



THE PROCLAMATION

"To Know Christ and Make Christ Known"



THE SUMMER SWITCH

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

As I have shared with you before, I love the month of August. I came into this world in all my naked glory on August 7, 1967. Leila and I said "I do" on August 1, 1992. And of course, August kicks off another college football season. As I shared in Sunday, July 14's sermon, I am pretty optimistic about Auburn University's chances of winning the National Championship this year. With that being said, the month of August brings for me some comfort and normality to my life and I think this is true in the life of the church.

With August, First Presbyterian Church says goodbye to the summer schedule (yes, I know August is technically still the summer, but work with me). On Sunday, August 4, we will go back to two services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 (but if you attend Dr. Robb McDaniel's class the starting time is more like 9:41 am, as his class waits for Robb to get his coffee). August also means the start of Wonderful Wednesday, which kicks off on Wednesday, August 14. And let me not forget my Monday Men's Bible Study will start where we left off in the Book of Romans as we get back together on Monday, August 5.

As you can tell, there is a lot happening in August. So take some time to review this month's The Proclamation, mark your calendar with important dates, and get ready to go. August is a great month.

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

FIRST FRIDAY



Friday, August 2nd
9am - 12pm
College St. Drive-thru

For our August Food Drive, our Mission Ministry Team is partnering with the Murfreesboro City Schools Backpack Program. This important program "provides backpacks of food to students identified in their schools as 'chronically hungry' – children who, for whatever reason, consistently have little to no access to food at home on weekends." (Lisa Trail, Murfreesboro City Schools). Please use the list below for choosing items – NO peanut butter items, please. Thank you for helping children in our community.

- Beef & macaroni, beef stew, beans & franks, spaghetti & meatballs, etc. (single serving, pop-top cans) 7.5 oz. size
- single serve microwavable macaroni & cheese
- Juice boxes/pouches – 6.75 oz.
- Single serve cereal - .75 oz.
- Snack cracker packages (not peanut butter)
- Granola bars (not peanut butter)
- Shelf stable milk – such as Horizon Organic milk

Traditional food drive items are still welcome and will be taken to Greenhouse Ministries or Nourish as usual.





August 4

Two Services Resumes

"It is Well with My Soul"

Isaiah 26:1-11

Psalms 51:1-12

August 11

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Revelation 4:1-11

Psalms 130

August 18

"How Great Thou Art"

Romans 11:33-36

Psalms 111

August 25

"Amazing Grace"

1 Chronicles 17:23-27

Psalms 84

WORSHIP & NEWS AT FPC



PREACHING IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Starting on July 28, we began a new series of sermons exploring the top five all-time hymns. We started with Great Is Our Faithfulness, and we are working our way through Amazing Grace. Every hymn we will explore has a lasting impact on believers throughout the United States. Come and see why these hymns remain true even today.



Growing up in Dalton, one of Dr. Hinkle's favorite shows was The Twilight Zone, which came on Channel 9 out of Chattanooga on Saturday nights just after midnight. Initially drawn to its weird and quirky stories, over time, John began to explore its deeper meaning in life. Fifteen years ago, Dr. Hinkle taught "The Gospel According to the Twilight Zone," and he is bringing it back starting on Wednesday, August 14.



Presbyterian 101

**August 18, 25
September 8, 15**

In Classroom C

**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**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will start the new Sunday School year on August 4 with an assembly for the adult classes in the Sanctuary at 9:30. The teachers/leaders from the adult classes will give a brief outline of their focus and topics for the year. The adult Sunday School program at FPC is loosely organized, with members free to attend any class they choose at any time. We periodically have a fresh start to let everyone know what is happening in our Sunday School program. You will find that each class is interesting and worth attending. We will add a new class this year geared to younger adults. Our five classes are:

- Hippies, Preppies and Millennials, led by Leila Hinkle meets in Classroom A.
This class focuses weekly on the 1st and 2nd Scripture readings of that Sunday's service.
- Friends of Job, led by Robb McDaniel meets in Classroom B
We have a discussion format and do deep dives into biblical texts, examining them in historical context and looking for what makes the Bible weird, profound, troubling, and beautiful.
- Last Room on the Right, led by Jim Crumley meets in Classroom D
The Last Room on the Right is a Bible centered discussion class. Currently, the class is looking at the words of Jesus in chronological order.
- Seekers of the Spirit, led by Bob Hunt meets downstairs in Harrison Hall
We focus on reading individual books, discussing a chapter per week as we move through them. We do not have a set curriculum. We choose the books one at a time.
- Young Adult, Coming Soon
We are working on a new class especially geared for our younger adults. You might even have opportunity to help us in the design! More information coming in the near future.

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

Help Us Sponsor a Crate for Isaiah 117 House! As many of you know, 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 age 10-20 will be wearing them) and here is how we can help:



1. 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 and, in fact, preferred.
- Non-t-shirt blouses or shirts should be modest for school, not lo-cut, and comfortable
- No White shirts

2. 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

3. Don't want to shop or not sure what to buy? 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

Remember that the age of girls wearing these clothes will be 10-20. This will be a long-term and ongoing sponsorship. As we begin, our station will be in the Welcome Center and you can place your donations in the designated bins. As the bins fill, the donations will be taken to Isaiah 117 House by a Mission volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at charlotte@mborofpc.org or call 615-893-3882, ext. 0. Thank you!

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY! BY: BILL PATERSON



CYNTHIA CREQUE

Our newest member, Cynthia Creque, has led an interesting life, witnessing the beginnings of the space program, courtroom drama, and now, substitute teaching. Cynthia grew up at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where her father was an engineer in the space program "from the beginning." When she was a senior in high school, her father was transferred to Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. After high school, it was to the University of Alabama, then to law school, and then to the law firm of King and Spalding in Atlanta where she spent her career in trial logistics (with a short stint detailed to the U.S. Department of Justice).

Cynthia retired from King and Spalding about 15 years ago and moved to Murfreesboro for what has come to be the standard reason: family. Her son and his family live in Murfreesboro. She moved to Davidson, North Carolina briefly. "I enjoyed the pandemic there," Cynthia said, before moving back to Murfreesboro.

Although she is retired, Cynthia has found pleasure in substituting at Central Magnet School. "Central is a lot of fun," she declared, adding that she gets called in just about every week. Cynthia is a "voracious reader" and enjoys music and her 17-year-old Labrador, Ralph. She comes to First Presbyterian Church from First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. And what attracted her to this church? You-tube. Like so many others, she watched the services on the internet and liked what she saw. Visiting in person convinced her. She joined in June, and we are very glad to have Cynthia Creque with us.

ORGAN UPDATE BY: JOCELYN FISHER & VALERIE RAINS

The artisans from the Luley Organ Company are now finishing up their work on renovating, repairing and improving the pieces and parts of our organ in their Pittsburgh factory. If all goes as planned, they will be back in our sanctuary to reinstall these pieces and parts beginning July 22nd! They plan to be working here for a couple of weeks as they reinstall and re-voice those previously existing pipes and mechanics. And, there will be more installments down the road. The new, additional pipes are currently still under construction and the work on our facade pipes (the pretty ones that are seen but not heard) will not be completed just yet. We hope to see their completion and return in the late fall.

Good news: It is highly likely we will have organ music again as early as August! We will look to the future completion with excitement but still ask for your flexibility throughout this complicated process, as well as your patience during the remaining installments in the coming months.



This coming September 18th during Wonderful Wednesday the Mission Committee and Stillwaters ministry will be hosting its annual auction to help this ministry help its single-parent clients secure proper professional daycare. This auction has been very successful in the past, and we hope that this continues. This year we ask that potential donors focus on one of three types of donations. First are the wonderfully inventive gift baskets that have proved so popular in the past. Second are the various talents or services that people can offer to others. In the past, donors have offered everything from vacation weekends to conversations about politics. Third, are handmade crafts made by the donors. In each case think about what would people really bid for.

Changes to Our Weekly Youth Program

This year we will welcome the 8th grade students to our youth group gatherings on Sunday nights. We think this change will be best in the long run for our 8th grade students. On Wednesday nights we'll be opening the cellar for all students 7th-12th. Students can do homework, hang with friends, have fun, or just chill. We won't have any planned programs. Information about these changes (and more!) will be shared at the upcoming parent meeting on August 4th.



The graphic features a light blue background with a pattern of darker blue circles. It includes several decorative elements: a blue and white life preserver in the top left, a green olive branch in the top right, a red life preserver with white floral patterns on the right side, and a yellow and red beach ball in the bottom right. A small blue leafy branch is in the bottom left. The text is in a bold, teal, sans-serif font.

FPC YOUTH AUGUST

SAT AUG 3 – END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY. 6-8PM. GRAY HOUSE: 724 VETERANS PARKWAY

SUN AUG 4 – FALL PARENT MEETING. 12PM LUNCH INCLUDED

SUN AUG 11 – YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF! 6-8PM IN THE CELLAR

WED AUG 14 – OPEN CELLAR 6-7PM

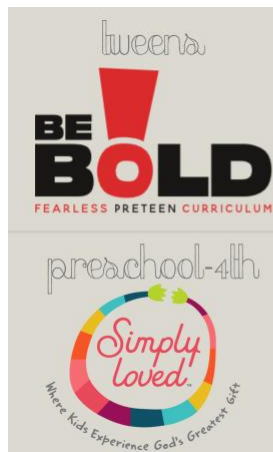
SUN AUG 18 – 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF LUNCH. THIS IS FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND MENTORS. 12:00PM. FPC COMMON ROOM.

SAT AUG 24 – 6TH-8TH GRADE EVENT. DINNER AND A MOVIE

SUN AUG 25 – 9:30AM. ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND MENTORS FALL KICK OFF EVENT

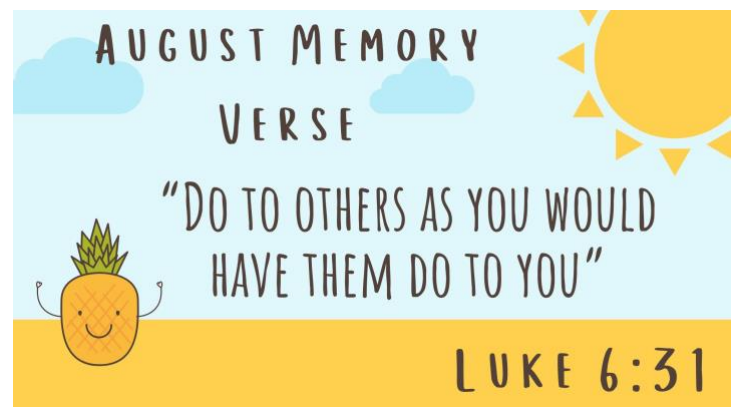


- August 4 is Blessing of the Backpacks and Transition Sunday! Be sure to bring your backpacks to the service with you and attend Sunday School for a fun back to School Celebration! Don't forget: this is the day we return to our normal 8:30 & 11am services
- We're Popping Up in Sunday School on August 4 at 9:30am! Join us for popcorn and Pirate's Booty for our special Transition Sunday.
- Get ready for the return of Wonderful Wednesdays on August 14th. We can't wait to see you there!
- VBS will be here soon! Save the Date for June 3, 4, & 5 2025
- Join us for a new Sunday School program on August 4th! The Tweens will be doing "Be Bold" and the preschool-4th grade will be doing "Simply Loved".



JOIN US UPSTAIRS FOR AN ALL NEW YEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AS WE BEGIN: BE BOLD & SIMPLY LOVED

BEGINS AUGUST 4TH AT 9:30AM





1	Matt Peachey
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
14	Patsy Coleman
15	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
21	Rick Heckel
22	Dave Baughman, Ann Nunley, Rebecca Pond
23	Carter Pelot, Margaret Ann Pope
24	Rhonda Foley, Caelex Harris, Peggy Miller, Rae Pencek, Earl Pond
25	Matthew Callaway, Hudson Gray, Lou Peruzzi
26	Travis Lampley
29	Susie Hawkins, Thomas Jennings, Sue Pond
30	Stephanie Lawson, Lyn Wilhoite
31	Lillybelle Moscato, Beverly Pearson, Curtis Vanzandt

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Have an announcement for September?

Submit it to Charlotte at charlotte@mborofpc.org or
call 893-3882 ext. 201 by August 15, 2024



Diarmuid & Anne O'Hara	August 1
John & Leila Hinkle	August 1
Hollis & Trudy Hulett	August 2
Michael & Anne Mayes	August 8
Thomas & Shelby Dias	August 9
Handani & Daniela Kam	August 16
Jeff & Jill Lanning	August 18
Steve & Kim Mitchell	August 21
Pete & Jackie Sourek	August 21
Gregory & Stephanie Lawson	August 28
Richard & Anna Paddon	August 31

Dear Church Family,
I am the Executive Director of the newly formed non-profit, Joyful Noise Music Academy. Our mission is "empowering children through the life-long gift of music, Joyful Noise Music Academy is dedicated to removing barriers to nurture creative talents by providing lessons and supplies". We will start this fall at Whitworth-Buchanan Middle School using volunteer teachers from the community and students from the CNAfME Chapter at MTSU. We would really appreciate your support in this endeavor. Would you be willing to teach lessons, donate an instrument that is sitting in your closet, or make a monetary donation? With help from the community we will be able to enrich the lives of these children.

If you can help in any way, please contact me. I would love to get you involved.

Sincerely,
Joanna Riggs

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
RETURNS AUGUST 5
IN THE PARLOR
5:30PM MONDAY NIGHTS

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The Fellowship Ministry Team is so very excited to announce the return of Wonderful Wednesday meals. 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. Due to the increased price 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. We can't wait to see you!