

May 2021

Heard on High

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To our church family,

Wishing you all continued Easter joy and sun-filled spring days. Happy Ascension and Pentecost month. Congrats to all graduates! All students, teachers and parents are truly Superstars for enduring the strangest learning time ever. So, proud of your resilience! Happy last day of school. Happy start to summer. Happy Mother's Day, too. May the Fourth be with you, as well!

Our time at *Antrim* on April 25th was again a gift from our friends. Thank you again to our *Antrim* friends.

Greetings and blessings to you all. It has been great seeing so many of your faces back in worship recently. Please know how grateful we are for each of you, and for these days when we get to see one another again.

Come to church! Many are coming back gradually every week, and we hope to see many more of you over the summer. We will continue worshiping at two times, 8:30 and 10:30 AM, with Sunday School classes meeting at their usual times between the services. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

On behalf of our Session and the Committee on Ministry of the Middle Tennessee Presbytery, I want to thank you for taking the time to read and answer the questionnaire that was sent out for your confidential reply. Many thanks in advance, for what I'm sure are your earnest and honest reflections and responses regarding our family of faith. Every one of your voices matter and we are grateful for every one of you who took the time to do this.

I want to especially give my gratitude and heart to Rev. Christi Armstrong and Rev. Steve Thomas for offering a *good word* while I was away. Appreciative of you, both!

Rev. Len Carrell

"The Lord is God, and God has given us light...O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever."
Psalm 118: 27, 29

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Christian Education



Climb Aboard for the best week of Summer!

Vacation Bible School

June 28-July 1

At Rocky Railway, kids discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, engage in fun snack-eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Due to the decrease in COVID cases, the Christian Education Committee has decided to proceed with VBS this summer. We will be limiting the number of participants to 50 so that we can safely practice COVID protocols. If COVID numbers should increase in the coming months we will revisit our decision.

Please click on the link to register your child or to volunteer.

vbspro.events/p/6f3d46firstprescolumbia

Classes are available for children in preschool through rising fifth grade. Our preschool class will join us for opening and closing but will be self contained for activities. Children in kindergarten through rising fifth grade will travel to activities in combined age crews.

As always, we encourage our youth in rising sixth through twelfth grade to sign up to be assistant group leaders.

Please look at the volunteer positions available and prayerfully consider where you would like to serve!

Christian Education

We currently have 27 kids registered in preschool thru rising 5th grade. If you haven't registered yet please do so as soon as possible. There are only **3** spots remaining in the preschool class!

We still need youth assistants so please let us know if you would like to participate.

Volunteer Positions Available

Register on-line @ vbspro.events/p/6f3d46firstprescolumbia

Thank you to all of you that have volunteered!

- ◇ Sing & Play Express/Rocky Wrap Up-Mary Marshall Smith and Cramer Martin
- ◇ Little Kids Depot-Laura Hughes and Mollie Grace DeMoss
- ◇ Bible Adventures-Rev. Len Carrell
- ◇ Kidvid Cinema-Gloria Dale and Jean Mac Ball
- ◇ Imagination Station-Argie Satterwhite, Leigh Ann Church, Cathy McDonald and Westin Lewis
- ◇ Loco Motion Games-Brian Allred
- ◇ Nursery-Megan Hill and Becca Baxter
- ◇ Youth Crew Leader Assistants-Lilly Allred, Mary Dudley Hill, Abby Lewis, Lee Holloway and Mollie Potts
- ◇ Registration-Danette DeMoss
- ◇ Chew Chew Snacks-Cindy Baxter, Mary McClanahan, Paula Thomas, Karen Phillips

We still need:

5 adult Crew Leaders

Bible Adventure Assistant

Loco Motion Games Assistant

Preschool Assistants

Christian Education



Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

Sunday School 9:30-10:15

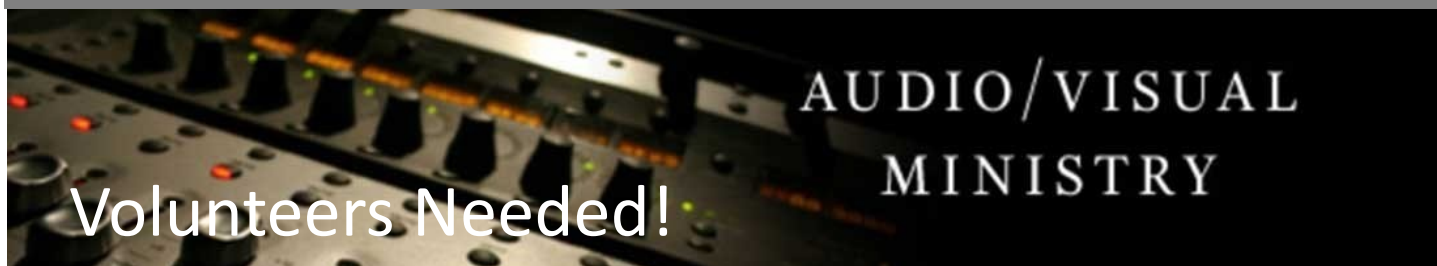
Children-Preschool through Fourth Grade-Meet in the Art Room-Led by Susie Baxter

Youth-Fifth through High School-Meet in the Youth Room-Led by Dawn Taylor

Fellowship Class-Meet in the Fellowship Hall-Led by Rev. Steve Thomas

Chapel Class-Meet in the Chapel-Led by Greg Martin

Worship



We are almost ready for training! If you would like to join this new ministry, please contact Jeff Baxter at jbaxter@apcom.com or Lee Maddox at lmaddox@tfbf.com

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Congregational Meeting May 23

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 23 following the worship service to vote on the newest Elders and Deacons for the class of 2024. We want to thank the Nominating Committee for their work discerning these new leaders of the church.

Elders: Mary Beth Cotham, Tony Khim, Ed Lancaster, Craig Lorch, Paula Thomas

Deacons: Joann Lorch (completing a two year term, 2023), Brian Allred, Jessica Elam, Bill Handy, Lynne Hendrickson, Katie Ledbetter

Presbytery News

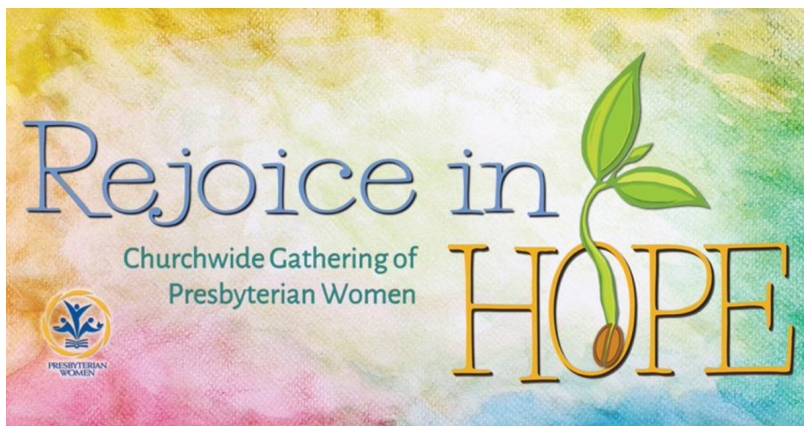
The Presbytery Office is Going Virtual!

As we continue our efforts in moving the physical presence of the Presbytery office to a virtual office, we have secured a post office box at a UPS store in Franklin. The **new mailing address for the Presbytery office, effective July 1, 2021**, will be:

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
1113 Murfreesboro Rd., Suite 106 #216
Franklin, TN 37064

We understand that it may take a month or two for you to make the necessary address change on your end. You may begin using the new Presbytery mailing address immediately; however, we will continue to receive mail at the current address until June 30, 2021. The Presbytery phone number, **615-332-3330**, will remain the same. If you have any questions about the move, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Robin](#), [Ray](#), or [Therese](#).

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women
Churchwide Gathering is
going online!

Mark your calendars:
August 4 & 5, 2021

Highlights:

- Six hours of programming over two days
- Installation of the new moderator team for 2021–2024
- PW Business Meeting open for observation
- Worship and the Word
- Speakers and preachers, including a special message from Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) and author of *Beyond Greens and Cornbread: Reflections on African American Christian Identity*.

And much more! Stay tuned for more information in coming weeks.

Congregational Care and Concern



SANCTUARY FLOWERS 2021

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2021, the calendar can be found on the table in the Education Wing of the church. Or you may call Renea in the church office to reserve a Sunday. (931) 388-1985

Available Dates

May 16 & 30

July 11, 18, 25

August 8, 15, 22, & 29

Thank you to Eva Crichton for her many years of service to the flower ministry of our church. Welcome to Jennie Harlan as she takes over this role.

Deacons



Meals on Wheels

The Maury County Senior Citizen's Center is looking for drivers to deliver for Meals on Wheels, Monday-Friday from 11am-1pm. If interested you can sign up once a week, once a month, or whatever works best for you. Please call the Senior Center at (931) 380-3950 for more information or to sign up.

People's Table



Thank you to all of you that cooked, served, or cleaned during our month of service at the people's table.

Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:9-10



The Pregnancy Center continues to work to raise money as they have had safety concerns in the basement where moms shopped. They are currently improving this space for a better shopping experience!

If you are interested in making a contribution please reach out to Kathy Cook, Executive Director at 931-374-1475.

Caring Hands Caring Feet Ministry – Updates coming soon!

In Memoriam

Memorials for May

In **memory** of George Nelson (husband of Imogene Nelson & daughter of Dawn Nelson) by: Jim & Terri Ross

In **memory** of Patty Ridley by: Sue Halsted

In **memory** of Patricia T. Clark (wife of John Clark) by: John Clark

In **memory** of Carol J. Clark by: John Clark

In **memory** of Clarence R. Clark by: John Clark

In **memory** of Evelyn W. Clark by: John Clark

A **donation** has been given to the church in honor of the baptism of Bass Patton by his parents, Kat and Lee Patton

Memorials to the John Satterwhite Endowment Fund

In **memory** of George Nelson by: Jack & Cindy Baxter, Martha Boone

Mission



On behalf of the Mission Committee we would like to thank the entire congregation for their amazing support for the Greg Baxter family. We exceeded all expectations by raising over \$30,000.

This has made an incredibly positive effect for the Baxter's. This degree of widespread generosity is quite moving.

Please continue to lift them up in your thoughts and prayers.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dan Garman

Chair of the Mission Committee

Crossroads to Home

The Crossroads to Home organization is looking for volunteers. They are looking for people who can volunteer 4 hours, one time per week. Your duties would be making coffee, sandwiches, organizing supplies and making follow up calls to clients. Their hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. If you have any questions please call Pam Sanders at 931-446-3854.

Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Without the gift of the Spirit, Christ's church dries up and withers away, and we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and sees its missing as God's new people. The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ — the church.

We invite you to wear red on May 23 in celebration of Pentecost

Family Fellowship Picnic

MAY 23 @ 4:00 PM

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us on Sunday, May 23 at the Maury County Park, Civitan Pavilion for an end of year picnic! Bar B Que, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Condiments and Paper Products will be provided. We invite you to bring chips, your favorite side or dessert to share.

The Civitan Pavilion is located across the street from Kids Kingdom. If you have any questions you may call the church office at 388-1985