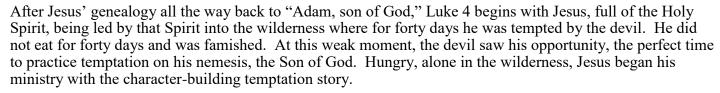
# ANCHOR LINKS MARCH 2022

My friends,

Temptation.... A malady we all experience because we are human. Of course, you have been tempted to sin, to be disobedient to God and do wrong. Who has not been tempted? Temptation is a daily malady

for human beings. Being tempted is not sin. Succumbing to temptation is sin. By definition, human beings are sinners.

In a continuing education class at Columbia Theological Seminary in 1989, we studied Luke 4:1-13, as one of our Scripture texts for Lent. You remember the story of the temptation of Jesus. John had baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, and, as Jesus "was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.'" (Luke 3:21-22) What child would not love to hear that from his or her parent!



First, the devil showed up and took advantage of his opportunity: "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." The devil taunted Jesus to prove himself by feeding himself miraculously. Over thirty years ago my professor made the interesting observation that the devil attempted "to reduce humanity to less than a human is to be, to reduce human wisdom to technological cold knowledge, to reduce humanity to the quest to find food, and to reduce the dream to primary needs." To succumb to temptation means that one becomes less than what God created a person to be. Jesus remembered the scriptures: "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone,' "from Deuteronomy 8:3, which goes on to say, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

The second temptation the devil offered up was to give Jesus all authority over everything that existed, "If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." The devil sought to "reduce the holy to that which is not holy and to replace God with a lie." Our temptation here is to bow down to knowledge that is not "finally true about human life and God." Jesus drew from his store of learning from the scriptures again: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." (Deuteronomy 6:13) (Columbia Theological Seminary, Continuing Education, 1989)

The third temptation came when the devil placed Jesus on the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here." Then, to boost his argument, the devil himself quoted the Bible, Psalm 91:11-12, ironically about angels protecting him. Jesus remembered the scriptures: "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." (Deuteronomy 6:16) The devil hoped "to replace faith with magic." It is like saying, "If you are God, take care of me."

Like a good Christian in a Bible drill, Jesus remembered and quoted the Hebrew Scriptures, his "Bible." These quotes Jesus remembered come from the creeds of Deuteronomy and frame his identity as a Jew. Our identity as children of God also is found in the story and creeds that matter to us from the Bible. In Sunday school and church, we learn who we are as faithful children of God. On Ash Wednesday, March 2, Lent starts and we begin our journey with fellow disciples and walk with Jesus to Jerusalem to remember Holy Week and celebrate the Resurrection. Come and worship to remember who you are this season of Lent.



May the grace of the Lord Jesus go with us,

happy anniversary



MARCH 137H

Phillip & Beth Dunnavant

### MARCH 247H

Douglas & Chenel Gervais



MARCH 267H

Carol Magnuson & Charles Stimpson



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1 Deborah Obenchain

March 3 Bud Saunders

March 3 Ruthie Shepherd

March 4 Collette Thomas

March 5 Donna Sepull

March 8 Lisa Neese

March 9 William Jennings

March 9 Theresa Blanton

March 10 Harriet Cares

March 10 Richard Smith

March 11 Will Cares

March 11 Charles Cares

March 12 Kyle Thomas

March 12 Trena Little

March 12 Carolyn Woodfin

March 12 Hughes Bradley

March 13 Elizabeth Windham

March 14 Jeff Anderson

March 15 Ross Beavers

March 16 Barbara Frisby

March 18 David Windham

March 19 Andrew Matusek

March 22 William Matusek

March 23 Billie Crowell

March 27 Henry Smith

March 27 Debbie Kee

March 28 Kate Canady

March 28 Adrian Bomar

March 30 Derek Price

# Thank you christy Jensen!!!!!

A HUGE Shout-Out and Thank you to our Faith Development Chairperson Christy Jensen for coordinating, planning, and leading our Youth Lock -In!! It's people like Christy, sharing their love for Christ with our youth, that makes FPC-Shelbyville such a special place. Thank you also to the parents, everyone who sent food, and to Pastor Jim and Denise for leading the making the prayer stations.

## committee meetings

## **Property Committee**

Monday, April 11th @ 5:00pm

### **Mission Committee**

Monday, March 14th @ 5:30pm

#### **Pastoral Care**

Tuesday, March 15th @ 10:00am

#### **Faith Development Committee**

Monday, March 7th @ 6:00pm

### **Worship & Music Committee**

TBD

Congregational Life & Fellowship Committee

TBD

### Session

Monday, March 21st @ 5:30pm





# BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at FPC in the fellowship hall on Wed., March 23rd from 10am to 2pm. Blood supply is still low so all givers will be appreciated. You can make an appointment through redcross.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

# SOUP KITCHEN UPDAYE

The recently renovated Community Soup Kitchen building will be open for preparing and serving food beginning the first Tuesday in April. FPC members are continuing to help with one supper per month and will resume one breakfast per month on April 9.

## REMINDER

Our next collection date for 5 cents-a-meal is March 20



# SUPPER BOOL

Supper Bowl Sunday was quite the success this year. We received lots (forgot to count) of soup which went, along with other food goods collected that day, to Good Samaritan. We also received \$335 in financial donations which the Mission committee voted to donate to Community Outreach for purchasing food.

## Blessing Boxes

Mission committee recently had a request from a member of the congregation to discuss the possibility of FPC supporting a Blessing Box. For those who may be unaware of what a Blessing Box entails, it is a means of making food accessible to anyone in need at any hour of the day. Containers in which food and in some cases personal hygiene items and school supplies come in a variety of shapes looking like small pantries on legs and are located in neighborhoods easily accessed by folks on foot or in vehicles. In view of the number of boxes already existing in the county, we are recommending that anyone interested in supporting a Blessing Box seek out one of them. Those located in the city can be found near Bird Street Church of Christ, Scott's UMC on Morton street, Edgemont Baptist and one on N. Main near Victory Baptist Church. Anyone can add food. Just remember it should be non-perishable and helpful if it requires no can opener. There is a Facebook Page for Blessing Boxes for Bedford County if you want to follow. This is just one more way to respond to the command given in Matthew 25 to "do unto the least of these".

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Three programs are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing:

> Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Presbyterian Hunger Program Self-Development of People

They all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will be taking up an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing in April, so keep an eye out for more information in the Sunday bulletin, as it approaches.

**PRAPER:** God, open our eyes to your face in every person. Let us see the ways we are all connected with all of creation. May we as your Church, together, seek love, justice and peace with all. Amen.

# ATTN: SENIORS





Due to the generosity of the Greg Garner Memorial and Buchanan-Hall Funds First Presbyterian Church has been blessed to have the opportunity to award scholarships to graduating seniors planning to further their education after high school. For those youth that have actively participated in the life of First Presbyterian, applications are to be submitted to Katherine Marsh, Clerk of Session, by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The application shall consist of a letter stating the youth's intended path of study and their desire to be considered for the award."

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# SEARCHING FOR: A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

First Presbyterian-Shelbyville is officially searching for a Christian Education Director. This person will primarily be working directly with our children and youth and in the planning of programming for them, but will also be assisting the Faith Development Committee with planning activities and choosing curriculum for all ages. If you know of someone who might be interested, please tell them to contact the church office at 931-684-6541 or first.pres.church600@gmail.com.

Thank you and your help spreading the word is greatly appreciated.



The Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 P.M. in the Russell Classroom. We are studying Lesson 4: Ruth and Loyal Love in our study book. We will be taking up a special birthday offering at the meeting. Hope you can be with us! **Night Circle is open to all women in the church.** 



# "fat ash wednesday"

Pancake supper will be held prior to the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 3. Dinner will be served from 6:00-6:45PM. Mardi Gras theme - bring your beads and an empty belly as we celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season.



The March meeting is Friday the 4th at Never Rest Park at 11:00am. They will be discussing Mya Angelou's Poetry.



April "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles

May "People and Their Quilts" by John Rice Irwin

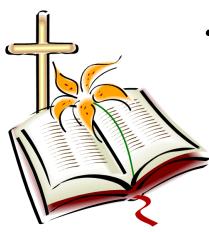
June "Transcendent Kingdom" by Yaa Gyasi

July "Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd

August "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts

**September** "Be Frank With Me" by Julia Johnson (Dr. Johnson's daughter)





# PRAYER REQUEST

Family & Friends of Wilma Buchanan (Former Nursery Director)

Family & Friends of Patti Jo Bennett (Sister of Jim Sepull)

Rita Caldwell (Christy Jensen's Mother)

Family & Friends of Ken Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)

**Eddie** (Cashier at Kroger's)

**Evelyn Davidson** (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Family & Friends of Phil Rives

(Stepfather to Anne, Chase, Will, Daleigh Cares)

**Bud Saunders** (Member)

The Cross Shelter



All those in Military Service
LT Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Those who are serving abroad and at home.



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com

# IN LØYING MEMØRY ØF

## Aksel Jensen, III

For Memorial Fund

Craig & Wheeler Edwin & Elaine Holcombe

For Greg Garner Fund

Richard & Faye Jensen

For Youth Programs
Randy Reed

Backpack Program

Jim & Marylyn Caperton



## **Nowlin Taylor**

For Memorial Fund

Edwin & Elaine Holcombe

## **Hugh Parker**

For Memorial Fund

Edwin & Elaine Holcombe

# "THE SHACK"

Are you interested in the in bible study the young adult ministry is having in Sunday School but are no longer a "young adult"? Denise has been teaching the class as they use the book, The Shack, to move us through Scripture and discussions! If you are interested in attending a Sunday school class for all ages on Wednesday evenings from about 6:30 -7:30 (exact time has not been set yet). Denise will be leading this class IF there is interest in it. Please contact the office to let Chenel know if you are interested in attending.



#### Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Zae Jensen, Melanie Hamilton, Brent Canady

### Sunday, March 6, 2022

Ushers/Greeters A Time for Young Christians

Frieda Bone & Pat Marsh Pastor Jim Christy Jensen
Brenda Skelton Hall Monitor Nursery
Rob Marsh Lisa Turner Mary Marsh

Children's Church

Communion Prep: Kate Canady & Belinda Craig

Communion Servers: Helen Garner, Katherine Marsh, Ginger Shofner, Drew Turner

Flowers: Jim & Denise Moran

#### **Sunday, March 13, 2022**

Ushers/Greeters A Time for Young Christians Children's Church
Nancy June Brandon Kate Canady Belinda Craig
Brent Canady Hall Monitor Nursery

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm Kathy Smith Norma Zae Jensen

Flowers: James & Lori Smith

#### **Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Ushers/Greeters A Time for Young Christians Children's Church
Norma Zae Jensen Kate Canady Pat Marsh

Michal Dobson Hall Monitor Nursery

Richard & Kathy Smith John Marsh Katherine Marsh

Flowers: Nancy June Brandon

#### **Sunday, March 27, 2022**

Ushers/GreetersA Time for Young ChristiansChildren's ChurchMelanie HamiltonConnie CraftonKate CanadyHelen GarnerHall MonitorNurseryJames & Lori SmithPat MarshPat Thomas

Flowers: Ginger, Willa Kate & Ann Shofner

# Prayer stations are now up!!!

Prayer Stations are now up to help guide the congregation and guests at FPC in a type of "focused prayer" during Lent. We want to say **Thank you** to the Youth Group (and some parents) for constructing the meaningful Prayer Stations for use by our congregation and guests, during the Lock-In.

The **eight** Stations will be unveiled on Ash Wednesday and will be available for use each week during Lent. The Stations will be "reset" each Monday, so we can use them every week!

In order to use each Station effectively, we encourage you to follow the "Instructions" that can found at each Station.

<u>Prayer Station etiquette:</u> please be respectful of others who are praying at the Station and do not engage in conversations. This allows everyone to stay "**focused**" on prayer.

**Parents:** We want to encourage you to take your young children to the prayer stations and discuss what it is like to engage God in this focused way. Then, return for your own meditation with God.





Parents' Day out







valentine's Day Party



Parents' Day out

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## FPC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jim Moran — Pastor

Billie Crowell — Music Director Chenel Gervais — Church Secretary Diane Green — Nursery Director Teresa Phillips — Parents' Day Out Director

## SESSION

Class of 2022 Aaron Crafton Melanie Hamilton Ginger Shofner Richard Smith

Class of 2023 Helen Garner Christy Jensen Kristin Wilhelm Terry Saylor

Class of 2024 **Brent Canady** Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session) Lori Sain-Smith **Drew Turner** 



Class of 2022 Pat Thomas

Class of 2023 Tommy Anderton

> Class of 2024 **Bailey Little**

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 Facebook, Venmo, Vanco, Check or Cash.

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# **TRUSTEES**





March 1st AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm

March 2nd "Fat Ash Wed." Pancake supper 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm

March 3rd AA Meeting 5:30pm

March 4th Book Club Meeting at Never Rest Park 11:00am

March 7th Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm

March 8th Night Circle 6:00pm

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm

AA Meeting 5:30pm March 10th

March 13th Wedding Shower in Parlor at 9:20am for

Jennie Kate Conley & Evan Pendergrass

March 14th Mission Committee Meeting 5:30pm March 15th Pastoral Care Meeting at 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm

March 17th AA Meeting 5:30pm

March 20th Bring your 5cents-a-meal donations

March 21st Session Meeting at 5:30pm March 22nd AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm

March 23rd Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00am—2:00pm

Office Closed (No this is not an April Fool's Joke) April 1st