



THE PROCLAMATION



THAT SEPTEMBER FEEL

REV. DR. JOHN A. HINKLE, JR., *SENIOR PASTOR*

Depending on how things go on August 29 with the Auburn vs. Baylor football game, my outlook on the season will be decided quickly. If Auburn wins, I'll be brimming with optimism - so much so that I'll predict an undefeated season and a national championship. But if Auburn loses, I'll be just as certain that we won't win another game and that Hugh Freeze should be fired immediately. I love this time of year - everything about it. Especially college football. Thanks to the miracle of ESPN+ on Hulu, I can even watch the Blue Hose of Presbyterian College play football. And on Friday nights, I can stream my Dalton High Catamounts on YouTube. I'm all in. Leila, however, is not impressed.

But September is about more than football. It's about that almost sacred shift in the air. On some random morning, as Leila and I head out to walk the dogs at 5 a.m., you feel it—the slightest hint of coolness. You know what I mean, you sense a moment of breeze just enough to whisper that the oppressive heat of summer is finally fading. It's not quite flannel weather, and the leaves aren't ready to turn, but that gentle breath of cool air carries hope. Hope that autumn is on its way.

The church, too, has that September feel. With summer behind us, families return to their routines, and the life of the church finds its rhythm again. Wonderful Wednesday resumes. Handbells and choirs lift their voices. Children and youth programs fill the halls with laughter and energy. It feels like we've found that sweet spot again—back to normal, yet leaning toward something more.

Because just like that first cool breeze of fall, the church calendar reminds us that something meaningful is waiting just ahead. Reformation Sunday. All Saints Sunday. And would you believe Noah and I are already talking about Advent? September is never only about now—it's about the joy of what's coming. So as we step into this season—football, crisp mornings, and the hum of church life returning—let us not forget the words of the poet laureates of our generation, Earth, Wind & Fire:

"Ba de ya – say, do you remember?
Ba de ya – dancing in September?
Ba de ya – never was a cloudy day."

Follow Rev. Dr. Hinkle on X @daltonboy1986 or email him at jhinkle@mborofpc.org

FIRST FRIDAY



Friday, September 5th
9am - 12pm
College St. Drive-thru

As many of you know, Nourish Food Bank recently lost some grants and funds and needs our continued support, especially during our First Friday Food Drive. Any non-perishable food is welcome; however, they always really need child-friendly non-perishable foods, with focus on including things a child could prepare themselves either from the shelf or using a microwave. Busy on September 5? No problem, stop by the church during office hours anytime or bring your donations to the office area on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings and we will make sure your donations are taken with our First Friday Food Drive loads. Nourish also needs volunteers to help package food so you can visit their website: www.nourishfoodbank.org and let them know if you are interested in serving that way (right behind Reeves-Sain on Memorial).

Thank you for helping those facing food insecurity in our community!



In September, we begin a new preaching series, "The Core of Reformed Faith: Four Words that Shape Our Lives." This four-part series unpacks the significant themes of Reformed Theology, showing how they impact a believer's daily life. Each sermon ties to one of Paul's epistles.

September 7

"Amazing **Grace**: God's Gift to Us"

Ephesians 2:8-10

Psalms 1

September 14

"God Reigns: Trusting in His **Sovereignty**"

Romans 8:28-30

Psalms 14

September 21

"God's Word: A **Covenant** Promise"

Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29

Psalms 113

September 28

"To God Be the **Glory**"

1 Corinthians 10:23-33; 11:1-2

Psalms 103

Worship Notice: We will have only ONE service on Labor Day Sunday, August 31, 2025 at 10:15am.

WORSHIP & NEWS AT FPC



How do I find out what's happening at church?

There are lots of ways to find out all the latest with First Presbyterian Church – from missions to events to classes we have lots of happenings and we want to make it easy to stay informed!

- Our church website: www.mborofpc.org
- *The Proclamation* is our monthly newsletter. You can receive this by email, mail, or both.
- *Tidbits* is our weekly update email that goes out on Wednesdays
- Our youtube channel is: First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9q23F6dQ3rk9gh0oejVQpg>
 - *Monday Morning Wake-Up Call* is a video weekly update released every Monday on our youtube channel
 - *Saturday Morning Preview of Sunday Morning's Sermon* is a video preview of the upcoming sermon on our youtube channel
 - When watching content on our youtube channel, it is important to hit the subscribe and bell icons. It also helps to hit the 'like' button.
- Our Sunday worship bulletin contains announcements
- Our FPC Comm and First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro Facebook accounts have updates and news
- Finally, if none of those options suit you, give us a call! 615-893-3882, ext. 0.



Sound and Livestream Volunteers Needed

We Need Your Help

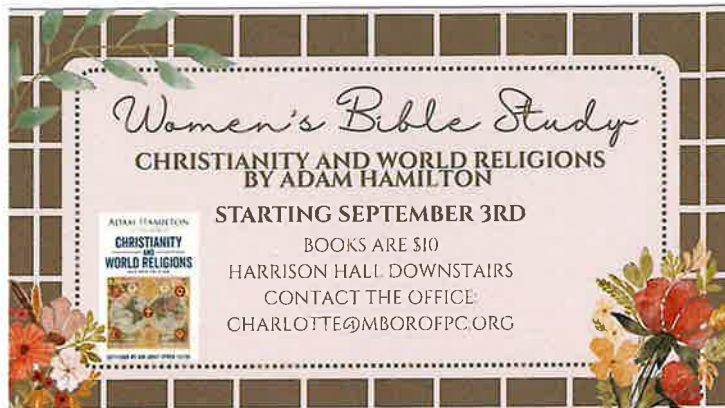
The Worship Team is looking for members to volunteer with our Audio/Sound and our Livestream ministries on Sunday during worship.

This is a vital part of worship, and right now we have fewer than a handful of people who are helping on Sunday mornings. We do not want to burn out these members. Volunteers may choose to be trained on either Sound or Livestream (or even both!). If God puts on your heart to help, please speak to Nena Egli or contact the church office at charlotte@mborofpc.org, phone 615-893-3882, ext. 201. Our dedicated Sunday crew will have you trained in no time.


NOTICE: The Church Office will be closed and Men's Bible Study will NOT meet on Monday, September 1, 2025 due to the Labor Day Holiday.



Morning Circle
Join us September 2nd
for fellowship
1st Tuesday of the month at
10am in the parlor
All Women Welcome



Women's Bible Study
CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS
BY ADAM HAMILTON
STARTING SEPTEMBER 3RD
BOOKS ARE \$10
HARRISON HALL DOWNSTAIRS
CONTACT THE OFFICE:
CHARLOTTE@MBOROFPC.ORG



**How can I get to know
people at church?**

We know it can be difficult to know how best to meet and get to know people in a new place. Whether you are at work, school, or just in a new social group, the prospect of getting to know people can

feel daunting. BUT, the rewards are getting to know great people! Here are just a few ideas on how you might go about that here at First Presbyterian Church:

LOVE MUSIC?

- Choirs at 8:30 &/or 11 on Sundays
Noah Rice: noah@mborofpc.org
- Handbells at 6 on Wed. nights
David Sevier: dgsevier@gmail.com
- Children's Music on Wed. nights
*Meredith Peck:
meredith@mborofpc.org*

LOVE LEARNING?

- Sunday School at 9:45 – we have lots of classes, just go to Welcome Center on Sunday and ask.
- All adult class and a Women's Bible Study at 6 on Wed. nights
- Youth on Sun and Wed nights:
bobby@mborofpc.org

LOVE BEING TOGETHER?

- Men's Bible Study Mons. at 5:30pm
- All Women's Circle 1st Tues. 10am
- Wed. night dinners (yum) 5pm
- Youth fun events: Bobby Harding
bobby@mborofpc.org
- Children's events: Meredith Peck
meredith@mborofpc.org

We have so many missions and ministries here: whether you like to be in the middle of things and help with big events, love children, or love that behind-the-scenes work that makes the real church run, we have a wonderful place for you! Not sure where to start? Contact the office: charlotte@mborofpc.org or call us: 615-893-3882.



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY! BY: BILL PATTERSON

JAYSON AND TARA BOUCHILLON FAMILY

Jayson, Tara, and their three sons joined First Presbyterian Church in May. Tara is not new to FPC, having been a teacher in the Preschool program and currently a substitute. They moved to Murfreesboro in 2017 when Jayson's company, OPmobility, an auto parts supplier, transferred him to this area. The company is located within the Nissan plant in Smyrna.

Both Jayson and Tara are Michigan natives. Tara is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University and has an M.A. degree in early childhood development from Oakland University. Jayson is a Kettering University graduate and has an M. A. from Oakland, as well. Tara also has a travel agency she runs from home.

Their boys are Dylan, 10, Tyler, 12, and Jayden, 15. Soccer rules at the Bouchillon home. All three boys are on travel soccer teams. Dylan attends Overall Creek Elementary while Tyler and Jayden are students at Middle Tennessee Christian School.

A standard question of interviewees is 'what brought you to FPC?' Obviously, Tara met church members when she taught in the Preschool program. They had been going to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, but "I wanted the boys to get more out of church," Tara said. "A more meaningful connection." We are so glad the Bouchillons chose First Presbyterian Church to build that connection.



The Mission Ministry Team thanks you for your ongoing generosity to Isaiah 117 House. As a reminder, Isaiah 117 House serves to provide physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home environment for children awaiting placement in the foster care system. When children arrive at the House, they may have only the clothes they are wearing so Isaiah House allows children to choose 3 outfits to keep. We are sponsoring their Women's Size XL Crate (**young girls/women ages 10-20 will be wearing them**) and here is how we can help:

1. Donate a gift card to one of the following stores and we will shop for you: Kohl's, Target, Walmart, Aerie or American Eagle, JCPenney
2. NEW Women's Size XL tops: ALL items NEW with tags -- T-shirts, long-sleeve and short-sleeve, appropriate for school and taste appropriate for ages 10-20. NO slogans or statements, but athletic logos are fine. No white shirts.
3. NEW Women's Size XL and Size XXL shorts and pants: ALL items NEW with tags -- Joggers, Sweatpants (NO drawstrings), opaque leggings, shorts, khakis, athletic pants (NOT jeans). NO White - prefer gray, navy, black
4. Please bring all donations to the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact the office.

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.
American Red Cross
October 10, 2025
12pm - 6pm
To sign up, scan QR Code or contact charlotte@mborofpc.org
first presbyterian church of murfreesboro
210 North Spring St
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
www.mborofpc.org

MONDAY
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
5:30PM MONDAY NIGHTS
Church Parlor

SESSION NOTES BY GLEN EMERY, CLERK OF SESSION

- Our devotion was given by Tim Pote. He shared with us that Rev. Dr. Harding was the most influential person in his spiritual life. He cited *The Road Back to You* by Cron and Stabile which opened a practical, comprehensive and approachable way of accessing *Enneagram* information taught by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert. He accepted the challenge which Thomas Merton described as "our discovery of God is, in a way, God's discovery of us."
- In view of the Labor Day weekend, on Sunday August 31, there will be one service at 10:15 and Sunday School at 9:00.
- Thank you notes were received from Rev. Dr. John and Jo Todd and from the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian church in California for the silver dish for serving communion bread after the loss of their church due to wildfires. We also received notes of thanks from Nourish Food Bank and from Gideons International for our generosity to their missions and ministries.

- Nourish Food Bank may be closing to lack of funding. We are asked to give generously in our September food drive. Our Sunday School offerings this year will be donated to the Nourish Food Bank.
- We will be helping the Salvation Army by serving meals in their kitchen once a month.
- Nena Egli and Dave Davis shared their experience of attending a recent Presbytery meeting.
- Some repair of the exterior brick work of the building is in the process. Seal coating of the parking areas is also being planned. The circular stained glass window on the south side is in need of repair. An initial estimate of \$28,000 for repair has been received.
- We are pleased to congratulate Reverend Doctor Bobby Harding on earning and receiving a Doctor of Ministry.
- The Care team did receptions for the funerals of Mary Elaine Hargis and Marilyn McBroom. Two prayer shawls were given out. Several meals were delivered to families of hospitalized members.
- The cake auction will be returning this fall on November 12.



FPC Youth

September 2025

September 3

Fall Grad Boxes Begin (end
September 17)

**September 7
and 14**

Anxious Generation Class 9:45 am

September 13

*Monthly Youth Event (7th-12th Grade) White
Water Rafting on the Ocoee. \$45 per person,
meet at FPC at 12:00 PM (eat lunch prior), return
8:30 PM RSVP to Angela Rogers at 615-488-8995
or Angela@mborofpc.org. Contact Bobby for a
scholarship if needed.*

September 28

11th Grade Mile Marker Lunch *Faith & Doubt*

Wednesday MS Small Groups
6-7pm

September 3, 10, 17, and 24

Sunday HS Youth Group
6-8pm

September 7, 14, 21, and 28



- Our children will be singing on September 28 during the 11:00am worship service!
- Our Kindergarten Faith Milestone: *Generosity* is scheduled for Sunday, September 14 at 9:45am in the upstairs children's Sunday School wing.
- Remember we love to see our children at Sunday School on Sundays at 9:45am. Because we want to see them as much as we can, we also have Wednesday night dinner at 5 and then singing, games and fellowship from 6-7pm!



SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path"

Psalms 119:105



SAVE THE DATE!

October 12
1st Grade Faith Milestone: *The Sacraments*

November 16 at noon
Joy Gift Program Practice and Lunch

December 21 at 9:45am
Happy Birthday Jesus Party and *The Star* Movie Day

October 26 at 11:00am worship
2nd Grade Faith Milestone: *Bible Presentation*

December 3 at 6:30pm
Joy Gift Program (dinner at 5)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL HAS OPENINGS FOR FALL 2025

We have room in all three classes:
2 year old, 3 year old, and 4 year old

PRICING

- ✓ 2 days per week: \$240 per month
- ✓ 3 days a week: \$300 per month
- ✓ 4 days a week: \$340 per month

Our preschool is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-12:30pm with an option to stay until 2pm for an additional \$10 per day

For more information or to schedule a tour please contact our
Preschool Director Karen Winford:
preschool@mborofpc.org



First Presbyterian Church Preschool has room in all three of our classes this semester: 2s, 3s and 4s. Each class is led by well-prepared teachers who get to know each child personally and help them grow and develop in a healthy way. Our loving Christian environment makes our preschool special and we would love to tell you more! Contact Director Karen Winford at preschool@mborofpc.org or call 615-893-4760.

September Birthdays

- 1 Avent Lane, Vance Willoughby
- 3 Rebecca Speck
- 4 Kim Mitchell, Brenda Sellers
- 5 Drew Howser
- 6 Denise Dacus, Banks Tisdal, David Willis
- 7 Keshia Tisdal, Carla Truckenbrodt
- 8 Zoey Harris, Leila Hinkle, Martha LaLance, Joe Manahan
- 9 Krista Bailey, Will Bales, Jayden Bouchillon, Caroline Leonard, Bradford Lea
- 10 Betty Childress, Robbie Lugos
- 11 Hope Emore
- 12 Bernard Hubbard, Karen Hickok, Gray Hunton
- 13 Diarmuid O'Hara
- 14 Jane Fox, Matt Lane
- 15 Chris Harris
- 16 Brian Hughes, Kim Joyner, Luke Wilhoite
- 17 Tom Sanford, Tom Windham, Kay Wolohon
- 18 Dale Boyd
- 19 Leslie Iske, Maggie Moore, Anne O'Hara, Linda Stevens
- 20 Braydn Bratcher, Marie Paterik, Susan Young
- 21 Brooks Bergsieker, Lydia Moore
- 22 Blake Joyner, Tammy Neely, Kim Vernier
- 23 Lauren Lane
- 24 Susan Martens, Chappell Mayes
- 25 Emily Edwards, Martha Richmond, Dan Stow
- 26 Charlotte Gardner
- 27 Amelia Fournier, Rob Gritton, Emily Hunton
- 28 Tyler Bouchillon, Gail Deckard, Jesse Magoon
- 29 Reed Elkins, Kathy Jones, Eliana Vanzandt

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Have an announcement for October?

Submit it to Charlotte at charlotte@mborofpc.org or
call 893-3882 ext. 201 by September 18, 2025

September Anniversaries

Hollis & Trudy Hulett	September 2
Dicken & Barbara Kidwell	September 3
Roy & Marie Paterik	September 3
Hunter & Alexx Powell	September 6
Ben & Suzee Myers	September 7
Chris & Rebecca Speck	September 10
Ross & Kathryn Hines	September 12
Bob & Carole Peterson	September 12
Allan & Amy Maynard	September 17
Scott & Kathy Corlew	September 18
Chris & Beth Moscato	September 19
Mark & Laura Follis	September 19
Steve & Andrea Elkins	September 28



WAYS TO GIVE

IN PERSON:
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OFFERING PLATE

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'MBOROFPC' TO
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ONLINE:
WWW.MBOROFPC.ORG/GIVE

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MURFREESBORO INVITES YOU TO OUR

FALL FESTIVAL

A FREE PARTY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 22** **5:00 - 7:00PM**
2025

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CONCESSIONS | INFLATABLES | GAMES | CARNIVAL RIDES