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## February Birthdays

- 2 Allie Hay
- 5 Stephanie Scarborough
- 8 Peni Haug
- 10 Alice Walker
- 12 Jonathan Oravec
- 13 Jim Stillerman
- 14 Melissa Daniell
- 17 Courtney Henderson
- 18 Nakimrey Burttis



Happy  
Birthday

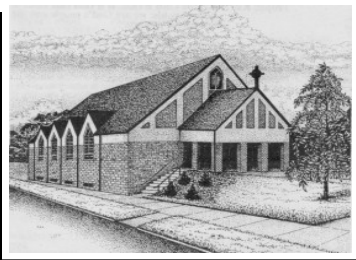
- 19 Jeff Lewis
- 24 Danielle Schubert
- 25 Clarence Price
- 25 Conner Jessup
- 26 Campbell Wade
- 27 Gracie Bates
- Jackson Moss
- 28 Gloria Rhine
- Buncie Lanners

If your birthday has not appeared on our monthly list, please notify us 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

February 2013

# FIRST PRESS



A congregational meeting at the close of worship **February 3, 2013** is called for the purpose of hearing a report on the 2013 budget and acting on any changes in the call to the minister.

### Ash Wednesday / Lent



The season of Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday is **February 13**. The Ash Wednesday service will be at the First United Methodist Church. It will begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Ash Wednesday we receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our sin and mortality, and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of preparation as we move toward Holy Week and Easter.

### Community Tree Steward Award



First Presbyterian Church of Covington has been chosen by the City of Covington Tree Preservation Board to receive the 2013 City of Covington's Outstanding Community Tree Steward Award. The efforts made by the church and its congregation, especially Mr. Gene Wallace, at the pocket park nestled between the parking lot and the United Bank have been a welcoming addition to Covington as it provides a serene setting for the public to enjoy.

The Mayor and Council and the Covington Tree Preservation Board will honor First Presbyterian at the 2013 Arbor Day Celebration at The Covington Woman's Club, 1122 College Street, Covington, GA on **Friday, February 15, 2013** at 11:00 a.m.

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## Session Highlights

- Elected Bill Loeble, Clerk of Session and Judy Davis, Assistant Clerk for 2013;
- Approved budget for 2013;
- Called Congregational Meeting for February 3, 2013 to inform congregation of the 2013 budget details;
- Visited by Cassandra Morrow, Congregational Consultant for Church Growth and Vitality of Greater Atlanta Presbytery;
- Approved Sunday, February 3, 2013 as Boy Scout Sunday;
- Elected Patrick Carmichael and Billy Fortson as Commissioners to meeting of Greater Atlanta Presbytery on February 9, 2013, at the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.

Bill Loeble, Clerk of Session



The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday February 10, in the Martin Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.



## Presbyterian Women

Please mark your calendars for the circle meeting that you would like to attend and call the hostess of the group to say you'll be there or to get directions.

**Circle I** - Tuesday, February 5, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-4932

**Circle II**—Tuesday, February 5, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246

**Circle III**—Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall at FPC. Carol Dunbar will lead us in Lesson 5. Jean Blair chair, 678-342-4377

**Circle IV**—Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Eleanor Scarborough. We invite others to join us. For directions contact: Eleanor 770 786-4661 or Jan Giles at 404-216-2927

**Circle V**— Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Hughes, 770-787-0797

## 2013 Session Team Leaders

- Christian Education:** Kevin Weber and Dave Gregory  
**Congregational Life and Care:** Darcel Tabb  
**Facilities and Equipment:** Cy Wolverton and Billy Fortson  
**Finance:** Roger Tingler and Gary Boteler  
**Personnel:** Denny Dobbs  
**Welcoming:** Debra Arnold  
**Evangelism:** Patrick Carmichael  
**Witness:** Judy Davis and Jan Giles  
**Worship:** Aubrey Evans and Jim Stillerman

## Silver Saints Luncheon

The Silver Saints and the Ambassador Choir will have lunch together on **Thursday, February 14**, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are 50 years or more, please join us for fellowship and laughter. If you have not been a regular attendee notify the church office that you will join the group. The meal will be provided but desserts to share would complete the menu. Since it will be Valentine's Day, free hugs will be available at the door.



Please let us know your new address, phone number or e-mail address whenever you have a change. **Thanks!**





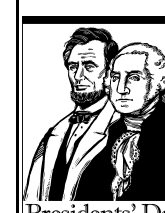
### Weekly E-newsletter:

Send us your e-mail address if you are not receiving it already. Just send an email to: [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org)

**Pledge Shortfall for 2012**

**(-15,535)**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 February	2  Groundhog Day
Visit us at: <a href="http://www.fpccov.org">www.fpccov.org</a>						
3 <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth Connection <i>Offering for Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	4	5 10:00 Circle 1 10:00 Circle 2 10:30 Circle 3 4:00 Exercise 7:00 Circle 4 7:00 Circle 5	6 4:00 Finance Team 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Study Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	7 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group	8	9 Presbytery of Greater Atlanta at Pleasant Hill
10 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Session 5:00 Youth Connection	11	12 4:00 Exercise	13 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-week Feast 7:00 Ash Wednesday worship at FUMC	14 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group  Valentine's Day	15 11:00 Arbor Day Shining Light Award to FPC for the Park at Covington Women's Club	16 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
17 <b>Lent 1</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	18  Presidents' Day	19 4:00 Exercise	20 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Study Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	21 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group	22	23
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2012 December Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Actual Income/ Expenses	YTD Income /Expenses
Pledged Income	35,805	44,091	414,137
Non-Pledge Income	2,500	2,622	26,527
Other Income	166.67	1,385	4,770
Expenses	38,792	43,509	450,378
<b>Net Totals 12/31/12</b>	6	4,590	(4,934)



# Charitable Gifts to FPC through Your IRA

President Obama has signed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 into law. Among other provisions, the Act extends the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2012 (retroactively) and 2013. The extension will allow individuals 70 ½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to First Presbyterian Church tax-free. Donors do not receive an income tax charitable deduction. This provision allows donors to transfer (or "rollover") money from their IRAs directly to charity, without having to recognize the transfer as income.

**There are two transition rules:**

- \* Individuals who make a qualified charitable distribution directly from the IRA to First Presbyterian Church in January 2013 may elect to count the distribution as if it was made in 2012.
- \* Individuals who previously took a distribution in December 2012 may contribute all or a portion of the amount distributed (up to \$100,000) to FPC before February 1, 2013, and have it considered a qualified charitable distribution made in 2012.

**Apart from these transitional rules, previous requirements continue to apply: taxpayers must be age 70 ½ or older and there is a \$100,000 yearly limit. Donors should consult their tax advisors about their specific situations. The following will supply answers to some of the important questions surrounding the IRA Charitable Rollover.**

The IRA charitable rollover has been extended, applying to distributions made throughout both the 2012 and 2013 tax years.

1. Who qualifies? Individuals who are at least age 70 ½ at the time of the contribution
2. How much can I transfer? \$100,000 each year in 2012 and 2013
3. From what accounts can I make transfers? Transfers must come from IRAs directly to charity. If you have retirement assets in a 401(k), 403(b), etc., you must first roll those assets into an IRA, and then can make the transfer from the IRA directly to charity
4. To what charities can I make gifts? Tax exempt organizations to which deductible contributions can be made
5. What are the tax implications?
  - A. Federal - You do not recognize the transfer as income, provided it goes directly from the IRA provider to charity; you are not eligible for an income tax charitable deduction
  - B. State - Each state has different laws, so check with your own advisors. Some states have a state income tax and will include this transfer as income. Within those states, some will allow a charitable deduction and others will not. Other states base their state income tax on the federal income or federal tax paid. Still other states have no income tax at all
  - C. How do I execute an IRA rollover? A letter can be used to send to your IRA plan provider for a 2012 gift. It should be modified as appropriate for a 2013 gift. A sample copy of this letter along with some other information is available from the church office (We can make a copy for you or we can send it to you via e-mail).

## SERVING US IN FEBRUARY

**Nursery Volunteers**

- 2/3: Ardis Family
- 2/10: Moss Family
- 2/17: Weesner Family
- 2/24: Rob & Kerry Jones Family

**Ushers for February**

- Billy & Stephanie Fortson
- Stephanie Scarborough
- Eleanor Scarborough

**Hospital Visitors**

**Week of:**

- 2/3: Stephanie Fortson
- 2/10: Louly Hay
- 2/17: Bob & Darcel Tab
- 2/24: Jean Wolverton

**Sound Engineer:** Ken Walker

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

**Class of 2013**

- Patrick Carmichael
- Judy Davis
- Denny Dobbs
- Aubrey Evans
- Dave Gregory

**Class of 2014**

- Debra Arnold
- Bill Loebke
- Darcel Tabb
- Roger Tingler
- Cy Wolverton

**Class of 2015**

- Gary Boteler
- Billy Fortson
- Jan Giles
- Jim Stillerman
- Kevin Weber

# NEWS AND NOTES



## Scout Sunday

**February 3, 2013** is Scout Sunday. Everyone who has ever been associated with the Boy or Girl Scouts is invited to wear his or her uniform. Cub Scouts from our Pack 4511 will be helping with the morning worship service. Rick Gunter is the Cub Master.

Our Girl Scout Troops will be making a presentation. The leaders of the Girl Scout troops that meet here are Lisa Bouchillon and Courtney Henderson.

Dear Session and Congregation of First Presbyterian Church,



*Thank You*

Thanks so much for the wonderful staff bonus and love gift this year. I was overwhelmed when I saw the amount of the check! I really appreciate the generosity shown to me and my family with the presentation of this gift.

I really appreciate FPC giving me the opportunity to work in such a loving, caring place that truly values good music as an integral part of worship. Working with Alice, Billy and Dan is a true joy. I feel as if we collaborate well for the good of the congregation as a whole, and it is a joyful experience to do so. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and generosity this holiday season.

Alan Bunn, Dir. of Music

## THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

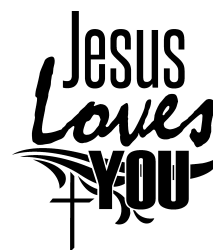
6:45 pm in the Church Parlor  
(following the Mid-Week Feast)

DVD Presentation by  
Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor,  
Vanderbilt University Divinity School



The study schedule for the month is as follows:

- February 06, 2013 - PONTIUS PILATE
- February 13, 2013 - JAMES
- February 20, 2013 - STEPHEN
- February 27, 2013 - PHILIP



## Christmas Mission and Poinsettias

Your generous contributions made to the Christmas floral decorations, for Living Water for Girls and Ferguson Cottage at Thornwell home for children, provided \$716.50 to Living Water and \$574.30 to Ferguson Cottage. Thank you so much!

## CHRISTMAS



The PC (USA) wishes to thank First Presbyterian for participating in the Christmas Joy Offering.

This year FPC collected \$745.00 for the Christmas Joy special offering.



## Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey Concert Videos

If you are interested in seeing several video clips of Alice and Becky's most recent concert at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine (FL), you may click on the link from FPC's home page, under the Ministries/Music/Musical Performance Recordings tab, or from the scrolling links on the home page. You may also go directly to YouTube, and type FPCcovingtonGeorgia (no spaces). Scroll down and you will see a link to each selection.



## FAMILY CONNECTION

### Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 3rd - Special Offering

More than 20 years ago, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single church youth group in South Carolina:

*"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country. This Sunday, our youth will be collecting donations in soup pots as you leave morning worship. Every dollar donated will go to our local **Community Food Pantry**. Please consider giving generously.



### Children's Sunday Worship Sunday, March 3rd @ 11:00 am

We'll celebrate **Children's Sunday** on **Sunday, March 3rd** during our regular worship service. The liturgy for the worship service will be geared toward **the child in all of us**. Some of our liturgists will be children, and special music will be presented by the **Children's Choir**.



### \*\* Early Learning Center News \*\*

Dear FPC Family,

We are back in full swing here at First Presbyterian ELC! The children are studying "Artists" this month. They are learning about famous artists and different types of art. They will be painting, drawing, crafting, and even sculpting with clay and play dough. One of our goals for this unit of study is to prepare our children for the upcoming Art Affair. Each class is going to replicate their own version of a famous work of art, and will also create their own design for a rocking chair within a "Timeless Story" theme.

Our **6<sup>th</sup> annual "An Art Affair" to be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion**. This event is our biggest fund raiser of the year, and our school depends on its success. I hope that many of you will be able to join us this year. Tickets will go on sale in March.

We are working on gathering donations from local businesses, Metro attractions, and even destination attractions. We are still hoping to obtain donations for a few "hot ticket" items for our raffle that we will not be able to get through business donations. We hope to purchase a Creative Kids' Camp ticket from the Newton County Art Association (\$225), a family membership to Zoo Atlanta (\$109), and a birthday party package from Game Time (\$150-\$200). Please let me know if you are interested or able to help us obtain these. We are also still accepting donations of old and new wooden items such as stools, benches, shelves, book cases, boxes, etc. Thanks to those of you who have made donations already. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Please remember that our Pre-K is having **library time** every Thursday at 9:30 am. We would like to thank **Terri Digby** and **Jake McCarthy** for joining us and being guest readers. We would love to have more guest readers from the church. It would be a pleasure for you to join us.

As always, thanks for all of your support and God Bless!

~Krissey



## Jonah and the Whale

The Book of Jonah from the Old Testament in the Bible is a story about Jonah and what happens to him when he tries to run away from what God wanted him to do!

