



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

August 4, 2019



This week marked the best Vacation Bible School we have had yet. The children who came had a great time and learned a lot about Paul and about God's love. They were eager and enthusiastic about what they were learning and about enjoying time with each other.

Out in the Olympic stadium (the playground) where I was guiding them through recreation activities, they were kind to each other. They worked together as a team and helped and supported one another. They often let someone else be first in line and encouraged each other rather than harping on their own successes.

I thought about how the interaction of these young people was the simple message of the gospel: serve one another selflessly and love God above all else because God loves us from before the time we are born. It's simple for children. It can even be basic playground culture.

As we age, other factors in life crowd out and mitigate the gospel message. Culture off the playground urges us to rationalize the gospel and think: "that's all well and good in the Bible, but out here in the real world..."

Matthew's gospel records that Jesus once said: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Maybe the obstacle for us is that we think God's kingdom is far off in the heavens when, actually, Jesus preached that the Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom of God that comes near in Jesus. It also comes near every time we live that simple gospel message, when, for even a brief moment, God lives among us.

Serve selflessly and love God above all other things because God loved us from a time before we were even born.

See you Sunday,

Allen

SUNDAY, August 4, 2019

Join us as we gather for worship

of our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

New Testament: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "Bigger Barns"

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, August 4, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, August 11, 2019	
Lay Liturgist	Brenda Skelton	Lay Liturgist	Janice Womble
Youth Lay Liturgist	Willa Kate Shofner		
Ushers/Greeters	Tony Matusek Kathy Smith Richard Smith Pat Thomas	Ushers/Greeters	Frieda Bone Raychelle Flannagan Lisa Turner Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	Ginny Saylor	Hall Monitor	Tommy Anderton
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Raychelle Flannagan	Children's Church	Bea Marsh
Nursery	Susan Spears	Nursery	Abby Hittle
Serving Holy Communion Carol Magnuson, Leo Skelton, Charlotte Williams			



THANK YOU

for making Vacation Bible School possible!

Thank you to everyone who donated items and money to VBS this year and a special thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers who gave of their time, talent, energy, and love to the children who attended.

Emilie Armstrong	Adrian Bomar	Cade Caldwell
Kate Canady	Kensley Capley	Aaron Crafton
Ella Cobb	Hudson Cobb	Kristin Conley
Rev. Allen Cross	Brooke Anne Farrar	Mary Gore
Melanie Hamilton	Madelyn Harris	Abby Hittle
Lisa Hittle	Maddie Hittle	DeAnn Idso
Annie Grace Jensen	Christy Jensen	Molly Jensen
Zoe Jensen	Katherine Marsh	Billy Powell
Ginger Shofner	Willa Kate Shofner	Barbara Singleton
Jim Singleton	Mary Jane Sinquefield	Kathy Smith
Pat Thomas	Pat Thompson	Ellen Treadway
Lisa Turner	LeaAnne Windham	Janice Womble



Sharing Paul's Journey in Greece



Kitchen Crew

August Meetings

- * Faith Development-Monday the 4th at 5:30pm
- * Property Meeting-Monday the 12th at 5:00pm
- * Pastoral Care-Tuesday the 20th at 10:00am

Mission and Session will **NOT** meet in August



2nd Annual Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen Fundraiser Dinner

September 21, 2019 6:00pm—First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Friends helping friends is what the Soup Kitchen is all about. Every Tuesday night a hot, balanced and nutritious meal is provided for the growing homeless community in Bedford County. This is an important ministry for our church and the Bedford County Ministerial Association, so mark your calendar and look for more information to come.

August 11th, 2019 following Worship
with A Special Lunch following the
meeting

