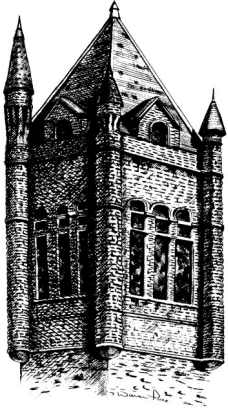


September 2024



News & Notes

FROM

First Presbyterian Church

Vicksburg, MS

Children's Ministry

It is my privilege to be our director of Children's ministry at First Presbyterian Church. I am so excited to teach them about the Bible, Christian values, and the love of Jesus Christ. I aim to lay a solid spiritual foundation our children build upon as they grow and mature. It's our duty as parents to show our children the way and help to guide them into adults who are devoted to our church. In return, they will devote time to helping the church, and teach others the importance of church which will help the church to grow and spread the word of the Lord.—Laura Montgomery

Sunday School

Regular Sunday school classes started Sunday, August 25. We had a wonderful time visiting in fellowship with our children at our Donut Party that morning. We are learning about Paul's missionary trips using The Gospel Project Curriculum. Paul's ministry gives us strength and confidence to continue the mission of sharing the gospel and making disciples.

-Pre-K(3) through 1st grade meet in the Rainbow Room (113) with Laurie Malik, Randy Sherard, Phyllis Gebhart, and Gareth Lampkin.

-2nd–6th Graders meet upstairs in the Joyful Noise Room (204) with Betty Kamman, Dennis Coulter, and Laura Montgomery.

Wonderful Wednesday Activities

Wonderful Wednesday Activities will begin on September 4, 2024 with Anne Gee, Beth Hall, and Laura Montgomery.

4:30-Choir Interns

5:00-Meal

6:00-Small Groups

Children activities

Youth Groups

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Mission and Outreach witness season offering. We raised \$19,373 for the local Storehouse Community Food Pantry and the EPC World Outreach Critical Need Fund for refugee care.



Anderson Eliana Josephine Bell received the Sacrament of Baptism on August 25, 2024. She is the daughter of James Robert Bell, Jr., and Miranda Sara-Anderson Bell and granddaughter of Richard and Rebecca Hunt. She is the sister of James Robert “Tres” Bell III and Colun Colt Bell.

James Wilson Hyland received the Sacrament of Baptism on September 1, 2024. He is the son of Wil and Liz Hyland.



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| 2—Roeland Bell | 24—Earl Edris, Jr., Chris Ingram |
| 3—Don Miller | 25—Evella Fairley |
| 4—Jenny Bottemiller, Ann Sherlock | 26—Bob Houser |
| 6—Terri Denton | 27—Matthew Bell, Avery Liddell |
| 8—Caroline Gatling | 30—Ronnie Andrews, Wayne Forrest |
| 9—Schuyler Oaks | |
| 10—Roby Ward | |
| 11—Sydney Sullivan | |
| 12—Ana Tower | |
| 14—Cori Carraway, Norma Habeeb | |
| 15—Greg Hayes | |
| 16—Denise Mounger | |
| 18—Lisa Martin | |
| 22—Sharon Andrews, Matthew Newcomb | |

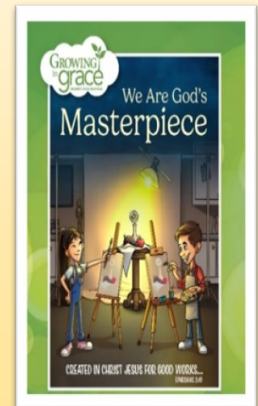
First Presbyterian Choir Interns

Choir Interns will begin their fall semester on Wednesday, September 4, at 4:30-5:15 pm. Children in Grades 1-6 are welcome to attend. Our mission is to develop musical skills to use in our worship service. We learn that worship is for God, and our sessions focus on worship music in many different styles with activities that build skills in diction, singing, rhythm instruments, bells, basic music reading, and working as a group. We open each session with a devotion.

This fall we will be using the **Growing in Grace** music curriculum with the theme of “**We Are God’s Masterpiece**” based on Ephesians 2:10. A few anthem titles are *God’s Masterpiece; I am Wonderfully Made; Praise the Lord Body, Mind, and Soul; You Know I Wanna Be; and Patapan*. Hymns include *Come, Christians Join and Sing; Take My Life and Let It Be; and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

We encourage regular weekly attendance since we will be presenting several anthems during fall worship services.

Please send Barbara (601-629-8026) a text with your child’s name and grade so folders can be prepared. Reminders and other info will be sent via text. Supper follows Choir Interns (make reservations via church Sign Genius site), and children’s activities continue after supper until 7pm.



Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to:

Jeb Tingle's family in the loss of Jeb's sister, Janette Tingle, who entered the Church Triumphant on August 11, 2024.

The Pace family in the loss of Kim's mother, Leslie Weill Marcus, who entered the Church Triumphant on August 18, 2024.

The Boolos, Brooks, and Daniels families in the loss of Lillian Martin, who entered the Church Triumphant on August 22, 2024.



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****News and Events Reporting:**** Share your news and events with us! Contact the church office at 601-636-1200 or email Kari at kari@fpcvicksburg.org

****Email Notifications:**** Keep up-to-date with email notifications. Send your current email address to kari@fpcvicksburg.org

Youth News

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A GO FOR THE FALL!! This fall the youth will begin an exciting study of Paul's Letter to the Romans led by Jason and Emily Mooney. It is our goal and prayer that through this study our youth would develop and deepen their understanding of what it means to be a sinner in need of salvation, God's perfect plan of salvation to meet that need, and how our relationship to God through salvation in Christ Jesus overflows into service and sacrifice for God and others in our day-to-day lives. All parents are encouraged to avail your youth of this wonderful opportunity to engage in corporate study of God's Word. We ask all parents for your fervent prayers over this vital ministry of our church as we serve and strive together as one body, unified by the Holy Spirit and resting in the sovereign grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



The youth committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who participated in and supported the youth rafting trip that took place July 26-28. It was a sweet (and exciting!) time of fellowship for our youth and a good time was had by all. Thank you particularly to our volunteer chaperones Rob Sadler, Zach Grey, and Laura Montgomery. The trip would have been impossible but for your gracious and caring assistance. The trip was a welcome reminder of God's wondrous works of creation and our place within His master plan, as one people, united in Christ, celebrating His majesty and glory.

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on September 4th and will continue through November. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and youth fellowship/Bible study will take place from 6:00-7:00. All youth are encouraged and welcomed to attend.



Please pray for the youth as they navigate a new school year. It is all too easy to overlook or even disregard the spiritual warfare our children face in their daily activities, and it is naïve to think that traditional, Christian faith claims are not being challenged by the world, the flesh, and the devil at all times. If our enemies are diligent, so too must we strive for perseverance as we stand firm for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Parents: teach your children what it means to be a child of light in a world of darkness. Teach them, in word and deed, to rely on faith in Christ, to exhibit Christian character, and to put their hope in things that are above, not in the things of this earth. Please pray also that our youth would be strengthened and encouraged by the power and presence of Jesus Christ in their lives, that they would willingly and joyfully submit to His Word and His Lordship, and determine themselves to live for His glory.

One of the greatest gifts of love is prayer

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dan Hall

Bill Harris

Wynette McBeath

Hal Morgan

Mary Reed

OUR CONTINUING PRAYER MINISTRY for September lifts up the names of these within our congregational family, giving thanks to God and asking for His blessings to fill their lives:

September 1— Jerry and Dotti Rankin; Taylor Ransone; and Mary Reed

September 8— Bryan, Penny, Hannah and Matthew Register; Mickey and Nancy Robertson; and Tim and Leslie Rodgers

September 15—Paul, Lauren and Rosalie Rohrer; Greg and Jessica Ruff; and Aileen Russell

September 22—Rob, Leslie, Reeves and Everett Sadler; Terry Schultz; and Wayne and Shelia Scott

September 29—Randy and Ann Sherard; Ann Sherlock; and John and Sandra Shingler



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYS FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY:

Captain Robinson Bash Brown, Army, son of Rev. and Mrs. Tim Brown

Captain Jimbo Bodron, Army, son of Jim and Donna Bodron

Staff Sergeant Kyle Butler, Army, cousin of Suzanne Means

Lieutenant Colonel Sam Berryhill, Air Force, nephew-in-law of Jim Chaney

Diplomatic Security Special Agent Clifton Jeffery, Jr., Diplomatic Security Service, friend of Dale and Cindy McClung

Staff Sergeant Eric Roberts, Air Force, nephew of Marianne Floyd

Captain Cailin Penley Console, Air Force, niece of Sharon Penley

SPC Luke Hindman, nephew of Rev. and Mrs. Tim Brown

MIDN Noelle Poovey, Navy, friend of the church



First Presbyterian Church

Financial Report Summary - July 2024

	2024 July	2024 YTD	2024 Budget	2024 YTD %
Regular Fund Income:	31,966.97	355,426.65	697,904.00	50.93%
Regular Fund Expenses:				
Salary & Benefits	29,253.94	194,931.20	368,129.00	52.95%
Building and Property Operations	3,387.24	21,660.04	42,900.00	50.49%
Christian Education	6,412.54	97,971.72	168,600.00	58.11%
Worship	1,395.55	3,735.05	35,375.00	10.56%
Renewal & Fellowship	0.00	1,071.20	7,750.00	13.82%
Evangelism & Communications	1,026.72	6,962.19	29,450.00	23.64%
Outreach and Benevolence	0.00	464.78	0.00	
Denominational Relations	505.95	18,512.35	36,500.00	50.72%
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Total Regular Fund Expenses:	41,981.94	345,308.53	697,904.00	49.48%
Total Regular Fund Income/(Loss)	(10,014.97)	10,118.12		
Kindergarten Net Income	(3,574.23)	(1,261.70)		
Total Financial Report Income/(Loss)	(13,589.20)	8,856.42		

August 2024 Session Meeting Highlights

Session met for its stated meeting on August 20, 2024, at 5:15pm in the office conference room.

Operations: July 2024 finances were received and approved.

Endowment: End of May Endowment Fund \$608,066.

Building & Property: Most lightbulbs have been replaced with LED lightbulbs. All outside gutters have been sealed. The recent storm broke three windows in the South Street classroom behind the choir room. Wooden fence in the back parking lot will need to be replaced.

Adult Discipleship: Regular Sunday school resumes August 25.

Children Discipleship: 70 people were in attendance at the summer pool party. Children's Sunday school kickoff will be August 25.

Youth Discipleship: Plans are underway to paint the youth room.

Worship: Average attendance is 110-115.

New Business: Motions approved for two baptisms and two weddings.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

1	2 Office Closed Labor Day	3 7:15 Men's Bible Study 12 AI-Anon 5:15 Deacons 3:30 Office closing early	4 9:30 Explorer's 4:30 Choir Interns 5 Meal 6 Kids activities 6 Small Groups 6 Youth group	5 3:30 Office closing early	6 10:30 Meals on Wheels	7
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8	9 10:30 Martha Circle 6:00 Choir	10 7:15 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Ruth Circle 12 Hannah/Lydia 12 AI-Anon	11 9:30 Explorer's 4:30 Choir Interns 5 Meal 6 Kids activities 6 Small Groups 6 Youth group	12	13	14 Elizabeth Wooten Shower
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22	23 6:00 Choir	24 7:15 Men's Bible Study 12 AI-Anon 10:30 Meals on Wheels	25 9:30 Explorer's 4:30 Choir Interns 5 Meal 6 Kids activities 6 Small Groups 6 Youth group	26	27	28
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29	30 6:00 Choir					
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September Schedule of Duties

USHER SCHEDULE

September 1— D. Smith, K&C Jabour, S&S Upshaw,
K. Klaus

September 8— M. Corley, D.Jackson, G. Hayes,
L&D Giffin, W. Montgomery

September 15—E. McCaskill, M. Fant, G. Ruff,
M&P Fulghum

September 22—G. Denton, J&M Chaney, C. Sullivan,
P. Cashman, J. Cashman

September 29—C&D Peacock, B. Teller, D. Coulter,
J. Thames, J. Mooney

SUNDAY MORNING OPENING

September 1—D. McClung

September 8—K. Jabour

September 15—W. Montgomery

September 22—G. Ruff

September 29—K. Klaus

CHURCH FLOWERS

September 1—Mac & Peggy Fulghum

September 8—Lee Giffin

September 15—Pace Family

September 22—Open Date

September 29—Open Date

NURSERY COORDINATOR- STACEY TELLER

Shell White & Sharon Harris

September 1—Shell/Sharon

September 8—Maggie Bell

September 15—Shell/Sharon

September 22—Ryan Hadley Grey

September 29—Shell/Sharon

FLOWER MINISTRY

September 1—Helen Butler

September 8—Ann Gee

September 15—Ada Lauderdale

September 22—Mary Jane Fant

September 29—Stacey Teller

MEALS ON WHEELS

Friday, September 6

Mac N Cheese

B. Hall
B. Kamman
C. McClung
D. McClung
R. Gay

Cookies

D. Mitchell
P.Teller
L.Peyton

Tuesday, September 24

Casseroles

B. Clarke
G. Fulcher
P. Gee
D. Hall
A. Lauderdale
S. Oaks
L. Rodgers

Cookies

S. Braddock
R. Ledbetter
C. Houser