



# THE PROCLAMATION



## THE ROLE OF PRESBYTERIANS IN UNITED STATES HISTORY

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As we prepare to celebrate the 248th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, I have been reading up on the role of Presbyterians in the American Revolution. King George referred to the unpleasantness in the 13 Colonies as the Presbyterian Revolt, connecting the colonies' call for independence to Scotland's unrest with the Jacobites and Covenanters. The Presbyterian Church's emphasis on self-governance, resistance to tyranny, and individual rights naturally aligned with the principles of the revolution. Presbyterian ministers, often collectively called the "Black Robe Regiment," were particularly active in preaching and promoting the revolutionary cause. Their sermons and teachings framed the struggle for independence as a moral and divine imperative, galvanizing their congregations to act against British rule. Four of the most famous members of the Regiment were:

**John Witherspoon:** Undoubtedly the most influential Presbyterian in the Revolutionary era, Witherspoon's significance cannot be overstated. As a signatory of the Declaration of Independence and president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), he shaped the minds of many future leaders of the new nation. Witherspoon's advocacy for independence, blending his theological convictions with a robust support for republican ideals, left an indelible mark on the Revolutionary era.

**James Caldwell:** Known as the "Fighting Chaplain," Caldwell was a Presbyterian minister who actively supported the revolutionary cause. He served as a chaplain in the Continental Army and was known for his fiery sermons encouraging resistance against British rule. Caldwell's commitment was so intense that he was willing to fight alongside soldiers, even providing them with hymnals to use as wadding for their muskets when supplies were low.

**William Tennent:** Another influential Presbyterian minister, Tennent strongly advocated for the colonies' rights. He used his position to preach about the importance of liberty and justice, framing the Revolution as a moral imperative. Tennent's persuasive sermons helped to galvanize support among his congregants and beyond.

**Samuel Davies:** Although he passed away before the Revolution, Davies' legacy as a Presbyterian minister and educator significantly influenced the revolutionary generation. His emphasis on religious freedom and resistance to tyranny resonated deeply with those who later took up the cause of independence.

The contributions of Presbyterians to the American Revolution were multifaceted and profound. From the pulpit to the battlefield, their influence was felt in every aspect of the struggle for independence. Guided by their theological convictions, Presbyterians provided crucial moral and ideological support for the revolutionary cause. Their legacy is evident in the principles that continue to define American democracy: liberty, justice, and the inherent worth of every individual. As we reflect on the American Revolution, it is essential to acknowledge and honor the pivotal role played by Presbyterians in the birth of the United States.

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PREACHING IN THE MONTH OF JULY

**July 7**

"Faith"

Hebrews 11:1-3  
Psalm 123

**July 14**

"Hope"

Romans 5:1-5  
Psalm 24

**July 21**

"Love"

1 Corinthians 13  
Psalm 23

**July 28**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
Lamentations 3:1-24  
Psalm 14

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.

FPC NEWS AND WORSHIP



During the month of 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 our 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!



- Dr. Hinkle will be on vacation July 1st through the 7th. If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office or your caregiver.
- The Church office will be Closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.



From the Fellowship Ministry Team: Due to the increased cost of food, the Fellowship Ministry Team must raise prices for Wonderful Wednesday to:  
Adults: \$8  
Children: \$5  
Family Max: \$25  
College students are still free of charge. Thank you for your understanding.



## FPC EVENTS AND UPDATES

### STEWARDSHIP 2024/2025

The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank you for making your pledges. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, you still have time. You can either send an email to Pat Cox at [patcox@mborofpc.org](mailto:patcox@mborofpc.org), mail to the church, or bring the pledge card with you and put it in an offering plate. If you still need one, pledge cards are available at the 4 sanctuary entrances, or you can contact the church office to have one mailed to you.



**Please join us for a Bridal Shower celebrating Alexandra Wolohon's engagement to Hunter Powell on Sunday, July 21st, at 2pm in the church parlor.** Alexx is registered on [Zola.com](https://www.zola.com). Her shower is hosted by Kay Wolohon, Trudy Hulett, Shannon Staggs, and Kristen Wolohon.

## HELP NEEDED

Do you like to sew and/or do upholstery -- or know someone who does? Want to make a little money? The handbell ministry is in need of new corduroy covers for our tables. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on this project, please contact the church office or David Sevier to set up a time to see what we need. In addition, the bell choir is in need of a printer that may be currently in someone's closet. It need not be able to connect to the internet or

even a computer. We only need to use it to make a few occasional copies "after hours." If someone has one that they're willing to donate we'd be happy to take it off their hands. Please contact the church office or David Sevier. Thank You!





## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We will start the new Sunday School year August 4 with an assembly for the adult classes in the Sanctuary at 9:30. The teachers/leaders from the four adult classes will give a brief outline of their focus and topics for the year. The adult Sunday School program at FPC is flexible, with members free to attend any class they choose. We periodically have a fresh start to let everyone know what is happening in our Sunday School program. We are looking to begin a new young adult class which will include college age and up. If this interests you, please speak to Bill Patterson, Sunday School Superintendent or Kim Joyner, chair of the Christian Education Committee. It is our hope that you will find that each class is interesting and open to all.

Our four classes are:

**Hippies, Preppies and Millennials led by Leila Hinkle, Young Adult led by Robb McDaniel, Last Room on the Right led by Jim Crumley, and Seekers of the Spirit led by Bob Hunt.**



# FPC YOUTH



## MBORO FPC YOUTH MINISTRY

# FALL PARENT MEETING



Sunday | August 4, 2024  
 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
 The Cellar at FPC

Lunch  
Included!

Pop culture and adolescence...  
Why we do what we do...  
The year ahead...  
Student/Parent expectations...  
And more!

**PLEASE RSVP WITH BOBBY**

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**DUCK RIVER**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6TH**  
**\$20 PER FRIENDS WELCOME!**  
 **RISING 7TH-12TH**

**DAY LAKE** AT CENTER HILL  
  
**7TH-12TH JULY 17**

*Save the Date*  
**Save the date for last youth event of the summer. Pool Party and Cookout.**  
**Location TBD. Sat Aug 3.**





- Summer Sunday School continues at 9:00 as we continue our summer series Animals in the Bible.
- Save the Date! Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 4<sup>th</sup>

July Memory Verse  
“Therefore I will praise you among the nations; O Lord; I will sing praises to your name.”  
Psalm 19:49



## VBS 2024





2-	Bill Zuiches
4-	Allison Panter
5-	Mary Holden Jennings
6-	Richard Egles, Richard Gross, Matthew Hibdon
7-	Kathryn Hines, Angie Livesay
8-	Susan Pelot
9-	Dirk Heusinkveld
13-	Glen Emery
14-	Jeff Lanning
15-	Bart Walker, Hannah Vanzandt
16-	Brent Dacus
17-	Sumner Bouldin, Susan Daniel
18-	Danny Riggs
19-	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



Chris & Amy Jackson	July 1
Jay & Shannon Smith	July 7
Andy & Meredith Peck	July 8
Mike & Margaret Ann Pope	July 14
Doug & Lauren Flanagan	July 16
J.T. & Tori Leathers	July 20
Brian & Leslie Iske	July 22
Curtis & Hannah Vanzandt	July 25
John & Patsy Moss	July 28
Lillian Henry & Frank Bongiorno	July 28
Kenny & Kathy Jones	July 28
Bobby & Lexie Harding	July 29
Tommy & Katie Turner	July 29
Brian Hughes & Heather Beason	July 30
David & Shannon Parsons	July 31



## First Presbyterian Church Preschool

We are hiring for a teacher to come join the First Presbyterian Preschool! The hours are from Mon-Thurs 8:00-1:00 with low class sizes. For those wanting to enroll, FPC Preschool has limited space available. For more information on enrollment or are interested in teaching, email Karen Winford at [preschool@mborofpc.org](mailto:preschool@mborofpc.org).

Thank you, Karen Winford, *Director of Preschool*



**The Proclamation** is a monthly newsletter of  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Have an announcement for August**  
Submit it to Charlotte at [charlotte@mborofpc.org](mailto:charlotte@mborofpc.org)  
by July 19.



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### FPC Tailgate Party Sunday, July 28!

On Sunday, July 28th, everyone is invited to wear your favorite sports team jerseys and outfits to church! After the 10:15 service, we will have a barbeque lunch and activities/games for kids and adults. The lunch is free but we need you to make a reservation to ensure we have enough food. This year we will again have a table decorating contest! If you decorate a table,

we will reserve the entire table for you and your friends. The best decorated table will win dinner for their entire table at The Alley on Main! Do you think you can do better than our 2023 winners: Ann, Lauren, and Sherry? Check out their table in the picture below and add your own inspiration. Reserve your table today! Contact the church office to place your reservation to attend AND/OR reserve an entire table: 615-893-3882, ext. 201 or [charlotte@mborofpc.org](mailto:charlotte@mborofpc.org).

