



First  
Presbyterian  
Church

P.O. Box 485 • Greenwood, MS 38935

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## YOUTH NEWS

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

SALT Supper @ 5:30 p.m. • JH and SH @ 6:00 pm

September 7 Bible Study @ The Shed  
September 14 Bible Study @ The Shed  
September 21 Bible Study @ The Shed  
September 28 Bible Study @ The Shed

### PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Jr. High @ 5 pm • Dinner @ 6 • Sr. High @ 6:30 pm

September 4 No PYF: Happy Labor Day!  
September 11 PYF: Combined Scavenger Hunt @ The Shed,  
followed by Combined Supper  
September 18 PYF @ The Shed  
September 25 Youth CAN Make a Difference

September 25

Youth Meet at 3:00 p.m. at  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
for the Annual Canned Food Drive

Please have canned goods  
ready to donate when youth  
knock on your door!



### ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE WHO NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY

If you or someone you know would like to come to **Sunday School or Worship on Sundays** and do not have a ride, please contact **Deacon Trish Rodgers at (662) 836-6717** and she will arrange the transportation. If possible, please try make this request on or before the Thursday before the following Sunday so that adequate time can be allowed to arrange the rides. If you have any questions or need additional information, you may can Trish at the number above or call the church office.

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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..... Thomas Gregory  
Kindergarten Director ..... Nancy Tollison  
Administrative Assistant..... Annette McDonald  
Financial Secretary ..... Cheryl Ewing  
Bldg. & Grounds Supervisor..... Larry Crawford  
Custodian..... Charles Covington  
Clerk of Session..... Richard Oakes  
Board of Deacons..... Mark Kimmel  
Church Treasurer ..... Zach Luke  
Presbyterian Women ..... Jane Crump  
Endowment Committee..... Mike Sturdivant, Jr.  
Missionaries..... Dr. Rev. Sasan Tavassoli, Iran  
Rev. Amos Yam, Campeche, Mexico  
Mike Reinsel, Rivers of the World



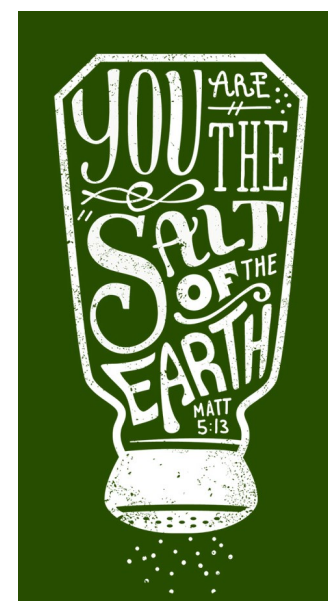
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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

AUGUST 2016

# Serving And Learning Together

Wednesday Nights, September 7 -- October 19, 5:00 p.m. -- 7:00 p.m.



### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

5:15 p.m. Children Gather for Music/  
Choristers in the Maxwell Room  
5:30 p.m. Dinner starts for all in Shuler Hall  
6:00 p.m. Dismissed from Dinner:  
Choir to Choir Rehearsal  
Adults attending Bible Study/  
Small Groups  
Youth Group to the Shed  
Children to their Bible Study  
and Activities Stations  
6:08 p.m. Bethel Class I & II  
7:00 p.m. SALT Classes End  
7:08 p.m. Bethel Classes End

### Activities For All Ages

4K and up will participate in the Bible studies and activities

Children's Bible Time  
(Led by Joanne Branham and Lina Elfert)

Youth: JH & SH Bible Study at the Shed  
with Rev. Steve Fortenberry

Women's Small Group: "Uninvited" by Lysa Terkeurst  
(Led by Lizzie Powers in the  
Jim and Ina Barret Memorial Library)

Men's Small Group: "Divided: When the Head and  
Heart Don't Agree" by Bill Delvaux  
(Led by Heston Powers in the  
Maxwell Reception Room off Shuler Hall)

Enneagram Class: "The Enneagram Journey" by Susan  
Stabile (A DVD series)  
(Led by Memrie Kimmel in the Session Room)

Bethel Class I & II: "The Bethel Series"  
(These classes are full)  
(Bethel I led by Romney Brock, Todd Fincher,  
Toni Powers, and Dr. Douglas in the Church Parlor)  
(Bethel II led by Romney Brock, Taylor Calhoun,  
Betty Douglas, Ann Litton, Cheryl Thornhill and  
Dr. Douglas in Room 100 of the Education Building)

Please sign up in the narthex on Sunday  
mornings or the church office (662-453-4680)  
for supper and available classes.

## THE LORD'S DAY

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

### September 4 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost/ Christian Vocation Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Scripture: I Timothy 1:15; John 6:35-40;  
Romans 5:6-8  
Sermon: Dr. Rusty Douglas  
Hymn: "Just As I Am"  
Children's Sermon: Deacon Babs Wylie  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Glenn Beckham  
Children's Church: Amber and Thomas Eatherly  
Toddlers: Nursery

### September 11 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost/ Bibles Presented to Our 3rd Grade/ PW Officer Installation

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Scripture: Titus 2:11-14; I Peter 5:10;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 86:15  
Sermon: Dr. Rusty Douglas  
Hymn: "Amazing Grace"  
Children's Sermon:  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Todd Fincher  
Children's Church: Whitney and Michael Thompson  
Toddlers: Nursery

### September 18 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3; Psalm 32:5;  
Hebrews 2:1-4  
Sermon: Dr. Rusty Douglas  
Hymn: "In the Bulb There is a Flower"  
Children's Sermon:  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Cathy Jennings  
Children's Church: Erin Jacobs  
Toddlers: Nursery

### September 25 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost/ Evangelism Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Sermon: Rev. Steve Fortenberry  
Children's Sermon: Deacon Jane Crump  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Jimmy Lott  
Children's Church: Lee Pruett  
Toddlers: Nursery

(Children's Church is held in Room 202 of the Ed Building)

#### September Ushers:

Palmer Brock (Head), Allison Calhoun, Allyn Camp, Howard Davis, Jr., Tom Gary, Jr. and Laura Oakes

## NEW BABY

We celebrate the birth of Laura Lott Stainback, daughter of Kelli and Andrew Stainback, born August 16, 2016.

## RECENT BAPTISM



Celebrating the baptism of Eleanor (Ella) Cecile Canterbury on August 7, 2016, are her parents Brett and Carling Canterbury. Todd Fincher served as assisting elder.

## NEW MEMBERS



Lorie and Clint Guenther joined by transfer of letter from Westminster Presbyterian Church. Lorie is a kindergarten teacher at FPK. Clint is an attorney with Upshaw Law Office. Clint enjoys music and time with family. Lorie enjoys sewing/knitting and time with their grandchildren. They like the traditional music and liturgy in this church.



Gavin and Betty Maliska joined by reaffirmation of faith. Betty is a homemaker. She has experience as a teacher and administrator with Montessori schools. Gavin is General Manager/News Director at Cala Broadcast Partners, which owns the television stations here. Gavin enjoys cycling, golf and reading. Betty enjoys gardening, golf and reading. They find this church to be a welcoming congregation.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of our congregation is expressed to Lisa Cookston upon the death of her father, Bill Curtis, on August 6, 2016, in Greenwood, Mississippi; to Brittany Moses and Amber Overstreet upon the death of their father, Richard Overstreet, who died on August 7, 2016 in Virginia; and to John Heston Powers upon the death of his father, Buck Powers, who died on August 17, 2016.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 2016

1. Noted that our pledge receipts are down slightly, which usually occurs in the summer.
2. The Youth Committee reported on their summer activities: Montreat Youth Conference, white water rafting, movie night in Greenville, Ultimate Frisbee (we were the champs!), and the program at the local Jewish Synagogue.
3. Approved payment of \$3,959 from the maintenance line item to replace a compressor on the sanctuary unit.
4. Approved several uses of church property.
5. Noted that 36 students are registered for the Kindergarten program.
6. Approved a list of Sunday Observances and Communion dates for 2016-2017.
7. Approved honoring Bette Shelby on the occasion of her upcoming 100th birthday. Her birthday is August 31. Plans are for her to be in worship on Sunday, August 28.
8. Plans are being worked on to periodically incorporate some of our youth in different parts of the Sunday worship service.
9. Communion for our home bound members will be offered on Sunday, August 28.
10. Approved funds to send 4 persons on the Denominational Relations Task Force to the National Gathering of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians to be held January 24-26, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC. Contacts/ visits will be made periodically with several of the denominations being considered by the Task Force over the next eighteen months or so. The 90 day period for anyone from St. Andrew Presbytery to object to the agreed upon settlement regarding the church property has expired, with no one registering an objection.
11. Approved a special gift for Building Supervisor, Larry Crawford, for appreciation of his excellent work, above and beyond the call of duty these last two months in using the lift to repair and paint the trim up high, all around the church.
12. Approved Sherry Clark as a teacher for the Wednesday Noon Bible Study.
13. Approved funding to pay for the all day SALT Training Event held on August 13.



## STEPHEN THARP Organist in Concert

**Thursday,  
September 22  
7:30 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Greenwood, Mississippi**

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND!

The Diapason magazine, a professional journal for organists, said, "*Stephen Tharp is the best organist in America.*"

The American Organist, the professional journal of the American Guild of Organists, said of Tharp's playing, "*Tharp is 'authoritative, impassioned, supremely musical, and technically impeccable.'*"

The two quotes above say it all, Stephen Tharp is the finest organist on the face of the earth at this moment, and he is coming to perform here! This is a once in a life-time opportunity to hear a performer of this caliber, for free, in our community.

His playing will astound you, and you will be impressed at what our Casavant pipe organ is capable of producing under his control.

This concert is given in celebration of the 25th anniversary of our sanctuary reconfiguration and refurbishment, and the enlargement of our pipe organ to the sixth largest pipe organ in this state. We will have a brief service of re-dedication that evening.

Stephen's program includes works from the classical organ literature by J. S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, George Baker, as well as his own transcriptions of orchestral works by G. F. Handel, Johannes Brahms, Paul Dukas, and Igor Stravinsky. This will be an enjoyable concert to hear!

Please plan to attend and invite others to come with you. You will receive some culture and be wowed! It would be great if Stephen could return to New York City and report that he played to a packed sanctuary in Greenwood, Mississippi. Help make that happen!

*A nursery will be available for children of church members.*





# September 2016

## First Presbyterian Church Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6:45 am Mission MS Breakfast, IHM Catholic Parish Bldg. 8:30 am FPK begins 5:15 pm CE Committee 5:30 pm Kindergarten Board Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast 11:30 am Community Kitchen - FPC Servers	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship  No PYF	<b>5</b>  <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY!</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>6</b> 9:15 am Kindergarten Chapel 11:00 am PW-CT 12:00 pm Ministerial Association Meeting  5:00-7:30 pm Witness Committee	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Liturgy 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study  5:00 pm SALT resumes 5:15 pm Choristers 6:00 pm Choir 6:08 pm Bethel I & II	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/ Bibles Presented to 3rd Grade/ PW- Officer Installation  5:00 pm Combined PYF - Scavenger Hunt/Supper @ The Shed	<b>12</b> 9:35 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm PW- Noon Circle 2:30 pm PW- Afternoon Circle  5:15 pm Worship and Music Committee	<b>13</b> 9:15 am Kindergarten Chapel  5:00-7:30 pm Witness Committee 5:30 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Liturgy 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study  5:00 pm SALT 5:15 pm Choristers 6:00 pm Choir 6:08 pm Bethel I & II	<b>15</b>  5:30 pm Administrative Committee	<b>16</b> 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:35 am Called Session Meeting 11:00 am Worship/ Baptism 3:00 pm Indywood S.S. 5:00 p.m. Jr. High PYF 6:00 pm PYF Supper 6:30 pm Sr. High PYF	<b>19</b> 9:35 am Staff Meeting  5:30 pm Deacons 6:00 pm Session Supper 6:30 pm Session	<b>20</b> 9:15 am Kindergarten Chapel	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Liturgy 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study  5:00 pm SALT 5:15 pm Choristers 6:00 pm Choir 6:08 pm Bethel I & II	<b>22</b> Newsletter Deadline  7:30 pm Stephen Tharp Organ Concert	<b>23</b> 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Welcome to the Table  3:00 pm Youth Canned Food Drive @ IHM Catholic Church	<b>26</b> 9:35 am Staff Meeting	<b>27</b> 9:15 am Kindergarten Chapel  5:30 pm DRTF Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Liturgy 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study  5:00 pm SALT 5:15 pm Choristers 6:00 pm Choir 6:08 pm Bethel I & II	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	