

# First Presbyterian Church

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*Established 1839*

## From the Session:

### Happy Valentine's Day

February is the month of valentines, celebration of love, hearts, candy and lots of other stuff. I mention this only because I just recently had a procedure done on my heart. And I might add that I would still need it were it not for the constant encouragement of my wife Karen. Dr Mendelssohn at the Princeton hospital in Birmingham placed two stents in the veins of my lower heart due to some plaque buildup and the narrowing of those veins. My prognosis is good. He told me I need to start walking 30 minutes each day and he would see me again in six months and put me on the treadmill and see how I have done.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who prayed for me during this time. Believe me I really treasure your prayers. I would also like to thank Joy and Joyce and others who contributed the meal that was brought by when we got home. As you know I do most of the cooking, but it was so nice not to have to worry about cooking that night. All we had to do was dish it up, give thanks and eat. I might add that the food was very tasty too.

Keeping with this theme of hearts and love, I would encourage each of you to show that love by sharing your time or a meal with someone who you know could use your fellowship and encouragement at this time. I have heard it said time and time again that our church is one of the most loving churches in Demopolis.

For it is said in Matthew 25:35-40 <sup>35</sup> *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,* <sup>36</sup> *I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'* <sup>37</sup> *Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'* <sup>38</sup> *And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?'* <sup>39</sup> *And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'* <sup>40</sup> *And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

It is the example of the Lord we want to imitate, for we are made in His image.

God bless you all,  
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.

# February 2018

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
				1	2	3
4 <b>Nursery:</b> Ruth Symon	5 <b>B-day:</b> Kip McClure <b>B-day:</b> Price McClure	6	7 <b>Wed Eve Dinner:</b> 5:30pm <b>Bible Study/Covenant</b> <b>Kids:</b> 6:15pm <b>Choir Practice:</b> 7pm <b>B-day:</b> Phil Huizinga	8	9	10 <b>B-day:</b> Kelly McNutt
11 <b>Nursery:</b> Allison Ward <b>Session Meeting:</b> 8:30 am <b>Diaconate Meeting:</b> 8:30 am	12	13 <b>Women's Ministry</b> <b>Morning Circle:</b> 9:30am	14 <b>Wed Eve Dinner:</b> 5:30pm <b>Bible Study/Covenant</b> <b>Kids:</b> 6:15pm <b>Choir Practice:</b> 7pm <b>Happy Valentines Day!</b>	15 <b>Women's Ministry</b> <b>Evening Circle:</b> 7pm	16 <b>B-day:</b> Noa Kate Carr <b>B-day:</b> Hallie Jane Basinger <b>Bingo:</b> 1:30pm, Sonrise Assisted Living	17
18 <b>Nursery:</b> Nadine Coddington <b>Fellowship Luncheon</b>	19 <b>B-day:</b> Sawyer Hayes Wilson <b>Anniv:</b> Paula & Larry Bond <b>Holiday:</b> Presidents Day	20	21 <b>Wed Eve Dinner:</b> 5:30pm <b>Bible Study/Covenant</b> <b>Kids:</b> 6:15pm <b>Choir Practice:</b> 7pm <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	22 <b>Lunch Bunch:</b> 11:30am, Stacy's Cafe	23	24
25 <b>Nursery:</b> Jackie Tripp <b>HOP:</b> 2pm	26	27	28 <b>Wed Eve Dinner:</b> 5:30pm <b>Bible Study/Covenant</b> <b>Kids:</b> 6:15pm <b>Choir Practice:</b> 7pm <b>B-day:</b> Mike Cork			



We love because  
He first loved us.  
1 John 4:19



XOXO

## February 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:** Bernice Cork

**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. Please sign up to ensure enough food and place settings are prepared.

### Sunday, February 11th:

- Session Meeting, 8:30 am.
- Diaconate Meeting, 8:30 am.

### Sunday, February 18th:

- Fellowship Luncheon, immediately following Sunday worship service.  
 Leaders— Jimmy & Joy Mackin  
 Committee— Stephen & Vickie Cannon  
 David & Nadine Coddington

### Thursday, February 22nd:

- Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, at Stacy's Cafe. The Lunch Bunch are ladies from the church who meet for lunch on the last Thursday of each month. Please come along if you are available during lunch and want fun fellowship! Lots of laughs are guaranteed.

### Sunday, February 25th:

- HOP (Hooked on Prayer), 2:00 pm, at Eloise Harris' home.

	<u>December 2017</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Contributions	\$ 11,213.34	\$ 126,787.57
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$ (9,503.67)</u>	<u>\$(124,624.27)</u>
Gain/Loss	\$ 1,709.67	\$ 2,163.30

## OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:

- ◆ The 2018 Flower Calendar has been posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to sign up to provide flowers in the Sanctuary for a specific Sunday worship service.
- ◆ If you feel led to assist with the Nursery in 2018, we are calling all willing volunteers. Currently, there are 6 volunteers in rotation. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



## SHORTER CATECHISM

**Q.8. What is the work of creation?**

**A.** The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

### Scripture Proofs

**Genesis 1:1.** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**Psalms 33:6, 9.** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host...For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**Hebrews 11:3.** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

**Genesis 1:31.** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To the family of Phil & Joyce Huizinga on the birth of their first granddaughter, Ella Burke Huizinga. She was born on January 1, 2018. Her parents are Josh & Kelsey Huizinga.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Billy Symon has a new cell phone number which is **334-327-8328**. (Please delete his old number 334-341-7666.) Also, Billy's work email will no longer be active as of February 1st.

**THANK YOU**

We wish to thank everyone who so generously brought us food during the holidays and during our illnesses. They were so appreciated. I probably have failed to send a personal thank you to someone and I apologize. I'm not too organized right now. God bless you all. Karen for all the Lashley's

**THANK YOU**

Thank you dear friends for all the prayers, concerns and meal during my stay at Princeton hospital due to the need for stents to be placed. We thank God for such a loving family. Yours in Christ, Dennis and Karen

Preach the Gospel to all nations  
Mark 16:15

Discipleship:  
Becoming More Like  
**CHRIST**  
EPHESIANS 2:10

**Our Faith Promise Missionaries**

Apologetics Resource Center  
- Clete & Karen Hux

Frontiers  
- Jonah & Jennifer

Mission to the World  
- Robert & Lisa Stewart, Japan  
- Nathaniel Gutierrez, Peru  
- Andy & Bev Warren, Ethiopia

Mission to North America  
- Doug & Kelly McNutt, Utah  
- Aaron & Leticia Zapata, Mexico

Palmer Home for Children, Columbus, MS

Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship  
- Jimmy & Nadia Dukes, Peru  
- Guillermo & Jennie Salinas, Mexico

Sav-A-Life, Demopolis

Wycliffe Bible Translators  
- Beth Acton, Papua New Guinea  
- Joy Ayabe, Papua New Guinea



**TEN WAYS TO LOVE**

- LISTEN** *without interrupting (Proverbs 18)*
- SPEAK** *without accusing (James 1:19)*
- GIVE** *without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)*
- PRAY** *without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)*
- ANSWER** *without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)*
- SHARE** *without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)*
- ENJOY** *without complaint (Philippians 2:14)*
- TRUST** *without wavering (Corinthians 13:7)*
- FORGIVE** *without punishing (Colossians 3:13)*
- PROMISE** *without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)*

**Hooked On Prayer (HOP):**

Allinder, Ike	Hilbish, Bette
Allgood, Louise	Hocker, Jeannie
Barkley, Mack	Hogg, Ian
Barron, Keaton	Hollinger, Walter
Beeler, Peggy	Holman, Joann
Benham, Bernice	Hooks, Chesnee
Boggs, Ben	Hurt, Amber
Brooker, Chrissy	Husbands, Jennie
Brooker, Jan	Jennifer (Missionary)
Browder, Linda	Johnson, Virgil
Brown, Pearl Joy	Jones, Malcolm
Burge, Raymond	Krusmark, Betty
Busby, Rhae	Kyser, Helen
Cistrunk, Narsis	LaRocca, Dominic
Coburn, Luiza	Lashley, Joe
Coker, Jean	Latham, Jeffie
Collins, Bette	Leascher, Chad
Collins, Brandon	Lessman, Linus
Colvin, Tory O'Dell	Logan, Stevie
Cook, Susan	Mahaffey, Larry
Cook, Buddy Roy	Marquis. Alana & Jim
Copeland, Roy	McCarter, Jean
Craig, Kaleigh	McCraw, Beverly
Cross, Margaret	McDonald, Nelda
Cross, Margaret Anne	McIntier, Jodie
Daughtery, Jody	Mickens, Jaleesa
Davidson, Karen	Miller, Tommie
Deas, Deloris	Mills, Angel
Duncan, Conner	Milsap, Goldie
Dyer, Doug	Morgan, Laura
Dykes, Cory	Mullinax, Eddie
Eatmon, Megan	Mutisya, Cecilia Ndunge
Eshee, Judy	Newberry, Madi
Espy, Emily	Parker, Mary
Etheridge, Brooks & Mary Ellen	Perry, James
Ezell, Bobby	Phillips, Max
Farst, Dick	Pickel, Lisa
Farst, Maria	Pickerill, Paula
Finley, Betty	Plummer, Kaegan
Forte, Tony	Randall, Ruth
Fuqua, Blake	Ray, Brenda
Grace, Hope	Reynolds, Christy
Gross, Jane	Saelens, Jacob
Hanson, Sherry	Sakon, Ethan
Harvey, John	Sharp, Chris
Hedrick, Gail	Sims, Anna Katherine
	Sims, Sarah

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  
 Tucker, Sadie  
 Vander Sloom, Jackie  
 Wallace, Barbara  
 West, Ruth  
 Weston, Bert  
 Williams, Ed  
 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 list current.**



**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  
 James Perry  
 Mary Beth Hilchey

**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  
 Scott Kirkpatrick

**Upcoming Marriages**

4/28/18—Suzanna Niehoff & Andrew Favant  
 4/7/18—Nick Symon & Lindsay Turner

**Expectant Mothers**

Heather Rimes

**Shut-Ins:**

Luiza Coburn  
 Betty Krusmark  
 Mary Parker

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