



THE PROCLAMATION



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

Growing up at First Presbyterian Church of Dalton, God placed men and women in my life who changed the course of my history. If you listen carefully to my sermons, I weave their names and stories when preaching. There was Mrs. Whitehead who taught me Sunday School and the catechism. There was Carl Rollins who encouraged me to attend Presbyterian College. Steve Farrow was a youth group advisor. Tom and Peggy Jones were an older couple in our church who treated me like I was a grandson. My life is fuller because these people gave of themselves to me.

The technical term for such encounters is intergenerational relationships. While the church has always nurtured such relationships, it has only been in the last twenty years that those who lead in the church have realized the significance of such relationships. During my sermon on August 14, as we explored the life and decisions made by Queen Vashti, I told you we are not born faithful, but instead, we learn how to be faithful by those people God places in our lives. How we worship, how we pray, how we sing, and how we live out the mission of the church is shaped in no small part by those relationships that have been developed over the years.

Every time we baptize a baby at the font, a simple question is asked of the congregation. "Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, promise to raise this child to know the love of Jesus Christ?" It is a promise of adoption. We are claiming that we will raise this child as if he or she were our very own. A simple way to look at this circle of life is to understand that we say what we say, and we do what we do not just so that the world may know the love of Jesus Christ, but a generation to come will do the same.

I want to share two photos that, for me, illustrate the joy that comes from these intergenerational relationships. The first picture is of Shannon Parsons holding Henry Peck and the second picture is of Shelby Hunton holding Peter Hulett. From the photos, I am not sure who is feeling the love the most: these two babies or these two adults.



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PREACHING IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 4

One Service

“Forgiveness is the Difficult Path”

Philemon

Psalms 1

September 11

“Forgive...But...”

Romans 12:17-21

Psalms 51:1-9

September 18

“Forgiveness is Heavy Lifting”

Colossians 3:12-14

Psalms 51:10-19

September 25

“Forgive Because Christ Forgave You”

Ephesians 4:29-32

Psalms 146

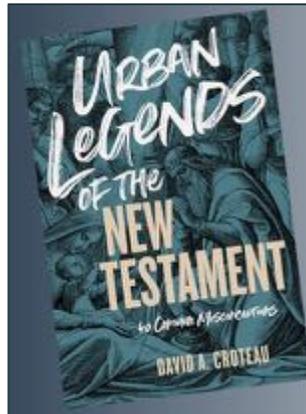
Labor Day Sunday:

On Labor Day Sunday, we will have one worship service at 10:15am. Communion will be served by intinction. Portable Communion will be found in the entrances of the church. Sunday School will be at 9am.

PREACHING IN SEPTEMBER

A Note from John: In my 28 years of ministry, there is no subject I have preached on that has stirred the emotions in the soul of the listener than that of Jesus’ saving act on the cross allowed us to see and experience forgiveness. Forgiveness should and must be at the heart of the ministry of the church, but it must also be lived out and applied in every believer. Yet, forgiveness is the hardest thing we are called to do. In the month of September, we will re-examine the gift of forgiveness.

FPC NEWS AND WORSHIP



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Starts September 14 with Rev. Dr. Hinkle

At 6pm Church Parlor

Rev. Dr. Hinkle will start a new class on Wednesday, September 14th at 6pm that will pick up where he left off last spring based on the book,

Urban Legends of the New Testament. So often what we “know” about the Bible is information we’ve heard second hand and may not even be accurate. Yet often misunderstandings about scripture arise because interpreters neglect a passage’s context, misuse of historical background information, and misinterpretation of the original language of the text.



FPC NEWS

**First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro
FIRST FRIDAY**


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



Morning Circle meets Tuesday, September 6 at 10am for all women 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. Join us as we see old friends and look forward to making new ones!

SESSION NOTES BY GLEN EMERY, CLERK OF SESSION

- Our devotion was led by Reverend Dr. Hinkle reflecting on the influence of Rev. Frederick Buechner back in 1985. Through Rev. Buechner, Rev. Hinkle found his true identity and purpose in life, which was to follow Christ. He highly recommends the reading of at least one of Buechner's 39 published books.
- The quarterly Presbytery meeting was attended by our ruling elders Patsy Coleman, Sandra Hawkins, and Jan LaLance.
- The property ministry has been very busy doing this list of projects: annual professional cleaning of the kitchen, filling a very large sink hole in the back parking lot at a cost of \$24,000, in the pre-school area: painting walls, new ceiling tiles, renovating bathrooms and new water bottle filling stations, as well as new water bottle filling stations in other locations in the building.
- We are scheduling a Reserve Study, which involves an examination of the condition of all major systems of our building by a professional architect. The study projects the life expectancy and cost of replacement to help us know how much money needs to be set aside each year for replacements. Miller-Dodson Associates of Annapolis, Maryland will be performing the study.
- Vacation Bible School was well attended with 80 attendees. For Sunday School Kathryn Hines and Gracie Brasch will be teaching Pre K and kindergarten,

Krista Bailey and Tracey Lannom will be teaching 1-4 grades, Daniela Kam will be teaching the 5th and 6th grade Tween group.

- On Wednesday nights, Pre K through 4th grade will be have music by Katie Turner, and activities will be led by Gracie Brasch and Tracey Lannom. The 5th and 6th grades will be led by Meredith Peck and music by Katie Turner.
- For your calendar: Fall Festival is Oct 26!!
- Notice: Sunday September 4 there will be only one service at 10:15. Sunday School at 9 am. Communion by Intinction.
- We are pleased that 7 persons are attending the Presbyterian 101 classes at 9:30 am on Sundays.
- Another calendar item: September 28. Gifts and Talents auction for the benefit of Still Waters, a program to assist single parents and their children with housing, childcare and job searches.
- Habitat for Humanity is seeking churches to match a \$20,000 federal grant to build homes in the Twin Oaks Drive area off Halls Hill Pike. We are considering this.
- The free luncheon on Tail Gate Sunday was attended by 170 persons.
- Communion was taken to one of our homebound members and visitation to several others.
- We will continue to have police protection for our Sunday services.



Greetings FPC Family!

It's that time! MTSU will be back in session by the time you read this, and we are really looking forward to everything kicking off! Our student leadership team has planned some awesome stuff for this school year. Weekly we will gather for lunch on Mondays, meet on campus for coffee on Tuesdays,

and as always, we will fellowship together on Thursday nights at UKIRK! We've got a lot of other big things planned as well, starting with a kayaking day trip in early September! Pray that UKIRK can be a place where students find community, find rest and peace from their hectic school and work schedules, and be surrounded by the love of Christ.

On behalf of myself and the UKIRK MTSU Board of Directors I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped make the recent UKirk Workday a big success! First Pres had the largest contingent of volunteers show up! For that and all the hard work they did we are very grateful!

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FPC MEMBER MATTHEW HIBDON ELECTED NATIONAL UKIRK CO-MODERATOR

UKirk MTSU is part of a larger network of ministries across the nation which form the UKirk Collegiate Ministries Association. During the inaugural UKirk National Gathering this June, Matthew Hibdon was elected as co-moderator of the UKirk National Board of Directors. He will serve for two years, and his fellow co-moderator for 2022-23 will be Rev. Maggie Alsop (Chaplain, Lyon College).

The majority of the national board are ordained professionals who work in collegiate ministry and provide guidance for how the organization can develop campus ministers, engage students, and grow Presbyterian outreach on campuses. The board works with UKirk Executive Director Rev. Gini Norris-Lane to provide resources and programming to the network. UKirk's biggest program this year was the National Gathering at Zephyr Point Conference Center. The conference centered around the theme of "Connections," and participants explored all the connections that are vital for collegiate ministry professionals to thrive: their connections to God, their lives "outside of ministry," their communities, college students, leadership teams, and the wider church.

The event concluded with the national leadership's first in-person board meeting where the group worked on a strategic plan for the ministry network. Hibdon joined the 13-member national board in July 2021 and represents volunteers who serve on local UKirk boards. He has served as a Board member and Secretary of MTSU's ministry for 7 years and is thrilled to help the national organization better support local members who serve students.

"I can truly say that my time as a student at UKirk transformed my faith and introduced me to my closest friends. The work that campus ministers and local volunteers do through UKirk has been an investment in college students for generations, and it is a blessing to serve both our MTSU students and UKirk'ers around the United States. Both boards I serve on are committed to making UKirk feel like home for all students," said Hibdon.

Image Caption: National Gathering attendees flew in and out of the Reno/Tahoe Airport to get to Zephyr Point. Before heading back home, some of the UKirk leadership took a group photo at the airport (l to r: Rev. Norris-Lane, Rev. Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra (UKirk UVA), Rev. Rachel Penmore (UKirk at UTK), Hibdon, and Rev. Alsop).



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN **SEPTEMBER** WITH **FPC YOUTH**

SUN SEP 4 **9TH-12TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **6PM-8PM
THE CELLAR**

WED SEP 7 **7TH-8TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **5:30-7PM
THE CELLAR**

SUN SEP 11 **12TH GRADE CONFIRMATION
LUNCH** **12PM
THE CELLAR**

SUN SEP 11 **9TH-12TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **6PM-8PM
THE CELLAR**

WED SEP 14 **7TH-8TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **5:30-7PM
THE CELLAR**

SUN SEP 18 **9TH-12TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **6PM-8PM
THE CELLAR**

WED SEP 21 **7TH-8TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **5:30-7PM
THE CELLAR**

FRI SEP 23 **6TH-8TH GRADE
PIZZA & GO USA** **5PM-9PM
MEET @FPC**

SUN SEP 25 **9TH-12TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **6PM-8PM
THE CELLAR**

WED SEP 28 **7TH-8TH GRADE
YOUTH GROUP** **5:30-7PM
THE CELLAR**



- Sunday school will be each Sunday at 9:30 for Preschool (age 3) to 6th grade. On Labor Day Weekend, Sunday School will be at 9:00am September 4th.
- Wonderful Wednesdays each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm in September for Preschool - 6th Grade. Join us for Choir as we work on our Joy Gift Program and fun games each week!
- Save the Date: Joy Gift Dinner and Program will be December 7th! If your child would like to participate in the Program, we will be working on music each Wednesday at 6:00pm. We will also have an additional practice on Sunday, December 4th immediately following the 11:00 service. Lunch will be provided. Stay tuned for more details!



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Each week | Sunday School | 9:30-10:30am | Children's Wing | Preschool-6th Grade *see change for Labor Day weekend below
Sunday, September 4th | Sunday School | 9:00-10:00am (note time change) | Children's Wing | Preschool-6th Grade

Each week | Wonderful Wednesday | Choir, Fellowship, and Fun | Preschool-6th Grade | 6:00-7:00pm

Friday, September 9th | Family Movie Night | 6:30-8:30 | Common Room | Enjoy a free movie and snacks for the whole family! | Please RSVP to the Church Office or Meredith Peck at meredith@mborofpc.org

Sunday, September 25th | Kindergarten Faith Milestone | 9:30-10:30am | Common Room | For kindergarteners and their parents | Please RSVP to Meredith Peck at meredith@mborofpc.org

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Have an October announcement?

Submit to Charlotte at charlotte@mborofpc.org or call 893-3882 ext. 201 by September 20, 2022.



1	Avent Lane, Vance Willoughby
3	Rebecca Speck
4	Kim Mitchell
5	Drew Howser
6	Denise Dacus, Banks Tisdal
7	Kesha Tisdal, Helen Zelan
8	Zoey Harris, Leila Hinkle, Dwayne Kilgore, Martha LaLance
9	Ava Anderson, Krista Bailey, Will Bales, Caroline Leonard, Bradford Lea, Kathy Liles
10	Betty Childress, Robbie Lugos
11	Hope Emore
12	Bernard Hubbard, 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, Anne O'Hara, Linda Stevens
20	Braydn Bratcher, Marie Paterik, Susan Young
21	Brooks Bergsieker, Lydia Moore, Helen Weidhaas
22	Blake Joyner, Tammy Neely, Kim Vernier
23	Lauren Lane
24	Susan Martens, Chappell Mayes
25	Emily Edwards, Martha Richmond
26	Charlotte Gardner
27	Amelia Fournier, Rob Gritton, Emily Hunton, Kristen White
28	Gail Deckard, Betty Derryberry, Kimberley Mobley, Mark Pinner, Don Prince
29	Reed Elkins, Kathy Jones, Eliana Vanzandt



Dear Church Family,
Leila Hinkle will have her follow-up surgery on Friday, September 9. The Hinkle family will once again thank everyone for their prayers and support.

RULING ELDER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In the August meeting of the Session, Handani Kam and Tracey Lannom were selected as chair and co-chair as the Ruling Elder Nominating Committee. As soon as Handani and Tracey form the rest of the committee the congregation will be notified. In the meantime, if there is someone you would like the committee to consider to be Ruling Elder, please give those names to Handani or Tracey.



Barbara & Dicken Kidwell	September 3
Roy & Marie Paterik	September 3
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
Rob & Kendra Steele	September 18
Chris & Beth Moscato	September 19
Mark & Laura Follis	September 19
Steve & Andrea Elkins	September 28

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2nd Annual Gifts & Talents Dinner and Auction

Sharing Our Gifts to the Glory of God – 1 Corinthians 12:4

Our auction benefits struggling single parent families who are served in *Still Waters Family Ministries*. Whatever you give, share, or purchase will provide secure, quality childcare funding for children so parents can work, go to school, and move toward health, stability, and full life for their whole family. Last year you provided hundreds of hours of quality childcare—so that one mom has earned her LPN! Another two families are moving into their own independent living spaces. One mom works full time at an agency that provides recovery programming for other single mothers. Another mom is working to complete her high school diploma while working full time. Thank You! Thanks be to God. There are 2 main ways to support our effort:

- **Donate a gift of art, recreation, or service:** Art works, crafts, baskets of goodies, special services such as medical screenings, home care/repair, pet services, or recreational opportunities like vacation rental options. *You can sign up to donate in the church office or fill out the bulletin insert and drop it in the offering plate. Please sign up to donate by Sept. 19.*
- **Come for dinner and stay to bid on the wonderful gifts being offered!** You will leave with fabulous gifts and the precious knowledge that you have given struggling families a hand up and a way forward. Contact Rev. Joyce or the church office with any questions.