

First Presbyterian Church

307 Gates Avenue, Huntsville AL 35801

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Rally Together for FPC!

You are invited to be part of FPC's ministry, mission, and future at Rally Day 2016. This Sunday, August 28, from 9:30-9:50 am, Children's Director Angela Green will be promoting our children in Sunday School and introducing the children to their Sunday School teachers. Afterwards, over a dozen committees (clusters) and other groups will be on hand to inform the congregation about the many opportunities available to volunteer, to serve, and to learn. The new edition of the Learning Opportunities Book (LOB), now titled WORD, will be available, as will confirmation material for our upcoming confirmands. From choir to mission to education, from Sunday morning to Wednesday evening, from Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) to Presbyterian Women (PW), there is a place for everyone at First Presbyterian Church. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services THIS Sunday. Breakfast finger foods, juice, and coffee will be served.

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FPC Sunday School Teacher Recognition



FPC Sunday School Teacher Recognition this Sunday 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.

In Memoriam

Dr. Lonnie George McCormick

Richard Beam - Brother of Gene Beam



Mark Your Calendar



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).

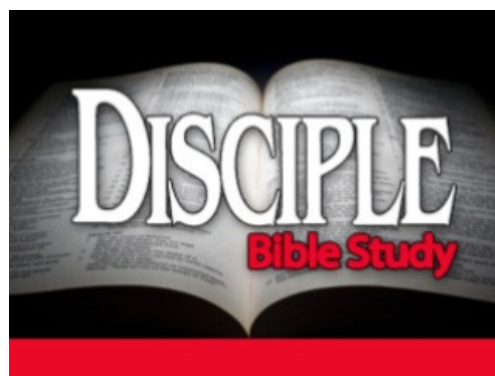
Grief, Loss, and Spirituality, weekly explorations of various aspects of the grief process, from death to caretaking to self-esteem, led by Rev. Carl Malm, Exec Director, Huntsville Assoc. for Pastoral Care.

How do I register? You can register online at fpchsv.org under "Ministries" or contact Truett Fink at 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](#).

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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

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

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

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

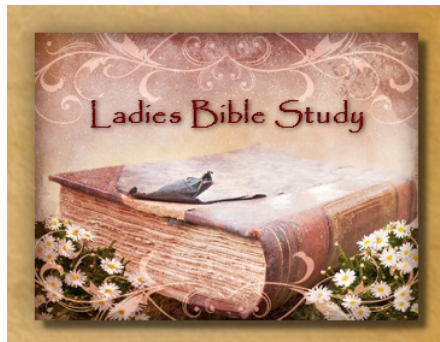
Elaine Stowe, 256-536-7308, jayelainestowe@bellsouth.net

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Sign up today at the bulletin board.

Vicky Goodwin* Moderator * (256) 850-3102
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Fall Bible Study



The Ladies Bible Study group will begin meeting on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the library. This year we will study "Making Sense of the Bible." All ages are welcome. Contact Janel Bates (256-539-5627) or Barbara Walker (256-536-9112) for more information.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

FPC Presbyterian Women will have their first gathering of the circle year Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A Coffee Time will be prepared by the out-going and in-coming officers. Following the installation of our officers and other business, Rev. Rosemary McMahan will introduce and cover the first lesson of our new study for the year, "Who Is Jesus" by Judy Yates Siker. Judy invites us to join her on "a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is-a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey we will take together." Judy invites us to be good conversation partners along the way, sharing with one another as we experience the various lenses through which Jesus is seen and how these perspectives impact our understanding Jesus.

ALL WOMEN are invited to join us for this kick-off of the new year, whether or not you are in a circle. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Harriet Bibb * PW Moderator * (256) 881-6650
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Music Ministry



Sunday, August 28th

- **Choir rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m. in the choir room
- **Many thanks** to Jim Williams for singing during our worship services this morning.
- **Many thanks** to Brian Santero who is from the Hudson Valley region of New York. Brian is a classically trained alto, tenor, and bass trombonist who enjoys performing as a solo, chamber, and orchestral musician. Brian is a guest musician for the Twickenham Fest this weekend.
- **Handbell rehearsal**, 12:30 p.m. in the bell room. Note the time change.



We are introducing a new hymn from "Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal." The text of the hymn *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven* is by John F. Underwood (b. 1946). This text derives from the biblical allusions from Psalm 78, Luke 14, Revelation 19, and many more. It echoes the remembrance of Jesus' promise at the Last Supper that he would share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God." LLANFAIR is the tune name of this

hymn, and it was written by Robert Williams and was first published in 1817.

Children's Ministries



Sunday, August 28th

- **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 this Sunday. 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 28th

- **Worship services**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- **Rally Day** is this Sunday. Join us in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday school time for snacks, info on FPC ministries, class advancement, and more.
- **PYC Connection**, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and cookies this week! Also we will have a team cell-phone scavenger hunt outdoors/around the church area. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

LOOKING AHEAD

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
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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 25; October 2; November 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Leslie Ecklund, Flower Guild
leslie.ecklund@huntsvilleal.gov

Worship This Week

Sunday, August 28th, 2016 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. (John Allan Hall)
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Associate Pastor, preaching
"Christ's Guest List"

Scripture texts: [Hebrew 13: 1-8](#); [Luke 14: 1, 7-14](#).

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

Rally Day this Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

FPC Sunday School Teacher Commissioning this Sunday at both services.

Handbell rehearsals, 12:30 p.m. in the bell room.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, September 4th at both services.

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 28, 2016

"Christ's Guest List"
[a.m.](#)

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

Sunday, August 21, 2016

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

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon text](#)

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Sunday, August 14, 2016

"Security"

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon comments](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

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](#)

Prayer Request



Members: Anne Boles, John Clark, J. R. Howard, Pat Kyser; Cay Lambert, Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, and Sanders Pair.

Friends & Relatives: Sharon Barnes - Cousin of Lacey Matthews; Shep Crigler - Former Pastor of FPC; Elizabeth Haynes - Mother of Sheila Fogle; **Freya Huckstepp - Daughter of Dean and Emma Huckstepp (Friends of Bruce and Anne Peters);** 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; **Arleigh McClendon -**

Great niece of Karen and Doug Madison; Jay Mortimer - Neighbor of Serena Neely; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; **J. D. Schrimsher - Friend of Everett Mosley;** 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.

For the departed: Dr. Lonnie George McCormick; Richard Beam - Brother of Gene Beam.

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](#).

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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