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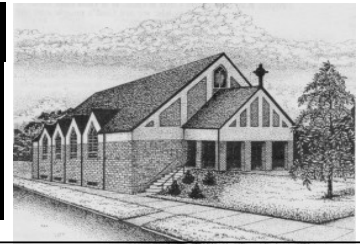
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# FIRST PRESS



## Vacation Bible School

July 8th - 12th, 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Mark your calendars today for another exciting VBS!

**All children who are rising pre-K through rising 5th graders are welcome to participate.** Older youth (6th grade and higher) and adults are needed as volunteers, so please plan on helping out in any way that you can.

**Registration forms** and music CDs are available in the narthex.



## Rally Day

Rally Day will be **Sunday, August 18, 2013**. Watch for details of special events. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service. Three families will be received by the session at its regular meeting that day immediately after the worship service.

## Community on our Knees

The second annual Community On Our Knees will take place on the downtown square on **Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm**. It is a worship and prayer event, sponsored by area churches, for the 2013-2014 school year. Prayer will be offered for public, private and home school students, families, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, staff, workers and board members, along with city and county officials and civil servants.

There will be praise music and singing by children and youth from the churches. A Prayer Wall and tent will be available 9 am - 8:30 pm for prayers. People are encouraged to wear school shirts or jerseys. Shirts also can be ordered for \$6.50.

You are invited to help build the Prayer Wall on Mondays, July 1-28, 10 am - 5 pm in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church. Our church will be responsible for helping at the Prayer Wall on **Saturday, August 3, from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

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The deadline for the August "First Press" is July 15, 2013. Please submit your articles and information to the church office by email: [penihaug@bellsouth.net](mailto:penihaug@bellsouth.net) or by dropping off your copy to the church office, neatly printed or typed or on a flash drive. Thanks!

## July Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

- |                  |                    |                      |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Larkin Arnold  | 13 Judy Hooten     | 21 Larry Kennon      |
| 5 Lane Dobbs     | 14 Pat Patrick     | Ansley Tingler       |
| 6 Lauren Moon    | 14 Raleigh Loftin  | 22 Jon Paschal       |
| 7 Travis Moss    | 15 Meghann Timmins | 23 Penny Blakeney    |
| Donna Weesner    | Abbey Grace        | Steven Schubert      |
| 8 Shaun Evans    | Venham             | Tripp Loftin         |
| Carmen Lanford   | 16 Koen Ardis      | 24 Elizabeth Daniell |
| 9 Perri Walden   | 18 Theodosia Wade  | 26 Rita Tingler      |
| 11 Scott Daniell | Lori Ardis         | Jay Lanners          |
| Jake McCarthy    | 19 Gavin Bates     | Jonathon Schubert    |
| 12 Ben Weber     | 20 Leon Savage     | 28 Jon Williams      |

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!

# NEWS AND NOTES



## New Officers Installed

At a joint June meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Circles new officers were installed. The leadership for the 2013-2014 year will be: Moderator-Alice Walker, V-Moderator-Sherri Bolton, Secretary-Beth Vining, Jeanie Liem and Anne Savage-Co-Treasurers.

## Presbyterian Women Confer Award to Jeanie Liem

Jeanie Liem was surprised at the June meeting of the Presbyterian Women when they conferred the Life Member award to her. Jeanie is especially devoted to Ferguson Cottage at Thornwell Homes and is always working as a champion for these young boys.



The first meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, September 5, 6:30 pm**. The speaker, Michael Morgan, has a \$1.5 million collection of antique manuscripts of the Bible. He will bring several of these Bibles with him. He will also tell us about women who have translated the Bible. The PW Coordinating Team cordially invites all women of the First Presbyterian Church Congregation to join us for this outstanding opportunity to hear Michael Morgan speak about translators of the Bible. Join us for this special occasion. More details will follow in August.



*Our church family has been a wonderful support to me in Buster's passing.*

*Thank you all for your prayers, concern, love, the delicious food from the church women, the friends from Ambassador Choir and Alice, Billy's words of God's blessings in the lovely service and all those who sent cards and telephoned.*

*Your caring has helped to comfort me through the most difficult days.*

*God Bless you All, Linda Chadwick*

**Called Session Meeting**  
There will be a called meeting to receive new members on Sunday, July 14, immediately after the morning worship service. There will not be a regular meeting in July.

**USHERS NEEDED**  
Anyone interested in helping with ushering please contact Jim Stillerman at [jdsga@aol.com](mailto:jdsga@aol.com) or call his cell 770-843-2805.



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

**Pledge Shortfall Year to Date:**  
**\$ 12,376.00**



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**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)

Monthly Financial Report			
2013 May Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Actual Income/Expenses	YTD Income/Expenses
Pledged Income	32,472	28,634	154,085
Non-Pledge Income	2,249	2,421	17,695
Other Income	375	35	1,450
Expenses	36,404	29,865	172,337
<b>Net Totals 5/31/13</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>893</b>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Remember the SABBATH DAY by keeping it holy." Exodus 20:8 	1  5:00 Witness Team	2  4:00 Exercise	3  4:00 Prayer Group	4 Office Closed 	5	6
7  10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	Vacation Bible School 9:00 am until 12:00 noon					
14  10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Called Session meeting after worship	8  Newsletter Deadline	9  4:00 Exercise	10  4:00 Prayer Group	11  10:30 Ambassador Choir	12	13
21  10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	15  Newsletter Deadline	16  4:00 Exercise	17  4:00 Prayer Group	18  10:30 Ambassador Choir	19	20  9:00 am 
28  10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	22	23  4:00 Exercise	24  4:00 Prayer Group	25  10:30 Ambassador Choir	26	27  9:00 am 
28  10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	29	30  4:00 Exercise	31  4:00 Prayer Group	August 1  10:30 Ambassador Choir	August 2	August 3  Community On Our Knees
See our website at: <a href="http://www.fpccov.org">www.fpccov.org</a>						

## Witness News

### NICARAGUA MISSION REPORT

A huge thank you to all for your support of the Nicaragua mission. As in the past, we were shocked by the poverty and destitution we encountered there, but blessed to see signs of hope. God is ever present in Nicaragua. He guides us, protects us, and helps us to see needs that we can help to address. His beloved children are grateful for all that you do for them. We delivered a water filter, a Bible, and enough food to feed the family for a week to forty families. We did one day of Bible School for two schools, had a party for the children of a child protection home, and presented thirty-two baby bags to new or expectant mothers. Best of all, we dedicated the jail's visitation center which your contributions helped to build.

The young man in the picture with me was found six months ago living on the street with his younger brother. He is deaf and mute, but tests by an ENT show that he will be able to hear with the use of hearing aids. With your contributions, we will purchase hearing aids. The little fellow's given name is Jesus.



Witness Team's regular meeting is **Monday, July 1, at 5:30 pm** in the Jubilee Classroom.

Save the week of **September 22-28** for a state-side mission trip. The "who, what, when and where" will be announced soon. So mark your calendar and plan to join us!



### MOTHERS DAY OFFERING

The Mother's Day offering for the Caring Hands program totaled \$4,003.64. Thanks for your generosity which supports Presbyterian Homes of Georgia.



You may bring donations of food staples to the church or drop them off at the **Community Food Pantry** from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. For directions call (770) 784- 0037.  
**Special requests for July:** bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo. (Sample or travel sizes are accepted)



### SERVING US IN JULY

**Nursery Volunteers**  
7/7: Weber Family  
7/14: Hughes Family  
7/21: Nina Giles  
7/28: Gregory Family

**Ushers for July**  
Cy and Jean Wolverton  
Jon and Jane Williams

**Sound Engineer:** Ken Walker

**Hospital Visitors**  
6/30 - 7/6: Day Kennon  
7/7: Alice Walker  
7/14: Mary Bollinger  
7/21: Ann Bouchillon  
7/28: Linda Boyd

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

**Class of 2013**  
Patrick Carmichael  
Judy Davis  
Denny Dobbs  
Aubrey Evans  
Dave Gregory

**Class of 2014**  
Debra Arnold  
Bill Loeble  
Darcel Tabb  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton

**Class of 2015**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Jan Giles  
Jim Stillerman  
Kevin Weber

## NEWS ABOUT MUSIC AND CAMP MEETING

### MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE

"A New Heaven and a New Earth"

Alan Bunn and Alice Walker attended Week II of the annual Worship and Music Conference sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians in Montreat, NC, from June 22 - 29, 2013.

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) sponsors two identical Worship and Music conferences at Montreat Conference Center each summer. These conferences, guided by the principles of Reformed worship, provide opportunities for vital worship experiences and offer venues to explore various ways to enrich the liturgical life of the local church. During the 2013 conference, conferees participate in choirs, instrumental playing, handbell ringing, liturgical



A New Heaven and a New Earth

dance, and Orff playing. Conferees have opportunities to attend seminars on preaching, spirituality, Bible study, and hymnody and world music. The annual PAM conferences are open to pastors, church musicians, choir singers, instrumentalists, children, and youth.



### Choir Notes

**Sanctuary Choir:** There will not be a regular Wednesday night choir rehearsal until August 7, at 6:45 pm in the choir room.

**Children's Choir:** No regular Sunday morning choir rehearsal until August 4, at 9:30 am in the choir room.

**Handbell Choir:** No regular Sunday morning rehearsal until August 4, at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.



### Ambassador Choir

**The Ambassador Choir** rehearses at 10:30 am on Thursdays. We will meet straight through July and August except for July 18 (when Alice will be at Salem Camp Meeting) and July 4. The choir will sing at Salem Camp Meeting on Monday, July 15. Choir members will meet at the Tabernacle at 10:30 am to warm-up. Plan to stay for lunch.

## 185th Annual Salem Camp Meeting July 12-19, 2013

The historic Salem Camp Meeting begins on **Friday, July 12**, and runs through **Friday, July 19**. The many activities include worship services at 7:30 am-Morning Watch Devotional; 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 pm-Worship in the Tabernacle. You may see a full schedule of events as well as the history and other information about Salem Camp meeting at: [www.salemcampmeeting.org](http://www.salemcampmeeting.org). If you have more questions or need other information you may call Salem United Methodist Church or speak with Alice Walker.

On **Monday, July 15, 2012**, the **Ambassador Choir** will sing for the 11:00 worship service at Salem Camp Meeting. Please meet in the Salem Hotel Lobby at 9:15 am for the Adult Bible Study, or you may go directly to the Tabernacle at 10:30 am for rehearsal prior to the service. Wear blue golf shirts and crosses. The worship service will begin at 10:50 am. Complimentary lunch at Salem Hotel will be at 12:30 pm. *Please note that there will be no regular Ambassador Choir Rehearsal on Thursday, July 12, since Alice Walker will be playing piano for Salem Camp Meeting services all week.*



**“Worship Bucks”**

Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire pledged commitment once each year for convenience. These approaches help the church leadership and staff to manage the finances of the church throughout the year. However, there is still a great deal of value in the act of placing an offering into the plate during worship as our response to God's gift of grace.

The Session of FPC ("ruling elders") are encouraging **all of us** to begin placing at least a single dollar bill into the plate as our corporate act of worship, expressing *"thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, the redeemer from sin and evil."* ([Book of Order W-2.5003](#))

**Work Day**

**Saturday, July 27th @ 9:00 am**

It's time for a little "late Spring Cleaning" at FPC. As the ELC prepares for a new school year, we will be having a church-wide work day to clean out the clutter and freshen the place up a bit. Wear your "finest" work clothes, bring a pair of gloves, and prepare to get dirty while we clean.



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

Dear FPC Family,

It is hard to believe it is already July! The summer is flying by! I hope that you all are enjoying this time with your families! First Presbyterian Early Learning Center will begin school on **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. We have lots to do to get ready for the little ones. The teachers and I will be updating our CPR/First Aid certifications this month as it is very important that everyone is trained just in case we should ever need it. Some of the new topics we will be studying next year are: Transportation, Community Helpers, Reptiles, The Farm, and Weather. It's going to be an exciting year!



We are blessed again this year to have a school full of amazing teachers. Our 1-year old class will be taught by Brittney Gruber (one of our former substitutes and ELC parent) and Maria Serrato; our 2-year old classes will be taught by Denise Gabriel (another former substitute, Art Affair Committee Member, and former ELC parent) and Enid Plumley; our 3-day 3-year class will be taught by Monica Carter and Meggie Selph; our

5-day 3-year class will be taught by Chelsie Coggins and Kris Gates; our 4-year pre-k class will be taught by Pauline Dziama and Vicki Rowe. Please take time to pray for these talented women this summer as they prep and plan for the upcoming year.

Again, we still have spaces open in our 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year programs for next year. Please send your family and friends my way! They can reach me at [krissyFPELC@hotmail.com](mailto:krissyFPELC@hotmail.com), 770-786-7321 ex. 4, or 770-680-8415.

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



**Jesus Blessing The Children**

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