

First Presbyterian Church

307 Gates Avenue, Huntsville AL 35801

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"Abundance"

This Sunday (9-18-16) we will be looking at the creation litany from Genesis. My sermon title for the second Sunday of stewardship emphasis is "Abundance." Last Sunday I described the cultural nightmare of "scarcity." This week I will describe God's gracious "abundance." As people of faith, we first experienced God's abundance at the beginning in Genesis. The ancient Hebrew people placed at the beginning of their creation myth a story describing how God created everything, including us, out of God's gracious abundance.

When we read Scripture, we read the story of God who governs by gracious self-giving. We also learn from Scripture a crucial expectations of God's creative enterprise; "to whom much has been given," much is expected (Luke 12:48).

The end of the creation story tells us that on the seventh day God rested. God does not rest because it is the end of the week. God is not tired. God stops working because there is a finished quality to creation. Even that does not mean that God no longer creates. It means that God created so much abundance that creation has enough. There is amazing grace in knowing God has given us enough.

This week you will be receiving in the mail another letter from the stewardship team. This week's letter includes an encouraging word from Emma Stowe on "What the Church Means to Me." By this time I hope you have received a pledge card. If you have not, please contact the church office or download the pledge card by clicking [here](#).

Dr. Cary Speaker * Interim Pastor * (256) 536-3354, ext. 122

In Memoriam



Wynona "Teensie" Yarbrough Stroupe

July 15, 1919 - September 10, 2016

Visitation at Laughlin's Funeral Home from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.;

Memorial service at Laughlin's Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m.

Read obituary [here](#).

Rex B. Powell

February 25, 1929 - September 12, 2016

Graveside service at Maple Hill Cemetery, 10:00 a.m. on September 17.

Visitation at FPC Fellowship Hall, 10:30 a.m. on September 17.

Read obituary [here](#).

Audra Floyd Goodwin

Mother of David Goodwin

Read obituary [here](#).

Kairos Ministry



Cookie Instructions

The Key Ingredient: Prayer

Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing. Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff during the Kairos weekend. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person who eats a cookie to become part of the family of God.

Cookie Preparation:

The types of cookies that are generally acceptable and appreciated are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger, Sugar (note rules below), Rice Crispy, and Brownies (without frosting) to name a few but you are not limited to these. Nuts and coconut are allowed. Be creative but be **careful**. We tend to focus on what we can't do rather than what can. Almost all cookies can be adapted to go into the prison. Just remember to follow the PRISON RULES and KAIROS RULES listed below.

- No sugar coating, powdered sugar, sprinkles, or icing on cookies or brownies.
- No fruit or raisins in or on the cookies.
- Cookies should be medium-sized - no extra large or thick ones.
- No store bought cookies. Not even from a bakery. Store or bakery bought cookies will not be allowed to go into the prison.
- Please make your cookies from a mix or from scratch if possible. The slice and bake/refrigerator cookies are not very popular.

Packing the Cookies:

Bag **completely cooled** cookies in gallon-sized Ziploc bags (no twist ties), a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the kind of cookies contained within. Freeze any cookies that will not be delivered within three days.

All cookies must be received at First Presbyterian Church preferably on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 but no later than Thursday morning. As a temporary holding area, cookies can be put in the Historical (Willing Workers) room. If the cookies are brought to the Historical room before October 5, please call or text Tam Bevel 256-603-4168 so they can be properly stored.

"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

Tam Bevel, Moderator * (256) 603-4168 * tsb10@icloud.com

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.

Music Ministry



Sunday, September 18th:

- **Choir rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m. in the choir room
- **Handbell rehearsal**, 11:30 a.m. in the bell room



Every Sunday, we will introduce to you a hymn that is included in the *Glory to God, the Presbyterian Hymnal*. On this occasion, we included an old favorite *Brethren We Have Met to Worship*. This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience where believers were invited to pray for new converts. Biblical references can be found in this text. The central one is the story of the provision of manna for the Israelites in the desert which is told in Exodus 16:1-36. The tune of Holy Manna was composed by William Moore and harmonized by Alfred Fedak in 1953.

The text of the hymn *Christ Be Beside Me* was written by James Quinn (1969) and the music is a traditional Gaelic Melody. The general background of this ancient Irish hymn paraphrased here is associated with St. Patrick (the patron saint of Ireland) since at least 690, but the earliest known manuscript dates from the 11th century. This prayer calls Christ to protect us and to be with us. BUNESSAN, the tune of this hymn, reminds us of the traditional hymn *Morning Has Broken*.

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



Sunday, September 18th:

- **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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Who: Kindergarten - Fifth graders

When: Friday, September 30th from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

A Mission Project then watch a "G" Rated Movie TBA. Dinner is included. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact

Angela Green * Director of Children's Ministry * (256)
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Youth Ministries



Sunday, September 18th:

- **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 tonight:** 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.

LOOKING AHEAD:



Regressive Dinner on September 25 - Stay tuned for more info on this fun event.
Dinner will be on us...backwards!

Jim Williams * Interim Director of Youth Ministry * (256) 536-3354, ext. 131
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First Friends Preschool



Preschool News

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

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, September 18th, 2016
18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Scripture text: Litany from [Genesis 1-2](#)

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 18, 2016

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

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[Scripture comments](#)

Sunday, September 11, 2016

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

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

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

Sunday, September 4, 2016

"Growing in Faith"
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

Sunday, August 28, 2016

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

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

[Sermon text](#)

Sunday, August 21, 2016

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

Dr. Cary Speaker

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

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon text](#)

[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; 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; Tine Liegerot - Friend of Irmie and Roger Hammer; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Arleigh McClendon - Great niece of Karen and Doug Madison; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; J. D. Schrimsher - Friend of Everett Mosley; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith; Avery Grace Tincer (Daughter of Michael and Lindsey Beth Tincer, Granddaughter of Ann and Steve Tincer, 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).

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: Winona "Teensie" Yarbrough Stroupe; Rex Powell; Audra Floyd Goodwin - Mother of David Goodwin

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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