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**“Will you fulfill your
ministry in obedience
to Jesus Christ?”**

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October Newsletter Deadline: September 26

Celebrate 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 *September 15*, after Worship, to celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries!

September Birthdays

Lesa Henning	September 01	Patrick Simmons	September 16
Elaine Muzny	September 01	Jamie Randall	September 18
David Thayer	September 01	Miriam Murthy	September 19
Hope Holcomb	September 02	Bruce Simpson	September 23
Helen Bumpas	September 03	Rachel Garner	September 24
James Black	September 04	Melissa Loyd	September 24
Donna Brooks	September 04	Sumner Bishop	September 25
Steve DeMott	September 05	Shane Hardin	September 25
Sherry Miller	September 05	Bob Spindler	September 25
Al Carney	September 06	Kathryn White	September 25
Kelly Simpson	September 07	Edward King	September 27
Susan Cooper	September 12	Kaylee Gould	September 30
Nell McFarland	September 14		

September Anniversaries

Jacob and Julie Mills	September 01
Paul and Patricia Mills	September 01
Bill and Mary James	September 28

God Bless You on Your Special Day!



FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY

This month I'm participating in one of my favorite activities as your pastor: training those whom you have elected to be ruling elders and deacons in our church. I enjoy listening to them talk about their families, their careers, their church history, and their daily activities. Evidence of God's activity abounds in both the ceremonious and mundane activities of our lives. I encourage you to record your own biography and note all the times God has shown up in your life.

I also enjoy teaching them the tenets of our Presbyterian order. As Presbyterians, we look at the world in a unique way. We are committed less to our individual preferences, and more to the mind of Christ, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:7-8). We are Presbyterians not because we always agree on theological and social issues, but because we value the holiness and catholicity of the church and appreciate the representative nature of our polity, where the rights of the individual are protected and nurtured.

We are spending a good deal of time in our classes discussing qualifications of those who serve in ordered ministries of the church—that is: deacons and presbyters (ruling and teaching elders). Each of us understands that we will never achieve the high standards for service established in scripture. Yet, in our studies we learn that God alone gives us the gifts and abilities suitable for our duties, and that we must strive to make our manner of life a demonstration of the Christian gospel to all who see us. "Standards" for service are important as we examine candidates for ordered ministries, but above all we seek evidence that they love Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and will seek to serve Christ above self.

Each candidate for ordered ministry realizes that they are of no greater value in God's sight than all other members of Christ's church. Instead, they are called to fulfill particular functions in the church. They know that the foundational form of ministry is

all members working together in Christ's name. Being spiritual leaders, their call is to nurture the spiritual gifts of all members of the congregation, under Christ's mandate, so that Christ's church would bear even more fruit.

My favorite ordination question is: "Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?" Prayer, I have found, is the one practice that helps me overcome my personal shortcomings as I face the high demands of ministry. I ask God for gifts and abilities that I cannot achieve on my own. Ministry in Christ's name demands every ounce of "energy" and "intelligence" that we can devote. To discern the movement of the Holy Spirit, we must exercise our full "imagination." And all our efforts require the same "love" that God gives us in Jesus Christ. Will you affirm this promise in our own ministry?

I ask that you make every effort to be in worship on Sunday, September 15, when the following candidates will be ordained and installed into their ordered ministry.

Ruling Elders – Class of 2022

Carol Mattson
Terri McKissack
Paul Mills
Tom Rath
Paul Rice

Deacons – Class of 2022

Carroll Bridges
Betty Kate Carney
Linda Glover
Cheryl Martin
Dick Mattson

And as you pray for them, be thinking about the question Kathy White will ask you: "*Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church?*" Will you? Yes, we're the church together!

Lacy

Session Notes

The incoming Elders and Deacons are being trained on Presbyterian Policy and operations of this congregation. They will be examined by the Session at a special called meeting in the sanctuary prior to the September 11 Family Night Supper and then be installed during the morning worship on September 15. Outgoing Elders (Class of 2019), this will be the last meeting of your term—you are still serving until your replacements are installed!

The ever-efficient Fellowship Committee has compiled a tentative schedule of events through August of 2020. The Annual Casserole and Dessert Contest will be held on September 11 with first, second, and third place prizes being awarded. We will also have an informative talk on parks and trails in Hot Springs.

The Mission Committee is planning a special “Haiti Sunday” on September 8. Everyone who purchased a Haiti tee-shirt is encouraged to wear it that Sunday. We have a five-year commitment to give support to a school in Haiti from our Endowment Fund, and we have additional funds for special projects, travel, and scholarships.

Other items from the Session reports:

- This year’s Whittington Fest will be from 5:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. on October 5 in our church parking lot. Co-sponsors are St. Mary’s Catholic and Roanoke Baptist Churches.
- Four additional hearing devices have been purchased for use during worship.
- “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, led by Rhodes College Professor Stephen Haynes.

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, **September 12 and September 26.** (every 2nd and 4th Thursday). Please join us! Contact Jeanette Cline or Carol Mattson with questions.

The PW Day Circle Bible Study will begin our new study, *Love Carved in Stone*, on September 17, 10:30 a.m.

In September the Women's Wednesday Study will begin a new book, The Gift of Years. This collection of meditations on where we are all headed is 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.

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!

STATISTICS			
August Attendance:			
Dates	Worship	Visitors	Sunday School
8/4	92	2	19
8/11	111	5	17
8/18	106	9	19
8/25	105	3	27
July Financial Statistics:			
	Year to Date	Budget:	YTD% of Budget:
Pledge Income:	152,663	269,902	57%
Other Income:	22,189	56,105	40%
Legacy Income:	58,333	100,000	58%
Total Income:	233,185	426,007	55%
Total Expenses:	255,066	442,801	58%
Income to Expense:	(21,881)		
COMMITTEES - DIACONATE - SESSION SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees Meet: The week of September 16. Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time. • Session Meets: September 25, 6:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. • Diaconate Meets: September 25, 6:30p.m. in the Library. 			

BARGAIN BOX	
July Sales and Donations	
7/3	325.00
7/10	292.00
7/17	455.50
7/24	186.00
7/31	416.00
Total	\$1,674.50
July Expenditures	
NFS Rent	250.00
Total	\$250.00
<p>Bargain Box is always in need of most items. We can always use clean clothes, working appliances, and unbroken 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>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 Facebook page, "First Presbyterian Bargain Box."</p>	
<p><u>Bargain Box Workers for September</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Mary Little and Carol DeHut • 11th Kathy McConkie and Sally Pierce • 18th Ann Hiers and Janet Muse • 25th Mary James and Carol Mattson 	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Liturgists

- **1st** Steve DeMott
- **8th** Steve DeMott
- **15th** Jeff Carr
- **22nd** Jeff Carr
- **29th** Jeff Carr



Join the Fun in 101!

Rev. Sellars invites both visitors and members to his **Presbyterian 101 Class, beginning September 8, 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 with any questions you want him to address. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HAITI

The Mission Committee is beginning to plan their next mission trip to Haiti, and would like anyone interested in going to let Lynn Landers, Becky Sommer or Lacy know. There is scholarship money available for part of the expenses if needed. This trip will be a time to meet with the children, teachers, and priest to familiarize ourselves with the wants and needs that we will be able to provide. There are quite a few logistics to be dealt with before this trip will happen and we will keep you informed.

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.



Sunday, September 8th is HAITI DAY!
Wear your Haiti t-shirts to show your support!!

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!

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Sandwiching in History Tour: Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

September 6, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock AR

Currently sitting on approximately 1,200 acres, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center began in the 1920s as a camp for some of Little Rock's prominent families. Since the 1930s, the facility has been a camp and conference center owned by the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center offers retreat and meeting facilities along with recreational facilities and hiking trails.

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program was created by the Arkansas General Assembly in 1969. The AHPP's mission is to fulfill the objectives of the National Historic Preservation Act through the identification, preservation and protections of the cultural heritage of the State of Arkansas.



Annual Casserole and Dessert Contest!

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.

Program: City of Hot Springs Parks & Trails

Join us for our **7th Annual Casserole and Dessert Contest!** Members who wish to participate in the contest are asked to bring their favorite casserole or dessert in the equivalent of a 9" x 13" dish or similar size so all may try. Please remember to bring a copy of the recipe. The Fellowship Committee will furnish chicken and beverages.

Contest winners will be announced at the end of the evening. The winners will be awarded a prize and their recipe will be printed in next month's newsletter. If you chose not to participate in the contest, please bring a dish or dessert that will be on a separate table.

Anthony Whittington, director of parks and trails in Hot Springs, will present our program. He will give us an overview of our cities newest parks and updates on our trail system.

The Christian Education Committee

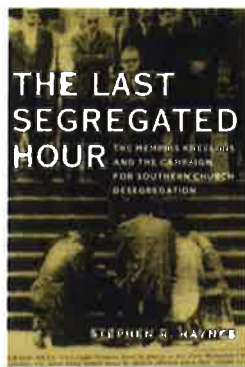
Presents:

“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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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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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



*The Volunteer Sign-up Sheet
is located in the Fellowship Hall.*



Thanks First Church for the water and cookies for ASMSA move-in day! Together with our friends at Roanoke and St. Mary's greeted parents and 120 students to the neighborhood. Janet Muse, Truman and Frani Bailey, Johnnie Roebuck and Ryan, and Sally Pierce gave out information about the church and BOGO coupons for the Bargain Box. Parents, staff, and students were very appreciative to see friendly faces with treats. Thanks for welcoming the students.

LOST!!! ARC-ISLE FILE BOX

Tom Harst is searching for a box of Arc-Isle files, formerly stored in the church basement. If anyone knows where we might find it, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

 * **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!
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 * Instagram: hspresyouth & firstpreshs
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 * Church Website: Firstpreshotsprings.org
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 * Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs, AR
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*Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for all your prayers, cards, food, flowers,
 and most of all, your love. Your care is a great
 comfort, and a blessing from God. You are a
 wonderful church family!
 Love, Frances Bateman*



Memorials Received in August in Memory of...

Gregory Bray

(Jessica Rowton's Father)

from

Pat and Jackie Edwards

Mary Jane Woodruff

(Billy Sisler's Sister)

from

Nancy Doyle
Gary and Jeanette Cline

Rebecca Sullivan

(Billy Sisler's Sister)

from

Gary and Jeanette Cline

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.



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