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God Remembers us!

A Lenten Sermon Series

Isn't it remarkable the things we forget. Almost weekly, I walk out of my house without my keys never realizing it until I arrive at a locked door. Right then, it's like a vision, I can see them sitting there, as clear as day, on the kitchen counter. I must have looked at them a dozen times before I left. But no matter how much I did remember that morning I still forgot a key element to my day. I usually say to myself, "where did I think I was going?" God remembers us! The psalmist prays, who are we, O God, that you are "mindful" of us? God remembered Noah and all living things before and after the flood. God remembered Sarah, Rachel and Hannah and blessed them with children. God remembered the groaning of His people and the covenant He promised them. God remembered Joseph in the pit and made him royalty. God remembered Jacob in his dreams at Bethel. And Jesus told us at the table of grace and thanksgiving to remember God's story of love for us because remembering is holy work. God remembers us as dust. Join us for our Lenten Sermon Series, *God Remembers Us!*, where we explore how God hold us in elements of memory like ashes, ground, water, meals, music and prayer.

"God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

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Membership

Welcome New Members!



Paula Thomas



Missy Hamilton

On February 23 we welcomed Paula Thomas and Missy Hamilton into the life of the church. Following the service the Membership Committee hosted a lovely luncheon for the members that joined in December as well as Paula and Missy.



If you are looking for a church family we would love to meet with you and tell you more about First Presbyterian. Members of the Membership Committee can be found at the front of the church each Sunday following the service and would love to speak with you!



Memorials to the John Satterwhite Endowment Fund:

In **memory** of John Satterwhite by: Dennis, Gay & Maggie Anderson, Dr. & Mrs. Sam Kuykendall
In **memory** of Lee Wells by: Ken & Sue Brinkley
In **memory** of Mary Lucy Fuqua by: Dr. & Mrs. Sam Kuykendall
In **memory** of Bronston Boone by: The Boone Family

Memorials

In **memory** of Jesse Foreman by: Joe & Carroll Kilgore, Beverly Herro, C L & June Warren, Buddy & Suzanne Dukes, Dorothy Duncan, Mark & Patsy Bridges, Dr. & Mrs. John Chiles

In **memory** of Helen Fleming by: Mr. & Mrs. Hal Roe, Bob & Julia Lowe

In **memory** of Bob Duncan by: Dr. & Mrs. John Chiles

In **memory** of Tom Lucas by: Tonnya L. Lucas

A **donation** has been given to the Music Ministry by: Betty Wells

A **donation** has been given to First Presbyterian Church by: The Maury County Chorale

Mission

An exciting challenge and opportunity!!!

Friends of our family of faith,

Recently, over lunch with Rev. Jeff Kane, the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, I learned more about the ministry of Room in the Inn and how they are finding new ways to help people in Columbia. They are currently working with *Columbia Inn* on Nashville Highway to provide shelter for anyone experiencing homelessness or in a transitional situation of housing assistance. Jeff shared how this collaboration is working really well for them and how many in our community have stepped up to help. Room in the Inn is asking for financial commitments to be given to assure they have plenty of rooms to help when assistance is needed. It is a great way for us to be able to partner with them in this ministry. For example, an \$800 gift could fund a room for a month, and a \$10,000 gift could fund a room for a whole year. Room in the Inn is currently one of our deacon benevolences. Because of their wonderful work a great opportunity has been presented to our congregation. An anonymous gift has been given to First Presbyterian Church with a challenge to our community to match the gift. This would allow us to present this gift to Westminster and Room in the Inn and would allow this ministry to secure a room for an entire year. Please consider how you can join in this opportunity.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

News From Guatemala

The Mission Committee is supporting Michael Magee on a medical mission trip to Guatemala. Below is an excerpt from the recent letter they received from him. You can find the entire letter posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

Hola!

I came to Guatemala City on 2/24/2020, two weeks before the rest of the medical team arrives, and caught an Uber to the bus station an hour north, and rode another 4 hours by bus north to Coban. But before I left the airport, I met a Guatemalan friend I first met on a Living Waters for the World trip in February 2019 with First Pres Tupelo, to give her medicine for her mom.

Debbie Welch, Guatemalan mission co-worker, met me at the bus station in Coban, and she and Richard graciously opened their home to me, allowing me as a token gesture of reciprocation, to invade their kitchen and cook for them.

The remaining 10 of the medical team from TN arrive 3/7, 5 hours south of Coban in Guatemala City, and Philip and I will pick them up at the airport. They will be bringing medical supplies (our pharmacy, toothbrushes, readers, laboratory supplies, and fluoride), and educational materials (about washing hands, brushing teeth, and the uses of clean water). We will spend Sunday night 3/7 in Coban, and worship in Philip's church Sunday morning. For 4 days, 3/9-12, we will visit 4 Q'eqchi' villages off the municipal power and water grids (Tamariz, Chinatal, Zapato II, and Nueva Canaan), providing mobile clinics in church sanctuaries, and health education for children, teens, and adults, using bubble wands, coloring books, duck duck goose, soccer balls, songs, banners, and Bible stories. We will check the water supply in the 4 villages for bacterial contamination, and take notes on their candidacy for Living Waters for the World water purification systems. We will be training at least one, hopefully more, local health promoters. I hope to connect with Concern America's Jeanette Nisly at Cafe Chilero while in Flores to give her our leftover WHO essential medications.

Gracias, mi esposa, Debbie, for allowing me to come. And gracias to the generous donors and prayer supporters.

Dios te Bendiga! Mike Magee

Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee hosted a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on February 26 which included an intergenerational game of Lenten Jeopardy! The youth team stayed in the lead the entire game but were overcome by the final jeopardy question. Many thanks to our cooks, Craig Lorch, Ron Neal, and Rev. Len Carrell who prepared a wonderful meal with pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fresh fruit. Thank you to everyone that came out for a fun evening before we began our Lenten disciplines. We hope you will join us on March 25 for a hymn sing and fellowship dinner.



Children and Youth Ministries

NaCoMe Youth Spring Retreat

Please keep our youth and their chaperones in prayer as they travel to NaCoMe for the spring retreat on Friday, March 6. Those participating are: Lilly Allred, Sarah Ann Crichton, Mary Dudley Hill, Houston Jones, Abby Lewis, Molly Potts, Anna Taylor and chaperones, Brian Allred and Dawn Taylor.



NaCoMe Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp registration is now open! Go to www.nacome.org and click on the summer camp link. Use code Columbia20 during check out for your 50% church member discount.



Vacation Bible School 2020 June 22-26

Curriculum has been chosen and we are ready to begin recruiting volunteers for VBS! We hope you will prayerfully consider where you might serve this year. Be on the lookout for information on volunteer opportunities coming soon!

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

March 13-14
NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center
\$50.00 Per Person
(Includes lodging, meals and retreat supplies)
To register go to www.1stprescolumbia.org and click on the events tab, call the church office at 388-1985 or pick up a registration form in the gathering space, fill it out and turn it in.



Highlights of the WonderFull World women's retreat experience include:

Bible study designed to help women grow in their relationship with God and develop lasting friendships with each other.
Guided worship featuring both classic hymns and contemporary songs women love!
Small-group discussions that keep women engaged and building friendships throughout.
A meaningful service project that will allow participants to provide love and encouragement to those in need.



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Presbyterian Womens Circles

2019/2020

Horizon Bible Study

"Love Carved in Stone"

Morning Circle:

Will meet Monday, March 9 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Evening Circle:

Will meet Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM at the home of Judie Forrest 1756 VP Lunn Drive Spring Hill.

Save The Date!

*Presbyterian Women
Spring Gathering*

When:

Saturday April 25th, 2020

Where:

First Presbyterian Church
101 Legends Club Ln.
Franklin, TN 37069

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bible Studies



Men's Bible Study will meet at
MRMC at 6:00 am on
March 10 and 31.



Discipleship Class
Thursday Mornings
10:00-12:00

A study of the book of Isaiah using Bill Creasy lectures. This is a 12 week class. If you would like more information please contact Dianne Messick or the church office.

Wonderful Wednesday

Our Wonderful Wednesday activities includes a meal with dessert served from 5:30-6:00 PM.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and a family maximum of \$25.

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 Children's Choir and Youth Music

5:30-6:15 Dinner

6:15-7:00 Bible Study for children through adults

7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir

Deacon's



Time to grab your tool belts again!

Habitat for Humanity (Williamson and Maury Counties) are coming back to Columbia for a series of builds this year. The first build will be an All Church Build, Habitat has asked 10 local churches to become partners with them in the build. We have answered the call to be one of the partner churches.

The project is scheduled to break ground at the end of March and construction to begin the 2nd weekend of April. We have also been speaking with the team from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Columbia to pair-up for Build Dates. We will be participating in two (2) Build Dates for this project; Saturday, April 11 and

Saturday April 18. Because both dates are early on in the build process, we will more than likely be working on framing and the exterior of the house. We are looking for a minimum of 15 volunteers for each day to help with the construction. It doesn't matter your skill level, there is always a job you can do. We also need volunteers to help with food during our 2 build days. On Saturday, April 11 First Presbyterian Church will be responsible for Lunch for the crew (around 40 in total). On Saturday, April 18 First Presbyterian Church will be responsible for breakfast.

Be on the look out for Sign Up Sheets for both Volunteering and for food.



The People's Table

Our church is responsible for the People's Table the four Friday's in April. As always, we need cooks, servers, and help with clean up. If you can participate in any way, please contact Karen Smith at 931-381-4227 or karenmith_strn@yahoo.com

Lent has long been the primary time for renewing our discipleship by adopting more rigorous discipline to heighten our spiritual awareness. One of the Lenten disciplines is "almsgiving" (making charitable donations).

During the Lenten season the Deacon's will be accepting donations for Center of Hope and Joseph Brown Elementary. Please see the needed items listed. Baskets will be placed in the Gathering Space for your donations.



The Deacon's will be collecting boxes of cereal for the students of Joseph

Brown Elementary to take home over Spring Break.



Ramen Noodles

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Large Baby Diapers

Baby Wipes

Family Center Reverse Raffle

The Family Center's annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction is March 21. It will be held at the Memorial building in downtown Columbia.

This is the biggest fundraiser that the Family Center holds each year. All proceeds from the



Reverse Raffle are used to help those in our own community. Tickets are available online or see Susie Baxter if you would like to support this benevolence.

Congregational Care & Service



Acolyte's for March

March 8- Lee Holloway and Houston Jones

March 15- Molly Potts and Sarah Ann Crichton

March 22- McKennon Jones and Houston Jones

March 29- Mary Dudley Hill and Anna Grace Taylor



Liturgists for March

March 1- Paula Thomas

March 8- Tom Price

March 15- Jeff Baxter

March 22- Jim Ross

March 29- Ellen Ludwig



Ushers for March

Captain- Dwight Fox

March 8- Al Harlan, Jeff Baxter, Don Crichton, Ron Neal

March 15- Matt Campbell, Brooks Jones, John Hill, Andy Crichton

March 22- Mike McAlister, Frank Dale, Tom Price, Becky Price

March 29- Dwight Fox, Cindy Fox, Jim Ross, Bill Cook

Caregiver Support Group

Our own Dr. Terry Hendrickson and Emily McKnight will be leading a caregiver support group on the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at NHC Columbia. Topics include self preservation while caring for others, dealing with health issues, and resources available for caregivers and their loved ones. Meetings are open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served. NHC is located at 5010 Trotwood Avenue, Columbia, TN



A special thank you to those who graciously volunteered to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship service this past year. They serve as a reminder of the beauty in our lives that God provides. If you wish to provide flowers for the sanctuary for the upcoming year, there is a calendar for 2020 on the table in the gathering area that you may sign up for, or you may email me at rfoster@gmail.com or call the church office at 388-1985.



Our Church uses a prayer chain when we are made aware of prayer requests and needs. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com.



Sunday Schedule

9:10 Sunday School
10:10 Fellowship Coffee
10:30 Worship

Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 Children's Choir and Youth Music
5:30-6:15 Dinner
6:15-7:00 Bible Studies
7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Lent	2	3 Session 6:00 PM	4 Wonderful Wednesday	5 Discipleship Class	6 NaCoMe Youth Spring Retreat	7 NaCoMe Youth Spring Retreat
8 2nd Sunday of Lent NaCoMe Youth Spring Retreat Communion	9 Women's Morning Circle 10:00 AM In the Fellowship Hall	10 Mens Bible Study 6:00 AM Deacons 6:00 PM Committees 7:00	11 Wonderful Wednesday	12 Discipleship Class	13 Women's Retreat	14 Women's Retreat
15 3rd Sunday of Lent	16	17 Evening Circle 6:30 PM	18 Wonderful Wednesday Guest Speaker	19 Discipleship Class	20	21
22 4th Sunday of Lent	23	24 Mens Bible Study 6:00 AM Newsletter Articles Due	25 Wonderful Wednesday Hymn Sing 6:00 PM	26 Discipleship Class	27	28
29 5th Sunday of Lent 5th Sunday Offering	30 Maury County Spring Break March 30-April 13	31				