

# 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.

Well ok then. The last Lord's Day of March, 2017, marks the fourth Lord's Day in which we have used our enhanced order of worship. When we started on the first Lord's Day of March, I said we want to know what you think about it, but to please give it a month since we human beings have a natural distaste for change.

Now, we want you to let us know (the Elders, Deacons & pastor). Remember, the reason we changed the order of worship that had been in place for a very long time. We wanted to be certain that the words that you have heard from the pulpit many times, "You are not spectators in worship but participates," were more than just a saying.

So, that means that the real measure of whether or not we have accomplished our purpose is tied up in whether or not you feel more involved in the worship of God. One of the issues that led to the Protestant Reformation was that in the church up to that point, worship was something done for the people. The rediscovery of the true teaching of Scripture, led the reformers to that wonderful and amazing doctrine of the priesthood of all believers. We no longer need a priest to stand between us and God because our Great High Priest has gone into the Holy of Holies with His own blood and making atonement for our sins, He has opened the way to our Heavenly Father. The result is that every believer may go directly into the presence of God to worship Him personally and corporately.

The only thing I really want to know is, does our new order of worship help you go directly into the presence of God in worship?

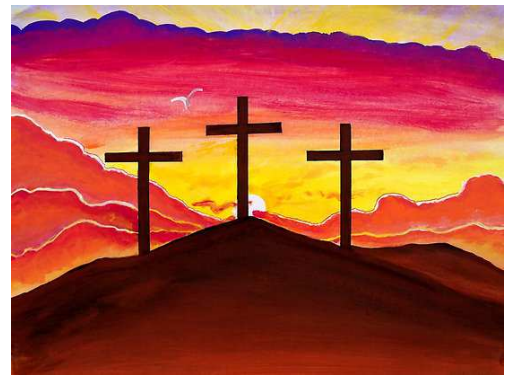
I want to share the following paragraph with you. It comes from a book entitled "Leading In Worship." It was printed in 1996 by the Covenant Foundation in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. It is edited by Terry Johnson.

"Both the morning and evening Lord's Day services that follow are shaped by the conviction that the church's Sunday services must be distinctly and self-consciously services of

worship. Their integrity as such should not be compromised in the name of other things. Otherwise worthy ends such as outreach, fellowship, and Bible study, important in themselves, should not warp the services into something else, such as concert, sing-along, lecture, recruitment meeting, support group, or therapy. The elements of worship should be kept in biblical proportion, extra-biblical elements excluded, and God ever remain the unambiguous focus. The morning and evening services both must be, according to Scripture, and consequently simple, spiritual, and reverent."

This is the purpose for changing our order of worship. Have we accomplished that purpose to God's glory?

— Tommy



Rev. Tommy R. Carr  
Pastor

*Established 1839*

April

2017



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



## Updates on VBS:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

VBS is your chance to reach your own little corner of the world with the good news of the gospel. This is the biggest outreach of the year that FPC has. Won't you consider what the Holy Spirit can do through you in just 5 days? Every year seeds of truth from God's Word are planted in young hearts and minds and we pray for changed lives!

We cannot do this without a full staff. Please consider helping! We need you! These children God sends us every year need you.

### Slots still open for VBS include:

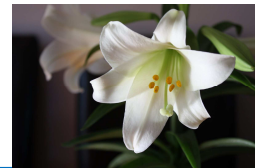
- Craft director & assistants
- Puppeteers
- K4/5 helper
- 1st/2nd grade helper
- 3rd/4th grade helper
- 5th/6th grade teacher & helper

### Also need help in following areas:

- Grounds & facility Prep Crew . So far only 2 men have signed up to help with this very large job. If we have many hands the jobs can be meted out and no one person will have a lot to do. Please consider this short term commitment of time and energy!

As always we can use financial donations and we can really use prayer partners too. Sign up sheets just outside office doors!

Blessings  
Elaine

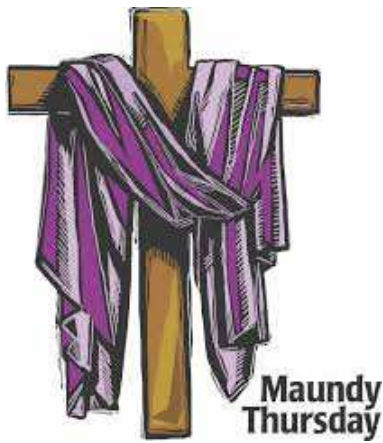


### Easter Lilies

We will list memorial Lilies in the bulletin on Easter morning. If you plan on bringing one, please turn in the information to the office before that Wednesday. Lilies from Lindsey's will be \$27.25.

### Treasurer's Report

Total Contributions for February:	\$ 9,428.16	YTD: \$18,815.00
Less Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7,703.37</u>	<u>\$18,439.85</u>
	\$ 1,724.79	\$ 375.15



**Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service  
April 13, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**



Sunday, April 16th  
6:00 a.m.

Demopolis City Landing  
Coffee & refreshments



Traditional Easter  
Morning Worship Service  
April 16th  
11:00 a.m.  
FPC Sanctuary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <b>COLLECTION OF FOOD BASKETS FOR A FAMILY IN NEED</b>	3	4 Women's Ministry Council Meeting 4:30	5 Wednesday evening Meal Pizza, Salad Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	6	7	8
9 Diaconate/Session Meeting 8:30  Potluck Luncheon With Egg Hunt to follow	10	11 Morning Circle FH 9:30 Refreshments: Nadine Coddington	12 Wednesday evening Meal BBQ Sandwich, baked beans, Potato Salad Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	13 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00  	14 <b>DELIVERY OF FOOD BASKETS</b>	15
16  Jesus Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!	17	18	19 Wednesday evening Meal Chicken Spaghetti, salad Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	20	21 Bingo Sonrise Assisted Living 1:30	22
23 HOP 2:00 E. Harris' 1607 Mauvilla Dr.	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26 Wednesday evening Meal Meatloaf, green beans, potatoes Evening Studies 6:15 Choir 7:00	27 Lunch Bunch Pizza Hut 11:30  Ladies Evening Study 7:00 pm	28	29
30						

# Special dates and committees for April

## Happy BIRTHDAY

April	
3	Colter & Lilliana Hilchey
5	Billy Symon Meredith Mackin
8	Isabella Dukes
14	Kelly McClure
15	Jaimee Bules Bess Weltin
25	Erin Carr Jody Allen
27	Emily Mackin

### Deacons of the Month

April  
Glenn Basinger  
David Coddington



### Flowers for April

2	Lashley
9	Weltin
16	Easter Lily Memorials
23	Carr
30	open



### Nursery Schedule

April		May	
2	Patty Kirkpatrick	7	Patty Kirkpatrick
9	Nadine Coddington	14	Ruth Symon
16	Ruth Symon	21	Nadine Coddington
23	Jackie Trip	28	Jackie Tripp
30	Katy Basinger		

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



**Food Ministry for April**  
**HEAD: \*\* Bernice Cork**



### April

5	Billy & Charlene Fleming	(58)
8	TJ & Cindy Keasler	(39)

# CHURCH DINNER



### April 9th

**Note date change**  
**Easter Egg Hunt to follow luncheon**

\*\* David & Nadine Coddington

Dennis & Karen Davidson

Peter & Beth Niehoff

Allison Ward

Bess Weltin



### May 21st

\*\*Mike & Bernice Cork

Billy & Ruth Symon

Tommy & Elaine Carr

Ozzy and Ann Resto

Andrea Ward



## Outreach Opportunities



### Easter Food Baskets

We will collect non-perishable food items for a family that is going through a rough time from April 2nd—April 14th. We will also provide the makings for an Easter dinner. So you can contribute food items/paper goods/or contribute to the Easter meal to be purchased during this time. Look for the food baskets in the hallway.



### To Benefit the Dukes Peru Ministry

Saturday, May 6th

6:00 a.m.—noon

Bring items **ALREADY PRICED**

Collection area will be the old Calvinette Room in SS building

**Need:**

- Workers
- Water/snacks for workers
- Lots of Men for the moving of tables, etc.....



**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, 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:**

Kristin Symon

**Cancer:**

Betty Jenkins  
 Linda Browder  
 Stephen Gentry  
 Jody Daugherty  
 Rita Poole Horton  
 Luke (Jonah's son)

**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**

Joel  
 CJ Golston  
 RJ Blount  
 Billy  
 Loretta Strickland  
 Liz Bond  
 Cam Cameron  
 Hugo  
 Michael Jacks  
 Melanie Hulsey  
 Charlie  
 Sue Entrekim  
 Alice Washburn  
 Maggie Quinney  
 Dennis Davidson  
 Cade Allen  
 Joe Lashley  
 Sara Elizabeth Hart  
 Anna Katherine Sims

**Illness:**

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

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

Angela Green  
 Emily Sawyer  
 Varanda Golden  
 Ava Hunter  
 Rose Breitling  
 Aaron Zapata  
 Kaleigh Craig

**Hooked on Prayer List**

Allen, Cade  
 Allen Joe,  
 Allgood, Louise  
 Anonymous  
 Aycock, Chelsea  
 Barker, Barbara  
 Barkley, Mack  
 Beeler, Peggy  
 Boggs, Ben  
 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, Susan  
 Copeland, Roy  
 Craig, Kaleigh  
 Cross, Margaret  
 Daffin, Robbie  
 Daughtery, Jody  
 Davidson, Karen  
 Denson, Leita  
 Douglas, Jerry  
 Duncan, Conner  
 Dyer, Doug  
 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  
 Gail Hedrick  
 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  
 Myers, Sophie  
 Newberry, Madi  
 Parker, Mary  
 Peacock, Faye  
 Phillips, Max  
 Pickel, Lisa  
 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  
 Squires, Faye  
 Stephens, Carol  
 Stephens, Maxine  
 Stringer, Ginny  
 Suttles, James  
 Taff, Cathy  
 Tarrence, Polly

Tartt, Tommy  
 Taylor, Marie  
 TenHaaf, WM  
 Terry, Pope  
 Thornton, Alaina  
 Trayler, 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.**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, April 9th**

Following Luncheon

Ages through 5th grade

Bring your friends!!!

Adults — stay and watch the children and  
enjoy desserts



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