

First Press Weekly Update

August 13, 2023



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Joe Dickson; Bob and Bette Patton; Andy, Laura, Hagan and Hudson Dietrich; and Martha Owens.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Sunday School Kickoff

We will kick off another Sunday school season at 9:45 a.m. this morning. All children and youth will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall downstairs for their program. Russ will lead the program with our youth. All adult classes plan to meet in your regular classroom.

With Love from Paul...this Summer

Dr. Shelton will continue his sermon series on Paul's letter to his favorite church: the Church at Philippi. From the start, it is personal in tone; it conveys the warmth of a relationship; and it is filled with lessons on what mature Christianity looks like. It is the only letter where he isn't putting out fires, rebuking bad behavior, or correcting false teaching. Come join us in worship or watch the series online.

BLTs after Church!

Please join us for the annual BLT Luncheon right after the 11:00 a.m. service today in the Fellowship Center. This is one of Claudia Byrd's specialties, so be sure not to miss it.

Youth Group Today!

High School Back-to-School Cookout from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Russ's house (*Parents can stay if that's easier*).

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

The Knuckleheads meet Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the History Room.

Request from the Nominating Committee

The Elder/Deacon Nominating Committee is working through the process of identifying next year's class of Elders and Deacons. If you have any members of the congregation that you would like to nominate for consideration please send those to Tim Arrowsmith at tim.arrowsmith@gmail.com by **Tuesday August 15**.

Upcoming Events...

September 24

All-Church Picnic

October 18

Fall Care Ministry Dinner

“At the River” Documentary and Discussion

An “At the River” documentary and discussion led by the director, Carolyn Crowder, will be held **Sunday, September 10** in the Fellowship Center. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. The two-hour movie will begin between 12:45 and 1:00 p.m. following lunch. There will be a discussion with Carolyn after the movie. This is a **FREE** meal and event, but we need sign-ups by **Wednesday, September 6** to have enough food and space. Read more about this movie at <http://carolyncrowder.com>. From Carolyn's website: *For the feature length documentary Carolyn traveled throughout the Southeast interviewing ministers, now in their 80's and 90's, about their experiences and what it took to go against the racist currents during those hard days within their local communities and congregations. Her other question was why they dared.* Contact Russ to sign up.

Birthdays This Week

August 13: Joyce Brown, Cathy Mooney

August 14: Mary Beth Hallen

August 15: Nancy Bovender, Laura Addleburg

August 16: Peter Gale, Paul Smith, Gemma Robinette

August 17: Bob Stoots

August 18: Lindsey McInturff

August 19: Karen Reed-Wright

Friends in Faith Class Begins New Series on August 20

“Into All the World: Participating in God’s Mission”

The Friends in Faith Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week series on August 20 entitled “Into All the World: Participating in God’s Mission.” Usually when we think of God’s mission or “missional vocation” we don’t think of ourselves but those who serve around the world that we never see (missionaries). When we think about “missional vocation” is when we begin to see ourselves differently. Our service and calling in God’s mission includes our daily lives (work, home, community, church, school, etc.). Join our class as we explore the following 6 sessions (lesson #1 will be on August 20): The 6 sessions (discussions) are: • *Understanding God’s Plan* • *Realizing It’s All about Jesus* • *Discovering Our Global Witness* • *Connecting with God’s Strategy* • *Learning from the Global Church* • *Embracing Our Missional Vocation*. Each session (6-8 pages) is a stand-alone discussion so do not worry if you have to miss a Sunday. Books may be picked up in room #103. So, whether you attend the 8:45 service or the 11:00 service the Friends in Faith class encourages and invites you to join us in room #103 at 9:45 a.m. *****Our class will have Food and Fellowship in our classroom on August 13. Come and join us for some breakfast treats and a time of fellowship.**

Striving to be the Hands of Christ...

Second Harvest Food Bank in August

FPC volunteers will gather for another day of service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **August 16**. There will be two options for this date: morning between 10 and noon and afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m. Check your calendars and let Bob Stoots know if you’d like to help at either or both of these times (call or text 423-782-6280).

Breakfast Ministry

Our Breakfast Ministry continues to operate successfully on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will soon be scheduling volunteers for the fall and would love your help! If you would like to volunteer or be added to the list, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com or call Becca Wright at 423-963-9617.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:
Healthy Cereals

First Presbyterian Church Staff

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Mike Shelton, *Pastor* (ext. 204)

Russ Pearson, *Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries* (ext. 208)

Mark Owen Davis, *Director of Music Ministries* (ext. 210)

Annie Hill, *Church Business Administrator/Executive Assistant to the Pastor* (ext. 203)

Vickie Green, *Membership & Website Specialist/Church Administrative Assistant* (ext. 202)

Beverly Johnson, *Financial Administrator* (ext. 206)

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Becca Wright, *Parish Nurse*

Mike Weiss, *Custodian*

Tammy Jackson Hodge, *Director of Presbyterian Children’s Center*

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