

Anchor Links

June 2022

My friends,

Our understanding of how we live as Christians is drawn from the Holy Bible through our study and worship. The first two Sundays of June are Pentecost and Trinity. The third Sunday of June our sight turns to the Letter to the Galatians and continues for several Sundays. Here and in all of Paul's letters, we can see how Paul addressed issues in the church theologically and practically. The early church grappled with what it meant to be a Christian, to be saved by faith in Jesus Christ, and to be the church. The church attempted to define what was required to be a Christian. The question became especially important as Gentiles became Christians: Should Gentiles be circumcised? In other words, did a person have to become a Jew in order to be a Christian? Whether a Jewish Christian or a Gentile Christian, did a person have to keep the Law to be a Christian? It was necessary that the early church answer these questions to define itself as the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We must extend our gratitude to the Apostle Paul for guiding the early church to understand who it was. Of course, Paul himself was guided by God the Holy Spirit. Without his persevering work in the beginning of the church, we may not have a clear understanding of who we are today as disciples of Jesus in the body of Christ, the Church. The Apostle was serious about the grace of God we know through Jesus Christ. Our faith is solely the work of God's grace in our lives. Our salvation is not our own doing!

Paul sounded extremely upset with the churches of Galatia over what happened to the churches because of false teachers of the gospel. Every other letter we have from Paul in the New Testament included the standard parts of a letter: the salutation, which includes the author, the recipients, and a greeting; the thanksgiving; the body of the letter; and an appropriate closing and benediction. If you look closely at this letter, Paul pushed straight from the greeting to the body of the letter in verses 6 and 7 of chapter 1: "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ." Ordinarily Paul would have a thanksgiving here like in *Philippians*: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."(1:3-5) Paul, though angry with the churches of Galatia for "turning to a different gospel," was doing what he did with all his churches: seeking to teach them about the good news of Jesus and how to live out the gospel in their life together as a church.

"The churches of Galatia" (1:2b) are normal churches seeking to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior in their specific context. Is that not what we do today at First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville in 2022? Like the Galatian churches, we, too, are dealing with real issues contemporary to our time and culture. In the June sermons I hope we find help to deal with our context and culture, as we seek to live out our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Though I am far from being the Apostle Paul, there is no way I would skip "the thanksgiving" to FPC of Shelbyville because "I thank our God every time I remember you!"

I send you wishes of a blessed, safe beginning to the Summer and the Peace of our Lord Jesus,





- June I Jim Moran
- June 2 Clarke Woodfin
- June 4 Lee Russell
- June 7 Chenel Gervais
- June 8 Karen Grace Ann Beavers
- June 9 Dwayne Frisby
- June 12 Addison Riddle
- June 12 Ashton Riddle
- June 12 Mary Brown
- June 13 Belita Reed
- June 15 Eddie Wright
- June 16 Ryan Edwards
- June 16 Emily Winnette
- June 17 Aaron Crafton
- June 17 Connie Crafton
- June 22 Channing Anderson
- June 25 Cliff Garrard
- June 25 Sylvie Hall
- June 27 Carol Magnuson
- June 27 Charleigh Turner
- June 28 William Craig
- June 29 Brent Canady
- June 29 Ashlyn Knott
- June 29 Norma Zae Jensen
- June 30 Ryan Turner

Summer Hymns

Is there a Hymn you haven't heard in a while or a favorite you would like to hear? We are taking request for Hymns from the blue Hymnal in the pews ONLY. If you would like to request a Hymn please let the office know.





June 2nd Jim & Barbara Singleton

J<u>une 16th</u> Timothy & Jackie Bane





<u>June 20th</u> Drew & Blair Turner

June 23rd Allen & Toby Haynes





<u>June 25th</u> Janet & Kenneth Mullins

June 27th Mike & Frieda Bone





<u>June 27th</u> Richard & Kathy Smith

June 28th Zack & Meredith Spears





J<u>une 30th</u> Jim & Denise Moran



Worship Notes: Eastertide to Pentecost

FPC is blessed to have a beautiful Paschal Candle, used to mark the time between Easter (Resurrection) and the gifting of the Holy Spirit to the people of God (Pentecost).

Easterfide We have celebrated our first Eastertide together, as a Pastor and Church. The Paschal Candle has marked our Sundays, as we marched toward Pentecost. We are the lucky ones who, unlike the early church, are able to mark time --- knowing that our Pentecost celebration is coming. If you remember, the Followers were much afraid that Jesus would not be with them after His death, but He promised the Followers that He would send another (the Holy Spirit) to reside with (and within) them after His death. The resurrection was reported by many and shared; however, they waited! And, it is this "waiting" that we observe with the early church, called Eastertide.

Thankfully, we expect the coming presence of the Holy Spirit, as documented in the Book of Acts. As down through the centuries, we, too, light the Paschal (Lamb's) Candle during Eastertide.....waiting with an assured expectation!

Pentecost is our promised celebration, gift of God, and the BIRTHDAY of the church! We join together, as a body of Christ, to worship and celebrate our receipt of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the people of God. This precious act gave way to the establishment of the church. We celebrate by remembering the flames of fire and tongues of all languages and, if we look closely, we will notice something different and precious about it all.

To mark the receipt of God's gift, please do the following on Sunday, June 5th: WEAR RED for Pentecost Sunday, come to Worship expecting a little something different, join with joy in singing music wrapped around the Holy Spirit, and share in a "Birthday Cake" after Worship.... enjoy dessert before lunch...for it is the Birthday of God's church!

God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!



A Summer Social for Women of the Church will be held at Urban Plantation on Tuesday, June 21 at **11:30am**. This will be a dutch treat lunch where you can order from the menu.

Reservations are needed by June 13 so that Urban Plantation will know how many to expect and can have our room ready. Reservations can be made by calling the church office or using the tear off in the bulletin. Hope you can attend and share a time of good food and fellowship with other women in our church.

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?









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June 2nd	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 3rd	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 5th	Communion & Pentecost - Wear Red
	Eliza Claire & Hyke Williams' Bridal
	Shower 9:15am
June 6th	Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm
June 7th	AA & AI-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
June 8th	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
June 9th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 10th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 12th	Bring your Good Samaritan Donations
June 13th	Property Meeting 5:00pm
	Mission Meeting 5:30pm
June 14th	AA & AI-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
June 15th	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
June 16th	Gift Fund Committee Meeting 5:30pm
	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 17th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 19th	Bring your 5-cents-a-meal donations
June 20th	Session 5:30pm
June 21st	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am
	Worship & Music Meeting 5:30pm
	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
June 22nd	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
June 23rd	AA Meeting 7:00pm
June 24th	Book Club at Never Rest Park 9:30am
	AA Meeting 1:00pm
June 28th	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
June 29th	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
June 30th	AA Meeting 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Property Committee Monday, June 13th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee Monday, June 13th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee Tuesday, June 21st @ 10:00am

> Faith Development Committee Monday, June 6th @ 6:00pm

Worship & Music Committee Tuesday, June 21st @ 5:30pm

> Congregational Life & Fellowship Committee TBD

Gift Fund Committee Thursday, June 16th @ 5:30pm

<u>Session</u> Monday, June 20th @ 5:30pm



The Women of the Church are hosting a shower to celebrate the wedding of Eliza Claire Neese Williams and Hyke Williams on Sunday, June 5 from 9:15am-9:45am in the church parlor. Eliza Claire

(the granddaughter of Nancy June Brandon) and Hyke are registered at The Pomegranate, William Sonoma and Amazon. Please join us to say congratulations to happy couple on their recent wedding.



Prayer Requests

Diana, Wilkie and Wendell Buchanan (Friends of Jim & Marylyn Caperton) 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 (Members) Fred Hunt (Member) Tony & Carolyn Matusek (Members) Blake & Renee Nixon (Friends of Brent & Kate Canady) Family of Cheryl & David Palmer (Friends of Aksel & Christy Jensen) **Dorothy Payne** (Brenda Skelton's Mother) **Josh Rice** (Trena Little's Great Nephew) Bud Saunders (Member) Terry Saylor (Member)

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

Ms. Billie bought Red Noses' and was helping to support and spread the word about Red Nose Day. Red Nose Day is an annual fundraising campaign to end the cycle of child poverty and ensure a healthy future for all children.







Children's Music & Missions would like to express our gratitude

We want to let everyone know how grateful your M&M Team is to all the parents, grandparents, and the FPC congregation who provided meals, children, supplies, support, laughter, & love! What a Congregation we have!!

Please check out our THANK YOU poster in the Fellowship Hall! It is marked especially for you!











Children's Music & Missions

Great Plans for the future of M&M

We have great plans underway and hope to align our schedule with our Christian Education schedule. Our theme (currently) for 2022-23 is: Global Missions!

We intend to introduce our PCUSA Missions to our children and (hopefully) be able to interact with some of our missionaries in other countries! If you have served as a missionary, or have served on a mission's team abroad, we would love to have you as a guest speaker next year.

Expect Ms. Denise to insert some music from other cultures into our singing, start practice on a full Christmas pageant production, and sing during worship monthly.

T-shirts for the M&M Team and kids will be available at the Kick-Off!



Children's Music & Missions needs your help to spread the Good News by sharing our M&M Program with others, especially those who do not regularly attend a Church home OR are new to Shelbyville!

Sharing only doubles the fun!

Farm Bureau's Shooting Hunger made a very generous donation to the backpack program.



<u>From left to right back row:</u> David Hill (Farm Bureau Staff), Richard Smith (FPC), Matt Wilson (Edgemont Baptist Church), Rev. Jim Moran (FPC), Matt Ledbetter (Bedford County Farm Bureau President), Jonathan Boyce (Farm Credit)

<u>From left to right front row:</u> Connie Crafton (Farm Bureau Women's Chair & FPC), Aaron Crafton (Farm Bureau Director & FPC), Linda Dye (Edgemont Baptist Church), Paul Arnette (Bedford/Moore Co-op Manager)



SEARCHING FOR: 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 email first.pres.church600@gmail.com.

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



The June meeting is Friday June 24th at Never Rest Park. They will be discussing "Transcendent Kingdom" by Yaa Gyasi

Up and coming...

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)









The May meeting was hosted by Debbie Kee at her home. They brought their own quilts and stories to share as well as discussing the book "People and Their Quilts" by John Rice Irwin.







Summer Bible Study



A Summer Bible Study will be offered to all of FPC on Wednesday nights, beginning on June 8th at 6:00 p.m.! Please invite friends in the community, as we explore the Bible, foundational theological concepts, and enjoy a read (or re-read) of The Shack.

There is no need to read before the Class, as we will supplement our study using The Shack. If you have a friend who does not like to read, the study will still be relevant and make sense. Denise does not call upon anyone to read or pray and will only ask for volunteers. Some just might want to come and listen.

Bring your Bible (or use one at the Church), bring something to drink/eat, and enjoy a study....that will take you "way deep"! If you have questions, please call or text Denise Moran (615.477.3049). She is very excited and looks forward to seeing everyone there!

Servers for June

Sunday, June 5, 2022 (Pentecost)

Ushers/Greeters Nancy June Brandon **Belinda Craig** Roy & Lisa Turner Communion Prep: Norma Zae Jensen

A Time for Young Christians Pastor Jim Hall Monitor Frieda Bone

Children's Church Kate Canady Nursery Lauren Smith

Communion Servers: Brent Canady, Aaron Crafton, Christy Jensen, Kristin Wilhelm Flowers: Jim & Denise Moran

Ushers/Greeters Freida Bone Brenda Skelton **Richard & Kristin Wilhelm**

Christy Jensen & Pat Marsh

Sunday, June 12, 2022

A Time for Young Christians Kate Canady Hall Monitor Pat Thomas

Sunday, June 19, 2022

A Time for Young Christians Marylyn Caperton Hall Monitor Brenda Skelton

Children's Church **Christy Jensen** Nurserv Bea Marsh

Children's Church **Belinda Craig** Nurserv Lisa Turner



Ushers/Greeters

Michal Dobson

Margaret Smith

Ushers/Greeters Rob Marsh Pat Thomas **Terry & Ginny Saylor** Flowers: Drew & Blair Turner Sunday, June 26, 2022

A Time for Young Christians Kate Canady Hall Monitor Lisa Turner

Children's Church Pat Marsh Nurserv Norma Zae Jensen



Parents' Day Out presents each child with a personalized Bible when they graduate.





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Parents' Day Out





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<u>Diane Green</u> Nursery Director

<u>Teresa Phillips</u> Parents' Day Out Director



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SESSION

<u>Class of 2022</u> Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton, Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

<u>Class of 2023</u> Helen Garner, Christy Jensen, Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

<u>Class of 2024</u> Brent Canady, Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session), Lori Sain-Smith, Drew Turner

TRUSTEES

<u>Class of 2022</u> Pat Thomas

<u>Class of 2023</u> 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.

