

# The First Press

October 2019



**Whittington Fest**

**Block Party!!!**

**Saturday, October 5th, 5:00 pm—7:00**

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## *October Birthdays*

Twyla Jones	1-Oct	Patricia Bridges	15-Oct
Christopher Meyers	1-Oct	Aduston Spivey	15-Oct
Margaret Moses	2-Oct	Joseph Florini	18-Oct
Hannah Mills	4-Oct	Steve Hopper	18-Oct
Nancy Doyle	6-Oct	Emma Kilzer	20-Oct
Don Leonhard	6-Oct	Terri McKissack	22-Oct
Ann Schaffer	6-Oct	John Boyd	27-Oct
Tim Bumpas	8-Oct	Ledridge Davis	27-Oct
Harvey Miller	8-Oct	Sophie Meyers	27-Oct
John Ochsner	12-Oct	Kathleen Bishop	28-Oct
Garrett Garner	13-Oct	Michael Helm	30-Oct
Stacey Grise	14-Oct		

## *October Anniversaries*

Steve & Tootie Van Pelt	1-Oct
Brian & Anna Geltner	2-Oct
David & Dianna Thayer	4-Oct
Scott & Lynda Metz	9-Oct
Bill & Dawn Cattaneo	12-Oct
Carroll & Patricia Bridges	13-Oct
Mike & Elaine Muzny	16-Oct
Jim & Barbara	23-Oct
Jerry & Twyla Jones	27-Oct
Allen & Susan Lee	31-Oct
Bob & Sally Pierce	31-Oct

*God Bless You on Your Special Day!*



## BECOMING A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION

I'm really proud of our church! Everywhere I turn, our members are immersed in Christ's ministry: Bible study groups, outreach ministries to members and our neighborhood, music and laughter filling our facilities, committees hard at work, and people dropping by just to enjoy a coffee and a doughnut. If you don't believe me, drop by any Monday morning (or Tuesday through Friday for that matter) and be inspired by what is happening. If I didn't know any better, I'd say that we are a Matthew 25 Church!

What is a Matthew 25 Church? Well, read Matthew 25: 31-46 and see if the story of Christ's servants at work in the world doesn't remind you of our church. Every day we are busy distributing food, water, clothing—visiting the stranger, the sick, and those in prison—and offering hospitality to all who walk in our doors—and out of our doors into the world. Wouldn't you say we look and act like a Matthew 25 church?

Well, the Presbyterian Mission Agency of our General Assembly is challenging every church in our denomination to be a Matthew 25 Church. They are convinced that these activities, in which we are engaged, will help our denomination break out of its decline and allow our churches to grow and thrive in our complex and changing world. The Presbyterian Mission Agency challenges us to actively engage the world around us by intentionally embracing one or more of three areas of focus:

1. **Building Congregational Vitality-** Be in our parking lot on Saturday, October 5, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and get to know over 400 of our friends from St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church, Roanoke Baptist Church, and the Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association. Dick Mattson and Bob Pierce tell me that this year's Block Party will be even more exciting than last year. God is doing new things in our neighborhood, and I invite you to come witness a new ministry being born along Whittington Avenue.

2. **Dismantling Structural Racism-** Join us on Saturday, October 19, at 1:00 p.m. and meet Stephen R. Haynes, Ph.D. as he discusses his book, *The Last Segregated Hour: The Memphis Kneel-Ins and the Campaign for Southern Church Desegregation*. As Christ's disciples, we must always value the dignity and rights of others and work to break down the systems, practices, and discriminatory practices that oppress our neighbor. I thank our Christian Education Committee for addressing this important topic in our church.
3. **Eradicating Systemic Poverty-** Several times each week, neighbors from Whittington and Park Avenues stop by the church to take home food items from our small pantry stocked by our Mission Committee. This is in addition to two work teams and our monthly donations to Jackson House. The Bargain Box takes appointments for those who need clothes free of charge. The "Sew-What" volunteers meet on Thursdays to provide needed clothing articles for those in our country and abroad. Our mission to Haiti educates children to know Christ as their Lord and to build a stronger Haiti. Our church helps lift God's people to a new standard of living.

This sure looks like a Matthew 25 Church to me—in all three areas of engagement. If this is what it takes to revitalize our denomination, then we are definitely on our way. I thank all our session committees for working to make our church a beautiful, fun, challenging, and faithful place to worship and serve our God. I will be asking our session, through our Mission Committee to make it official. Together we are a Matthew 25 Church!

*Lacy*

## Session Notes

Elders from the Class of 2022 joined the Classes of 2020 and 2021 for the September Stated Session Meeting. The follow were affirmed and Moderators and Session Representatives of Committees for the coming year:

- Building and Grounds Committee: Mark Phillips, Moderator; John Gardner, Tom Rath
- Worship Committee: Terri McKissack and Paul Mills, Co-Moderators
- Fellowship Committee: Peggy Leonhard, Moderator
- Mission Committee: Carol Mattson, Moderator and Becky Sommer
- Christian Education Committee: Dawn Cattaneo, Moderator, and Ian Poole
- Membership and Outreach Committee: Helen Bumpas, Moderator; Frani Bailey and Paul Rice
- Finance and Administration: Al Carney, Moderator, and Michael Helm
- Personnel Committee: Paul Mills, Moderator; Michael Helm, Karen DeMott, Pat Edwards, and Steve Spivey
- Nominating Committee: Ian Poole, Moderator; Al Carney. Deacon Representative To Be Appointed. Elected Congregational Representatives are Sylvia Bryant and Pat Edwards Class of 2020 and Jeanette Cline, Cheryl Poole, and Gracie Gann, Class of 2021.

A very short congregational meeting has been called for October 13 to approve the sale of a sliver of land the church owns adjacent to (and in) Hot Springs Creek to the City of Hot Springs to be used in their flood abatement program.

This church will be responsible for side dishes at the October 5 Whittington Fest in our parking lot. St. Mary's will be providing meat and Roanoke Baptist the desserts. Disposable pans are available in Fellowship Hall.

Other items from the Session reports:

- "The Last Segregated Hour," the story of the Memphis Kneel-ins and the Campaign for Southern Church Desegregation will be on Saturday, October 19, from 1:00 to 2:30, let by Rhodes College Professor Stephen Haynes.
- Plans have begun for the annual Lunch on Thanksgiving Day which will be free to the community.
- Donations were received which will pay for 22.5 Disaster Buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

***Kathy White, Clerk***



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**PW Sewing Group - "The Sew Whats"** Each year PW collects gloves, hats, mittens and scarves to help those in need when the cold weather hits. This year, in addition to collecting them, we want to make them! We are calling on all members & friends who can knit or crochet to get out those scraps of yarn & get started. We also have patterns and material to sew the hats, mittens and scarves. We need donations of yarn and suitable material such as flannel or fleece. We meet Thursday, **October 10 and October 24.** (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday). Please join us! Contact Jeanette Cline or Carol Mattson with questions.

**The PW Day Circle Bible Study**, meets, on October 15, 10:30 a.m. Our current P.W. study book is, **Love Carved in Stone**, by Eugenia Anne Gamble

**The Women's Wednesday Study, The Gift of Years**, is a collection of meditations on where we are all headed, by Sister Joan Chittister. One of our most celebrated spiritual writers, Ms. Chittister currently serves as co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women, a partner organization of the United Nations. Our group has been meeting for over a dozen years, but new members are always welcome to join us. Come to the church Library at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings for lively discussions of contemporary religious texts.

**Please join PW for our 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Out on October 30, at the Bourbon Bar, 501 Prime.** We will meet at 6:00 for an evening of fun, food and friends. The restaurant is located at 215 E. Grand. Sign up early as we are limited to 36 seats. If you have any questions, please call or text Jackie Edwards, at 501.625.2025. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Women of First Presbyterian**, it's time again for your coordinating team to plan the budget for the coming 2019-2020 year. Last year you pledged \$2,280.00 by giving up just one Starbucks coffee for the month. We spent that money on mission, birthday, and thank offerings. Also, Vera Lloyd Children's Home, honorary memberships, 3 HS graduation gifts, Days for Girls project, Christmas gifts and other mission projects. This year our theme is to "**Light up the World**" with our giving. A poster is in the Fellowship Hall so you can see how much "light" is being spread. Please continue to give at least \$50.00. We are fantastic stewards of your pledges. Remember your pledge money funds mission activities outside of Garland County. Bargain Box money funds projects inside Garland County. Make checks to **PW** and give to Sally Pierce. We never know what "**light**" our money will bring to someone!

**Welcome To Our New Ruling Elders**  
**Class of 2022**

Carol Mattson

Terri McKissack

Paul Mills

Tom Rath

Paul Rice

**Welcome To Our New Deacons**  
**Class of 2022**



Carroll Bridges



Betty Kate Carney



Linda Glover



Cheryl Martin



Dick Mattson



## 2020 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Building and Grounds

Mark Phillips, Moderator  
John Gardner  
Tom Rath

### Christian Education

Dawn Cattaneo, Moderator  
Ian Poole

### Fellowship

Peggy Leonhard, Moderator

### Finance and Administration

Al Carney, Moderator  
Michael Helm

### Membership Care & Outreach

Helen Bumpas, Moderator  
Frani Bailey  
Paul Rice

### Mission

Carol Mattson, Moderator  
Becky Sommer

### Worship

Terri McKissack, Co-Moderator  
Paul Mills, Co-Moderator

### Personnel

Paul Mills, Moderator  
Michael Helm  
Daren DeMott  
Pat Edwards  
Steve Spivey

### Nominating Committee

Ian Poole, Moderator  
Al Carney, Vice Moderator

### Clerk of Session

Kathy White

### Treasurer

Jim Matheney

<b>STATISTICS</b>			
<b>September Attendance:</b>			
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
9/1	96	12	15
9/8	105	9	22
9/15	100	5	28
9/22	90	6	29
9/29	100	10	26
<b>August Financial Statistics:</b>			
	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>YTD% of Budget:</b>
Pledge Income:	180,984.78	269,902	<b>67%</b>
Other Income:	27,502.64	56,105	<b>49%</b>
Legacy Income:	66,666.66	100,000	<b>67%</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>275,154.08</b>	<b>426,007</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>288,315.53</b>	<b>442,801</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Income to Expense:</b>	<b>(13,161.45)</b>		
<b>COMMITTEES - DIACONATE - SESSION OCTOBER SCHEDULE</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Committees Meet:</b> The week of October 14. Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time.</li> <li>• <b>Session Meets:</b> October 23, 6:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.</li> <li>• <b>Diaconate Meets:</b> October 23, 5:00p.m. in the Library.</li> </ul>			

<b>BARGAIN BOX</b>	
<b>August Sales and Donations</b>	
<b>8/7</b>	297.00
<b>8/14</b>	503.00
<b>8/21</b>	212.00
<b>8/28</b>	194.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,206.00</b>
<b>August Expenditures</b>	
<b>Project Hope</b>	1500.00
<b>Ouachita Children's Youth &amp; Family Center</b>	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<p><b>Bargain Box is always in need of most items.</b> We can always use <b>clean</b> clothes, <b>working</b> appliances, and <b>unbroken</b> household items. If you are unsure about your donation you can always check with a Bargain Box volunteer. We appreciate your donations. 100% of our sales go to help organizations in Garland county. THANK YOU!!!</p>	
<p><b>Won't you consider volunteering in the Bargain Box on sales days?</b> 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><b>LIKE us on our Facebook page, "First Presbyterian Bargain Box."</b></p>	
<b><u>Bargain Box Workers for October</u></b>	
• <b>2nd</b>	Carol DeHut and Gwen Davis
• <b>9th</b>	Kathy McConkie and Sally Pierce
• <b>16th</b>	Janet Muse and Rosemary Nipper
• <b>23rd</b>	Joan Clinton and TBA
• <b>30th</b>	John and Frankie Ochsner

**Proposed Time Frame of the Distribution of  
Bargain Box Funds  
September 2019 - August 2020**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sept.	NPC Nursing Scholarship	1,000.00
	The Call	700.00
Oct.	ASMSA	500.00
	Helping Hands	500.00
Nov.	Jackson House	1,000.00
Dec.	C.A.S.A.	1,000.00
	Our Promise	500.00
Jan.	Single Parent Scholarship in memory of J. Hamilton	2,500.00
Feb.	NPC Nursing Scholarship in memory of J. Crawford	1,000.00
Mar.	OCYFC	1,500.00
Apr.	Habitat for Humanity	500.00
	CCMC	500.00
	OCYFC The Drop In	300.00
May	Boy Scout Troop #1	1,000.00
June	Jackson House	1,500.00
July	First Step	500.00
	G.C. Literacy foundation	300.00
Aug.	Project Hope	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,300.00</b>
	<b>Great Grand Total August 2019</b>	<b>\$493,768.70</b>

*Any extra funds will be given to charities voted on by the PW board.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### October Liturgists

- 10/06 Ian Poole
- 10/13 Ian Poole
- 10/20 Led Davis
- 10/27 Led Davis



### Join the Fun in 101!

Rev. Sellars invites both visitors and members to his **Presbyterian 101 Class, at 9:30 a.m.** in the office building, across the hall from his office. This class is a fun way to meet new people, learn about Presbyterian beliefs, and ask questions about our church's mission and programs. Leave your name and contact information in the red attendance pad when it is passed, and Rev. Sellars will send you a personal invitation with all the details. Or e-mail him at [revlacy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revlacy@sbcglobal.net) with any questions you want him to address. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The Mission Committee has Haiti t-shirts for sale in Fellowship Hall. They are \$15. If we don't have your size we will order it. Please see Dick or Carol Mattson.



### **Family Night Supper**

### **Tailgate Party Supper!**

**Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

Wear your team colors and join us for a Tailgate Party themed supper! The church will provide pulled pork and hotdogs; the congregation is asked to provide side dishes to complement the meal. Livvey Rurup, with The Drop-in program of Ouachita Children's Youth and Family Services, will be our guest speaker. Livvey works with Hot Springs' homeless youth, providing supplies and services. Join us!

**FREE COOK-OUT!**  
**Bring a Lawn Chair**

# WHITTINGTON FEST BLOCK PARTY!!!

 **Music & Singing**



**Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
**5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot**

**BOUNCE HOUSE  
GAMES**



**Non-Perishable  
Food Drive for  
Jackson House!**

**HOT SPRINGS POLICE CANINE**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Hot Springs  
Fire Department**



**Sponsored By**  
St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Roanoke Baptist Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association

**YOUTH:** Event updates will be sent by text, mail, email, Instagram and the church's FB page. Please make sure and respond when asked to or if a RSVP is requested!!! Thanks!  
**Instagram:** [hspresyouth](#) & [firstpreshs](#)  
**Church Website:** [Firstpreshotsprings.org](http://Firstpreshotsprings.org)  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs, AR

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**

11:30 a.m.—After Worship

The purpose of the meeting is to approve the sale of property the church owns along Whittington Creek, behind the Scout House and the far parking lot, to the City of Hot Springs. The property is needed by the city for a stormwater detention project to reduce flooding of downtown Hot Springs. If you would like to see a packet of information concerning this proposed sale, call the church office or speak with Rev. Sellars.

**Jackson House Donations in September: Corn and Beans. Small and medium cans please.** 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, 701-0399.** Put your faith in action and become part of FPC's efforts to feed the poor!

## THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY FROM THE BARGAIN BOX

In the month of **August**, we sent \$1,500.00 to Project Hope Food Bank and \$500.00 to Ouachita Children's Home. In **September**, we sent \$1000.00 to NPC for a nursing scholarship and \$700.00 to The Call, that assists foster families. All these donations were paid for with money collected in the Bargain Box. The women in this church work hard cleaning out closets, gathering donated items from friends, selling behind the counter on Wednesday, and the crew that sorts, prices, and displays the merchandise on Mondays. All money collected goes to charitable organizations in Garland County that assist women and children. Please remember "the Box" during your fall cleaning.

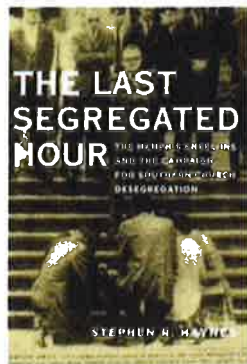
**The Christian Education Committee**

**Presents:**

**“The Last Segregated Hour”**

**Stephen R. Haynes, Ph.D.**

Saturday, October 19, 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church



**The Last Segregated Hour: The  
Memphis Kneel-Ins and the  
Campaign for Southern Church  
Desegregation**

Stephen R. Haynes

ABSTRACT

On Palm Sunday 1964, at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, a group of black and white students began a “kneel-in” to protest the church's policy of segregation, a protest that would continue in one form or another for more than a year and eventually force the church to open its doors to black worshippers.

This book tells the story of this dramatic yet little studied tactic, which was the strategy of choice for bringing attention to segregationist policies in Southern churches. “Kneel-ins” involved surprise visits to targeted churches, usually during Easter season, and often resulted in physical standoffs with resistant church people. The spectacle of kneeling worshippers barred from entering churches made for a powerful image that invited both local and national media attention.

Drawing on a wide range of sources, including extensive interviews with the students who led non-violent protests against church segregation and church people who



witnessed these protests, the book tells the story of the Memphis kneel-ins and their legacy, including ongoing efforts at truth-telling and reconciliation on the part the churches that were the targets of kneel-in protests during the 1960s.

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DOI:10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195395051.001.0001



**Stephen R. Haynes** holds a Ph.D. in Religion and Literature from Emory University, the M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary, an M. A. from Florida State University, and a B. A. from Vanderbilt University.

Professor Haynes has been at Rhodes since 1989 and offers courses on the Holocaust, the Bible and its reception, religion and reconciliation, and religion and addiction. In addition to these subjects, he has research interests in Jewish-Christian relations, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the biblical justifications for slavery and segregation.

Dr. Haynes was ODK Untenured Teacher of the Year at Rhodes in 1993 and SGA Outstanding Faculty Member in 1995. In 1997 he received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Research and in 2001 was awarded the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching. He is also a graduate of Leadership Memphis. Since 2016 he has directed the Rhodes Liberal Arts in Prison Program at West Tennessee State Penitentiary.

**Education:**

Ph.D., Emory University M.Div., Columbia Theological Seminary M.A., Florida State University B.A., Vanderbilt University

## ANNUAL CASSEROLE CONTEST WINNERS!



**1st Place** - Carol Mattson, Pineapple Casserole

**2nd Place** - Sally Pierce, Taco Bake

**3rd Place** - Cheryl Poole, Philly Cheese Steak

### PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE

- 3 large cans of pineapple chunks, drained
- 2T flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups mild cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 1/2 sticks melted butter
- 1 1/2 sleeves Ritz crackers, crushed (approx. 50 crackers)

#### **Directions**

Put pineapple in bottom of 9x13 pan. Mix flour, sugar, and cheese. Pour over pineapple. Mix crushed Ritz with the butter. Sprinkle over top.

Bake 350 degrees, 30 minutes

**ANNUAL DESSERT CONTEST WINNERS!**

**1st Place** - Billy Sisler, Green Pear Delight

**2nd Place** - Lynn Landers, Walnut Pecan Pie

**3rd Place** - Mary Little, Oreo Bonbons

**GREEN PEAR DELIGHT**

- Pears, sliced
- 1 cup sugar
- Cinnamon, to taste
- 1 box white or yellow cake mix (dry)
- 1 stick butter, sliced
- Chopped pecans, to taste

**Directions**

Line casserole dish with pears, pour the sugar over the pears. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over all. Place the butter slices evenly over the mixture. Top with chopped pecans and more cinnamon.

Bake 350 degrees, until bubbly and browned

<b>Special Care List</b>		
Marilyn Davidson	West Shores 2607 Albert Pike #25 HS, 71913	262-4138
Rev. Gene Edwards	208 Southridge Ln, A-1 HS, 71913	501-276-5040
Grayce Leonhard	Gracious Hearts Elderly Care 203 E Sonora Dr Hot Springs, AR 71913	
Joe and Eleanor Pascual	239 Starboard Circle HS, 71901	
Dolores Pierson	The Atrium 2803 Albert Pike #206 HS, 71913	303-907-4941
Bill Randall, Sr.	233 Sawtooth Oak, Apt. 301 HS, 71901	547-4294
Joe Rank, #105178	Cummins Unit Box 500 Grady, AR 71644	
Betty Webb	Belvedere Nursing & Rehab 2600 Park Ave, #121 71901	



## Memorials Received in September in Memory of...

***Jane Hynds***

from

Joe Allshouse

Jeff and Michael Carr

***Gregory Bray***

(Jessica Rowton's Father)

from

Michael and Barbara Helm



### Flower Angels

When you look at the beautiful flowers by the pulpit on Sunday mornings, did you ever wonder where they went after church? Well, there are two possibilities for their destination. The person who donated them can take them home, or they can be left for distribution. The deacons and Jan Meyers are the "flower angels" of FPC. Monday mornings, Jan creates artistic vases with the flowers and greenery. A deacon will come by and pick up these "rays of sunshine" and deliver to those in our church needing a bit of cheer. So thanks to all of you who provide the beauty of the Earth to FPC members!

### Columbarium

Have you visited our Columbarium lately? Do you know we have one?

The Columbarium is the beautiful room, beside the stairs, leading to the balcony. When you are there, a peaceful, calm feeling surrounds you; stained glass, lovely woodwork, and close proximity to the sanctuary all make it a perfect place of forever rest.

Take some time to visit our Columbarium, again, or for the first time. If you are considering it for yourself or your family, please call the church office for more information, 624-5646.

