



First
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Church

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YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Bible Study

5:30 pm Junior High

6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Senior High

- April 5 Junior High Confirmation Recap/Review
Senior High Regular Bible Study
- April 12 Bible Study
- April 19 Service Project (Time TBA)
- April 26 Bible Study

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

- April 2 No PYF
- April 9 No PYF
- April 16 1:30 pm Leave for PA Senior Play
- April 23 Combined PYF Game Night
- April 30 Canned Food Drive

Church Directory Information

The 2023 First Presbyterian Church directory committee sent an email offering three options for the congregation's families to have their photographs included. We hope this will allow for all members to participate. If you did not receive the email with options, please contact Mary Neff Stewart (maryneffnewsom@hotmail.com or 662-820-1200) for more information.

FPK currently has 41 students registered for the 2023-2024 school year! All classrooms are FULL except the 4s, and I am expecting to get a few more spots filled soon! We had a great Community Helper Week with visits from the dentist, eye doctor and the police. Upcoming: Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, and an egg hunt!



Caroline Strawbridge

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Senior Pastor Dr. Andrew Chaney
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
Assistant Kindergarten Director...Rebekah Arant
Administrative Assistant Kristen Montgomery
Financial Secretary Annette McDonald
Custodian..... Charles Covington
Clerk of Session..... Richard Oakes
Board of Deacons Mary Neff Stewart
Church Treasurer..... Mark Vemer
Presbyterian Women Eleanor Braswell
Endowment Committee Mike Sturdivant III
Missionaries Bill Holland, Ahava Ministries
Bill & Bette Bryant Crisis Nursery, Zambia
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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 30, 2023

Holy Week & Easter Worship Services



A Service of Darkness
by Hal H. Hopson

The Passion of Jesus
in Scripture and in Hymns

Presented by the Chancel Choir
accompanied by strings, oboe and organ

Maundy Thursday,
April 6, 7:00 p.m.

A Nursery Is Available



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7
12:15-12:45 p.m.
(No Nursery)

Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday Worship

April 9 - 11:00 a.m.

Brass Quartet
Floral Cross

Bring flowers to place on the
cross in memory of loved ones.

THE LORD'S DAY

April 2 — Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
 Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
 Sermon: Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Shannon Melton
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Cathy Jennings
 Children's Church: Sam & Samantha Pigott
 Security: Shane Smith & Jimmy Lott

April 9 — Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10
 Sermon: "Easter Resilience!"
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Dallas Baker
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Pat Gullledge
 Children's Church: Various volunteers
 Security: Randy Tackett & Robert Cole

April 16 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16
 Sermon: "Hang on to Faith"
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Emmie Daugherty
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Mary Haley Flautt
 Children's Church: Emmie & Barrett Daugherty
 Security: Barrett Daugherty & Johnny Henson

April 23 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:17
 Sermon: "Don't Give Up"
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Deacon Susan Gregory
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Todd Fincher
 Children's Church: Anna & Walter Moses
 Security: Will Jefcoat & Floyd Melton III

April 30—4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:18
 Sermon: "Look to Christ"
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Elder Clint Guenther
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Sherry Clark
 Children's Church: Audra & Alan Ellis
 Security: Chris Walker & Moss Melton

April Ushers:

David Camp, Bill Crump, Emmie Daugherty (head), Lisa Melton, John Stewart, Clifton Thach

On March 28th, Presbyterian Women Visit Rolling Fork!

Our member Kathryn Pitman grew up in Rolling Fork, and her sisters still live there. After the tornado, these sisters connected our Presbyterian Women with a relief group called "Mercy Chefs" in Rolling Fork. During hurricane Katrina's recovery, a chef from New Orleans was troubled when he saw what the first responders were eating. He gathered some of his chef friends together and "Mercy Chefs" was born. Now they travel all over the world to disaster areas with mobile kitchens and feed the people affected by storms. When we arrived at Rolling Fork, we could see the destruction, and feel the trauma in the air, but we could also feel the love of Jesus Christ fighting against the despair. Our group happily prepared over 1,000 meals! As the Styrofoam plates passed by, we put a scoop of food in a sections, listened to songs like "YMCA" playing in the background, and shared joyful conversation. I could sense the Holy Spirit's power moving through the volunteer efforts of our Presbyterian Women, a real example of being the hands of Jesus Christ. If you would like to go help prepare food as part of the relief effort, let me know. We were blessed to serve the Lord's children of Rolling Fork and are posting pictures on the website. Thank you for your prayers and love for serving God. Keep the prayers strong, keep the faith!

Peace in Christ,

Andrew



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
FRIDAY, APRIL 7
10:30 AM
FPC PLAYGROUND
 Light snacks provided after hunt
 For children 5th grade & under

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2023

1. Elder Mike Sturdivant gave a report on the work of the Endowment Committee, and for those new to the Session, went over the various funds that are under the Committee's control and explained how the money in those funds is invested.
2. Approved that \$7,500.00 of Endowment Funds be transferred from the McKinnon Fund to the Outreach Foundation.
3. Approved \$13,057 of Endowment Funds to be allocated as follows: \$2,438.00 to local benevolences; \$2,550.00 to undesignated benevolences; \$1,639.00 to capital improvements; \$1,065.00 to local handicapped projects; \$1,980.00 to the Outreach Foundation; \$250.00 to the Prison Ministry; \$250.00 to the Community Food Pantry; \$250.00 to the Norma Gelman "Christian Faith Ministries"; \$250.00 to Our Daily Bread; and \$365.00 to Palmer Home.
4. Approved that \$76,932.97 be transferred out of the Scott Fund and referred to the Witness Committee to determine where these funds should be spent.
5. Approved appointing Don Brock to the Endowment Committee for a five (5) year term to end in 2027.
6. Investment Committee member Miller Arant gave the annual report to the Session on the Parrish Fund. He began by giving a brief history and background of the fund. He reported that over the last twenty-nine years the average annual income generated by the fund was \$55,691.00. Presently the Parrish Fund is administered by the American Balanced Fund. The American Balanced Fund has average earnings of 7.66%. He reported that the Parrish Fund has a balance as of December 31, 2022, of \$1,278,334.00.
7. Approved transfer of the membership of Gwen Evans to First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
8. Approved the expenditure of up to \$8,500.00 for upgrades to the church's computer network in order to eliminate potential security issues.
9. Noted the bronze plaque for the Marion Peteet Howard Heritage Library has been ordered from Leeds Stained Glass at a cost of \$875 to be paid from the Heritage Library Memorial Fund.
10. Noted the CE Committee will host a reception on the Sunday (April 16) the session presents the resolution dedicating the Marion Peteet Howard Heritage Library. The reception will be held in the church parlor between Sunday School and worship so our church family can greet Marion's family.
11. Approved increasing the church's credit card limit from \$17,000.00 to \$30,000.00.
12. Approved deleting the following persons from the Inactive Roll as a result of them having moved or ceased to participate actively in the work and worship of the congregation for a period of two years or more: Marsha Becker, Maddy Brown, Vivian Calhoun, Josh Crump, Bradley Downey, Karen Keyes Lambdin, Michael Lewis Sr., Katherine Meeks, Mary Steele Mock.
13. Approved April 16, 2023, as Confirmation Sunday.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS, continued

14. Approved retaining the law firm of Henry, Barbour, DeCell, & Bridgeforth, Ltd. to see if the church qualifies for funds through the Employee Retention Credit program. Their fee is 25% of the funds the church receives, and they are only paid if we are approved and receive funds.
15. Approved Timmy Lott as the Building and Grounds Supervisor. He has agreed to serve without compensation as long as the salary that would normally be paid for this position, and which is currently included in the budget, is available for use for building maintenance and repairs.
16. Approved payment of an invoice to Security Support Services in the amount of \$1,535.45 for installation of a camera over the Sacristy and for replacement of two cameras in the playground. \$500.00 of this amount was approved in December. This will come from the Security Measures line item.

Easter Cross Signs



The Christian Education Committee has purchased Easter crosses to be placed in FPC members' lawns during the Lent and Easter seasons. The crosses are designed to give members an opportunity to share with neighbors about the hope we have in the Risen Christ. If you would like a cross for your lawn, please contact Kelli Stainback. Plan to save your sign for use in future years!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Women of GREENWOOD

During the month of April, PW is collecting Clorox and Lysol wipes for First Presbyterian Kindergarten. Please place items in the box outside of the church office.

Tables for Eight

Reminder: Get together again for a meal with your Table for 8! The goal is to connect with our church family to share Christian fellowship.

Reception Honoring Marion Howard Sunday, April 16th 10:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor

The Cristian Education Committee cordially invites our church family to a reception on Sunday, April 16th, between Sunday School and worship to welcome and congratulate Marion Howard's family. The Session is presenting a resolution during worship dedicating and honoring Marion and her work by naming the Heritage Library for her.

April 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Youth @ Camp Hopewell
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:35 am Communion Assignments 11:00 am Worship No PYF</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am PW CT</p> <p>4:30 pm CE Comm. 5:30 pm Youth Comm. 6:00 pm W&M Comm.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 pm FPK Board</p>	<p>5</p> <p>No Noon Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Junior High Confirmation Review 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm SH Bible Study</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>6:45 am Men's Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:45 pm Choir Dinner 6:30 pm Communion Assignments 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>10:30 am Egg Hunt, FPC Playground 12:15 pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 </p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship</p> <p>No PYF</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i> No PW Noon Circle</p> <p>5:30 pm B&G Comm.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00 pm Noon Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm JH Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm SH Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:45 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p> <p>5:30 pm Administrative Comm.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship</p> <p>1:30 pm PYF to PA Senior Play</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm Session</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 pm Noon Bible Study</p> <p>TBA Youth Service Project 5:00 pm PW Social Gathering 6:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:45 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 pm Jarman/Whatley Wedding</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm New Officer Training</p> <p>5:30 pm PYF Game Night</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00 pm Noon Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm JH Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm SH Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:45 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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