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A Message from the Pastor:

September has arrived and it's brought with it a host of beginnings. The new school year has begun. Football season begins very soon. Fall, a new season, is hopefully on its way. And with these beginnings, we have some to announce at our church as well.

First, we are going to be beginning a new sermon series this Fall. We're going to take this Fall to look at the big picture of Scripture. We're going to look at the story of redemption beginning with creation and moving to the birth of Christ. Listen to this quote from *The Jesus Story Book Bible*,

"The Bible is most of all a Story. It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne - everything - to rescue the one he loves. It's like the most wonderful fairy tales that has come true. You see the best thing about this Story is - it's true. There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them."

Everyone loves a good story. When we pick up one of our favorite books it can be hard to put it down. This Fall we're going to be revisiting the greatest story. The story of God rescuing His people. We're going to be moving from Genesis to the prophets in just a few weeks as we see how each of these important chapters tell the story of our Savior coming to rescue us. I'm looking forward to this Sermon series, and I hope that y'all are too!

Second, our Wednesday Night studies are beginning again on September 12th. I will be leading the Adult class through a study of The Apostle's Creed. Each Sunday morning we

recite the Apostle's Creed during our worship service. This Fall we're going to take a semester to study each phrase of the Apostle's Creed to help us better understand what we're saying each week.

Like many, college was a season where I really wrestled with my faith, and at the time I attended a PCA church that recited the Apostle's Creed each week. As I wrestled with my faith I was able to check where I stood each week as I said this creed. Some weeks saying this creed reaffirmed my faith, some weeks it brought up questions that I needed answered. This Fall we're going to study through the Apostle's Creed to answer questions that y'all may have about what we're saying and to provide clarity on these ancient words. The hope is that we will all come out encouraged by what we've learned and able to be more engaged with this element of our weekly worship service. I'm using a variety of books to prepare for this study, but if you want to get one to study along with us I would recommend *What We Believe* by R.C. Sproul.

I'm excited about what we're going to be studying this Fall, and I'm thankful for the privilege to be your pastor. It's been a good two months, and I'm looking forward to many more.

Grace and Peace,

Jeff

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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>
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2 Nursery: Ruth Symon	3 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY B-day: Vickie Cannon	4 Anniv: Dennis & Karen Davidson	5 Choir Practice: 7pm	6	7 B-day: Carter Bules B-day: William Symon	8 B-day: Olivia Tripp B-day: Colt Broussard
9 Nursery: Allison Ward Joint Session/ Diaconate Meeting: 8am Communion	10	11	12 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	13 B-day: Bernice Cork	14	15 Yard Sale: 7-11am
16 Nursery: Nadine Coddington Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting: 4:30pm	17 B-day: Josh Huizinga B-day: Adam Mackin	18	19 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm B-day: Eli Grant Basinger	20 B-day: Gabe Lawrence	21 Newsletter Deadline	22
23 Nursery: Jackie Tripp HOP Meeting: 2pm	24	25 B-day: Anna Carolina Dukes	26 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm Anniv: Peter & Beth Niehoff	27	28 B-day: Emma Kate Atkins	29
30 Nursery: To be determined Deacons Fund Offering Anniv: Clay & Tiffany Mackin						

Upcoming Events:

Deacons of the Month: TJ Keasler and Mike Cork.

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

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Melissa Weltin

Wednesday Night Gathering: Resumes September 12th.

- Dinner, 5:30 pm.
- Adult Bible Study and Covenant Kids, 6:15 pm.
- Choir practice, 7:00 pm.

Sunday, September 9th:

- Joint Session and Diaconate Meeting, 8:00 am.
- Communion Service.

Saturday, September 15th: Women's Ministry/WIC Yard Sale, 7:00 to 11:00 am. All proceeds go to Missions.

Sunday, September 16th:

- Fellowship Luncheon, immediately following the morning worship service.
 - Leaders — Scott & Patty Kirkpatrick
 - Committee — Ray & Melanie Evans
 - Andrea Ward
 - Tyree Tripp
- Session Meeting, 4:30 pm.

Sunday, September 23rd: HOP (Hooked on Prayer), 2:00 pm, at Eloise Harris' home. If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

Sunday, September 30th: Deacons Fund Offering. This offering is collected each 5th Sunday of the month and is used to help those from our church and in the community who are in need.

<u>2018</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
General Fund Contributions	\$10,592.04	\$65,008.70
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$13,037.77</u>	\$53,777.78
Net Gain(Loss)	(\$2,445.73)	\$11,230.92
<u>2017</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>
General Fund Contributions	\$11,464.83	\$68,641.65
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$11,829.25</u>	\$72,508.01
Net Gain(Loss)	(\$364.42)	(\$3,866.36)



SHORTER CATECHISM

Q.16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Scripture Proofs

Genesis 2:16-17.

Romans 5:12-21.

Psalm 25:5

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

AmazonSmile

We have received our first donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation in the amount of \$29.03. While it does not seem much, every small amount matters. If you do not know what AmazonSmile is, please contact the office for more information. Thank you to those who have selected FPC as your charity recipient for your AmazonSmile purchases.



2018 Puddle Jumpers Update:

The Women's Ministry/WIC had a successful sale and had a profit of \$1,284.97 which will go to our upcoming women and children's ministry projects.

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to all those who participated this year. This event's success is due to the many consignors, volunteers and shoppers. Thank you for making our women and children's ministries possible.

Brian Tripp's address while in AIT training:

PFC Tripp, Brian
B Co., 58th Trans BN
Unit 8, Class 44 T
451 Colorado Ave
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

MISSIONS YARD SALE

**Women's Ministry/WIC
Missions Yard Sale
Saturday, September 15th
7:00 to 11:00 am**

Now is the time to clean out your closets and gather up your items to be sold at our yard sale. The proceeds of this event will be designated to a missions project. Please contact Melanie Evans or Melissa Weltin for more information.

**"BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS, FOR
THE LORD WILL BE
WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO"
JOSHUA 1:9**



2018 Christmas Cards for the Troops:

It's that time of year when we begin to prepare our Christmas cards to be sent to the troops stationed overseas. The cards can either be homemade or store bought with a personal message inside.

Because they need to be mailed to the Chaplains by Thanksgiving, we need to start preparing them SOON! The cards will need to be mailed out to the chaplains by November 15th for overseas delivery.

Last year we had people from other churches who wanted to participate. Be sure to let others know so they have adequate time to prepare their cards.

Let's show our support to the men and women serving in the military. Those who are deployed and away from their families during Christmas may especially need our encouragement.

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allinder, Ike	Hilbish, Bette	Reynolds, Christy
Allinder, Kate	Hocker, Jeannie	Saelens, Jacob
Bazuin, Caiden	Hogg, Ian	Sakon, Ethan
Beeler, Peggy	Hollinger, Walter	Sharp, Chris
Boggs, Ben	Holman, Joann	Sims, Anna Katherine
Brooker, Chrissy	Hooks, Chesnee	Sims, Sarah
Brooker, Jan	Husbands, Jennie	Stemple, Nita
Busby, Rhae	Hux, Karen	Stephens, Kay
Cistrunk, Narsis	Jennifer (Missionary)	Taylor, Marie
Coburn, Luiza	Johnson, Virgil	TenHaaf, WM
Coker, Jean	Kimbrell, Tommy	Terry, Pope
Collins, Bette	Kirkland, Jamie	Thornton, Alaina
Collins, Brandon	Kyser, Helen	Tipton, Carolyn
Combs, Angie	LaRocca, Dominic	Trayler, Drew
Cook, Buddy Roy	Lashley, Joe	Tucker, Sadie
Cook, Jonathan	Latham, Jeffie	Turner, Ian
Copeland, Roy	Leascher, Chad	VanderMolen, Popko
Craig, Kaleigh	Leascher, Jim	Williams, Ed
Cross, Margaret	Lessman, Linus	Williams, Mary Lynn
Crispin, Michelle	Ludeman, Brandon	Williamson, Trevor
Daughtery, Jody	Marquis, Alana	Wise, Naomi
Davidson, Karen	McCarter, Jean	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Deas, Deloris	McCraw, Beverly	Womble, Caleb
Drinkard, Charles	McDonald, Nelda	Wright, Hettie
Duncan, Conner	McIntier, Jodie	
Dunning, Norbourne	Mickens, Jaleesa	
Dyer, Doug	Miller, Tommie	
Eatmon, Megan	Mills, Angel	
Eshee, Judy	Milsap, Goldie	
Espy, Emily	Mize, Robin	
Etheridge, Brooks	Morgan, Laura	
Ezell, Bobby	Mullinax, Eddie	
Farst, Dick	Mutisya, Cecilia Ndunge	
Feller, Olivia	Newberry, Madi	
Finley, Betty	Parker, Mary	
Fuqua, Blake	Perry, James	
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Phillips, Max	
Harvey, John	Pickerill, Paula	
Hayes, Betsy	Plummer, Kaegan	
Hedrick, Gail	Randall, Ruth	



If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

Shut-Ins:

Luiza Coburn
Mary Parker

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel

Ch William Broderick
Kyle Westbrook
Dan Parsons
Sam Brasfield
Jason Freeman
Kyle Newton
Steven Mackin
Gregory Harrington
Jimmy Hart
Jonathan Stephens
Victor Resto
Daniel Phillips
Josh Allums
James Hayes
Joseph Wilson
Brian Tripp

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
Rita Poole Horton
Luke (Jonah's son)
Angela Green
Ava Hunter
Kaleigh Craig
Walter (Holl) Hollinger
James Perry
Scott Kirkpatrick

Illnesses

Joe Bunn
Jimmie Lawrence
Brian Schrieber
Jennifer Cohen Sullivan
Sarah Marlene Chapman
Elizabeth Forehand
Carolyn Tipton
William Burke
Ian Hogg
Cecil Radcliff
Glenn Shealy
Dick Farst
Laura Morgan

Special Needs

Joe Lashley
CJ Golston
RJ Blount
Loretta Strickland
Liz Bond
Michael Jacks
Melanie Hulsey
Sue Entrekin
Sarah Elizabeth Hart
Frank Ramey
Viola Cook
William R. Horton

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