

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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## THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

**Matthew 24:3** *"As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?'"*

All the disciples and countless generations of people have come and gone without seeing the end of the age, and yet, man still wants to know the answer to this question. Why would anyone want to know when the end of the world was coming? What would you do with that information? Would you change the way you live? Would you try to be a better person? Would you have one big party like those who do not believe in God.

Jesus did not give them a direct answer but spoke in generalities. He said many would come and say that they were the Christ, and they would lead countless people astray. There would be lawlessness and the love of many would grow cold. There would be wars and rumors of wars. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. The Gospel will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come.

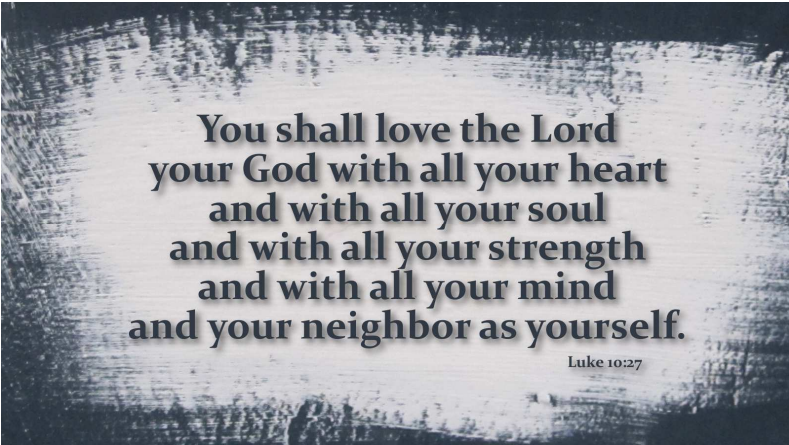
God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to give to the people, which are simple instructions on how we are to live. The first four commandments deal with how we are to serve God, and the six that follow teach us how

to deal with each other. Jesus boiled that down to two: "Love the Lord God with all your heart and soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself," which is often referred to as the golden rule (Luke 10:27).

Sadly, we have lost touch with these rules for life. I also think that we have devalued life to the point where killing one another is commonplace. Politicians think that guns are the problem. I think it is a condition of the heart. Even if you remove all the guns from the world but do not change the heart, the problem will still be there. People will just simply find another way to kill each other.

So, when will the world end? And when is Jesus coming back? I don't know the answer to these questions other than to say that as Christians we are to be ready no matter when it happens. Let us not waste our time trying to predict when but live every day as if it were our last one on earth. We should love one another, and most importantly pray for each other. This is our connection to God. A connection that He made possible by sending His Son to pay for our sins.

God bless you all,  
Dennis



**You shall love the Lord  
your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your strength  
and with all your mind  
and your neighbor as yourself.**

Luke 10:27

# AUGUST 2021

| SUN  | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI   | SAT   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Start Setup; Yard Signs Go Out</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Courtney Coddington</p> | <p>2</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Consignor Check-in</p>   | <p>3</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Consignor Check-in</p>   | <p>4</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Presale for Consignors, 4-6pm</p> <p>Presale for Consignors' Guests, 5-6pm</p> | <p>5</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Public Sale, 3-6pm</p>   | <p>6</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Public Sale, 3-6pm</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Eleanor Gill</p> | <p>7</p> <p><b>Puddle Jumpers:</b> Public Sale/Half Price Sale, 8am-12noon</p> <p>Clean-up/Inventory, 12noon-1pm</p> <p>Consignors Pick up Inventory, 1-2pm</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Sara Dukes</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>Diaconate Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p><b>Communion (TBD)</b></p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Heather Rimes</p>      | <p>9</p> <p><b>Game/Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>WM Council Meeting:</b> 5pm</p> | <p>10</p> <p><b>Session Meeting:</b> 9am</p> <p><b>WM Summer Study:</b> 9:30am Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30pm Ann Resto's house</p>  | <p>11</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Madison Solliday</p> <p><b>Anniv:</b> David &amp; Nadine Coddington</p>                | <p>12</p>   | <p>13</p>   | <p>14</p>   |
| <p>15</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)</p>  | <p>16</p> <p><b>Game/Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am</p>                                      | <p>17</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Evelyn Gill</p> <p><b>Anniv:</b> Bill &amp; Melissa Weltin</p> <p><b>Anniv:</b> Ozzy &amp; Ann Resto</p> | <p>18</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Ray Evans</p>  | <p>19</p>   | <p>20</p>   | <p>21</p>   |
| <p>22</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)</p>  | <p>23</p> <p><b>Game/Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Karen Davidson</p>  | <p>24</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Cooper Symon</p>   | <p>25</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Laura Morgan (Krusmark)</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Lizzie Johnson</p>                        | <p>26</p> <p><b>WM Ladies Picnic:</b> 11:30am, at Joy Mackin's Home</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Billy Symon, Jr</p> <p><b>B-day:</b> Aubrey Ward</p> | <p>27</p>   | <p>28</p>   |
| <p>29</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am</p> <p><b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p><b>Deacon Fund Special Offering</b></p>   | <p>30</p> <p><b>Game/Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am</p>                                      | <p>31</p>   |   |   |   |   |

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** David Coddington and Ray Evans.

**FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH:** Andrea Ward.

**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>JUNE</u>         | <u>2021 YTD</u>     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Gen. Fund Contributions | \$ 6,650.00         | \$ 48,605.00        |
| Gen. Fund Expenses      | <u>\$ 6,878.73</u>  | <u>\$ 41,527.33</u> |
| Net Gain (Loss)         | \$ (228.73)         | \$ 7,077.67         |
| <u>2020</u>             | <u>JUNE</u>         | <u>2020 YTD</u>     |
| Gen. Fund Contributions | \$ 5,726.00         | \$ 50,551.86        |
| Gen. Fund Expenses      | <u>\$ 10,371.87</u> | <u>\$ 53,640.33</u> |
| Net Gain (Loss)         | \$ (4,645.87)       | \$ (3,088.47)       |

**JUNE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 35

## AUGUST EVENTS

**Puddle Jumpers is here! If you are able to help out, please signup on the sheet located in the hallway.** Below is the schedule:

- Monday, August 2nd and Tuesday, August 3rd: Consignor check-in and set-up, 4:00-6:00 pm.
- Wednesday, August 4th: Presale for consignors, 4:00-6:00 pm; presale for consignors' guests, 5:00-6:00 pm.
- Thursday, August 5th and Friday, August 6th: Public sale, 3:00-6:00 pm.
- Saturday, August 7th: Public sale and half price sale, 8:00am-12:00 noon; cleanup and inventory pickup, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm.
- For more information: please contact Ann Resto, Karen Lashley or Allison Ward.

**August 8:** Deacon Meeting.

**August 9:** Women's Ministry Council Meeting, 5:00 pm.

**August 10:**

- Session Meeting, 9:00 am.
- Women's Ministry Summer Study, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall; or 6:30 pm at Ann Resto's house. This will be our final session for this study.

**August 26:** Ladies Picnic/Luncheon at Joy Mackin's home, 11:30 am.

**August 29:** Deacon's Fund Special 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.

## OTHER NEWS:

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

"The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand."

- Psalm 37:23-24; NLT

# HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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## 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):

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Acton, Beth           | Huizenga, Fran            |
| Allinder, Ike         | Hux, Karen                |
| Allinder, Kate        | Ivy, Kendall              |
| Bazuin, Caiden        | Jennifer (Missionary)     |
| Beale, Amy            | Keasler, Jo Anne          |
| Beeler, Peggy         | Kelly, Dale               |
| Belcher, Samuel       | Lane, Barbara             |
| Brantley, Maggie      | Lawson, Connie            |
| Brooker, Chrissy      | Lewis, Kathy              |
| Brooker, Jan          | Ligon, Brandon            |
| Bryant, Jessica       | Lockett, Joanne           |
| Busby, Rhae           | Mackin, Jimmy             |
| Bynum, Linda          | McCraw, Kay               |
| Cannon, Mary          | McIntier, Jodie           |
| Chastang, Kristye     | Mize, Bethany             |
| 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              |
| Fair, Jo              | Sims, Anna Katherine      |
| Finley, Betty         | Sims, Sarah               |
| Foshee, Barbara       | 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  
Paige Niehoff

#### 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.