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From the Session:

Jesus of Nazareth. No other name has inspired more controversy, or evoked more reverence, or devotion.

For over 2000 years the controversy has continued to rage without slowing. Everyone has an opinion on the subject. For many Jesus is the expression of one's desires and imagination. For instance the popular book "The Shack," Jesus is portrayed as a really cool big brother that can do all kinds of neat things and is really fun to be around.

People tend to see what they want to see in Jesus: A dutiful son, sage, or martyr, depending on our personal needs. We tend to mold him into whatever form is needed to get us past that next hurdle.

But who is Jesus? Jesus himself asked that question in Matthew 16:13-16, "when Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do the people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" The word of God tells us who he is. So why do people try so hard to make up their own version of Jesus as opposed to who he actually is?

I suppose the answer to that question is as people we tend to want to cover up our sin and sinful nature. If we can convince ourselves that we are not as bad as the next person or in fact we are basically a good person then everything is good, and we will all meet in heaven. Unfortunately, if we think that, we are lying to ourselves.

Another popular belief is that there are many paths to God. Sort of like different routes to the top of a mountain. We each follow our own path, and we will all arrive at the same destination. However the Bible has a different view:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" John 14:6. Jesus is who he says he is. Believe in Him, confess your sins and you will be saved.

Jesus is the Christ, the son of the ever living God. And he expects us to confess our sins to him and repent of those sins, because he will forgive us and remember those sins no more. A made up version of Jesus cannot do that.

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

September 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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3 <u>Nursery</u> : Jackie Tripp	4 Labor Day Holiday <u>Anniv</u> : Dennis & Karen Davidson	5	6	7 <u>B-day</u> : Carter Bules	8 <u>B-day</u> : Olivia Tripp <u>B-day</u> : Colt Broussard	9
10 <u>Nursery</u> : Katy Basinger Joint Diaconate & Session Meeting : 8:30 am <u>B-day</u> : Joe McIntier	11 *Puddle Jumpers Consignor (A-G) Check In: 4-6pm	12 *Puddle Jumpers Consignor (H-Z) Check In: 4-6pm	13 *Puddle Jumpers Consignor Presale: 4-6pm Consignors' Guest Presale: 5-6pm <u>B-day</u> : Bernice Cork	14 *Puddle Jumpers Public Sale: 3-6pm	15 *Puddle Jumpers Public Sale: 3-6pm <u>B-day</u> : Tommy Carr	16 *Puddle Jumpers Public 1/2-Price Sale: 8am-12noon Cleanup/Inventory: 12noon-1pm Consignors Pick Up: 1-2pm
17 <u>Nursery</u> : Patty Kirkpatrick *Church Fellowship Luncheon <u>B-day</u> : Josh Huizinga <u>B-day</u> : Adam Mackin <u>B-day</u> : Sharlene Fleming	18	19 <u>B-day</u> : Eli Basinger	20 <u>B-day</u> : Gabe Lawrence Wed Eve Dinner : 5:30pm Wed Bible Study & Covenant Kids : 6:15pm Choir Practice : 7pm	21 <u>B-day</u> : Glenn Basinger	22	23
24 <u>Nursery</u> : Allison Ward *HOP : 2:00 pm	25 <u>B-day</u> : Anna Carolina Dukes	26 <u>Anniv</u> : Peter & Beth Niehoff	27 Wed Eve Dinner : 5:30pm Wed Bible Study & Covenant Kids : 6:15pm Choir Practice : 7pm	28 <u>B-day</u> : Emma Atkins	29	30 <u>Anniv</u> : Clay & Tiffany Mackin

September Events:

Deacons of the Month: David Coddington and Mike Cork.

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

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Melissa Weltin

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

Sunday, September 17th, Fellowship Luncheon:

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

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.

Sunday, September 24th, HOP Meeting: At Eloise Harris's home (1607 Mauvilla Dr) at 2:00 pm.

October Events:

October Nursery Schedule:

10/1—Nadine Coddington
10/8—Jackie Tripp
10/15—Katy Basinger
10/22—Patty Kirkpatrick
10/29—Ruth Symon

October 1st Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study Kick-Off: 2:00 pm. This gathering will introduce the Women's Bible Studies for the Morning and Evening Circles which will be taught by Beth Niehoff. Refreshments will be served. All who are interested in participating: PLEASE COME!

October 8th Officer Appreciation Meal: provided by the Women's Ministry.

October 10th Women's Ministry Morning Circle: 9:30 am; Women's Ministry Council Meeting, 4:30 pm.

October 15th Potluck Committee:

Leaders— Jimmy & Joy Mackin
Committee— David & Nadine Coddington
Billy & Ruth Symon
Allison Ward
Karen Lashley

November Events:

November 5th Homecoming: with Bill Gleason. More details to be announced.

November 5th Church Fellowship Luncheon: Immediately following worship service.

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SHORTER CATECHISM

Q3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

2 Timothy 1:13—

¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:16—

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

BUY • SELL TRADE

Buy, Sell, Trade or Give @ FPC

Do you have things at home that you want to buy, sell, trade or just give away?

Would you like to be notified when someone has something that you may want or need?

This group is intended for only members of First Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to participate, please submit your name and email address to the church office. When you have an item, email the church and it will be distributed to only the people within this group who want to be notified.

This new program will benefit the members of our church by connecting with each other.

Please email the church if you are interested in being part of this group.

I Corinthians 10:31

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Bernice and Mike Cork’s Vacation Address:

Koa Lagoon—Unit 406
800 S. Kihei Rd
Kihei, HI 96753

*Ms. Hettie wants to remind everyone that Bernice will be at this address on Sept. 13th which is her birthday, and would like Bernice to get birthday cards.

Welcome New Members!

Lisa Lawrence
Stephen Cannon
Vickie Cannon
Jonathan Cannon
Lillian Cannon
Isaac Cannon

Paula Bond’s New Address:

c/o Palmer Home
912 11th Ave S
Columbus, MS 39703

Wedding Save the Date:

Courtney Lawrence
And
Joel Coddington
January 27, 2018
Anniston, AL

July 2017 Treasurer’s Report:

	<u>July 2017</u>	<u>YTD 2017</u>
General Fund Contributions	\$11,464.83	\$68,641.65
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$11,829.25</u>	\$72,476.01
	(\$364.42)	(\$3,834.36)



2017 Christmas Cards for the Troops:

It’s that time of year when we begin to collect cards to send to our troops stationed overseas. Because they need to be mailed to the Chaplains by Thanksgiving, we need to start on them NOW! The cards can either be homemade or store bought with a personal message inside. Let’s show our support to the men and women serving in the military especially during Christmas when they may especially need our encouragement.

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allen, Cade
Allgood, Louise
Aycocock, Chelsea
Barker, Barbara
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
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
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 Nduge
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



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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
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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SALE DATES: SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2017



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