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From the Session:

Thanksgiving

This is the time of the year that I really enjoy. As the family gathers together and we enjoy good food and probably way too much of it, I can't help reflecting on all my blessings. And I am convicted to a certain extent that I don't always give thanks to our heavenly father for the blessings he gives us on a daily basis. I come to almost expect that they will be there just because they always have been. But what would happen if God decided to withhold his blessing for just one day. What a dark day that would be. Let me focus on what I feel is the greatest blessing.

Relationships: First would be my relationship with Jesus Christ. Without Jesus life would have no purpose. I also treasure all of my relationships with people in my life because they help to make me what I am today. God knew just the right people to bring into my life to mold me and direct me. I am thankful for my family. I feel very blessed to have been married to the same woman for 47 years. God put her in my life because He knew exactly what I needed to balance my life. God also blessed us with three godly sons, who have married godly women. Each one unique and I love them for that. We are also blessed with five grandchildren who are being raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. God brought us to a community and to a

church family that have continued to influence us for the growth and development of our Christian walk with God.

The older I get the more I realize that the stuff that I have accumulated over the years becomes more and more less relevant to me. In fact it actually seems to get in the way and I look for new places to store it. Often that final resting place ends up being the trash can. Probably because a yard sale seems like too much work. I guess the whole point I am getting to is focus on what is really important. God gives us that in His word.

Matthew 6:19-21

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Invest yourselves in relationships, first with God and then with family and friends. And on a daily basis, give thanks to our heavenly Father who provides all our needs.

Happy Thanksgiving and 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

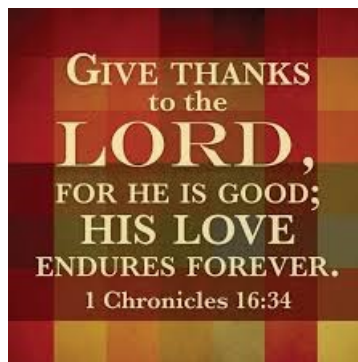
STATEMENT:

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.

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<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
			1 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	2	3	4 B-Day: Joel Coddington
5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (turn clocks back) Nursery: Nadine Coddington Session Meeting: 3pm International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (see page 4)	6 Anniv: Ray & Melanie Evans	7	8 B-Day: Stephen Cannon Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	9	10 Turn in your Christmas Cards for the Troops!	11 Veterans Day Holiday
12 Nursery: Jackie Tripp Deacon Meeting: 8:30am Fellowship Luncheon Order Your Poinsettias!	13 B-Day: Raymond Coddington B-Day: Judah McNutt	14 WM-Morning Circle: 9:30am	15 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	16 WM-Evening Circle: 7pm B-Day: Joy Mackin B-Day: Isaac Carr	17 Bingo: 1:30pm @ Sonrise Assisted Living	18
19 Nursery: Katy Basinger Baby Shower: 2:30pm for Kelsey Huizinga Get Your Angel from the Angel Tree!	20 B-Day: Ruth Symon B-Day: Mia McNutt B-Day: Nathaniel Coddington	21	22 Newsletter Deadline B-Day: David Coddington	23 Thanksgiving Holiday B-Day: TJ Keasler B-Day: Andrea Ward Anniv: Dick & Sharon Farst	24	25
26 Nursery: Patty Kirkpatrick HOP: CANCELLED	27 B-Day: Cindy Keasler	28	29 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	30 Lunch Bunch: 11:30am @ Mr. G's		



November 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: Patty Kirkpatrick

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.

Women's Ministry:

- Morning Circle Bible Study: November 14th, 9:30 am
- Evening Circle Bible Study: November 16th, 7:00 pm

Officers' Meetings:

- Session Meeting, November 5th, 3:00 pm
- Diaconate Meeting, November 12th, 8:30 am

Sunday, November 12th, Fellowship Luncheon:

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

Sunday, November 19th, Baby Shower: 2:30-4:00 pm, for Kelsey Huizinga in the Fellowship Hall.

December Events:

Deacons of the Month: Keith Yeager and Mike Cork

Food Ministry Chair: Joy Mackin

December Nursery Schedule:

12/3 — Ruth Symon
 12/10 — Jackie Tripp
 12/17 — Katy Basinger (Morning Service)
 12/17— Paid Worker (Candlelight Service)
 12/24 — Patty Kirkpatrick
 12/31— Ruth Symon

Sunday, December 3rd:

- **First Sunday in Advent**
- **HOP Christmas Party:** 1:30, at Eloise Harris' Home
- **Bridal Shower:** 2:30-4:00 pm, for Courtney Lawrence (Joel Coddington)
- **Session Meeting:** 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 10th:

- **Joint Session/Deacon Meetings:** 8:30 am
- **Ladies Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 13th:

- Family Christmas Party
- Angel Tree Gifts Deadline to the Church

Sunday, December 13th, Potluck Committee:

Leaders— Keith & Audrey Yeager
 Committee— Mike & Bernice Cork; TJ & Cindy Keasler; Phil & Joyce Huizinga; Tyree Tripp

Sunday, December 17th, Candlelight/Communion Service: To be determined

Monday, December 25th, Informal Christmas Morning Service: 10:30 am

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SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Scripture Proofs:

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.

Jeremiah 10:10

But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and the everlasting king. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Contributions	\$8,620.99	\$95,216.64
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$13,211.68</u>	<u>\$95,453.33</u>
Gain/Loss	\$ (4,590.69)	\$ (326.69)



prayer for the persecuted

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

From Mission to the World (MTW): **November 5th** is **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**. Join millions around the world in praying for the Persecuted Church. Please remember those believers who suffer because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Pray for those missionaries who work where there is great opposition to the gospel, and ask that God might use them in mighty ways. Also, please ask for protection for these missionaries and their families. The attached calendar is a tool to provide guidance for your prayer time.

For with
God nothing
shall be
impossible.
-Luke 1:37

Upcoming Showers:

Kelsey Huizinga—Baby Shower, 11/19/2017

Courtney Lawrence—Bridal Shower, 12/3/2017



Palmer Home Poinsettias

It is almost time to place your order for this year's **Palmer Home Poinsettias**. These poinsettias are planted and nurtured by the children of Palmer Home over an 8-week period. Through this program, the children learn values such as responsibility, dependability, and confidence. Funds from the poinsettia sales help support Palmer Home's mission to rescue and restore the lives of children in need.

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, December 10th**. Each red poinsettia is **\$18** and is in a 6.5" pot. Order forms will be provided beginning with the November 12th bulletins.

The poinsettias will be delivered to the church, and they will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the December 17th Morning Worship Service and the Candlelight Service. Also, if you would like to dedicate your poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one, these will be listed in the December 17th bulletin.

You may take your poinsettias home after the Candlelight Service.



Christmas Cards for Troops

Each year we collect Christmas cards for our troops overseas. They are sent through our denomination's Chaplains Ministry. We are given the names and addresses of Chaplains stationed overseas and we mail each of them a box. The cards are then hand delivered to our servicemen and women and are very much appreciated.

- The cards can be store bought or homemade. (if homemade, they do not require an envelope.)
- We ask that you write a brief note of encouragement (i.e. Thank you for your service, praying for you, etc.) and sign your first name and where you are from (city, and/or organization).
- Please seal the cards.
- You may write "An American Service Member" on the envelope.
- Then bring them to the First Presbyterian Church. The office is open from 8:30-12:30 M-F.
- Deadline to deliver the cards: **November 10th**. The cards will need to be in the mail early to ensure delivery by Christmas.



OUR VETERANS:

U.S. Air Force

Victor Resto	2015-present
Keith Yeager	1982-1989

U.S. Army

Neil Bules (Rangers)	
T.M. Culpepper	1953-1955
Dennis Davidson	1970-1979
Dick Kirkpatrick	1943-1945
Jimmy Mackin	1966-1969
Ozzy Resto	1984-1990
Ann Resto	1987-1991
Bill Weltin	1970-1972
Joseph Wilson	present

U.S. Coast Guard

Josh Allums	present
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U.S. Marine Corps

Christopher Gill	1995-2006
Chp. William Broderick	1989-1995

U.S. Navy

Sam Brasfield	1988-present
Raymond Coddington	
Phil Huizinga	1966-1970
Phillip Huizinga	1992-2000
Josh Huizinga	2002-2008
Alan Lashley	1970-1972
Chp William Broderick	2013-present

Please pray for our Veterans:

Almighty God, please let every veteran of our nation's Armed Forces feel truly and appropriately honored by their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and those who dwell here.

God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, and their perseverance. You know their needs, physically and spiritually. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15), and 'joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand' forevermore (Psalm 16:11). Amen

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allinder, Ike
Allgood, Louise
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
Collins, Bette
Collins, Brandon
Cook, Susan
Copeland, Roy
Craig, Kaleigh
Cross, Margaret
Cross, Margaret Anne
Daughtery, Jody
Davidson, Karen
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
Hilbich, Bette

Hocker, Jeannie
Hogg, Ian
Hollinger, Walter
Holman, Joann
Hooks, Chesnee
Hurt, Amber
Husbands, Jennie
Jennifer
Jones, Malcolm
Krusmark, Betty
Kyser, Helen
LaRocca, Dominic
Lashley, Joe
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 Ndunge
Myers, Sophie
Newberry, Madi
Parker, Mary
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

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
Traylor, Drew
Trotter, Dottie
Tucker, Sadie
Wallace, Barbara
Wellman, Glenna
West, Ruth
Weston, Bert
Williams, Ed
Williams, Ethel
Williams, Mary Lynne
Williamson, Trevor
Wise, Winton & Naomi
Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Womble, Caleb
Wrensted, Leah Price
Wright, Hettie

NOTE: If you know anyone who needs to be taken off or added to any of these lists, please let Ann know to keep this current.



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Special Needs

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
Joseph Wilson

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



2017 Angel Tree

You can make a difference in our community by giving to a local child in need.

Christmas is a difficult time for families who are struggling. The Angel Tree recipients are students and their siblings from our local school system.

The Angel Tree will be ready for you to select an "Angel" on **Sunday, November 19th.**

Your wrapped Christmas gifts, with the angel tag attached, will need to be brought back to the church by **Wednesday, December 13th.**

Your gift will help make a child feel special this Christmas and will also minister our love for their families.



Angel Tree Instructions:

- * Select an Angel.
- * Sign out your Angel on the form using the corresponding Angel's number.
- * Wrap the gift and attach the Angel's tag to the package.
- * Deadline to bring the gift to the church: **Wednesday, December 13th.**
- * All gifts will be delivered to the school for the parents to pick up on December 15th.





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