

THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

Comfort is a rare and wonderful gift. Do you remember a time when you were a kid, and you desperately needed some comfort? Perhaps it was something as simple as a skinned knee, but your mother took it seriously and gave you comfort by kissing and then bandaging the hurt and telling you everything would be all right. Or maybe as you got older and someone you cared about hurt you deeply, a friend comforted you with words of encouragement.

Such memories are warm and wonderful. Yet sometimes the comfort of a loved one isn't enough. Sometimes the hurt is so deep that no human words can help relieve the pain. No mere bandage can cover the damage.

That's when you need to look beyond human comfort to something much more effective. The comfort of God. This isn't some mystical, faraway concept. God really does provide comfort to those who call upon Him in times of need. The trouble is that many people are so busy blaming God for their troubles that they don't even realize how close He is and how much He wants to comfort them. Unlike human comfort, which feels good for a moment, God's comfort supplies strength for a lifetime.

The meaning of comfort takes on significance when it describes God's actions toward us. When the Bible talks about God's comfort, it describes a comfort of strength and refreshment. At the root of God's comfort is the idea of nearness. Indeed, when He comforts us, God calls us near.

Is God calling you near in your time of trouble? Go to Him in prayer and through His Word. There you'll find strength, safety, and solace. Are you hurting? Do you struggle with loneliness? God wants you to draw near to Him so you can feel His overwhelming love. Go ahead. Ask God for His comfort in every detail of your life.

Looking back on what God has done for you strengthens your faith in the future.

God doesn't promise you a life without difficulties. But He does promise that He will always be with you. May God's comfort be a blessing to all of you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Dennis





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4 Fourth of July Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Cookout: TBD	5 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	6 WM Summer Study: 9:30am Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Ann Resto's house	7	8 B-day: Kristy Johnson (Kirkpatrick)	9	10 WM Women's Workshop: "Building Bonds of Friendship" 8am-3pm B-day: Claire Coddington
11 Sunday School: 9:30am Diaconate Meeting Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion B-day: Ansley Brooke Basinger	12 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am Anniv: Mike & Bernice Cork	13 Session Meeting: 9am WM Summer Study: 9:30am Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Ann Resto's house	14 B-day: Everette Henry Bryant	15	16	17
18 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	19 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	20 WM Summer Study: 9:30am Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Ann Resto's house B-day: Clay Mackin	21 Puddle Jumpers Registration Deadline B-day: Kami Basinger	22	23 B-day: Scott Kirkpatrick B-day: Liam Rimes	24
25 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) B-day: Makenna McNutt	26 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	27 WM Summer Study: 9:30am Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Ann Resto's house B-day: Merry Coburn Anniv: Jimmy & Joy Mackin	28 B-day: Joe Morgan	29	30 B-day: Genevieve McNutt	31 Warrior Presbytery WM Spiritual Connection: 9am at Faunsdale PCA

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Glenn Basinger and Mike Cork.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Ann Resto.

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.
- Women’s Ministry Summer Study, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall; or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm at Ann Resto’s house

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>MAY</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,045.00	\$ 41,955.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,000.47	\$ 34,648.60
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,044.53	\$ 7,306.40
<u>2020</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,812.00	\$ 44,825.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,150.71	\$ 43,268.46
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,661.29	\$ 1,557.40

JULY EXTRA EVENTS

July 4:

- Cookout and Firework Show: If you would like to participate in our annual 4th of July cookout, please contact Karen Davidson for more information. It will be held at the church in the Fellowship Hall, bring your own meat to be grilled plus bring a side dish to share, and expect a fun time for all. Afterward, everyone is invited to the Davidson’s home to watch the city’s firework show from their back yard.

July 10:

- FPC Women’s Workshop: “Building Bonds of Friendship.” This event will be held on Saturday, July 10th, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, and is for all FPC women and their guests. Event leaders are Vickie Cannon and Melanie Evans. Lunch will be provided.

July 11:

- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.

July 13:

- Session Meeting, 9:00 am.

July 31:

- Warrior Presbytery Women’s Ministry Spiritual Connection: 9:00 am, Faunsdale Presbyterian Church. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please sign up at church by Sunday, July 25th. See page 4 for more Spiritual Connection information.

OTHER NEWS:

Women’s Summer Study: This is a weekly summer study organized by the PCA CDM Discipleship Ministries. We are studying the book, “What’s SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus’ Genealogy,” by Susan Tyner. If you would like more information, please contact Karen Lashley or Ann Resto. It is not too late to join in.

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. If you know someone who could benefit consigning children’s items, please encourage them to be a part of this event. Consignors’ registration deadline is Wednesday, July 21st. For more information, contact Ann Resto, Karen Lashley or Allison Ward. Also, please start saving all of your large shopping bags. See page 4 for more Puddle Jumpers information.

Fall Activities: The Session recently approved the return of Choir, weekly Wednesday dinners and Bible studies, and monthly fellowship potlucks. These activities will resume in September unless the COVID-19 virus makes it unsafe to do so.

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

WARRIOR PRESBYTERY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Faunsdale Presbyterian Church

Registration: 9:00 to 9:30 am

Lunch and childcare are provided.

Theme: "NO WORRIES!"



Kindly **RSVP by 10:00 am on July 26, 2021**, by phone or text to **Gail Rankin** at **334-341-3322**; please include the number attending in your group and the number of children who will need childcare.

The program will feature Tollie Meggs from Out of the Boat Ministries. Tollie is a gifted Bible teacher and conference speaker. She also leads retreats and conferences around the world. Her ministry operates a mission house in northern Serbia (eastern Europe) and has built a school/discipleship center in India. Her home base is Capstone Church in Tuscaloosa. She is married to Tony, a retired USAF LT COL who works for the Veterans Administration, and they have an adult daughter, Lucy. Come hear Tollie's message as she will surely encourage and challenge us.

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

JULY 2021

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

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):

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
Heather Wilson
Rick Wilson

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
Frank Ramey
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

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.

