

# First Edition

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## My Dear Friends,

Like so many of you, I love to spend time looking at fine art, especially great painting. This summer we were fortunate to get to see many of the paintings that hang in the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg. Among these paintings are a number of world renowned pieces that are inspired by the Scriptures of the Church. Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son*, his *Descent from the Cross*, and *The Binding of Isaac* are paintings that sensitively and powerfully interpret great Biblical accounts. The Hermitage also possesses two *Madonna and Child* works by Leonardo Da Vinci. It is always moving to behold the work of great painters. Paintings and photographs by way of brush and paint, or flash and digital technology, capture a moment in life, which is then often neatly placed inside a frame. The result can be a great gift, a thing of beauty, of which the world never can have enough. When life is still and thus captured, it is often suitable for framing.

It is not so, though, when life is being lived. When life is being lived, it is changing, growing, moving, falling, getting back up, playing, working, laughing, crying and finally dying, and often it tends to spill outside the edges of the frame. We try to capture it, straighten it, save it, but real life is always spilling outside the neat frames within which we seek to set it. Life, when it is being lived in the world, is not nearly so neat and set as it can look in picture frames or paintings. This notion came to me recently when a friend was trying to make sense of sudden, surprising and unsettling changes that had come upon him. In the process of unburdening himself, he said, "I just cannot make this picture fit inside the frame." We all have known such moments, when life is simply not suitable for framing.

Frederick Buechner once made a similar comment about the parables of Jesus. He pointed out that Jesus' parables are so full of life that they often cannot be reduced to one short moral lesson or some simple slogan. The parables, Buechner said, are so alive and moving, so full of surprise and truth, that they are often "not suitable for framing." By this, Buechner was speaking of their greatness and abiding vitality. At the same time, however, Buechner was suggesting that there is nothing simple about Jesus' parables, or about Jesus himself, for that matter. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." Jesus is truly human, and those who encounter Jesus are sure to encounter life. And life is not still. It is always on the move, changing, growing, in constant flux. This is some of the joy of life, but also its challenge.

I went to hear a psychiatrist speak at Oak Hill School a number of years ago, and recall him suggesting that it is a good and healthy practice to surround the places where you work and live with pictures of people that you love. These pictures that sit on my desk and all over our home capture a moment in time and freeze it. I love the picture I have of my mother and me taken in 1997 in the Sanctuary of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It turned out that it was taken a year-and-a-half before she would die, though that day neither of us had any idea how short the span of her remaining days would be. I treasure the picture, but life did not stay neatly within that frame. It soon slipped outside the edges of the frame forever. It makes the photo all the more precious. And I look almost every day at the large photograph of Josh and Sarah taken in front of the reflecting pool at our nation's capital, with The Capital in the background. Josh is ten and Sarah is six, and it makes me smile every time I see it. But I also feel a good kind of sadness, for of course, life does not stand still. They are now grownups, with children and families of their own, and they have long since slipped outside the neat borders of that frame.

What I am saying is that life is full of beauty, but it never stands still. Life never stays neatly within the frames in which we set it. This makes it all the more important for us to live lives that are centered in God, whose Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, "is the same, yesterday, today and forever." Life is not always still, which is all the more reason why

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we need to heed the Psalmist's wisdom, and to take the time to "Be still, and know that I am God." Isaac Watts put it like this:

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.  
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.  
Time like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away,  
They fly forgotten, as a dream, dies at the opening day.  
O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home.

With Love and Prayers,

*Todd*

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## Listen: Hearing Assistance Devices

If you are in need of hearing assistance devices during worship services, FPC has a system made by Listen. Several members have commented on the clarity in which they are able to hear with these upgraded digital components.

The charging station for the devices is located in the narthex. Please note the three different ear sets: "loop set," "outer ear" and the "in the ear" piece.

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 7, 2011</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sermon</b> "Worship in a Rowboat?"</p> <p><b>Scripture Readings</b> I Kings 19:9-18 Matthew 14:22-33</p> <p><b>Sam Cooper</b> Executive Pastor</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 14, 2011</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sermon</b> "Great Faith"</p> <p><b>Scripture Readings</b> Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:21-28</p> <p><b>Todd Jones</b> Pastor</p>
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## Sympathy

The First Presbyterian Church family extends prayers and sympathy to the following people and to other members of their family during their time of loss.



Susan & Dennis Wood on the death of Susan's father, **Kenneth Isaac Cordle**, who died on July 14. Sympathy to granddaughter, Shona Wood.

Amelia & Bob Watson on the death of Bob's brother, **William Taylor (Bill) Watson III**, who died on July 19. Sympathy to niece, Laura Davenport, and great-niece, Amelia Davenport.

John & Adelaide Geer on the death of John's sister-in-law, **Tina Marie Schifano Geer**, who died on July 20. Sympathy to nieces & nephews, Kathleen, Alene & Oliver Geer.

Peggy & Tom Lawrence on the death of Peggy's mother, **Joy Jeanne Gallimore Wilson**, who died on July 24.

Kim & Burke Hardin on the death of Kim's mother, **Sue Sumner**, who died on July 25. Sympathy to grandchildren, J.B. & Taylor Hardin.

Jane Schlater on the death of her husband, **Tom Schlater**, who died on July 26. Sympathy to nephew, Tom (Kathy) Stumb.

*If any member of the church desires the Christian support of a Stephen Minister, call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502. Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers of the church.*

## The Sacrament of Baptism

In the presence of family, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church and God, the following persons claimed God's covenant promise through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Jane & Steven Todd presented their son, **Adam Matthis Todd**, for baptism on July 31. Assisting Elder was Benjamin Carswell.

## Soccer Officials Needed for Recreation

The FPC Recreation Department is looking for soccer officials for the upcoming soccer season. The officials are needed to referee the children soccer games that are played on Saturdays beginning August 27. If interested, please contact Andrew Kelso at [akelso@fpcnashville.org](mailto:akelso@fpcnashville.org).



## The Mission of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

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



EVENING WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

# "The Vine"

*Studying the Scriptures verse by verse through daily study questions, group discussion and life application*

**Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30 P.M.  
in the Session Room  
September 15, 2011 through May 2012**

This year's study: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN — Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Are His words displayed in your life? Your walk and talk are inseparable testimonies to the watching world. Can you give the reason for the hope that is in you to those who ask? John in his Gospel will help us do just that as he presents Jesus as the Son of God who by belief in Him gives us eternal life.

John shares with us his relationship with Jesus to bring us closer to the love of Christ. In this verse-by-verse study we will understand more fully the complete joy we have in Jesus Christ and the relationship given to us by the One who said you are My friends. Come study the Gospel of John in a fresh way this year, and fall deeper in love with Jesus.

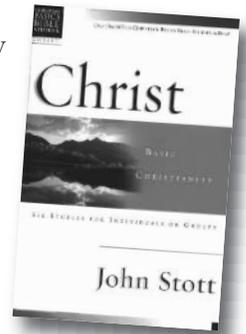
Study books are \$20, and will be available at class. Registration forms may be picked up from Ginny Tindle (383-1815).

## Presbyterian Women Circle Study

### CHRIST Basic Christianity

By John Stott

"Knowing Christ is where faith begins. From there we grow..." This year's monthly circle Bible study will lead us in knowing Christ in a deeper way and growing in Him. We will study passages in the Bible that explores topics such as the claims of Christ, the character of Christ, and the Spirit of Christ. The circle study each month will begin with a Scripture passage followed by discussion questions. God Himself is seeking us and through His Son He shows us His love.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

# Fall Gathering

**Tuesday, September 13**

**10:00 A.M.**

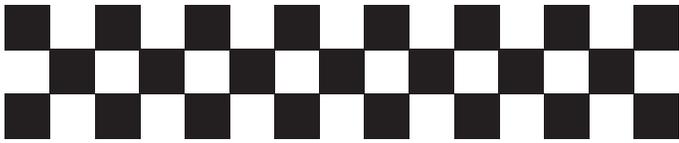
**Courtenay Hall**

**Tickets \$10**

*Beginning August 14, tickets can be purchased on Sundays in Courtenay Hall between services or from Ginny Tindle (383-1815) during the week. Childcare available with reservations, contact Karen Fitts at [kfitts@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kfitts@fpcnashville.org).*



# Enough for Everyone



This is the final week for our food collection benefitting Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Help us care for the hungry in our community by simply buying a few extra items on your next trip to the grocery store and returning them to the collection bins around the campus now through August 7. **NO FOOD ITEMS IN GLASS JARS, PLEASE.** If you prefer to make a cash donation, you may do so online via credit/debit card using the link from the church home page ([www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org)). Donating funds through this "Virtual Food Drive" results in a cash donation direct to Second Harvest. Every \$1 donated enables Second Harvest to purchase food at discounted prices to feed up to four people.



## Crisis Can Turn Your World Upside Down

### Death of a Loved One

Childbirth • Difficulties • Divorce

Serious Illness • Holiday Blues

Discouragement • Job Loss • Aging • Relocation



When an event shakes up your world, you can either let it hurt you or help you. If you would like help in turning a life crisis into an opportunity of growth and faith, a Stephen Minister is ready to help you.

If you desire the Christian support of a Stephen Minister, call Sandra Randleman (298-9502).

## ADULT & FAMILY



## Mission Opportunities

### Haiti October 2011

**Dates:** October 8-14

**Cost:** \$1,200 (est); \$750 deposit due NOW; requires vaccines.

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

**Trip Leader:** Michael Baron

### Dominican Republic November 2011

**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 other activities.

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

### Jamaica January 2012

**Dates:** January 7-14

**Cost:** \$1,650 (est); \$900 deposit due October 1.

**Brief Details:** Construction work and development of new church partner relationship.

**Trip Leaders:** Craig Buffkin

**Questions?** Contact Patricia Heim (298-9593 or [adultmissions@fpcnashville.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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>.

## DIVORCE Care

Our next DivorceCare seminar and support group begins on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 P.M. in Vance Hall, led by Dr. Sandra Randleman.

DivorceCare is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My

Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "Kidcare" and "Forgiveness." Childcare is provided with reservation. Dinner is available in Courtenay Hall at 5:15 P.M. with reservation (\$6 for adults; \$3 for children, 3-12; and free for children, two and under, with a maximum family charge of \$20). Please call the church office for reservations for childcare or dinner, 383-1815. For information on DivorceCare, contact Sandra Randleman at [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 298-9502.

## Children's Sunday School Kick-Off is August 21

Join us on "Kick Off Sunday," August 21, from 9:45-10:45 A.M. for a new year of Sunday School. We look forward to a year of "Living a Faith that Matters" as we participate in Bible study, service opportunities and times to fellowship together as the Body of Christ.

Parents who enrolled their children in Sunday School for 2011-12 will be receiving via e-mail their child's class placement and room number. Watch your email-box the week of August 15 for this information. On Sunday, August 21, you will take your child to their newly assigned classroom for an exciting day of meeting teachers and new and returning friends. Parents who have not enrolled their children may come to Volunteer Hallway (outside Courtenay Lounge) to enroll your child and find their class placement.

Nursery children, and those under the age of six (who are not going to first grade) will meet in classrooms in the Children's Ministry Wing. Children in Grades 1-4 will meet in the C wing of Oak Hill School. Grade 6 will meet in the Oak Hill School Dining Hall.

### Two special events will occur during Sunday school on August 21:

- Parents of fifth graders are invited to join your child in the gym for an Open House during the Sunday School hour. You will hear about the upcoming year, look at our curriculum, meet the Sunday School leadership team and have a chance to become acquainted with other families of fifth graders!

- Our three-year-olds and their parents will gather in Grundy Hall for a *Milestone Celebration: Learning Together*. Three-year-olds will receive a *Read and Learn Bible* to use at home, and families will celebrate together the beginning of a Sunday School year and a lifetime of studying and reading the Bible. Watch for an e-vite in your email box soon.

## Milestone #5: *Worshiping Together* begins on August 28

Children in the Faith and Hope Sunday School classes (four-year-olds) this fall will gather with their parents in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 28, to explore how our congregation worships. Each child will receive a *Passport To Worship* that they can work on over the next six weeks with their family during worship. These four-year-olds will celebrate the milestone of transitioning from nursery care to worshiping in the sanctuary and (if families choose) in Young Children and Worship.

Watch for more information on the Children's Ministry website.

*...Building Faith Foundations for Life with Our Children and their Families!*



## Green Thumbs at the Early Preschool

Our Early Preschool children have been able to enjoy a wonderful garden outside in the space behind the nursery wing. The garden is a raised bed designed and built by Daniel Munkel for his Eagle Scout project. Children from ages 18 months to five-years-old have spent time digging, planting and watering seeds in our garden since early spring.



They have planted squash, broccoli, cauliflower, sunflowers and tomatoes — the results of their green thumbs (with the help of their wonderful teachers) can be seen in the photos taken this summer.



We are grateful to everyone who has helped in making our vision of an outdoor garden space become a reality.



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## **AARP Driver Safety Education Course**

Once again, our First Friends ministry will offer the eight-hour AARP Driver Education Course, which may qualify you for an auto insurance premium reduction or discount. Popularly called the “defensive driving” course, this class offers information on the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust your driving accordingly. First Presbyterian’s own trained AARP driving instructor, Gus Gustafson, will be our leader again, combining interesting video presentations with his own lively material. The course is open to all age groups. To learn more about this course visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

The course will be Tuesday, August 23, and Wednesday, August 24, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in Vance Hall. Course materials from AARP this year are \$12 (AARP members) or \$14 (non-members). Lunch (optional) is \$7.00 per day. You do not have to buy a lunch to participate in the course. To register, please call the church office, 383-1815, no later than Friday, August 19. You will want to register early as class size is limited to 30 persons.

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## **Paul is Pregnant! Waiting for Christ to Be Formed in Us**

The Logos Sunday School Class, beginning September 11, will study Paul’s Letter to the Galatians. Some have called Galatians “the Magna Carta of Christian freedom,” but that phrase can be misleading. Galatians declares freedom from the law, but not from responsible discipleship. We will explore Paul’s teaching on the Gospel, the Holy Spirit and the Christian life.

The Logos Class meets in Stanford Chapel every Sunday from 10:00 to 10:40 A.M., and is led by Associate Pastor Stuart Gordon.

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## **See What’s New in the Bookstore**

BookMarks, our FPC bookstore, has some suggested readings to prepare for this fall’s Wednesday night study of the New Testament. Check out what Stuart Gordon has recommended for your preparation for the lessons.

It has also received a new shipment of greeting cards and boxed note cards for every occasion. These are great to keep on hand for those special people you want to remember with a card.

There are a few copies of the *New Common English Bible*, hot off the presses even before they are in retail bookstores. BookMarks is open every Sunday from 9:30 A.M. until noon!



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## **Congregational Care Support & Services**

### **Minister for Pastoral Care**

For pastoral care, please call The Rev. Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502. For after office hour emergencies, call the church at 383-1815 for information on how to reach the on-call pastor.

### **Career Transition Network**

Career Transition Network meets weekly on Tuesday mornings in Bryant Conference Room at 8:00 A.M. Members of the congregation and the community explore career options and network with others in a Christian environment.

### **Church Membership**

For information on how to join First Presbyterian Church, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

### **DFW (Devotion, Fellowship and Work)**

The DFW group undertakes minor house repairs for members who are over 55, widows, widowers or single parents. Call Hugh Welch at 297-2896 or the church at 298-9509.

### **DivorceCare**

DivorceCare offers help for those recovering from the hurt of separation or divorce. For information, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

### **Grief Support**

Grief Support Group is for those grieving the losses of life, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

### **Home Partners**

Church members make a monthly visit to an elderly church member in his or her place of residence. To volunteer to serve as a Home Partner or to be assigned a Home Partner, please call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

### **Manna Ministry**

Food from the Manna Food Freezer is available for pickup and/or delivery to persons suffering with illness. Call Kelly McMullen (298-1492), Judy Fincannon (315-0742) or Helayne Brittle (377-3323).

### **Officer Prayer Time**

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church officers by filling out a prayer request card and depositing it in the Prayer Request Box located in the narthex. Officers meet for prayer each Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. in the church library.

### **Older Adult Caregiver Support**

The Older Adult Caregiver Support group is for those caring for the elderly, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

### **E-Mail Prayer Ministry**

To place a prayer request on the e-mail system, send your requests to Emily ([emilyeberle@comcast.net](mailto:emilyeberle@comcast.net) or 292-2120).

### **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers of the church and give confidential support. Call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

### **Weddings and Baptisms**

To schedule weddings or baptisms, call the church, 383-1815.

\* To contact Sandra in confidence any time of day,  
e-mail her at [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

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## The 2011 Mystery Trip for Graduated Seniors

by Anna Claire Wammack and Mary West

Days after graduating from high school, a group of 30 seniors prepared to go on our yearly mission trip. Only this time, we didn't know where we were going. We flew to Seattle, but no one knew if it was our final destination. After eating in downtown Seattle, we returned to the airport only to discover that we were about to board another flight. This time, the destination was Juneau, Alaska.

While in Juneau, we got to experience the beautiful landscapes of snowcapped mountains. After two nights in Juneau, we boarded a ferry to Hoonah, Alaska. We arrived in Hoonah to discover a small town of around 800 citizens, and we were immediately blessed with their hospitality. For the next five days, we had the opportunity to help renovate the local church, as well as serve others in the town.

On Sunday, we led a church service and held a picnic open to the community. Our group was able to intermix and bond with the people of Hoonah. As we left Alaska, we carried new memories with us: bear sightings, whale watching, numerous bald eagles, and a mile high zip-line ride. For a group of teenagers preparing for college, this trip was vital in strengthening our faith and the friendships that we have made during our time at FPC.



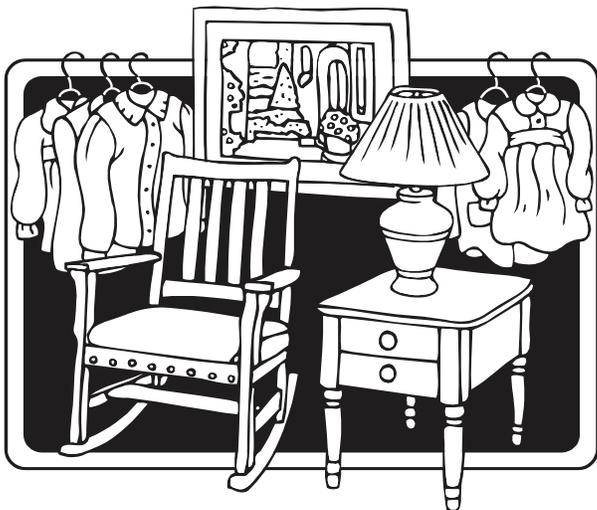
### The Oak Hill School Fall 2011 Consignment Sale

Friday, September 23, 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 24, 8:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Enrichment Center

All church members are invited to consign, attend and/or volunteer (volunteers receive early shopping privileges)! To consign or volunteer, please visit [www.oakhillschool.org/consignment](http://www.oakhillschool.org/consignment).



## College Happenings

### Summer Opportunities for College Students



We are excited to announce summer small groups for college students! Each week, we will gather in a home for hang time, dinner, group check-in, 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 to 7:30 P.M. at the home of Jean Broadhurst (128 Brighton Close Nashville).
- Rising College Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will meet on Mondays from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Jackson Taylor's condo ("The Enclave," 2600 Hillsboro Pike #113, Nashville). We will not meet on July 4th.

### 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!

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# To Know Christ Through...EDUCATION

On August 21, adults will get the same opportunity that returning schoolchildren receive: a new start to a year of growing in faith through education. The Adult Sunday School year begins on that day, with classes for groups small and large, young and old, scholarly and spiritual. There are classes for parents of confirmands and “tweeners,” Bible studies for young adults and empty nesters, issues discussion, seminars with Vanderbilt Divinity School students and faculty and spiritual journeys for women. Look in literature racks in the narthex and administration wing for specific information, so that you can have a destination on August 21!

## ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

(All classes 9:45-10:40 A.M. unless otherwise noted)

### **Adventure Class — Edgar Meeting Room (MW-227)**

The Edgar Room is the setting for this lecture-style class, featuring Bible-based presentations and direction for living the Christ-centered life. We welcome all! Led by Tom Harrington.

### **Discipleship Class — Witherspoon Room (CC-130)**

This traditional adult study of Scriptures maintains an unswerving faithfulness to orthodoxy, whose aim of knowing Christ more intimately is stressed. David Goodcase leads this class.

### **Friends in Faith — Room L-201**

This couples class covers a variety of topics. Members are in their thirties, and many of them have young families. The class offers a balance of study, mission and social opportunities.

### **Good News Class — Room L-207**

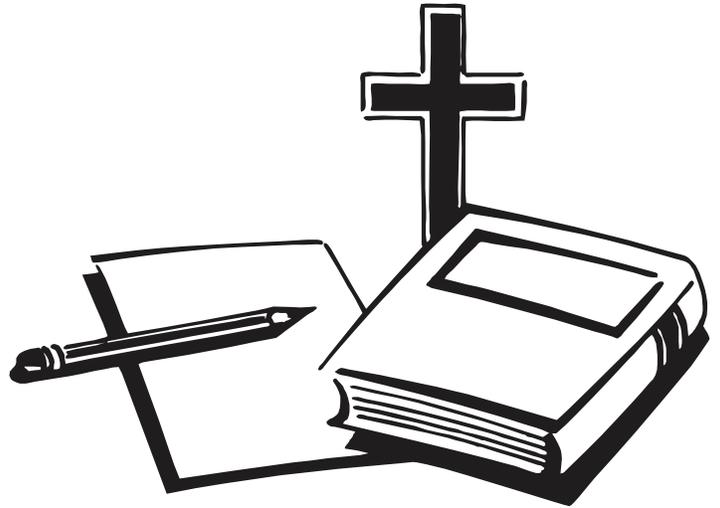
This class is led by Elder Lonnie Stout. Lonnie leads discussion and Bible study centering around life as Presbyterian and Reformed people. In late September the class will be studying *The Life We Claim* by James C. Powell, which focuses on the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

### **Inquirers' Class — Session Room (MW-203)**

Next series will begin September 11. Dr. Sandra Randleman leads these sessions, designed for prospective members.

### **Issues Discussion Class — Room L-200**

The leaders and class share information and discussion on a wide variety of current topics from a Christian perspective. This format is very welcoming to those who care to drop by on any given week.



### **June Ramsey Class — Cheek House Living Room**

Seminary-level topics and scholarship, usually led by Vanderbilt Divinity School faculty and Ph.D. candidates. Class meets at 9:45 A.M. sharp!

### **Logos Class — Stanford Chapel**

Associate Pastor Stuart Gordon leads this class for all ages of adults. Beginning September 11, the class will study Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

### **Partners in Promise — Room A-112**

This class aims to encourage its members through discussion-based classes that alternately study scripture and Christian books with a special emphasis on marriage and family relationships. Most members are in their thirties and forties, but all are welcome.

### **Single Young Adults and College Class — Tyne House**

The group is lively and interesting, and interested in you if you're in that young demographic. Linda Morphis coordinates.

### **Spiritual Journey for Women — Cheek House Dining Room**

Women of all ages grow in their faith through reading, class discussion and Bible study in a warm and accepting atmosphere. Focus is on the needs and concerns of the contemporary Christian woman.

### **Youth Leader Class — Room A-104**

Lessons are loosely based on Mark DeVries' *Spice Rack Series*, and always involve Scripture. We are searching for answers, so bring your Bible to class. Led by John Baird. Discussion is encouraged. Leader input varies inversely to class participation, and laughter is frequent.

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# FPC Scout Troop Enjoys Western Camping Adventure

First Presbyterian's Boy Scout Troop 217 started its summer off with a "Great Western Adventure" to the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota, as well as traveling through Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. Twenty-one Scouts and ten adult Scouters made the 11-day trip, which this year substituted for the troop's annual encampment at the Middle Tennessee Council's Boxwell Reservation on Old Hickory Lake. A flight to Denver was followed by a tiring six-hour ride in four rented vehicles to Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation, the camp of the Black Hills Council. The camp is near Custer, South Dakota and Mt. Rushmore.

After a night with the whole troop together, eight older boys and four adults were transported to a trailhead on the South Dakota Centennial Trail, where they embarked upon a 70-miles-in-six-days backpacking trek. The 13 younger Scouts and six adults remained in the Medicine Mountain camp, partaking in the routine of the camp, including sleeping on the ground in our own tents and cooking all our meals in the campsite, both of which are different from the Boxwell experience. Cold winds, a frigid lake and frequent rain did not lessen the beauty of this Black Hills experience.

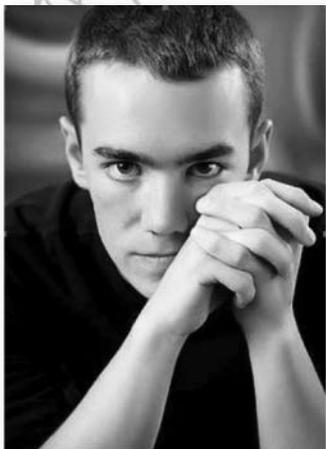
The Medicine Mountain experience was followed by three nights of camping at Custer State Park, where the backpacking contingent eventually completed its trek. Back together again, the whole Troop enjoyed a hike to the top of South Dakota's highest point, Mt. Harney and visited the Crazy Horse Memorial site. A trip highlight certainly was the emotional flag-lowering ceremony that Troop 217 performed at the 2,500 seat amphitheatre at the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. Senior Patrol Leader and FPC member Tripp Waller narrated the lowering and folding ceremony. You can see it on YouTube! Go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and enter Troop 217 Mt. Rushmore; you'll see a 6-26-11 "Flag Ceremony" video appear, which you can click on to view the proceedings. Take 4:52 minutes of your time and give it a look! The older boys did the ceremony, and did it well.

The Great Western Adventure of Troop 217 continued on with a visit to Minuteman Missile sites east of Rapid City, through which the boys learned a lot about the Cold War. After a tour of the Badlands, and a camping night in rural Nebraska, the contingent motored many miles to the Denver Airport, and had a safe return to Nashville. Now, what boy wouldn't enjoy adventure like this? Any interested boy who is a 5th grade graduate or older is welcome to come to a meeting of Troop 217 any Monday night at 7:00 P.M. Call Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Caruso for more information (832-6406).



# Can You Hear the Sound of Music?

See what is happening with FPC Music Ministries



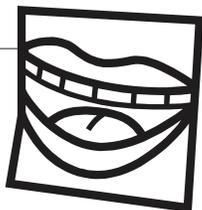
## WESTON JENNINGS IN ORGAN CONCERT AUGUST 21 AT 3:00 P.M.



Weston Jennings is a current student at the Eastman School of Music studying organ with Hans Davidsson and harpsichord with William Porter. Prior to his arrival at Eastman, Mr. Jennings was a student at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C.

Upon completion of his studies at Interlochen, he graduated with honors and the Fine Arts Award. His former organ teachers include David Higgs, Thomas Bara and William McCoy. He has won first prize in the Westminster Choir College Organ Competition and the Richmond Symphony Student Concerto Competition.

He has been the substitute Choir Director and Organist of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church in Virginia, and is currently the organist at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Rochester. During the summer, he assists Thomas Bara in teaching organists of all ages at the Interlochen Summer Arts Camp. Recent engagements have included recitals at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and for the Northern Virginia and Evansville, Indiana AGO chapters.



## FPC NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's Choir is the place where children learn about God through music.

*Come Join Us!*

Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.  
September 2011 through May 2012

To register, visit us online at:  
<http://fpcnashville.org/OnlineRegistration.htm>



## MUSIK GARTEN

*Teaching Music. Understanding Children*

**FOR PARENTS AND THEIR  
YOUNG CHILDREN AT FPC  
ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

Musikgarten is a music and motion class for children from newborn to 3½ years. The two classes that will be offered both days are "Family Music for Babies," for parents and their newborn to 18-month-old-child and "Family Music for Toddlers," for parents and their 18-month to 3½-year-old child. The "Family Music for Babies" class teaches parents how to play musically with their baby and the "Family Music for Toddlers" includes singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening and playing simple instruments. The classes carry a supply fee for each child to cover the cost of a CD, a family activity guide and musical instruments. Susan Kirby and Kelly Posey will be the teachers for these classes.

To register for Musikgarten, visit us online at:  
<http://fpcnashville.org/OnlineRegistration.htm>



# You're Invited to a Musical Mystery Tour



September 7, from 6:00-7:15 P.M.



This is an adult and child event open to everyone. Come see, hear and play a variety of instruments hiding throughout the church. You will begin your adventure by entering the narthex, where you will receive your passport and treasure map. Please RSVP by

September 1, by visiting us online at:

<http://fpcnashville.org/OnlineRegistration.htm>.

Childcare is available with reservations.

*It's a mystery...what instruments you will see and play!*



## WOMEN'S CHOIR ALL WOMEN INVITED!

**Conductor:** Libby Marley

**When:** Both services October 9.

**Rehearsals:** Sundays beginning September 18, 25 and October 2.

**Goal:** Sing Anthem "All Creatures of our God and King" with mass choir.

*A short-term opportunity to share your musical gifts.*

RSVP by September 14

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## Fellowship Supper Clubs are Now Forming!

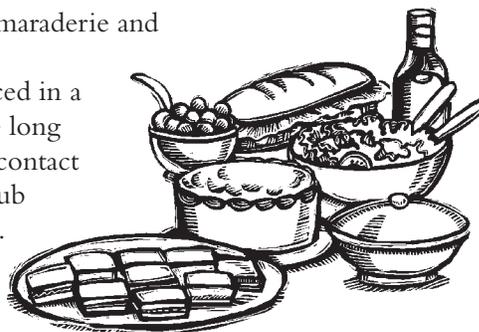
First Presbyterian has a wonderful opportunity to meet others in our large congregation on a casual basis that involves food, fellowship and fun called **Supper Clubs**. Supper Clubs are forming now and will begin meeting once a month from September through the spring. For those who haven't participated before, the following details about Supper Clubs might prove helpful.

Each individual or couple is assigned to a group of approximately 12-14 folks. An individual in the group will be designated as the coordinator who will communicate with each member; email being the preferred method of communication.

All the members of each group will determine the best day and time to meet each month — this may be fixed or flexible. You just come each month when it is convenient for you. The groups rotate meeting at different homes — the host(s) normally provide the entree and asks the other members to "round out" the meal with appetizers, vegetables, bread, dessert and drinks/wine that compliment the menu. In the past, groups have discussed the Sunday sermon, other groups have used a question to spark discussion, and others just eat and talk in general. Each group evolves and bonds in different directions that are spirit-filled but certainly the camaraderie and connection with others is always present.

Several people have specifically asked to be placed in a group near their home so they don't have to drive long distances. We are happy to honor that. To sign up, contact Jean Fitzgerald, Fellowship Committee Supper Club Coordinator (370-0044 or [wjeanfitz55@aol.com](mailto:wjeanfitz55@aol.com)).

We are looking forward to a great year of fellowship and want you to be a part of it.



## Blood Donation Opportunity in September



Sunday, September 25  
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Enrichment Center

*Watch for sign-up details soon!*

Lily Cooper and  
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**Dated church material**  
Please deliver by August 6, 2011

**Pastors**  
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*

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Brenda Geise  
*Older Adult Ministry Coordinator*  
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 August 7th:

- **7th & 8th grades** meet in The Gathering Place.
- **9th-12th grades** meet in room #105, downstairs in the Enrichment Center.

### Youth Prayer Breakfast on August 14th:

All youth and their adult prayer partners are invited to a breakfast during the Sunday School hour in the Enrichment Center Auditorium. Have not received anything about your prayer partner? Contact Katy Miller ([kmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kmiller@fpcnashville.org) or 298-9570).

**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.

**9th Grade Dessert & Movie Night:** Saturday, August 20, 7:00-10:00 P.M. at the Coble's home (306 Deer Park Circle). Bring \$5 to cover snack and entertainment expenses!

**Fall Kick-Off 2011:** Sunday, September 11, 9:45-10:45 A.M. in the Enrichment Center auditorium. All youth and families are invited to experience Church du Soleil to kick off a new year!

**CRUD Day:** Sunday, September 11, 2:30-4:30 P.M. Start of the year with some muddy fun on the grounds of FPC! Register online at [firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register](http://firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register)

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

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