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From the Pastor's Pen

My Christian brothers and sisters,

For some reason, the Apostle Paul wrote a benediction into the middle of his letter to the church at Ephesus:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (3:20-21)

Why did Paul plop that benediction in the middle of his letter long before the end three chapters later? The benediction closes the theological first part of the letter about both justification, which is being saved by the grace of God through faith, and also the mystery of the Gentiles becoming fellow heirs with the Jews “in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (3:6). The second section of the letter from chapters four through six is the living out of one’s faith, also known as sanctification. The benediction reminded the Ephesians and now reminds the Shelbyvillians that it is the work of God within us that accomplishes far more than we can imagine through the church by the grace of God we know both in our being saved by God, that is justification, and our being made holy by God, that is sanctification. We do not do it alone. It is the grace of God working through us.

The Session of First Prez is reading a book by the Reverend Dr. Joan Gray titled Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice that reminds us that it is God who does the heavy lifting and works through our church. Each month the Session will review a chapter and discuss its implications for our church. The metaphor of the church being a sailboat, with the wind of the Spirit filling its sails and navigating toward their destination, is compared with the metaphor of the church being a rowboat, with the members rowing away toward their destination. One metaphor gives me a feeling of freedom and strength powered by the wind; the other metaphor makes me feel weary, weak, and needing rest from rowing. Reading Dr. Gray’s book will teach us how to sail as a church powered by the wind of the Spirit. The Session will learn together about navigating a sailboat and becoming sailors who depend more on the wind (the Holy Spirit) to get somewhere than upon our own power and ingenuity alone. Together over the next several months, we’ll learn how to raise the sails and move with the wind of the Spirit.

This first Sunday of June we shall be refreshed by the nourishment of communion at the table of our Lord Jesus. Here at the table we find strength for our Christian journey. We do not minister by our own power alone but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Gray teaches that one of the practices and attitudes of a sailboat church is that it is “Holy Spirit powered. Just as there is no sailing without the wind, so there is no church worthy of the name apart from the Holy Spirit. The lethargy of many congregations today can be traced directly to ignorance of or apathy toward the third person of the Trinity.” (p. 10, Sailboat Church) May the Holy Spirit be “the power at work within us” and fill the sails of our boat called First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, Tennessee so that “speaking the truth in love,” we may “grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom *the whole body*, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, *promotes* the body’s growth in building itself up in love.” (Ephesians 4:15)

May the Wind of the Spirit fill the sails of First Prez,

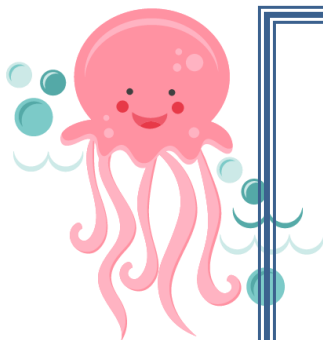
Jim





♥ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ♥

June 1	Jim Moran
June 4	Lee Russell
June 8	Karen Grace Ann Beavers
June 9	Dwayne Frisby
June 12	Mary Brown
June 13	Belita Reed
June 16	Ryan Edwards
June 17	Aaron Crafton
June 17	Connie Crafton
June 25	Sylvie Hall
June 25	Cliff Garrard
June 27	Carol Magnuson
June 27	Charleigh Turner
June 28	William Craig
June 29	Ashlyn Knott
June 29	Brent Canady
June 29	Norma Zae Grissom
June 30	Ryan Turner



♥ **Happy Anniversary**

June 2nd Jim & Barbara Singleton
June 20th Drew & Blair Turner
June 21st John & Bea Marsh
June 23rd Allen & Toby Haynes
June 27th Mike & Frieda Bone
June 27th Richard & Kathy Smith
June 30th Jim & Denise Moran

Committee Meetings

Mission Committee

Monday, August 11th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, August 19th @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee

Monday, June 9th @ 6:00pm

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, August 7th @ 5:00pm

Session Meeting

Monday, June 16th @ 5:30pm

Circle

Tuesday, September 9th @ 10:00am

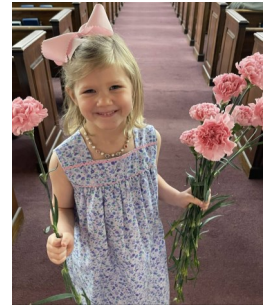


Don't forget to bring your donations for Good Samaritan on Sunday, June 8th.



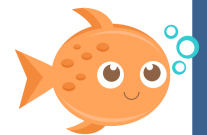


Someone served as our acolyte for the very first time today....even though she insisted that she had done it before. Whether it was the first time...or the second....well done E!!!!



June 2025

June 1	Time for Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am
June 2	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
June 3	Reception for Chenel 11:00am-1:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 4	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
June 5	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 6	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 8	Time for Fellowship 9:00am Bring your Donations for Good Sam Worship Service 10:00am
June 9	Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
June 10	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 11	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
June 12	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 13	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 15	Time for Fellowship 9:00am Bring your 5-Cents-A-Meal Donations Worship Service 10:00am
June 16	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Session Meeting 5:30pm
June 17	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 18	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
June 19	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 20	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 22	Time for Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am
June 23	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
June 24	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 25	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
June 26	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 27	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 29	Time for Fellowship 9:00am Hymn Sing Sunday 10:00am 5th Sunday Potluck following worship
June 30	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am





♥ SERVERS

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

Brent Canady

Helen Garner

Bailey & Trena Little

Lay Liturgist: **Charlotte Williams**

Communion Prep: **Mike & Karisa Matussek**

Communion Servers: **Mary Brown, Kate Canady, Sarah Natale, Richard Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

Pastor Jim

Hall Monitor

John Marsh

Children's Church

Sandy Yount

Nursery

Mary Marsh

Flowers

Jim & Barbara Singleton

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Day of Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters

Nancy June Brandon

Rob Marsh

Terry & Ginny Saylor

Lay Liturgist

Pat Marsh

A Time for Young Christians

Connie Crafton

Hall Monitor

Christy Jensen

Acolyte

Children's Church

Belinda Craig

Nursery

Lisa Turner

Flowers

Denise & Jim Moran

Sunday, June 15, 2025 Trinity Sunday

Ushers/Greeters

Michal Dobson

Melanie Hamilton

Helen Garner

Lay Liturgist

Brent Canady

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Jim Ikard

Acolyte

Children's Church

Katherine Marsh

Nursery

Raychelle Flannagan

Flowers

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

Frieda Bone

Belinda Craig

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm

Lay Liturgist

Jim Ikard

A Time for Young Christians

Sandy Yount

Hall Monitor

Pat Marsh

Acolyte

Children's Church

Grace Wilhelm

Nursery

Bea Marsh

Flowers

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

Christy Jensen

Sarah Natale

Willie & Debby Snell

Lay Liturgist

Rob Marsh

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Ginny Saylor

Acolyte

Children's Church

Bea Marsh

Nursery

Debby Snell

Flowers



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



Youth Sunday

Our "Big Kids".....

KNOCKED IT OUT OF THE PARK TODAY!!!

We thank members of our youth for leading our Youth Sunday Worship Service this morning....and for sharing with us their insights and wisdom. To our seniors, Ean and Grace, we are all so very proud of you. You have grown into amazing young adults. Wherever life takes you....always remember God is with you. Thank you to Helen Garner for presenting our seniors with their scholarships. Thank you to the Faith Development Committee for the reception in the courtyard following worship.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9





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 in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.

Melanie Abraham (Brent Canady's Cousin)

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Jackie Christie (Friend of Christy Jensen)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Sara Flannagan (Member)

Bill Garner (Member)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Vivian Hamilton (Friend of the Moran's)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

David Kee (Member)

Naomi Luna (Member)

Carol Magnuson (Member)

Carolyn & Tony Matusek (Member)

Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)

Chris & Savanna Morton (Family Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Margaret Smith (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Chris Stephens (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

Doug Treadway (Member)

Weaver Family (Friends of the Pendergrass')

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family Friend)



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the



We welcome this sweet, sweet lady, Carrie Hooper to our family this morning as she became the newest member of our church. We are truly blessed that you have chosen to join us....officially. And that guy next to you...what a blessing he is too!!!



Mrs. Helen Garner presenting a scholarship awarded to graduating seniors from the Greg Garner Scholarship Fund that was put in place in memory of her and Bob's son Greg.



Our children's Sunday School classes spent the morning in the garden with "Miss Helen" and "Miss Melanie." Thank you ladies for sharing you knowledge with our children. Thank you to "Miss Sandy" and "Miss Christy" for providing this experience!



The next Book Club is meeting on Friday, July 25th 9:30am at Never Rest Park. Book Club is not meeting in June. They will be discussing "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson.

Up and coming...

August "The Rent Collector" by Camron Wright

September "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt





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Director of Music

Angie Atanacio
Church Secretary

Teresa Phillips
Parents' Day Out Director



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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EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM