



# THE PROCLAMATION



## NEW RHYTHM, SAME FAITH REV. DR. JOHN A. HINKLE, JR., SENIOR PASTOR

There is something about summer that changes our pace of life. The schedules shift. The days grow longer. Families travel. People spend more time outdoors, around dinner tables, on porches, or wherever they can find a little rest from the ordinary rhythms of the year. But while summer may feel slower, it is not necessarily less busy. It is simply a different kind of busy.

The church experiences that same rhythm. Ministry does not stop in the summer. Faith does not take a vacation. God continues to move among us in worship, fellowship, mission, and the quiet moments we might otherwise overlook.

This summer, we will spend our Sundays walking alongside one of the most important figures in Scripture: Moses. From the moment he is placed in the waters of the Nile as an infant... to the moment he stands on the edge of the Promised Land, seeing it but never entering it... we will follow the long journey of his life and faith.

And perhaps summer is the perfect season for this story. Because Moses' life was not hurried. It unfolded slowly through deserts and mountaintops, through fear and courage, failure and faithfulness, wandering and waiting. His story reminds us that faith is rarely formed all at once. More often, God shapes us over time—through long seasons, ordinary days, and moments when we are called simply to trust.

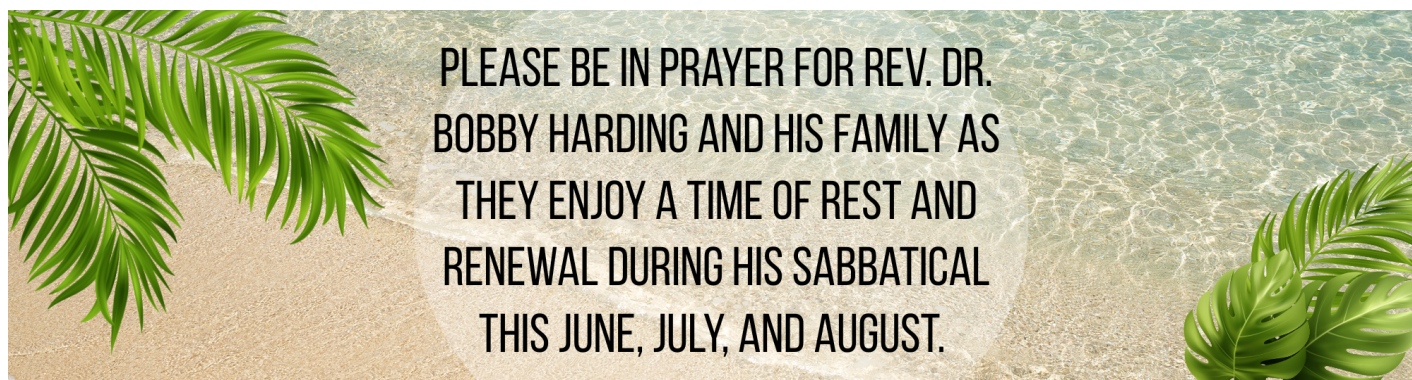
Throughout June and July, we will wrestle with questions that still shape our lives today: What does it mean to trust God when the future is unclear? How does God use imperfect people? What do we do when life feels like wandering in the wilderness? And how do we remain faithful over the course of a lifetime?

Because in many ways, Moses' story is also our story. A people learning to trust. A people learning to follow. A people discovering that God remains faithful even when we struggle.

So wherever this summer takes you—whether across the country or simply into a different rhythm of life—I hope you will remain connected to the life of this church and to the God who continues to call us forward.

The wilderness journey continues.  
And by grace, we walk it together.

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PREACHING IN JUNE & JULY

**June 7**

“Drawn Out of the Water”

*Psalm 33:1-12*

*Exodus 1:8-14;*

*2:1-10*

**June 14**

“Living Between Two Worlds”

*Psalm 100*

*Exodus 2:10-15*

**June 21**

“I Will Be With You”

*Psalm 86*

*Exodus 3:1-12*

**June 28**

“Let My People Go”

*Psalm 13*

*Exodus 5:1-9, 22; 6:1*

**July 5**

“Through the Waters”

*Psalm 45:10-17*

*Exodus 14*

**July 12**

“Bread from Heaven”

*Psalm 119:105-112*

*Exodus 16*

**July 19**

“How Do We Live as Free People”

*Psalm 139*

*Exodus 19-20; 32*

**July 26**

“Standing on the Edge”

*Psalm 128*

*Deuteronomy 34*

On July 12, we welcome back to our pulpit Rev. Walt Tennyson, who preached for us in January. Rev. Walt Tennyson is Staff Chaplain at Ascension St. Thomas and works in the East Regional hospitals in McMinnville, Woodbury, Sparta and Smithville specializing in behavioral health. As a PC(USA) minister he has served churches and college chaplaincies in New York City and Memphis. Walt has degrees from UCLA, Columbia Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and the University of Memphis. His wife Jody is a Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Midwife at Vanderbilt. They currently live in Murfreesboro and love the parks, greenway and local pickleball scene. They have 3 grown children and enjoy walking their two dogs at local parks.

WORSHIP & NEWS AT FPC



During the months of June and July we will have only ONE worship service on Sundays at 10:15am. Sunday School for all ages and groups will begin at 9:00am. Parents of children ages preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade are asked to pick up their children promptly after Sunday School so that children's Sunday School teachers are able to get to the worship service on time. Thank you.

Also, join us in the College St. portico after the service each week for cookies and lemonade! It's a great time for 8:30 and 11:00 people to get to know each other.



Rev. Dr. Hinkle will travel with the high school youth to the Appalachian Service Project trip June 8-13 in Johnson City, TN. July 6-12, he will be on vacation. In his absence, if there is a pastoral emergency, please contact your

caregiver or the church office. Rev. David Hood has agreed to be on call for pastoral care.

Rev. Dr. Bobby Harding is away on sabbatical June 1-August 31. During that time, Bruce Bailey will serve as our Interim Youth Director, serving with Angela Rogers, our Youth Ministry Coordinator. You can reach Angela at [angela@mborofpc.org](mailto:angela@mborofpc.org).



The Church Office will be closed:

- June 19 for Juneteenth
- July 3 (Friday) for the Saturday, July 4 Independence Day holiday.

**Morning Circle Social**

Bring your own Lunch social  
All women welcome!

Tuesday June 2 & July 7  
11am at church

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY  
SALVATION ARMY  
COMMUNITY MEALS**

2ND THURSDAY OF  
JUNE AND JULY  
4-7PM

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT KAREN HICKOK AT:  
HICKOKMUSICSTUDIO@GMAIL.COM TO VOLUNTEER

**FIRST FRIDAY**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**FRIDAY, June 5**  
9am - 12pm  
College St. Drive-thru

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**2nd**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, July 10**  
9am - 12pm  
College St. Drive-thru

# Thank you

Dear Church family,

Earl and I would like to thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during Earl's illness. The many cards, numerous prayer grams, the food and flowers have all been very thoughtful and much appreciated. A special thanks to those of you who have come and sat with Earl, providing time for me to run errands.

*Grateful, Sue Pond*

Dear Church Family,

We appreciate all the care, concern, and love you have given us during Avent's hospitalizations and his passing. The ministers and staff have been wonderful. All of the beautiful cards, the visits, food, prayers, and the continued support to our family has meant so much to us. We are truly blessed to be part of this Church Family!

*Thank you for everything! Marlene, Mollie, and Matt Lane*

Dear All,

My heartfelt thank you for hosting and attending my beautiful going away reception. What a blessing you and First Presbyterian Church have been in my life. I will miss each one of you and the church on the corner of College and Spring 'my second home and family.'

*With love to all, Kathy Graham*

**RELATIONSHIPS GROW**  
*leaders emerge*  
**COMMUNITIES CHANGE**

**Project Transformation Tennessee**

**JUNE 15-18 AND JULY 6-9**

We need 10-12 volunteers per day. We are providing 3 intern meals. Contact Teri Windham (terihwindham@gmail.com)

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP

FOR READING VOLUNTEERS:FPCM  
FOR MEAL VOLUNTEERS: FPCMMEALS

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO OUR AMAZON WISHLIST

**PROJECT TRANSFORMATION: HELP LOCAL CHILDREN LEARN TO READ!**

**VOLUNTEER** – If you can volunteer to read during our weeks (**JUNE 15-18 & JULY 6-9 from 9:00am-noon**), please contact Teri Windham 615-631-4910, terihwindham@gmail.com OR scan the Volunteer QR code in the graphic. Our code is: FPCM. **We are also providing a meal for the PT interns on June 1, 8, and July 15, please** contact Teri Windham (terihwindham@gmail.com).

If you cannot volunteer to read this year or participate in the meals, you can also **SHOP** - There is also an Amazon Wish List for the most needed items – just scan the Shop Amazon QR code in the above graphic.

# Church Retreat 2026!

Enjoy just a few of hundreds of pics we have from the retreat - see you 2027!



## Pat Cox Retirement Party Thank You

Thank you does not seem adequate, but thank you. It was a 'first class' experience, filled with love. I am overwhelmed by the kind words and gifts. I truly am thankful for you and my service at First Presbyterian Church. *Numbers 6:24-26* "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." -Pat



**Rob and Kendra Steele rejoice in the birth of their baby boy Henry Francis Steele,**  
born on May 5, 2026.  
His proud and grateful grandparents are:  
Katherine and Donnie Steele  
and  
Tammy Mogul  
Henry Lyons  
Henry's uncle is Hayden Steele.

## SESSION NOTES

BY GLEN EMERY, CLERK OF SESSION

Our devotion was given by Shannon Wheeler. He focused on the ways we can grow in our Christian faith. In our lifelong journey we must consistently practice spiritual disciplines which center on Scripture, prayer, and service. He outlined the following: Reading and meditating on the Bible as one's spiritual nourishment, maintaining a consistent prayer life in an on-going two-way communication with God, engaging in Christian fellowship, putting one's faith into action by using one's unique gifts to serve our church and the local community, and embrace a lifestyle reflecting Christ-like character in thoughts and actions.

- The main order of business was to approve the budget. After careful study the budget of \$1,046,000 was approved. It will be submitted to the congregation for information on Sunday, June 14.

- The Session voted to support, financially if needed, the Preschool Board's decision to make changes to the Preschool program for next year.
- Paula Stow presented both pastors with a handmade embroidered red stole especially appropriate for Pentecost.
- Free standing railings leading up to the podium will be installed in a manner as not to cause any damage to the historical structure of the church building.
- Bennet Hudson was approved for baptism on May 31.
- Reverend Doctor Harding presented his bound thesis to the session for historical preservation.
- Please take note of the flowers in front of the monument sign on College Street.
- Lights in the dome and in the parking areas will be replaced with photocell lights for better nighttime visibility.

# FPC Youth June & July 2026

## June Events

**June 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – High School Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip  
**June 17<sup>th</sup> Lake Day #1** – Drop-off: 9:00 AM, Pick-up: 6:00 PM.  
 Cost: \$20.00, RSVP to Angela by June 8<sup>th</sup>

## July Events

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Nashville Shores Day** – Drop-off: 9:30 AM,  
 Pick-up: 5:00 PM. Cost: \$25.00. RSVP to Angela by June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**July 15<sup>th</sup> Duck River Float** – Drop-off: 8:30 AM, Pick-up: 3:00 PM.  
 Cost: \$20.00. RSVP to Angela by July 6<sup>th</sup>

**July 29<sup>th</sup> Lake Day #2** – Drop-off: 9:00 AM, Pick-up: 6:00 PM. Cost:  
 \$20.00. RSVP to Angela by July 20<sup>th</sup>

Friends always  
welcome!

Join us every week for donuts and chats at Sunday School! Sundays 9.00-10.00am

**\*\*If you are not already receiving either Middle (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) or High School notifications and are interested in receiving them, please send Angela your contact information either by email at [Angela@mborofpe.org](mailto:Angela@mborofpe.org) or by text at 615-488-8995. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!**



## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

BY: BILL PATTERSON

### DAVID AND CHRIS HIGHLAND

New members Dave and Chris Highland joined the choir before joining the church, and we can credit Director of Music Noah Rice for the addition. They were members of Priest Lake Presbyterian Church where Noah served before becoming Director of Music here in June 2025.

Dave was born in Los Angeles but grew up in western New York and Georgia. Chris was born in Miami, Fla. But grew up in Georgia. The two met in band in high school in Marietta and were married in 1989. Dave has spent his working career in the automotive industry and works for Multimatic in Lewisburg. Chris is a long-time employee of State Farm and currently works from home. They have lived in Murfreesboro since 2018. Dave is a graduate of Georgia State and Chris earned her degree from Kennesaw State.

The Highlands have a daughter and two sons and “more cats than you can shake a stick at,” says Dave. Their son brought home a stray cat, which, they found out, was pregnant.

There are two charities important to the Highlands: the International Friendship Ministry and Friends of Argazanura in Kenya. Support of the former is by working with students who come here to study and then return home. The latter is support of schools in Bodi, Kenya.

We welcome the Highlands to our church family.



The office occasionally needs volunteers who could help with:

- folding & sealing mass mailings (*Proclamation* once per month, others a few times a year)
- when Charlotte is out of the office on vacation or other needs, we need volunteers to sit at her desk and take phone calls, answer the door, etc.

If you would like more information, please contact Charlotte at [charlotte@mborofpc.org](mailto:charlotte@mborofpc.org).

### FINANCIAL OFFICE EMAIL CHANGE

The new email address for the Financial Office is:  
[financialadmin@mborofpc.org](mailto:financialadmin@mborofpc.org)

Our new Financial Administrator is:  
 Kelley McNey

The phone contact is unchanged:  
 615-893-3882, ext. 205.



- Sunday School will meet at 9:00am each week in June and July, with one worship service at 10:15am. Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly after Sunday School so volunteers can get to the worship service on time.

- Remember VBS is June 2-4 from 5-7pm here at church (dinner included). We still need VOLUNTEERS! Please email Meredith at Meredith@mborofpc.org if you would like to help! Nursery is offered for children of volunteers. Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are also welcome to volunteer.

- Our VBS singers will perform their songs during the 10:15 worship service on Sunday, June 7!

- Please be in prayer for our students as they attend summer camps this month.

## JUNE MEMORY VERSE

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control"

**Galatians 5:22-23**

## July Memory Verse

"Therefore I will praise you among the nations; O Lord; I will sing Praises to your name."

**Psalm 19:49**

## VBS 2026!

### GALAXY: LAUNCHING KIDS ON A MISSION OF GOD'S LOVE

JUNE 2-4, 2026

REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE OR FORM!

NURSERY PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN OF VOLUNTEERS ONLY

## THIS BACKPACK IS BLESSED

I AM LOVED

SAVE THE DATE!  
AUGUST 2ND  
TRANSITION SUNDAY  
& BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

# PRESCHOOL NEWS **Message from The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Most of our congregation is aware of the enrollment/financial hurdles our Preschool currently faces. The Session of First Presbyterian Church voted unanimously last night to continue with another preschool year. The Session recognizes that the preschool is projected to operate at a deficit this coming year. At the same time, there was a shared belief that this ministry remains an important part of the life and witness of our church and community. Moving forward, the Session will continue working closely with the Preschool Board to explore both immediate and long-term pathways for sustainability, growth, and student recruitment.

As part of that effort, Shannon Wheeler will be working alongside the Preschool Board and our Director, Karen Winford to think creatively and strategically about how we strengthen and support the preschool in the months ahead.

We ask for your continued prayers for the children, teachers, staff, families, and leadership connected to this ministry. We also ask for your help. One of the most meaningful ways you can support the preschool is by continuing to make referrals to friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members who may be looking for a preschool community rooted in care, faith, and excellence.

Thank you for your continued love and support of First Presbyterian Church and its ministries as we seek to move forward faithfully together. We will provide more information in the coming weeks.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Angelina Hulett, William Lea, John Murphy
- 3 Virginia Jennings, Tommy Nance
- 4 Joseph Anderson, Ruth Bouldin,  
Lindsey Jennings, Chuck Ramsay
- 6 Marcie Richmond
- 7 Carol Egles, Rebecca Layman
- 8 Anna Paddon, Sandy Workman
- 9 Norma Christiansen
- 12 Margaret Lane, Josh Merritt, Wesley Nance
- 13 Jonathan Swenson, Susan Wilson
- 14 Joe Bales
- 15 Doug Daniel, Joe Rich
- 16 Valerie Bales, Susan Couch, Addie Gray,  
Jovie Harding, Jay Smith
- 17 Zach Tyner
- 18 Marilyn Patterson, William Patterson,  
Pete Sourek
- 19 Kenny Jones
- 20 Courtney Joyner, Roy Lugos
- 21 Leslie Akins, Kathy Callaway, Cindy Prescher
- 22 Reese Hines, Robb McDaniel
- 23 Rachel Follis, Rick Prescher
- 25 Chris Jackson, Mary Martin
- 26 Adam Webb
- 29 Cynthia Bang, Caroline Layman,  
Sandy Wheeler
- 30 Shelby Adamson, Amy Farrar, Reecely Young

- 2 Bill Zuiches
- 4 Allison Panter
- 5 Mary Holden Jennings
- 6 Richard Egles, Richard Gross
- 7 Kathryn Hines, Angie Livesay
- 8 Susan Pelot
- 9 Dirk Heusinkveld
- 13 Glen Emery
- 14 Jeff Lanning, Chip Peruzzi, Noah Rice
- 15 Bart Walker, Hannah Vanzandt
- 16 Brent Dacus, Darrell Elwell
- 17 Sumner Bouldin, Susan Daniel
- 18 Charlene Baxley, Danny Riggs
- 19 Kallie Hudson, Shannon Parsons, Mike Pope,  
Carolyn Renales, Lee Ann Walker
- 22 Suma Clark, Michael Gray
- 24 Richard Paddon
- 27 Bill Shacklett
- 28 Allison Swenson
- 29 Olivia Arnett
- 30 Kathy Zuiches
- 31 Marshall Baughman

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## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Marshall & Meredith Baughman
- 5 - Steve & Sarah White Bagby
- 7 - Bob & Nancy Hoffman
- 8 - Mike & Beth Petroka
- 9 - Bill & Marilyn Patterson
- 11 - Timothy & Joyce Merritt and Bernie & Susan Steen
- 12 - Bob & Jean Potter
- 14 - Harrison & Kesha Tisdal
- 16 - Chris & Watson Harris
- 17 - Stacy & Tracy Webb
- 20 - Terry & Allison Panter and Dave & Judith Trimble
- 21 - Rick & Cindy Prescher
- 22 - Mark & Leslie Akins
- 23 - Steve & Karen Hickok
- 24 - Bart & Lee Ann Walker and Jayson & Tara Bouchillon

- 1 - Chris & Amy Jackson
- 8 - Andy & Meredith Peck
- 14 - Mike & Margaret Ann Pope
- 16 - Doug & Lauren Flanagan
- 20 - J.T. & Tori Leathers
- 22 - Brian & Leslie Iske
- 24 - Jim & Lana Lemons
- 25 - Curtis & Hannah Vanzandt
- 26 - Henry & Sandy Workman
- 28 - John & Patsy Moss
- 28 - Kenny & Kathy Jones
- 29 - Bobby & Lexie Harding
- 29 - Tommy & Katie Turner
- 30 - Brian Hughes & Heather Beason
- 31 - David & Shannon Parsons

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All families are invited to  
**Second Sunday Social Hour**  
4:30-6:00pm

Join us for our monthly **FREE** events perfect for families! Spend time meeting other families while having fun. Friends are always welcome!

Jun 14th	Ice Cream Social and a Great Game of HORSE! – Church
Jul 12th	Pizza and Painting Party – Church
Aug 9th	Corn Dogs and Corn Hole – Church
Sept 13th	Nachos and Nerf Wars – Church

**ATTN. ALL FAMILIES WITH KIDS 0-18 years!**

**You are invited to our NEW 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Social Hour!**

**KICKOFF: JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4:30-6:00PM**

All families with kids of any age: 0-18 years are invited to join us for some afternoon fun and fellowship.

Food and events are always FREE. Bring as many friends (and their families) as you want, the more the merrier! Each month we will have a different theme and activity – we have posted the summer events and locations in the above graphic.

This is *not* a child drop-off concept – we want to provide our wonderful church families a chance to get to know each other and spend time with both their kids and each other!

**Questions? Contact Meredith at [meredith@mborofpc.org](mailto:meredith@mborofpc.org)**