at 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the church.
- John Moss is leading the committee for a columbarium. Issues to deal with include legal and architectural matters. Guidelines are being written for the use and administration of the columbarium.
- The next Presbytery meeting will be at the Historic Presbyterian Church at Frankline on Saturday, February 5. We welcome and encourage everyone who wishes to attend. Call the church office and let them know you would like to go along.

Presbyterian Women

Circle of Faith

will meet the last Tuesday of the month. No details available at present.

Morning Circle

will meet on Tuesday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. Sandra Hawkins will be the Bible Study leader and Helen Weidhaas will be the hostess.



Who is your Secret Sister?

To find out, join us on Saturday, February 19 at 11:30 A.M. in the Common Room. Hot soup will be provided. Please bring a side dish, such as a dessert, salad or bread. All women from the church are invited – not just Secret Sisters.

Would you like to continue the Secret Sister program? Please let us know. We look forward to working with you this year!

Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Nancy Bertrand and Ruthann Heasley will be the hostesses. Study will be done by Pat and Ann.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR MARCH'S NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the March newsletter is: Tuesday, February 16.

FPC YOUTH! Information

FPC Youth Important Announcements



Souper Bowl of Caring

Super Bowl Sunday might as well be a national holiday. All over the country, families and friends gather to feast and to celebrate two of our favorite pastimes... football, and eating. As a country, we eat more on Super Bowl Sunday than every other day of the year, with the exception of Thanksgiving! That's a lot of grubbin'! So help us share the love of these pastimes on Sunday Feb 6th. FPC Youth will be participating in a canned food drive and fundraiser for the Rutherford County Food Bank in association with the Souperbowl of Caring. Bring canned and/or non-perishable food or a few bucks and help us tackle hunger in our county!

Super Bowl Party

Sunday February 6, we will be having our very own rockin', sockin,' lip smackin' Super Bowl Party. Food and drinks will be available in mass quantities and the game will be broadcast with our projector on a big screen and on the large screen TV. Watch the game, just the commercials, or simply come to hang out with your peeps. Festivities begin at 5:15 and end when the game is over, at approximately 9 p.m. Bring your friends!



FPC Youth February Calendar of Events

- 2/2 (Wed.) FPCY Group! 5:33-6:47p.m.
- 2/6 (Sun.) Souper Bowl of Caring
- 2/6 (Sun.) FPCY Super Bowl Party! 5:15-End
- 2/9 (Wed.) FPCY Group! 5:33-6:47 p.m.
- 2/13 (Sun.) FPCY Group! 5:33-6:47 p.m.
- 2/16 (Wed.) FPCY Group! 5:33-6:47 p.m.
- 2/20 (Sun.) FPCY Group! 5:33-6:47 p.m.
- 2/23 (Wed.) FPCY Group! 5:33-6:47 p.m.
- 2/25 - 2/27 (Fri.- Sun.) In-Town Leaders' Retreat
- 2/27 (Sun.) NO FPCY Group!

Questions/Comments? bobby@mborofpc.org

Administration Update



The Administration Team would like to thank our congregation for your generous giving in 2010. As we begin 2011, we want to provide financial updates to the congregation throughout the year. Starting this month, the Administration Team will present the monthly giving goals.

The giving goals include pledges and contributions estimated to be received from the congregation for a particular month. These estimates are based on the average percentage giving for each month during the last three years. The percentages were applied to this year's pledge commitments and contribution estimates and provide a more positive and realistic approach to measuring our progress toward meeting our overall mission initiatives.

We will also provide the monthly results beginning with the March Proclamation. Feel free to contact an administration team member if you have any questions or desire more information. We look forward to a great 2011 in the life of our church.

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| January Giving Goals | \$36,202 |
| February Giving Goals | \$42,204 |
| March Giving Goals | \$50,618 |

Team Members: Les Gray (chair), Jerry Hawkins, Bernie Steen, and Joe Bales.

New Member Profiles

Profiles Submitted by Glenn Himebaugh



Pat Eisenbeis

A native of Bedford County, Pat Eisenbeis came to Murfreesboro from Clearwater, Fla., in 2005. She joined First Presbyterian last October along with her daughter, Celia Swender, and Celia's daughters (see profile below). She transferred her membership from Wanego Presbyterian Church in Wanego, Kansas, where she had lived before moving to Florida.

Pat says she has worked for a number of employers and retired from an administrative position with Shelby State Community College in Memphis. She lists yard work and reading as her favorite hobbies. Pat resides at 1618 Tradewinds Trail in Murfreesboro.



Celia Swender, Gracie and Maggie

Like her mother, Pat Eisenbeis (see profile above), Celia Swender and her family came to Murfreesboro from Clearwater, Fla., in 2005 and joined First Presbyterian on October 24, 2010.

Born in Shelbyville and raised in Memphis, Celia and her husband Eric, who is not a member of our church, have two daughters, Gracie, 9, and Maggie, 7. The girls attend Cason Lane Academy where Celia is employed as a teacher's assistant.

Asked what her special interests and hobbies are, Celia, who attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, replies, "Right now, my kids are my special interests and hobbies."

The Swender family lives at 1738 Kinsale Avenue in Murfreesboro.



Rick and Cindy Prescher

Rick and Cindy Prescher joined our church in late October, having moved from Smyrna to Murfreesboro last spring to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Kat, and their granddaughter Sami. They transferred their church membership from First Presbyterian in Smyrna where Cindy was active in Presbyterian Women and Rick was an elder.

They were born and raised in the twin cities, Bloomington and Normal, Ill., and were high school sweethearts. They married while Rick was serving in the U.S. Navy.

Both were employed as support staff for many years by a public school system in Normal. Rick retired in 2005. After Cindy retired in 2006 they relocated to Tennessee.

Since coming to Tennessee they have volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, Mid-Cumberland Meals on Wheels, the Smyrna-LaVergne Food Bank, and StoneCrest Medical Center. In 2008, they were co-recipients of StoneCrest's Frist Humanitarian Award for volunteers.

Cindy now works part-time at the Smyrna-LaVergne Food Bank where she does client intake. Rick still volunteers at the food bank and at StoneCrest. Cindy enjoys scrapbooking, outings with her granddaughter and having lunch with friends. Rick is an avid golfer and participates in the Smyrna Senior Men's Golf League. Both enjoy reading, traveling, spending time with family and friends, and walking their four-legged "daughter," Crissy, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi.

The Preschers reside at 210 Hillwood Blvd. #1313 in Murfreesboro.

New Member Profiles, Continued

Profiles Submitted by Glenn Himebaugh



Matthew Peachey

Dr. Matthew Peachey, who joined First Presbyterian on December 12, is chief resident of pediatrics at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, but one particular child is about to occupy a special place in his heart.

That's because Matthew and his wife Katie, who's been a member of our church since 2003, are expecting the arrival of their first child, a son, on Valentine's Day. The couple met while students at Middle Tennessee State University, where Matthew majored in biology and chemistry. After he graduated there he went on to study at Vanderbilt Medical School.

Born near Hazard, Ky., Matthew grew up in Columbia, Tenn. He is adviser of the collegiate chapter of Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity at Vanderbilt. He lists barbecuing, reading and travel as special interests, noting that the travel has had to be put on hold while he and Katie prepare a nursery for that special baby.

The Peachey family resides at 2904 Katonka Court in Antioch.

Thank You, Harold Hamm

Note from Rev. Hinkle:

Harold Hamm has decided that March 9, 2011, will be his last day as Wonderful Wednesday Kitchen Director. He wants to fully retire and spend more time with his wife.

We are very grateful for all that Harold has done, and we will miss him. Thanks to his hard work, and the work of all those involved, we have a good foundation and we are not going to miss a beat on Wonderful Wednesday. The fellowship team is working on an appropriate way to honor Harold for all he has done.

After nearly seven years as Kitchen Director of Wonderful Wednesday dinners at First Presbyterian, member Harold Hamm is about to hang up his apron.

"I'm glad that I did it, but I am really looking forward to fully retiring," Harold said. "This will be my first time fully retiring."

Harold made his career in the food industry, but when members of the church approached him about preparing Wednesday night dinners, he knew it would be a new type of experience. He decided to accept the challenge.

"I think I saw a need and I saw that I could fulfill it. I was in the food business all my life... And it is fun to learn a lot more about food," Harold said.

Several years have passed since he first accepted the position; yet, the experience has not become routine. Harold sees every meal as a chance to strive for a healthy, well-rounded meal, that is well-made and created with consideration to people's food allergies.

Even though Harold enjoys planning and preparing meals for the church body, he believes it's time to try something new: retirement. Harold and his wife Lynn have purchased a travel trailer and they are ready to hit the road. They have already made plans for their first two trips.

"My future is our time now, my wife and I. And having the freedom to do what I want all the time is going to be great," Harold said.

But does he think retirement will stick?

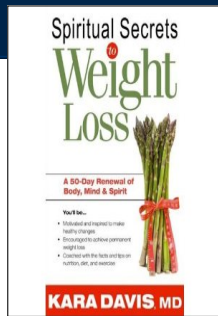
"Lynn's already said, 'Well, you'll find something else to do,'" Harold said with a laugh. He does plan to stay retired from Wonderful Wednesday dinners, though he hopes everyone else who currently helps out will continue to do so.

"The servers, two of them have been with me the whole time," he said. "Working with the volunteers and with the other people in the kitchen has been great. They're really the ones who should get the credit, and I hope they continue doing it."

While Harold will miss the fellowship, he is ready to embark on a new chapter of his life.

"I'm looking forward to retirement. I'm glad I did what I did. I really enjoyed it and now I'm ready to pass it along to someone else," he said. "I hope it goes great, and I will help anyone else who takes over it."





Review of "Spiritual Secrets of Weight Loss"

Book Review by Sharon Parente

Davis, Kara. *Spiritual Secrets to Weight Loss: a 50-Day Renewal of Body, Mind & Spirit*. Lake Mary, FL: Siloam, 2008. Print. 613.2 D

Did you know that Christians tend to be more overweight than members of other faiths? This is one of the daily health facts that Dr. Kara Davis, a board certified physician of internal medicine and pastor's wife, highlights in her new edition of *Spiritual Secrets of Weight Loss*.

Dr. Davis' book provides a practical and spiritually based program designed to help the reader lose weight and return to practicing a healthy Christian lifestyle.

Before even getting started, Dr. Davis requires her readers to choose an accountability partner and to sign a covenant promising to complete the entire 50-day program. As a part of the covenant, you agree to follow various rules concerning your nutrition and eating, activity level, and spiritual practices. The spiritual part of the program asks you to pray daily, intercede for your accountability partner, read the Bible daily, spend time in devotions, and attend church regularly.

The 50-day program is organized by weeks and days. The entries for each day examine poor lifestyle choices from a Christian point of view and also feature a Bible verse, a Daily Prayer, and a Health Fact of the Day. At the end of each week you record not only your weight loss progress, but also select a category representing the extent that you upheld your covenant. Weekly themes include "Know God, Love Yourself"; "Maintaining the Right Attitude", "Live in Grace", "Practice Self-Control", "The Practical and the Spiritual", and "Accepting the Weight Loss Process".

Bicentennial News

The Bicentennial Celebration will be here before you know it! Here is a calendar of upcoming events.

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| June 5, 2011 | The John Todd Players and Reception |
| August 7, 2011 | Worship Service conducted by Dr. David Garth, former minister, and Reception |
| Sept. 18, 2011 | Walk to Vine Street and talk by Kevin Smith; return to church for picnic |
| October 10-12, 2011 | Trip to Montreat, NC for historical lectures and visit to Biltmore |
| October 22, 2011 | Presbyterian Women's Fashion Show illustrating 200 years of fashion & Luncheon |
| November 6, 2011 | All Saints Worship Service conducted by Dr. Harry Hassall, former minister, and Reception |
| Nov. & Dec. 2011 | Sale of Souvenir ornament and Bicentennial Cookbook |
| January 25, 2011 | Special Wednesday Night Speaker |
| February 2012 | Sale of The First Presbyterian Church History Book |
| February 26, 2012 | Worship Service conducted by Dr. Todd Jones, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and Reception |
| March 21, 2012 | Special Wednesday Night Speaker |
| April 21, 2012 | Gala Dinner, Stones River Country Club |
| April 22, 2012 | Bicentennial Worship Service conducted by Rev. John Hinkle assisted by Rev. Bill Smith |
| TBD, 2012 | Trip to Scotland (dates and details to be announced in Spring 2011) |

(Calendar submitted by Sandra Hawkins, co-chair of the Bicentennial Committee)

Church Bicentennial Shirts Available

You may have noticed some light blue First Presbyterian Church shirts being displayed at Wonderful Wednesday dinners. These are the new FPC Bicentennial Celebration shirts. They are available in men's, women's and children's sizes. They are available in three styles: silk-screen t-shirt, golf-style shirts and dress shirts. Order forms are available at the church. You may also contact the church office for further information (893-3882 ext. 0).

Memorials

The following memorials have been given:

A gift has been given
in honor of David & Catherine Sevier and
in memory of Mary Saille Corlew
by Charles I & Kelly Baum II.

A gift has been given
in honor of Dr. Robert Corlew and
in memory of Mary Saille Corlew
by Neil Fussell.

Undesignated:

In memory of Mary Woodruff given by:

Bernie & Susan Steen
Donna Hastings
Christine Lombardi

Designated to the Chancel Choir Fund:

In memory of George Lombardi given by:

Bernie & Susan Steen
Mark & Laura Follis
Kevin & Annette Heusinkveld

In memory of Mary Saille Corlew given by:

Dicken & Barbara Kidwell
Doug & Susan Young

Designated to the Preschool Fund:

In memory of George Lombardi given by:

Scott & Jeannie Manley
Marty & Wendy White

Designated to the Prayer Ministry:

In memory of Norma Blum given by:

Wade Blum

Designated to the Property Fund:

In memory of George Lombardi given by:

Doug & Susan Young

Designated to the Handbell Choir Fund:

In memory of Mary Saille Corlew given by:

Bernie & Susan Steen
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Ledbetter, Jr
Kevin & Annette Heusinkveld
Frank & Ann Young
Hybernia, Susan, Charles & Charley McMillan
G. Ron & Judy Nichols
Chris & Amy Jackson
Bob & Mary Dodd Mufflin
Bobby & Julia Corcoran
FirstBank of Murfreesboro
Bill & Doris Windham
Morning Star Women's Group
James & Kimberly Joyner
Marty & Wendy White
Robert L. Taylor, Jr
Nancy Petty
Jerry & Jane Campbell
Nashville School of Law
Glenn & Ellen Himebaugh
Christine Lombardi
Kenneth & Nancy Sevier
Jerry & Becky Robert
Mr. & Mrs. William Miller

February Birthdays

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| February 1 | Betty Ozburn |
| February 2 | Grace Elrod, Catherine Goodman, Ragen White, Jennifer Willoughby |
| 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, Sammy Owens, Trey Randolph |
| February 8 | Verginia Copen, Michael Daniel, Adam Parsons |
| February 9 | Olivia Arney, Libby McKay |
| February 11 | Kevin Heusinkveld |
| February 12 | Stavey Borasky, Helen Ponder |
| February 13 | Mark Bush |
| February 14 | William Daniel, Justin Harney, James Lewis III, Bill Sculley |
| February 15 | Mark Follis, Beth Brasch |
| February 16 | Lynn Felder, John Pearson |
| February 17 | Kristin Carlton, Ann Lannom |
| February 18 | Caroline Follis, Missy Veazie |
| February 19 | Elizabeth Barnhill, Susan Waldrop |
| February 20 | Jill Lanning |
| February 21 | Anna Rannou |
| February 22 | David Sevier |
| February 23 | Lynn Hamm |
| February 24 | Bill Bullock, Evans Gritton III, Buddy Jordan III, Julia Sculley, William Tocco |
| February 25 | Beth Barnes, Charles Frierson, Debbie Harney |
| February 26 | Lois Graeff, Joanne Lecroy, Donald Parente, Rob Steele |
| February 27 | Eve Jones |
| February 28 | Peyton Foley, Jake Goodman, Bill McKay, Anne McKinney, Matthew Perkins |



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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. - Worship
Communion is celebrated each week.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all

11:00 a.m. - Worship
Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Deadline for Submitting Articles/Items for the Monthly Newsletter

The third Monday of every month
unless otherwise noted.

Please submit articles to Sara Brookfield at
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February Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to ...

Jonathan & Christy Swenson on February 26.

Kevin & Sandra Wheeler on February 26.

Jack Ross & Suma Clark on February 28.





February



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>Note: FPC Youth will meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights from 5:33—6:47, unless otherwise noted. Cellar will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sundays.</p> | | <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Morning Cir. 10 am •Staff Mtg 10:30 •Some Ministry Teams meet | <p>2</p> <p>Wonderful Wed. (Dinner, Classes, Choir Practices & Youth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Kaye's Class starts: 4 pm in her office. "Through the Bible" | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early Morning Basketball 6:30 | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Bible Study: 7 am • Presbytery mtg at Old Franklin • <i>Belle Cantos</i> practices from 10 am-12 pm |
| <p>6 AIM Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regular Service Times. •Souper Bowl of Caring •FPC Youth! 5 pm —End of Super Bowl Party •PSF Super Bowl Party at PSF | <p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Men's Bible Study at 5:30 | <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •John H. Out of Office 8th-10th •Staff Mtg 10:00 •Care Mtg 1:00 •Evening Circle 7:00 | <p>9</p> <p>Wonderful Wed. (Dinner, Classes, Choir Practices & Youth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaye's Class at 4 p.m. | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preschool to Library at 9 am •Time Sheets Due | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early Morning Basketball 6:30 | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Bible Study: 7 am |
| <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regular Service Times. •Quakers meet at 2:30 p.m. •FPCY and Cellar will meet. | <p>14</p> <p>Valentines' Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Men's Bible Study at 5:30 | <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:30 Staff Mtg. •Serv. of Wholeness 6 p.m. • Session 6:30 | <p>16 Newsletter Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wond. Wed. (Dinner, Classes, Choir Practices & Youth) •No Preschool •Kaye's 12pm class begins. Next class at 4pm | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Worship at Creekside Living 10 am •Kaye's Bible Study Begins: Ecclesiastes, at 12 noon | <p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early Morning Basketball 6:30 | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Bible Study: 7 am • <i>Belle Cantos</i> practices from 10am –12pm at the church. |
| <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regular Service Times. •AIM Class will meet. •FPCY and Cellar will meet. | <p>21</p> <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Office Closed •No Preschool/No School •It is not known if Men's Bible Study will meet | <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:30 Staff Mtg •Adam's Place 1:30 •Circle of Faith at 7 p.m. | <p>23</p> <p>Wonderful Wed. (Dinner, Classes, Choir Practices & Youth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Time Sheets Due •Kaye has classes at 12 pm & 4 p.m. | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Kaye's Bible Study: Ecclesiastes, at 12 noon | <p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early Morning Basketball 6:30 | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Bible Study: 7 am |
| <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regular Service Times. AIM class will meet. •Quakers meet at 2:30 p.m. •FPCY and Cellar will meet. •Deadline for Women's Retreat | <p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Men's Bible Study at 5:30 | | | | | |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

RECIPES NEEDED: When you think of studying history, do you think of food? If not, you may want to! After all, 200 years ago, people were whipping up recipes and making meals. Probably a few times a day. Kind of like we do now.



Part of our Bicentennial Celebration will be a cookbook that not only reaches back into history for some recipes that have survived the years, but also features some modern concoctions as well.

We want you to be a part of this! If you have a favorite recipe, please submit it along with a few sentences telling us why this recipe is special to you. Put your recipe in the box outside the church office, or email recipes@cultivationnetwork.com.

All profits from the sale of the cookbooks will benefit the Preservation and Restoration of the Historic Building Fund.

Sunday Worship Services

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Hour
(AIM Class Meeting too!)
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time in
Common Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday Night Activities

- 4:00 p.m. New: Kaye's Class.
In her office.
"Through the Bible"
 - 5:00 p.m. Dinner in Common Rm.
 - 5:33 p.m. Youth Group meets
 - 6:00 p.m. Classes Meet.
- Choirs also practice on Wednesdays.