



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

August 18, 2019



Several days ago I was out in the early morning for a walk when it began to rain. It began as mist and developed into a light sprinkle before getting heavier. On a corner, I encountered someone walking their dog. It was an ordinary and commonplace situation and at the same time it wasn't ordinary.

First, the dog was the most adorable Labrador retriever puppy anybody has ever seen. Velvety soft ears, playful attitude, a little bit awkward on its feet, the pup was just nine weeks old. Second, the little critter had never encountered rain before in its young life and didn't know how to respond to it.

The tiny drops fell from the overcast sky all around and on top of the pup and he did not understand why the ground was suddenly wet. He sniffed all around looking for clues. Then, he couldn't figure out why he was wet too. He kept twisting around to scratch or sniff his shoulders. He rolled on the ground, but that didn't make it go away either. So finally the puppy just accepted that this was a new condition of life and began to romp around in the wet grass enjoying the rain.

It's a cute story, but I think of grace being like that misty drizzle.

It falls from the heavens onto us and we don't quite understand it or know how to respond to it. We don't understand how we got wet when we didn't do anything to get wet. We don't understand why it keeps falling onto us no matter what we do to shake it off. We scratch and sniff and roll around trying to make sense of it instead of just letting grace become part of the natural condition of our lives.

I pray that grace might fall on you and that you might enjoy it and accept it as a natural condition of your life even if you have to roll around in the grass a little.

Don't forget the ice cream social Sunday afternoon.

See you Sunday,

Allen

SUNDAY, August 18, 2019

Join us as we gather for worship

of our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Old Testament: 1 Kings 8: 22, 23, 26-30

Sermon: “What’s in a Name?”

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, August 18, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, August 25, 2019	
Youth Reader	Ean Matusek		
Lay Liturgist	Kristin Conley	Lay Liturgist	Charlotte Williams
Ushers/Greeters	Theresa Blanton Raychelle Flannagan Aksel Jensen III Norma Zae Jensen	Ushers/Greeters	Kristin Conley Helen Garner Mike Matusek Geneva Melson
Hall Monitor	Pat Marsh	Hall Monitor	Linda Anderton
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children’s Church	Kristin Wilhelm	Children’s Church	TBD
Nursery	Lisa Hittle	Nursery	Bea Marsh



Sunday, August 18th at 5:00pm

In an effort to help those of our congregation who don't tolerate milk products or who have health conditions that preclude their eating sweets, we are asking that folks bring homemade ice cream and/or watermelon to our annual ice cream social August 18. It's an odd combo but let's give it a shot.

Good Samaritan
Bring a food item of your choice.
Peanut Butter is 'always' needed.



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

August Meetings

- * Property Meeting-Monday the 19th at 5:00pm
 - * Pastoral Care-Tuesday the 20th at 10:00am
- Mission and Session will **NOT** meet in August



Parent's Day Out Begins
 Sept. 3rd



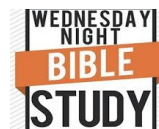
Rally Day—Sept. 8th

FEED THE HUNGRY

5 ¢ A Meal —Sept. 8th



Happy Grandparents Day
 Sept. 8th



PYC Begins —Sept. 18th



Community Soup Kitchen
 Fundraiser-Sept. 21st
 PYC Youth will serve

SESSION MEETING-Monday, Sept. 23rd at 5:30pm



5th Sunday Potluck Lunch
 Sept. 29th



Book Club-Sunday, Sept. 29th
 ~3:30pm
"My Own Words"
 by Ruth Bader Ginsberg