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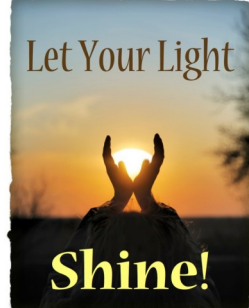
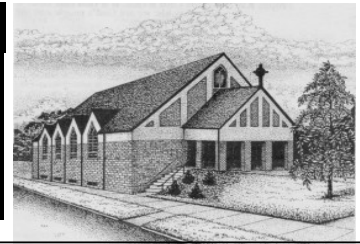
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**November 2013**

# FIRST PRESS



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

## November Birthdays



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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Russell Cole      | 10 Don Adams         | 24 Louise Strickland |
| Carol Capell        | Patrick Carmichael   | 25 Mary Bollinger    |
| 2 Ricky Loftin      | 11 Stephanie Fortson | Janann Giles         |
| Linda Boyd          | 12 Linda Chadwick    | Kathleen Stamps      |
| Jean Blair          | 14 Billy Wade        | Nicolle Hinz         |
| Jonathan Howell     | 15 Ericha Krauth     | 26 Ken Walker        |
| 3 Frank Luton       | 17 Susanne Perkerson | Jonathan Paschal     |
| 4 Luke Dobbs        | 18 Jerry Gunter      | 27 Jackie Davies     |
| 9 Darcel Tabb       | 20 Logan Arwood      | 28 Steve Prescott    |
| Liane Bouchillon    | 23 Fran Prince       | 29 Pattie Borders    |
| Victoria Bouchillon | 24 Frances Ivey      |                      |

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!

### OUR NEW PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL: GLORY TO GOD

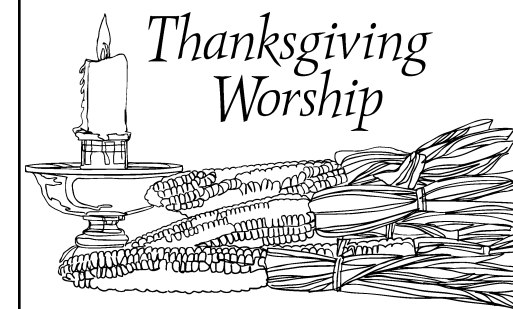
On **Sunday, November 10**, at the end of worship, all of us will take a blue Presbyterian hymnal (or two) as we *leave*, and formally retire them from our sanctuary.

On the following **Sunday, November 17**, each of us will pick up one of the new Presbyterian hymnals, *GLORY TO GOD*, and take it with us as we *enter* the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. We will formally dedicate the new hymnals to the glory of God during worship that day.

Starting fresh with our brand new hymnals will be a wonderful, musical experience that you won't want to miss! A big thanks to those of you who purchased new hymnals in memory or honor of someone. These books will serve us well on our Christian journey as they accompany us through the church year, amidst significant events like baptisms and funerals, and in times of great faith and doubt.

The choirs, instrumentalists, and music staff are all looking forward to singing and playing the new hymnal with the FPC family as we explore and revisit both the new and familiar hymns of our Christian faith.

Alan Bunn, Music Director



We will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday night, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Eric Lee, Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church will be the preacher. Combined choirs from First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace United Methodist, St. Paul A.M.E., First Baptist, Church of the Good Shepherd and Springfield Baptist will be singing.

Please make this service a priority as we welcome others from our community.

### Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner has been feeding people in our town and county for the last 24 years. This year, the dinner will be served at Newton County Theme School, 2207 Williams Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving. We are invited again to help host it by providing food and helping prepare and serve the dinner. Ways to help are on page 5 of this newsletter.



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, is the First Sunday of Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The Lord's Supper will be served.

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**Session Highlights**

October 2013

- ◆ Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 27, for the purpose of electing elders to the Class of 2016;
- ◆ Approved formation of an ad hoc committee to review Christian Education programming for children and youth;
- ◆ Approved schedule of dates for communion so we will celebrate the sacrament at least once a month.

Bill Loeble, Clerk of Session

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, **November 17, 2013**, in the fellowship hall, immediately after worship.



**Session Meeting**

**FPC History**


Thanks to Jane and Jon Williams, we now have more photographs of former pastors of the First Presbyterian Church. The photographs hang in the upstairs back hallway. Jane has done a great job of research on these people and will be sharing that information with us in the days ahead.

**Adriane Ivey Speaking**

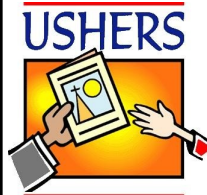
Oxford College has been sponsoring a series of intellectually stimulating, fun, interactive classes for the community. Dr. Adriane Ivey, Associate Professor of English, will be speaking on "Girls with Guns: Hardboiled Chick-Lit and the Newest American Female Sleuths", a brief history of female PIs in literature. The presentation will be at the Community Room, Oxford City Hall, Tuesday, November 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2
See our website at: <a href="http://www.fpccov.org">www.fpccov.org</a>						
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Celebration Lunch 5:30 Youth Connection Bonfire	4 5:30 Witness Team	5 Circles Meet: 10:00 1 & 2 10:30 3 7:00 4 & 5 4:00 Exercise	6 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir DVD Series	7 10:30 Ambassador Choir	8	9
10 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Veterans' Lunch Youth Connection: 4:00 Middle School 5:30 High School	11 Veterans' Day Church Office Closed	12 4:00 Exercise	13 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir DVD Series	14 9:00 Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church 10:30 Ambassador Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 9:00 Pres. Women's Council Meeting (Jubilee Classroom)
17 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship -New Hymns 12:00 Session meets Youth Connection: 4:00 Middle School 5:30 High School	18	19 4:00 Exercise 4:00-5:00 Adriane Ivey at Oxford City Hall	20 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir DVD Series	21 10:30 Ambassador Choir	22	23 Youth Day at Presbyterian College
24 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Youth Connection: 4:00 Middle School 5:30 High School	25 School break Nov. 25-29	26 4:00 Exercise 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at FPC	27 No Wednesday activities this week	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29 Church Offices Closed	30

**USHERS NEEDED**



Ushers are some of the first people to come in contact with visitors and members on Sunday morning. This is a very important ministry of the church. If you can share a few Sundays a year to welcome folks to worship please contact Jim Stillerman at [jdsqa@aol.com](mailto:jdsqa@aol.com) or call his cell 770-843-2805.



Dear Church Family,  
We want to say "Thank You" for all the cards, prayers and kind words given to us during the illness and death of John's father, Billy McCarthy. We are very blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.  
Terri, John & Jake McCarthy

We received this note from Clarence Price's family:  
Thanks for all acts of love and kindness shown during Clarence's illness and passing. We are forever grateful. May God bless each of you.  
The Price Family

We received this note from the Key Family:  
Thank you so much for your love, support and kindness in the loss of our mother. We really appreciate Billy Wade and the church family of FPC for the use of your church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Key Family

**Pledge Shortfall Year to Date:**  
**\$ 8,386.00**

**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 August Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/ Expenses	YTD Income /Expenses
Pledged Income	32,472	43,074	291,244
Non-Pledge Income	2,249	3,520	31,120
Other Income	375	85	3,040
Total income	35,917	46,679	323,256
Expenses	36,404	36,413	310,915
<b>Net Totals 9/30/13</b>	1,306	10,266	14,490

### Sharing Christmas with Others

It is hard to believe that our December calendar is already being filled with activities, some with family and friends and, of course, our church. Christmas is a time when our



thoughts turn to the special people God has brought into our lives and as we remember, our hearts are warmed with love. As in the past our Christmas traditions at FPC include the Angel trees placed in the narthex in November. The angels on

one tree will have the name and gift suggestions for persons residing at Riverside and Pruitt (formerly known as Covington Manor) Health Care Centers. The second tree will have angels with names and gift suggestions provided by the Salvation Army. Other traditions include the Christmas Joy Dinner and Offering, Hudson/Chandler Bike Drive, Empty Stocking Fund, Cookie and Punch Party for residents of the Covington Square Apartments, a needy family will receive a Christmas meal and gifts provided by the Cub Scout troop sponsored by our church, the Silver Saints and the Ambassador Choir will enjoy

Christmas together at their annual party and we all will be blessed with the sounds of Christmas provided by our outstanding music program. As we celebrate this Advent season, may we have Peace in our hearts, Peace in our homes and Peace on earth.

**Aid to Refugees:** During September and October the Witness Team sponsored a drive to obtain new or slightly used household items for the World Relief Refugee Center in Clarkston, Georgia. These items will help displaced families establish a new life in our country. The drive was a huge success and ended with the delivery to the Center on October 25. Thanks to each who contributed to this cause. Our church, as always, continues to share compassion and resources with those in need.

### Food Donations

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.



Food Pantry Needs

**Special requests for November** cookies, bread or hotdog buns

### SERVING US IN OCTOBER

**Nursery Volunteers - TBA**

- 11/3: Need Sub
- 11/10: Nina Giles
- 11/17: Gregory Family
- 11/24: B & L Bouchillon Family

**Ushers for November**

Jan Giles and others

**Sound Engineer:** Ken Walker

**Hospital Visitors**

- 11/3: Stephanie Fortson
- 11/10: Louly Hay
- 11/17: Bob & Darcel Tabb
- 11/24: Jean Wolverton

### 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

### REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS



### Veteran's Day Luncheon

The Presbyterian Women again will honor our veterans, the spouses of veterans, and the widows of veterans with lunch on Sunday, November 10, following the worship service. There is no charge for the luncheon. There will be women available in the narthex who will take your reservation and give you your invitation.

### Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Christmas Party



Please mark your calendars for the Silver Saints/Ambassador Choir Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon on December 12, in the fellowship hall. The traditional gift exchange will add to the festivities, so remember to bring a gift valued at \$10.



The Christmas Eve Service this year will start one hour earlier than in previous years. Please note the **change in time**. It will be at **6:00 p.m.** on Tuesday night, December 24.



### Circles to Meet on November 5

- Circle I** will meet at 10:00 at the home of Ann Bouchillon.
- Circle II** will meet at Betty Robinson's home at 10:00.
- Circle III** will meet Tuesday, November 5, at 10:30 at the home of Jean Blair. Lesson Three, *Set Free by God*, will be led by Carol Dunbar.
- Circle IV**—Meets Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Fortson. If you would like to join us or need further information contact Jan Giles 404-216-2927.
- Circle V**—Circle 5 will meet November 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Hooten.

### NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Presbyterian Women Announce New E-Circle**  
The Presbyterian Women announce a unique opportunity for women of the church to join a new E-Circle under the leadership of Adriane Hawley. The E-Circle will be studying the Horizons Bible Study "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy" by Janice Catron. Those interested in joining may contact Adriane at [aivey@emory.edu](mailto:aivey@emory.edu) for details.

All women of First Presbyterian Church of Covington are cordially invited to join a Presbyterian Women's Circle. Please feel free to contact one of these PW leaders for more information.

- Presbyterian Women Officers  
 Moderator: Alice Walker 770-787-6915  
 Vice Moderator: Sherri Bolton 770-784-7395  
 Secretary: Beth Vining 678-625-2537  
 Co-Treasurers: Jeanie Liem 770-787-7530  
 Anne Savage 770-786-8058

- Presbyterian Women Circle Chairs  
 Circle I Ann Bouchillon 770-786-4932  
 Circle II Bettie Miller 770-483-5694 and Betty Robinson 770-786-7246  
 Circle III Jean Blair 678-342-4377 and Carol Dunbar 770-787-2657  
 Circle IV Jan Giles 404-216-2927  
 Circle V Judy Hooten 770-786-6640  
 E-Circle Adriane Hawley [aivey@emory.edu](mailto:aivey@emory.edu)

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, composed of PW Officers and Circle Chairmen, will meet on Saturday, November 16, 2013, in the Jubilee Classroom.

**Youth Day @ Presbyterian College**

**Saturday, November 23rd**



All Middle and High School Youth and Confirmation Class members are invited to join us for a day-trip to Clinton, SC to visit the campus of Presbyterian College, the alma mater of Billy & Theodosia Wade as well as many other members and friends of our church. We will enjoy a tour of the campus, a concert by David LaMotte, and a PC football game before heading home that evening. Details will be sent out via e-mail in advance of our visit. As always, parents are more than welcome to join us!

**Community Outreach Success!!**

**Covington Square Apartments**

The residents of the **Covington Square Apartments**, our back door neighbors, were served lunch in the Martin Fellowship Hall on **September 18th**. Forty-five guests attended and enjoyed the food, fellowship, fun and a video by the **Gaither Gospel Singers**. Wylie Smith, a resident of the apartments led the group with prayer before the meal. The group was very enthusiastic about their time together and is looking forward to another activity in the future. At the closing an invitation was extended to visit FPC as our other doors are open also.



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

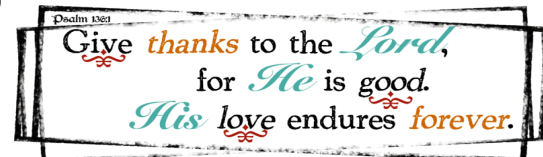
Dear FPC Family,  
The Early Learning Center had a grand time studying "Insects and Reptiles" during the month of October, and we had a fantastic visitor, The **Reptile Wrangler**. Please check out our website ([www.firstpresec.shutterfly.com](http://www.firstpresec.shutterfly.com)) to see lots of pictures. The children were able to touch many of the critters including a king snake, a bearded dragon, turtles, an alligator, and Mr. Dan even joined the fun and held a 12 foot long albino python. What fun! Both of our 3-year old classes and our pre-k took a field trip to see our friends at Covington FUMC and visited their **pumpkin patch**. This is an annual trip, and it is always great.



We hosted our **Curriculum Night/Fall Festival** on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and it was so much fun. We had many of our past and present ELC families and their friends attend. For this event, we had one game per classroom for the children to play and earn prizes while the parents got to chat with the teachers to see what the children have been learning. We had approximately 100 children attend. What a blessing! A fun time was had by all. Thanks to all the teachers, parents, Carol Dunbar, Jason Jones and Dan Walden for helping make this event fantastic!

For November, we will be studying "**Timeless Stories and Thanksgiving.**" Our Bible verse for November is "*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.*" (Psalm 136:1). Our Green Room (pre-k) will be having their annual Thanksgiving play on Monday, November 18, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us if you can. We are also having our weekly library time with our older students on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Please let me know if you are willing to be a guest reader. You can bring a book that is special to you, or we can select one for you at our library. We continue to be thankful for this addition to our school. Teaching children the joy of reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime!

Thanks for all of your support and God Bless! ~Krissy



The Newton County Ministers' Union and the Community Food Pantry sponsor the 24th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for needy families, senior citizens, and other individuals in Newton County on:

**Thursday, November 28, 2012  
11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**At Newton County Theme School at Ficquett  
2207 Williams Street, Covington  
(near the YMCA)**

For more information about the dinner, please contact Rosalee Thompson at the Community Food Pantry Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 770-784-0037



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

**To Volunteer**

Call the Food Pantry to volunteer to prepare or serve the meal, 770-784-0037, or for directions for delivery of food donations.

Preparation of the meal and serving will take place at Ficquett Theme School. Meal preparation will be



Wednesday, Nov. 27, beginning at noon. The dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Contribution Items List**

Please place a check mark beside the item(s) you can provide and/or apply your monetary contribution.

You may mail your donation directly to:

Newton County Ministers' Union  
Newton County Thanksgiving Dinner  
P. O. Box 1101  
Covington, GA 30015  
(or to First Presbyterian Church)

cash contribution amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cornbread Dressing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Whole Kernel Corn
- \_\_\_\_\_ String Beans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potato Salad
- \_\_\_\_\_ Butter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee (not instant)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kool-Aid
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes (all kinds)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tables/Chairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disposable Table Cover
- \_\_\_\_\_ Napkins
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cranberries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rolls (pre-browned)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sugar (1 oz. packages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Salt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pepper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Creamer (1 oz. packages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canned Punch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pies (all kinds)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(tear off and place in the offering plate or to mail) (lists also available at FPC)