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October 2017

From the Session:

The Protestant Reformation

On this day in 1517, the priest and scholar Martin Luther approaches the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, and nails a piece of paper to it containing the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation.

In his thesis, Luther condemned the excesses and corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the papal practice of asking payment—called “indulgences”—for the forgiveness of sins. At the time, a Dominican priest named Johann Tetzel, commissioned by the Archbishop of Mainz and Pope Leo X, was in the midst of a major fundraising campaign in Germany to finance the renovation of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Though Prince Frederick III the Wise had banned the sale of indulgences in Wittenberg, many church members traveled to purchase them. When they returned, they showed the pardons they had bought to Luther, claiming they no longer had to repent for their sins.

Luther’s frustration with this practice led him to write the 95 Theses, which were quickly snapped up, translated from Latin into German and distributed widely. A copy made its way to Rome, and efforts began to convince Luther to change his tune. He refused to

keep silent, however, and in 1521 Pope Leo X formally excommunicated Luther from the Catholic Church. That same year, Luther again refused to recant his writings before the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V of Germany, who issued the famous Edict of Worms declaring Luther an outlaw and a heretic and giving permission for anyone to kill him without consequence. Protected by Prince Frederick, Luther began working on a German translation of the Bible, a task that took 10 years to complete.

The term “Protestant” first appeared in 1529, when Charles V revoked a provision that allowed the ruler of each German state to choose whether they would enforce the Edict of Worms. A number of princes and other supporters of Luther issued a protest, declaring that their allegiance to God trumped their allegiance to the emperor. They became known to their opponents as Protestants; gradually this name came to apply to all who believed the Church should be reformed, even those outside Germany. By the time Luther died, of natural causes, in 1546, his revolutionary beliefs had formed the basis for the Protestant Reformation, which would over the next three centuries revolutionize Western civilization.

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

October 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 Nursery: Nadine Coddington Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study Kick-Off: 2:00pm Session Meeting: 3pm B-Day: Jody McIntier	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Nursery: Jackie Tripp Officer Appreciation Breakfast: 8:00am Diaconate Meeting: 8:30am	9 Columbus Day Holiday B-Day: Allison Ward	10 Women's Ministry Morning Circle: 9:30am Women's Ministry Council Meeting: 4:30pm	11 Anniv: Becca & Gavin McGee	12	13	14
15 Nursery: Katy Basinger *Love Gift Offering *HOP: 2:00pm	16 B-Day: Tyree Tripp	17	18	19 B-Day: Alan Lashley	20 Bingo: 1:30pm @ Sonrise B-Day: T.M. Culpepper, III B-Day: James Solliday B-Day: Shawn Allen	21
22 Nursery: Patty Kirkpatrick *Bridal Shower: 2:30- 4:00pm for Meredith Mackin B-Day: Sam Yeager B-Day: Melisa Resto	23 B-Day: Melanie Evans	24 Anniv: Alan & Karen Lashley	25 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Wed Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7:00pm Anniv: Jeff & Lolly Davidson Anniv: Stephen & Vickie Cannon	26 Lunch Bunch: 11:30am @ Stacy's Cafe	27	28 B-Day: Dick Farst B-Day: Avery Carr
29 Nursery: Ruth Symon Deacon Offering *Homecoming Service and Fellowship Luncheon B-Day: Sadie Atkins Anniv: Neil & Jaimee Bules	30 B-Day: Tiffany Mackin	31				

October 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: Cindy Keasler

Wednesday Night Dinner, Adult Bible Study and Covenant Kids: 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, 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!
- **Session Meeting:** 3:00 pm

Sunday, October 8th, Officer Appreciation Meal: 8:00 am provided by the Women's Ministry.

Tuesday, October 10th, Women's Ministry:

- **Morning Circle:** 9:30 am.
- **Council Meeting,** 4:30 pm.

Sunday, October 15th:

- **Love Gift Offering:** This year's PCA Women's Love Gift directly benefits and equips young women at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia.
- **Sunday, October 15th, HOP Meeting:** Due to the Homecoming activities to be held on October 29th, the HOP meeting will be held on October 15th at 2:00 pm at Eloise Harris's home (1607 Mauvilla Dr).

Sunday, October 22nd, Bridal Shower: 2:30-4:00 pm, for Meredith Mackin in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 29th, Homecoming Service: Bill Gleason

Sunday, October 29th, Homecoming Fellowship Luncheon:

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

November Events:

Deacons of the Month: Keith Yeager and Mike Cork

Food Ministry Chair: Patty Kirkpatrick

November Nursery Schedule:

11/5 — Nadine Coddington
 11/12 — Jackie Tripp
 11/19 — Katy Basinger
 11/26 — Patty Kirkpatrick

Sunday, November 12th, Potluck Committee:

Leaders— Peter & Beth Niehoff
 Committee— Scott & Patty Kirkpatrick
 Ray & Melanie Evans
 Andrea Ward

Sunday, November 19th, Baby Shower: for Kelsey Huizinga

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SHORTER CATECHISM

Q.4. What is God?

A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Scripture Proofs:

1. John 4:24
2. Job 11:7-9
3. Psalms 90:2
4. James 1:17
5. Exodus 3:14
6. Psalms 147:5
7. Revelation 4:8
8. Revelation 15:4
9. Exodus 34:6-7

	August	YTD
General Fund Contributions	\$17,954.42	\$86,596.07
General Fund Expenses	(\$9,823.64)	(\$82,299.65)
Gain/Loss	\$8,130.78	\$4,296.42

Thank You Letter:

8/29/2017

Dear Church Family,

This has been quite a journey I have taken, but I have not been alone thanks to you. I want to truly express my appreciation for how you have carried me through these past few months. I have seen Jesus's heart in you. Thank you for your willingness to be used of God to help me through my trials. God has taken me through the fire and blessed me above and beyond measure.

I am very happy to be at Palmer Home. All is well. I am now in my second cottage getting to know and love the kids. Each cottage is different. Each has its own set of rules and chores. Some are more strict than others. I covet your prayers.

Thank you for your cards, texts, and phone calls of encouragement, helping me move, giving me a listening ear, and a home to live in.

I love you so much! May God bless you richly.

Paula

CORRECTION:

Paula Bond's New Address:

c/o Palmer Home
912 11th Ave S
Columbus, MS **39701**

Congratulations:

To Billy and Ruth Symon on the birth of their grandson
William Symon
born on 9/7/2017

New Address:

Joe & Jody McIntier
661 CR 4818
Wolfe City, TX 75496

Wedding—Save the Date:

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

With Deepest Sympathy:

To the Cindy Keesler Family on the passing of Cindy's mother,
Sharlene Fleming, on
9/19/2017.

To the Ozzy Resto Family on the passing of Ozzy's brother in Puerto Rico, Israel Resto Vazquez, on 9/25/2017.

Puddle Jumpers Recap:

- Net Sales: \$3,843.50
- FPC Children's Ministries: \$1,041.58

Thank you to all who helped with this year's Puddle Jumpers community consignment sale! Our success is only because of God's grace upon us. Thank you for your willingness to give of your time and support of our children's ministries. Thank you to the 18 consignors who participated, the multiple volunteers who gave of their time, and the shoppers who got the best deals in town!

Upcoming Showers at FPC:

Meredith Mackin—Bridal Shower, 10/22/2017

Kelsey Huizinga—Baby Shower, 11/19/2017

Courtney Lawrence—Bridal Shower, 12/3/2017

Isaiah 55 Ministries October/November 2017

The school year has begun for the Isaiah 55 students and the Vocational Ed is gearing up for the year. So far the sewing students have been finishing projects that were not finished during the 2016/2017 year. They have also spent time cleaning and organizing the sewing classrooms including their work stations.

Our focus this school year will be on making a pair of pants that fit. We will begin with a denim pair that requires about 2 yards of fabric for each student. They will work on learning a mock fly-front zipper as well as a regular fly-front zipper, set in pockets, attached pockets, belt loops, buttonholes, and hook & eye closures. This should make for a challenging year. Both the neighborhood students as well as the deaf student chose their patterns so that is a big plus. For this year we will need to have 12 - 15 yards of stretch denim for each class. As a fun project they will work on Christmas ornaments, a pieced table runner, pieced purse, or round floor pillow. The classes will run from October 16 through November 10, four weeks. The dates for the two Spring classes are now being set by the school but should be sometime in February and April 2018.

Please pray for the classes that we have patience, clarity in teaching, a willingness to learn, fellowship, a spirit of helpfulness, and lots of laughter. May we show Christ in the way we handle each situation. Also please pray for safety as we travel and health while we are apart.

Phil will be bringing me to McAllen and then flying home the week of October 10th. It has not yet been decided if we will be taking the 5th wheel as it is being repaired from the blowout we had on the way home from Michigan. We will return to Demopolis on November 19th after a week at Gulf Shores to enjoy the beach.

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

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

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Allen, Cade
Allinder, Ike
Allgood, Louise
Aycocock, Chelsea
Barker, Barbara
Barron, Keaton
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
Cross, Margaret Anne
Daugherty, Jody
Davidson, Karen
Denson, Leita
Douglas, Jerry
Duncan, Conner
Dyer, Doug
Dykes, Cory
Eatmon, Megan
Eshee, Judy
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
Harris, Bill
Harvey, John
Heath, Cindy
Hedrick, Gail
Hilbish, Bette
Hogg, Ian
Hollinger, Walter
Holman, Joann
Hooks, Chesnee
Hurt, Amber
Husbands, Jennie
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
Mills, Angel
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
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
Thomas, Ethel & Wallace
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:

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

Regan Broussard
Carrie Wilson
Kelsey Huizinga

Shut-Ins:

Luiza Coburn
Billy Fleming
Betty Krusmark
Mary Parker

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Women's Ministry Love Gift, October 15, 2017

Since 1974, women in the PCA have supported an annual love gift to promote the denomination and demonstrate our corporate "helper-design" as women in the church. The money is raised in various ways such as donations, fundraisers, etc.

The Women's Love Gift has blessed committees and agencies such as MNA's Special Needs Ministries, MTW's efforts to support the Gonaives, Haiti, Children's Home, and other such ministries.

Showing the annual Women's Love Gift in your church does several things: Educates the people in the pew, promotes unity and greater understanding of the PCA, and provides good opportunities for monies to be appropriately channeled to specific ministry needs.

