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From the Pastor's Pen

Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

The month of August marks a new cycle – a new beginning – for many. Some students and teachers/staff return to school to begin a new grade or transition into college. The *Celebration* returns with its pageantry and beauty. And, coming in September, First Presbyterian will recognize our new year with Rally Day, which marks a recommitment of ourselves to ministry through study, worship, and outreach.

As we journey together, our Worship services will take us deeper into the Gospel of Luke, the physician. We will explore Biblical stories to learn anew:

- the importance of how Jesus will return “like a thief in the night;”
- how faith in Jesus ultimately has a critical impact on the divisions in our earthly family relationships – Jesus came to bring fire;
- witness anew the healing of the crippled woman on the Sabbath – how Jesus put those in need over ritual laws of the Sabbath; and
- discern why Jesus told not one, but two parables focused on rules of etiquette at a banquet hosted at the house of a leader of the Pharisees – to emphasize the need for the attributes of humility and compassion as marks of a true disciple of Jesus.

One of our members kindly reminded all of us that we are a family, the family of God, because in the name of Jesus, we support and love one another. In the last few weeks, we have shared the great loss of long-time, faithful members of our Church, and our Church family has gathered to walk with their families in their grief. Our congregation must now pick up the mantle of leadership and bear the blessed burden of building on their faith legacy by leading our Church into the future God has planned for us. Guided by the wind of the Holy Spirit filling our sails, First Presbyterian Church is called to continue to build up this “holy temple” to the glory of God, walking in the footsteps of those faithful members.

In the busyness of life, come to Worship so that we, as a Church family, may increase in the wisdom and stature of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace and hope we know in Jesus Christ be our strength,

Jim





August 1 Marylyn Caperton
 August 5 Sheri Emerson
 August 6 Randy Reed
 August 7 Bailey Little
 August 7 Mike Matusek
 August 7 Molly Jensen
 August 8 Pearlee Mays
 August 9 Lynne Sain
 August 10 Willie Snell
 August 12 Cathy Ikard
 August 13 Ginny Saylor
 August 14 Jim Caperton,
 August 15 Nikki Turner
 August 17 Reed Emerson
 August 17 Lowry Ann Marsh
 August 18 Bea Marsh
 August 20 Ashley Segroves
 August 22 Walker Craig
 August 27 Taylor Smith
 August 30 Frieda Bone
 August 31 David Segroves
 August 31 Jed Stimpson



August 1st Steve & Kristin Conley



August 6th James & Marylyn Caperton

August 9th Ross & Jenniver Beavers



Committee Meetings

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, August 7th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee

Monday, August 11th @ 5:30pm

Session Meeting

Monday, August 18th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

No Pastoral Care Meeting until September. If anyone needs assistance please call the church office,
Attn: Marylyn Caperton



Bring your
 Good Samaritan
 Donations on
 Sunday,
 August 10th.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
IS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th
Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.**



Ice Cream Social



**The Book Club is meeting on
Friday, August 29th, 9:30am at
Never Rest Park.**

**They will be discussing
"The Rent Collector"
By Camron Wright.**



**Chancel Choir will not be meeting on
the Month Of August.
They will resume on September 3rd.**



- August 1** AA Meeting 1:00pm
- August 3** Worship Service 10:00am
- August 4** Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
- August 5** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 7** Worship & Music Meeting 5:00pm
AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 8** AA Meeting 1:00pm
- August 10** Worship Service 10:00am
Bring your Good Samaritan Donations
- August 11** Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
Mission Meeting 5:30pm
- August 12** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 14** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 15** AA Meeting 1:00pm
- August 17** Worship Service 10:00am
Ice Cream Social 4:00pm
- August 18** Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
Session Meeting 5:30pm
- August 19** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 21** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 22** AA Meeting 1:00pm
- August 24** Worship Service 10:00am
- August 25** Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
- August 26** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 28** AA Meeting 7:00pm
- August 29** Book Club at Never Rest Park 9:30am
AA Meeting 1:00pm
- August 31** Worship Service 10:00am
No Potluck

Red Cross Blood Donor Day



American
Red Cross



Red Cross Blood Mobile was here at FPC July 23 for their regular quarterly visit.

We had 19 donors, that netted 18 units of blood.

That number of units will serve at least 45 individuals.

Thanks to the donors from our church and the volunteers who helped with room preparation, registration and refreshments. We saw familiar faces come through.



Presbyterian Women News

Fall Potluck



Presbyterian Women will hold their
annual Fall Potluck Supper
Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker that night will be Carlene Smith who will share valuable information about scams and frauds, something we are being subjected to with increasing frequency. Come, bring a friend and bring a dish of food to share with all.

Our PW co-moderators Melanie Hamilton and Adrian Segroves are ending their three year tenure so PW's are seeking a moderator. If you are interested in that position or know of someone to recommend, please contact the church office at 931-684-6541 as soon as you feel moved to do so. If you would like more information, talk with Melanie or Adrian.

PW Circle will begin again on October 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Young Adult classroom. All are welcome on the second Tuesday of each month through May, 2026 for Bible study and fellowship. The resource selected for this year is the 2025-26 PW Horizon Bible Study titled, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. The study will follow Mary Magdalene, Mary of the Mary and Martha duo, the woman who was poor, the woman who was bent over, the prodigal son, travelers on the road to Emmaus and Jesus himself as they model joy, resilience and finding our friends identity in Christ. Please join us as we make our way through this study.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES





VBS



Truly...the Holy Spirit was in this place.
Until next year....



Our Vacation Bible School for 2025 ended with the reminder that
God gives us family...and it's the BEST FAMILY EVER....

Galatians 3:26 tells us "For you are all children of God."



🌴 The journey begins! 🌴





FUN ACTIVITIES

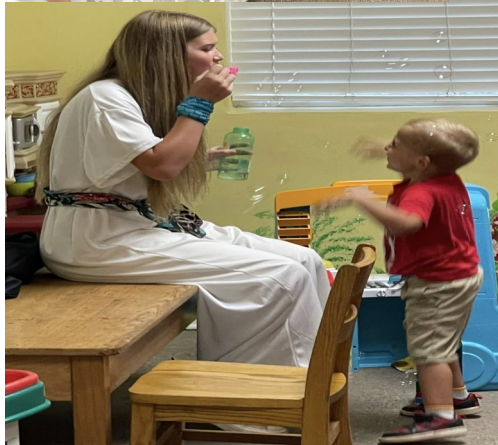




DEDICATED TEACHERS



GROUPS



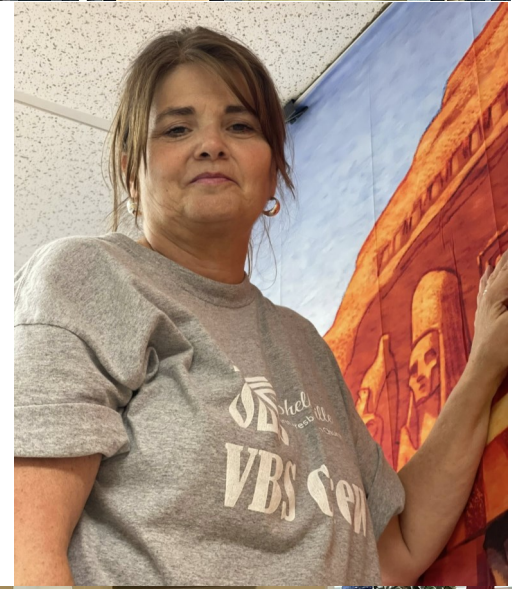


WOW! JAM PACKED WITH
STORYTELLING, MUSIC & DANCE!



God gives us special abilities. Some of us are stepping out of comfort zones into areas where we are not sure-footed but we are willing to try in order to share our love of the one true God with these children.







BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



We held our Blessing of the Backpacks.

What a blessing all of these smiling faces were to all of us. A special thank you to our friend, Reverend Dr. Gary Kelly, for standing in for Pastor Jim to bless these students and teachersand their backpacks.

**"May these tags remind you that God is always with you"
.....and your church family is too!!!**





Sunday, August 3, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Frieda Bone
Charlotte Williams
James & Lori Smith
 Lay Liturgist:
Pat Marsh
 Communion Prep:
 Communion Servers:

A Time for Young Christians
Pastor Jim
 Hall Monitor
Lisa Turner

Children's Church
Christy Jensen
 Nursery
Katherine Marsh
 Flowers

Helen Garner & Trena Little
Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig, Sarah Natale

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Sarah Natale
Christy Jensen
Richard & Kristen Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist
Charlotte Williams

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Belinda Craig
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Grace Wilhelm
 Nursery
Raychelle Flannagan
 Flowers
Lana Beavers

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Pat Marsh
Willie & Debbie Snell
Pat Thomas
 Lay Liturgist
Rob Marsh

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Mary Marsh
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Christy Jensen
 Nursery
Bea Marsh
 Flowers

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
James & Lori Smith
Grace Wilhelm
Charlotte Williams
 Lay Liturgist
Brent Canady

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Terry Saylor
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Belinda Craig
 Nursery
Debbie Snell
 Flowers

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Brent Canady
Jim & Kathy Ikard
Kristin Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist
Charlotte Williams

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
James Smith
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Sandy Yount
 Nursery
Katherine Marsh
 Flowers



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.



LCDR Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Airman Caleb Fletcher
(Grandson of Susan Spears)

Pvt. Oscar Taylor
(Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

Airman Anna Powell
(Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran
(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

Those who are serving abroad and at home.
Those in Military Service and their families.



In Memory of June Taylor Locke
a donation to the Greg Garner Fund was made by:

Ginger Bobo Shofner

Melanie Abraham (Brent Canady's Cousin)
Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)
Frieda Bone (Member)
Mary Brown (Member)
Family & Friends of Jackie Christie (Friend of Christy Jensen)
Donna Cox (Tommy Anderton's Sister)
Family & Friends of Catherine Daugherty (Former Member)
Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)
Kay Earhart (Friend of the Canady's)
Bill Garner (Helen Garner's Brother-in-law)
Cliff Garrard (Member)
Barbara Heuer (Raychelle Flannagan's Aunt)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
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Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)
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Evie Marsh (Church Family)
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Tony Matusek (Member)
Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)
Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)
Ruth Parsons (Blair Turner's Grandmother)
Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)
Barbara Singleton (Member)
Family & Friends of Margaret Smith (Member)
Barbara Steinke (Member)
Chris Stephens (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)
Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)
Doug Treadway (Member)
Megan Wallace (Jim Flannagan's Sister)
Weaver Family (Friends of the Pendergrass')
Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)
Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)



In Loving Memory of



**In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek
a donation to the Greg Garner Fund was made by:**

Tommy & Linda, Anderton
Louise Armstrong
Mike & Frieda Bone
Nancy June Brandon
Samuel Brown, & Hunter McCreary
Brent & Kate Canady
Brennis Craddock
Aaron & Connie Crafton
Belinda Craig
Ed or Joan Gray
Dick & Norma Zae Grissom
Melanie Hamilton
Judy Hornaday
Jeffrey, Mindy, Jax & Blake Howard
Fred Hunt
Jim & Kathy Ikard
Megan Insell
Rick & Deb Insell
Patricia Johnson
William III & Kelly Kingree
Heather Knott
Marshall & Jane Lile
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John & Elizabeth Marsh
Owen & Mary Marsh
Robert & Katherine Marsh
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Larry & Nancye McElroy
Charlene & Buddy Nelson
Evelyn Robinson
Terry & Ginny Saylor
Ginger Bobo Shofner
Richard Simmons
Willie & Debbie Snell
Dr. Charles Stimpson & Dr. Carol Magnuson
David Scott & Connie Thomas
Debbie Wray Thomas & Doris Wray Waldron

**In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek
a donation to the Greg Garner Fund was made by:**

Pat Thomas
Dan Townes
Roy & Lisa Turner
Charlotte Williams

**In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek
a donation to the Backpack Fund was made by:**

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm

**In Memory of Margaret Taylor Smith
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Candyce Magee
John & Elizabeth Marsh
Karisa & Mike Matusek
James Milliken Sr.
Terry & Ginny Saylor
Lauren Smith, Karen Williams, & Sharon Frost
Willie & Debbie Snell
Pat Thomas
Roy & Lisa Turner
Richard & Kristin Willhelm
Charlotte Williams
Robert Wright

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SESSION

Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,
Mike Matussek, Richard Smith

Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,
Sarah Natale, James Smith

TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.

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