

THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

Consider a world where God is silent and the questions about life go unanswered.

What is our purpose? Does life have meaning beyond what we can see with our eyes? If something good happens, who do I thank? Or for that fact if something bad happens is that just coincidence? How do I deal with my failures? What happens after I die? Is there any hope after my life has become a distant memory?

Thankfully, our God is not silent. He has revealed himself throughout history to his people and has made himself known to us. God wants to have a personal relationship with us. Throughout the ages God made covenants with Abraham, Moses, and David. God proclaimed his promised blessings to the Israelites and gave them His law, wisdom, and prophetic words.

God enriches our relationship with Him by revealing Himself to us throughout the Bible. He gives us the Holy Spirit to give us understanding of his Holy Word. People who do not have the Spirit can read the Bible, but they will not understand the words, or they will apply the wrong meaning to the text. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can read God's Word and be able to apply it to our lives and give it meaning.

This is what the Lord says in Jeremiah 9: 23-24. *"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am Lord, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the Lord."*

God reveals himself truthfully though not exhaustively in the Scriptures. God's glory and majesty surpass what we can comprehend in this life (Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-36). But when we "taste and see that the LORD is good" (Psalm 34:8) in our engagement with God through Scripture, we commune with the God we will enjoy fully in the world to come.

God does not waste his words but speaks to accomplish his purpose in our lives. The words of God that are recorded in the Bible have the power to strengthen and nurture the relationship God desires with us. The Holy Spirit who spoke through the prophets and apostles is the same Holy Spirit who makes his message effective in our lives.

Read your Bible and engage with the Lord and see what wonderful things He has in store for you. Remember our God is not an unreachable God but, He wants a personal relationship with you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Dennis

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.
Romans 11:33-36



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 B-day: Eliza Kate Gill | 5 |
| 6 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) | 7 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am Women's Ministry Council Meeting: 5pm | 8 B-day: Claire Mackin | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Sunday School: 9:30am Diaconate Meeting Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion Joint Officer Meeting | 14 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am | 15 Session Meeting: 9am B-day: Jimmy Mackin | 16 B-day: Amanda Bryant | 17 | 18 | 19 B-day: Moses McNutt |
| 20 Father's Day Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) | 21 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) B-day: Mills Thomas McClure Anniv: Trey & Chonda Griffith | 28 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Hannah Mackin B-day: Ann Resto | 29 B-day: Karen Lashley B-day: Jackie Tripp B-day: Grey Tripp | 30 B-day: Katy Basinger | | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Trey Griffith and Joel Coddington.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Melanie Evans.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

DEACONS CLASS OF 2022: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

| <u>2021</u> | <u>APRIL</u> | <u>2021 YTD</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Gen. Fund Contributions | \$ 6,570.00 | \$ 31,910.00 |
| Gen. Fund Expenses | <u>\$ 6,758.98</u> | <u>\$ 28,648.13</u> |
| Net Gain (Loss) | \$ (188.98) | \$ 3,261.87 |
| <u>2020</u> | <u>APRIL</u> | <u>2020 YTD</u> |
| Gen. Fund Contributions | \$ 9,542.31 | \$ 34,013.86 |
| Gen. Fund Expenses | <u>\$ 8,282.92</u> | <u>\$ 35,117.75</u> |
| Net Gain (Loss) | \$ 1,259.39 | \$ (1,103.89) |

JUNE EVENTS

June 7:

- Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 5:00 pm.

June 13:

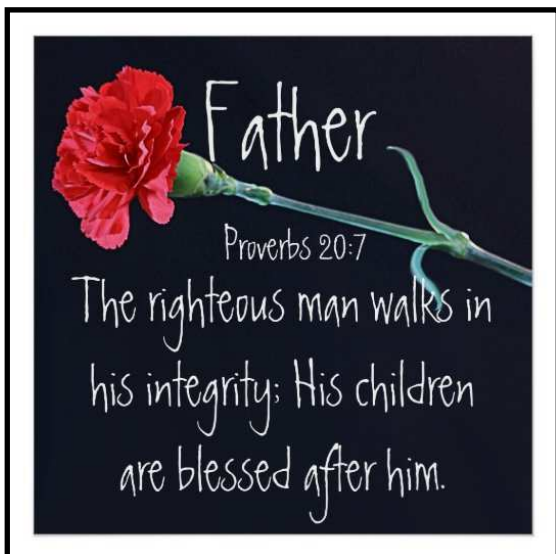
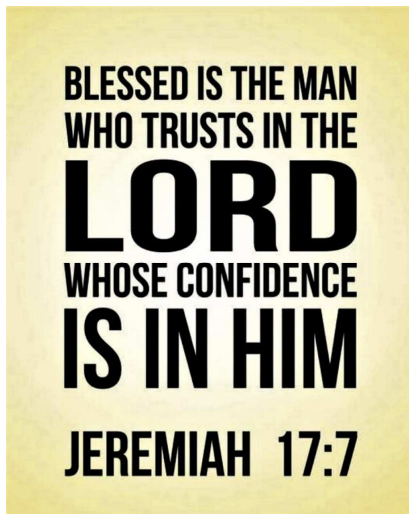
- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.
- Joint Session and Deacon Meeting.

June 15:

- Session Meeting, 9:00 am.

June 20

- Father’s Day



OTHER NEWS/NEEDS:

2021 High School Graduation: Congratulations to Tyree Tripp and Austin Griffith.

Women’s Summer Study: From the PCA CDM Discipleship Ministries, we will study from the book, “What’s SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus’ Genealogy,” by Susan Tyner. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Resto.

July 4th Cookout: Does the congregation want to have a church-wide 4th of July cookout? If anyone is willing to coordinate a cookout event at the church, please contact Allison Ward. The Women’s Ministry will assist, but someone is needed to plan the event.

2021 Puddle Jumpers: Our annual children’s consignment sale to help fund our women and children’s ministries has been scheduled for August 5-7. Please start saving all of your large shopping bags. See page 4 for more information.

Women’s Ministry: Any woman (member of the church) who is willing to serve on the 2022-2024 Women’s Ministry Council, please contact Karen Lashley.

New Church Email Address: fpcdemopolis@gmail.com
Please use this new email address when communicating with the church office.

Please continue to pray for our Pulpit Committee:

- Dennis Davidson
- Melanie Evans
- Trey Griffith
- Scott Kirkpatrick
- Jimmy Mackin

Puddle Jumpers Children's Consignment Sale

Cash Only



Sale Dates

Thurs, Aug 5 3-6pm

Fri, Aug 6 3-6pm

Sat, Aug 7 8am-12noon

(Saturday is ½ Price Sale)

First Presbyterian Church, 300 N Strawberry Ave, Demopolis, AL 36732

PHONE: 334-289-3895

EMAIL: fpcdemopolis@gmail.com

ITEMS TO CONSIGN:

- ◇ Clothing (Baby, Children, Maternity)
- ◇ Children's Costumes
- ◇ Toys, Books, Games
- ◇ Infant Equipment (cribs, strollers, etc.)
- ◇ Outdoor Play Equipment
- ◇ Children's Furniture, Bedding, Room Decor

CONSIGNOR INFORMATION:

- ◇ Registration Fee: \$5 (non-refundable)
- ◇ Commission: Consignors will receive 70% of their sales proceeds. Ask us for more information on how you can earn up to 10% more.
- ◇ Pre-Sale: All Consignors and 2 Guests will have the opportunity to shop at the Pre-Sale on Wed, Aug 4.
- ◇ Half-Off Sale: The Saturday "Half-Off" Sale is not mandatory to participate.
- ◇ Commission Checks: Consignors will receive their commission checks on the last day of the sale.
- ◇ Registration Deadline: Wed, July 21.

**HELP support our women's
and children's ministries.**

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

JUNE 2021

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

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| Robert & Lisa Stewart | Mission to the World — Japan |
| Andy & Bev Warren | Mission to the World — Ethiopia |
| Doug McNutt | Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist |
| Aaron & Leticia Zapata | Mission to North America — Mexico |
| Chaplain Ministry | Mission to North America |
| Jimmy & Nadia Dukes | Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru |
| Beth Acton | Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea |
| Joy Ayabe | Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea |
| Clete Hux | Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL |
| Jonah & Jennifer | Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country |
| General Support | The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL |
| General Support | Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS |

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

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| Allinder, Ike | Huizenga, Fran |
| Allinder, Kate | Hux, Karen |
| Bazuin, Caiden | Ivy, Kendall |
| Beale, Amy | Jennifer (Missionary) |
| Beeler, Peggy | Keasler, Jo Anne |
| Belcher, Samuel | Kelly, Dale |
| Brantley, Maggie | Lane, Barbara |
| Brooker, Chrissy | Lawson, Connie |
| Brooker, Jan | Leascher, Chad |
| Bryant, Jessica | Lewis, Kathy |
| Busby, Rhae | Ligon, Brandon |
| Bynum, Linda | Lockett, Joanne |
| Cannon, Mary | Mackin, Jimmy |
| Chastang, Kristy | McIntier, Jodie |
| Coker, Jean | Morgan, Laura |
| Craig, Noah | Mutisya, Cecilia |
| Curry, Walter | Parr, Higley |
| Davidson, Karen | Plummer, Kaegan |
| DeWitt, Robert | Reynolds, Christy |
| Duncan, Conner | Sakon, Ethan |
| Dyer, Doug | Sall, Terry |
| Espy, Emily | Sharp, Chris |
| Finley, Betty | Sims, Anna Katherine |
| Foshee, Barbara | Sims, Sarah |
| Harris, Dean | Snipes, Vernon & Ramona |
| Hart, Sarah Elizabeth | Taylor, Marie |
| Haubert, Chloe Belle | Thornton, Alaina |
| Hayes, Betsy | Tipton, Carolyn |
| Hocker, Jeannie | VanderMolen, Popko |
| Hogg, Ian | Witherspoon, Mary Stewart |
| Hoggle, Judy | Womble, Caleb |
| Hooks, Chesnee | Zimmerman, Steve |

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:
Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin

Illness:
Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley

Special Needs:
Liz Bond
The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:
Chaplain William Broderick
Sam Brasfield
Steven Mackin
Victor Resto
Joseph Wilson
Josh Tyson
Blake Ivy

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.

