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From the Session:

Dear Church Family,

Well let me say this at the start, I am not a writer, but I do from time to time read stuff that just makes sense. So I am going to share this with you because I think it is useful and noteworthy. This is an excerpt from “*God is in the Small Stuff*” by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz.

Church: Where God’s People Gather

Ever so innocently, we’ve let our English language distort the meaning of the word *church*. Sometimes, that word means a place (as in “I left my Bible at the church”). Other times, it refers to an *activity* (as in “What time does *church* start?”). Often *church* is used to describe an *institution* (as in “His behavior was frowned upon by the *church*”). While such definitions are appropriate, they miss the meaning of what *church* is all about.

The essence of *church* is your Christian family—those people around the world who follow Christ and commit themselves to Him and to each other. When the apostle Paul wrote about the church, he wasn’t talking about a building, an activity, or institution. For Paul, the expression of *church* meant a personal relationship among Christians. He most often compared the *church* to a human body.

In a body, all the parts and details are important, and they must function in harmony. The next time you go to church, don’t look at the building or think about the schedule of events. Instead, look at the people. Appreciate them for who they are, what they need, and what they contribute to the “body.” Then think about yourself. What is your role in the church? How do you fit in the body? Are you making a contribution to the overall health and fitness of the body?

Being part of the church means a lot more than just attending a service on Sunday morning, tossing a few coins in the basket, and shaking the pastor’s hand on the way out. Being a part of the church involves an interactive relationship between people with Christ as their common bond. With that definition you can’t “walk out of the church” on Sunday morning. You are part of the body all week long.

God bless,

Dennis

OUR VISION:

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.

Established 1839

July 2017 (* Please see more information for this event on the next page)

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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2 <u>Nursery</u> : Jackie Tripp <u>B-day</u> : Jacob Reeves <u>Anniv</u> : Josh & Kelsey Huizinga (#1)	3 <u>Anniv</u> : Joe & Jody McIntier	4 *4th of July Cookout/Fireworks 5:30 pm	5	6 *Pulpit Committee/ Session Meeting 7pm	7	8 <u>B-day</u> : Kristy Johnson <u>Anniv</u> : Josh & Heather Rimes (#10)
9 <u>Nursery</u> : Joy Mackin Diaconate Meeting 8:30 am Session Meeting 8:30 am *Ridge Haven Offering	10 <u>B-day</u> : Katy Reeves Parten <u>B-day</u> : Claire Coddington	11 *Women's Ministry Council 4:30 pm <u>B-day</u> : Ansley Basinger	12 <u>Anniv</u> : Mike & Bernice Cork (#14)	13 *Ladies Picnic 12 noon	14	15
16 <u>Nursery</u> : Andrea Ward *Church Fellowship Luncheon	17	18	19	20 <u>B-day</u> : Clay Mackin	21 <u>Bingo</u> : Sunrise Asst Living 1:30 pm <u>B-day</u> : Kami Basinger	22
23 <u>Nursery</u> : Nadine Coddington *Communion/ Ordination Service *HOP: 2:00 pm <u>B-day</u> : Scott Kirkpatrick <u>B-day</u> : Liam Rimes	24 *Palmer Home Trip	25 *Palmer Home Trip <u>B-day</u> : Makenna McNutt	26 *Palmer Home Trip <u>Anniv</u> : Parker & Kristy Johnson (#9)	27 *Palmer Home Trip <u>Anniv</u> : Jimmy & Joy Mackin (#49) <u>B-day</u> : Riddle Abrams <u>B-day</u> : Merry Coburn	28 *Palmer Home Trip <u>B-day</u> : Joey Morgan <u>Anniv</u> : Daniel & Kristy Atkins (#10) <u>Anniv</u> : Billy & Kristen Symon (#5)	29
30 <u>Nursery</u> : Alison Ward Deacon Offering <u>B-day</u> : Vivi McNutt	31					

July Events:

Deacons of the Month: Glenn Basinger and Ozzy Resto.

Nursery Workers: Please arrive in the nursery by 10:30 am.

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Ann Resto

Tuesday, July 4th, Cookout/Fireworks: On the church grounds at 5:30 pm. Bring your own “grill-ready” meat, a side dish to share and drinks for your family. After dinner, we will walk to the river to watch the fireworks at dark.

Thursday, July 6th, Pulpit Committee/Session Meeting/Presbytery Members: Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, July 9th, Ridge Haven Offering: A special offering will be taken for the Warrior Presbytery Women’s Ministry Ridge Haven Camp Scholarships. This offering will provide campers within our Presbytery scholarships to attend camp.

Tuesday, July 11th, Women’s Ministry Council Meeting: Meeting in the Church Parlor at 4:30 pm.

Thursday, July 13th, Ladies Picnic: At Joy Mackin’s home (1611 Marengo Dr) at 12:00 noon. Bring your own lunch or sandwich fixings will be provided for \$3. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

Sunday, July 18th, Fellowship Luncheon:

Leaders— TJ & Cindy Keasler,
 Committee— Mike & Bernice Cork
 Phil & Joyce Huizinga
 Jimmy & Joy Mackin
 Tyree Tripp

Sunday, July 23rd, Communion/Ordination Service: Ordination of new deacons, Ray Evans and Ozzy Resto.

Sunday, July 23rd, HOP Meeting: At Eloise Harris’s home (1607 Mauvilla Dr) at 2:00 pm.

July 24-28, Palmer Home Trip: If interested, please sign up; for more information, contact Joy Mackin or Scott Kirkpatrick.

August Events:

Saturday, August 5th, Warrior Women’s Ministry—Spiritual Connection: At Aliceville First Presbyterian Church; Registration 9-9:30 am. Speaker to be Sara Littlejohn. Lunch and Nursery provided. Please sign up by July 23 for a count of women and children planning to attend.

August Nursery Schedule:

8/6—Nadine Coddington
 8/13—Joy Mackin
 8/20—Andrea Ward
 8/27—Jackie Tripp

August 20th Potluck Committee:

Leaders— Ozzy & Ann Resto
 Committee— Glenn & Katy Basinger
 Dennis & Karen Davidson
 Brian Tripp



SHORTER CATECHISM

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

1 Corinthians 10:31—So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Romans 11:36—For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.

Psalms 73:24-26.—You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

John 17:22, 24—The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ... Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Pulpit Committee Update:

July 2017

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, a Congregational Meeting was held for the purpose of electing a Pulpit Committee, which follows:

Scott Kirkpatrick
Billy Symon
Glenn Basinger
Joy Mackin
Ozzy Resto
Beth Niehoff
Brian Tripp

*My peace
I give unto you
Let not your heart
be troubled, neither
let it be afraid.
John 14:27*

May 2017 Treasurer's Report:

	<u>May 2017</u>	<u>YTD 2017</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$7,261.62	\$48,356.70
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$9,126.45	\$51,568.94
	-1,864.83	-3,212.24

"Prayer is as natural
an expression of faith
as breathing is of life."
- Jonathan Edwards -

Supported Missionaries/Ministries:

Aaron & Leticia Zapata—Mexico
Clete & Karen Hux—Apologetics Resource Center
Jonah & Jennifer—Ninevah
Beth Acton & Joy Ayabe—Papua New Guinea
Guillermo & Jennie Salinas—Mexico
Robert & Lisa Stewart—Japan
Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez—Colombia
Andy & Bev Warren—Ethiopia
Doug & Kelly McNutt—Utah
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes—Peru
Palmer Home for Children
Sav-A-Life

mis·sion·ary, {noun}
someone who leaves their family
for a short time, so others may
be with their families for
ETERNITY

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

July 2017

Allen, Cade
Allgood, Louise
Aycocock, 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
Criswell, Candy
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
Ezell, Bobby
Farst, Dick
Farst, Maria
Finley, Betty
Fleming, Billy
Forte, Tony
Fuqua, Blake
Gentry, Steve
Grace, Hope
Gross, Jane
Hanson, Sherry
Hardwick, Jim
Harris, Bill
Harvey, John
Heath, Cindy
Hedrick, Gail
Hilbish, Bette
Hogg, Ian
Hollinger, Walter
Holman, Joann
Hurt, Amber
Husbands, Jennie
Jarvis, Val
Jenkins, Betty
Jennifer
Jones, Malcolm
Krusmark, Betty
Kyser, Helen
LaRocca, Dominic
Lashley, Joe
Lashley, Karen
Latham, Jeffie
Leascher, Chad
Lessman, Linus
Logan, Stevie
Mahaffey, Larry
Marquis, Alana & Jim
McCarter, Jean
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, Kay
Stephens, Maxine
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
Wallace, Barbara
Wellman, Glenna
West, Ruth
Weston, Bert
Whittington, Judy & Ricky
Williams, Ed
Williams, Ethel
Williams, Keith
Williams, Mary Lynne
Williamson, Trevor
Wise, Winton & Naomi
Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Womble, Caleb
Wrensted, Leah Price
Wright, Hettie

Special Needs

Cade Allen
Joe Lashley
Joel
CJ Golston
RJ Blount
Billy
Loretta Strickland
Liz Bond
Cam Cameron
Hugo
Michael Jacks
Melanie Hulsey
Charlie
Sue Entrekin
Maggie Quinney
Sara Elizabeth Hart

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

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

Expectant Mothers

Kristin Symon
Regan Broussard
Carrie Wilson
Kelsey Huizinga

Shut-Ins:

Luiza Coburn
Billy Fleming
Betty Krusmark
Mary Parker



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