

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS—DEMOPOLIS, AL

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## Our Vision Statement:

The First Presbyterian Church of Demopolis, Alabama, is a body of believers in Jesus Christ, That wants God's love to grow in us and radiate to all people through us.

To that end,

## Our Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Demopolis, Alabama is: a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, striving to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, by making disciples for Christ, in Demopolis and beyond by:

- Exalting God in authentic biblical worship and prayer;
- Building up believers in knowledge and faith through biblical preaching, teaching, discipleship and fellowship;
- Evangelizing the lost by sharing Christ and living according to His example;
- Extending God's mercy through sacrificial service to those in need.

I am in a pickle. I wanted to talk to you about the missions conference but as I write this, it hasn't happened yet. If you get this electronically you will read it before the conference begins. If you get the print edition the conference will be history. What to do? What to do?

I know, let's talk about the conference anyway. I don't mean the actual conference because it hasn't happened but the theme and how it has worked in the life of this church.

The theme is from Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Another way to say that comes from Ephesians 6:4, "Fathers do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." The idea being, we are a covenant people with a covenant God. In His covenant God has promised to be our God and to take us for His people. That includes our children and we promise, when we baptize them, that we will teach them about God with lips and lives. And we claim God's promise that He will make them His own.

In planning this 31<sup>st</sup> annual world missions conference, our missions committee thought it would be a good idea to celebrate this idea of the children of the church who were trained in the way they should go, going out into the world to serve God in their own right. So, we decided that we would have a home-grown missions conference since, in God's grace and providence, we now have enough children of the church serving Him in full time Christian ministry to fill the faculty. What a special time this will be as we celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness to this congregation.

Not only do we have a number of children reared in this church working in full time Christian ministry, but we also have many others serving their churches as officers, teachers, and most importantly, as godly parents who are training their children in the way they should go. There is no way to know just

how far reaching this generational ministry will become in the decades ahead. Well done people, well done.

— Tommy



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# March

# 2017

Rev. Tommy R. Carr  
Pastor

Established 1839



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



## Updates on VBS:

**First of all please help us by PRAYING (Everyone can do this!):**

1. We need people to pray: for the leadership team, the teaching and support staff, for the children God will send us, and for God to provide ready, willing, and able (cheerful) workers, for funds, and for blessings for all who participate.

**Elaine Carr, Tommy Carr, Bess Weltin, Doris Kirkpatrick, Paula Bond**

2. We need advance workers to prepare the facility and grounds. This includes cleaning the inside of the building and all of the playground equipment, setting up the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and classrooms and taking it all down and restoring original order at the end of the week. It also includes treating the playground for pests such as ants, spiders, and wasps. **Mike Cork & Tommy Carr**

3. We need those willing to help with **publicity**. This includes posting posters in businesses all around town, and cutting, collating and delivering fliers to Westside and US Jones and placing them in teacher mailboxes. We do this several weeks prior to school letting out. \_\_\_\_\_

4. We need those willing to **donate** money for defraying the cost of VBS.

5. We also need the following **staff members**: (please keep in mind that if you're already doing one of these jobs, and you love it, we want you to remain right where you are!)

- Nursery worker \_\_\_\_\_
- Crafts Director and MULTIPLE assistants (this is a very needful area) \_\_\_\_\_
- Someone to gather extra teaching resource materials (color sheets, word searches, worksheet type reinforcement materials). This requires some internet research and access to a printer. \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack coordinator and assistants **Melanie Evans & Bess Weltin**
- Recreation Director and assistants **Jackie Tripp, Brian, Grey, Tyree Tripp**
- Puppeteers \_\_\_\_\_
- Teachers: K4 & K5 **Paula Bond** Classroom Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1st & 2nd grade **Melissa Weltin** Classroom Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3rd & 4th grade **Bernice Cork** Classroom Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5th & 6th grade. \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_
- Closing Luncheon Chairman: **Melanie Evans** Helpers: \_\_\_\_\_

By the way, this isn't just an opportunity for the women of our church but **MEN, we need you, too!**

Blessings!

Elaine Carr (for the VBS leadership team!)



**Sunday  
March  
16th**



**Kip & Price  
McClure**

February 5, 2017

5 lbs 5 oz  
5 lbs 6 oz  
18 inches

Congratulations to Keith, Kelly and  
Landon McClure

And

**Hallie Jane Basinger**

February 16, 2017

6 lbs 18 inches

Congratulations to  
Seth & Janie Basinger

And  
Grandparents:  
Glenn & Katy Basinger

**Treasurer's Report**

Total Contributions for January:	\$ 9,386.84	YTD:
Less Total Expenses	\$10,736.48	
	<b>(\$1,349.64)</b>	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wednesday evening Meal (Spaghetti, salad, bread) Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Wednesday evening Meal (Loaded potatoes) Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	9 Ladies Evening Study 7:00 pm	10	11
12 Joint Diac-nate/Session Meeting 8:30 Communion 	13	14 Morning Circle FH 9:30 Refreshments: Karen Lashley	15 Wednesday evening Meal (Chicken tenders, Mac & Cheese) Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	16	17	18
19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22 Wednesday evening Meal (Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans) Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	23 Ladies Evening Study 7:00 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>S P R I N G B R E A K</b>						
<b>March 2017</b>						

# Special dates and committees for March

## Happy Birthday

March	
2	Doug McNutt
5	Doris Kirkpatrick
8	Katie Gill
13	Liz Bond
	Luke Mackin
15	Shannon Carr
16	Ava Basinger
20	Patty Kirkpatrick
26	Liz Huizinga
28	Grady Atkins
29	Landon McClure
31	Kayley Cook
	Brayden Bules

Deacons of the Month
<b>March</b>
Mike Cork
Keith Yeager



Flowers for March	
5	Open
12	Open
19	Open
26	Open

















**Time Changes**  
**Sunday, March 12th**  
**2:00 a.m.**




Nursery Schedule			
March		April	
5	Ruth Symon	2	Patty Kirkpatrick
12	Nadine Coddington	9	Nadine Coddington
19	Jackie Tripp	16	Ruth Symon
26	Katy Basinger	23	Jackie Trip
		30	Katy Basinger

**Nursery Workers: Please arrive in the nursery by 10:30 so Sunday School Teachers can get to choir rehearsal.**

# CHURCH DINNER

	<b>March 19th</b>	
	**Phil & Joyce Huizinga	
	Glenn & Katy Basinger	
	Keith & Audrey Yeager	
	Bill & Melissa Weltin	
	Grey Tripp	
	<b>April 9th</b>	
	<b>Note date change</b>	
	<b>Easter Egg Hunt to</b>	
	<b>follow luncheon</b>	
	** David & Nadine Coddington	
	Dennis & Karen Davidson	
	Peter & Beth Niehoff	
	Allison Ward	
	Bess Weltin	
		

	<b>Food Ministry for March</b>
	<b>HEAD: ** Joyce Huizinga</b>

## Happy Anniversary

March		
14	Glenn & Katy Basinger	(41)
19	Scott & Patty Kirkpatrick	(41)
25	James & Angie Solliday	(17)



# Isaiah 55 Ministries January/February 2017

Lots of prayers were answered while Phil and I were in Reynosa during this session. Phil worked with members of a team from Gulf Shores, AL and Tulsa, OK the second week. We had met some of these men before so it was easy to work together. Their presence made meals easy for me as cooks come in when a team is on site. Part of the work team put a roof over the courtyard so that the students could eat in the shade. (pictures below)

Phil was kept busy doing electrical work with the team. He also built shelves, hung mirrors, shelves and cabinets, and did lots of small jobs for the school facilities during the three weeks. I was asked if I appreciated his handiness in being around as they sure enjoyed his presence.

In the sewing area; the more experienced deaf students willingly helped the newcomers. This allowed time for the advanced students to start a school project – chair pockets for a classroom. Teaching the various steps, use of new materials, plus quality control needed were new ideas implemented. The class project for the deaf students was a blouse in a pattern they chose. They will be making this several times out of various fabrics. The hearing class added one new lady so we are at nine. Knits are the subject for the next projects so that they can expand their skill to ways of sewing stretch fabric. They are making a dress and got about half finished. Because we partied the last week what with Valentine’s Day and birthdays, we did not accomplish as much as I had planned. That seems to be usual. One day a mother brought us a surprise lunch for her daughter’s birthday including mole (chicken in a spicy chocolate sauce) and a tres leches cake with lots of fruit decorating it. Yummy

Phil and I both stayed healthy while across the border. We had very safe travels over many miles during wet weather. Our work weeks went without major accidents. Food was delicious and fellowship very enjoyable. One can only thank GOD for His faithfulness and sustaining grace. The next teaching/working session will run from March 20 through April 7, 2017. Two of those weeks we will be joined by teams.

As ever, thank you for your prayers, In Christ, Phil and Joyce



**Supported Missionaries/Ministries:** Aaron & Leticia Zapata, Guillermo & Jennie Salinas, Robert & Lisa Stewart, Andy & Bev Warren, Clete & Karen Hux, Beth Acton, Sav-A-Life, Doug & Kelly McNutt, Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez, Jimmy & Nadia Dukes, Chris & Katie Gill, Jonah

**If any of the names can be removed from the prayer list, please contact the office.**

**Shut-Ins:**

Luiza Coburn  
Billy Fleming  
Betty Krusmark  
Frances Lackey  
Mary Parker

**Expectant Mothers:**

Glenn Shealy  
Cecil Radcliff  
Ian Hogg  
William Burke  
Carolyn Tipton  
Sarah  
Stanley Bond  
Jennifer  
Hugh Talbert

**Cancer:**

Betty Jenkins  
Linda Browder  
Stephen Gentry  
Jody Daugherty  
Rita Poole Horton  
Luke (Jonah's son)  
Angela Green  
Emily Sawyer  
Varanda Golden  
Ava Hunter  
Rose Breitling  
Aaron Zapata  
Kaleigh Craig

**All Military Personnel**

Ch William Broderick  
Kyle Westbrook  
Dan Parsons  
Sam Brasfield  
Jason Freeman  
Kyle Newton,  
Steven Mackin  
Gregory Harrington  
Jimmy Hart  
Aaron Thornton  
Jonathan Stephens  
William R. Horton  
Victor Resto  
Daniel Phillips  
Josh Allums  
James Hayes

**Special Needs**

Joey Morgan  
Joel  
CJ Golston  
RJ Blount  
Billy  
Loretta Strickland  
Liz Bond  
Michael Woodham  
Cam Cameron  
Hugo  
Michael Jacks  
Melanie Hulsey  
Charlie  
Sue Entrekin  
Alice Washburn  
Maggie Quinney  
Dennis Davidson

**Illness:**

Laura Morgan  
Joe Bunn  
Carol Stephens  
Jimmie Lawrence  
Brian Schrieber  
Marlene Chapman  
Cohen Sullivan  
Elizabeth Forehand  
Dick Farst

**Hooked on Prayer List**

Allen, Cade  
Allen Joe,  
Allgood, Louise  
Anonymous  
Aycock, Chelsea  
Barker, Barbara  
Barkley, Mack  
Beeler, Peggy  
Boggs, Ben  
Bond, David  
Brooker, Chrissy  
Brooker, Jan  
Browder, Linda  
Brown, Pearl Joy  
Burge, Raymond  
Busby, Rhae  
Cistrunk, Narsis  
Coburn, Luiza  
Coker, Jean  
Coleman, Willie  
Collins, Bette  
Collins, Brandon  
Cook, Darren  
Cook, Susan  
Copeland, Roy  
Craig, Kaleigh  
Cross, Margaret  
Daffin, Robbie  
Daughtery, Jody  
Davidson, Karen  
Davis, Barbara  
Denson, Leita  
Douglas, Jerry  
Duncan, Conner  
Dykes, Cory  
Eatmon, Megan  
Espy, Emily  
Etheridge, Brooks & Mary Ellen  
Farst, Dick

Farst, Maria  
Finley, Betty  
Fleming, Billy  
Forte, Tony  
Fuqua, Blake  
Gentry, Steve  
Grace, Hope  
Gross, Jane  
Hanson, Sherry  
Harvey, John  
Heath, Cindy  
Hilbish, Bette  
Hogg, Ian  
Hollinger, Walter  
Holman, Joann  
Hull, Taylor  
Jarvis, Val  
Jenkins, Betty  
Jennifer  
Krusmark, Betty  
Kyser, Helen  
Lackey, Frances  
Landerfelt, John  
LaRocca, Dominic  
Lashley, Joe  
Lashley, Karen  
Latham, Jeffie  
Leascher, Chad  
Lessman, Linus  
Logan, Stevie  
Mahaffey, Larry  
Marquis, Alana & Jim  
McCraw, Beverly  
McDonald, Nelda  
McIntier, Jodie  
McKinley, Pam  
Mickens, Jaleesa  
Miller, Tommie  
Milsap, Goldie

Morgan, Laura  
Mullinax, Eddie  
Mutisya, Cecilia Ndunge  
Newberry, Madi  
Parker, Mary  
Peacock, Faye  
Phillips, Max  
Pickerill, Paula  
Plummer, Kaegan  
Randall, Ruth  
Ray, Brenda  
Reynolds, Christy  
Richardson, Fay  
Saelens, Jacob  
Sakon, Ethan  
Scott, Kay  
Sharp, Chris  
Sims, Anna Katherine  
Sims, Sarah  
Snyder, MaryEllen  
Squires, Faye  
Stephens, Carol  
Stephens, Maxine  
Stringer, Ginny  
Suttles, James  
Taff, Cathy  
Tarrence, Polly  
Tartt, Tommy  
Taylor, Marie  
TenHaaf, WM  
Terry, Pope  
Thornton, Alaina  
Traylor, Drew  
Trotter, Dottie  
Tucker, Sadie  
Van Austin, Inabell  
Vander Sloot, Jacki  
Wallace, Barbara  
Walls, Christian

Wellman, Glenna  
West, Ruth  
Weston, Bert  
Whittington, Judy & Ricky  
Williams, Ed  
Williams, Ethel  
Williams, Jimmy & Joyce  
Williams, Keith  
Williams, Mary Lynne  
Williamson, Trevor  
Wise, Winton & Naomi  
Witherspoon, Mary Stewart  
Womble, Caleb  
Wrensted, Leah Price  
Wright, Hettie



**HOP meets**  
**4th Sunday's only**  
**2:00**  
**Home of**  
**Eloise Harris**  
**1607 Mauvilla Dr.**

**First Presbyterian Church—Demopolis  
Faith Promise Giving Pledge  
For the April 2017—March 2018**

I am praying and trusting that God will enable me to be more involved in the world-wide missionary work of FPC during the coming year in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ yearly,            or \_\_\_\_\_ monthly,    or a one time gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that I WILL NEVER BE ASKED FOR IT. It is a faith-commitment between God and myself. I also understand this if over and above my regular tithe to the church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

**Please return to the church office by March 31st.**

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