



2017

First Presbyterian Church—Demopolis, AL

The Session will be taking nominations for the office of Deacon through the month of January. Please read the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Those rotating off active service will be Dick Farst and Joey Morgan.

January 15, 2017
Church Dinner Committee
****Glenn & Katy Basinger**
 Bill & Melissa Weltin
 Jackie & Grey Tripp
 Bess Weltin Allison Ward

Food Ministry Chairman:
 Ruth Symon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Deacons/ Session Meeting 8:30 Communion	9	10 Morning Circle 9:30 Hostess: Evans Missions Committee 7:00	11 Music Study Club 3:30 Dinner 5:30 Chili/Grilled Cheese Choir 7:00	12 Ladies Evening Study 7:00	13	14
15 Church Lunch	16	17	18 Dinner 5:30 Ham/Sweet Potatoes. G beans Bible Study Youth/CK's	19	20 Bingo Sunrise Assisted Living	21 Sav-A-Life Fun/Walk
22 HOP 2:00 E. Harris'	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 Dinner 5:30 Taco Salads Bible Study Youth/CK's Choir 7:00	26 Lunch Bunch Simply Delicious 11:30 Ladies Evening Study 7:00	27 Mid South Men's Rally	28 Women's Ministry Annual Mtg Riverwood—Tuscaloosa
29 5th Sunday Deacon's Offering	30	31				

January Birthdays
 4 Carolyn Tipton
 6 Kristy Atkins
 Garrett Hilchey
 12 Sharon Farst
 17 Benjamin Schwabble
 18 Edith Gill
 Billy Fleming
 28 Ossie Resto
 Will Huizinga
 30 Brian Tripp
 31 Hettie Wright
January Anniversaries
 3 Billy & Ruth Symon (36)

Flower Calendar
 1 open
 8 open
 15 open
 22 open
 29 open

Deacons of the Month:
 Mike Cork
 Glenn Basinger

Women's Ministry Officers elected at the Christmas Party on 12/11/16:
 President: Joy Mackin
 VP: Beth Niehoff
 Secretary: Patty Kirkpatrick
 Treasurer: Karen Lashley
 Missions: Andrea Ward
 Historian: Melanie Evans
 Spiritual Growth: Elaine Carr



I hope that you and your family had a most wonderful Advent and Christmas season as you celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I also hope that 2017 will be your best year yet.

I want to take this opportunity to let you about some changes that will be coming to our worship services in this new year. I know that change is hard for us and sometimes we don't like it, but please bear with us as we work some additions into the order of worship. They won't come all at once but over a few months I hope to have them all in place.

The purpose of these changes is to fulfill what we often say about worship here; you are not a spectator in worship but a participant. My hope is that you will feel more like you are participating as we worship God together.

Some of the new things we will be seeing include a corporate or responsive call to worship. As fellow believers and brothers and sisters in Christ, we should be calling one another to worship God. It should not be the job on only the choir or the pastor.

Also, we will begin using a corporate confession of our common sins. This will include a time for each of us to quietly and privately confess our personal sins as well. Worship should be a time in which we draw near to our Father in Heaven, and that requires that we acknowledge our sins and repent of them. This also helps us appreciate God's grace all the more as we realize our sins, unatoned for by Jesus, disqualify us from drawing near to God.

We will also have more responsive readings of Scripture and will include other elements that will help us all join in worshipping God.

Please give these new things a chance. Who knows, you might actually like them.

God bless,

Tommy