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Stewardship 2016

As your transitional pastor, I am excited about the positive spirit I feel at this church. The array of programs being offered this fall is very impressive. There is a new energy surrounding the "Wed Nite Live" program. I hope you have made a reservation for dinner and a class. I believe that the future of this church is positive and you are part of the reason. Your participation in the ministry and mission of this church is what makes it happen. The staff can help to resource and organize, but you, the church members, are the hands and feet of God in this world. I am encouraged by your willingness to work for God's kingdom. This church is almost 200 years old and it is filled with life and vitality. There is a healthy mix of different generations in the leadership of this church.

On the next three Sundays, I will be preaching on the "scarcity and abundance" theme for stewardship emphasis. Each week you will receive information about the budget and the various ministries of this church. Please fill out the pledge card you receive this week and return the card to the church any time before the end of September. We will not have a designated "pledge Sunday." We (your stewardship team) will provide weekly updates concerning budget, programs and pledges.

The following was written by session member Dave Galloway. Dave serves on the Sustain and Maintain clusters.

Just some thoughts; First, we need to continue to work to keep non-recurring Capital investment data separate from the Operating Budget in our account structure. Second, staff cost reductions have and are being accomplished. Third, program reductions are being thoughtfully and prayerfully taken across the board. Fourth, I believe that we are blessed with a positive, focused, and dedicated leadership team that can accomplish our challenging objectives. Finally, we are reviving our volunteer structure as membership numbers and contributions are stabilizing. I believe that most of our issues are because the 2016 Stewardship effort was limited because we were all distracted at a critical time by pressing survival issues and we were not able to

adequately get our critical financial message to the congregation. I do see better times ahead as we improve our primary facilities, successfully complete our search for permanent leadership, better execute our missions and diligently strive to live within our means.

We are getting positive input from our members about our on-going facility projects and should have those critical efforts completed relatively soon. The objective near-term: church staff is now in place so we can better concentrate our collective efforts on our mission objectives.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge. The session is working diligently to achieve a balanced budget. Knowing what income to anticipate through pledges is the only way the church can project a balanced budget.

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Youth Ministries



Sunday, September 11th:

- **Worship services**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.:** We have some great new curriculum in place for Sunday-School this fall. We will begin a new study on the parables of Jesus that will last through the rest of the semester.
- **PYC Fall Fest has been cancelled.**
- **PYC Family Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for the entire family (not just youth and parents) - younger siblings (and grandparents) are welcome as well! The meeting will include barbecue, a presentation on the ministries and missions offered to the youth, and a parent meeting to resign forms and ask questions while Doug and Leigh Brown lead activities and games for the youth outside. We are asking that ALL parents be in attendance. It is important that we make time to re-sign the permission and liability forms and give you all the opportunity to ask questions and volunteer to help this semester. Feel free to invite parents and friends who may be interesting in our church's youth program.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Wed Nite Live!** officially begins on Wednesday, September 14. If you haven't signed up already, please do! Invite friends to sign up too! You can sign up in the fellowship hall or online at <http://www.fpchsv.org/Wednesday-Nite-Live>. Youth not in confirmation class (high school) will be discussing the topic "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt". Hope you'll join us for dinner too. There will be classes offered for adults too! WNL - something for the whole

family.

- **PYC on September 18** - Join us as we enjoy nature atop Green Mountain. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and the bus will leave promptly at 5:30 p.m. for the Madison County Nature Trail. Bring a sandwich - we'll provide the chips, drinks, and desserts. We will return on time for pickup at 7:30 p.m.
- **Regressive Dinner on September 25** - Stay tuned for more info on this fun event. Dinner will be on us...backwards!

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First Friends Preschool



Preschool News

Our September newsletter is available by clicking [here](#).

Are You Registered?



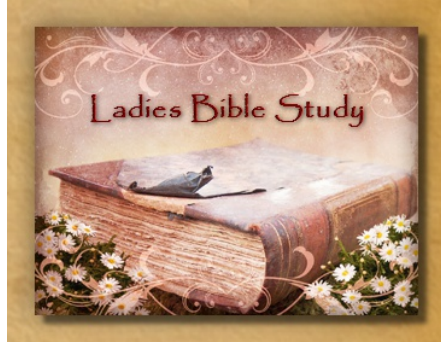
Wed Nite Live is Bringing the Word!

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

WNL is Bringing the Word! Our intergenerational ministry begins this Wed, Sept 14, with something for children, youth, and adults. It isn't too late to register. Paper forms are in the hallway by the church offices, or you can register online [here](#). Nursery available. Payment for supper is due the night of Sept. 14, if not already paid. Please join us for study, learning, and fellowship! Questions? Contact Pastor Rosemary at rmcmahan@fpchsv.org or at 256-536-3354, ex. 127.

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Fall Bible Study



The Ladies Bible Study group will begin meeting on Monday, **September 26 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



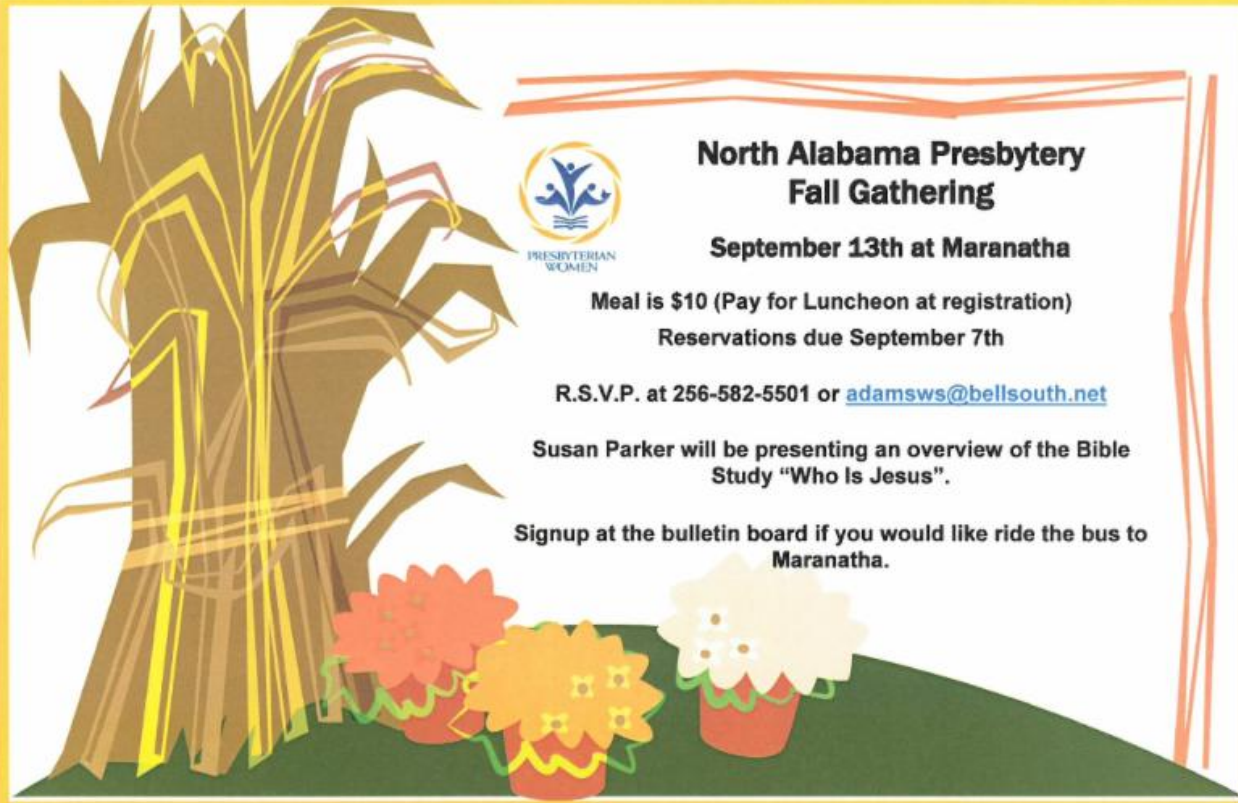
FPC Presbyterian Women will have their first gathering of the circle year on **Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** A Coffee Time will be prepared by the out-going and in-coming officers. Following the installation of our officers and other business, Rev. Rosemary McMahan will 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.

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Presbytery Event



Music Ministry



Sunday, September 11

- **Choir rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m. in the choir room
- **Handbell rehearsal**, 11:30 a.m. in the bell room.
- ***God of the Fertile Fields*** was written by Georgia Harkness (1891-1974). As we enter into Stewardship season, this hymn reminds us that we need to be good stewards of the gifts that God has granted us. From the care of our planet to the fruits that are on our tables, God has fulfilled His promise. The tune *Italian Hymn* was composed by Felice de Gardini (1716-1796). Since then this tune has been used with different texts that have been included in different hymnals. The hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" is the most common text used with this tune.

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



Sunday, September 11th

- **Children's Church** at 10:30 a.m.
- **Nursery provided** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.

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Angela Green * Director of Children's Ministry * (256) 536-3354, ext. 129
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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; November 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Leslie Ecklund, Flower Guild
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Worship This Week

Sunday, September 11th, 2016
17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. (John Allan Hall)
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Scripture text: [Genesis 47](#) (selections)

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

Church Calendar



[View our 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, September 11, 2016

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

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[Scripture comments](#)

Sunday, September 4, 2016

"Growing in Faith"

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon Text](#)

Sunday, August 28, 2016

"Christ's Guest List"

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

[a.m.](#)

[Sermon text](#)

Sunday, August 21, 2016

"Suffering"

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon text](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

Sunday, August 14, 2016

"Security"

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[a.m.](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

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[Audio Sermon](#)

Prayer Request



Members: Anne Boles, John Clark, J. R. Howard, Cay Lambert, Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, Glenda Miller 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.

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



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THE CHURCH STAFF

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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

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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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