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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TUPELO, MS.

A Message From Our Interim Pastor...

The Reverend Dr. Olin McBride

What Have We Done?

I was riding past our church one day in early May and noticed a sign on our property- Business of the Month. I stopped, re-read the sign and began thinking, which is a dangerous thing for me to do. I got out of my car and walked up to the sign and noticed it read "Keep Tupelo Beautiful." I later learned that we were the first to receive this monthly award, and we indeed do our part to keep Tupelo beautiful. We certainly deserve the recognition. But the sign still caused me to ponder a bit. Business of the Month..... I have never really thought of the Church of Jesus Christ being a business? A vital ministry, but a business? And if we were actually awarded Business of the Month by some civic organization, what criteria would be used to decide the winner? The outstanding sermons from the pulpit? The wonderful and inspiring music? The fact that all seats are taken each Sunday for that particular month? The number of new members received? The amount of monthly income? That has to be part of winning Business of the Month, right/ What about the number of times we celebrated the Lord's Supper? Surely that would be on the check list. What about the number of children in Sunday school or adults in class? Business of the month! What would it take? Oh, what about the number of souls saved for the Lord? Or the number of homeless sheltered or hungry fed? The number of missionaries supplied by our church or the number of mission trips taken that particular month? What about this last criteria on my list- the number of individuals who just decided to love someone even though loving that particular individual is difficult. My "check list" for a church to be considered "Business of the Month" could go on and on. Can you add to my list? I conclude with this. We are indeed involved with the most important business in the world. That business is taking Christ to our community, our country and the world. We are to be a beacon of light for Christ wherever we go. So, how is business?

June at a Glance...

June 11 * 5:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

June 18 * 5:30 p.m.

Session Meeting

The Next Chapter...

Our seniors are:

-Ben Gibens

Mississippi State Univeristy

-Gatlin Farrar

Mississippi State Univeristy

-Amanda Hillhouse

Mississippi State Univeristy

-Retta Maxwell

Mississippi State Univeristy

-Ivy Wells

Mississippi State Univeristy

-Abbey Hastings

The University of Mississippi

-Henry Seiler, STAR

Student at THS

The University of Mississippi

Peace,
Olin

Session Digest

1. Each participant to the Boston Mission Trip will receive a \$150 scholarship from the Youth Scholarship Designated Fund toward the cost of the mission trip.
2. A big THANK YOU to Busylad for providing a front-end loader, wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes to spread mulch beneath the playground equipment.
3. Updates to the Wedding Policy regarding the sound system are being considered.
4. New officers will be Ordained/Installed on June 10.
5. The Pastor Nominating Committee shared updates on progress being made.
6. Efforts will be made to determine cause of persistent moisture wicking that damages plaster on interior walls of the sanctuary.
7. There WILL be a Sunday school class for adults in the fellowship hall during the summer months beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lori Dickerson will lead a class on the Gospel of John using Barclay's commentary.
8. We will have Children's Church every Sunday rather than a week- long Vacation Bible School.
 - A Vacation Bible School curriculum will be used for these sessions that will include both Bible study and active play.
 - Children's Church will continue in the fall.
9. Camp FPC will close our summer on August 11 and 12 with programming for both children and adults.
10. May 31 was Emily Jarrett's last day at Interim DCE.

Congratulations to our seniors who graduated from high school:

Ben Gibens, Gatlin Farrar, Abbey Hastings, Amanda Hillhouse, Retta Maxwell, Henry Seiler, Ivy Wells

Congratulations to our college graduate:

Abby Bruce graduated from the University of Mississippi.

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#MeToo

Older adults never cease to amaze me with their creative thoughts. A recent visit gave me, once again, the opportunity to witness such creativity. News media has well informed us about the issue surrounding the #MeToo movement. My visit with one of our homebound showed me how this title could be taken in a different direction.

This person I visited was experiencing limitations with sight impairment. I listened to all the many different methods being used to cope with this physical problem. Shopping in various stores for needed items was one of the challenges being faced. After arranging for transportation to a store, it was necessary to know where items were located. While sharing this dilemma with a clerk one day, the older adult was informed of employees in the store whose job was to escort people, who could not see well, around the store to help them do their shopping. This was an empowerment through empathy moment which gave the older adult the means to connect with the #MeToo movement. It was so neat for me to hear the person I was visiting say, "When I was told about this service, I felt like a #MeToo." To say the least, I was impressed with the store and with the originality of the older adult.

Empathy is an active attempt to "walk a mile in another person's shoes." Note the word "active." The store noted above was active in walking with impaired customers to help with their shopping. I am reminded of the church as the body of Christ. The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians gives us a description in 12:12-31 of what this empathy looks like. Paraphrased, we are many members of one body. We are eyes, feet, hands, ears, and heads for one another. The members of the body that seem weaker are indispensable. God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. We have our different gifts. We are invited to walk together with our strengths and weaknesses striving for the greater gifts. In doing so, Jesus will show us a still more excellent way.

Thank God for the wisdom and creativity of older adults.

Ron Richardson

Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

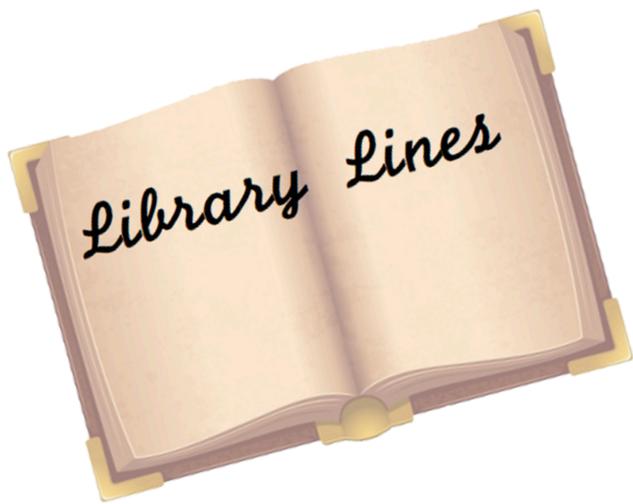
Upcoming News to Remember

Summer Sermon Series on the Ten Commandments begins Sunday, June 3.

A great big Thank You to all helpers who worked so hard to get our Playground back in shape. We can't wait to try it out in the fall.

- FPC Preschool & Kindergarten

On Father's Day, Olin's sermon will be "A Tribute to My Dad."



Summer Reading Camp

What? Literacy day camp for children with hands-on activities to review skills taught this year using an Olympic theme.

Who? Incoming Kindergartners or first graders this fall. Children did not have to attend FPC to attend.

When? June 25, 26, 27, & 28

Where? First Presbyterian Church Kindergarten classroom.

Time? 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost? \$130 with a deposit due by June 15 to hold your spot.

****Snacks are provided, but your child will need to pack a lunch daily.**

Contact the church office if you are interested.



Youth News

Summer is finally here, and the Youth Group is ready! We will continue to meet on select Sunday nights throughout the summer. Our focus will be devotions and fellowship, please encourage your youth to come if you are in town. We will also be busy with several trips we have planned together! A group of 17 of us (12 youth and 5 chaperones) will leave June 17 for a week- long Mission Trip to Boston, MA. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel, grow closer together and deeper in our faith! After a few weeks at home, a group of 18 (14 youth and 4 chaperones) will be in Montreat, NC from July 7-14 to enjoy the annual Montreat Youth Conference. This week is always such a formative opportunity for us as individuals as well as our entire group! Our 6th-8th graders will participate in Montreat Middle School in Maryville, TN (6 youth and 2 adults) July 18- 22. This opportunity is similar to the Montreat Youth Conference attended by our senior high, but specifically geared to junior high students! Again, please pray for safe travels and a wonderful week for each of these Montreat conferences. Thank you for the support this congregation has provided in helping us fund these incredible opportunities for our youth! It is very much appreciated, and the youth are very excited about each of these trips!

Melissa McDuffie

Interim Youth Director

June Anniversaries

1. Charlie & Joy Hyatt 2. Charlie & Emily Barber 3. Kevin & Jennifer Martin 7. Bill & Betty Henson
10. Harris & Kathryn Rhea 12. Michael & Louise Gable 14. Jimmy & Nancy Brown Milam * Presly & Kathy Wallace
19. Tim & Joanne Poset 21. Bob & Sheree Lence 23. Marshall & Sarah Jenkins 28. Olin & Jim McBride
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All Singers, Please Read!

As you know, we began the summer schedule May 27 with one service at 10:00. During the summer, we usually have fewer singers in the choir each week because of vacations and other out-of-town commitments.

We would like to ask you to consider helping us fill in the gaps this summer by singing with us. The choir does not rehearse on Wednesday night in the summer. We gather at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings to practice the anthem for that week and maybe a little on future anthems. I email the choir each week with the name of the anthem, an MP3 recording and a PDF file of the music.

If you would like, I can put you on the email list so you could see what the anthem is for that week. Then you could come sing with us or not. This is very much a la carte – it is strictly a week- to- week decision.

Please send me your email address if you would like to receive the weekly emails and sing occasionally. You might even enjoy the occasional humorous anecdote or special song I send!!

Bob Taylor,

Director of Music, bob1981@comcast.net

Birthdays

June

1. Tricia Cockrell * Lucy Gratz * Hudson Fisher * Mary Claire Moncrief
- 2 Melissa McDuffie * Patty Tucker
- 4 Charlie Barber * Fayette Williams * Mary Elizabeth Williams * Haley Ray
- 6 Sarah Young
- 7 Mark Monts * Natalie Ellis * Carter McDuffie
- 8 Keith Randle
- 9 Molly Hazel
- 11 Steve Depew * Charlie Hyatt
- 12 Glenn Thomas
- 13 Bea Lockett * Mark Ray
- 14 Leighton Pettis * Theresa White
- 15 Richard Hastings
- 17 Ann Monaghan
- 19 Buddy Stubbs
- 20 Tom Hewitt * Judy Thomas
- 21 Holly Rogers
- 22 Ginger Mark.
- 23 Tina Maxwell * Alice Rogers
- 25 Caroline Burleson
- 26 Sarah Parker
- 27 Lori Dickerson * Grace Stamps * Mary Crotwell
- 28 Lisa Nichols
- 30 Mary Stubbs

Gifts, Memorials & Honoraria

In memory of

- William A. Billups
George & Wanda Dent (Cuba)
Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)
Buddy & Mary Stubbs (Water Mission)
- Deborah Haynes Clark
Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)
- David Crawford
Freddie & Mary Ann Chiles (Pastor's Discretionary)
- Norma & John Head
Marion Linde (Capital)
Bill & Camille Caples (Property & Grounds)
- George Nash
Freddie & Mary Ann Chiles (Pastor's Discretionary)

- Bill & Camille Caples (Property & Grounds)
Susan Boone (Property & Grounds)
Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)

Ed Neelly

- Jean Magee (Guatemala)
Kirk & Teresa Biddle (Columbarium)
Susan Boone (Guatemala)
John & Delores Smith (Guatemala)
Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)

Kevin Pridmore

- George Dent (Fellowship)

Keith Randle

- Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)

Joe Rutherford

- Jean Magee (Guatemala)
Freddie & Mary Ann Chiles (Pastor's Discretionary)
Kirk & Teresa Biddle (Columbarium)
Susan Boone (Fellowship)

Ralph Shultz

- Freddie & Mary Ann Chiles (Pastor's Discretionary)
Jack & Dana Foster (Landscaping)
John T. & Frances Foy (Memorial Garden)
Harold Hodges (Stuart Garden)
Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)

Virginia Wood

- Susan Boone (Library)
Dan & Frances Brasfield (Library)
Robin & Cindy Faucette (Cuba)

In honor of

- Drake Cobb
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Tucker Erickson
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Gatlin Farrar
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Ben Gibens
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Abbey Hastings
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Amanda Hillhouse
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Retta Maxwell
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Alix Robbins & Travis Roaten
Bess & Grayson Robbins (Shower Committee)
- Henry Seiler
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)
- Ivy Wells
Sarah Jenkins (Youth)

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MS on Facebook

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Members Spotlight...



Jackie Haguewood received an honorary lifetime membership from Presbyterian Women!

May Visitors

Please welcome our visitors every Sunday and encourage their return. Should they desire information about our church, please direct them (if possible, escort them) to the Elder of the Day after the service.

Patricia Box, Penny Cochran * Park, Mer & Skye Dodge * Carrie Davidson * Frank & Cathie Dodson * Stella Rae Farrar * Danielle Frerer * Joyce Gibens * Preston Gresham * David Hastings * Sandra Higgins * Pat Jarrett * Clayton Jarvis * Russell Kohl * Rhodes McCarty * Robert, Michelle, Ferrell & Brooke McAuley * Cindy McAuley * Allie McAlexander * Barbara McCullough * Lee Nabors * Fred & Fay Nabors * Ed, Leigh Carol & Wallis Neelly * Emory & Emma Skates * Debbie Street * Ambrie Stark * Nasibe Urbina * R.V. Wells * John Michael Walker * Mel Whitfield * Melanie Deas * Danielle Frerer * Barbara McCullough * Beckie Rhea * John Michael Walker * Julia Monts * Emory & Emma Skates * Preston Gresham

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. Prayer Partners</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. Knitters 8:00 p.m. AA, 12&12 Group</p>	<p>No Services</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Men's Meeting at Holiday Inn</p>	<p>Noon AA 12 & 12 Group Mtg</p>

CAMP HOPEWELL

2018

DATE	EVENT	AGE	FEE
January 26-28	PYC Senior High Retreat	High School	\$125
February 16-18	PYC Junior High Retreat	Middle School	\$125
March 25	Open House (2pm-5pm)	All Ages	Free

SUMMER CAMP SEASON

June 4-8	Day Camp	Completed K-4th	\$190
June 10-16	Discovery 1 Explorer Treehouse Sherwood NEW Explorer Solve It! Diabetes Adventure Trip	Completed 1st-3rd Completed 4th-6th Completed 4th-6th Completed 7th-10th	\$370/470/570 \$400/500/600 \$400/500/600 \$550/650/725
June 17-23	Discovery 2 Explorer SPAQ (Sports & Aquatics) Adventure Times 3!	Completed 1st-3rd Completed 4th-6th Completed 7th-9th	\$370/470/570 \$400/500/600 \$595/675/750
June 17-20 June 20-23	Wee Bit 1 Wee Bit 2	Completed K-2nd Completed K-2nd	\$235/285/335 \$235/285/335
June 24-30	Type 1 Diabetes Adventures in Leadership	10-15 years of age 16 years of age	\$430/560/675 \$430/560/675
July 5-7	Diabetes Wee Bit	6-9 years of age	\$235/\$285/335
July 8-14	Discovery 3 Explorer Treehouse Sherwood NEW Explorer Rope & River Adventure Camp Construct	Completed 1st-3rd Completed 4th-6th Completed 4th-6th Completed 7th-9th	\$370/470/570 \$400/500/600 \$425/525/625 \$425/525/625
July 8-11 July 11-14	Wee Bit 3 Wee Bit 4	Completed K-2nd Completed K-2nd	\$235/285/335 \$235/285/335
July 15-21	Night Owl	Completed 4th-9th	\$400/500/600



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Summer **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

for 3-year-olds - 5th graders

**CHILDREN WILL LEAVE
THE SANCTUARY AFTER
CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
INCLUDES
SINGING, A BIBLE STORY
& A CRAFT OR GAME
RELATED TO THE SCRIPTURE.**

**BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 3
DURING THE 10 A.M. SERVICE**



*Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Mc Kay Robbins
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Susan Alexandra

to

Mr. Travis Lee Roaten

*on Saturday, the second of June
two thousand eighteen*

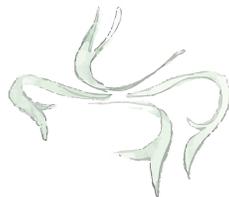
at half after ten o'clock in the morning

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and afterward for brunch

The Goodlett Manor





CAMP
FAM

a fun & faith-filled weekend
for adults & children

Saturday & Sunday
August 11-12

Ages 3-103

→ VBS for three-years-old through fifth grade ←

→ Middle & high school activities ←

→ Guest Speaker for Adults: Jimmy Hardin ←

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