



THE PROCLAMATION



GROWING ROOTS

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

Several years ago, the Property Team focused on a landscaping plan for our church property, including the main entrance into the church on Spring Street. When I first arrived in 2008, you were greeted with a bunch of holly bushes if you came in the Spring Street entrance. I was never a big fan of holly bushes because of childhood memories about them. We had holly bushes at my house growing up in Dalton, which was fine until you had to pull your football out of its thorny clutches. So, when Property told me about their beautification plans, I was thrilled. I was delighted to hear they planned to plant a tree by my office. You may not know this but, in the summer, my office is the hottest room in the church because it gets the afternoon sun. Years later, we see the Property Team's vision pay off, including my glorious tree.

Every day, I sit in my office, look out my window, and see my tree. I am grateful for my tree because it gives protection from the harsh summer sun, is prettier than the stark emptiness of the old Methodist lot, but most of all, my tree is entertaining. For example, there is Ed, the squirrel. Ed often sits in the tree branches and watches me work on my sermon. I guess that is pretty entertaining because on any given day, I can look at my tree, and there is... Ed staring at me.

My favorite thing this Spring was watching a mother and father bird make a home for their unborn chicks. They would fly in and out with twigs and straw, working diligently as they prepared for the big day. Their effort was rewarded in three eggs gently placed in the nest. I don't think I have ever been so excited as I was when I saw the first baby bird break through its shell. I would watch every day as mother and father would fly in and out of the nest, bringing food for their babies. The babies have long since flown the coop, but their nest remains a reminder of the life that was and hopefully still is.

The tree has come to symbolize the hope I have for the future of our church. Ministers and members will come and go, but like that tree, our church's roots continue to go deep into the ground, becoming the anchor of our lives as we serve Jesus in this world.

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



Summer Class:
Starting
Sunday, August 7
9:30 am in Classroom F
*Whether you're new or
just want a refresher
all are welcome.*

Please register with the Church Office
charlotte@mborofpc.org or 615-893-3882

Presbyterian 101 is a class open to those who want to know more about the Presbyterian Church and what it is to be a part of this denomination. The class will dive into the history of the Presbyterian Church and can be a great refresher for members, or a way to learn more. You are not required to be a member to join but, it is recommended for those who have been visiting and have questions. The first meeting will be Sunday, August 7th in Classroom F. To sign up: Email charlotte@mborofpc.org or call 615-893-3882



PREACHING IN THE MONTH
OF AUGUST

August 7

Transition Sunday

“It is Not About You”

Esther 1:1-8

Psalms 33:12-22

August 14

“Doing What is Right”

Esther 2:19-23

Psalms 82

August 21

“For Such a Time as This”

Esther 4:10-14

Psalms 103:1-8

August 28

“When We Remember”

Esther 9:20-22

Psalms 112

Changing Back:

Please remember starting on Sunday,

August 7, Sunday morning will resume with our regular schedule with worship at 8:30 and 11:00am. On Sunday, August 7, we will also

welcome back to our sanctuary Valerie Rains and Joyce Merritt.

Starting on August 14th, we will resume intinction in the 8:30 service

PREACHING SERIES

The Book of Esther:

In August, we begin a new preaching series on the Book of Esther found in the Old Testament. Interestingly, The Book of Esther is one of only two books in the **Hebrew Bible** that never mention God (the other is the Song of Songs). For traditional Jewish commentators, the absence of God’s name did not mean that God was absent from the book. Esther tells the story of a young woman who is called to put her relationship with God and her people before her own needs. She is our reminder that faith that is not challenged is no faith at all.

FPC NEWS AND WORSHIP



Wonderful Wednesday is back on Wednesday, August 17!
See the back page for info on how to join!



Men’s Bible Study is back starting Monday, August 8th. The men will gather in the church parlor at 5:30 to

read and seek how God is calling us to live out our lives. This is a great way to connect with other men who are seeking to connect with the Living God. We would love to have you. Just bring your Bible. You can sign up by emailing charlotte@mborofpc.org or call the church office at 615-893-3882, ext. 201.

FPC NEWS



Greetings FPC Family!

We are nearing the one-month mark until fall semester kicks off! I'm so excited to welcome students back to UKirk! This month we'll be doing several things to prepare! First things first, our student leadership team will be gathering to plan out the UKirk program for the school year! Please be in prayer for our student leaders as they undertake this task. One of the other things we will be doing is our annual workday! We'd love to see you there Saturday August 13th 7am-noonish, come whenever you can! Donuts and Coffee will be given out! RSVP if you are able with the link below

<https://forms.gle/4XFVTAJJ27GSS3Yz5>

Blessings, Micah Watson

UKIRK **WORKDAY**
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

HELP US GET UKIRK LOOKING GREAT
FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT MTSU!
DONUTS AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 FROM 7:00 AM 'TIL 12:00 PM
FEEL FREE TO COME ANYTIME DURING THESE HOURS

Please RSVP here for UKirk Workday!

<https://forms.gle/4XFVTAJJ27GSS3Yz5>

First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro
FIRST FRIDAY



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

Morning Circle

Join us September 6th
for Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month at
10am in the parlor
all women welcome

Join us for the return of Morning Circle. For those who are new, morning circle is for women of all ages who are interested in having fellowship with other ladies of the congregation. We will be diving into *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel. The book is not required to join. All women are welcome to attend, even if you have not met with this group before. If you do want a book, it is not too late! You can contact Sue Pond at her email ongoldenpond@comcast.net or at her phone number 615-893-2430 to order a book. Meetings will be at 10am on the first Tuesday of each month in the church parlor.

ARTICLE

Here is an update from Rev. Bobby with what is happening at Young Life Nicaragua this summer.



YOUNG LIFE NICARAGUA:
PUERTO CABEZAS

JHONNELING SUAREZ
Area Director



Jhonnelling joined a local soccer team as a way to meet new kids, it's what we call "contact work" in Young Life, going where kids are.

But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." Luke 4:43

We send them in the name of Jesus to bring the Good News to kids that don't know Him yet.

In the early morning on June 22, 2022, Jhonnelling Suarez, his wife Raquel Fargas and their daughter Rachell, left Matagalpa to start and establish Young Life on the Caribbean coast of northern Nicaragua in Puerto Cabezas.

They have been Young Life leaders for many years in Club La Chispa in northern Matagalpa and now, as a family, they have heard God's calling to become missionaries on the Atlantic Coast.

They are dreaming to reach every kid on the Caribbean coast so they start by meeting adults, starting friendships with kids, adapting to a new lifestyle, ie: new climate, water, food, language and more.

The short term plan is to bring 10 kids to New Kids Camp in August 2022 at La Finca in Jinotega. It will be a 12 hour adventure to get there so kids can meet Jesus.



Puerto Cabezas

- Largest city in the Northern Autonomous Region (RAAN)
- 22 Neighborhoods
- 63 Rural communities
- Population: 127,181, 70% teens
- Language: Miskitu, Creole, Sumu, Garifona, Rama, Mayanga + more

Thank you, to everyone who supports this mission whether through prayer or financial support.

Dawan Yamni | Dios te bendiga | God Bless you



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST WITH FPC YOUTH

WED AUG 3	DUCK RIVER FLOAT	9AM-2:30PM MEET @FPC
WED AUG 10	KICK-OFF 7TH-8TH YOUTH GROUP	5:30-7PM THE CELLAR
SUN AUG 14	KICK-OFF 9TH-12TH YOUTH GROUP	6PM-8PM THE CELLAR
WED AUG 17	7TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP	5:30-7PM THE CELLAR
SUN AUG 21	ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & MENTORS KICK-OFF	9:30AM-10:30AM COMMON ROOM
SUN AUG 21	8TH GRADE ONLY! CONFIRMATION LAUNCH LUNCH	12PM COMMON ROOM
SUN AUG 21	9TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP	6PM-8PM THE CELLAR
WED AUG 24	7TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP	5:30-7PM THE CELLAR
FRI AUG 26	6TH-8TH GRADE SOAR TOWER	5PM-9PM MEET @FPC
SUN AUG 28	9TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP	6PM-8PM THE CELLAR
WED AUG 31	7TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP	5:30-7PM THE CELLAR



August Memory Verse

**" Do to others
as you would
have them do
to you."**

Luke 6:31



- August 7 is Blessing of the Backpacks and Transition Sunday! Be sure to bring your backpacks to the service with you and attend Sunday School for a fun Back to School Celebration!

- On Transition Sunday, August 7, our children will officially move to the next class. Preschool through 6th have assembly and then split to class. New 7th grade will go downstairs right at Sunday School Time.

- Get ready for the return of Wonderful Wednesdays on August 17th! All ages are welcome.

**Blessing of the Backpacks
Transition Sunday**
On Sunday, August 7th
At 8:30 & 11:00
Services

The graphic features a blue background with a sun, a rainbow, and a blue backpack with an orange pocket that says "I am Loved". There are also illustrations of a green notebook, a blue crayon, and an orange pencil.



First
Presbyterian
Preschool
Murfreesboro, TN

WE STILL HAVE SPOTS OPEN FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR! First Presbyterian Preschool is ready for your children in 2022/ 2023! There are 2 spot in the 2's, 1 spot in the 3's, and 4 spots in the 4's! Call 615-893-4760 or email: preschool@mborofpc.org.

Thank you, Karen Winford, Director of Preschool

Confirmation

All Confirmation: Students & Mentors
9:30-10:30am Common Room
8th Grade Only
12pm Lunch Common Room
Sunday, August 21st



1	Matt Peachey, John Phillips
3	Melanie Brogli
4	Meredith Baughman, Oscar Harding
5	Amy Jackson, Charlie Livesay
6	Lauren Bales, Michelle Blaylock-Howser, Mary Catherine Sevier, Lynn Tisdal, Lynn Wilhoite
7	Ben Bergsieker, Bobby Harding, John Hinkle, Jr.
9	Amy Maynard
10	Lauren Flanagan
11	Cody Parker
12	Chuck Clark
13	Hayley Anderson
14	Patsy Coleman
15	Lionel Tesi, Claire Wilson
16	Tyler Callaway
17	Trudy Hulett
18	Reagan Lannom, Diana Magoon
19	Alex Panter
20	Nancy Hoffman, Susan Steen, Marty White, Wendy White
22	Dave Baughman, Ann Nunley, Rebecca Pond
23	Carter Pelot, Margaret Ann Pope
24	Rhonda Foley, Caelex Harris, Madeline Head, Peggy Miller, Rae Pencek, Earl Pond
25	Matthew Callaway, Novus Henry, Lou Peruzzi
26	Travis Lampley
29	Susie Hawkins, Thomas Jennings, Sue Pond
30	Stephanie Lawson, Lyn Wilhoite
31	Lillybelle Moscato, Beverly Pearson, Curtis Vanzandt



Diarmuid & Anne O'Hara	August 1
John & Leila Hinkle	August 1
Hollis & Trudy Hulett	August 2
Michael & Anne Mayes	August 8
Handani & Daniela Kam	August 16
Jeff & Jill Lanning	August 18
Steve & Kim Mitchell	August 21
Gregory & Stephanie Lawson	August 28
Richard & Anna Paddon	August 31

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING



SEPTEMBER 12, 19, 26 -- COST \$16

First Hour Classes

9:30-10:30am

The Great Pacific War
The 800 Years Crusade

How to Navigate Your iPhone

Second Hour Classes

10:45-11:45am

How to Navigate Your iPhone
Public Education

Rutherford County History
Books and Radio

For more information, please contact Debbie Crumley at
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Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday afternoons, Class F

For class times or more info,
contact Kathy Graham at
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Have a September announcement?
Submit it to Charlotte at charlotte@mborofpc.org or
call 893-3882 ext. 201 by August 20, 2022.

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Wonderful Wednesdays are BACK!
August 17th, 2022, at 5:00 pm

The Fellowship Ministry Team is so very excited to announce the return of Wonderful Wednesday meals. Our leaders & teachers for all ages are happy to announce the return of Wonderful Wednesday classes and fellowship time. For the adult class, we have a special surprise guest teacher! You'll have to come and find out for yourself who our mystery teacher is! Our chef, Jessica Garner, is returning. You can reserve your spot for dinner by contacting Charlotte in the office at charlotte@mborofpc.org, calling 615-893-3882, ext. 201 or by using the bulletin insert/pew cards. You can reserve by the season, month or week. We can't wait to see you!