

First Edition

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Pastor

My Dear Friends,

Before he retired after spending twenty-two productive and blessed years doing Adult Education in the life of our congregation, Bill Caruso started to give away books and materials he had collected over his life as a Presbyterian educator. Among the treasures that Bill left on his desk was a pamphlet published in

1977 by Tom Are called *My Gospel of Stewardship*. I picked it up from Bill's desk that day and have been blessed by it since. Sometimes old pieces of work speak with relevance and power many years later after being long since forgotten. I can only conclude that, for me at least, Tom Are's little pamphlet on stewardship is one such piece. At one point in this excellent essay Tom includes a list of seven Biblical principles of giving that are timeless and always in season:

1. Seek first the kingdom of God: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33). Struggling with life's priorities helps put everything else in its place, including responsible giving. Beginning with God is always the right way to orient ourselves.

2. First give yourself to the Lord: "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God" (II Corinthians 8:3-5). The most valuable gift we have to offer to the Lord is the first, which is the gift of ourselves. The temptation to make any gift as a substitute for the giving of ourselves first and foremost to God is always a poor alternative.

3. Give as God has prospered you: "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have" (II Corinthians 8:12). Proportionate giving is the most dependable New Testament principle to guide us in making any gift. We begin with what God has given to us, and then respond in gratitude proportionately.

4. Give God the first fruits: "You shall not delay to offer from the fullness of your harvest and from the overflow of your presses" (Exodus 22:29). The Old Testament required of Israel the first and the best of their fruits. In giving God priority, we acknowledge the Lord's first claim upon your lives. It frees us to use joyfully the rest of what God gives to us.

5. Give systematically: "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as you may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come" (I Corinthians 16:2). Giving is not meant by God to be a hit or miss affair, left up to how we may feel at the moment. Paul urged the Corinthians to plan for disciplined giving.

6. Give generously: "We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part" (II Corinthians 8:1,2). The liberality of love always surpasses any rule or legalism surrounding giving. We are to respond to God, our loving Father, as a beloved child, and not as some servant doing only what is commanded or required. The old PCUS *Book of Order* used to say that Ministers and Elders "were to instruct the people of God in the grace of liberality." I have never forgotten that lovely phrase, for it speaks of the joy and life found in generosity.

7. Give voluntarily, freely: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). The New Testament insists that giving must not be an extraction, something that is forced, but an offering of ourselves freely, an act of the will. The gift that honors God comes from a willing, loving heart.

The one saying of Jesus that comes to us from outside the Gospels is this word of Jesus that Luke included in the Acts of the Apostles: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May we all learn the truth of these lovely words of Jesus in this season of stewardship!

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.



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.



Sympathy to friends & family of **Carolyn West**, who died on August 21.

Laura & Frank Coyle on the death of Laura's uncle, **Richard Eugene Easterly**, who died on August 22. Sympathy to great-nephews, Max & Jack Coyle.

Shelley & Bill Alexander III on the death of Shelley's father, **Purdue Leighton Gould**, who died on August 24. Sympathy to grandchildren, Bill Alexander IV (Laura) & Victoria Alexander. Sympathy to great-grandchild, Mira Skye Alexander.

Daphne & Mark Garey on the death of Mark's mother, **Flora Black "Flo" Garey**, who died on August 28. Sympathy to grandchildren, McKenzie & Madison Garey.

Amy & Overton Colton on the death of Overton's uncle, **Henry Elliot Colton Jr.**, who died on August 29. Sympathy to great-nephews, Will, Jesse & Andrew Colton, and great-niece, Mary Elizabeth Colton.

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.



Vanessa & Bryan Davenport presented their son, **Conrad William Davenport**, for baptism on September 4. Assisting Elder was Marbut Gaston.

Holly & Adam Beck presented their son, **Adam Bennett Beck**, for baptism on September 11. Assisting Elder was Lee Barfield.

Jessica & Hi Lewis presented their daughter, **Chandler Elizabeth Lewis**, for baptism on September 11. Assisting Elder was Lee Barfield.

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

Position Available in Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is seeking an Assistant Director of Children's Family Ministry who has a God-given passion and love for working with children from birth through 6th grade and their parents. Children's Ministry partners with over 500 families comprising over 700 children who seek to know Christ, make Him known, and exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

The Assistant Director will provide ministry and a discipleship program through our Milestones Ministry, Serving Together, Vacation Bible School, Early Preschool Chapel, intentional fellowship gatherings, Bible Study, and seasonal devotions. Some of the qualifications desired for this position include:

- Bachelor's degree
- Three years experience working in the children's education program of a church.
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate clearly and effectively with people of all ages.
- Strong skills/proficiency with computer technology.

Interested candidates may submit a resumé by email to: dobrien@fpcnashville.org by September 26. If you know someone who might be a fit for this position, please forward this information to them.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2011**

Sermon

Relationships that Give Life
"You Are as You Love"

Scripture Readings

Mark 1:40-45
I John 4:7-21

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**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

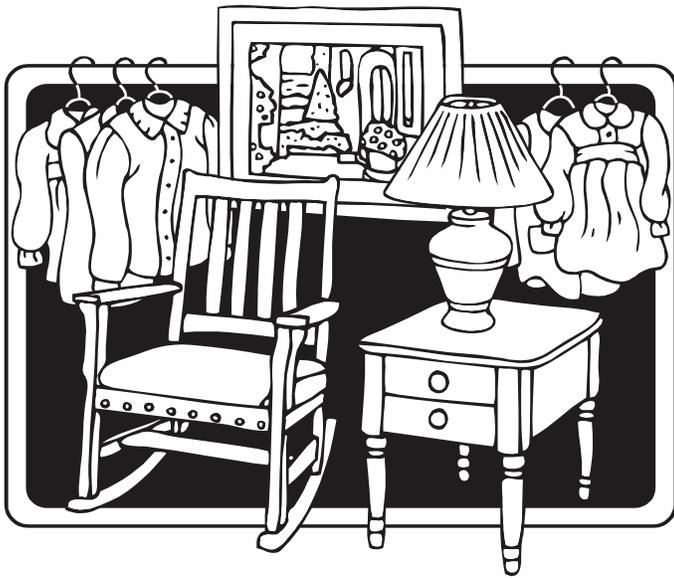
Sermon

Relationships that Give Life
"Who Would You Call at
3:00 in the Morning?"

Scripture Readings

I Samuel 18:1-9
John 15:12-17

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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.

Have Recent Events Turned Your Life Upside Down?

Everyone at some time in life needs the supportive compassionate listening ear of a fellow Christian. Stephen ministry meets the needs of people who are experiencing...hospitalization, terminal illness, grief over a death or serious loss, being homebound or institutionalized, a job crisis, challenges due to aging, disabilities, challenging life transitions, separation or divorce, birth or adoption and stresses of care giving. Call us even if it's a little problem. Little problems can become big problems. Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Contact Sandra Randleman (298-9502) if you see yourself or someone you love in this list.



New Contemplative Prayer Group

Are you interested in learning more about centering prayer and *lectio divina* (prayerful reading of the scriptures)? Would you like to participate in a group that studies and practices these forms of prayer? Dr. Sandra Randleman is forming this group. Let her know if you are interested (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502).

Praying Together

Please join Sandra Randleman to study, practice and experience various forms of prayer. We will meet Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 P.M., in Vance Hall (room MW-222), beginning September 14. Our goals are to have a deeper understanding of prayer, a greater commitment to practice prayer, a closer relationship with God and prayerfully seek ways to minister to others in our community through our prayers. For more information, please contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502.



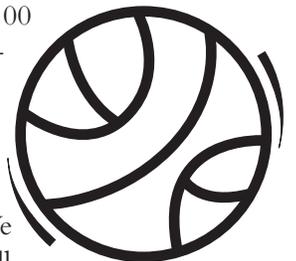
Homeless Mentoring Team Being Formed

The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission is partnering with small teams from area congregations to assist with mentoring formerly homeless people in the Nashville area. Our goal is to recruit 5-6 people who will make a weekly commitment to mentor an individual. Please contact Mike Sowers at 293-5400 or msowers@vol.com.



Children's Basketball League

Every fall, First Presbyterian Church offers a Children's Basketball League for children in Kindergarten up to rising 6th grade. Our season runs from October 29 to December 17, with practices starting during the week of October 17. The fee is \$100 for K-3rd grade and \$110 for 4th-6th grades. We are having signups on September 24, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Oak Hill Dining Hall. You may register online at www.fpcnashville.org. We look forward to seeing you this fall.



ADULT & FAMILY



Mission Opportunities

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 & Nathan Brandon

Cuba Spring 2012

Dates: April or May

Cost: \$1,800 (est); \$1,000 deposit due December 31.

Brief Details: Light work projects and relational visits with partner church.

Trip Leaders: Mike & Pam Shampain

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>.

For Parents & Their Young Children At FPC on Mondays & Thursdays

Musikgarten is a music and motion class for children from newborn to 3½ years. Two classes are offered both days, “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. 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 teach these classes. To register for Musikgarten, visit us at: <http://fpcnashville.org/onlineregistration.htm>.



A New Inquirers' Class Begins in September

An Inquirers' Class will be held for persons interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as members or who wish to obtain more information about the history and mission of First Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian denomination. Persons considering membership are encouraged to take the Inquirers' Class before joining First Presbyterian Church.

The class will be held for five consecutive Sundays, beginning on September 11, 18 and 25, and October 2 and 9, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 A.M.) in the Session Room (MW-203 on the second floor of the Ministry Wing). For more information, please call the church office at 383-1815 or Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

Older Adult Caregivers Support Group

If you are currently caring for an aging spouse, parent or other loved one and feel stressed, overwhelmed, or isolated due to your caregiving situation, or if you would just like to learn more about community resources, our Older Adult Caregivers Support Group is designed to be a safe place where you can share your experiences and learn from others in similar situations. The group is open to FPC member and non-member caregivers, so feel free to bring a friend.



We will meet on Wednesday, September 28, from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Witherspoon Room (CC-130) on the first floor of the Ministry Wing. Maribeth Farringer, Executive Director, Council on Aging, will share lessons learned from caring for aging parents, as well as resources available through the Council on Aging (COA). COA is a local non-profit agency that finds solutions for the unmet needs of seniors. They publish two helpful resource guides — “The Directory of Services for Seniors” and “Aging & Caring — Things Families Need to Know.” Questions? Call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

FPC Nashville Children's Choirs

Children's Choir is the place where children learn about God through music. Come join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M., September 2011 through May 2012.

Visit <http://fpcnashville.org/onlineregistration.htm> to register.



FALL 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(for your refrigerator door)

The Older Adult Committee hopes you will use the following calendar as your guide to First Friends events in the upcoming months. Members have scheduled opportunities for learning, travelling, playing, eating, being entertained and just being together. Watch for details of events and changes or additions in the *First Edition* and *Sunday Edition*. For questions or concerns about any of the activities, call Brenda Geise at 298-9515. For reservations or to be added to our mailing list, call Ginny Barber at 298-9509.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER
Thursday	September 15	Thursday Luncheon	11:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Courtenay Hall	Dr. Todd B. Jones
Sunday	September 18	Sunday Lunch	12:00 P.M.	Germantown Café East	
Tuesday	September 20	Committee Meeting	5:00 P.M.	Edgar Room	
Saturday	October 1	<i>"The Screwtape Letters"</i>	3:00-7:00 P.M.	TPAC	
Tuesday	October 4	Workshop: Fall Pruning	10:00 A.M.	C. H. Dining Room	The Parke Co.
Friday	October 7	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Friday	October 7	First Friday Bridge	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Cheek House	
Tuesday	October 11	Day Trip	10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.	Governor's Mansion	
Friday	October 14	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Sunday	October 16	Sunday Lunch	12:00 P.M.	Barbara's Home Cooking	
Tuesday	October 18	Committee Meeting	5:00 P.M.	Edgar Room	
Thursday	October 20	Thursday Luncheon	11:45 A.M. -1:30 P.M.	Courtenay Hall	Att. George Cate
Friday	October 21	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Tuesday	October 25	Day Trip	9:30 A.M. -2:00 P.M.	Warner Park/Holocaust Memorial/ O'Charley's Restaurant	
Friday	October 28	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Friday	November 4	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Friday	November 4	First Friday Bridge	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Cheek House	
Tuesday	November 8	Workshop: Poetry Writing/ Reading	1:30 P.M.	Memorial Library	Brenda Geise
Friday	November 11	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Tuesday	November 15	Committee Meeting	5:00 P.M.	Edgar Room	
Thursday	November 17	Thursday Luncheon	11:45 A.M. -1:30 P.M.	Courtenay Hall	Ralph Schultz, President and CEO of Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
Friday	November 18	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Sunday	November 20	Sunday Lunch	12:00 P.M.	Maggiano's	
Friday	November 21	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Friday	December 2	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Friday	December 2	First Friday Bridge	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Cheek House	
Friday	December 9	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Thursday	December 15	Christmas Celebration	3:30-8:30 P.M.	Opryland Hotel	
Friday	December 16	Yoga Stretch (wkly event)	10:30-11:30 A.M.	Gathering Place	
Sunday	December 18	Sunday Lunch	12:00 P.M.	Ellendale's	
Tuesday	December 20	Committee Meeting	5:00 P.M.	Edgar Room	

Blood Donation in September

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



Four ways to schedule your donation appointment:

- 1)** Sign up with Lily Cooper & Sheila Odusote on Sunday, September 18 in Courtenay Hall during the Sunday School time.
- 2)** Contact Patricia Heim in the church mission office (615-298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org).
- 3)** Make your appointment online from the FPC homepage (www.fpcnashville.org). Look in the Quick Links section and click the hyperlink to be re-directed to the proper appointment scheduling site within the Red Cross website.
- 4)** Make your appointment online at the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org). From the Red Cross site, look for the “Make a Donation Appointment” section on the left side of the page and choose the link labeled “Enter a Sponsor Code.” When prompted, enter *fpcnashville* to find open appointments.

**Please note the minimum age for donations is 16 with signed parental consent form; no upper age limit. The minimum weight is 110 pounds and your last whole blood donation MUST have occurred prior to July 31.*

Blood Drive Volunteers: We need volunteers to serve on the day of the blood drive to assist with donor check-in, serving snacks, etc. This is perfect for those who might be unable to donate themselves for any reason. Please contact Lily Cooper, Sheila Odusote or Patricia Heim (615-298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org) to let one of them know your interest and availability.

Attention All Golfers!

Please save the date of October 11, for the 4th Annual FPC Golf Scramble. The Congregational Fellowship Committee has secured an exceptional chance to play the private Vanderbilt Legends Club. We will have a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. and finish with supper at the club with award presentation by 6:30 P.M.

In order to fulfill our agreement with Legends, we need definite golfer commitments ahead of time. Please contact Jerry Breast (331-2360 or vkbjcb@aol.com) ASAP to save your or your foursome's place for this terrific event.



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 or 292-2120).

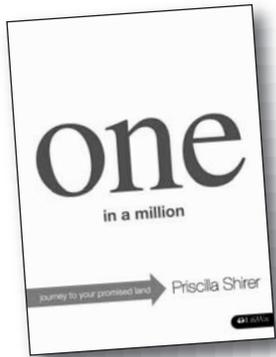
Stephen Ministry

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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.**



Women of the Word (WOW) Wednesday Morning Study

Leslee Bechtel, Lee Oakley and Mary Loch Smith invite women, typically late 30s to late 50s, for Wednesday morning Bible study in Vance Hall (Room 222), 9:30-11:15 A.M. each week, beginning on September 14. Friendly and welcoming, the group has enjoyed a rich life together for a number of years. The fall study is *One in a Million* by

Priscilla Shirer. Modern-day Christians often hear and understand the promises of God each Sunday morning at church, but then rarely choose to experience them in everyday life. In this study Priscilla Shirer invites us to change that pattern for good, living beyond our circumstances and expecting to see God move in miraculous ways day after day. This is a DVD-based study, with an accompanying workbook.

Please let us know of your interest by emailing Leslee Bechtel (llbdesigns@aol.com), Lee Oakley (oakleyfam@comcast.net), or Mary Loch Smith (mlochsmith@comcast.net). Cost for the book is \$12.00.

Join a Circle

If you are new to FPC, you may wonder “**What is a Circle?**” A Circle is a small group of women who meet together monthly to nurture their faith through prayer and Bible study. The Circle then puts that faith into action by supporting our church family and many in its local and foreign missions work.

What kinds of women are involved in Circles? Women of all ages and stages of life who are seeking fellowship, Bible study and service are involved in circles.

What are Circles studying this year? The Circle Bible Leaders have selected an inspiring study: *Christ* by John Stott, that examines the life character, and claims of our Savior who became a man in order to save a fallen world.

When do Circles meet? Circles meet the second Tuesday of the month beginning in September and continuing through May 2012. The Day Circles meet from 9:30-11:30 A.M. in the Cheek House. The home Circles meet at 10:30 A.M. in individual Circle members’ homes. The Jo King Evening Circle meets at 4:30 P.M. to prepare lunches for Hospital Hospitality House, with dinner in Courtenay Lounge at 6:00 P.M., and Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. Tom Walker at 6:30 P.M. Circle 6 meets at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Jean Fitzgerald.

How can I join a Circle? Complete a Circle enrollment form located in the literature rack in the church office area. Return forms to Ginny Tindle at the reception desk. Or, you may contact Shelia Odusote (915-1727), Dawn Wylie (834-5878) or Janet Thomas (370-3698).

Is nursery care provided? Yes, nursery care (ages 6 months-3 years) is provided for Cheek House Day Circles. Contact Karen Fitts (298-9519 or kfitts@fpcnashville.org) to make an advance reservation.



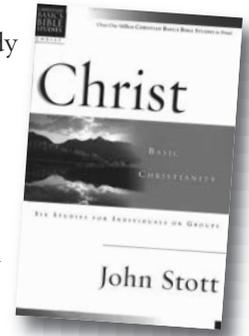
Presbyterian Women Circle Study

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.



PW Foreign Missions Field Trip

PW has scheduled their annual field trip to The Outreach Foundation to learn more about our church’s overseas missions on Monday, October 3. Please meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. to carpool to their Franklin offices. For more information, call Marcey Terrien 309-8092 or Etta Wilson 377-1146.

**Be sure to pick up
your new
Presbyterian Women’s
2011-2012 Directory
at the Fall Gathering
or in the church
literature areas.**

"The Vine"

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

**Thursday, 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 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.

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

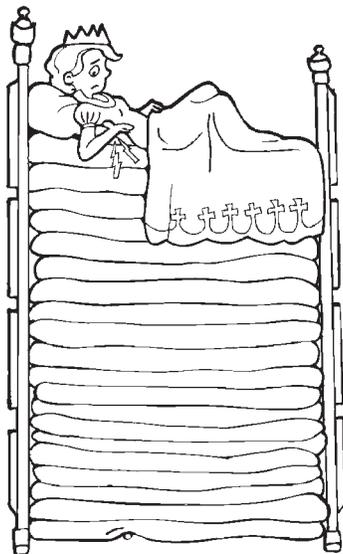
Adopt A Student

In Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fable, "The Princess and the Pea," we are taught the importance of a good night's rest. The students of Monroe Harding need our help. Presbyterian Women are pleased to partner with the Monroe Harding Children and Youth Home to begin an exciting new project — "Adopt A Student."

As members of First Church, you have the opportunity to purchase new bedding for one of the students living at Monroe Harding's facility. For a mere \$200, your family can provide a new mattress, mattress cover and pad, sheets and comforter for

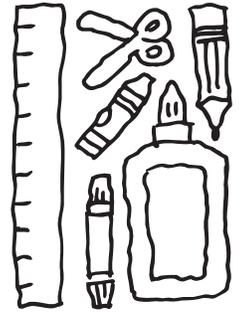
the students. You may choose to adopt more than one student! Our goal is 24 mattresses in all.

Checks may be made to First Presbyterian Church with the subject line Monroe Harding Mattress Drive. You may place your checks in the collection plate or give them to Ginny Tindle at the reception desk. Thank you for your compassionate support for such a worthy cause. Who knows? One of the princes or princesses may grow up to rule their own kingdom someday!



It's Back-to-School time and Martha O'Bryan needs your help!

The children served by Martha O'Bryan are in need of school supplies for the new school year. The items needed are:



- Crayons • Pencils
- Kleenex • Glue sticks
- Paper towels
- Colored pencils
- Markers (washable, in packs of 8)
- Hand sanitizer (alcohol free)
- Dry erase markers (various colors)
- Standard two-pocket folders
- Children's Scissors
- Gallon-sized zip lock bags
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Lined wide-ruled notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled, one subject)
- Index cards (plain & lined)
- Texas Instrument 89 calculator
- School uniforms (khaki pants sizes from children's size 6 through 36-inch waist, white or navy polo shirts in sizes: kids 6T-16 & adult sizes small-extra-large).

Items can be dropped off in Courtenay Hall on the Presbyterian Women's shelf. For more information, contact Yvonne Ayers (yvonne@ayers.net or 371-9516).

Connect BIBLE STUDY

Connect Bible Study continues meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. in Vance Hall. Our fall study will be the Book of Ephesians using Max Lucado's *Life Lessons* series. If you are interested in joining this group of women to grow in your faith, please contact Carrie Beth Shelton (294-9713 or carriebethshelton@yahoo.com). Along with Connect is Wee-Connect, a Bible study for children up to age five. Space for the children is limited, so please contact Karen Fitts (kfitts@fpcnashville.org or 298-9519) to register.



Milestone #4 — Learning Together

Imagine receiving your very first story Bible, digging in the sand to uncover a faith stone to take home; and inking your unique thumbprints on a wooden treasure box meant to hold special symbols of your faith journey! These are some of the hands-on learning experiences our three-year-olds and their parents shared on August 21st as they celebrated Milestone

#4: Learning Together — and were welcomed into formal Sunday School classes. Over the next few weeks these little ones and their families can explore their new Bibles at home through a daily devotional guide, and they will continue to learn the stories of our faith throughout the year with their new Sunday School teachers. Their three-year-old excitement and energy will spark a lifetime of learning about God's love!

This joyful event marks the beginning of another wonderful year of milestones in Children's Ministry at FPC. To learn more about the Milestone Ministry, visit the Children's Ministry page of the FPC website or contact Janie Wilkerson (jwilkerson@fpcnashville.org).



Milestone #5 — Worshiping Together

If you have ever wondered exactly where the "nave" is located, ask one of our four-year-olds! On August 28, these children and their parents gathered in the Sanctuary for Milestone #5: Worshiping Together — an introduction to worship, including a visit to the narthex, balcony, nave and chancel. They learned about the elements

of worship and how we praise God through listening, singing, praying and giving. Each child received a faith stone to mark the day and a *Passport to Worship*, an interactive book for families to explore as they learn about worship together.

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A Year with the New Testament

JESUS THROUGH MANY EYES

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
(Mark 1:1)

The word “gospel” here refers primarily to the message about Jesus, those words and events in which Christians saw and heard the good news of God’s salvation. Lamar Williamson goes on, saying that the term “Gospel” later came to be the name for those accounts of Jesus’ life and ministry that sit at the beginning of the New Testament. “Gospel” is both a literary form and a message itself: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

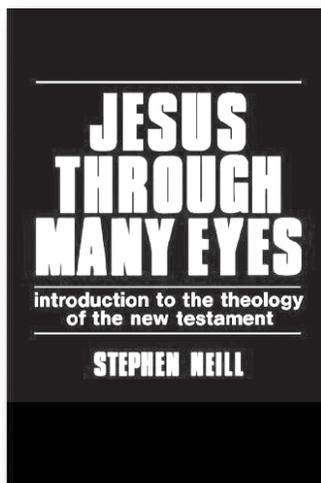
Christians have received and read the New Testament’s constituent documents since the first century. With the passage of time and the mortality of the first witnesses, it became necessary to have written accounts of what those witnesses saw and heard. The New Testament is what we have, even if we don’t have the risen Lord physically present to us. The New Testament is our access to the good news that God was at work in Christ, even that God himself was present to humanity in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.

The first few weeks of our Year with the New Testament offer the testimonies of Mark and Matthew, their Gospels declaring that Jesus is the Son of God. In addition to the readings from the biblical books, this year’s journey through the scriptures includes selections from Stephen Neill’s *Jesus Through Many Eyes*. You have the option of gaining valuable insight into each of the New Testament books, by purchasing one from Bookmarks (or some other supplier) and following the reading schedule found in the literature areas of the church.

Browse through Bookmarks for other helpful resources for the year of New Testament study; check out AYearWiththeNewTestament.blogspot.com; join Todd Jones and other pastors on Wednesday evenings for lessons on every book; or order audio recordings of the lectures. It’s all about the good news; it’s all about Jesus.

**A Year with the New Testament begins
at 6:15 P.M. each Wednesday.**

See the next page for more Wednesday offerings and for dinner reservation details.



SEPTEMBER

Review of Old Testament Themes

- 5 Creation: Genesis 1-2
- 6 Salvation: Exodus 14-15
- 7 Law: Deuteronomy 4-6
- 8 Presence: Exodus 33
- 9 Judgment: Jeremiah 7
- 10 Exile: Ezekiel 10
- 11 Servanthood: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
- 12 Kingdom of God: Psalms 2, 110, 93
- 13 Kingdom of God: Psalms 95-99
- 14 Stephen Neill, *Jesus through Many Eyes*, 1-38
Kickoff Event with Clifton Black
- 15-18. . . Neill, cont'd. (Skip pgs. 39-73 until Oct. 31)
- 19 Neill, *Jesus through Many Eyes*, 74-92
- 20-21. . . Neill, cont'd. **Wednesday Lecture:**
Mark: “The Son of God”
- 22 Mark 1:1 – 2:12
- 23 Mark 2:13 – 3:6
- 24 Mark 3:7-35
- 25 Mark 4
- 26 Mark 5
- 27 Mark 6
- 28 Mark 7:1 – 8:30 **Wednesday Lecture:**
Mark II
- 29 Mark 8:31 – 9:29
- 30 Mark 9:30 – 10:52

OCTOBER

- 1 Mark 11 – 12
- 2 Mark 13
- 3 Mark 14
- 4 Mark 15-16
- 5 *Jesus through Many Eyes*, 93-103
Wednesday Lecture: Matthew: “They shall name him Immanuel, which means, ‘God is with us.’”
- 6 Matthew 1-2
- 7 Matthew 3-4
- 8 Matthew 5-7
- 9 Matthew 8
- 10 Matthew 9-10
- 11 Matthew 11-12
- 12 Matthew 13-14 **Wednesday Lecture:**
Matthew II
- 13 Matthew 15-16
- 14 Matthew 17-18
- 15 Matthew 19-20
- 16 Matthew 21-22
- 17 Matthew 23-25
- 18 Matthew 26-28

AND MORE

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING ADULT CLASSES

Beginning September 21

Adult Computer Lab — (Room GP-150)

Leaders Burton Dietz and Bill Hathaway intend to take a more in-depth look at “social media.” Which is right for you! The leaders will help you find out, as well as teach you how to enjoy them all (Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Twitter) without risk. In addition, they will take a serious look at email and how you get the most benefit from it (attachments, lists, etc.).

DivorceCare with 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. Please call the church office (383-1815) for reservations for childcare or dinner (see below for dinner info). For more information on DivorceCare, please contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502.

Dinner and Reservations:

Dinner is available at 5:15 P.M. Reservations are required and must be made no later than noon on Monday of the week. Reservations may be made for the entire semester in advance or may be made on a weekly basis. You can schedule your dinner reservations in one of two ways:

1) You can register online! Just logon to the FPC website (www.fpcnashville.org) and click on the “First Connections” link located at the bottom of the home page. Simply provide your name and phone number, and indicate which weeks you will be attending. It’s that easy!

2) You can still call the church office at 383-1815. As always, please let the church office know if your plans change and you need to cancel a reservation.

Cost for meals: Adult, \$6.00; Children age 3-12, \$3.00; Children 2 and under, free. Family maximum, \$20.00



Susan Kirby Receives Choristers Guild Institute Certification

Susan Kirby, who serves as Administrator of Worship and Music Ministry/Children’s Choir Coordinator/Joyful Susan, was one of 38 choral musicians serving churches throughout the United States and Canada who received certification at the Institute in 2011.

The Choristers Guild Institute is a three-stage certification program for directors of young singers, Grades K-8, in a Christian church or school setting. Participants are recommended by their pastor, principal or director of music. The three-summer Institute, totaling 180 hours, offers a rigorous curriculum and schedule including seminars, workshops and master classes in four areas of emphasis: Worship and Young Singers; Pedagogical Skills and Content Knowledge for a Successful Choir Program; Administration and Organization of an Effective Music Ministry and Personal Musicianship and Leadership Skills, including conducting and voice. Certification in the three-summer program also requires outside reading and completion of short and long-term assignments each Institute Year. Participants are under a faculty mentor throughout the three-year period.

The 2011 Institute core faculty included nationally recognized leaders in the area of church and choral music education including Dr. Anton Armstrong, St. Olaf College; Dr. C. Michael Hawn, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University; Dr. Madeline Bridges, Belmont University; and Helen Kemp, Professor Emerita of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. Numerous other sessions were led by highly experienced and qualified instructors. The Helen Kemp Lecture, during the Institute, featured Dr. Anton Armstrong. The Choristers Guild Institute was held on the beautiful campus of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

“I cannot even begin to describe what a fantastic experience this has been. I walked away with new skills, an affirmation of my gifts, a renewed spirit.”

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Youth Happenings

Sunday School on September 18th:

- **7th grade** meets in The Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th-12th grades** meet upstairs in the Enrichment Center.

Sunday School on September 25th:

- **7th grade** meets in The Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th-12th grades** meet upstairs in the Enrichment Center.

Youth Inquirers Class begins in the Cheek House Breakfast Room.

12th Grade Parent Social: September 21, 5:30-7:00 P.M. at the home of Mike & Elizabeth Lewis (1213 Chickering Road). For questions or to RSVP, contact Mary Lee Bartlett (mlgb@bellsouth.net or 377-1167).

7th Grade Overnight to Monteagle: October 7-8. Register now at

firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register.

Questions? Contact Katy (kmiller@fpcnashville.org or 298-9570) or Brandon (bvanpernis@fpcnashville.org or 298-9524).

Youth Inquirers Class begins

September 25! If you are interested in learning more about FPC and/or becoming a member, contact Katy Miller (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.

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).

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