



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

February 16, 2020



Most of us consider the things we do in our congregations as activities that belong to us by our thoughts and planning and action. I often wonder: if we are the ones generating these activities and carrying them out, what is it that we think God is doing? Maybe we think God is silently watching to see if we will do the right things. Maybe we think God endorses whatever it is we do as a congregation because we are a church.

Scripture supports neither of those viewpoints really. God is always the initiator of every good act of ours. God's Holy Spirit works through us to give us ideas and to motivate us. We can sense this is happening most clearly when we are motivated to do something that we understand to be the thing we ought to do but which we'd really rather not do. Our discomfort is ready evidence that God's Spirit is prompting us toward holiness.

In our scripture this week, Paul tells the Corinthian church about the fact that God works through us even when we think our actions are self-generated.

This past Wednesday evening God's Spirit was noticeably active in the joy of young children of the church. They had a terrific Valentine's Day supper Bible lesson and then a flashlight scavenger hunt. They even signed a huge Valentine's card for the preacher.

Two upcoming reminders: First, there will be a Congregational meeting on February 23rd to handle church business that recurs annually. Second, don't forget Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Come for supper and services.

See you in church!

Allen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

**Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior
JESUS CHRIST**

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 3:1-10

Sermon: “You Are The Field of God”

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020		SERVING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020	
Acolyte	Abby Hittle		
Lay Liturgist	Kristin Wilhelm	Lay Liturgist	Edwin Holcombe
Ushers/Greeters	Michal Dobson Raychelle Flannagan Helen Garner Margaret Smith	Ushers/Greeters	Rob Marsh Tony Matusek Pat Thomas Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	Janice Womble	Hall Monitor	Ginger Shofner
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	John Marsh and Cindy Lamb	Children's Church	Pat Marsh and Cindy Lamb
Nursery	Maddie Hittle	Nursery	Christy Jensen



NaCoMe's Spring Youth Retreat

WHO: 6th-12th Grade Students

WHEN: March 6-8

THEME: "In Pursuit of Disruptive Joy"

Centered on texts from Ecclesiastes. There are an incredible number of things that cause stress and anxiety today.

Sometimes we pursue "success" at the expense of our well being and relationship with God.

Over the course of the weekend, we'll explore the countercultural idea that God is in control.

As a result, we should live each moment seeking joy, practicing gratitude, and spreading love to others.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY "JOYFUL NOISE" KIDS CHOIR

Begins Wednesday, February 19th

Your Pre-School through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday Nights as we prepare for Easter! We will play, sing, and learn about how Jesus fulfilled His promises to the church.

Class begins at 6pm until 7pm.

We will meet in the Children's area upstairs.
Kids are welcome to invite their friends.

For more information, please email Miss Cindy at:
clambteacher@aol.com

What **ARE** You Thankful for?

As Lent approaches,
'What' am I **Thankful** for?

Seems *family* comes to mind first,
a warm home on a frosty day, a cool home
on a hot day, to have food and clean
running water in my home, clothes on my
back, good friends, a tank full of fuel for
my car, to have all of my 5 senses in order
to enjoy **His** creation and so on...

I am *Thankful* for the fact that **Our Lord**
and **Savior**, came and bore my sins.

His life was one with the knowledge of
rejection by **His** own people, betrayal,
tremendous physical, spiritual, mental pain
and anguish.

I ask myself, "How would I manage the
emotions **He** felt as **He** hung on the Cross
for me?"

Shirley

Inclement Weather

When Bedford Co. Schools are closed due
to inclement weather all church activities
will be cancelled.

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