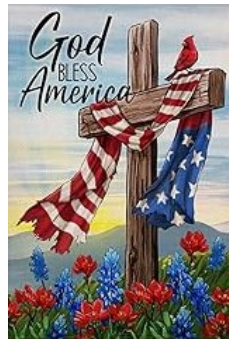




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## From the Pastor's Pen

My friends,

Vacation Bible School 2025 will take us to Egypt with Joseph, the son of Jacob and Rachel, the older brother of Benjamin and younger brother of ten other children of Jacob. "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace" is the theme for this summer's VBS. Over and over again the Bible reveals the story of God's love for the people of God through God's providing for them, not unlike God provides for us today.

You probably heard this story, if you grew up in the church, and remember that the providence of God was working in the story of Joseph to save the descendants of Abraham and Isaac as the people of God, our very ancestors in our faith story. From the first day to the fourth day of VBS, the children and teachers will learn that God gives hope, gifts, forgiveness, wisdom, and family to Joseph and us. It all begins with Joseph interpreting dreams that causes jealousy with his brothers but will also save his family from death during the coming famine. (Genesis 40-48) Come and share in our four days (July 13-16) in Egypt with Joseph, the Egyptians, and our children as we learn that God provides for the people of God. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers, cooks, servants, and children who will take us on this journey of faith into Egypt with Joseph and his family.

In July during worship, the focus of the scripture readings will be Luke 10. First Sunday communion will take us to the table of our Lord with Luke 10:1-20 and send us out "as lambs into the midst of wolves" along with the seventy with a few instructions and very little but our faith to tell the (mostly) good news "that the kingdom of God has come near to you." Then, some lawyer tested Jesus about inheritance laws in Luke 10:25-37. Jesus said something like, "You're a lawyer. What do you think?" The lawyer answered correctly and then foolishly asked, "Who is my neighbor?" To answer, Jesus told one of the most famous of the parables of our faith, the parable of the Good Samaritan. Chapter 10:38-42 ends with Jesus visiting the sisters Martha and Mary. In July, take some time to read and study Luke 10.

May the peace and providence of our God sustain you,

*Jim*





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| July 3  | Jim Ikard          |
| July 5  | Jackie Bane        |
| July 7  | Charles Stimpson   |
| July 8  | Timothy Bane       |
| July 13 | David Kee          |
| July 16 | Brian Knott        |
| July 21 | Fayne Parsons, III |
| July 21 | Gage Smith         |
| July 24 | Helen Garner       |
| July 26 | Melanie Hamilton   |
| July 27 | Isabella Craig     |
| July 27 | MacKenzie Craig    |
| July 27 | Willa Kate Shofner |
| July 29 | Morgan Ridner      |
| July 30 | Naomi Luna         |

|           |                           |
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| July 2nd  | Terry & Ginny Saylor      |
| July 10th | Jeff & Elizabeth Anderson |
| July 12th | Richard & Kristin Wilhelm |
| July 20th | Brent & Kate Canady       |
| July 24th | Tommy & Linda Anderton    |
| July 26th | Aaron & Connie Crafton    |
| July 28th | Ben & Lana Craig          |



## Committee Meetings

### Faith Development Meeting

Monday, July 7th @ 7:00pm

### Gift Fund Committee

Wednesday, July 9th @ 5:30pm

### Session Meeting

Monday, July 21st @ 5:30pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, August 7th @ 5:00pm

### Mission Committee

Monday, August 11th @ 5:30pm

### Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, August 19th @ 10:00am

### Circle

Tuesday, September 9th @ 10:00am

### Blessing of the Backpacks

#### Sunday, July 27th.

All students  
(PreK thru college)  
and teachers are invited to  
bring their backpacks  
(satchels, totes, etc)  
to worship on that Sunday  
to receive a blessing  
before school starts.



Blessing  
of the Backpacks



Bring your  
Good Samaritan  
Donations on  
Sunday,  
July 13th.





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

It's time for the **PW Summer Social**! All Presbyterian Women are invited to come to Emmy's Restaurant on Thursday July 24 at 11:30 for lunch. This is a self pay, order from the menu gathering but in order to keep from overwhelming the staff there, we would like to know an approximate number who will be attending.

Please RSVP to the church office, 931-684-6547 on or before July 20.



# JULY 2025



**American  
Red Cross**

### FPC Shelbyville Blood Drive

**July 23rd 10:00am - 2:00pm**

It's not too early

to go online and register.

**Please join us in giving a pint.**

The quarterly Red Cross blood drive will be held at FPC in the fellowship hall on Wednesday July 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Due to blood supply shortage, a special appeal has been issued for **Type O blood**. If you have that type or know folks who do, please consider donating yourself and pass the word to others. And always, your prayers for those in need of blood, those who donate and those who work for Red Cross are coveted and appreciated.

**For an appointment, please visit  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
or call 1-800-733-2767  
or the church office.**

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| <b>July 1</b>  | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 2</b>  | Chancel Choir 6:00pm   |
| <b>July 3</b>  | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 4</b>  | Office Closed  |
| <b>July 6</b>  | Worship 10:00am  |
| <b>July 7</b>  | Sermon Roundtable 10:00am<br>Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm  |
| <b>July 8</b>  | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 9</b>  | Gift Fund Committee Meeting 5:30pm<br>Chancel Choir 6:00pm   |
| <b>July 10</b> | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 11</b> | VBS Decorating from 10:00am ----   |
| <b>July 12</b> | VBS Decorating from 8:30am-noon  |
| <b>July 13</b> | Worship Service 10:00am<br>Bring your Good Samaritan Donations<br><b>VBS Starts at 5:00pm w/Dinner</b> |
| <b>July 14</b> | Sermon Roundtable 10:00am<br><b>VBS 5:00pm w/Dinner</b>  |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>VBS 5:00pm w/Dinner</b>   |
| <b>July 16</b> | <b>VBS 5:00pm w/Dinner</b>   |
| <b>July 17</b> | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 18</b> | AA Meeting 1:00pm  |
| <b>July 20</b> | Worship Service 10:00am  |
| <b>July 21</b> | Sermon Roundtable 10:00am<br>Session Meeting 5:30pm  |
| <b>July 22</b> | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 23</b> | <b>Blood Drive 10:00am-2:00pm</b><br>Chancel Choir 6:00pm  |
| <b>July 24</b> | <b>PW Summer Social 11:30am</b><br>AA Meeting 7:00pm   |
| <b>July 25</b> | Book Club at Never Rest Park 9:30am<br>AA Meeting 1:00pm   |
| <b>July 27</b> | Worship Service 10:00am<br>"Blessing of the Backpacks"   |
| <b>July 29</b> | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |
| <b>July 30</b> | Chancel Choir 6:00pm   |
| <b>July 31</b> | AA Meeting 7:00pm  |







# Servers for July



## Sunday, July 6, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Pat Marsh**

**Charlotte Williams**

**James & Lori Smith**

Lay Liturgist:

**Grace Wilhelm**

Communion Prep: **Christy, AG, and Aksel Jensen**

Communion Servers: **Mary Brown, Aaron Crafton, Belinda Craig, Sarah Natale, James Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

**Pastor Jim**

Hall Monitor

**Lisa Turner**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Christy Jensen**

Nursery

**Katherine Marsh**

Flowers

## Sunday, July 13, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Jim & Cathy Ikard**

**Pat Thomas**

**Grace Wilhelm**

Lay Liturgist

**Charlotte Williams**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Raychelle Flannagan**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Christy Jensen**

Nursery

**Lisa Turner**

Flowers

**The Chancel Choir**

## Sunday, July 20, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Brent Canady**

**Helen Garner**

**Bailey & Trena Little**

Lay Liturgist

**Pat Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Cathy Ikard**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Grace Wilhelm**

Nursery

**Mary Marsh**

Flowers

## Sunday, July 27, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Nancy June Brandon**

**Rob Marsh**

**Terry & Ginny Saylor**

Lay Liturgist

**Kate Canady**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**John Marsh**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Katherine Marsh**

Nursery

**Christy Jensen**

Flowers



# VBS!

Sunday, July 13th thru Wednesday, July 16

5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

(Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.)

PreK thru rising 5th graders

Mark your calendars! **VBS Decorating** begins on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am until ??? (read that as late) and on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until noon.

Please come and help if you are able!

## Items Needed:

- bottled water (small size)
- Blankets and/or rugs (for sitting on)
- pillows (decorative and sit-on size)
- greenery/artificial plants, ivy & trees
- monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated
- Stuffed Sheep
- fabric/scarves(for decorating tents)
- Canopy Style Tents
- urns/pottery

Anyone have a gold lame fabric/blanket for the palace?

Anyone have a stuffed camel???

Please drop off any donations in the front of Chapel.

Deadline for donations is Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.





# PRAY



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.



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)  
 Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)  
 Catherine Daugherty (Former Member)  
 Kay Earhart (Friend of the Canady's)  
 Bill Garner (Helen Garner's Brother-in-law)  
 Cliff Garrard (Member)  
 Edwin Holcombe (Member)  
 Fred Hunt (Member)  
 Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)  
 David Kee (Member)  
 Naomi Luna (Member)  
 Carol Magnuson (Member)  
 Carolyn & Tony Matussek (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)  
 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')  
 Kristin Wilhelm (Member)  
 Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)  
 Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family Friend)

## RECEPTION FOR CHENEL GERYAIS

We celebrated the four years we were blessed with our amazing secretary. Chenel,  
 thank you for being your incredible self! Thank you for juggling all the stuff we threw at you.  
 Thank you for supporting our Vacation Bible School by actually working at it WITH us.  
 Thank you for your support and going above and beyond a job description!!!

You have blessed us beyond measure.

YOU are the blessing. Godspeed our Friend.

We wish all the best and we know God is with you.







*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" Psalm 100:1*  
**Hymn Sing Sunday**  
 &  
**Potluck Lunch**



**Following a Worship Service where we praised God by singing, we broke bread and barbecue and chicken and dumplings and grape salad and cake and pie and cobbler together!!!**



The next Book Club is meeting on Friday, July 25th 9:30am at Never Rest Park. 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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**Dr. Michael Hooper**  
Director of Music

**Angie Atanacio**  
Church Secretary

**Teresa Phillips**  
Parents' Day Out Director



Special thanks to Melanie Hamilton and our Mission Committee for their commitment to showing our children how to have loving and giving hearts.



## 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.**

We have a variety of options for tithing and offerings. They can be made by Vanco, Check, Cash, or Venmo @FirstPresbyterianChurch.

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