



Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

By now, the spring song of the cicada has become once again a sound to fill the air. As I write these words, I can hear their distinctive sound, which is formed by the contraction of the internal tymbal muscles that produce a clicking noise amplified by the substantially hollow abdomen of the male cicada, creating a resonance that can be as high as 120 decibels at close range. Only males make this clicking sound as they seek to mate with females during their short lifespan in the adult form that we presently find them. This particular genus, called the magicicada, is one of literally hundreds of types of cicadas that live throughout the world. In Africa alone, there are over four hundred fifty different varieties of cicadas. In early America, when the magicicada first appeared as part of their thirteen-year lifecycle, the colonists mistook them for locusts, and thought that God was punishing them with another plague, as God had visited the Egyptians during the time of the Exodus.

Playing golf recently with a dear friend, I hit a drive off the fairway alongside a large oak tree. As I prepared to hit my ball, we both realized that the bottom of this tree was surrounded by literally thousands of cicadas, both living and dead. They were piled at the base of the oak. My friend commented, "I wonder what role these strange creatures play in the ecosystem." I thought about his question for a few minutes, marvelling at the wonder and clockwork of their periodic emergence. Standing over my next shot, I suddenly looked up said to him, "Maybe God does this simply to show us that He can!" As these cicadas that fill the air with song mate and then die, the females will first scratch slits in young twigs on trees and deposit their eggs in these openings they create. Each female magicicada can lay up to six hundred eggs, and as these eggs hatch in six to seven weeks, the newly hatched nymphs will drop to the ground and work their way into the soil until they attach themselves to the root of a tree. Trees can have thousands of nymphs attached to their roots, drawing sustenance from them, and yet this will do the tree no discernable harm. These nymphs will live beneath the ground between a foot to eight feet from the surface for the next thirteen years. In May of the thirteenth year, when the soil is warm enough, they will begin to tunnel their way up until they leave the ground, and find upright structures such as trees, posts and even weeds on which to molt. The new adult cicadas emerge in a matter of hours, and then take flight to start the thirteen year life cycle all over again. The entire cycle is nothing short of amazing, and another sign of the wonder of creation, which points for people of faith to the sheer wonder of the Creator God.

Cicada are only one expression of God's marvelous creativity, yet they can reveal to us a sense of how awesome and wonderful God really is. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light;' and there was light." So begins Genesis as it affirms from the very start that the world and all that is in it is the work of this Creator God. The world in which we live is complex and intricately interwoven beyond our wildest imaginations. It is also breathtakingly beautiful and possesses staggering diversity, yet remarkable balance. The person of faith affirms with the Psalmist, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein; for he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers" (Psalm 24:1,2). Creation is full of mystery and wonder, and reflects what the Psalmist called, "the beauty of the Lord our God." In the thirteen-year lifecycle of magicicadas, we are given but a small glimpse into the scope and horizon of God's creative power. The Psalmist reflected upon the heavens and the earth, and cried out with astonishment and adoration, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouth of babes and infants, thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" (Psalm 8:1-4) To behold creation at all is to experience profound wonder and awe, and to consider that it is all the work of the Creator God, is to want to worship this God as Lord, just as the Psalmist did of old. I am persuaded by the person who quipped, "This world coming to us by accident is as likely as the *Oxford English Dictionary* resulting from an explosion in the print shop!" So open your eyes dear friends, to behold the splendor and majesty of creation. "Praise God from whom all blessing flow!" Praise God even for the magicicadas!

With Love and Prayers,

Todd

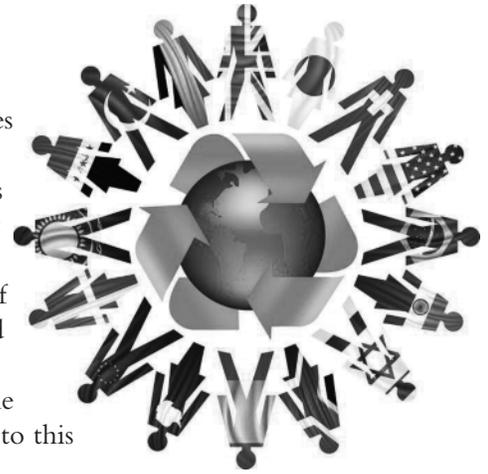
The Mission of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.



2010 Surplus Funds Benefit Missions Near and Far

Due to the generosity of First Presbyterian Church members and careful expense management by staff in 2010, unrestricted donations last year exceeded annual expenses by nearly \$300,000. Some of that amount was used to retire debt, while \$75,000 was allocated by the Session for mission-related needs. Accordingly, each of the committees comprising our church's Missions Council were asked to identify extraordinary, unmet needs of agencies, projects or missionary personnel within the church's mission budget. Additionally, consideration was to be given to needs of organizations outside of the current missions budget of the church in the hopes that such one-time gifts would make a significant impact on the recipients' ministry work. After several months of prayer, evaluation and deliberation, the Missions Council and Session have approved the disbursements listed below. Additional funds from the current year budget were added to this surplus allocation for one-time gifts totaling nearly \$81,000.



- **Barefoot Republic Camp** — \$6,500 support for personnel to maintain contact with youth following summer camp to build on the call to answer the Gospel's call to service.
- **Men of Valor** — \$17,900 to purchase a used truck and trailer enabling the formation of a second lawn care work crew of former inmates now living in transitional housing provided by Men of Valor during their aftercare and re-entry into society.
- **NaCoMe Camp & Conference Center** — \$10,050 to help repair earthen and footbridges washed out by the May 2010 flood.
- **North Alabama Presbytery Disaster Relief Fund** — \$10,000 to assist in recovery from the April 2011 tornado that devastated numerous communities in Alabama.
- **Presbyterian Student Fellowship @ Vanderbilt/Belmont** — \$7,000 to provide for a Young Adult Volunteer from our denominational program during the 2011-12 university year.
- **Remera Rukoma Hospital (Rwanda)** — \$13,350 to purchase a commercial grade washer and dryer to reduce the spread of infections caused by hand-washed patient bed and surgical linens.
- **Linda and Stu Ross** — \$10,000 to support the living and travel expenses for their mission work in East Africa on behalf of The Outreach Foundation.
- **Southminster Child Care Center** — \$6,000 to enable this church-based center to add an infant care program to meet the growing demand for quality care in the Harding Place/Nolensville Road neighborhood.

We are grateful for your continuing commitment to, and support of, missions both financially as well as with your prayers, heart and personal efforts. To God be the Glory.

Thursday Morning Bible Study with Todd Jones will be taking a break during the summer. The study will resume again after Labor Day.

Radio broadcast of Sunday worship airs at 4:00 P.M. each Sunday on WAMB 1200 AM and 99.3 FM.

the 5:30
sunday evening worship at fpc
the enrichment center @ 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
JUNE 5, 2011

Sermon
"Jesus' Prayer for Us"

Scripture Readings
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-25
John 17:1-11

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PENTECOST
JUNE 12, 2011

Sermon
"A Wild and Windy Way"

Scripture Readings
Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21

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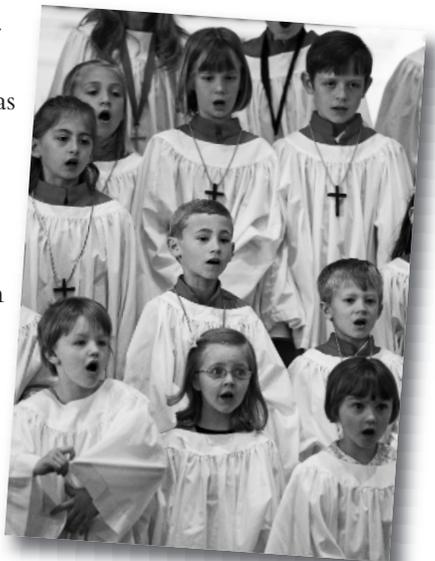
Want to do something good for your child? Enroll him/her in the choir at FPC.

First Presbyterian has children's choirs for those entering pre-kindergarten through 9th grade. If you have never had your child in choir...you don't know what you are missing! It's sometimes hard to work it into a busy schedule...make it a priority. Choir is a way for your child to learn about music and how music plays an important part in our worship service. The choirs all participate in the Christmas service as well as other worship services. You and your child will find choir at FPC a blessing!

— Alice Fitzpatrick,
Junior Chorister Member's Mom

You may now register online for children's choir!

- Just go to the FPC website on the opening page,
- Scroll down to registrations,
- Select Children's Choir,
- You will receive an email receipt showing that you have registered for choir.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Love and Hate

She can be the kindest, most considerate person in the world... unless she's been drinking... then her whole personality changes... for the worse.

You can't have people over anymore. You have memories you'd like to forget. She has a drinking problem. And it's ruining your life.

A Stephen Minister can be the caring listener you need now.

If any member of the church desires the Christian support of a Stephen Minister, call Sandra Randleman (298-9502).



FPC's Fiesta Splash

Sunday, June 26

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Come to FPC's annual poolside party at the Maryland Farms YMCA's waterpark! Bring the family to swim — bring yourself to talk and visit. Music and games by DJ Luis Lee for the kids, and music for the grownups, too!

Adults and teens — \$13
Kids under 13 — \$6
Max per family — \$40

after hours at the Maryland Farms YMCA!

YMCA
of Middle Tennessee

5101 Maryland Way
Drive around back
and enter by the pool.

Buy your tickets !!

Sundays in
Courtenay Hall
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on the FPC website
www.fpcnashville.org
Look for the
"First Connections" tab
on the home page!

Great food
catered by
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New Members, Spring 2011



Noël & Richard Pinson joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN. They have two children, **Grant & Gabriella**, both 10 years old.

Noel & Richard Pinson & Grant & Gabriella
1490 Willowbrooke Circle
Franklin, TN 37069
Phone: 373-8844 • Parish 27

Steven Shampain joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith.

Steven Shampain
1481 Bayrd #3
Miami Beach, FL 33139
Phone: 305-215-6467
Parish 44



Mary Louise Raymond joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, TN.

Mary Louise Raymond
805 Poplar Ridge Court
Nashville, TN 37221
Phone: 424-3400 • Parish 55

Carol Jane Swimmer joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Donelson Presbyterian Church in Donelson, TN.

Carol Jane Swimmer
1901 Hickory Hollow Terrace
Antioch, TN 37013
Phone: 678-6338 • Parish 29



College Happenings

Summer Opportunities for College Students

We're excited to announce summer small groups for College Students! Each week we'll gather in a home for hang time, dinner, group check-in, and then divide into smaller groups to study and discuss a Bible passage or even a book. Locations will be announced but the days and times are as follows:

- Rising College Freshmen will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 P.M.
- Rising College Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will meet on Mondays at 6:00 P.M.

Location details will be announced soon.

Young Adult Small Group

The Tuesday Young Adult Small Group will continue to



meet this summer at the home of Katy Miller and Meghan Backes (1147 Duncanwood Drive, off Granny White) from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. Come for dinner, hang time and study. Newcomers welcome anytime!

If you have questions about any of these small group opportunities, contact Trey Wince at twince@fpcnashville.org or 298.9524.

June "Soup Night" at the 5:30

Soup Night at the 5:30 continues even though warm weather is here! Use your imagination and bring anything you'd like to share...salad, fruit, sandwiches or, of course, soup!

Stay following the worship service June 12 for fellowship and dinner. As always, there is no charge to eat.



Haiti Mission Information Session

Step up to the Mike (Baron and Sowers that is)! You're invited to join them on Sunday, June 5, during the Sunday School hour in the Bryant Conference Room to learn more about the October 8-14, 2011 mission trip to Haiti. If you cannot attend but are interested in this mission service opportunity, please contact Patricia Heim in the Missions Office (298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org).



Books for Hope

The Hope Center, a residential life-recovery ministry of the Nashville Rescue Mission, needs gently-used books, both fiction and non-fiction, for adults and children of all ages. Fiction books should promote healthy, wholesome lifestyles. Donations may be left in Courtenay Hall on the shelf behind the projection screen wall. For information, contact Lily Cooper (lilycooper@yahoo.com), Dawn Wiley (834-9878) or Judy Fincannon (315-0742).

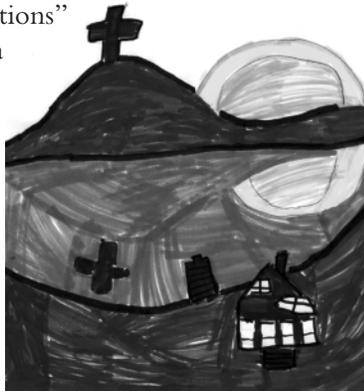
Residents of the Hope Center are homeless women who are chemically dependent or emotionally or physically abused. They spend seven months in an intense residential program acquiring educational, employment and parenting skills to help them break the cycle of homelessness. Their library is used for both educational and recreational reading.



Reflections

FPC 2011 NaCoMe Weekend

Weekend camp this year will be August 5-7, and will be led by former FPC youth staffer extraordinaire Erika Shapiro and her wonderful husband Jeremy. The theme for the weekend will be "Reflections" — "How our Lives Can be a Reflection of Jesus' Love for Us!" Mark your calendar now to join your church family at NaCoMe in August, and be on the lookout for the registration brochure coming in June.



ADULT & FAMILY



Mission Opportunities

Haiti October

Dates: October 8-14

Cost: \$1,200 (est); \$750 deposit due June 5; requires vaccines

Brief Details: Re-construction work with partner agencies affected by earthquake; expect rugged conditions.

Trip Leader: Mike Baron

Dominican Republic November

Dates: November 5-11

Cost: \$1,400 (est); \$800 deposit due NOW

Brief Details: Medical personnel offer family practice medicine, surgery, dental care or eye care in clinics or in the field depending on team member expertise; non-medical participants needed to assist in processing patients and/or assisting with vision screening — training provided.

Trip Leaders: Dr. Jim Cato and Dr. Matt Speyer

Questions? Contact Patricia Heim (298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org) if you are interested in learning more or would like an application form. Online registration for trips is available from the church homepage on the web (www.fpcnashville.org).

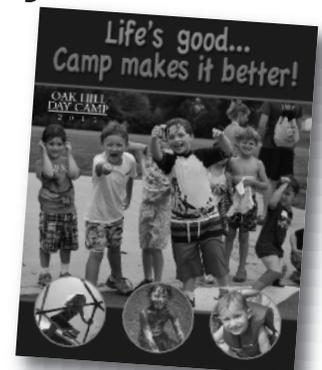
Scholarship Assistance is available to FPC members for all FPC-sponsored trips by contacting Sandra Randleman (298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

Read about missions at First Presbyterian Church online — mission trips abroad, local mission opportunities, stories, pictures and more.

Visit <http://missions.fpcnashville.org>.

We need Recyclables for Camp Art Projects!

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Magazines (kid friendly)
- Fabric Scraps
- Wire Hangers
- Milk Cartons



For more information, call 298-9583 or visit www.fpcnashville.org/recreation

How Can We Help Prepare Children for Success in School and Instill a Love of Learning in our Children?

Enrolling your child in a quality early childhood program can be a key component to preparing him/her for success in school and a lifetime of learning! Children practice social skills



and make friends in preschool. They are given many opportunities to explore the properties of sand and water, manipulate unit blocks, and read, read, read! They spend time at the easel with paint, use tape, glue, crayons and markers, and work with play dough, clay and Model Magic



to create interesting works of art. They create and write stories and games that are original and repeated. They sing, jump, swing, slide and dance, inside and outside...sometimes in the snow or rain!

At the First Presbyterian Church Early Preschool, children have an opportunity to explore a wonderful early learning world Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. The Children's Ministry Staff enhance this experience once a week by teaching a Bible story during chapel time. We use the Children's Worship Room and the *Children in Worship* curriculum so there is a natural connection to our church for the Early Preschool children.

It's not too late to register for the 2011/2012 school year. You can find more information about the Early Preschool at www.fpcnashville.org — click on Early Preschool. You can also call or email EP Director Brenda Lutz at 298-9580 or blutz@fpcnashville.org.



Sunday sermons are online in print and audio! Log on the church website at www.fpcnashville.org and find Sermons on the Worship page.

Are You Screaming Yet for Ice Cream?

Did you know that our congregation has created an incredible array of prize-winning ice cream flavors over the years for the Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin'? With flavors like Hallelujah Banana Split or Lickety Lemon you know you're in for a treat before the spoon even gets up to your mouth.

Come on out on Sunday, June 12, to our church grounds. The festivities begin with music at 2:00 P.M., followed by ice cream tasting starting promptly at 3:00 P.M. The homemade ice cream goes fast so plan to get there early to enjoy the most popular flavors.

There's still time to dig that ice cream freezer out to make your favorite or prize-winning flavor. Sign-ups for crankers and sales of tickets happen every Sunday in Courtenay Hall between services from now through June 12. Advance tickets are \$10/adult and \$8/child (ages 3-12). Gate prices are \$13/adult and \$10/child. Each cranker receives one onsite parking pass and one FREE admission. Tickets may be purchased with either cash or checks (payable to Martha O'Bryan Center, please).

Tickets are also available weekdays from Ginny Tindle at the Welcome Desk, but payment should be by check only. Buy early to save money and avoid the crowds!!



Look for Beth & David Vorhaus or Grace & Todd Smith in Courtenay Hall on Sundays and become part of a wonderful FPC tradition. We can't wait to see you there.

Home Partner Ministry Opportunity

The Home Partner is a rewarding ministry that offers an opportunity for the joy of new friendships. A Home Partner is a volunteer who makes visits to a church member who lives in a retirement home or at home, and is unable to regularly attend church services because of health concerns. A Home Partner is asked to visit one church member once a month and to extend the care and concern of our church.



Home Partners have the joy of delivering an Easter lily and Christmas poinsettia, on behalf of the church.

If you would like to serve as a Home Partner, or if you know of someone who would like to receive a visit from a Home Partner, contact Sandra Randleman (298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

Welcome, New Members, to First Presbyterian Church!
Inquirers' Classes, Spring 2011



Dave Alexander III joined First Presbyterian by profession of faith. He is married to wife, **Tori**.

Tori & Dave Alexander III
527 Belle Meade, Apt. A-2
Nashville, TN 37205
Phone: 294-1715 • Parish 19

Mildred Flynt joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN.

Mildred Flynt
6105 Montcrest Drive
Nashville, TN 37215
Phone: 371-1448 • Parish 22



Carey & John Bates joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, NC.

Carey & John Bates
125 Sterling Oaks Court
Brentwood, TN 37027
Phone: 521-2825 • Parish 33



Amber & Jared Humphrey joined First Presbyterian by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, **Will**, age 3.

Amber & Jared Humphrey & Will
1513 Linden Avenue
Nashville, TN 37212
Phone: 269-3449 • Parish 39



Julie Burkhalter joined First Presbyterian as an affiliate member from Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. She is married to husband, **Stuart**.

Julie Burkhalter
3820 Woodmont Lane
Nashville, TN 37215
Phone: 292-9404 • Parish 16

John Choate joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

John Choate
3209 Long Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37203
Phone: 636-6081 • Parish 39



Melissa Morgan joined First Presbyterian by transfer from Lone Oak Baptist Church in Paducah, KY.

Melissa Morgan
3868 Central Pike #513
Hermitage, TN 37076
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Todd Jones
Pastor
Sam Cooper
Executive Pastor
Mark DeVries
Pastor to Youth & Their Families
Stuart Gordon
Pastor for Discipleship
Sandra Randleman
Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
Tom Walker
Parish Associate
Bill Bryant
Pastor Emeritus
Arch MacNair
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Program Staff

Bill Caruso
Director of Adult Education & Older Adult Ministry
Deb O'Brien
Director of Children's Ministry
Letitia Green
Director of Recreation
Katy Miller
Youth Ministries Coordinator
Karen Fitts
Nursery Coordinator
Raphael Bundage
Conductor, Sanctuary Choir
Keith Moore
Conductor, Sanctuary Chorale
Susan Kirby
Administrator of Worship & Music Ministries
Rhonda Swanson
Assistant Organist
Amelia Watson
Coordinator of Parish Ministry

Schools

Brenda Lutz
Director, FPC Early Preschool
Jennifer Hinote
Head of School, Oak Hill School

Administration

Cindy Bozman
Finance Manager
Zonia Nunley
Property Manager
Carl Womack
Food Service Director
Lynn Elliott
Pastor's Assistant
Eric Skinner
Communications Coordinator

Youth Happenings

Sunday School on June 5th & 12th:

- **7th grade** meets in The Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th grade** meets in room #101 in the EC.
- **10th grade** meets in room #100 in the EC.
- **11th grade** meets in room #102 in the EC.
- **12th grade** meets in the Tyne House for Exodus Class.

Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 services in the sanctuary every Sunday, and "the 5:30" in the Enrichment Center in the evening. Families, please join us at one of these worship services each Sunday.

Summer 2011: We have an exciting summer planned for youth! Check out our website, firstpresbyterianyouth.com for schedules and to sign up for events.

Nations Ministry Tutoring: Every Monday in the summer. Meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Tyne House, return at 12:30 P.M.

Youth Prayer Time and Breakfast: Every Tuesday in the summer. Meet for prayer time at the Tyne House at 8:00 A.M., then head to breakfast at Brueggers in Belle Meade. Parents pick up at 9:15 A.M. at Brueggers.

Wednesday Night Explosion: Every Wednesday night in the summer, 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the Tyne House!

Pump It Up and Dinner (Go Big): Thursday, June 9. Drop off at 2:00 P.M., pick up at 6:00 P.M. (Tyne House). Bring \$15.

Mini Golf and Go Karts (Go Big): Thursday, June 16. Drop off at 12:30 P.M., pick up at 4:00 P.M. (Tyne House). Bring \$15.

Youth Newsletter: If your family isn't receiving the monthly Youth Newsletter in your email, please let Katy Miller know (kmiller@fpcnashville.org or 298-9570).

Join us in Honoring

Bill Caruso

Presbyterian Women cordially invite you to a retirement reception honoring staff member Bill Caruso and his 22 years of service to FPC Nashville. Please join us Sunday, June 5, in the Cheek House immediately following the 11:00 AM service.

