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CONFIRMATION



AT

PENTECOST

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June/July Newsletter Deadline: May 25th

Celebrate May Birthdays and Anniversaries!!!

Every third Sunday of the month the Church provides a cake during fellowship time to celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries that occur that month. This is also the opportunity to contribute a dollar to the "Birthday Fund" for each year you are young! The Birthday Board is exhibited, envelopes and a box are available for your use or you may put your check in the offering plate. Please write on your check "Birthday Fund" so that it will be deposited to the correct account. The Birthday Fund goes towards scholarships for our graduating seniors.

Please join us on *May 20*, after Worship, to celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries!

May Birthdays

Lynn King	1-May	Brissy Florini	20-May
Bill Randall, Jr.	1-May	Jesse Florini	20-May
Elizabeth Chapmond	2-May	Andrew Vann	20-May
Jonathan Gann	2-May	Annabelle Patterson	22-May
Ernest Nipper	2-May	Stephanie Grise Fleming	24-May
Margaret Feldman	6-May	Paul Mills	25-May
Sarah Bumpas Bibles	8-May	Becky Sommer	26-May
Timothy Carroll	10-May	Zoey Boyd	27-May
Ronny Marshall	12-May	Leon Davis	27-May
Lisa Boyd	14-May	"Tootie" Van Pelt	27-May
Jeff Carr	17-May	Madalyn Boyd	30-May
Brian Geltner	17-May	Larry Meyers	30-May
Ellery King	18-May	Bill Creason	31-May
Emily Pierce Herbranson	18-May	Judi Creason	31-May
Janet Muse	19-May	Sandra Matheney	31-May

May Anniversaries

Tom and Linda Rath	6-May
Jeff and Michael Carr	20-May
Orville and Ann Poole	22-May
Shane and Leslie Hardin	24-May
Steve and Kathy Hopper	25-May
Dino and Susan Paparella	25-May

God Bless You on Your Special Day!



CONFIRMATION AT PENTECOST

The winds of the Holy Spirit will be blowing across our church during the month of May, breathing God's inspiration into all believers, as on the first Pentecost described in Acts 2. This year, the Day of Pentecost falls on May 20, and once again the Worship Committee will fill the Sanctuary with the sights, sounds, and movements of God's Spirit. Music will fill the air, languages representing the diversity of God's beloved world will be heard, and "tongues as of fire" will literally land on your head as you take your seat for worship.

The Day of Pentecost is an excellent day for Confirmation. In Acts 2: 41, Luke records that about three thousand persons were baptized and added to the church that day. On May 20, the 2018 Confirmation Class, who will have already met with our session, will stand before the congregation, renounce evil, and profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The session will then come forward and lay their hands on these new Christians in prayer, sealing God's promise into their lives as they go out into the world to be disciples of Christ.

After worship on May 20, as we celebrate with the Confirmation Class over refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, the session will hold a called meeting next-door, in the Parlor, to receive new members. Luke records in Acts 2: 42, that the new church, born on the Day of Pentecost, "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship—and to the breaking of bread and prayers." If you are enjoying our fellowship and breaking bread with us, and are seeking a church home in Hot Springs, I offer you a personal invitation to meet and pray with our session on May 20 and become part of our welcoming congregation.

Even before Pentecost arrives, God's Spirit will be blowing through our worship and service. On Mother's Day, May 13, we also will recognize our graduating High School Seniors in

worship. This year, Thea Rice and Christopher Meyers will be graduating from Lakeside High School. Come to worship on May 13 when we will recognize them in worship and pray for God's strength and guidance in their future plans. If you have a family member who is graduating from college or another milestone in their journey, please notify the church office so we can celebrate their accomplishment in our next newsletter.

On the Day of Pentecost, Luke tells us that "divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:4). May is always a busy month in our church, filled with celebrations, the Pentecost Offering, and numerous activities that give us the ability to speak God's love in multiple languages. Come to worship during the month of May and receive God's Spirit as we celebrate new life in our congregation. The Spirit of Christ is upon us, giving us the joy and ability to speak the Good News in all our activities.

Lacy



"It's important to understand that we never "arrive" in faith...Fully understanding Christianity is not the point. Confirmation is not a graduation, but a point of acknowledging ourselves as lifelong learners. In confirmation, we affirm what God has already done through baptism and vow to engage intentionally in a specific church community."

-from *Colaborate*, Leader Guide
Sparkhouse Publishing

SESSION NOTES

The newest member of our congregation is Connie Hope who was received following morning worship on April 22. Members of the Confirmation Class were invited to attend this meeting to see the Session at work. Another Session meeting for receiving members will be held following morning worship on May 20. A special meeting to meet and examine members of the Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 5:30.

The Family Night Supper for May 9 will again be our annual hamburger and hot dog cookout at Baseball Trails (formerly Whittington) park located beyond Weyerhaeuser on Whittington Ave. The pavilion has be reserved and a team is ready to grill. Members are asked to bring complementary dishes and desserts.

High School Seniors Christopher Meyers and Thea Rice will be recognized during worship on May 13.

A new church management computer system has been authorized and should be operational soon. Our old system had lasted well beyond its "expiration date."

The Finance Committee was pleased to report that congregational giving has exceeded year-to-date expectations. In spite of having a deficit budget, we are still in the black.

Kathy White,
Clerk



"Theologically, the PC(USA) emphasizes the connection between confirmation and baptism. The *Book of Common Worship* doesn't use the term *Confirmation Service*. Instead we celebrate the "reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant for those making a public profession of faith." In other words, confirmation for Presbyterians is really about reaffirming our baptism. Framing it in these terms reminds us that confirmation is not about marking the end of a process, but rather, celebrating a beginning."

-from *Collaborate*, Leader Guide
Sparkhouse Publishing

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Please join PW for our 5th Wednesday Night Out on May 30, 6:00 p.m. at Via Roma, 1521 Malvern Ave. It will be a fun evening filled with wonderful food, friends, and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, you can call or text Jackie Edwards at 625.2025.

The PW Mission Committee outreach project, “**Days for Girls,**” meet on May 10, 9:00 a.m. We are making feminine hygiene kits for girls in poor areas of over 100 countries. “**Days for Girls**” refers to the days the girls miss from school each month. We need women who can sew, cut, or iron! Please join us. We meet on the second Thursday of each month. You can read more about this project at www.daysforgirls.org

SAVE THE DATE!!


The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–5, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky. 2018 is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary!

#PWGathering #2018ChurchwideGathering

HISTORY of First Presbyterian Church

Do you have old pictures of the church, newspaper clippings, anything of historical significance related to our church? If you do, please consider donating them to the church archives. Our Historian, **Jan Meyers**, does a wonderful job of preserving our past! Please call Jan if you have any items you would like to add to the church’s historical collection. Ms. Jan Meyers, Church Historian, 501.624.2282

STATISTICS			
April Attendance:			
Dates	Worship	Visitors	Sunday School
4/1 Easter	229	12	n/a
4/8	106	17	22
4/15	113	7	24
4/22	97	7	18
4/29	100	8	16
March Financial Statistics:			
	Year to Date	Budget:	YTD% of Budget:
Pledge Income:	72,461	272,615	27%
Other Income:	14,903	48,101	31%
Legacy Income:	25,000	100,000	25%
Total Income:	112,364	420,716	27%
Total Expenses:	102,381	420,716	25%
Income to Expense:	9,983		
COMMITTEES - DIACONATE - SESSION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees Meet: May 14-18, Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time. • Session Meets: Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. • Diaconate Meets: Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. in the library. 			

BARGAIN BOX	
March Sales and Donations	
3/7	304.50
3/14	350.00
3/21	198.00
3/28	240.00
Total	1092.50
March Expenditures	
Ouachita's Children's Home	800.00
Caring Place	500.00
Total	\$1300.00
<p>THE BARGAIN BOX IS IN NEED OF HOUSEHOLD AND OTHER ITEMS! Please bring your good, clean, useable items to the church. Don't forget to ask other members of your family, your friends, neighbors and co-workers for their donations as well. All of the sales we make goes back to individuals and organizations that help the needy in our area. Thank you so much for your continued support, Michael Carr and the Bargain Box Staff.</p>	
<p>Won't you consider volunteering in the Bargain Box on sales days? By giving your time you would be helping your neighbors, nursing students (scholarships), and children in distress. Please Rosemary Nipper, 501-525-0153, if you'd like to learn more, or to sign up!</p>	
<p> LIKE us on our new Facebook page, "First Presbyterian Bargain Box."</p>	
<u>Bargain Box Workers for May</u>	
2nd	Truman and Frani Bailey
9th	Sally Pierce and Kathy McConkie
16th	Becky Sommer and Mary James
23rd	Joan Clinton and Sarah Jean Lindsey
30th	Frances Bateman and Jeanette Cline

Welcome New Members!

Meet Johnnie Roebuck!



Dr. Johnnie Roebuck is most familiar with the work of the Presbyterian Church. She is a former Elder and Director of Christian Education in First Presbyterian of Arkadelphia. She taught Sunday School and directed the children's church plays, as well as authored the book, "Intergenerational Sunday School Teaching," a tool used by many churches. She is also a former board member of the Vera Lloyd Children's Home.

A former public school teacher and Dean of Henderson State University Graduate School, she also served as Chairman of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and Arts Board of Trustees. Her heart has always been in public education. She has taught in Delaware, Mississippi, Texas, and Arkansas. Dr. Roebuck served three terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives and was elected Majority Leader. She currently serves on the Arkansas State Police Foundation Board of Directors.

Born in Mississippi, she is married to Dr. Tommy Roebuck, a retired dentist, and has lived most of her life in Arkansas. They are the parents of Jason Sheeler, New York City; Jeffrey Sheeler, Little Rock; Donna Williams, Dallas; and Keri Fitzgerald, Los Angeles. The Roebucks have six grandchildren, ranging in age from 34 to 2 years, of whom they are very proud.

Contact Information:

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Welcome Kathy Bateman!

Kathy joined our Church Family on January 21, 2018.

Contact Information:

7826 Evening Shade Dr.

Mabelvale, AR 72103

Welcome Janet Schreiner!

Janet joined our Church Family on January 21, 2018.

Contact Information:

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585-755-3718



Please add our new member's contact information to your Church Family Directory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

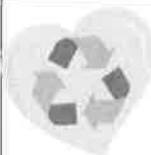
The Church Office will be CLOSED, May 28, in observation of Memorial Day.

The Women's Wednesday Study: Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor, a former pastor and current professor of religious studies at Piedmont College. Please join us on Wednesday mornings for coffee and conversation as we study a wide range of contemporary Christian texts.

The PW Day Circle Bible Study meets **Tuesday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m.** (the third Tuesday of each month), to study our 2017-18 PW/Horizons Bible Study, **Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews.**

Jackson House Donations May: Bathroom and hygiene items. First Presbyterian provides two people to bag and hand out groceries every Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. **If you'd like to volunteer, please call Jeanette Cline, 623-7233, or 701-0399.** Put your faith in action and become part of FPC's efforts to feed the poor!

Project HOPE Food Bank provides (at no charge) First Presbyterian Church with emergency food boxes for distribution to families we know are in need of food. Each food box cost a little over \$32, which is entirely supported by donations to Project Hope. If you'd like to make a donation to Project Hope to help insure that families in our community do not go hungry, please send your tax exempt gift to: Project Hope Food Bank, P.O. Box 39, Hot Springs, AR 71902. For more information please call: 501-623-3663



Recycle Aluminum—Help the Earth—Help Others!!! Bring your aluminum cans to the church for recycling! Rev. Sellars collects the cans, turns them in to the recycling center and adds the proceeds to the Pastor's Discretionary fund. Please place cans in the kitchen, in or by the Aluminum Recycling Bin. No foil please; the recycling center will not accept it. Your aluminum can contributions, large or small, do make a difference!!!



**Family Night Supper
Annual Outdoor Picnic
Baseball Trail Park**

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Grab your lawn chairs, we're going on a cookout at the Baseball Trail Park! The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to complement the meal. We will play family friendly games; members please bring your favorite! If it should rain, the park has a covered picnic area, or if necessary, we will hold it in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for the fun!!!

WHAT IS CENTS-ABILITY? At family night suppers, have you noticed the juice glasses with a "2 cents a meal" cardboard sign attached? I've seen them for years and have put some spare change in the glass every now and then. Well now that I'm the PW treasurer and received a flyer from the Cents-ability program seeking donations, I decided to check it out.

The "Two Cents a Meal" began in 1976 as a project to involve individuals to the needs of world hunger. This is an international as well as national ministry to help end hunger. Organizations can submit a grant on how they are going to assist in this process and that is what our money goes toward. To me it appears very similar to the Heifer Project, except people are responsible for planning, growing, and cultivating their own food or for food banks.

Being the PW treasurer I figured out how little this program is asking from each person.

2 cents a meal times 3 a day= 6 cents

6 cents a day times 30 days= \$1.80

Round that to the nearest dollar and it's \$2.00 a month

Please think about this when looking at that glass on YOUR table. Won't you donate \$2.00 a month to help others start growing their own food and take a bite out of hunger?

PS- We can take checks for the year if you want. $\$2.00 \times 12 = \24.00

Did You Know...

The Organ at First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs, AR, was constructed by Nichols & Simpson, Inc., Organ Builders of Little Rock. The contract for the new instrument was signed in September of 1992. The new instrument replaced a 1920's Estey organ, incorporating about 30% of the Estey pipework, though in a radically altered form. Significant structural changes were made to the front of the Sanctuary to allow the organ pipes to have optimum placement. The renovation of the Sanctuary, as well as the construction and voicing of the instrument, required a period of two years and was completed in the fall of 1994. The instrument was dedicated on February 26, 1995. Russell Hodges, Professor of Music at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR played the dedicatory recital. At the time, the organ consisted of 37 stops, 47 ranks and 2635 pipes. In January of 2000 a contract was signed for the addition of 3 prepared stops. These additions enlarged the organ to 40 stops, 53 ranks and 2989 pipes.

The outer shell of the three-manual console is walnut; the interior is made of burlled walnut. The natural keys are made of bone, and the sharps are of rosewood. The drawknobs were individually turned of rosewood with bone faces inset. The combination action has ninety-nine levels of memory and a four-level adjustable crescendo system. The windchests are pallet-and-slider with electric key action and pneumatic-cylinder stop actions.

Those who contributed to the realization of the organ are: Wayne E. Simpson, III (case design, installation, voicing); C. Joseph Nichols (engineering, installation, tonal finishing); Michael P. Snoddy (construction and installation); Christopher B. McKinney (windchest construction, installation); Bryan K. Gray (computer-aided design); R.A. Colby, Inc. (console); Woodunique (façade case work, choir loft paneling, doors and chair modesty railing).

THIS WONDERFUL, CARING CONGREGATION HAS EXPRESSED EVERY POSSIBLE WAY OF SAYING "GET WELL," "FEEL BETTER," AND A HOST OF OTHER FEELINGS. THERE WAS ALSO HUMOR, TENDERNESS, AND A LOT OF SPIRITUALITY. I APPRECIATE AND TREASURE EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND HELPING ME TO GAIN STRENGTH AND A POSITIVE OUTLOOK.

BLESSINGS,

ROSEMARY NIPPER

P.S. ERNEST APPRCIATES VERY MUCH TOO.

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY,

FOR THE MANY ACTS OF LOVE, CONCERN, AND KINDNESS, I AM GRATEFUL. THANK YOU ALWAYS FOR THE MANY FLOWERS YOU HAVE BROUGHT ME.

LOVE,

CAROLYN BEANE

2018 Flower Board—Pick your date and include your special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. *Cost is \$38.50*

We are grateful to everyone who purchases flowers that enhance our Sunday worship experience. Those donating flowers are welcome to take them home following the worship service. Otherwise we will make sure they are delivered to someone who is ill or homebound as a reminder of our prayers and presence.



“Being Confirmed is not only about personal faith, but also about activating that faith in the world. Just as Christ sent out the disciples, he sends us out into the world to love as God loves. Doing so from a community of faith gives us the endurance and accountability we need.”

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Memorials Given in Memory of...

Roy Pierson

by

Norma Allison
Lori Ward
Beverly Pierson
Susan Sonderby
Mary Settle
Stephen De Salvo
David and Sharon Cavanaugh
Baim Reagler &
Naramore, PLLC

Shirley Muzny

by

Wayma Rowe

Chuck Elsom

by

Gary and Jeanette Cline
Jamie Williams
Abel Foundation
Gerald and Helen Murders
Gregory and Debra Erenberger

Audrey Mattson

by

Jeff and Michael Carr
Pat and Jackie Edwards
Kathy McConkie
Ben and Frances Bateman

Richard "Dick" Kelley

by

Linda Glover
Nancy Doyle
Jamie Williams
Ben and Frances Bateman
Gary and Jeanette Cline
Pat and Jackie Edwards

Jeff and Michael Carr
Kathy McConkie
Wayma Rowe
Rick Williams
Dick and Carol Mattson
Linda Logsdon

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