



First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 25, 2024

25th Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Kirkin' Golf Tournament

Greenwood Country Club
Contact Zach Luke (822-2204)
to register (\$20 per person)

Sunday, March 3th

9:30 a.m. - Kirkin' Lecture
Church Parlor - Dr. J. Ligon Duncan

10:15 a.m. - Pipe Band Concert
The City of Memphis Pipe Band
on Main Street, in front of the sanctuary

11:00 a.m. - Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service

Procession of Flags and Family Tartans
Blessing of the Tartans
Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, preaching

12:15 p.m. - Kirkin' Luncheon
Presentation of the "Kirkin' Cup"
Kilt Election Between
Miller Arant and Barrett Daugherty

Luncheon Tickets:

Adults (11 and older) - \$10.00

Children - \$5.00 (PBJ sandwich)

Menu: Pork Loin, Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes and Dessert

Tickets may be purchased from the Church Office,
or from Alan Ellis and Thomas Gregory III

Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III Guest Preacher



Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III is the Chancellor & CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. He is also currently serving as President of RTS Jackson.

He served as Senior Minister of the historic First Presbyterian Church (1837) in Jackson, Miss. for 17 years (1996-2013).

He is co-founder of Together for the Gospel, and was President of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals from 2004-2012. Duncan served as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (2004-2005). He studied at Furman University, Greenville, SC (BA); Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis (M.Div., MA, cum laude); and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (Ph.D.).

Duncan has edited, written, and contributed to numerous books. Ligon and his wife Anne reside in Jackson, Miss. They have two adult children.

City of Memphis Pipe Band

The City of Memphis Pipe Band is a traditional bagpipe and drum band dedicated to preservation and growth of the Celtic arts in the Mid-South.

THE LORD'S DAY

February 4 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Communion Assignments
11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Scripture: Matthew 20:1-6
Sermon: "Defeating Envy? Be Grateful!"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Elder Taylor Calhoun
Prayer of Dedication: Elder John Stewart III
Children's Church: Kitty and Drew Pinkston

February 11 — Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: II Samuel 11:2-27
Sermon: "Defeating Lust? Be Faithful!"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Alston Avritt
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Ryan Strawbridge
Children's Church: Carling and Brett Canterbury

February 18 — First Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon: "Defeating Sloth? Be Active!"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Rhodes Strawbridge
Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Christie Beattie
Children's Church: Audra and Alan Ellis

February 25 — Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon Scripture: John 13:1-20
Sermon: "Defeating Pride? Be Humble!"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Elder Wade Litton
Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Emmie Daugherty
Children's Church: Whitney and Alston Avritt

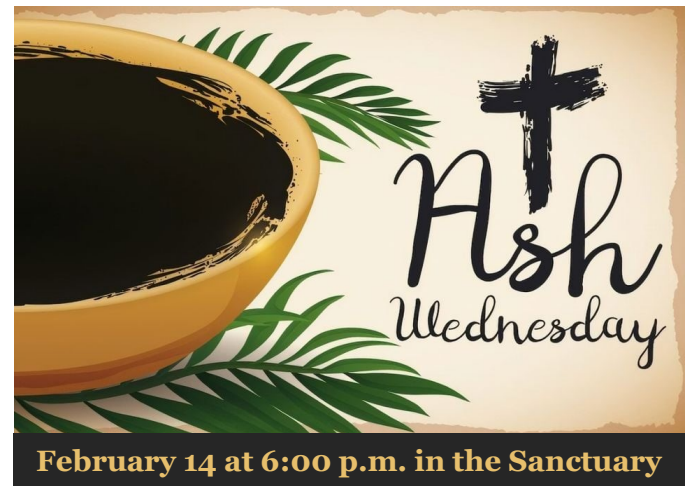
February Ushers: Chuck Conditt, Emmie Daugherty, Alan Ellis, Wilson Moses, Sam Pigott, Randy Tackett

Feb. Hospital Visitation Elder: Miller King



The Third Annual Soup for the Soul will be on Sunday, February 4, at 5:00 p.m. in Shuler Hall. Hosted by Presbyterian Women Council, this event is open to the entire congregation.

Anyone who wants to show off their favorite soup, stew or chili is welcome to participate. PW Council will provide salad, bread, dessert and drinks.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Gray Higginbotham joined the church on Sunday, January 21. Gray is Farm Manager for Pierce Brown Farms. He is recently married to church member Kaity (Box)

Higginbotham. They live in Schlater, MS. Gray enjoys hunting, golfing, and other outdoor activities.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

January 2024

1. Approved Stated Session Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023
2. A Thank You note was received from the minister of the Clarksville Church in Clarksville, TN, for the monetary gift sent to assist church members who suffered damage in the December 10, 2023 tornado. The Clarksville Church is an ECO congregation.
3. Approved Sherry Clark and Cathy Jennings as Session representatives on the Officer Nominating Committee. They will serve as co-chairs.
4. Approved calling the annual meeting of the corporation and congregation immediately after worship on January 21, 2024, for the purpose of (a) electing corporate officers, and (b) hearing reports from the Stewardship and Finance Committee regarding the 2023 Budget and from the Stewardship Chairman on the results of the 2024 Stewardship Campaign.
5. Approved the annual copier Service Maintenance Agreement with Rose Business Equipment at a cost of \$1,016.50. To be paid from the Office Supply and Expense line item.
6. Approved the transfer of Drew, Katherine, Graham, and Strain Howard to the Itta Bena-Morgan City Presbyterian Church.
7. Approved re-designating the \$5,067.00 budgeted for the 2023 Kent Hull Golf Tournament, which was postponed to the spring of 2024, to the ECO theological training program which supports church planting and helping candidates in their ordination process.
8. Approved changing FPK employee Ashton Turner from part-time to full-time, beginning January, 2024. Her salary from January through May will be \$6,000.00.
9. Approved Beverly Quinn as a member of the Worship and Music Committee, Class of 2027.
10. Millie Vemer and Floyd Melton III will be the CE Committee's representatives on the Officer Nominating Committee.
11. CE Committee noted that Christmas bonuses were given to the nursery workers in December.
12. CE Committee relayed the retirement of Octavia Jones from Childcare on Sundays and Wednesdays during S.A.L.T. gatherings.
13. Approved paying the tuition for the church's three high school juniors to the Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation in Atlanta, GA, for aptitude testing. The tuition, which will run approximately \$950.00 per student, will be paid from the Youth budget. Lodging and meals will be paid by the student's families.

Session Highlights continued

14. Approved receiving a gift of \$1,000.00 from Aubrey "Mack" Gaskins to be allocated to the Classics at First concert series.
15. Approved receiving a gift of \$2,000 from Barrett and Emmie Daugherty to be allocated to the Endowment Fund.
16. Approved receiving a gift of \$2,000.00 from Dr. and Mrs. James Robbins, and a gift of \$1,000.00 from Van Dyke Neill, both to be allocated by Session at a later date upon recommendation from the Stewardship and Finance Committee.
17. Stewardship and Finance Chair reported that the church ended 2023 on a positive note with income exceeding the budgeted/pledged amount by \$38,346.96 and with expenses being \$23,206.29 less than anticipated.
18. The Chair of the Stewardship Campaign for 2024 reported that \$877,990.00 in pledges have been received. He stated that some cuts may need to be made to the proposed budget but they should not be too extensive.
19. An update regarding the Parking Lot/Covered Entrance Capital Campaign was given by the campaign chair, reporting that the amount of pledges sought was \$525,000.00 and that pledges in the amount of \$542,000.00 have been received. He further stated that we may wish to add to that amount to cover unanticipated costs.
20. Building and Ground Chair updated the Session on the issue involving the damage to the HVAC units in the main building due to a power surge. Parts have been ordered but have not been received yet. Portable heaters are being utilized in the areas of the main building affected by the damaged units.
21. Approved changing the Session Meeting dates from the third Monday to the third Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



**FPK FUN
IN
FEBRUARY!**

February 9 Students will dress as dalmations for our "101 Day of FPK!"

February 14 Valentine's Party

February 23 The Annual St. Jude Trike-a-Thon

March 1 Community Helper Day



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MISSION TRIP



Ahava Ministries

A group of 16 youth and adults will be going on a mission trip to Guatemala from March 9 - 15.

2024 *February*
EVENTS

SUNDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 7
<i>Soup for the Soul</i>	SALT
SUNDAY 11	WEDNESDAY 14
<i>No Youth</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
SUNDAY 18	WEDNESDAY 21
<i>No Youth</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
SUNDAY 25	WEDNESDAY 28
<i>Senior High Trip</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>



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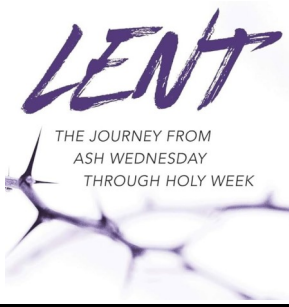
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Pastor Emeritus Dr. Rusty Douglas
Director of Music Rev. Ray Smithee
Director of Youth Whitney Avritt
Christian Ed. Director Kelli Stainback
Kindergarten Director Caroline Strawbridge
Financial Secretary..... Annette McDonald
Administrative Assistant Denise Gardner
Custodian Charles Covington
Custodian Lonnie Love
Clerk of Session Richard Oakes
Board of Deacons.....Rebekah Arant
Church Treasurer..... Mark Vemer
Presbyterian Women Mary Clyde King
Endowment Committee..... Mike Sturdivant III
Missionaries..... Bill Holland, Ahava Ministries
Bill & Bette Bryant Crisis Nursery, Zambia
Cistern Project of the Yucatan
Amos Yam, Yucatan
Potter and Clay Ministries of Haiti
Presbyterian Church of Aleppo, Turkey
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A Covenant Order of
Evangelical Presbyterians



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	2	3
4 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am Communion Assignments 11:00 am Worship/ Communion 5:00 pm Soup for the Soul - Shuler Hall	5 10:00 am PW Coordinating Team 5:00 pm Endowment Committee 5:00 pm Youth Committee	6 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	7 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm S.A.L.T. Dinner 6:00 pm S.A.L.T. Classes 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	8 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	9	10
11 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship/ Souper Bowl of Caring	12 PW Noon Circle 4:30 pm Christian Ed 5:30 pm B & G Committee 6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	13 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm FPK Board	14 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 6:00 pm Ash Wednes- day Service 6:50 pm Chancel Choir	15 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	16	17
18 9:00 am Session Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship	19 5:00 pm Deacons	20 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 9:45 am Staff Meeting	21 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	22 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast Newsletter Deadline	23	24
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Brave Youth Taking the Polar Plunge!

Polar Thang Retreat

Twin Lakes Conference Center
Florence, Mississippi



A worship service at the retreat center.

PRESBYTERIAN women

What does the PW Council do?

- Meet on the first Monday of the Month
- Plan Events
- Give signs & gifts for new babies
- Visit and give gift cards for sick members
- Plan and provide funeral meals
- Sends memorials when a current or life PW member passes away.
- Provide food for the Singing Christmas Tree
- Participate on Kirkin Committee
- Plan Noon Circle
- Serve Sack Lunches for Cancer Patients

Funeral Services

When a church member passes, PW will host a meal in the church parlor or at home for their family. Those who have marked on their time and talent may be contacted to help provide sides, desserts and paper goods.

Honorary Life Member

Each year PW Council honors a member of PW for her faithful & dedicated service to the church.

Indywood Visits

The council and PW member visit Indywood to visit residents and enjoy music and treats.

Noon Circle

Hosted on the second Monday of the Month, women get together for lunch and listen to a speaker. Members sign up for lunch and participants pay \$5 toward the cost.

Cancer Bags

PW serves sack lunches to cancer patients receiving chemo at the Cancer Center every 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month.

Monthly Missions

Donations are sent to the mission each month.

September- Food Pantry	January- Museum of the Mississippi Delta
October- Delta Cotton Belles	February- Humane Society
November- You Matter Ministry	March- Art Place
December- Christmas Gifts for families in need	April- First Presbyterian Kindergarten

Things
Presbyterian
Women
Do
In
Their
Ministry
To
The
Congregation!