

March 2025



News & Notes

FROM

First Presbyterian Church

Vicksburg, MS

RENEWAL AND FELLOWSHIP

For the Christian, there are, strictly speaking, no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you” can truly say to every group of Christian friends, “You have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another!” The friendship is not a reward for our discrimination and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each the beauties of all the others. C.S. Lewis

Heaven will consist largely in the communion of saints, and if we would enjoy heaven below we must carry out the words of the creed in our practice—I believe in the communion of saints.

Charles Spurgeon

The Renewal and Fellowship team exists to provide a welcoming environment for the members of our church and guests to gather together in joyful fellowship.

One of the duties is to provide for a Weekend of Renewal or Women’s Retreat. The Women’s Retreat this year is scheduled for March 14-16 at Tara Wildlife. The speaker will be Mary Flach. Mark your calendar to attend this special opportunity.

We also provide juice and cookies for Sunday morning fellowship.

A very special event with other members of our downtown churches is the Holy Week luncheon. Our church hosts one of the lunches every year.

Continued on Page 2

We also look forward to potluck lunches with fellow members, and the committee provides the meat for these occasions.

Last summer, we and many wonderful volunteers served brunch before Sunday School while we were enjoying the R.C. Sproul series. It was a wonderful fellowship experience every week.

We are meant to be together and enjoy each other in Christian fellowship. Let us always enjoy and participate as the communion of saints. If you see a need for a special fellowship opportunity, please let us know.

In Christian love,

Tommye Strickland

Renewal and Fellowship committee members:

Eric and Becky McCaskill, Betzebe Clark, Donna Bodron

First Presbyterian Church
Financial Report Summary - January 2025

	2025 Jan	2025 YTD	2025 Est Budget	2025 YTD %
Regular Fund Income:	59,535.27	59,535.27	650,000.00	9.16%
Regular Fund Expenses:				
Salary & Benefits	30,421.09	30,421.09	0.00	
Building and Property	2,349.87	2,349.87	0.00	
Operations	24,955.36	24,955.36	0.00	
Christian Education	278.04	278.04	0.00	
Worship	849.95	849.95	7,750.00	
Renewal & Fellowship	(191.56)	(191.56)	29,450.00	
Evangelism & Communications	0.00		0.00	
Outreach and Benevolence	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	
Denominational Relations	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Regular Fund Expenses:	59,862.75	59,862.75	37,200.00	
Total Church Regular Fund Income/(Loss)	(327.48)	(327.48)		
Kindergarten Net Income*	4,053.24	4,053.24		
Total Financial Report Income/(Loss)	3,725.76	3,725.76		



- | | |
|---|--|
| 1—Sandy Clark, Laura Newman | 18—Belle Williamson |
| 2—April Herrle | 19—Lee Anna Lyons |
| 4—Mark Williamson | 20—John Ellis Montgomery |
| 5—Bowen Downey, Ruth Gay, Wil Hyland | 21—Johnny Means, Ryan Newman,
Natalie Jones |
| 6—Emmy Reese Walker, William Wooten, Jr. | 22—Geni Fulcher, Evie Gattle |
| 7—John Shingler | 23—Sara Montgomery |
| 8—Katie Floyd, Rob Jarvis | 24—Jeff Artman |
| 11—Nancy Carr, Bill Nichols, Billy Williamson | 25—Patrick Border, Sadler Lambiotte |
| 12—Mike Curtis, Eric McCaskill | 28—Glenda Dixon |
| 14—Richard Ledbetter, Greg Ruff | 29—Marianne Floyd, Laurie Malik |
| 15—Laura Leigh Shivers | 30—Bethel Border |
| 16—Helen Butler | 31—Barbara Tracy |
| 17—Christian Harris, Donna Ingram, Lanier Lambiotte | |

January 2025 Session Meeting Highlights

Session met for its stated meeting on February 18, 2025 at 5:15pm in the office conference room.

Operations: January 2025 finances were received and approved. Operations Team is currently discussing the 2025 Budget.

Endowment: The committee approved a check for Will Montgomery's tuition to RTS. Endowment Fund balance = \$628,820.16

Building & Property: New windows have been installed on the second floor.

Youth Discipleship: Painting has been completed in the Youth Room. Furniture is in progress. Youth will study the Armor of God in Sunday school this month.

Children's Discipleship: Confirmation continues on Sunday mornings at 8:30am in the Conference Room. 2nd- 6th grade are working on The Gospel Project. K-1 is learning about Genesis. Wednesday nights have been well attended and going are going great.

Communication & Evangelism: Motion from committee carried to purchase audio/video equipment and installation for \$7,500 to record and stream sermons online.

Kindergarten: Enrollment for 2025-2026 is underway.

Mission & Outreach: The Christmas Eve offering for Warren County Children's Shelter and North Carolina Storm Relief was \$4,100.



NEWS FLASH! Mary Flach will be the speaker at the WOMEN'S RETREAT this year!!

Ladies, mark your calendars for March 14-16.

Should be glorious at Tara that weekend. Also, please pray that each lady considering attending will be moved to sign up.

Don't Forget to Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time is March 9, 2025. Don't forget to set those clocks ahead.

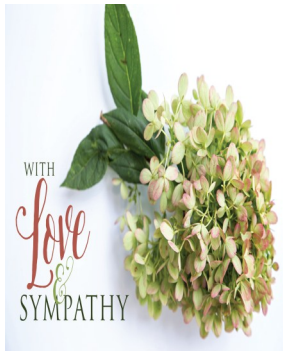


Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to:

Todd Boolos and family in the loss of his nephew, Matthew Boolos who entered the Church Triumphant.

Kathy Goza in the loss of her father, Wallace Goza who entered the Church Triumphant.

Norma Habeeb in the loss of her brother, Jim D'Aquilla who entered the Church Triumphant.



2025 Confirmation Class Schedule

- 02/02/25 Lesson 1: The Word of God
- 02/09/25 Lesson 2: Who Is God?
- 02/16/25 Lesson 3: Jesus Christ
- 02/23/25 Lesson 4: The Holy Spirit & The Trinity
- 03/02/25 Lesson 5: Salvation Part 1
- Lesson 6: Salvation Part 2
- 03/09/25 Spring Break (*No class meeting*)
- 03/16/25 Spring Break (*No class meeting*)
- 03/23/25 Lesson 7: The Sacraments
- 03/30/25 Lesson 8: The Church
- Lesson 9: Spiritual Gifts
- Lesson 10: Church Life & Membership
- 04/06/25 Examination (8:30am) Brunch (9:30am) Confirmation in worship (10:30am)

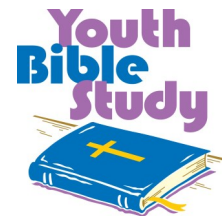
Youth News

Youth Sunday School

All Youth are heartily encouraged to attend Sunday School each week at 9:30 am in the teen room. Lessons are led by Jason and Emily Mooney. Let us all praise God for His sacrifice in Christ and encourage our Youth to know Him more deeply through the study of His Holy Word. Let us also pray that these weekly patterns of study and worship might resonate in the lives of our Youth and bear the fruit of the Gospel.

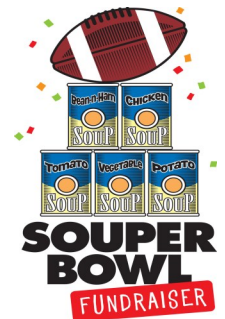


Renovations to the teen room are nearing completion! Please take time to drop by and see the new décor. It is certain to serve our youth well for many years to come. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who have labored and sacrificed to see these renovations through to completion, especially Jason and Emily Mooney. Please thank them personally when the opportunity arises!



Wednesday night fellowship is held at 5:30 and we encourage Youth attendance for this sweet time of fellowship and Bible study.

The Souperbowl of caring was a great success! We were able to raise \$1,011.00 for the Storehouse Food Pantry. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, talents, and treasure to make this event memorable and enjoyable for the whole congregation, especially including our Youth, who worked together in service to God and others.



Is God calling you to serve in His Kingdom through youth ministry? If so, please prayerfully consider His call and the gifts with which you have been blessed. If you have any questions about opportunities for service, feel free to reach out to a member of the Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry Team earnestly requests your continued prayers for our youth ministry. Please pray that the Lord might fill their hearts with the Holy Spirit, convict each soul of their need for Christ, encourage them to rest in His one, perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, and order their lives unto service in His Kingdom, giving thanks for his immeasurable grace.

One of the greatest gifts of love is prayer

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carmine Bell
Harold Blue
Bill Harris
Hal Morgan

Roeland Bell
Dan Hall
Wynette McBeath
Mary Reed

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

March 2— Faye Daniels; Ward and Katy Daniels; and Michael and Clarissa Davis

March 9— Zeki and Kay Demirbilek; Glenn and Terri Denton; and Paul and Diane Different

March 16—Chris, Glenda, Amy, and Sam Dixon; David and Penny Downey; and Neal, Holley, and Paxton Downey

March 23—Josh, Jessica, Haleigh, Andrew, Aubrey and Zach Carlucci; Mike, Anne, Caitlin and Ryan Doyle; and Earl and Gwen Edris

March 30—Angela Ellis; Rhett, Deloris and Audie Evans; and Matt and Mary Jane Fant



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

Mason Dixon, Army Airborne 509th, son of Roger and Ann Dixon, and friend of Kari Dupree



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 8:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3 6:00 Choir Practice	4 7:15 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Al-Anon 5:15 Deacons	5 9:30 Explorers 4:00 Davis Group 4:30 Choir Interns 5:00 Meal 5:30 Youth 6:00 Small Groups / Children	6 10:30 Fireside Chat	7 10:30 Meals on Wheels	8
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Time Change	10 10:30 Martha Circle 6:00 Choir Practice	11 7:15 Men's Bible Study 9:45 Ruth Circle 12:00 Al-Anon 12:00 Hannah/Lydia	12 6:00 Small Groups	13 10:30 Fireside Chat	14 Women's Retreat at Tara Wildlife	15 Women's Retreat at Tara Wildlife
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Women's Retreat At Tara Wildlife	17 6:00 Choir Practice	18 7:15 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Al-Anon 5:15 Session	19 9:30 Explorers 4:00 Davis Group 4:30 Choir Interns 5:00 Meal 5:30 Youth 6:00 Small Groups / Children	20 10:30 Fireside Chat	21	22 10:30 Boolos Shower
23 8:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24 6:00 Choir Practice	25 7:15 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Meals on Wheels 12:00 Al-Anon	26 9:30 Explorers 4:00 Davis Group 4:30 Choir Interns 5:00 Meal 5:30 Youth 6:00 Small Groups / Children	27 10:30 Fireside Chat	28	29
30 8:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	31					

March Schedule of Duties

USHER SCHEDULE

March 2— C. Martin-Nez, J. Freeman, J&B
Kamman, D&J Bottemiller
March 9— D. Smith, K&C Jabour, S&S Upshaw,
K. Klaus
March 16—M. Corley, D. Jackson. G. Hayes,
L&D Giffin, W. Montgomery
March 23—E. McCaskill, M.J. Fant, G. Ruff, G.
Denton, P. Cashman, John Cashman
March 30—J. Chaney, C&D Peacock, D. Coulter,
J. Mooney, T. Boolos

SUNDAY MORNING OPENING

March 2—D. McClung
March 9—Ken Klaus
March 16—K. Jabour
March 23—G. Denton
March 30—W. Montgomery

CHURCH FLOWERS

March 2—Mary Reed
March 9—Courtney Houser
March 16—Beth Hall
March 23—**Open Date**
March 30—Laurin Jones

NURSERY COORDINATOR- STACEY TELLER

Shell White & Sharon Harris

March 2—Shell/Sharon
March 9—Maggie Bell
March 16—Shell/Sharon
March 23—Ryan Hadley Grey
March 30—Shell/Sharon

FLOWER MINISTRY

March 2— Terri Denton
March 9—Ann Gee
March 16—Ada Lauderdale
March 23—Mary Jane Fant
March 30—Stacey Teller

MEALS ON WHEELS

Friday, March 7

<u>Mac N Cheese</u>	<u>Cookies</u>
B. Hall	D. Mitchell
B. Kamman	P.Teller
C. McClung	L.K. Peyton
D. McClung	
R. Gay	

Tuesday, March 25

<u>Casseroles</u>	<u>Cookies</u>
B. Clarke	S. Braddock
M.Doyle	R. Ledbetter
G. Fulcher	C. Houser
P. Gee	
P&D Ingram	
A. Lauderdale	
S. Oaks	
L. Rodgers	