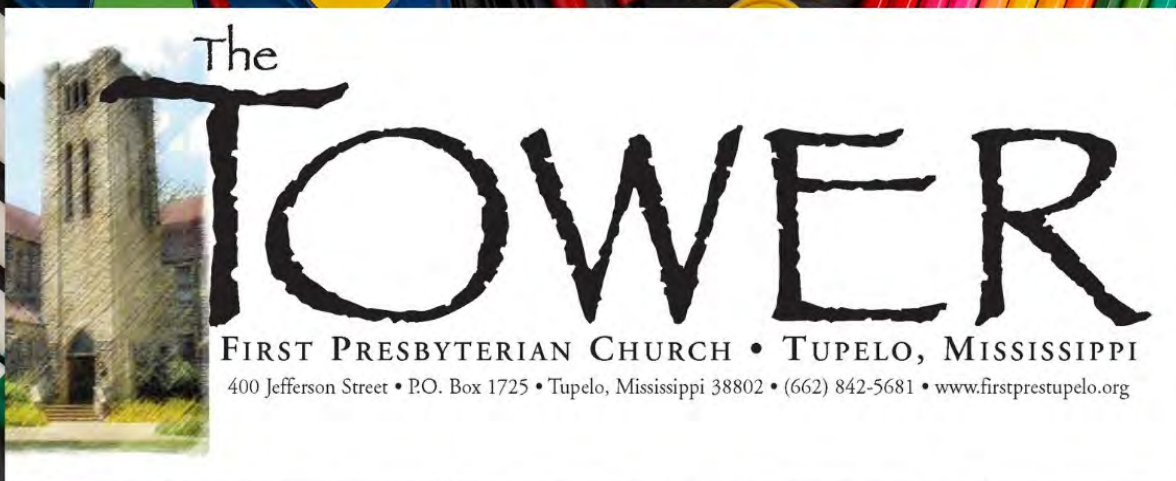




August 2025

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

## Siblings in Christ

As we are going to be spending the month of August looking at the book of Proverbs I thought I would use this space to discuss an idea Walter Brueggemann, the late Old Testament professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, put forward in an article on wisdom literature.

“Wisdom ends in doxology”

Brueggemann asserts that when we become wise to the world and how it works, it should lead us to living lives of praise to our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And so we are going to spend a month of Sundays looking at Proverbs and seeing some of the emphases on wisdom and how it can better help us live our lives of praise that the Shorter Catechism tells us is our chief end.

In order to better fulfill this chief end to glorify God and enjoy God forever, we have five different passages that focus on different parts of the Proverbs.

August 3 - Proverbs 11-7

August 10 - Proverbs 120-33

August 17 - Proverbs 33-4 27-30

August 24 - Proverbs 91-6 13-18

August 31 - Proverbs 261-2

I am also asking for help in discerning the wisdom of the Proverbs. I would love for each of you to read the passage early in the week before that Sunday, and for you to send me your thoughts and questions on these Proverbs. If we trust that the Spirit is helping us to interpret and understand, then all of us have something important to share about the scriptures.

I want to leave you with another Brueggemann quote from the article: “Wisdom is the daring affirmation that all of life is better understood and more truly discerned in relation to God’s governance and sovereignty.”

*Grace and peace to you!*

*John*

WORSHIP WITH US

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 A.M.



*Our YouTube Channel*

*Children's Bulletin*

*Ages 3 & Up*

*Sunday's  
Bulletin*

*Scripture Lesson*

*Children's Bulletin*

*Ages 7 & Up*

**CHECK OUT OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR!**

*Click the calendar to see everything happening at FPC!*

| Calendar |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su       | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|          |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4        | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11       | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18       | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25       | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |    |

# LET'S HELP OUT TODAY!



## Event Details

Thank you so much for your generous donations to Showers of Love. We collected approximately 100 towels! They are so appreciative! We will continue to collect snacks as this is an on-going need in addition to the medical scrubs (gently used are ok as well). Also, Presbyterian Women will be welcoming monetary donations to assist with meals for the clients. If you are interested in helping prepare or serve a meal (Saturday breakfast or Sunday Dinner), please contact Kathy Wallace, Judy Billups, or Mary Stubbs. Thanks again for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

## What You Can Donate:

- Medical Scrubs
- Snacks
- Monetary Donations

place donations in the box  
located in the church  
breezeway

## Info about showers of love

Life-Culture Ministry offers the volunteer run Showers of Love program to help meet the hygiene needs of people experiencing homelessness. This program provides Shower facilities & Laundry facilities.

Let's Serve Together

**8/2 @ 9 A.M.**

**HELPING HANDS**

**8/7 @ 7:45 A.M.**

**ST. LUKE'S**

**8/19 @ 2:30 P.M.**

**SALVATION ARMY**

**8/30 @ 9 A.M.**

**HELPING HANDS**



JOIN US FOR

# Rally Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

**BRUNCH; BIBLES TO INCOMING FIRST GRADERS; BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS; 2024-2025 TEACHER RECOGNITION; AND 2025-2026 TEACHER COMMISSIONING.**



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★ JOIN US FOR ★

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*Bible Study*

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MONDAY, AUGUST 4  
@ 11 A.M.

BOLTON/SISTAHOOD ROOM

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*Christian Sympathy*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF NEENA LEDBETTER, A FORMER MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH. THE LATE REV. MILDRED GRUBBS AND NEENA LED THE LOST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY.



A CELEBRATION OF NEENA'S LIFE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE PARIS-YATES CHAPEL ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI CAMPUS.



# Prayers for the Week

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: John Gaston, Joy Hyatt, Betty Nash

College Students: Jon Timothy Posey, Ross Reeder, Olivia Reynolds

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

## *Memorials, Gifts, and Honoraria*

\*In memory of Rick Jones from the Congregational Care Committee. (Outreach/Mission Committee)

\*In memory of Rick Jones, Nancy Klein, & Aubrey Patterson from Travis & Gay Abney. (Montreat Fund)

\*In memory of Rick Jones from Buddy & Mary Stubbs. (Outreach/Mission Fund)

\*In memory of Rick Jones from David Williams. (Outreach/Mission Fund)

\*In memory of Rick Jones from David W. & Yvette Wilson. (Outreach/Mission Fund)

\*In memory of Rick Jones from Pete & Kathy McMurry. (Outreach/Mission Fund - Helping Hands)

\*In memory of Rick Jones from Edna Sue White. (Outreach/Mission Fund - Helping Hands)

\*In memory of Charlie Hyatt from Susan Boone. (Music Fund)



WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT *Meal*

STARTS  
BACK

AUGUST 27



2 CENTS-A-MEAL

# Offering

Next Sunday, August 10

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of your congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Ideally, contributions come from "living more simply so that others may simply live."

Participation in is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat."



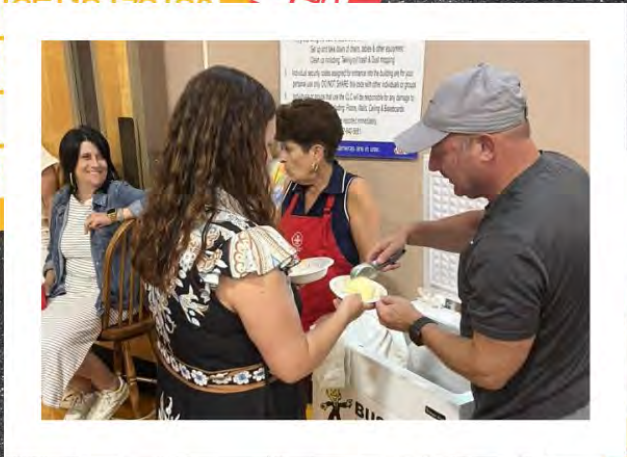


A Little Youth Fun at Montreat & Montreat Middle School. The youth were very appreciative of all the snacks!





# Bingo, Burgers, & Blue Bell



# Save the Date

## YOUTH EVENTS

2025

August

- 9 Back to School  
Canoe Trip
- 17 Mission  
Opportunity
- 27 Wednesday Night  
Kick-Off



September

- 14 Mission  
Opportunity -  
Keep Tupelo  
Beautiful



October

- 13 Serve @ Saint's  
Brew
- 19 Go Karts!



November

- 16 Serve @ Salvation  
Army
- Week of Thanksgiving  
Girl's Day; Guy's Day  
Details to come!



December

- 21 Christmas Party



# This Week at FPC

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
4:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS, RM. B205



## MONDAY, AUGUST 4

11:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY, BOLTON/SISTAHOOD RM.  
2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM  
5:15 P.M. STEERING COMMITTEE



## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 A.M. T'AI CHI CHIH  
10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING  
2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM  
7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM  
3:00 P.M. MAH JONGG, STEWART-CLAYTON RM.  
5:00 P.M. TOWER RINGERS  
7:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7:45 A.M. ST. LUKE'S FOOD PANTRY  
8:00 A.M. MEN'S BREAKFAST, HILTON GARDEN INN  
2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM  
6:00 P.M. BRAVER ANGELS, FELLOWSHIP HALL

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

12:00 P.M. AA MEETING  
2:30 P.M. CASA, GYM

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL CANOE TRIP





## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| SUN                                                                    | MON                                               | TUES                                                                                                            | WED                                                                                      | THURS                                                                              | FRI                                                                            | SAT                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>CHAUNCEY GODWIN JR.                |                                                   |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                          |                                                                                    | 1<br>Birthday:<br>WALKER GIBENS<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>DAN BRASFIELD | 2                                                                                       |
| 3<br>Birthday:<br>VIVIAN FLEMING                                       | 4<br>Birthday:<br>CAMP HUNTER                     | 5<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>HANK OWENS                                                                   | 6<br>Birthday:<br>WILL DAVIS                                                             | 7<br>Birthday:<br>KEVIN ROSE<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>RICK SMITH           | 8<br>Birthday:<br>GREG BURKS<br>ANDREW RAY JR.<br>IVY WELLS                    | 9<br>Birthday:<br>GEORGE DENT<br>TONI MARTIN<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>BOB BLACK |
| 10<br>Birthday:<br>NANNETTE COMER<br>JOHN THOMAS GROOME<br>KORY HUNTER | 11<br>Birthday:<br>ALICE FAGAN<br>MARGARET PARKER | 12<br>Birthday:<br>TATUM DABBS<br>LEWIS HERMAN<br>JOHN PARKER II<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>MARK BURLESON | 13<br>Birthday:<br>WANDA DENT<br>BILL REEDER<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>CARL COMER | 14<br>Birthday:<br>TRAVIS ABNEY<br>ANNA BROCK<br>LINDLEY GIBENS                    | 15<br>Birthday:<br>JULIA DAVIS<br>CHRIS ROGERS                                 | 16<br>Birthday:<br>MARSHALL JENKINS                                                     |
| 17<br>Birthday:<br>ERIC JOHNSON                                        | 18<br>Birthday:<br>MICHAEL GABLE                  | 19<br>Birthday:<br>MIRIAM CROWELL                                                                               | 20                                                                                       | 21<br>Birthday:<br>ANNE CROTWELL<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>RICHARD HASTINGS | 22                                                                             | 23<br>Birthday:<br>JASON MCDUFFIE<br>TREY PHYFER                                        |
| 24<br>Birthday:<br>ROBERT MCAULEY                                      | 25                                                | 26<br>Birthday:<br>JULIA MONTS<br>LEIGH CAROL NEELLY<br>Anniversary:<br>MR. & MRS.<br>RUDY CALDWELL JR.         | 27<br>Birthday:<br>DAVIS JOHNSON<br>DEBRA H. ROBISON                                     | 28                                                                                 | 29                                                                             | 30<br>Birthday:<br>REID HARDISON                                                        |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY**

*To You!*

# AUGUST

2025

| SUN                                                                                                                                              | MON                                                                                                    | TUE                                                                                                                         | WED                                                                                                                         | THU                                                                                                      | FRI                                            | SAT                                                                  |
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| <b>31</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30pm Boy Scouts                                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                          | <b>1</b><br>12:00pm AA Meeting<br>2:30pm CASA  | <b>2</b><br>9:00am Helping Hands Volunteers                          |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Communion Rally Day</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30pm Boy Scouts<br>5:30pm Youth        | <b>4</b><br>11:00am Bible Study<br>2:30pm CASA<br>5:15pm Steering Committee                            | <b>5</b><br>9:00am T'ai Chi<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>2:30pm CASA<br>7:00pm AA Meeting                                    | <b>6</b><br>2:30pm CASA<br>3:00pm Mah Jongg<br>5:00pm Tower Ringers<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir                                 | <b>7</b><br>7:45am St. Luke Food Pantry<br>8:00am Men's Breakfast<br>2:30pm CASA<br>6:00pm Braver Angels | <b>8</b><br>12:00pm AA Meeting<br>2:30pm CASA  | <b>9</b><br><b>Youth Back to School Canoe Trip</b>                   |
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| <b>17</b><br><b>Youth Mission Opportunity</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30pm Boy Scouts<br>5:30pm Youth | <b>18</b><br>11:00am Bible Study<br>2:30pm CASA<br>5:00pm Steering Committee<br>6:00pm Session Meeting | <b>19</b><br>9:00am T'ai Chi<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>2:30pm Cook for Salvation Army<br>2:30pm CASA<br>7:00pm AA Meeting | <b>20</b><br>2:30pm CASA<br>3:00pm Mah Jongg<br>5:00pm Tower Ringers<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir                                | <b>21</b><br>8:00am Men's Breakfast<br>1:30pm Shepherd's Center Meeting<br>2:30pm CASA                   | <b>22</b><br>12:00pm AA Meeting<br>2:30pm CASA | <b>23</b>                                                            |
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## THE SESSION

Rev. John Brock Moderator  
Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

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Ben Hunter

Bob Lence

Corey Littrell

Helen Monts

Aubre Wells

### Class of 2027

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Amanda Davis

Beth Anne Ellzey

Mac Godwin

Mary Margaret Gratz

Debra Robison

Liz Rose

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Trey Phyfer

Virginia Tolliver

Buddy Stubbs

Kathy Wallace

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