



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

October 6, 2019



The author of a recent article in the online edition of *The Atlantic*, Derek Thompson, noted how America has lost its religiosity over the past three decades. After describing causes of this trend, Thompson spoke about the social consequences. He claimed that many people who decry the sins of organized religion don't consider how that same religion is a buffer against social angst.

He marked that religion is a "bundle" that includes things like community and social identity and a life routine and a way to find meaning and purpose. Moreover, the author said that folks who reject religion end up in a dissatisfying, piecemeal search for these things in social media or work or politics or other places.

Thompson was right. That search for meaning in one place and identity in another or one source for community and another source for a sense of purpose fragments us as human beings so that when anxiety builds in life we end up looking for a source of strength and wholeness in the same way that we might desperately hunt for a lost set of keys.

Of course the key aspect of religion that makes it a deep resource for all these important things is faith. That's faith as in confidence or reliance or trust. The concept of faith is too often limited to the idea of obedience. A lot of people are obedient to a lot of things and still do not have any transcendent thing of power in which to put their trust.

What is your faith like? Do you have enough of it? Is its source adequate when times are tough? Is it a connection to something larger than yourself? Does it comfort you in the dark? Does it help you see beyond your present circumstances?

Come to church and let's talk about it.

Allen

SUNDAY, October 6, 2019

**Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ**

Old Testament: Psalm 137:3-8

New Testament: Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: “The Secret To Greater Faith”

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019	
Acolyte	Hunter Wilhelm		
Lay Liturgist	Kristin Wilhelm	Lay Liturgist	Charlotte Williams
Ushers/Greeters	Frieda Bone Geneva Melson Margaret Smith Richard Smith	Ushers/Greeters	Tommy Anderton Pat Marsh Lisa Tuner Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	John Marsh	Hall Monitor	Linda Anderton
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton
Children's Church	Connie Crafton	Children's Church	TBD
Nursery	Pat Thomas	Nursery	Raychelle Flannagan
Serving Holy Communion Christy Jensen, Carol Magnuson, Michal Dobson, Rob Marsh, Leo Skelton			



**Domestic
Violence
Awareness
Month**
October



October Meetings

Tuesday, October 8th
Faith Development 5:30pm

Wednesday, October 9th
Property 5:00pm

Sunday, October 13th
Assoc. Pastor Nominating Comm.
5:30pm in ELA Classroom

Monday, October 14th
Mission 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 15th
Pastoral Care 10:00am

Monday, October 21st
Session 5:30pm

GOOD SAMARITAN



Suggested item for October
**Peanut Butter
& Jelly**

Youth Group News

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION

WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

Dinner 5:45—6:15pm
Children's Bible Study 6:15—6:45pm
Children will be dismissed
Youth Bible Study 6:15—7:15pm



Night Circle

Tuesday, October 8th
6:30pm

at the home of Ginny Saylor
Hostess & Lesson Leader: Ginny Saylor
Co-Hostess: DeAnn Idso
*If you would like to carpool, please in the church
parking lot by 6:10pm*

*The Women of the Church are selling notecards which
were designed by Belinda Craig. There are ten notecards
in a package. The notecards have a picture of the center
of our stain glass windows with the scripture at the
bottom of the window.*

*The notecards sell for \$10.00 a pack.
Pick up yours in the Church Office.*

Thank you Belinda for your hard work on these cards!



Sunday October 20th Elder Nominations

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th
5:30-7:00pm



Consider

- Decorating a Trunk
- Donate money for the meal and candy
- Donate Halloween Candy