

# First Presbyterian Church

307 Gates Avenue, Huntsville AL 35801

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## First Friends Preschool Starts Another Exciting Year!

On behalf of First Friends Preschool, and our wonderful teaching staff, I am excited to tell you a little more about the start of the 34th year for our preschool. We began preschool last week with lots of happy children and teachers who were anxious to meet all their little ones! We welcomed 27 new families to the First Friends family this year and grew into a second

Pre-Kindergarten class. It has been wonderful to see all of the children and their parents fill our church hallways each day.

The teachers work hard to instill a love of learning, to provide and to develop a nurturing, Christian environment...and it shows in the joy within the preschool. As I spent time in each classroom over the last week, I have been amazed by all of the creative teaching, imaginative play, and quick formation of new friendships. From painting and dress up to singing and story time, we strive to make sure every child feels God's love through us every single day.

Our hope is to continue the building of community between our families, teachers, and our church members through the ministry of our preschool. We are so grateful for God's faithfulness and the joy that resounds in our school each day. There is no noise quite a joyful as a preschool full of children!

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## 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. Representatives from many of our Clusters and small groups will be on hand with information. This year's adult Sunday

School teachers will be present to 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.



## FPC Sunday School Teacher Recognition



**FPC Sunday School Teacher Recognition, August 28**, at both services for all teachers of all ages of all courses, from pre-school through adult studies, from Sunday School through weekday classes. Teachers, please join us.

## Mark Your Calendar



**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**

## Coming in September



**Wed Nite Live is Bringing the Word!**

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).*

**What is Wed Nite Live?** WNL is an intentional setting where God's children of all ages, from 2 years of age to adults, can learn about Christian relationships by gathering together.

**What are the dates and times?** Fall Semester: Wed. Sept. 14 through Wed. Nov. 30. 5-7 PM for children and youth. Adult studies 5:30-6:30 PM. Dinner service will begin at 6:20.

**What is the cost for fall semester?** 2, 3, 4 year olds: \$40/child  
K-High School: \$50/child with a family maximum of \$125.  
Adults: \$7 for dinner/session  
Free nursery available for children under 2.

**What will be studied?**

2 year old through 6th grade: *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*.  
7-8th graders will be preparing for Confirmation.  
High school students will explore *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*.

Young and Older Adults will have three tracts from which to choose:

**Living the Questions**, an opportunity to struggle with some tough theological issues and explore what's next for Christianity, led by Bert Moore and Barbara Bozeman.

**Old Testament Survey**: an invitation to explore the general themes of the Old Testament, led by Rev. Richard Brooks, retired PC(USA).

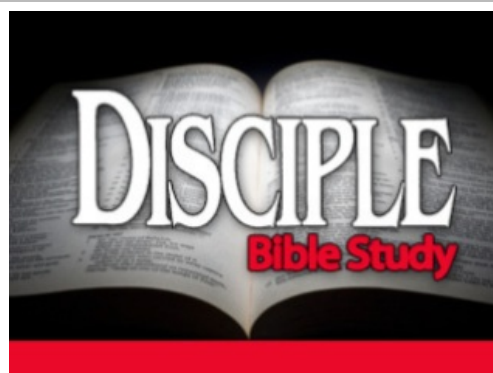
**Grief, Loss, and Spirituality**, weekly explorations of various aspects of the grief process, from death to caretaking to self-esteem, led by Rev. Carl Malm, Exec Director, Huntsville Assoc. for Pastoral Care.

**How do I register?** You can register online at [fpchsv.org](http://fpchsv.org) under "Ministries" or contact Truett Fink at [truettfink@gmail.com](mailto:truettfink@gmail.com). Registration is required for children, youth, and adults; payment is due by Sept. 14.

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

**Rev. Rosemary McMahan \* Interim Associate Pastor \* (256) 536-3354, ext. 127**  
[rmcmahan@fpchsv.org](mailto:rmcmahan@fpchsv.org)

**Sign-up for Disciple Bible Study**



Disciple is a program of disciplined Bible study that enriches lives by deepening comprehension of Scripture. It draws on the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and lively group discussion to increase understanding. These Bible studies have enriched lives by helping participants become closer to God and learn the joys of living a life of discipleship.

### **Monday Evening Disciple Bible Study**

Monday, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tish Hammer, 256-468-3782, [tishdhammer@gmail.com](mailto:tishdhammer@gmail.com)

This group will be studying Disciple's Invitation to John, a short-term Bible study. This eleven-week study includes a participant book outlining daily reading assignments for group preparations and a video component providing interpretation and context for biblical texts. The invitation of this study is to come and see Jesus - to hear him speak, to see his signs - and to consider anew what it means to be a follower.

### **Thursday Morning Disciple Bible Study**

Thursday, 9:00 - 11:15 am, Library

Vicky Goodwin, 256-850-3102, [goodwingoodwins@gmail.com](mailto:goodwingoodwins@gmail.com)

In Jesus and the Gospels, the study helps group members understand that Jesus is rooted in Judaism and the Scriptures of Judaism, and that Christianity and the New Testament are rooted in the Scriptures of Judaism-our Old Testament.

### **Thursday Evening Disciple I**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Library

Karen Madison, 256-656-1677, [karenmadison@comcast.net](mailto:karenmadison@comcast.net)

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study provides a foundational overview of the Bible. It serves as the basis for all other studies in the series. Over 34 weeks, it covers the entire Bible, following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

### **Friday Morning Disciple I**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Library

Elaine Stowe, 256-536-7308, [jayelainestowe@bellsouth.net](mailto:jayelainestowe@bellsouth.net)

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study provides a foundational overview of the Bible. It serves as the basis for all other studies in the series. Over 34 weeks, it covers the entire Bible, following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

Sign up today at the bulletin board.

**Vicky Goodwin\* Moderator \* (256) 850-3102**  
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## Sunday, August 21

- **Choir rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m. in choir room
- **Many thanks** to Mirella Frei Serrano and Saray Martínez Gómez for the beautiful music that they will provide during our worship services this Sunday morning. Please join us later Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Gideon Blackburn House for their *Recrea Duo* recital.
- **Handbell rehearsal**, 11:30 a.m. in the bell room.



The Music Ministries of FPC would like to invite you to the recital of Mirella Frei Serrano, cello and Saray Martínez Gómez, piano this afternoon **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 21st

- **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.
- **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.

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





## Sunday, August 21st

- **Worship services**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- **PYC Connection**, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## 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 9:30 a.m.



**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.

**Jim Williams \* Interim Director of Youth Ministry \* (256) 536-3354, 131**  
[jwilliams@fpchsv.org](mailto:jwilliams@fpchsv.org)

## **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 25; October 2 and 30.**

Leslie Ecklund, Flower Guild  
[leslie.ecklund@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:leslie.ecklund@huntsvilleal.gov)

## Worship This Week

**Sunday, August 21st, 2016 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 a.m. (John Allan Hall)**  
**10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

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

Scripture texts: [Jeremiah 1: 4-10](#); [Luke 13: 10-17](#).

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

**Hand bell rehearsals today at 11:30 a.m. in the bell room.**

## 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 21, 2016**

**"Suffering"**  
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

## **Sunday, August 14, 2016**

**"Security"**  
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon comments](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

## **Sunday, August 7, 2016**

**"What Are We Offering"**  
[a.m.](#)

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Sermon Text](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

## **Sunday, July 31, 2016**

**"Money Matters"**  
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon Text](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

## **Sunday, July 24, 2016**

**"Miracle Grow"**  
[a.m.](#)

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[8:30 and 10:30](#)



## 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:** **Sharon Barnes - Cousin of Lacey Matthews;** 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.

*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.*



## Church Staff & Leadership

### THE CHURCH STAFF

**Office: 256-536-3354; Fax: 256-536-3038**

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Quentin Fitzpatrick, *Sexton*

### 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](#).

SESSION  
MINUTES

### **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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