

First Presbyterian Church

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August 2017

From the Session:

Dear friends, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. *James 1:19*

When it comes to communication, there are two kinds of people in the world – those who love to hear others talk, and those who love to hear themselves talk. I'm sure we know which one is more fun to be with.

Good communication skills begin with listening. Not only do you learn things about other people by listening, but you also make others feel important when you give them your full attention, complete with eye contact and nods. Of course, your goal may be to help others become good listeners by doing all the talking yourself. While I don't recommend this, I do offer a word of advice: learn to distinguish between head nods that show genuine interest and those that indicate that your listener is dozing off out of sheer boredom.

Still not convinced that listening is a better communication skill than talking? Try this experiment. The next time you are with a group of people at a party or other event do your best to listen intently. Ask questions rather than make statements. Make good eye

contact. If you keep this up by the end of the evening you will be considered by everyone else to be the most thoughtful and dynamic person in the room. You will also appear incredibly wise.

Even if you don't aspire to become a world class listener, you can always improve your communications skills by self-editing your conversations. Keep talking but use fewer words (better words). Avoid the extremes of empty flattery and harmful gossip, as if there is any other kind of gossip.

Another form of nonverbal communication that is extremely effective is when someone has done something nice for you; write them a thank you note. Or when someone needs a lift, write a personal note of encouragement. When tragedy strikes another, express your sympathy with a heart felt card. You'll never know how meaningful your words will be to others.

Be kind, considerate, and above all listen.

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

August 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>
		1 <u>B-day</u> : Courtney Lawrence	2	3	4 <u>B-day</u> : Lydia Buroker <u>B-day</u> : Carley Lawrence	5 *WWM—Spiritual Connection
6 <u>Nursery</u> : Nadine Coddington <u>B-day</u> : Caty Lawrence <u>B-day</u> : Eleanor Gill	7 <u>B-day</u> : Sara Dukes	8 <u>B-day</u> : Heather Rimes	9	10	11 <u>B-day</u> : Madison Solliday <u>Anniv</u> : David & Nadine Coddington	12
13 <u>Nursery</u> : Joy Mackin <u>Diaconate and Session Meetings</u> : 8:30 am Communion Service	14 Demopolis Public Schools— 1st Day of School	15 <u>B-day</u> : Carrie Morgan Wilson	16 * <u>Special Service and Dinner</u> : 5:30/6:15pm	17 <u>Anniv</u> : Bill & Melissa Weltin <u>Anniv</u> : Ozzy & Ann Resto	18 <u>B-day</u> : Ray Evans	19
20 <u>Nursery</u> : Andrea Ward *Church Fellowship Luncheon <u>B-day</u> : Bruce Brown	21	22	23 <u>B-day</u> : Karen Davidson <u>Choir Practice</u> : 7pm	24	25 <u>B-day</u> : Laura Morgan <u>B-day</u> : Lizzie Johnson	26 <u>B-day</u> : Billy Symon <u>B-day</u> : Aubrey Ward
27 <u>Nursery</u> : Ruth Symon * <u>HOP</u> : 2:00 pm	28 <u>Anniv</u> : CJ & Mary Beth Hilchey	29	30 <u>Choir Practice</u> : 7pm	31		

August Events:

Deacons of the Month: Keith Yeager and Ray Evans.

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

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Andrea Ward

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.

Wednesday, August 16th: Special Wednesday night service and dinner. Andy and Bev Warren are with Mission to the World and will be here to share about their work in Ethiopia. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm and the Warrens' presentation will begin at 6:15.

Sunday, August 20th, Fellowship Luncheon:

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

Sunday, August 27th, HOP Meeting: At Eloise Harris's home (1607 Mauvilla Dr) at 2:00 pm.

What is HOP? Hooked On Prayer

This is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill.

Can you pray? - We need you!
Can you knit or crochet? - We need you!
Can you write note cards? - We need you!

HOP meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining HOP, please call Joy Mackin (289-2812) or Paula Bond (216-1152). Any monetary gifts or donations of yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

September Events:

September Nursery Schedule:

9/3—Jackie Ward
9/10—Katy Basinger
9/17—Patty Kirkpatrick
9/24—Allison Ward

Wednesday Night Dinner, Adult Bible Study and Covenant Kids: Resumes September 20th—Dinner at 5:30 pm and Adult Bible Study/Covenant Kids at 6:15 pm. Dinners are \$6.50 per person or \$15.00 per family to cover the cost of food.

Puddle Jumpers: September 11-16; See the next page for more detailed information.

September 17th Potluck Committee:

Leaders— Bill & Melissa Weltin
Committee— Jackie & Grey Tripp
Peter & Beth Niehoff
Eloise Harris
Bess Weltin

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SHORTER CATECHISM

Q.2. What rule hath God given to direct how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and new Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

2 Timothy 3:16—

¹⁶ Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness

Ephesians 2:20—

⁴ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone

1 John 1:3-4—

³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Thank You Letters:

To My FPC Family,
 Thank you all so much for the wonderful retirement celebration and the awesome gift. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and love. I will miss seeing you at the office will see you all on Sundays! Now to all those projects I have put off for so long!! Any volunteers?
 Love you all, Karen Lashley

Dear Church,
 Thank you for an amazing VBS experience. My grandchildren felt safe, loved and included! Never doubt that you are making a difference in the community!
 Linda Lindy

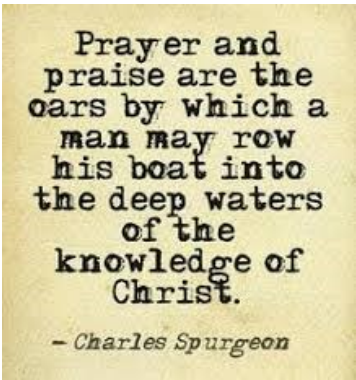
Dear First Presbyterian Church,
 Thank you so much for being such a generous and faithful donor. Sav-A-Life is so thankful for the local church.
 In His Love, Tanya Carter, Sav-A-Life

An Open Letter to FPC of Demopolis,
 I cannot find enough words to express how much I cherish the prayers, love and support I have received from your congregation. Without your support, I firmly believe I would not still be alive today. I want to humbly and sincerely thank you each and every one of you, may God bless you all. My fight against cancer continues and I am certain with your continued prayers and support that God will help me defeat this terrible disease.
 Sincerely, Walter Hollinger (Katy & Glenn Basinger's Brother in Law)

¹⁷ Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge,
¹⁸ for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.
 Proverbs 22: 17-18

June 2017 Treasurer's Report:

	<u>June 2017</u>	<u>YTD 2017</u>
General Fund Contributions	\$8,820.12	\$57,176.82
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$9,045.82</u>	<u>\$60,646.76</u>
	-225.70	-3,469.94



2017 Puddle Jumpers:

Puddle Jumpers is an annual fundraising event where the community is invited to participate as consignors and/or shop the public sale. This event is a consignment sale of children's clothes, toys, furniture, maternity clothes, etc. Consignors will receive 70% of their sales proceeds, but have an opportunity to earn an additional commission (up to 10%) by working the event. This fundraising event supports First Presbyterian Church's children's ministries. The registration deadline is Monday, September 4, 2017. Please email the church at demopres3895@bellsouth.net for more information.

Lots of workers are required for the success of this event and any help will be greatly appreciated. We are now accepting donations of large department store shopping bags.

Puddle Jumpers Schedule:

Consignor Check-in (A-G)	Mon, Sept. 11 th	4 - 6 pm
Consignor Check-in (H-Z)	Tues, Sept. 12 th	4 - 6 pm
Pre-Arranged Check-in	Mon, Sept. 11 th or Tues, Sept. 12 th	10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Pre-Sale for Consignors	Wed, Sept. 13 th	4 - 6 pm
Pre-Sale for Consignors' Guests	Wed, Sept. 13 th	5 - 6 pm
Public Sale	Thurs, Sept. 14 th	3 - 6 pm
Public Sale	Fri, Sept 15 th	3 - 6 pm
Half Off Sale	Sat, Sept. 16 th	8 am - 12 noon
Clean-Up and Inventory	Sat, Sept. 16 th	12 noon - 1 pm
Consignors Pick Up Unsold Items	Sat, Sept. 16 th	1 - 2 pm
Consignors Pick Up Checks	Sat, Sept. 16 th	1 - 2 pm



Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

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Allen, Cade
Allgood, Louise
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
Criswell, Candy
Cross, Margaret
Daffin, Robbie
Daugherty, 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
Walter (Holl) Hollinger
Kristye Chastang

Upcoming Marriages

Joel Coddington & Courtney Lawrence
Meredith Mackin & Kye Cole

Expectant Mothers

Kristin Symon
Regan Broussard
Carrie Wilson
Kelsey Huizinga

Shut-Ins:

Luiza Coburn
Billy Fleming
Betty Krusmark
Mary Parker

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