

First Presbyterian Church

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From the Session:

A Time of Self Examination

As we gradually get to warmer days and milder weather which is spring, I think that this should also be a time of reflection. Spring is a time of renewal for the earth; a time of trees budding and flowers blooming. So as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation let us all look into ourselves and examine how we live for Christ.

The Catholics and some Protestant denominations observe Lent. Lent is the period of time beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday. It is 46 days (or 40 days not counting Sundays). During this time people give up things like smoking or a particular food that they really enjoy or television. The purpose of Lent is to remind us the value of repentance. It is similar to the Old Testament practice of putting on sack cloth and ashes and fasting.

Over the years Lent has taken on a slightly different meaning and has become more of a sacrament that allows the person to give up something for Lent as a way of attaining God's

blessing. But the truth is the Bible teaches us that grace cannot be earned; it is the gift of God. Jesus taught that fasting should be done discreetly. Matthew 6:16-18 says, *"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Fasting can be a good thing, and I believe God is pleased when we repent of sinful habits. It is good to set apart some time to repent of sin, but we should do that on a daily basis and not just during a 46-day period in the spring. So enjoy the gift of spring and the beauty of God's creation, for just like his grace, it is His gift to us and it should remind us all that our God is an awesome and generous God.

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.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS:

March 11th – Jeff Bryant, Pastor Candidate, is preaching.

March 18th – Congregational meeting to vote.

Please make every effort to hear Jeff preach so you can make an educated vote for the future of our congregation. Your participation is vital. We need your support more than ever. Also, please be in prayer over this matter as we seek God's will.

March 2018

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
				1	2 B-day: Doug McNutt	3 Ladies Work Day: 8am
4 Nursery: Patty Kirkpatrick	5 B-day: Doris Kirkpatrick	6	7 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	8 B-day: Katie Kirkpatrick	9	10 Evening Dinner: 5:30pm (to meet Jeff Bryant)
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins Nursery: Katy Basinger Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting: 8am Pastor Candidate to Preach Fellowship Luncheon Easter Food Baskets: Begin Collection of Food	12	13 Women's Ministry Morning Circle: 9:30am B-day: Liz Bond B-day: Luke Mackin	14 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm Anniv: Glenn & Katy Basinger	15 Women's Ministry Evening Circle: 7pm B-day: Shannon Carr	16 Bingo: 1:30pm, Sunrise Assisted Living B-day: Ava Grace Basinger	17
18 Nursery: Ruth Symon Congregational Meeting	19 B-day: Lisa Lawrence Anniv: Scott & Patty Kirkpatrick	20 B-day: Patty Kirkpatrick	21 Wed Eve Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study/Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm Newsletter Deadline	22 Lunch Bunch: 11:30am, Mr. G's	23	24
25 Palm Sunday Nursery: Allison Ward HOP: 2pm Anniv: James & Angie Solliday	26 Spring Break: Demopolis School System B-day: Liz Huizinga	27 Spring Break: Demopolis School System	28 Spring Break: Demopolis School System Wed Activities Cancelled B-day: Grady Atkins	29 Spring Break: Demopolis School System Maundy Thursday Communion Service: 7pm B-day: Landon McClure	30 Good Friday Spring Break: Demopolis School System Easter Food Baskets: Deliver to Designated Family/Families	31 Community Easter Egg Hunt: 9am, Foscue Park B-day: Kayley Cook B-day: Brayden Bules

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.



Upcoming 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: Joyce Huizinga.

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.

Saturday, March 3rd: Ladies work day, 8:00 am.

Saturday, March 10th: Evening Dinner, 5:30 pm, to meet Pastor Candidate, Jeff Bryant and his family. Please sign up to attend.

Sunday, March 11th:

- Daylight Savings Time begins; set clocks ahead 1 hour (spring forward).
- Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting, 8:00 am.
- Pastor Candidate, Jeff Bryant, to preach.
- Fellowship Luncheon, immediately following worship service.
 - Leaders— Dennis & Karen Davidson
 - Committee— Billy & Ruth Symon
 - Scott & Patty Kirkpatrick

Easter Food Basket: Collections for this year's Easter Food Basket will begin March 11th through March 30st. Please help provide a meal for a family in need.

March Women's Ministry: Beth Niehoff is leading both morning and evening Bible studies on the Book of Hebrews.

- Morning Circle Bible Study, 3/13, 9:30 am. Andrea Ward is the hostess this month.
- Evening Circle Bible Study, 3/15, 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 18th:

- Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship service.

Thursday, March 22nd: Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, at Mr. G's. The Lunch Bunch are ladies from the church who meet for lunch on the last Thursday of each month. If you are available during lunch and want fun fellowship, you are welcome to join us! Lots of laughs are guaranteed.

Sunday, March 25th:

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

Thursday, March 29th: Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:00 pm.

Saturday, March 31st: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00 am, at Foscue Park; for children ages 1-11.



SHORTER CATECHISM

Q.10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Scripture Proofs

- Genesis 1:27
- Colossians 3:10
- Ephesians 4:24
- Genesis 1:28
- Psalms 8



Easter Sunrise Service

April 1st at 6:30 am
at the City Landing pavilion.

	January 2017	YTD
General Fund Contributions	\$ 7,293.58	\$ 7,293.58
General Fund Expenses	\$ 6,689.31	\$ 6,689.31
Gain/Loss	\$ 604.27	\$ 604.27

Faith Promise Pledge

Missions Giving April 2018—March 2019

Your Faith Promise gift is used directly for our church supported missionaries. Our church giving toward these missionaries is decided entirely upon your pledges.

Your pledge may be submitted anonymously; it is not a promise to support these missionaries that is made to the Church, the Session or the Missions Committee... it is faith commitment between God and YOU.

The Faith Promise Pledge campaign will run through March 25th. Please pray how you can support these missionaries doing God's work throughout Demopolis, the State of Alabama, the United States and the entire world.

FAITH PROMISE PLEDGE

April 2018 – March 2019

I am praying and trusting that God will enable me to be more involved in the work of missionaries, locally and throughout the world. I pledge my gift during the upcoming missions year:

\$ _____ yearly gift,

\$ _____ monthly gift for the next 12 months, or

\$ _____ a one time gift.

This gift is over and above my regular tithes to the church.

I understand this is a faith commitment between God and me.

I also understand that I will never be asked or reminded to give.

Name: _____ (OPTIONAL)

Please return your pledge card by March 25, 2018.

II Corinthians 9: 7-11

7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.



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

Our Faith Promise Giving: \$28,460.00

(Apr 2017– March 2018)

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

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

Taff, Cathy
 Tarrence, Polly
 Tartt, Tommy
 Taylor, Marie
 TenHaaf, WM
 Terry, Pope
 Thomas, Ethel & Wallace
 Thornton, Alaina
 Traylor, 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
 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

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

Expectant Mothers


Heather Rimes

Shut-Ins:

Luiza Coburn
 Betty Krusmark
 Mary Parker

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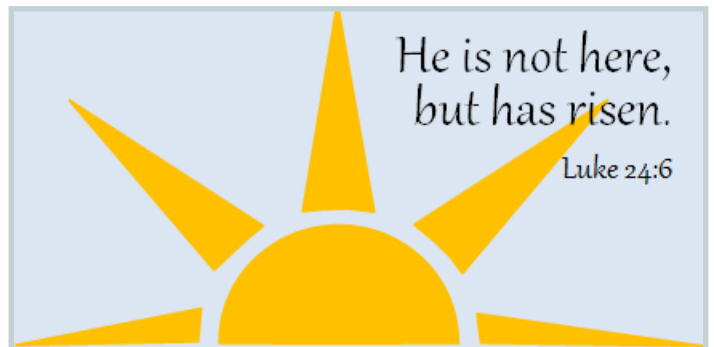
*Maundy Thursday
Communion Service*

**March 29, 2018
7:00 pm**

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He is not here,
but has risen.

Luke 24:6



Easter Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018

6:30 am

City Landing Pavilion
Demopolis