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First Presby News



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First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on 580 AM WCHS

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From the Associate Pastor:

After being at First Presby as your associate pastor for congregational care for 18 months, I thought it would be a good time to share a few musings with you.

First of all, it's hard to believe that I've been here for 18 months. In some ways time has flown, but in other ways it seems that I've been here for years. There are those times when it just hits me: "You live in West Virginia now." Before we visited Charleston for my first interview, Diane and I had never been in West Virginia. A year and a half later, we love it here. I guess the busyness of buying and adding on to a new home, getting Diane, her mother, and me settled in, and finding my place in First Presby's ministries has made the time fly. On the other hand, all of you have contributed to the feeling that I've been here for years. You have welcomed us into your church, but much more than that, you've welcomed us into your lives. If we had moved to Charleston for other reasons and worshiped at First Presby as visitors, this kind of welcome would have easily persuaded us that this would be our new church home. The most effective evangelism is that simple—welcoming visitors, not just to the church, but into your lives.

You have embraced the new Parish Networking of our congregation with openness and grace. When we do something new, we have to adjust to changes and we also have to work out the "kinks" until everything operates smoothly. Thanks to the deacons and your receptivity, this new approach to caring and communication through parishes has been a relatively easy transition. One thing we are doing to make it more effective is to increase our number of deacons from 24 to 36. As we make this increase in deacons, we will also increase the number of parishes, which means some realigning of parish boundaries. We will keep you informed as we do this. The reason for this increase is to give the deacons a more reasonable number of families/members to serve, which will make their ministry less stressful and more effective. How good it is that we all are in ministry together as we care for one another just as Christ cares for us all. Continue to pray that our Parish Networking will bring us all closer together as a caring church family.

Adult Christian Education is my other primary responsibility. I like to think of Adult Christian Education as either continuing education or higher education for our faith journey—or maybe both. What we learn in Sunday school as children and youth is only the foundation for our formation into mature adult disciples of Jesus Christ. It's a life-long commitment to learning for those who take their faith and relationship with God seriously. I am so impressed with how much teaching and leadership talent we have in this church. I've visited and taught in several of our adult classes, and I believe First Presby offers opportunities for everyone to deepen their faith knowledge and relationship with God through Christ. Because there are always new discoveries in biblical scholarship to increase our knowledge of our Scriptures and their interpretation, and also because the world we live in changes so rapidly, we must constantly consider new knowledge and new ways to bring that knowledge to those of you who are already disciples of Jesus, but also to those who haven't made a commitment to Christ. I recently heard biblical scholar, Marcus Borg, say at a seminar at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary that our task is to re-educate the church so that we will be effective in sharing the gospel message with generations who no longer join the church just because it's expected of them. I hope you will join us in growing in our faith and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus by participating in the many Adult Christian Education opportunities over the coming months and years.

God bless you all. You are certainly a blessing to me.

Grace and peace,
Jim Roberts

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

starts Sunday night, Aug. 2

Join us in the Dining Room at 5:30 for a light supper followed by a discovery of Rome, your Family for the week, and the Marketplace where you can shop and craft. Meet Apostle Paul in Jail and attend the Underground Church. Sunday is just the beginning of a fantastic week. Each evening ends around 8:00 p.m. On Friday, Aug. 7, we will have a covered-dish picnic at the church.

Sunday, August 16

OH, SUNDAE SUNDAY!

Ice Cream and all the trimmings following worship. This gathering after worship will take place in the Dining Room!!

BAG LUNCH AND VIDEO

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m., Chris Rogillio will present a video resource useful to adult Sunday School classes, *Which Way to God?* This is a Christian look at the major world religions. Come to the Presbytery Office, 520 Second Ave., in South Charleston.



RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following newlyweds!

Erica J. Stucky
and Brad Maschari
who were married July 11, 2009.

Susan Elise Lewis
and Frank G. Stevens
who were married July 18, 2009.

INTERMEDIATE DANCE LESSONS

Brush up on your ballroom dance skills with intermediate dance lessons at First Presby on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Bud Francis Recreation Room, Sept. 14 through May 31, 2010. All are welcome. If you have questions, contact Sarah Lyons, 343-5228.



Dear Friends, Staff and Congregation:

You have been our church family for many years and leaving you is our greatest loss as I've had to make this difficult decision to move. However, due to A.D.'s condition we need to be closer to our two sons, Kyle, in Louisville, and Zack, in Indiana. So our new apartment is across the Ohio River from Louisville and very convenient to both sons. It also offers Assisted Living and Nursing Home facilities and is a lovely place on 35 acres.

Our special thanks to you for the lovely reception on July 5th. You honored us with your love and also with the surprise gift of a beautiful Tiffany lamp. Its light will always remind us of First Presby and our dear friends here.

You have blessed us with your love and prayers along with food and visits and we will miss you very, very much. This has been our "home" church and though we leave with anticipation our roots will always be here with you dear friends. We'll always be interested in this church and congregation.

With thanks and appreciation
and love and prayers,
Joan and A.D.

Please note our new address:
Joan and A.D. Ellison
2200 Greentree North, Apt. 1102
Clarksville, IN 47129

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Get your blood pressure checked
by a parish nurse,
Sunday, August 10,
in the CHURCH LIBRARY.

COLLEGE GRADUATION NEWS

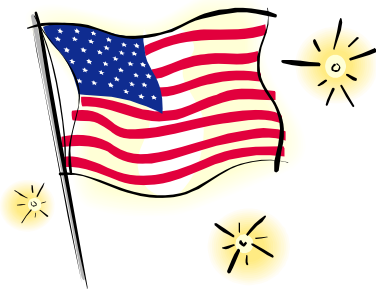
Kari Nicole Seaquist, granddaughter of Gini Lucas, graduated June 21, 2009, Magna Cum Laude from Ohio State University. Kari received a BS in Social Work.

BELLS AND BARS

Music Academy 2009 taught Bowman Alexander, Jocelyn Harold, Liza Lavengood, Abigail Marcinkowsky, Thomas Meyer, Ruth Odin, Conrad Spann, Wes St. Jean, Taylor Waldeck, and Cooper Zen to play handbells, chimes, and Orff instruments.

They offered their musical gifts to God in worship on July 26 under the leadership of Sarah Lynch and Mary Odin.





**PRAY FOR THOSE
IN THE
ARMED FORCES**

2nd Lt. Matthew M. Bruner, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA and soon to be deployed.

Stephen Bruner, Korea

Ryan Scott Higginbotham, Afghanistan (husband of Monica, son-in-law of Patti & Aaron Alexander)

MM2 David A. Kaylor, aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower (grandson of George and Thelma Frisch)

Edwin Anderson (cousin of Mary Odin)

Airman First Class Caitlin Workman, Omaha, NE (granddaughter of Pat Workman)

Airman 1st Class Franz S. Workman IV, Moody AFB, GA (grandson of Pat Workman)

Warrant Officer David McDarmont, OH (son of Liz O'Finan)

Owen Brown, Pensacola, FL (son of Earle Brown) US Navy

David Rucker, Germany (Barbara Brown's nephew)

Donald Boylen, VA (grandson of Dick and Becky Smith)

Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.

DISCIPLE

Sign up now!

Monday night Bible Study group: Disciple's *Under the Tree of Life*, covers the Old Testament, John, and Revelation.

We will begin in September.

Contact Jim Roberts or the Christian Education Office to sign up; the group will meet on Monday nights, 6:30-8:00.

"THE STREAM"

Presbytery of WV has launched a new e-newsletter to replace the one that was previously mailed.

Please submit your email as well as content for future e-newsletters to:

webmaster@wvpresbytery.org.



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our Presbytery and in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa.

Aug. 2: Montgomery Presbyterian Church; Orgas PC; First PC of Ravenswood; Gitero PC, Kenya.

Aug. 9: Carmel PC of Gap Mills; Glace Chapel and Wateville Chapel; Gitumbi PC, Kenya.

Aug. 16: Harmon PC; Kesler Memorial PC of Hico; McKinnon PC, of Charleston; King'ong'o PC, Kenya.

Aug. 23: First of Morgantown; First of Parkersburg; Red Sulphur Springs PC of Ballard; All students returning to school; Muringato PC, Kenya.

Aug. 30: Spring Creek PC of Renick; Union PC; Comfort PC; Nyamachaki Memorial PC, Kenya.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT

<u>Month of June 2009</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 60,000	\$ 68,493	\$ 8,493
Trustee Funds:	23,130	23,341	211
Other Revenue:	7,085	6,671	(414)
Total Income:	90,215	98,505	8,290
Expenses:	114,133	107,237	(6,896)
Net Income:	\$ (23,918)	\$ (8,732)	\$ (15,186)

<u>First Half of 2009</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 570,000	\$ 568,323	\$ (1,677)
Trustee Funds:	165,630	167,149	1,519
Other Revenue:	110,287	102,211	(8,076)
Total Income:	845,917	837,683	(8,234)
Expenses:	846,929	819,216	(27,713)
Net Income:	\$ (1,012)	\$ 18,467	\$ 19,479

While many churches across the country are forced to reduce their ministries and mission, First Presby, through your continued support, is able to continue our missions and programs by being vigilant in cutting expenses whenever possible. However, in order to meet our complete budget, we are in need of an additional \$52,000 over what has been pledged for 2009. We ask that you please be as generous as your family's budget will allow in support of Christ's work at First Presby.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



SENECA CLASS VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, June 27, six members from Seneca Class volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of West Virginia to help “deconstruct” a donated house in Dunbar. As a pilot project, Habitat for Humanity is carefully dismantling the structure and will sell salvaged fixtures and materials in their Charleston ReStore. This *green* project will keep valuable materials out of landfills and help fund the construction of Habitat homes in the area.



Seneca volunteers were asked to use “velvet crowbars” to gently pry tongue and groove hardwood flooring from the house. The group then removed nails and sorted and packaged the hardwood into salable bundles. By the end of the day, Seneca volunteers had removed and salvaged about 800 square feet of solid oak flooring, over 380 square feet of which they bundled for sale in the ReStore.

The task of building a house seems much more *glamorous* than tearing one down. Yet, the proceeds from this dismantling project will help to provide a solid structural and financial foundation for this and other Habitat for Humanity homes. Plus, Seneca Class volunteers had a strenuous, but fun, opportunity to add some sweat equity to this valuable service project.



NOTE OF THANKS

The residents, board of directors and I would like to express our appreciation to The First Presbyterian Church and the church's Mission Division for its community outreach grant of \$2,000 to the KVFH. Your gift allows us to serve those who not only have an addiction problem, but also are homeless and suffer behavioral and physical health issues. Thank you again for your involvement in our mission.

Sincerely,
Ken Stewart, Executive Director

COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS

- The Drop-In-Center needs disposable razor blades and spray deodorant.
- Pots and pans are needed for the Homeless Outreach program.
- The AIDS Residential & Resource Program needs beds of any size.
- The Clothing Closet needs underwear and socks.
- The Food Pantry needs peanut butter, crackers, mac & cheese and breakfast cereal.

With needs higher than last year, let's make a big effort to help our community.

Covenant House Presents Clergy Fashion and Talent Show Sunday, August 9, at 3:00



Great fun for a wonderful cause! Clergy from various churches will model clothing from the Covenant House Clothing Closet! Our own Claire Butler will be one of the models. Come out and support Claire and Covenant House.

Mark your calendar now for Aug. 9. Tickets are only \$10—contact the Church Office. Also, bring a donation of new socks or underwear for a child, man, or woman.

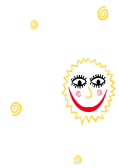
UNDERWEAR, UNDERWEAR!!



Underwear is usually a subject most people avoid making mentioning, but we are going to be talking it up during the months of August and September as our church participates in a donation drive of NEW children's underwear! The Christian Nurture and Worship Committee of the Presbytery is requesting special donations of new children's underwear that will be collected at the September Quadrant meeting. The collected underwear will be distributed among local, community, and statewide organizations that are best equipped to serve the children in need. **Look for the “Boxer” boxes located in the main church hallway to place your NEW children's underwear (all sizes needed).**

URGENT NEEDS OFFERING REPORT

Thank you for your generous giving of \$1,300 to the Urgent Needs Offering. These financial resources will help those in the Kanawha Valley who are in a crisis situation.



Location: Village Chapel, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Village Chapel is the August host as children from three churches (First Presby, Kanawha United, and Village Chapel) continue this summer adventure. Join us!
Bring a bathing suit and towel and friends.



YOUTH NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Let's go to Kings Island!

If you are in town on Monday, August 10, you will want to go with us to Kings Island. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return that evening. Tickets are \$26.99.

How will we know to expect you? Give Claire Butler a call, 304-343-8961 ext. 119. **We'd like to have your check for \$26.99 to the church by Friday, Aug. 7.**



High School:

Youth Mission Weekend in West Virginia

Working with WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, we'll spend Saturday doing hands-on rebuilding or cleaning or shoveling or hammering . . . Sunday morning we'll go white-water rafting, and Sunday evening we'll return home.

Who? All high school youth (9th-12th) and adult chaperones.

Schedule:

Friday, Oct. 2	Drive to work location and settle in for the night
Saturday, Oct. 3	Mission work
Sunday, Oct. 4	White-water rafting and drive home

Registrations are due by Sunday, August 16, 2009.

Complete all the enclosed forms and return them to First Presby along with a deposit check for \$25.00 made out to "WVMAW."

Contact Claire Butler for forms and additional information.

FROM CLAIRE BUTLER:

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

During June, I had the pleasure of accompanying two of our First Presby youth, Jack Crockett and Maggie Field, to the 2009 Montreat Youth Conference. This year's theme was "World On Fire."

Through daily keynotes, small group sessions, and worship, they looked at the ways that our world is on fire both positively and negatively and discovered the ways that they are being called to change the world. Read their reflections from the Conference below:

When I first arrived at Montreat, I have to admit, I expected the worst week ever. The only youth group person with me I didn't even know. Knowing there were going to be energizers didn't help much, either. When the first week was done, I realized that the Montreat Youth Conference 2009 had defied my expectations. I had so much fun!

It's so strange, sometimes you have more fun with strangers than you do friends from back home. In all the fun we had, what made it the best was when we realized we weren't afraid to tell each other of the problems we've had in the past. I realized that when you get together as youth, you are accustomed to hearing about problems that you can't tell your parents. You can vent about things to people because they won't judge you, tell them to people you know, and screw up your life. This week was a lot like the movie The Breakfast Club, in the fact that we barely knew each other coming in, but we know each other so much more now that it's over.

-- Jack Crockett



My experience at Montreat was great. The theme "World on Fire" was awesome and made sense. The world is on fire in bad and good ways, and God is telling us what we can do to extinguish some of the bad fires. Montreat got me closer to God and I learned more about the Presbytery than before.

I still don't know what my calling is and while God will tell me eventually, I have a feeling about what it could be. And I think Montreat gives people an idea of what we are called to do in life.

-- Maggie Field

WORLD
ON FIRE
2009





MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN

Wayne and I recently visited two churches while we were on vacation. The first worship service felt very familiar to us. All the music was drawn from the United Methodist hymnal and we had no trouble following the order of service. The choir sang nicely and the sermon was fine, but no one ever spoke to us other than to say the perfunctory, "Peace be with you."

The second church has a sign on its lawn that reads: "Carefully evaluate the worth of the things you allow to govern your life." When we arrived, we were drawn into conversations with several people waiting for worship to begin. The passing of the peace was a seven-minute recipe exchange, and everyone in the room needed to greet all four of us. The preacher quoted in his sermon God's command: "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." (Lev. 19:34)

Two of the songs were unfamiliar to us, but we never found a copy of the music. It was frustrating to be excluded by the one element in which we should have been able to participate most fully. After worship, though, they discovered we are from West Virginia, and immediately a church member from Beckley was produced to chat with us about our home state. We stayed for 30 minutes, learning many names and faces and feeling quite comfortable. If we lived in Wilmington, we definitely would return to that church.

The main text that second Sunday morning was I Peter 4:7-11. Verse 8 reads: "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins." You can make a lot of careless errors. You can even neglect to provide music for musicians. But if you reflect God's love to people, they'll want to come back.

ORGAN UPDATE

Renovations are continuing in our front gallery to prepare it for the installation of our new Casavant pipe organ in the spring of next year. After the Casavant is installed and voiced, the Fisk organ in the rear gallery will enjoy a long-overdue repair and tune-up of its own. We are most grateful to an anonymous donor for providing the funds for this additional and much-needed project. When both instruments are in tip-top shape, we will present them together in a recital to dedicate the Casavant organ to the Lord's service. This will likely take place in May of 2010, so stay tuned!

Note on your calendar Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, when our Fisk organ will be featured in the American Guild of Organists concert series, *Orgelfest*.

MUSICAL MYSTERIES REVEALED:

The Long and the Short of It

The written notation of this paragraph doesn't tell you which words should be pronounced slowly or quickly. In music, though, this is critical, so the length of each is one of the most basic bits of information you can get from the written appearance of a note.

Here's the basic rule: the more ink you see on the page, the shorter the note will be. For example, a "whole" note looks like a slightly flattened, empty disk. Very little ink is needed to write a whole note, so that empty, little ellipse represents a relatively long sound. For a note that sounds only half as long, or twice as fast, as whole note, ink is added to the page in the form of a stick, called a "stem". The resulting "half" note looks like an empty disk hanging on the side of its stem. To cut a half note in half, simply use more ink to fill in the disk, or "notehead". The resulting "quarter" note is a solid, black notehead hanging from its stem, and it is twice as short as a half note. To continue writing notes that sound shorter and shorter in time, simply add little tails, or "flags", hanging off of the stems. Each flag cuts the length of the sound exactly in half, and you can use as many flags as you need to make notes sound as short as you want them.

Remembering all the ratios is less important than knowing the general rule: the less ink you see, the longer the note will be. As with any rule, there are some exceptions, but we'll save those for later. Happy singing!

FPC LYRES CLUB: The Lyres Club has been rehearsing at Quarry Manor Nursing Care Center, Hubbard Hospice House, Meadowbrook Acres, and Edgewood Summit this summer.

We will make our third visit to Hubbard Hospice House on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

If you are interested in playing the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

BELL CHOIR: Bell Choir is taking a break for the summer. If you'd like to ring with the group in the fall, contact director Sarah Lynch to let her know you're interested.

WORSHIP TEAM: The Worship Team provides musical leadership at worship services each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, banjo, and other instruments to accompany congregational song at worship each week.

If you'd like to play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin, 343-8961 ext. 137, or email: modin@firstpresby.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND GENEVA CHOIR: Cherub Choir (grades K-2), Cathedral Choir (grades 3-5), and Geneva Choir (youth and adults) are taking our summer break.

Geneva Choir rehearsals will resume on Sept. 3; our children's groups will also resume in September.

More details will be coming. Stay tuned!

AUGUST 2009

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SUNDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK ← "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church" beginning with supper at 5:30 p.m. / picnic on Friday →						
9 <i>Get your blood pressure checked by a Parish Nurse in the Church Library</i> 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Fellowship On The Green	10 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers	11 5:30 Lyres Club at Hubbard Hospice House	12 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 5:30 CE Division	13 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's	14 8:30 Aerobics 11:00 Children's Playground Time	15
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JULY BIRTHDAYS!



Congratulations to those who will be celebrating a "90 and over" birthday during August:

Frieda Quarles	Aug. 4
Vivian Haynes	Aug. 23
Imogene Albright	Aug. 26

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Each of us, whether we are the parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher, or friend, influence the lives of the children around us everyday. (E source)



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.

IN THE HOSPITAL:

THOMAS: Ruth Pitchford

SYMPATHY TO:

Flossie Koursey on the death of her brother; Mark Holmes on the death of his father; Nancy Burkhammer on the death of her uncle; Charlie Lorensen on the death of his mother; JoAnn Conley on the death of her brother.

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS:

George Hamrick; Jeff Pratt (father of Heather Peterson; Delores Woods (grandmother of Drew Woods); Meadow (infant friend of Ruth Pitchford); Keven Spencer (brother-in-law of Matt Rugh); Mazie Richardson (mother of Lee Richardson); Maggie Murphy (friend of Hopta family); John Kopf (uncle of Tom Daugherty); Pat Workman; Susan Leffler (friend of Claude Churchwell); Sally (friend of Ruth Pitchford); Tommie Skillman (sister of Jim and Newt Thomas).

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Edwin Scherr (father of Jim Scherr); Andy Kessock.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Helen Burkard; Virginia Humrichouser (mother of Nikki Moses); Laura Bulla (daughter of Tom Bulla); Liz Nelson; Imy Albright; Don Best, (friend of Pat and Art Doumaux); Filomino Alicie; Rick Flynn (friend of Bill McCoy); Paula Bailey (friend of Steve Morris); Vicki and Barry Blizzard (friends of Jim Buckalew); Ed Vazquez (son-in-law of Ruth Shepherd); Jack Gastineau; Candy Galyean; Janet and David Caruthers (brother-in-law of Nancy Brallier; Ruth Shepherd; Alex Earl (cousin of Chick Maddox); Dr. James Maddox (uncle of Chick); Joseph Sprouse; Charles Hendricks; Louise Rosenbaum; Charlie Young.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Melissa Orders; Theresa Padgett (daughter of George Weissert); Reagan Hawker (daughter-in-law of Les and Donna Hawker); Rebecca Heath Francke (daughter-in-law of Rick and Georgie Francke); Ann Blair (Johe) Brooks (daughter of Blair Plott Johe); Heidi Bolt (daughter-in-law of Margaret and John Bolt);.

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS SAVE THESE DATES !!!

If you would like to learn more about being Presbyterian, about becoming a member of this church family, or about the worship, mission, classes and activities of First Presby, this is the class for you.

The three-week series begins at 9:45 a.m. on September 13th, and continues on the 20th and 27th.

For more information, email Robin at robin@firstpresby.com or call the church, 343-8961.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

- Aug. 3 Orientation and summer information packet goes out.
Aug. 24 Teachers return to ready classrooms.
Aug. 27-28 Parent/student orientation days.
Aug. 31 First day of school.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY PRAYERS

When speaking of the prayers for their son Howard's brother-in-law Chuan Rong Tsao, Pat and Art Doumaux said, "We feel the prayers have been heard by God, who has given him love and hope." Chuan Rong is still in therapy recovering from a stroke which he suffered two years ago. For your prayers, a wholehearted, "Thank you!"

FOR PRAYER CONCERN UPDATES:

Call Jim Roberts, 304-343-8961 ext. 118, to keep him informed, to be removed from the list, or to add yourself or a family member to the list.

In Memoriam

Sue S. Shawkey
July 7, 2009

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 8/1: Leviticus 2:1-2
8/2: Leviticus 9:22-24
8/3: Leviticus 19:33-34
8/4: Numbers 6:22-26
8/5: Numbers 11:10-11, 16-17
8/6: Numbers 13:25-26a, 27-28, 30
8/7: Numbers 22:21-23
8/8: James 2:14-17
8/9: James 3:8-10
8/10: James 4:13-15
8/11: James 5:14-15a
8/12: Deuteronomy 6:4-8
8/13: Deuteronomy 8:10-14a
8/14: Deuteronomy 15:10
8/15: Deuteronomy 26:5-9
8/16: Deuteronomy 30:19
8/17: Deuteronomy 34:4
8/18: Philippians 1:12-14
8/19: Philippians 1:21-25
8/20: Philippians 1:27
8/21: Obadiah 11-12
8/22: Nahum 2:11a, 13
8/23: Habakkuk 2:19-20
8/24: Zephaniah 3:8-9
8/25: Malachi 3:2-3a
8/26: Ecclesiastes 1:2-6
8/27: Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
8/28: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
8/29: Ecclesiastes 4:1-3
8/30: Ecclesiastes 8:14-15
8/31: Ecclesiastes 11:4-6

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