

First Presbyterian Church

307 Gates Avenue, Huntsville AL 35801

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Our Youth Department here at First Presbyterian Church has an exciting event coming up!

On Sunday, September 11, the FPC Youth Committee is sponsoring a **PYC Fall Fest!** This will be a carnival-themed block party type event that will feature the WAY-FM Van (bringing WAY-FM music and their prize wheel), traditional carnival styled games, carnival style food (think popcorn, cotton candy, etc.), prizes and more! All of this will take place outside on the Gates Avenue side of the church.

This special event will take place from 5:00-7:30 pm and is open to all Huntsville area youth!

At 5:00 pm for about 30 minutes, there will be a brief youth parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity for parents to re-sign permission and liability forms for the 2016-17 school year, and also to get more info about upcoming dates and how they can help out. All parents of FPC youth and parents who may be interested in getting their youth involved are encouraged to come.

The five intentions of the Presbyterian Youth Connection are:

1. To call young people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. To respond to the needs and the interests of young people.
3. To work together, youth and adults, in partnership.
4. To be connected to the whole church, community, and the world.
5. To include all young people, reaching out, and inviting them to belong to the community of faith.

Church, this is a great opportunity for us to open our doors to the community and invite those around us into fellowship and worship with us. We have a solid youth program full of amazing young people, and we have room to grow.

I encourage parents to send their youth out, and tell other parents in the community about this fun gathering. Youth, I invite you to participate and bring at least one friend from your school or community. Other church members, I ask you to tell the youth in your family that do not attend FPC about this Fall Fest and have them bring friends too.

Let us all come together and make this event a success! This is a wonderful time to "respond to God's call through the Holy Spirit to be connected to each other, and the world".

If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact me at jwilliams@fpchsv.org

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Nominating Committee



Nominations of Officers by the Nominating Committee for Class of 2018

Those who have been nominated for election to church offices are:

For Elder:

Danny Bryant - Gather
David Galloway - Maintain
Vicky Goodwin - Care
Jamison Howard - Worship
Woodward Howard - Grow
Karen Madison - Share
Marshall Schreeder, Jr. - Sustain
Louis Horn- Moving Clerk, Personnel

For Deacon:

Annewhite Fuller - Care
Sue Garrison - Worship
Jessie Guthrie - Maintain
Joe Lundy - Gather
Ryan Parker - Sustain
Ben Peters - Grow
Andrew Bevel - Share

For Trustee*:

Bill Lummus

Jim Daughtry

*Class of 2019

The congregation may also make nominations from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee.

In Memoriam



Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Dr. John Johnson and his family on the death of his mother, **Geneva Christine "Chris" Johnson.**

Read obituary [here.](#)

Prayers for Healing



Our thoughts and prayers are with our former pastor, Shep Crigler, who will be having surgery in the near future.

Rally Day

RALLY DAY is Sunday, August 28 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Not just for kids anymore. The entire church is invited to Rally Day, 2016, as we rally together for the 2016-17 year. Elementary students will be recognized as they are promoted in Sunday School classes, and representatives from many of our Clusters and small groups will be on hand with information, along with this year's adult Sunday School teachers who can answer questions about their classes. Please see how you can be a part of the mission and ministry of FPC. Come between services to the Fellowship Hall.



Mark Your Calendar



August 14 - Congregational Meeting following the 10:30 a.m. service

August 20 - Fellowship Camp at Maranatha

August 28 - Rally Day

August 28 - Teacher Recognition

September 4 - Sacrament of Holy Communion at all services

September 5 - Holiday/Church office closed

September 11 - Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

September 14 - Wednesday Nite Live begins

Be an "Ask Me" person



New! Be an "Ask Me" person. An "Ask Me" person is someone who knows FPC well enough to answer any general questions a newcomer might have. All that is required is the ability to stay 5-10 minutes after worship at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service. If you are willing to be part of hospitality at FPC, please contact Pastor Rosemary at rmcmahan@fpchsv.org or Karen Brown at karenclintonbrown@gmail.com. You'll even get a button!

Rev. Rosemary McMahan * Interim Associate Pastor * (256) 536-3354, ext. 127
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Wednesday Night's this Fall



Wed Nite Live is on its way! Mark your calendars now for **Sept. 14**, the kick-off of our intergenerational ministry. **Parent Orientation for 2 year old through sixth grade will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Wed, August 17.** Adults are also invited to pick up a list of adult classes and to register at this time.

More information can be found on the web site [here](#).

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Music Ministry



Sunday, August 14

- **Choir rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m. in choir room
- **Many thanks** to Moriah Berry and Jeffrey Dortch for the beautiful music that they are providing during our worship services this morning.
- **Handbell rehearsal** will be Sunday after the congregational meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Every year, Jeffrey Dortch, violin and our own Dr. Frank Contreras present a recital featuring the best music written for violin and piano. This year you are cordially invited to attend their recital at the **Episcopal Church of the Nativity** on Thursday, **August 18th at 7:30 pm**. Please join us.



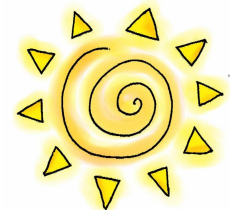
The Music Ministries of FPC would like to invite you to the recital of Mirella Frei Serrano, cello and Saray Martínez Gómez, piano on **Sunday, August 21 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Gideon Blackburn house. The *Recrea* Duo was born in 2013 in Switzerland. Since then they have gained international recognition. The *Recrea* Duo are on tour throughout many cities in the United States.

Dr. Patricia Hacker * Director of Music * (256) 536-3354, ext. 126
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Children's Ministries

Sunday, August 14th

- **Children's Church** at 10:30 a.m.
- **Nursery provided** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Sunday School:** Rising Kindergarten thru 6th grade will meet in the church basement from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.; Children under the pre-K age meet upstairs in the regular Sunday school room



for a short lesson and snack from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Angela Green * Director of Children's Ministry * (256) 536-3354, ext. 129
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Youth Ministries



Thanks to all who either attended Sunday School, brought their backpacks to be blessed this past Sunday, and/or showed up to PYC. It was fun, full day.

Sunday, August 14th

- **Worship services**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- **Special meeting** with all volunteers working with youth and children at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **PYC Connection**, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (**Movie Night!**)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Rally Day** is August 28th! Join us in the fellowship hall during Sunday-School time for snacks, info on FPC ministries, class advancement, and more!
- **We have some great new curriculum** in place for Sunday-School this fall. We have started a five-week study on Philippians, and on September 11 (SS/PYC kick-off day), we will begin a new study on the parables of Jesus that will last through the rest of the semester. Hope to see you this Sunday morning at 9:30AM.
- **PYC Fall Fest** - Mark your calendars! **September 11, 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.** All local youth are invited to join us for a carnival themed block party outside on the lawn. Come and participate in the game booths and contests all while filling up on cotton candy, popcorn, and more! Parents are invited for a brief meeting with Jim at 5:00 p.m. to re-sign permission and liability forms, and get more info on upcoming activities. This is a great event to invite all friends and those interested in participating in FPC Youth activities. All area youth are welcome to come out and join in the fun - the more the merrier.

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Flower Dedications

Flower Dedications are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones, or in honor of special



occasions such as a birthday, wedding anniversary or a special person. A donation of \$50 will sponsor a flower arrangement arranged by the Flower Guild.

Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located in the pew racks or can be picked up at the church office.

Upcoming available Sunday dates: September 4, 11, 25; October 2 and 30.

Leslie Ecklund, Flower Guild
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Worship This Week

Sunday, August 14th, 2016 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. (John Allan Hall)
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Dr. Cary Speaker, Interim Pastor, preaching
"Security"

Scripture texts: [Isaiah 5: 1-7](#); [Luke 12: 49-56](#).

A worship bulletin for this Sunday is available online on Thursday afternoons [here](#).

There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving the report from the nominating committee.

Church Calendar



[View the Church Calendar Online](#)

Sermons

In keeping with Presbyterian tradition, the hearing of God's word in Scripture and preaching is central to each Sunday service of worship at First Presbyterian Church. For those who were unable to be with us-and for those who want to reflect further on a sermon or save it-you will find below the online text of the most recent sermons.

Scripture comments and texts of the sermons are available in the church literature racks, which are located in the church office across from the Pastor's Secretary office.

Audio-in MP3 and streaming formats-for the 10:30 worship service is also available below.

For a pdf of the Sunday worship bulletin, click on the service time at right.

Sunday, August 14, 2016

"Security" Dr. Cary Speaker [8:30 and 10:30](#)
[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

Sunday, August 7, 2016

"What Are We Offering" Rev. Rosemary McMahan [8:30 and 10:30](#)
[a.m.](#)

[Sermon Text](#)
[Audio Sermon](#)

Sunday, July 31, 2016

"Money Matters" Dr. Cary Speaker [8:30 and 10:30](#)
[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)
[Sermon Text](#)
[Audio Sermon](#)

Sunday, July 24, 2016

"Miracle Grow" Rev. Rosemary McMahan [8:30 and 10:30](#)
[a.m.](#)

[Sermon Text](#)
[Audio Sermon](#)

Sunday, July 17, 2016

"Hospitality" Dr. Cary Speaker [8:30 and 10:30](#)
[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)
[Sermon Text](#)
[Audio Sermon](#)

Prayer Request

Members: Anne Boles, John Clark, J. R. Howard, Pat Kyser; Cay Lambert,

Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, Lonnie McCormick and Sanders Pair.

Friends & Relatives: **Shep Crigler - Former Pastor of FPC;** Elizabeth Haynes - Mother of Sheila Fogle; Gloria Hyatt - Mother of Jeff Hyatt; Gay LeJeune - Friend of Peggy and David Galloway; **Tine Liegerot - Friend of Irmie and Roger Hammer;** Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Jay Mortimer - Neighbor of Serena Neely; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith; Avery Grace Tincher (Daughter of Michael and Lindsey Beth Tincher, Granddaughter of Ann and Steve Tincher, and Great-granddaughter of Marlyn and Hoyt Harris); Tom Wilson - Father of Elaine Stowe.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Annabell Aust (Regency Village); Lorinne Lilly (Magnolia Cottage); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ernestine Roberson (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Virginia Rowe (Whitesburg Gardens); Marge Sharp (Brookdale Place); Phil Skidmore (Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home); Teensie Stroupe (Belmont Village - Memphis).

The Church: The Pastor Nominating Committee; First Presbyterian Church, the Session and the North Alabama Presbytery.

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces.

Our Nation: President Obama and our representatives.

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries: Appalachia Service Project (ASP); Good Samaritans; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children; Second Mile Preschool, and the CUP program.

We pray for the departed: Geneva Christine "Chris" Johnson - Mother of Dr. John Johnson.

If you are hospitalized or in need of a pastoral visit, please notify the Pastor's Secretary (256-536-3354, ext. 132). Please remember that area hospitals do not notify us about admissions.

First Presbyterian Church Staff and Leadership

THE CHURCH STAFF

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THE SESSION

Class of 2016: Patty Conley (Care); David Galloway (Sustain); Leslie Lockhart (Maintain); Jan McKemie (Worship); Jay Stowe (Grow); Nicole Schroer (Share); George Van Kirk (Gather).

Class of 2017: Harriet Bibb (Care); Bo Lundy (Gather); Houston Matthews (Maintain); Heidi Meadows (Share); Melissa Rowe (Grow); Andy Watson (Sustain); Charlotte Wessel (Worship)

Moderator:

Dr. Cary Speaker

Clerk of Session:

Lucinda Schreeder

Moving Clerk:

Bruce Williams

To view current session minutes, click [here](#).

DIACONATE (DEACONS)

Class of 2016: David Goodwin, Chair (Care); Marshall Corlew (Sustain), Leslie Ecklund (Worship); Carlotta Gattis (Gather); Lennie Hartwell (Share); Michael Lastovic (Maintain); Amy Stucky (Grow).

Class of 2017: Gene Beam (Sustain), Libby Brown (Maintain), Karen Clayton (Gather); June Guynes (Share); Andi Gaskins (Care); Elaine Stowe (Grow); Sally Troy (Worship).

TRUSTEES

Class of 2016: Janice Fowler (Treasurer of Church) and Wayne Bonner

Class of 2017: Mac Martinson and Charles Bozeman (Treasurer of Trustees)

Class of 2018: Bill Johnson and Jay Stowe

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