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



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						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Let's Serve Together

8/19 @ 2:30 P.M.

**SALVATION
ARMY**

8/30 @ 9 A.M.

**HELPING
HANDS**

Prayers for the Week

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: Annette Thornton, Gladys Wilson, Daisy Aycock

College Students: Daniel Crotwell, Afton Gable, Lindley

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Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

★ JOIN US FOR ★

Bible Study

★ MONDAY, AUGUST 18 ★

@ 11 A.M.

★ BOLTON/SISTAHOOD ROOM ★

Let's help out today!



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.

Elder Nominations

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work to propose a slate of elders for the Class of 2029. If you have any suggestions for members of the church you would like the Committee to consider, please use the QR code provided here in the bulletin or go to the following link:

<https://forms.gle/JiFTc3nGxG8Ff5Pu8>



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Labor Day **BOSTON** **BUTT** *Fundraiser*

FOR THE CUBA MISSION TEAM
PREPARED BY MARK REYNOLDS

**PRE-ORDER NOW
THROUGH AUGUST 22**



**PICK UP DATES:
AUGUST 27, 28, 29**

\$40 each

instruction for reheating included at pick up

Contact: Liz Rose - 662.397.4504

Jean Magee - 662.231-6404

Robin Faucette - 662.401.4510



First Presbyterian Church Tupelo, MS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF

PLATES ARE \$5 PER ADULT
NO COST FOR CHILDREN!

AUGUST 27, 2025

Dinner at 5:30. Games to Follow!
in the Stuart Garden (weather permitting!)

Fun, family friendly event
Light picnic menu of pizza, fried or grilled chicken
tenders, homemade pasta salad, chips, and
assorted cookies for dessert



RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED!

What does it mean to be a "Presbyterian Woman"?

Being a woman, we wear many hats on any given day. Being a "Presbyterian Woman" is no different. *Presbyterian Women* was founded many years ago to strengthen the church and to perform duties that churches and communities needed. Today is no different. *FPC Tupelo* is full of life and love, and it takes all of us to fulfill the duties within the church on a daily basis. Each of us have special gifts to share with others and gifts that will enrich the livelihood of this church. With so many women working full-time these days, it takes more of us to jump in and volunteer at church. It can be small things, big things, or even just a single project, but we need YOU! To keep our church alive and thriving, please consider picking an activity or joining a committee and getting involved. Currently, there are "asks" for meal preparation for *Showers of Love*, *Salvation Army* meal servers, and soon, we will need cakes for the Cakewalk for our Fall Festival, Thanksgiving luncheon table decorators, *Operation Christmas Child* volunteers, Sunday night youth meals, Shepherds for the new members . . .What a better way to meet some new people and add spiritual enrichment to your life by serving the church and others.

Presbyterian Women has 3 monthly Bible Study groups called "Circle." The groups start in September, and we would still be honored to have you join a group. The Bible Study for 25-26 is "**Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.**"

See the next page for a teaser of our Bible Study!

Circle 3 - 1st Monday @ 6:45 P.M. in homes. Circle Leader: Anne Marie Littrell.
Sept 1 is at Lucy Nash's office, 4110 Westside Dr, Tupelo.
Dessert and beverages will be served.

Circle 24 - 2nd Tuesday @ Noon at the church. Circle Leader: Vivian Flemming.
Bring your lunch if you'd like - Sept 9

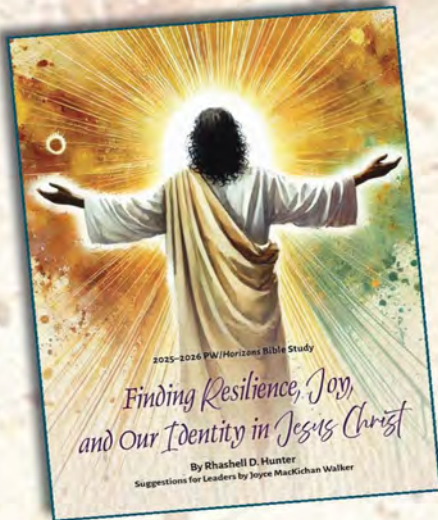
Circle 5 - 2nd Tuesday @ 6 pm at Busylad. Circle Leader: Lori Dickerson
Beverages are available - Sept 9
Hope to see you at Circle in Sept!

Lucy Purnell Nash
PW Moderator

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

By Rhashell D. Hunter

Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker



How do we find our resilience and joy in the midst of stressful life circumstances? By reconnecting to our spirituality, following women in the Bible, and studying Jesus' witness, we can discover a path that helps us fully embrace and celebrate who we are as faithful disciples.



LESSON ONE: Mary Magdalene, the Tower



LESSON TWO: Mary "of a Certain Village"



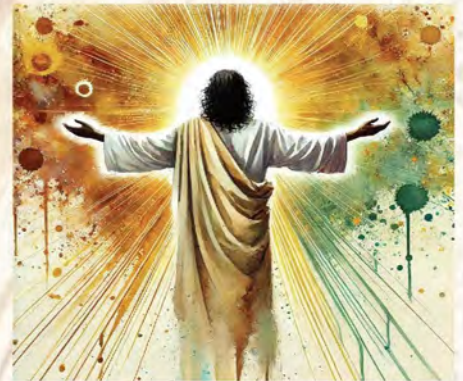
LESSON THREE: Jesus Is Tested



LESSON FOUR: The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent



LESSON FIVE: The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor



LESSON SIX: Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice"



LESSON SEVEN: The Woman Who Was Bent Over



LESSON EIGHT: Remembering Jesus' Baptism



LESSON NINE: When You Are Walking With Jesus: The Road to Emmaus

The Church at Worship & Work

YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY

17

AUGUST

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:00 A.M.

Sunday School, Fellowship Hall

11:00 A.M.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

4:30 P.M.

Boy Scouts, Room B205

5:30 P.M.

Youth

MONDAY

18

AUGUST

11:00 A.M.

Bible Study

2:30 P.M.

CASA, Gym

5:00 P.M.

Steering Committee Meeting

6:00 P.M.

Session Meeting

TUESDAY

19

AUGUST

9:00 A.M.

T'ai Chi Chih

10:00 A.M.

Staff Meeting

2:30 P.M.

CASA, Gym

2:30 P.M.

Cook for the Salvation Army

7:00 P.M.

A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY

20

AUGUST

2:30 P.M.

Mah Jongg-Stewart Clayton SS Rm.

3:00 P.M.

CASA, Gym

THURSDAY

21

AUGUST

8:00 A.M.

Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn

1:30 P.M.

Shepherd's Center Meeting, Rec. Room

2:30 P.M.

CASA, Gym

FRIDAY

22

AUGUST

CUT-OFF FOR ORDERING BOSTON BUTTS

12:00 P.M.

A.A. Meeting

2:30 P.M.

CASA, Gym

THE SESSION

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

Class of 2026

Glen Davidson, Sr.
Jim Fisher
Ben Hunter
Bob Lence
Corey Littrell
Helen Monts
Aubre Wells

Class of 2027

Heather Crotwell
Amanda Davis
Beth Anne Ellzey
Mac Godwin
Mary Margaret Gratz
Debra Robison
Liz Rose

Class of 2028

Jim Bruce
Tatum Collins
Lee Herman
Trey Phyfer
Virginia Toliver
Buddy Stubbs
Kathy Wallace

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Dr. Kathy McMurry, Treasurer
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