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## April Birthdays

1 Billy Fortson  
Joe Moon  
3 Bill Cobham  
4 James Elder  
Fletcher Stamps  
7 Maxine Blankenship  
8 Nick Jessup  
10 Wayne Scarborough  
11 Kingsley Allen  
12 Harrison Stamps  
16 Martha Taylor  
Guy McGiboney



17 Matthew Howell  
Kent Compton  
19 Laurie Bunn  
22 Sarah Jane Moss  
23 Barbara Luton  
Phyllis Pruner  
24 Sam Moss  
28 Elizabeth Pope  
29 Jean Carol Mundy  
30 Joyce Ashworth  
Phyllis Yoder

If your birthday has not appeared on our monthly list, please notify us of the **full date** and we will add it to our data base so that when your next birthday rolls around, we will be able to help you celebrate!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COVINGTON APRIL 2018

# FIRST PRESS



## Easter

The resurrection of Jesus means there is a real presence, a power loose in the world, and at work within us; the power to relieve the burden of the heavy laden, to lift those who are down, to free those who are bound, to make a way out of no way, to bring hope where there is despair, life where there is death.

There are millions around the world who are witnesses. "He is risen!" Through life and death he goes before you.



EASTER SUNDAY

We will celebrate the Resurrection at worship on **Easter Sunday**, April 1, at 11:00 a.m.

*Billy*

## From the Welcoming Team



Welcome to First Presbyterian! Whether you are an usher or greeting your seatmates during the "Passing of the Peace" we often feel a reluctance to go beyond a simple welcome. Are these people already members of our church and am I going to embarrass myself or are they visiting for the first time? What should I say after hello or peace?

Spring is here and beginning with Easter services this week we hope to have new visitors to First Presbyterian. Let's provide a warm, welcome environment for our guests and convey how glad we are to have them here. During the month of April seek out one new person/couple that you don't personally know and introduce yourself. A great lead question would be "How did you discover our church?" This opens the conversation for first-time visitors or long-time church members and avoids an awkward moment if they've been here longer than you have! Who knows -- by the end of April you may meet a friend for life or at least provided a welcoming smile to our guests!

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, April 8.

Prepare your heart.



Jesus said to her, "Mary!"  
She turned and said to him...  
"Rabboni!"

John 20:16, ESV



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# SESSION & ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

## Session Meeting

The session will meet on Sunday, April 8, in the Martin Fellowship Hall, immediately after morning worship for its regular monthly meeting.



### Weekly E-newsletter:

If you are not receiving the FPC weekly E-News, send your e-mail address to: info@fpc cov.org or call the church office.

## Monthly Financial Report

### Pledge arrears for 2018 (-)

2018 February Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/ Expenses	YTD Income /Expenses
Pledged Income	30,776	29,292	53,167
Non-Pledge Income	3,166	3,224	7,413
Other Income	416	1,190	1,280
Total income	34,359	33,706	61,860
Expenses	36,809	34,469	67,560
<b>Net Totals 2/28/2018</b>	<b>(-2,450)</b>	<b>(-763)</b>	<b>(15,699)</b>

## March Session Highlights

The following items were acted upon:

- Cassandra Morrow, Greater Atlanta Presbytery Committee on Ministry Consultant, reviewed detailed information on policies and guidelines as they relate to transitioning of pastors from a congregation.
- Session members approved the Application of Resignation from Session for Scarlett McCurry.
- Session members approved the Transfer of Membership request from FPC Covington to Heritage Presbyterian, Acworth for Andrew "Drew" Harvill.
- Session approved the Employment Agreement Contract for Music Director Alexis Ward.
- Session approved the hiring of an "Interim Music Director" during the 6 week absence of Alexis Ward.
- Session approved an additional 4 weeks paid time off for Maternity leave for Music Director Alexis Ward.
- Session approved changes to the existing Benefits Policy to standardize between Full and Part Time employees of FPC.

John McCarthy, Clerk of Session



Be sure to let us know if your phone, address or email address changes!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Easter</i> 9:00 Handbell Choir 11:00 Worship Service 	2 	3 Circle Meetings: 10:00 Eliz. Ann 10:30-Martha 7:00 Ruth 4:00 Exercise	4 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	5 10:30 Ambassador Choir	6	7
8 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection 	9	10 4:00 Exercise	11 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	12 10:30 Ambassador Choir	13 	14 Praise God with Music
15 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:45 "In Betweens" 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with communion 5:00 Youth Connection	16 	17 4:00 Exercise	18 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	19 10:30 Ambassador Choir	20	21 Great American Clean-up
22 <i>EarthDay</i> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 "Little Mermaid" 	23	24 1:00 Book Club 4:00 Exercise	25 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	26 10:30 Ambassador Choir	27 Arbor Day 	28 8:00 Men's Bible Breakfast
29 Youth Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	30 	May 1 4:00 Exercise	May 2 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	May 3 10:30 Ambassador Choir	May 4 Youth Lock-in	May 5

## Serving Us in April

**Usher Chair:**  
Doug & Sherri Bolton

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

### Hospital Visitors:

4/1: C. Wolverton  
4/8: D. Kennon  
4/15: A. Walker  
4/22: J. Wolverton  
4/29: S. Fortson

If unable to serve, please get a sub for your duties

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman  
Koen Ardis  
Sophia Hawley

**Class of 2019**  
Carter Gibson  
John McCarthy  
Teresa McCurry  
Cheryl Meichsner  
Miriam Wheeler

**Class of 2020**  
Doug Bolton  
Stan Hall  
Cindy Moon  
Bob Tabb  
Michael Thompson

**Third Annual Lake Jackson Ski Camp for Thornwell**



We have 3 groups of cottages coming to Lake Jackson this summer for fun in the sun. All groups will come on Monday and leave on Thursday. And once again Cathy Massey and I absolutely cannot pull this off without our village of cooks. Some of our most glowing feedback every year from the Thornwell kids, family teachers and Lake Jackson volunteers centers around the food! And we

have a new volunteer at the lake, Devra Phillips, who will graciously open her home for all meals. I hope some or all of you are up for the challenge and joy of feeding hungry kids and adults again in 2018. The number of people needing to be fed will number between 15-20. Want to participate but don't have time to cook a meal or financially can't afford to feed the masses...no worries! If you have time to pick up a meal for us from a restaurant in Covington and deliver it to the lake, we would love your help in that way (Susan will place the order and pay). My email is sboteler@mindspring.com. Home 770-698-0750 and cell 404-234-4113. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you so much. **Susan Boteler**

Here are the dates and who's coming:

- June 18-21 – Berkele – high school girls
- July 9-12 – GA Beattie – middle school boys
- July 23-26 – TPH – high school boys

**Baby Love**

Families with low income have difficulty affording diapers for their newborn and toddler age children. The use of cloth diapers is complicated for families without proper laundry facilities. Assistance is provided for formula but none for diapers.

Contributions of disposable diapers and or baby wipes may be brought to the narthex on Sundays as food is brought for the Food Pantry. These baby items will be distributed in the community. Monetary gifts are also accepted. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**Seven Things That Can Be Done Only in *This* Life**

1. Love and prayer for your enemies. (Matthew 5:44)
2. Walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
3. Love God by enduring temptation. (James 5:7)
4. Through love, serve one another. (Galatians 5:13)
5. Lay up treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:19-20)
6. Share the gospel with the lost. (Matthew 28:19-20)
7. Exercise your spiritual gifts. (Romans 12:6-8)



Judy Davis will once again be traveling to Nicaragua to deliver water filters and to test the water where wells are available. Because of the airlines increasing luggage fees, we will purchase some of our supplies there. A generous person has already supplied the bags and contents for the baby bags which I will be preparing. We can still use small travel size soaps and shampoos. If you would like to contribute to the purchase and delivery of water filters, Spanish Bibles, and food bags, you can do so by check written to the church and noted "Nicaragua fund".

**Community Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Food suggestions for **April:** canned fruits



**Presbyterian Women's Circles**

If you would like more information contact Jan Giles at: [FamilyGilesGa@gmail.com](mailto:FamilyGilesGa@gmail.com).

Circle meetings for **April** are:

- ◆ **Elizabeth Ann Circle** will meet at FPC in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, **April 3rd**, at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Martha Circle** will meet at the home of Susanne Perkerson, on **April 3rd** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Ruth Circle:** **April 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Penny Blakeney.

**Bible Word Search:**

**NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS**

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 V N N Q Z Y K V A D E J M V R  
 G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L  
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CHRIST	EMMANUEL	JESUS
KING of the Jews	LAMB of God	LIGHT of the World
LORD	MASTER	NAZARENE
RABBI	REDEEMER	SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID	SON OF GOD	SON OF MAN

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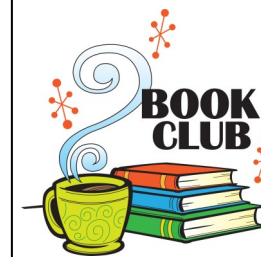
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**Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

All men, of every age, are invited to the study of Rob Bell's book, *Love Wins*, on **Saturday, April 28**, at 8:00 a.m. We meet in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Bring your breakfast and bring a friend.



**Book Club Meeting**



The Book Club will meet **April 24th** at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Davis at [mitday@aol.com](mailto:mitday@aol.com) or Barbara Martin at [cbmartin@charter.net](mailto:cbmartin@charter.net) for more information

The meeting will take place at the home of Barbara and Chris Martin, 650 Mason Drive.

You are invited to bring flowers to decorate the cross on the lawn of the church on Easter Day!



**On-line Giving Information:**

If you are currently paying your pledge at "Realm" on-line, please note that this year, if you are pledging, you should use the *fund* "2018 Pledge Year" so that it will be credited to the current year. Under the fund menu just type in 2018 and it should pop right up! Those who do not pledge should use the fund called "non-pledge". Call Peni Kehoe in the church office if you have problems or need help signing up on Realm for paying your pledge or giving your donations to other funds.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

### “In Betweeners”

**Sunday, April 15th @ 9:45 am**

Our special Sunday School class on Technology 101 was received so well that we have planned another special class this month. Join us for a conversation about the challenges of self-care for those who find themselves in that “in between” stage of life...in between caring for growing children and aging parents. Our conversation will be led by Cindy Elrod, PhD. There will be something to nourish the soul of everyone who comes.

### Great American Cleanup

**Saturday, April 21st**

We have been invited to participate in an interfaith community event with other local churches, students from Oxford College and the members of Masjid Attaqwa. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am and load up the van to head out to the work site. After morning refreshments, we will work together to clean up the roadside then enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Pickup time is 1:00 pm at the church. Youth and adults are invited to participate. Call Dan Walden at the church office for more information.



### Little Mermaid & AristoCats

**Sunday, April 22nd @ 3:00pm**

The Oxford Singing Children will be featured in a musical theater presentation at Porter Performing Arts Center. Our own Gracie Kate Bates will be starring in the role of Ariel. Come out and support the arts and artists in our community! Youth Connection will be attending the matinee performance on Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 pm. For tickets or information, go to [www.newtoncountyarts.org](http://www.newtoncountyarts.org), or call 770-786-8188.



### Youth Lock-In

**Friday, April 27th**

Our big spring lock-in is upon us! All middle and high school youth are invited to spend the night with us at the church. We'll gather at the church Friday evening at 8:00, then head out for some fun recreation before returning to the church to work on our worship plans for Youth Sunday which is happening on Sunday, April 29th. We'll enjoy breakfast together on Saturday morning before pickup time at 8:00 am. NOTE: friends are always invited to join us, but we must have a signed parental consent form and a reservation no later than Sunday, April 22nd. Contact Dan Walden for more information.

### Youth Sunday

**Sunday, April 29th**

Our annual Youth Sunday worship service will be prepared and led by middle and high school students. Our friends from [Camp Calvin](#) will be here to tell us about their summer programs for children and youth.

*STUDENTS: make plans to be here at 9:30 am so that we will have plenty of time to review and rehearse the worship service before 11:00 am.*



*Save the dates!!*

### Vacation Bible School

**June 11th—June 15th | 9:00am—Noon daily**

[Shipwrecked VBS](#) - venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. All children who will be rising Kindergarten through 5th grades are welcome to participate. Adult and youth volunteers of all ages are needed to make this year's VBS safe and successful. Contact Dan Walden at the church office if you are able to help in any way.



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Dear FPC Family,

March was such a fun month at our school! We learned all about Spring and Easter. It's so neat to be able to spend a whole month learning about what Jesus did for us on the cross. Our students also had the opportunity to dress up as their favorite book characters for Dr. Seuss's birthday. We were able to go watch the Special Olympics parade on March 26 and encourage all the athletes that will participate in that event. It was a little chilly, but we had a good time! We finished the month with our annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30.

Our annual Art Affair was March 16. It was a wonderful evening and helped us raise funds for our preschool program! It couldn't have happened without the support of the Art Affair Committee, student families, teachers, and church families. We had so many fabulous donations from both local and metro businesses. We also had some superb art work done by our students and a few families who gave their time and talent. There is a list of all our Art Affair sponsors on our website at [www.fpelc.org](http://www.fpelc.org).

In April, we are going to be learning about Plants and Animals. The students will be learning about plants and how to nurture and take care of them, and they will be planting beans and other seeds to watch them grow. We will talk about different life cycles of animals as well. Our Bible verse this month is from John 1:3, "Through Him all things were made." We have a couple of field trips scheduled this month for our classes to Wild Art, Your Pie, and Maddie Mae for story time.

Remember that we are still registering students for the 2018-2019 school year. We will offer classes for children ages 12 months-4 years (pre-k). We still have spots in all our classes, although they are filling quickly. Registration forms and information can be found on our school website: [www.fpelc.org](http://www.fpelc.org). Please tell your family and friends.

Thanks for all your support and God Bless! ~Kara



**Ambassador Choir News - 2018 Spring Schedule**

Thursday, April 5, 2018 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday, April 8, 2018 - Sing at FPC - Please be in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m. Please wear robes.  
 Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m..  
 Thursday, April 19, 2018 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m..  
 Thursday, April 26, 2018 - Meet in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m. Sing at Benton House at 11:15 a.m. Complimentary Lunch at Stalvey's. Purple Shirts.  
 Thursday, May 3, 2018 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room.  
 Thursday, May 10, 2018 - Sing at Songfest at Rockdale Baptist Church. Meet in Choir Room at 8:15 a.m. to carpool, or meet us at Rockdale Baptist Church to warm up at 8:45 a.m.. Sing at 9:30 a.m. Please wear purple shirts. Complimentary lunch.  
 Sunday, May 13, 2018 - Sing at First Presbyterian Church. Please be in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m. Please wear Choir Robes.



**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals**  
Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Ambassador Choir Rehearsals**  
Thursdays - Regular Rehearsals in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m.