First Presbyterian Church

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YOUTH NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jr. / Sr. High @ 5:30 - 6:30 pm

June 5 The Shed
June 12 The Crumps', Schlater, MS (swimming)
June 19 NO Bible Study
June 26 The Arant's, 1208 Hemingway (swimming)

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Jr./ Sr. High @ 5:30 - 7:00 pm

PYF will not meet during the month of June

Upcoming Events for Youth!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH CONFERENCE
at Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, North Carolina
July 14th - 20th, 2019

FPC Kindergarten Registration Now Open!
for Children Ages 1-4 years
Contact Nancy Tollison, 453-1048

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor ..... Dr. Rusty Douglas
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Steve Fortenberry
Director of Music ..... Rev. Ray Smithee
Christian Ed. Director..... Kelli Stainback
Youth Coordinator..... Nancy Fortenberry
Kindergarten Director..... Nancy Tollison
Financial Secretary ..... Annette McDonald
Bldg.& Grounds Supervisor Larry Crawford
Custodian..... Charles Covington
Clerk of Session..... Richard Oakes
Board of Deacons ..... Trish Rodgers
Church Treasurer..... Zach Luke
Presbyterian Women ..... Buffee Jarman
Endowment Committee Mike Sturdivant, Jr.
Missionaries. Dr. Rev. Sasan Tavassoli, Iran
Rev. Amos Yam, Campeche, Mexico
Mike Reinsel, Mission: Hope
Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Africa
Dr. Sasha Tsutserov, Russia

ECO A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

First Presbyterian Church
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

MAY 29, 2019

HISTORIC DAY
for FPC Greenwood

Sunday, June 2, 2019
at 11:00 a.m.

ECO
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

Sunday, June 2, 2019 is an historic day for this congregation. Representatives of our new ECO denomination (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) will be here to officially install the pastors into their office, the Session will be officially installed, the Board of Deacons will be officially installed, and so will the new elders and deacons in the Class of 2022. Some of them will also be ordained on this day.

Rev. Anna Kent, an ECO pastor in our new presbytery, the Presbytery of the South, will be here to preach. Elder Jim Marden, Ministry Partnership Team Chair, will be here to propound the Constitutional questions.

We will say a word of thanks and have a gift and a prayer for elders and deacons in the Class of 2019 rotating off their respective boards. Elder Mike Sturdivant III, Chair of the Endowment Committee, will update the congregation on an exciting new gift that the Session just received, a gift that will keep on giving for decades and decades to come.

Photographs will be taken at 9:30 a.m. for all the officers involved in this service. Plan to be here for this historic day in this congregation's life!

THE LORD'S DAY

(If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement)

June 2 — 7th Sunday of Easter
Installation/Ordination Service with ECO

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship/Installation/Ordination
Scripture:	Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon:	Rev. Anna W. Kent, ECO pastor
Children's Sermon:	Ashley Scott
Prayer of Dedication:	Elder Jimmy Lott
Children's Church:	Heather and Tommie Williams

June 9 — Day of Pentecost

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Scripture:	Acts 4:36-83; Hebrews 10:24-26; Psalm 25:11; Romans 1:11-12
Sermon:	Dr. Rusty Douglas "Family 101" 4. Encouraging One Another
Children's Sermon:	Deacon Trish Rodgers
Prayer of Dedication:	Elder Richard Macy
Children's Church:	Caroline and Ryan Strawbridge

June 16 — Trinity Sunday/Communion

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
Scripture	Romans 5:23-26; James 5:16
Sermon:	Dr. Rusty Douglas "Family 101" 5. Praying for One Another
Children's Sermon:	Deacon Babs Wylie
Prayer of Dedication:	Elder Taylor Calhoun
Children's Church:	Erica and Jay Culpepper

June 23 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Scripture:	Romans 12:10; I Peter 5:15; Romans 13:7
Sermon:	Dr. Rusty Douglas "Family 101" 6. Honoring One Another
Children's Sermon:	Deacon Connie Black
Prayer of Dedication:	Elder Howard Davis, Jr.
Children's Church:	Margie and Alan Barger

June 30 — 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Scripture:	Matthew 6:15; Ephesians 4:21-32
Sermon:	Rev. Steve Fortenberry "Family 101" 7. Forgiving One Another
Children's Sermon:	Elder Taylor Calhoun
Prayer of Dedication:	Elder Tommy Gary
Children's Church:	Josh Beattie

What's In a Name?

The full name of our new denomination, **ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians**, is certainly a mouthful. But much is communicated by this name.

"Covenant" reflects the idea of connecting leaders in accountable relationships. **"Order"** reflects the idea of a shared way of life, united around a shared theological core. **"Evangelical"** reflects the idea of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ and planting new missional communities. **"Presbyterian"** reflects the idea of standing within our Reformed heritage which celebrates the life of the mind in service to God.

"ECO" reinforces the denomination's passion for strengthening the ecosystems of local churches. ECO believes that the Church is a living organism that needs life-giving resources to help it grow, thrive and multiply. ECO is committed to cultivating a healthy, diverse, resource-rich ecosystem where pastors and congregations can flourish--thus the green leaf with the cross in the center. You will be seeing the ECO denomination's symbol on our signs, stationery, bulletins, newsletters, etc.

ECO was established in 2012. It currently has some 400 congregations, 127,000 members, nearly 600 ministers, and 22 presbyteries. The mission of ECO is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2019

1. Heard a report from Elder Mike Sturdivant III who chairs the Endowment Committee, regarding a gift to the Endowment Fund which will generate interest monies for benevolences and the outreach ministry of the church. The Session received this most generous gift with thanks and celebration. Details will likely come to the congregation in a report during worship on June 2, the day that the ministers, elders, and deacons, and the incoming Class of 2022 will be officially installed into this new ECO congregation.
2. Elected Lina Elfert as Clerk of Session, Mark Vemer as Church Treasurer, and Bill Crump as Assistant Clerk of Session for the next 12 months.
3. Transferred Carla Holt to Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, MS.
4. Approved a new design for the sign in front of the church which will add ECO and the denomination's symbol.
5. Asked the current Nominating Committee, Cathy Jennings, Chair, to nominate 7 persons from the congregation to serve as the Search Committee for the church's next pastor. The congregation will vote on these members at the appropriate time.
6. Reviewed the financial statements for April that indicated that both income and expenses are in line.
7. Approved funds for insulating the duct work in the sanctuary ceiling.
8. Noted that new wiring has begun to be run in the sanctuary, plaster damage will be repaired, molding installed, all in preparation for the sanctuary to be painted in July.
9. Expressed appreciation for Jo Flautt's service on the Kindergarten Board. Approved Meagan Litton for a second term on the Kindergarten Board, Class of 2021, and approved Margie Barger as a member of the Kindergarten Board, Class of 2021.
10. Noted that in the summer the Partners in Faith, Journey, and ladies class led by Lorie Guenther will combine. Children's Sunday School classes will also combine for the summer.
11. Noted that there will be a Vacation Bible School slide show presentation at 9:45 a.m. on June 9 in Shuler Hall. Breakfast will be provided and the children will sing some of the VBS songs.
12. The Staff Support Committee is still seeking a part-time administrative assistant.
13. Once the security camera layout is finalized, bids will be taken from vendors.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Will Jefcoat for bringing equipment to use for the removal of the shrubbery around the church sign on Main Street. It made that job go quickly and easily!

Larry Crawford

Adult Sunday School Classes for June 2019

These Classes Combining for Summer in the Glass Room
Journey , Partners in Faith, and the Women's
Uniform Series taught by
Pat Gulledge

Men's Class
Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library

June 9th at 9:45 a.m. in Shuler Hall

VBS Slideshow and Breakfast
in place of regular Sunday School

Children will sing a couple songs from this year's VBS program

The Children's Classes will be combined for the summer.

2K-5K in Room 100
1st - 5th grade in Room 202

BETTE SHELBY MEMORIAL SERVICE REMINDER

Friday, June 7, 2019
Visitation in the Church Parlor at 1:00 p.m.
Service in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

June 2019

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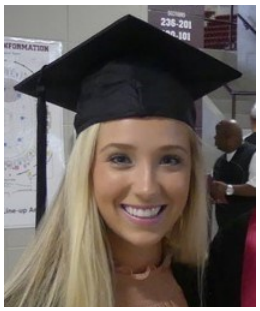
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 am VBS decorating in Shuler Hall
2 9:30 am Pictures in the Sanctuary 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship, Celebration and Installation into ECO, Rev. Anna Kent preaching 1:30 pm VBS decorating , Shuler Hall No PYF	3 8:00 am VBS registration, courtyard 8:30 - 11:30 am VBS	4 8:30 - 11:30 am VBS	5 8:30 - 11:30 am VBS 10:00 am Liturgy 5:30 pm Jr./ Sr. Bible Study, The Shed 6:00 pm Choir	6 6:45 am Mission Mississippi Breakfast, Location IHM, 511 W. Washington St. 8:30 - 11:30 am VBS No Kindergarten Board	7 11:30 am Community Kitchen, FPC serves 1:00 pm Bette Shelby's visitation in Church Parlor 2:00 pm Bette Shelby's funeral service in Sanctuary	8
9 9:45 am Breakfast and VBS Presentation in Shuler Hall 10:35 am Called Session Meeting 11:00 am Worship No PYF	10 9:35 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Christian Education Committee 5:15 pm Worship & Music Committee 5:30 pm Youth Comm.	11 5:30 pm Buildings & Grounds Comm.	12 10:00 am Liturgy 5:00 pm Jr./ Sr. Bible Study, Crump's 6:00 pm Choir	13 5:30 pm Administrative Committee	14	15
16 9:45 am Sunday School 10:35 am Communion Assignments 11:00 am Worship/ Communion 3:00 pm Indywood Sunday School No PYF	17 9:35 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Deacons 6:00 pm Session Supper 6:30 pm Session	18	19 10:00 am Liturgy No Jr./ Sr. Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 10:35 am Called Session Meeting - Baptism 11:00 am Worship/Baptism No PYF	24 9:35 am Staff Meeting	25	26 10:00 am Liturgy 5:30 pm Jr./ Sr. Bible Study, Arant's 6:00 pm Choir	27	28	29
30 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship No PYF						(over)

OUR GRADUATES FOR 2019

William Thomas Burrus III
Pillow Academy 2019
East Community College
Mississippi State University
Majoring in Bus./Marketing

Suzanne Aline Flautt
University of Mississippi
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
Attending University of Mississippi
Medical School, pursuing a graduate
degree in Occupational Therapy

Conner Blue Hutson
Pillow Academy 2019
Mississippi State University
Majoring in Pre-Med and Physics



Mary Hannah Jarman
Mississippi State University
cum laude
Bachelor of Science in Finance
Pursuing a Master of
Business Administration degree
Mississippi State University

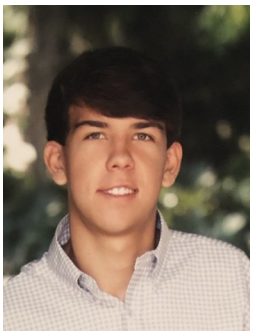
Floyd Mortimer Melton IV
Pillow Academy 2019
University of Mississippi
Majoring in Accounting

William Litton Mohamed
Woodberry Forest School 2019
University of Mississippi
Majoring in Business

Emilie Ruth Oakes
Pillow Academy 2019
Mississippi Delta
Community College
Major Undecided

Marielle Elizabeth Smithee
Mississippi College
Bachelor of Arts
in English Writing
with a Minor in Literature
Attending St. Louis University
School of Law

John Hollis Tackett
Pillow Academy 2019
Salutatorian
Barksdale Honors College at
the University of Mississippi
Majoring in Engineering
and Pre-Med



Hardy Dale Vemer
Pillow Academy 2019
Mississippi State University
Majoring in Engineering