



# Anchor Links

## May 2022



My friends,

Easter arrived with all its beautiful life and joy. Through Lent we walked with Jesus to Jerusalem and heard his teachings about love and compassion in the gospel of Luke. But then Jesus and the twelve disciples arrived in Jerusalem where the religious leaders wanted to arrest him. During Holy Week, we sat around the table at the Last Supper and knew his betrayal, suffering, trial, scourging, and crucifixion were coming. On Good Friday, we sat with the sadness in darkness and remembered his death. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the unexpected, impossible, illogical, inexplicable resurrection of Jesus from the dead at both the Sunrise and 10 a.m. services. Darkness turned to light; despair transformed into hope for new life.

Over the month of May, our Sunday school lessons and sermons in worship will look at the book of the Acts of the Apostles. As we study these stories of the early church, we will see a widow raised from the dead (Acts 9:36-43), the “General Assembly” of the early church in Jerusalem questioning Peter’s eating with Cornelius and other Gentiles (Acts 11:1-18), a business woman and her household baptized in Philippi down by the river (Acts 16:9-15), and a jailer and his entire household baptized (Acts 16:16-34). The Spirit of God was moving through Peter, Paul, Timothy, and Silas. Some say that the Acts of the Apostles should be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit. To do that would not be wrong because the Holy Spirit founded the church at Pentecost and is the driving force behind the growth and renewal of the church still today. When we as a church seek the guidance of the Spirit as we minister together into the future, we are following the will of God and not our own. May the Spirit of God, who led the apostles in the early church, also lead us.

As we seek to guidance of the Holy Spirit as the body of Christ, may God’s will be done as we live together into the future of First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville.

I send you the Love, Joy, and Hope of Easter,

*Jim*



*Shelbyville*  
First Presbyterian Church





May 2nd	Jay Farrar
May 3rd	Chris Mausek
May 5th	Jim Sepull
May 5th	Colton Knott
May 6th	Tyson Winnette
May 6th	Payton Riddle
May 7th	Travis Townes
May 7th	Polly Dodson
May 9th	Patricia Farrar
May 11th	Anne Cares
May 11th	Sarah Caperton
May 11th	Eliza Neese
May 12th	Tim Flannagan
May 13th	Elaine Holcombe
May 14th	Anna Sullivan
May 15th	Sam Obenchain
May 15th	Gwendylan Williams
May 18th	Belinda Craig
May 19th	Noah Mason
May 22nd	Cameron Hunt
May 22nd	Ean Mausek
May 24th	Patrick Ridner
May 26th	Nancy June Brandon
May 27th	Mary Ruth Marsh
May 28th	Melita Bradley-Melson
May 29th	David Beavers
May 31st	Zoe Claire Jensen



**May 7th**  
Edwin & Elaine Holcombe



**May 8th**  
David & Katie Windham



**May 16th**  
Rob & Katherine Marsh



**May 28th**  
David & Linda Brown

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Property Committee

Monday, June 13th @ 5:00pm

### Mission Committee

Monday, May 9th @ 5:30pm

### Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, May 17th @ 10:00am

### Faith Development Committee

Monday, May 2nd @ 6:00pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Tuesday, June 21st @ 5:30pm

### Congregational Life & Fellowship Committee

Thursday, May 12th @ 5:00pm

### Gift Fund Committee

Tuesday, June 14th @ 5:30pm

### Session

Monday, May 16th @ 5:30pm







**Family & Friends of Wilma Buchanan** (Former Nursery Director)  
**Family & Friends of Ryan Cole** (Friend of Jim & Marylyn Caperton)  
**Lana Craig** (Member)  
**Sandra Crowell** (Relative of Donna Sepull)  
**Evelyn Davidson** (Member)  
**Pat Edmiston** (Friend of Christy Jensen)  
**David Green** (Diane Green's Son)  
**Edwin & Elaine Holcombe** (Member)  
**Fred Hunt** (Member)  
**Evelyn Jefferson** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grader at Thomas Magnet)  
**Dorothy Payne** (Brenda Skelton's Mother)  
**Melanie Peebles Lewis** (Friend of Ginger Shofner)  
**Tony & Carolyn Matusek** (Member)  
**Josh Rice** (Trena Little's Great Nephew)  
**Bud Saunders** (Member)  
**Nancy Sorrells** (Sister of Connie Crafton)

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](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).



## Young Adult Ministry & Class Notes

Thanks to all who participated in the *Tenebrae Service* during Holy Week. Candles from our households represented humanity's participation in the death and suffering of Christ, and your readings of Scripture helped the Congregation to walk His journey to the cross and death.

As Sunday School groups are not meeting this Summer, the next three (3) weeks will be critical, so please do not miss! Thank you to Katherine Marsh, who facilitated on May 1st. Katherine provided room for a discussion about what it means to be fully engaged with God and revealed some hidden understanding behind the author's "re-introduction" of the Trinity to the main character and the importance of the main character's responses.

For the following week, please read through Chapter 10.





*Congratulations to the bride, groom and family of  
Eliza Claire Neese and Hyke Williams.*



*They exchanged wedding vows  
April 23, 2022  
in  
Jekyll Island, GA.*



*Eliza is the granddaughter of Nancy June Brandon.*



## CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MISSIONS

(Wednesday @ 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)



The Children's Music & Missions (mini-series) meetings will be held on May 4, May 11, and May 18th. Mission activities have been planned and we intend to sing at least once more in May! So, please come for practices, crafting, and mission activities. Thank you to our leaders and to those who are hosting the Wednesday dinners!



## SAVE THE DATE

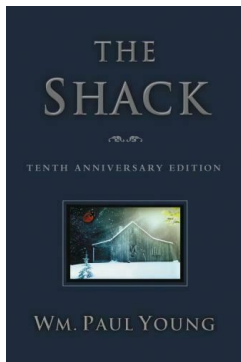


**VBS is coming soon to a church near you!**  
**July 17th thru 21st Starting at 5:00pm with dinner**

**Volunteers are needed!**  
**If you can help let Christy Jensen or Ginger Shofner know.**



## Summer Bible Study "The Shack"



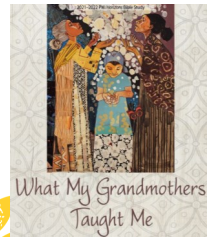
A summer study session will be offered at FPC on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m., starting June 8th. We will be utilizing the novel, "The Shack", to explore the Bible and gain a greater understanding of Christian theology. Several of our church members have expressed interest and you are invited to bring friends!

If you have a copy of the book, you are welcome to use your version. If you would like the more current version (used by Denise), there are two copies still available. Please let Denise know (by text or phone call to 615.477.3049), if you would like to reserve one of the latest printings. First come, first served on the new copies. (If more copies are needed, she will try to locate one for you.)



### Night Circle

The Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00pm in the Russell Classroom. We will be studying Lesson 6. This will be our last meeting until September. Hope you can be with us! **Night Circle is open to all women in the church.**



The Women of the Church Salad Supper was held on April 19th. Lori Sain-Smith gave an entertaining and informative talk.

We are so proud of you! We had a night of great food and fellowship!



*Thank you Lori Sain-Smith!!!*



## MISSION NEWS



MATTHEW 25

Your Mission Committee would like to keep the congregation apprised of the offerings that are taken periodically. It seems we have had more than usual these last few months given the state of the world and the needs of God's children everywhere. The Five Cents a Meal offering for the first quarter collected in March amounted to a bit over **\$400**; the request for financial aid for Ukraine via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance came to **\$3000**; and our One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter was **\$303.27**.

Thank you for your generosity as you remember and follow Jesus' words in Matthew 25 about feeding, clothing and freeing the most vulnerable of his children.



Parents' Day Out would like to invite everyone to their Graduation ceremony on May 17th at 10:30am.



## **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](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).

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



The May meeting is Wednesday the 25th at Debbie Kee's home at 10:00am. They will be discussing "People and Their Quilts" by John Rice Irwin.

### **Up and coming...**

**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)







## Youth News & Next Activity

Special thanks to the Youth for their participation in extinguishing the purple candles during the Tenebrae Service, which took us all from light into darkness!

There will be a Burning of the Palms Ceremony and cook-out for the Youth. The Ceremony will include a litany and prayer, the burning of the palm branches, which were placed at the base of the Communion Table by the children on Palm Sunday and saved after completion of our Worship Service. The ashes will be collected from the fire pit and used by Pastor Jim next year for the Ash Wednesday Service. Watch for the date and time of the Burning of the Palms Ceremony!



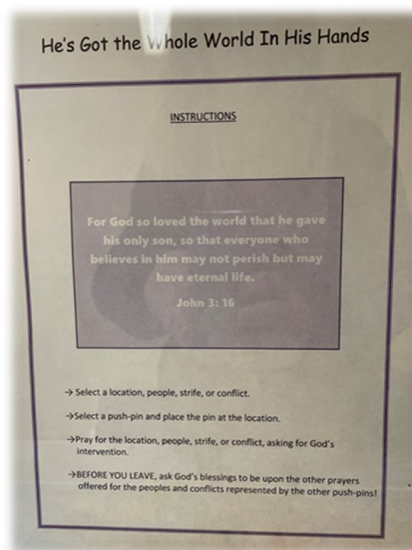
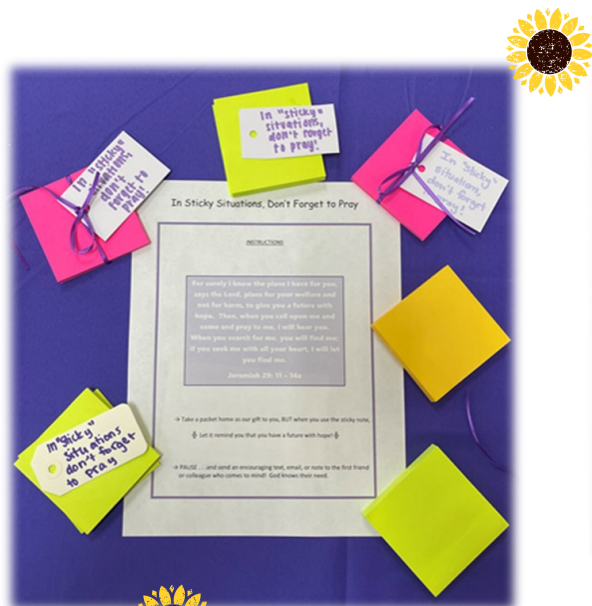
### Acolyte Training & Service

An Acolyte Training Class will be held in May for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (in the Fall) through Middle School. Pastor Jim will be contacting everyone to participate. The Class will meet for about an hour and provide a deeper, hands-on understanding of the Sanctuary, why we worship as we do, the tools that are used by Acolytes, and instructions about the sacredness of the activities of Worship.

Please watch for a date/time to be announced!

<b>May 2nd</b>	Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>May 3rd</b>	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 4th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>May 5th</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 9th</b>	Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>May 10th</b>	Night Circle 6:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 11th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>May 12th</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 16th</b>	Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>May 17th</b>	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am PDO Graduation Ceremony 10:30am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 18th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>May 19th</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 23rd</b>	Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>May 24th</b>	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 25th</b>	Book Club at Debbie Kee's House 10:00am
<b>May 26th</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>May 30th</b>	Office Closed





## Lenten Prayer Stations

Prayer is a recognized "spiritual discipline" intended to bring us into a closer and more faithful walk with God. Thank you to the Youth Group and parents for assembling our Lenten Prayer Stations and to each person in our Congregation who participated. Pastor Jim and the Youth hope that the Prayer Stations provided an opportunity (and a reminder) for all of us to engage in a more active and intentional prayer life as a household of God.

From time to time, you will see Prayer Stations at FPC. When you do, please participate as a reminder that we are called to be in communion with God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit on a continuous basis.







## WEAVE Your Life with God's

INSTRUCTIONS

Jesus used fishing nets as symbols for capturing the hearts of people, as he wove His ministry into a relationship with all peoples. He continues to CALL us into a deep and deeper relationship with Him!

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and I will give you rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy & my burden is light.

Matthew 11: 28 - 30

→ Select a strip of fabric – each color represents a different area in your life:

Green	=	Family
Red	=	Friends
Blue	=	Work or School
Pink	=	Sickness (your own or someone else)
Orange	=	Someone I need to forgive
Purple	=	Church

→ While you hold the fabric in your hand, **PRAY** using the color code to guide you.

→ When you are finished praying, tie your fabric into the net, representing your life and prayer woven into Christ.



## THE WAILING WALL (A REPLICA)

INSTRUCTIONS

The FPC Wailing Wall is a replica of the Wailing Wall (also known as the Western Wall) found in the Old City of Jerusalem. It is the remaining segment of the ancient limestone retaining wall which encircled the Temple Mount. The Jewish Temples of the Old Testament were built on the Temple Mount. Hence, the Wailing Wall is a sacred place where Jews make pilgrimages to pray. Visitors are also allowed to pray... see Pastor Don's picture taken in 2017 after he prayed at the Wailing Wall.

As is the tradition at the Wailing Wall, please do the following:

- Take a piece of paper and write out your prayer, using either:
  - Sentences, or
  - A phrase, or
  - A word, or
  - A name
- Meditate on your prayer and ask for God's blessings
- Fold your paper and place it inside the paper in the cracks of the FPC Wailing Wall

NOTE: Prayers are not returned your prayer paper and parchment are kept for the FPC Wailing Wall.



## MAGNETIC - MAGNIFY WITH PRAYER

INSTRUCTIONS

→ Select magnetic words and use the Board or Tray to construct phrases or sentences to:

- praise God;
- ask God a question;
- ask God for help or direction;
- let God know how you feel;
- give thanks to God.

→ After you have lifted your prayer to God, NOW pray for others who have left their MAGNETIC prayer thoughts on the tray next to yours!

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened."

Matthew 7: 7 - 8







# Easter Egg Hunt



Jesus











Thank you to the  
Shelbyville Police  
Department for  
taking the time to  
come speak with  
the kids.



## Parents' Day Out







St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital







# Parents' Day Out Easter Celebration







# In Loving Memory of



**Aksel Jensen, III**  
For Greg Garner Fund  
Jim & Donna Sepull  
For Backpack Fund  
Jim & Marylyn Caperton



**Walter Higgins**  
For Greg Garner Fund  
Jim & Donna Sepull



## Servers for May

### Sunday, May 1, 2022

Ushers/Greeters  
**Pat Thomas & Rob Marsh**  
**Nancy June Brandon**  
**Michal Dobson**

Communion Prep: **Richard & Kathy Smith**

Communion Servers: **Katherine Marsh, Ginger Shofner, Lori Smith, Drew Turner**

Flowers: **Terry & Ginny Saylor**

A Time for Young Christians  
**Kate Canady**  
Hall Monitor  
**Ginny Saylor**

Children's Church  
**Bea Marsh**  
Nursery  
**Norma Zae Jensen**

### Sunday, May 8, 2022

Ushers/Greeters  
**Margaret Smith**  
**Frieda Bone**  
**Terry & Ginny Saylor**

A Time for Young Christians  
**Kate Canady**  
Hall Monitor  
**Belinda Craig**

Children's Church  
**Pat Marsh**  
Nursery  
**Mary Marsh**

### Sunday, May 15, 2022

Ushers/Greeters  
**Melanie Hamilton**  
**Charlotte Williams**  
**Bailey & Trena Little**

A Time for Young Christians  
**Connie Crafton**  
Hall Monitor  
**James Smith**

Children's Church  
**Marylyn Caperton**  
Nursery  
**Pat Thomas**

### Sunday, May 22, 2022

Ushers/Greeters  
**Brent Canady**  
**John Marsh**  
**James & Lori Smith**  
Flowers: **Brent & Kate Canady**

A Time for Young Christians  
**Connie Crafton**  
Hall Monitor  
**Terry Saylor**

Children's Church  
**Belinda Craig**  
Nursery  
**Katherine Marsh**

### Sunday, May 29, 2022

Ushers/Greeters  
**Helen Garner**  
**Norma Zae Jensen**  
**Richard & Kathy Smith**  
Flowers: **Billie Crowell**

A Time for Young Christians  
**Pastor Jim**  
Hall Monitor  
**Gage Smith**

Children's Church  
**Katherine Marsh**  
Nursery  
**Christy Jensen**



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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

## TRUSTEES

### 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.*

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