



Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

At the end of the First World War, the poet William Butler Yeats wrote his poem, “The Second Coming.” In it, Yeats voiced the essentially modern fear and anxiety that is often in the very air that we breathe:

Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

The fear that things are falling apart, that there is nothing left to hold us together, is one many of us have. Tragic acts of senseless violence loosed upon innocent people this summer in America leave us shaken. We wonder where things are heading, and in our worst moments, fear can take hold of our lives. While the Bible reminds us that “perfect love casts out fear,” it has always seemed to me that the opposite is also true. Perfect fear has the power to control our lives and to blind us to the power of love that “watches over us by night and by day, in all times and all seasons.” Perhaps this is why the Bible so often bids us “Be not afraid!” and “Fear not!” I read once that these words appear 365 times in the Bible, which means that we have one such reminder for every day of the year.

Presbyterian Women this year are using a study of the Letter to the Colossians for their circle Bible study. Colossians offers a powerful word of hope that speaks to our fears and the anxiety that has gripped this age in which we live. The word that it proclaims is one that is about the sufficiency of the Gospel, the adequacy of Jesus Christ to enable us to face whatever life presents. In the

letter, Paul writes of Jesus and says, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created; things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through Him and for Him. He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” I try to remember these last words often. “In Him all things hold together.” In a world where we often are afraid that things are falling apart, the Gospel affirms that there is a “centre” that holds “all things together.” All things hold together in Jesus Christ, who provides for us the coherence and meaning that we need for the living of our days.

When you fear that your life is falling apart, remember this good word from Paul: “He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” Over and against our anxiety that nothing can hold this fractured, broken world together, the Gospel makes a different claim. There is a Centre that holds, and that center is Jesus Christ. Paul goes on to say, “For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.” Find you peace here, dear friend, in the One alone in whom “all things hold together.”

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.



Ruth Thomson on the death of her son, **David G. Thomson**, who died August 8.

Geneva Adams on the death of her daughter, **Amy Elizabeth Adams Gowan**, who died August 15.

Kathy & Mark Wright on the death of Kathy's father, **Thomas Clemmons Hooper**, who died August 16. Sympathy to Michele, John, Camden & Addy Andrade, Ashley, Jack Blum, Laura & Will Wright.

Jane Fleming on the death of her husband, **Dr. James Fleming**, who died August 17.

Kathy Celauro on the death of her husband, **Lenny Celauro**, who died August 19. Sympathy to Kate, Mark & Ryan Schultz.

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.



Carey & John Bates presented their daughter, **Cecily Catherine Bates**, for baptism on August 19. Assisting Elder was Dorothy Pace.

Kimberly & Stephen Butler presented their children, **William Gregory Butler & Victoria Lane Butler**, for baptism on August 19. Assisting Elder was Andrew Byrd.

Allison & Nat Harris presented their daughter, **Harper Elizabeth Harris**, for baptism on August 26. Assisting Elder was Sam Cook.

Stewardship Breakfast

On Sunday morning, October 7, join us for a full breakfast in Courtenay Hall between services. Todd Jones and Stu Ross, missionary to East Africa, will speak about what your gifts do for others. Tickets are available online, in the church bookstore and Courtenay Hall on Sunday mornings and at the Welcome Desk during office hours. Tickets are \$3. Practice gratitude, hospitality and generosity by joining us!

Congratulations

The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates these members.



Georgia & Benjamin Ferrell on the birth of their son, **George Lewis Ferrell**, who was born on August 14. Congratulations to grandparents, Norene & George Yowell.

Laura & William Alexander IV on the birth of their son, **William Polk Alexander V**, who was born on August 15. Congratulations to grandparents, Shelley & Bill Alexander.

Grief does have another side...

Grieving is a tedious, unpleasant and lonely process earmarked by immense pain. But you can celebrate the new optimism and perspective on life that grieving can bring. Grieving is a journey through a frightening land in order for you to discover a new life with some exciting possibilities on the other side of grief.



Could you benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, someone to walk alongside of you through this journey to the other side of grief? To learn more, contact Sandra Randleman (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502).

Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Robert C. De Vries, in *Getting to the Other Side of Grief: Overcoming the Loss of a Spouse*.

Find It Here! fpcnashville.org

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

11:00 A.M.: Installation
of Catherine Foster

Sermon
"Where Jesus Will Take You"

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 35:4-7
Mark 7:24-37

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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

Sermon
"The Riddle of Life"

Scripture Readings
Proverbs 1:20-30
Mark 8:27-38

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ladies' Retreat



- **Garner Creek Retreat Center in Dickson, Tennessee**
- **Nancy Dial is the guest speaker**
- **4:00 p.m. Friday until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 21 & 22**
- **Cost: \$86.00 double occupancy & \$109.00 single occupancy, includes lodging and three meals**

Nancy Dial is a gifted Bible teacher who teaches with Community Bible Study. She will speak once Friday night and twice on Saturday. Each session will be followed by small group discussion led by one of our FPC members. Registration forms are available from the church receptionist, circle leaders or Emily Eberle. The deadline to register is September 12. Questions? Call Emily Eberle at 414-5444.

Col 3:12-14 *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering & Luncheon

The Presbyterian Women cordially invite "all women of the church," to gather for a Fall Luncheon on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. A special time for fellowship is the goal for our luncheon.

Guest speaker, Rev. Anne Alexander Stauffer, will share her wisdom on "the art of developing spiritual friendships that nourish the soul." Come and experience the abundance of fruit of the spirit that awaits "each and every woman" in our church. Tickets are \$12 and are available for sale in Courtenay Hall between church services and in the church office through Ginny Tindle.

Nursery is available, please make your reservation with Karen Fitts at 298-9519.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

New International Version (NIV)



Connecting the Dots in the New Testament

Twenty-nine books, eleven or more authors, differing but complementary perspectives on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: wouldn't you love to pull it together in a coherent picture?

You can take a giant step forward this fall by studying *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*, by N.T. Wright, a lifelong scholar and churchman.

On Thursday evenings beginning September 13, Stuart Gordon will lead a group study of Wright's book. At 6:30 P.M. an optional light dinner will be served for \$5, and discussion will follow from 7:00-8:00 P.M. Contact Stuart to join the group (298-9554 or sgordon@fpcnashville.org).



Tuesday Morning Bible for Women

The Bible is meant to be read among friends as a gift from God to the body of believers. Everyone reads the Bible better by reading it with fellow Christians. This fall, Tina Rose of the FPC Children's Department will put her adult teaching experience to use by leading "Luke for Everyone," an inductive study of the third Gospel. Beginning September 11 and running through December 11, Tina will lead this study from 9:30-11:00 A.M. Nursery care for children ages 3 and up will be available, including a Bible story as part of the experience. For questions or to register, contact Tina (trose@fpcnashville.org) or Ginny Barber (gbarber@fpcnashville.org).



Logos Class Begins New Study

Sometimes the best gifts come in surprising wrappings. The Book of Daniel is like that. It's full of great stories: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace; Belshazzar's feast with "the writing on the wall;" Daniel in the lions' den. If you went to Bible school as a child, you heard and loved those stories.

Beginning September 16, we will study the Book of Daniel. We'll discover the powerful hope it offered to its first hearers, and the hope it offers to us. Daniel is encouragement to God's people striving to remain faithful in times of trial. It's more than good stories: it's hope for Christians.

The class meets Sunday mornings 10:00-10:40 A.M. in the Stanford Chapel and is led by Stuart Gordon. Contact Stuart (sgordon@fpcnashville.org or 298-9554).

June Ramsey Class

Dr. Darrell Gwaltney, Dean of the School of Religion for Belmont University, will teach the series "The End of the

World as We Have Known It: Movies, Television and Music." He explains, "We'll be comparing biblical messages about how God brings life and the world as we know it to a new heaven and new earth, and how the entertainment industry imagines it will happen." We are fortunate to have Dean Gwaltney and welcome everyone to join us for this exciting study in the Cheek House Living Room at 9:45 A.M.

Todd's Thursday Morning Bible Study

We meet in the Session Room from 11:00 A.M. until noon. We begin with an overview of how Christians view and relate to the other great religions of the world, and take a look at a few Biblical passages that might help us frame the course. We will also watch a film series and curriculum, featuring Methodist minister Adam Hamilton. The course includes interviews with religious leaders of other faith traditions, and it will treat Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism and then will spend a session considering Mormonism.

Contemplative Prayer Group

Please join Sandra Randleman for a study of contemplative prayer followed by a time of contemplative prayer on Wednesday evenings, 4:00-5:00 P.M. We will meet in Vance Hall beginning September 19. For more information, contact Sandra (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502).



Women's Fall Bible Study

This Bible Study will meet from 7:00-7:45 A.M. on Thursdays, beginning September 13 in the Cheek House dining room, to study Paul's letter to the Galatians. All women are invited to attend this Bible study led by Dr. Sandra Randleman. For more information, please contact Sandra (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502).

Lunchtime Bible Studies Around the City

The Labor Day holiday being past, lunchtime Bible study may be just the right thing to start the new season well.

Three such weekly studies are just beginning: one in Maryland Farms at the Gardner Building (Mondays), one in Green Hills at the Freeman-Webb Building (Wednesdays) and one downtown in the Fifth/Third Building (Fridays). It's part of Your Faith at Work, FPC's ministry to support members and their friends in faithful discipleship in the workplace.

The fall study will be of Matthew's Gospel, using the *For Everyone Bible Study Guide* curriculum written by N.T. Wright. You can learn more by contacting Associate Pastor Stuart Gordon at sgordon@fpcnashville.org or 298-9554. You can find the study guide in Bookmarks, the FPC bookstore.

Legacy of Changing Lives...The Next Door



**THE NEXT
DOOR**

My name is Cassandra Stove, but my street name is Tinkaboo. It feels so good to be sharing this story and not be living in the nightmare anymore. My nightmare started at a very young age. I became an alcoholic at the age of 11. Through all of this, I became a very good manipulator and a con artist. I was a quick learner and learned a lot of new tricks of the trade. I found myself with older men and friends. I went from drinking to drinking and drugging by the age of 13.

My parents knew that I was drinking and doing drugs. But instead of telling me not to do it, they encouraged me to do it at home so they would know I was safe, "so they say." It turned into something we did together. Now, for as long as I can remember, my mom, my dad and I smoked crack, drank and did marijuana together. In the midst of all that, I didn't live a normal life and didn't finish high school. The last grade I completed was 8th grade. When I was 15, I went in and out of jail.

The years passed by, and in November 2007, at the age of 24, I was released from jail into the hands of The Next Door, where I began to know and get a better understanding about God and how to love myself. The Next Door took time and cared for me. They showed me the true meaning of being a woman so that I was no longer selling myself and my soul to the devil. At The Next Door, I went to "spiritual emphasis" once a week and church every Sunday. I learned some core values: community, wholeness, respect, faith, encouragement and hope. I will take those things with me for the rest of my life.

After my graduation from The Next Door, I moved to the Freedom Recovery Community, which is The Next Door's apartment complex in downtown Nashville. I lived there for two and a half years before getting approved for Section 8 housing. My husband and I are reunited now. We have been together for 12 years and married for 8.

I worked at Krystal's for three and a half years, which is longer than any job I ever had. I also volunteered at The Next Door. Through all this I stayed true to myself and to others. I can now gladly say that I am employed at The Next Door as a Transportation Specialist and am able to give back to the women that come into the program and help them in their struggles. I can truly say that you can break the cycle and become clean and sober. I am proud to have earned my GED, and I know that no matter what comes, I will always be a child of God, and that's my story.

— **Cassandra Stove, May 2008 Graduate of The Next Door**

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

Endowment News — James I. Vance Society Dinner

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that it will host the second annual thank you celebration dinner for James I. Vance Society members on Sunday evening, September 16. Edie Collier will be chairing the event, and it promises to be an evening you will not want to miss. Every church member who has included the church in their planned giving is eligible to be a Vance Society member. The good news is that if you have not yet included the church in your planned giving, you have ample time to do so before the celebration.

Although many members choose to make a bequest to the church in their will, there are several other easy and quick methods, such as adding the church as a beneficiary for a percentage of a retirement account, or making the church the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Presbyterians are notoriously good planners — many of you have already included your alma mater and other worthy charities in your planned giving. Does your church deserve less?

Endowment gifts enable our missions and programs to expand their work beyond what can be funded in the annual budget. You have probably felt an urge to make a statement to your heirs about what is most important in your life by remembering your church in your planned giving. Now is the perfect time to turn that urge into action. After you have taken care of the details, take care of one final detail — log onto fpcnashville.org/congregation/endowment/, and complete the James I. Vance Society enrollment request form. Then make sure to join us at our James I. Vance Society celebration dinner.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Lawson Allen, Chair
Benjamin Carswell
Tom Davis
Allen Kennedy
Eric Lamb
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Gray Thornburg
Jimmy Webb

FALL Wednesdays

Great Ways to Connect

Wednesdays at First Presbyterian have always been special. This year will be no different. After a multigenerational dinner in Courtenay Hall, adults can choose from the following groups. These groups begin meeting on week two of Fall Wednesdays, September 19. Register now!

Faith's Foundations

1. *Exodus Clues to Knowing God* — Led by Todd Jones
2. *Women's Study of Acts* — Led by Clokie Dixon and Vicki Sells

Faithful Practices

The Blessing of the Skinned Knee — Parenting class led by Gloria Bond and Rebecca Larsen

Faithful Living

The Intersection of Faith and Science — Led by Frank Thomas

Faithful Fellowship

1. *Oak Hill Runners* — Led by Allison McGuire
2. *Campus Walkers* — Led by Maggie Baxley
3. *DivorceCare* — Led by Sandra Randleman
4. *Adult Computer Class* — Smart Phones, Tablets and Other New Devices, Led by Burton Dietz and Bill Hathaway

Fall Wednesdays has exciting options available for children of all ages — please visit the church website for more details.

September 12 — Cookout and Recreation Kick-Off for All Ages

Before settling into classes on the 19th, we'll gather at the gazebo on the 12th in the rear parking area for an old-fashioned cookout with hot dogs, burgers, beans and pasta. It will be an evening of recreation for all ages: horseshoes, cornhole, tug-o-war and more.

Register now for all Fall Wednesday activities (i.e dinner, adult programs, children's programs): fpcnashville.org/congregation/wednesdays or call the church at 383-1815.

2012 College Kick-off

The 2012 College Kick-Off launches a new year for our college students old and new — 5:30 in the Enrichment Center for worship followed by dinner.

Sunday Morning Class: Ages 18-35 welcome! *Alethia* is a Bible study for college students and young adults focused on digging deeply into the truths of scripture in Romans and expecting God to transform our lives through the Gospel. Meets each week at 9:45 A.M. with Jay Denton in the Tyne House.

Young Adult Small Group (graduated college age and up) meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 P.M., at the home of Rachel and Lipscomb Davis (3703B Woodmont Boulevard). Come for fellowship and Bible or book study. Newcomers welcome anytime! Please note new location.



All of our 4-year-olds have now had the opportunity to stand in Pastor Todd's place in the pulpit to see what he sees on Sunday mornings! On August 26, 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.

This joyful event with preschoolers and their families marks the beginning of another wonderful year of milestones in Children's Ministry at FPC. To learn more about the Milestone Ministry, visit the Milestones page on the Children's Ministry section of the FPC website.

FPC Welcomes New Youth Staff

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Millie Ledbetter and Leigh DeVries as the two newest members of the FPC youth ministry staff!

Millie will serve as our new Youth Ministry Coordinator, replacing Katy Miller who has moved back to Atlanta to pursue a master's degree. Millie is also from Atlanta and is a graduate of Belmont University with an emphasis in musical theater. After spending time in New York City working in theater, she has returned to Nashville where she has most recently served as a volunteer Young Life leader at Ensworth High School. We are thrilled to welcome her to our church and to our team! She can be reached at mledbetter@fpcnashville.org or 298-9570.

Leigh joins us as our Assistant High School Director, replacing Courtney Blacksten who has moved back to Oklahoma with her pastor husband, serving a church in Hydro, Oklahoma. Leigh is a child of FPC and a graduate of Rhodes College with an emphasis in religious studies and music. Like Courtney, Leigh will be a part of the Center for Youth Ministry Training, working 25 hours a week with our high school group and taking three seminary classes a semester through Memphis Theological Seminary. She can be reached at ldevries@fpcnashville.org or 298-9511.



Habitat Home Build Begins September 15

Fall is football time in Tennessee, but just as important, it's Habitat home build time for First Presbyterian Church, Nashville. We've got some great "coaches" lined up and ready to guide you on the build site located in the Edison Park development of Antioch. They've been working hard sketching out their game plans and have one designed especially for you!

Coaching Line-Up:

Saturday, September 15: Mike Hindman

Sunday, September 16: Glynn Dowdle & Doug Holliday

Saturday, September 22: Scott McConnell & Allen Roberts

Sunday, September 23: Rick Gernert & Lauren Kaewert

Saturday, September 29: Warner McNeilly & Hal Sauer

Sunday, September 30: Billy Rolfe & Robert Shy

Saturday, October 6: Jerry Breast & Mark Eberle

Sunday, October 7: Michael Baron & Mickey Martin

FPC has committed to provide 25-30 volunteers each build day. There are jobs for all skill levels with a special need for lunch providers for our hungry builders. You'll want to commit early to reserve your volunteer space for this very exciting project. All tools and supplies for every build day are provided by Habitat, so all you need to bring is a friendly, can-do attitude! All volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and youth volunteers require signed parental permission ahead of time.

Build volunteers will work from 7:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. every Saturday and Sunday (we only stop for lightning or extreme downpours) until October 7. We'll dedicate the home at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 7. Directions to the build site are available for pick-up from the sign-up board in Courtenay Hall, from the Habitat page on Mission's section of the church website, or by contacting Patricia Heim (298-9593 or pheim@fpcnashville.org).

Sign-ups have begun in Courtenay Hall. Contact our fall build co-chairs, Steve Butler and Les Coble, with any questions or special offers of assistance.



Teaching Music. Understanding Children

Baby and Parent Music Class

Teaches parents how to play musically with their baby. Baby (newborn to 18 months) and parent music classes meet on Thursdays, 9:30-10:00 A.M. Classes are September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29 and January 10 & 17.

Toddler and Parent Music Class

Includes singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening and playing simple instruments. Toddler (15 months to 3½ years) and parent music classes meet on Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 A.M. Classes are September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29 and January 10 & 17.

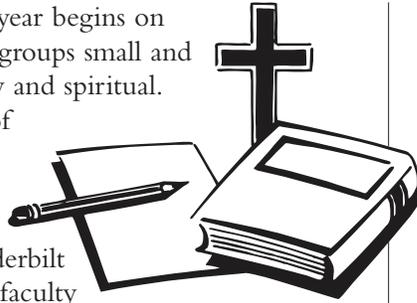
Mixed Baby, Toddler and Parent Music Class

Classes meet on Mondays, 11:00-11:30 A.M. Classes are September 10, 17, 24; October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 26 and January 7, 14.

Cost is \$50 for each child. You may register online at music.fpcnashville.org/children/musikgarten. Questions? Contact Susan Kirby (skirby@fpcnashville.org or 298-9540).

To Know Christ Through...EDUCATION

The Adult Sunday School year begins on September 9, 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. Brochures containing a full description of the classes, including a map of the property, are located in the publication areas of the church.



ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

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

Alethia Class — Tyne House

Ages 18-35 are welcome to this Bible study for college students and young adults focused on digging deeply into the truths of scripture.

Adventure Class — Edgar Meeting Room (227)

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

Confirmation Parents Class —Vance Hall (222)

For parents of students in our 6th Grade Confirmation Class. Shannon and Brendan Finucane lead the study in a review of the Confirmation Class studies as well as a parenting curriculum.

Connections Class —Bryant Conference Room (201)

Co-led by younger adults Angela Perkey and Justin Near, the class discusses all aspect of a Christian life — work, relationships family and the community. Technology and fellowship will both be regular features of the class.

Discipleship Class — Witherspoon Room (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.

Foundations Class — Enrichment Center, Room 101

Chan Sheppard teaches this class of young couples in their mid-20s to mid-30s. The class is built around discussion. Topics include: conflict resolution, finance, in-laws, communication and worship.

Friends in Faith — Room L-201

This couples class covers a variety of topics. Members are primarily married couples in their 30s-40s. Topics vary but

have included books of the Bible, parenting and marriage. 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. The format is “normal” lessons with topics and scripture discussed.

Inquirers’ Class — Session Room (203)

Next series will begin September 9. Dr. Sandra Randleman leads these five sessions designed for prospective members. Learn more about First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and the Presbyterian faith. Registration is not necessary; please feel free to join us!

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. Led by Maureen and Justin Milam.

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 (10:00-10:40 A.M.)

Assoc. Rev. Stuart Gordon leads this large class of adults of all ages. His presentations on Bible and theology offer class members significant opportunity for serious reflection and learning.

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.

Tweens to Teens Class — Enrichment Center, Room 100

This is an informal group-participation class where we struggle together to develop successful strategies for Christian parenting. Topics and discussions will vary and we will utilize some books at times to stimulate discussion.

Youth Leader Class — Room A-104

Lessons are loosely based on Mark DeVries’s 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.

First Friends to Explore Nashville

“First Friends” is First Presbyterian’s name for our Older Adult Ministry. The Older Adult Committee plans a variety of opportunities for members to laugh, cry, eat, travel, learn, share, serve and worship together. This year’s theme is “Explore Nashville,” much of which we will do without leaving Courtenay Hall, as speakers from various sectors of the Nashville community will be coming to us.

Sunday Lunch: September 16, 12:00 P.M. — We are starting the season visiting a new restaurant, Urban Grub, which is located on 12th Avenue South. This chic, contemporary restaurant has risen out of a gutted car wash. Word is that the interior is as striking as the exterior. Word also is that food selections from a huge menu are excellent. The brunch menu features *stratas* and Bennies (Benedict theme) as well as more traditional items. There are no stairs, and prices are \$10-\$15. RSVP by Friday, September 14.

Thursday Lunch/Program: September 20, 11:45 A.M. — Our own Charlie Cardwell, Nashville Metropolitan Trustee, will be our first speaker in this year’s theme “Exploring Nashville.” Charlie will share information about Metropolitan Government from his vast knowledge and experience. At this luncheon, we enjoy punch and conversation prior to the buffet lunch at 12:00 noon. After lunch, Stuart Gordon will offer a devotional, followed by Charlie’s presentation. RSVP by Monday, September 17. The cost of the lunch is \$6.

Tennessee State Museum: September 26, 9:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M. — We will visit the new Girl Scout exhibit and the Tennessee Crafts exhibit and have lunch downtown. The museum is free. RSVP by Monday, September 24.

Tour Nissan Plant in Smyrna: October 4, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. — We will travel by van to Smyrna where we will have a guided tour of the sprawling Nissan facility, riding on a motorized vehicle. This is a very interesting tour, seeing how an automobile is assembled, piece by piece. The tour is free. Following the tour we will stop for lunch at Hickory Falls restaurant in Smyrna. The transportation cost is \$5 which can be paid as we load the van; lunch is on your own. Reservations are necessary and should be made by September 21.

Make all reservations with Ginny Tindle at 383-1815 or gtindle@fpcnashville.org.

Members of the Older Adult Committee: Hal Sauer, Chair; John Earthman, Vice Chair; Sue Bishop, Patti Bryan, Carol Dillon, Barbara Fletcher, Anita Goodcase, Joan Johnson, Mary Pillow Kirk, Olga Kravtsov, Bob Loflin, Marjorie Miller, Georgeanna Payne and Brenda Geise, staff. Please pass along suggestions for programming to any of these members.

Nominees for the Offices of Elder and Deacon

On the following pages is a slate of nominees for Elder and Deacon presented by the Officer Nominating Committee. Twelve nominees for Elder, Class of 2015; twenty nominees for Deacon, Class of 2015; and fulfilling unexpired terms one nominee for Elder, Class of 2013, and one nominee for Deacon, Class of 2014.

The committee has been hard at work reviewing the recommendations they received from members of the congregation. All of the nominees were well qualified, and we are blessed to be able to choose nominees from a talented congregation full of members with varied gifts.

After much consideration and prayer, the Officer Nominating Committee chose nominees who would provide the church with dedicated, competent leadership, and who were willing and able to lead our church for the next three years.

Contact a member of the committee if you have any questions about the nomination process.

Officer Nominating Committee

John Eason, Chair	Michael Hindman
Lip Davis, Vice Chair	Peter Cobb
Mary Lee Bartlett	Suzan Hindman
Patty Bryan	Todd Jones, Staff Liaison

First Friends



🦋 Elders Class of 2015 🦋

CATHERINE W. ALTENBERN



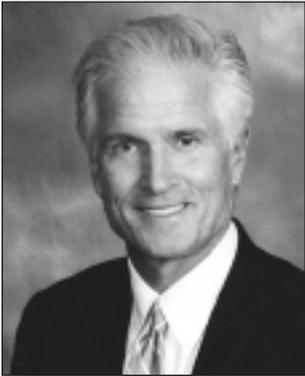
Family: Doug Jr., husband; Douglas III; Chase & Ford, children
Occupation: Director of Development, Monroe Harding
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 25 years
- Deacon at FPC 2008-2011
- 10:24 leader for 10th grade
- Chair of Youth Missions Committee 2009-2011
- Member of Missions Council

2009-2011, Class Coordinator for Youth Sunday School Program 2004-2011, Youth Mission Trip Leader 2005-2011

- Served as Confirmation Class coordinator, Children's Sunday School teacher, member of Nursery Committee & Children's Choir volunteer

MICHAEL D. BARON



Family: Nancy, wife; Annie Flanagin & Amy Montgomery, children; Greenlee Flanagin III, grandson
Occupation: CEO, Baron + Dowdle Construction, LLC
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 28 years
- Served as Elder & Deacon at FPC, both for two terms
- Serves as Clerk of the Session, a member of the

Long Range Planning Committee & 2013 Haiti mission trip leader

- Served as Missions Council Chair; a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee for Young Adult Pastor, the Adult Missions Committee & the Disaster Response Committee; & trip leader for national & international mission trips

JOHN C. EASON



Family: Melissa, wife; John Jr., son
Occupation: Principal, Diversified Trust Company
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 48 years
- Served as Elder & Deacon at FPC
- Chair of Officer Nominating Committee & Investment Committee

KATHY OLIVER JONES



Family: Sarah Oliver Warburton, Douglass & Louis Oliver, Susan Oliver Sobel, children
Occupation: Assistant Kindergarten Teacher, Ensworth School
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 41 years
- Served as Elder & Deacon at FPC
- Stephen Minister, Circle

Leader Co-Coordinator for Presbyterian Women, Sunday School teacher

LYNN LASSITER KENDRICK



Family: Scott, husband
Occupation: First Vice President Private Wealth Management, SunTrust
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 24 years
- Deacon at FPC, Class of 1993 & 1996
- Member of Personnel Committee & Pastoral Support & Accountability Team

RONALD J. PASQUALE



Family: Karen, wife; 3 children; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson
Occupation: Managing Partner, R/T Performance Marketing LLC
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 21 years
- Deacon at FPC 2007-2012
- Diaconate Chair, Vice-Chair

& Secretary over the past 3 years

- Served as Chair of Congregational Care Committee & Music Committee & Vice Chair of Officer Training & Enrichment Committee
 - Member of Officer Nominating, Communications, Officer Training & Enrichment, Sacraments & Ushering Committees
 - Room In The Inn volunteer & Stephen Minister
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MICHAEL LEWIS WOOD



Family: Heather, wife;
Benjamin & Emily, children

Occupation: Systems
Manager, Emdeon

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 43 years

Elder Class of 2013

LONNIE J. STOUT II



Family: Jean, wife; Rachel Kennedy, Kate Gibson & Elizabeth Stout, children

Occupation: Chairman,
President & CEO,
J. Alexander's Corporation

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 30 years
- Elder at FPC 2003-2009
- Deacon at FPC 1991-1997

- Serves as adult Sunday School teacher of The Good News class
- Member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Middle Tennessee Presbytery
- Served as Trustee at Columbia Theological Seminary, Chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee & member of Harpeth Hall School's & Harding Academy's Board of Trustees

Deacon Class of 2014

RICHARD T. GERNERT JR.



Family: Anne, wife; Leigh & Anna, children

Occupation: Managing
Director, Iroquois Capital
Group

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for over 13 years
- Deacon at FPC 2010-2012
- Deacon at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas 1996-1997

- Serves on Ushering Committee & Property Committee

ADULT & FAMILY



Short-Term Mission Travel

Jamaica February 2013

Dates: February 9-16

Cost: \$1,800 (estimated); \$800 deposit due NOW; requires Tetanus vaccination.

Brief Details: Construction work and development of new church partner relationship; dentists to see local patients.

Trip Leaders: Craig Buffkin & Nathan Brandon

Haiti February 2013

Dates: February 16-22 (Presidents' Day weekend)

Cost: \$1,300 (estimated); \$800 deposit due October 15; requires Tetanus vaccination. Other vaccinations recommended.

Brief Details: Medical personnel to offer pediatric or family practice medicine, dental or eye care in clinics; non-medical participants needed to assist in processing patients or work on re-construction projects with partner agencies affected by earthquake; expect rugged conditions.

Trip Leader: Mike Baron

Kenya & Rwanda July 2013

Dates: July 17-August 2

Cost: \$5,000; \$1,500 deposit due December 31; requires vaccinations.

Brief Details: Construction on churches in both countries as well as visits to mission projects supported by FPC-Nashville; Kenyan safari included; children must be age 12 to participate; limit of 14 FPC members; spaces reserved when full deposit paid.

Trip Leader: Dr. Bob LaGrone & Sandra Randleman

Questions?

Contact Patricia Heim in the Missions Office (298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org)

if you are interested in learning more or would like an application form for a mission trip.

Online registration for trips is available from Register/Give on FPC's homepage (fpcnashville.org).

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

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

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

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DAVID J. MAHANES III



Family: Melissa, wife; Jack & Charlie, children

Occupation: Senior Vice President, The Bank of Nashville

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 9 years
- Deacon at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York from 2000-2002
- Previously taught children's Sunday School classes
- Serves on the Board of

Directors at W.O. Smith School & Belle Meade Plantation

MICHAEL T. MCGUFFIN



Family: Shannon, wife; Hayden, Mary Chandler & Jackson, children

Occupation: Managing Directory, Retail, Eakin Partners

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for over 6 years
- Deacon at FPC 2010-2012
- Serves on Finance Committee & Youth Missions Committee

WILLIAM A. OLDACRE JR.



Family: Felice, wife; Hunter, Allison, Annie & Oliver, children

Occupation: Real Estate Developer, Oldacre McDonald LLC

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 22 years

JAMES R. PICKEL III



Family: Katie, wife; Jack & Mary Haden, children

Occupation: Commercial Real Estate Specialist, Southeast Venture

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 2 years
- Serves as 7th grade Sunday School teacher
- Previously served as 4th & 5th grade Sunday School teacher

SIMS ROGERS POLK



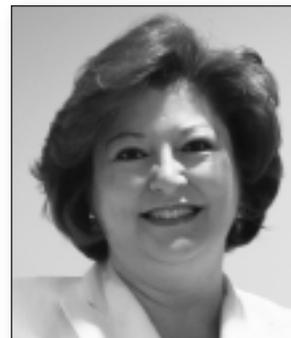
Family: Chad, husband; Bentley & Knox, children

Occupation: Facility Planner/Architect, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 12 years
- Serves as Sunday School teacher for Little Lambs & Parish Leader of Parish 16
- Founding member of Friends in Faith Sunday School class
- Participant on the Gulf Coast mission trip

VICKI SELLS



Family: Sam, husband; Stephen & Matthew, children

Occupation: Homemaker

Church Involvement:

- Serves as Search Committee Chair for Presbyterian Women & Bible leader for "The Vine" Bible study
- Moderator Elect of PW 2010-2011
- Moderator of PW 2011-2012

CHRISTOPHER SIMONSEN



Family: Mary, wife

Occupation: Realtor, Friedrich & Clark Realty LLC

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 15 years
 - Member of the 11:00 choir since 1997
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GUSTAVUS A. PURYEAR IV



- Family:** Jennifer, wife;
Ruth & Mary, children
- Occupation:** General Counsel,
Asurion
- Church Involvement:**
- Member of FPC for 18 years
 - Elder at FPC 2009-present
 - Deacon at FPC 2003-2008
 - Served as Resources Council

Chair, Diaconate Chair & Treasurer

DEAN G. REEVES



- Family:** Robert, husband;
Lyssa Styers, Edie & Bob,
children
- Church Involvement:**
- Lifetime member of FPC
 - Served as Elder & Deacon
at FPC
 - Secretary of Diaconate
& Session
 - Chair of Bereavement
Service,

- Membership & Evangelism,
Officer Training & Enrichment Committees
- Member of Disaster Relief Committee
- Fills in as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity & Room
In The Inn as needed
- Represents Church Relations Committee at Monroe
Harding

J. ALLEN ROBERTS



- Family:** Julie, wife; Alexander,
William, Henry & James,
children
- Occupation:** Shareholder,
Baker Donelson Bearman &
Caldwell
- Church Involvement:**
- Member of FPC for 12 years
 - Elder at FPC 2010-2012
 - Deacon at FPC 2004-2009
 - Chair of Personnel Committee
 - Habitat Build Day Captain
for Fall 2012 Build

- Served as Confirmation Class small group leader, Co-Chair
of FPC Habitat Build & member of Personnel Committee
& Pastor Nominating Committee for Executive Pastor
- Participated in 2010 Jamaica Mission Trip

ROLAND H. STEVENS III



- Family:** Adelaide, wife; Will
& Jannie Hannon, Ro &
Davis, children
- Occupation:** Owner,
RHS Properties
- Church Involvement:**
- Member of FPC for
16 years
 - Deacon at FPC 2003-2009
 - Member of Property
Committee & Endowment

- Committee
- Served as Chair of Property Committee & Vice Chair
of Music Committee

OVERTON THOMPSON III



- Family:** Robin, wife; Jillian,
Emily & Overton IV, children
- Occupation:** Attorney, Bass,
Berry & Sims PLC
- Church Involvement:**
- Member of FPC for
10 years
 - Elder at FPC 2009-2012
 - Former Elder at Westminster
Presbyterian
 - Chairman of Long Range
Planning Committee

- Served as Sunday School teacher for the 12th grade
- Chairman of Board, Men of Valor; Board Member, Middle
Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts & Board Member,
Nashville Bar Association

WAYMON R. TIPTON



- Family:** Jencie, wife; Winston,
Hughes, Margaret & Travis,
children
- Occupation:** Financial
Advisor, Stephens, Inc.
- Church Involvement:**
- Member of FPC for 14 years
 - Deacon at FPC 2006-2012
 - Finance & Budget
Committee Chair &
Treasurer 2011-present

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ARCHIE H. ADAMS



Family: Gayle, wife; Ann-Margaret, Melissa & Julie, children

Occupation: Purchasing Manager, Athens Distributing Co.

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for over 12 years
- Served on the Education Committee & Missions Committee
- Participant on Peru & Kenya

mission trips

- Involved in several Habitat for Humanity projects

KEVIN S. CAMPBELL



Family: Sarah, wife; Lauren & Andrew, children

Occupation: Managing Director, Avondale Partners

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 12 years
- Serves as Wednesday Night youth leader
- Sunday School teacher 2011-2012 & Friends in Faith leader for 3 years

NELSON A. C. ANDREWS III



Family: Trish, wife; Joslyn, Alec, Trevor & Alison, children

Occupation: General Manager, Andrews Cadillac Company

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 15 years
- Serves as 4th grade Sunday School teacher & member of Youth Worship Thinkers Team

CHARLES E. CARDWELL



Family: Marie, wife; Jeff Cardwell & Christie White, children

Occupation: Davidson County Trustee, Metropolitan Government

Church Involvement:

- Deacon at FPC 2010-2012
- Serves as Vice Chair of Finance & Budget Committee & a member of the Bereavement Visitation Committee

BARBARA F. ARRANTS



Family: Todd, husband; Baylor, Christopher & Amanda, children

Occupation: Attorney, House Counsel, Affiliated with Great American, Southwestern & Tom James Company

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 26 years
- Served as a Sunday School teacher, 10:24 youth group leader, youth mission trip leader or youth leader for over 25 years

- Summer Africa mission trip in 2007, 2009 & 2011
- Previous member of Children's Education Committee & a parent volunteer for the Children's Choirs

HAL R. COLLIER



Family: Edie, wife; Jennifer Richardson, Christy Carey, Beth Bowers & Suzan Collier, children

Occupation: Custom Films Manager, Berry Plastics

Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 26 years
- Deacon at FPC 2010-present
- Serves on the Mission Council, Chair of Seminarian Support

- Committee & Vice Chair of Ushering Committee
- Member of Early Preschool Committee



New in Bookmarks: *Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?*

It's a hot debate between Christians and non-Christians, even among Christians. Did the founders of the U.S. intend it to be a Christian nation? John Fea is a Christian who teaches at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. He judiciously writes as a historian who is a believer, not as an advocate for one cause or the other. He surveys different periods in American life, both documents and popular opinions, and draws conclusions that "may surprise people on both sides of this hot topic." Are you looking for more light than heat? You'll want to read this book.

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ANDREA L. COOPER



Occupation: Attorney,
Department of Human Services
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 8 years
- Deacon of FPC 2010-2012
- Serves as Co-Chair of Disability Awareness & Support Committee

LINDSAY M. ISON



Family: Mark, husband
Occupation: Physical
Therapist, Susan Underwood
Physical Therapy
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 6 years
- Deacon at FPC 2011-2012
- Serves as Chair of Music Committee, Vice Chair of Seminarian Support Committee and Friends in

Faith Sunday School teacher
• Previously served on the South Dakota Mission Team

WILLIAM W. HASTINGS



Family: Tricia, wife; Cole,
Max & Owen, children
Occupation: Principal,
Hastings Architecture Associates
LLC
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for over 5 years
- Deacon at FPC 2010-2012

SUSAN B. KAESTNER



Family: Todd, husband; Margo &
Evelyn, children
Occupation: Stay-at-home mom
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 45 years
- Served as a member of the Communications Committee

H. DOUGLAS HOLLIDAY JR.



Family: Katie, wife
Occupation: Dentist, H.
Douglas Holliday Jr DDS
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 21 years
- Serves as Sunday School teacher for the 9th grade
- Previously served as Sunday School teacher for 7th & 8th grades
- Dominican mission trip participant in 2009 & 2011

MARY PILLOW KIRK



Family: Julia Wilk & Mary
Thompson, children
Occupation: Independent
Insurance Agent, Health Spring
Church Involvement:

- Member of FPC for 39 years
- Serves as a member of Older Adult Ministry Committee & volunteers with Meals on Wheels
- Served as a Parish Leader 2006-2009

Blood Donation Opportunity in October

- Sunday, October 21, 8:30-11:30 A.M., Enrichment Center Auditorium
- Appointment scheduling begins September 16
- Coreen Ford, Shelia Odusote and Cindy Waller, Co-Chairs

Did you know that 3.6 million more lives could be saved if just 1% more of the population gave blood? Your donation matters; please donate blood. Volunteers are needed to assist on donation day with donor check-in and providing food for donors. See Coreen, Shelia or Cindy to help with the blood drive.

*"He's ready,
willing and able.
Are you?"*



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Pastor

Sam Cooper
Executive Pastor

Mark DeVries
*Associate Pastor to Youth
& Their Families*

Catherine Foster
*Associate Pastor for
Young Adult Ministry*

Stuart Gordon
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

Keith Gunter
*Associate Pastor for New
Church Development*

Sandra Randleman
*Associate Pastor for
Congregational Care & Mission*

Program Staff

Nicholas Bergin
Interim Organist

Raphael Bundage
Director of Music

Karen Fitts
Nursery Coordinator

Brenda Geise
*Older Adult Ministry
Coordinator*

Letitia Green
Director of Recreation

Susan Kirby
*Administrator of Worship
& Music Ministries*

Carol McClure
Director of Children & Youth Choirs

Deb O'Brien
Director of Children's Ministry

Rhonda Swanson
Assistant Organist

Brandon Van Pernis
Director of Youth Ministries

Amelia Watson
Coordinator of Parish Ministry

Schools

Jennifer Hinote
Head of School, Oak Hill School

Brenda Lutz
Director, FPC Early Preschool

Administration

Cindy Bozman
Finance Manager

Lynn Elliott
Pastor's Assistant

Zonia Nunley
Property Manager

Shannon Parsons
Communications Coordinator

Carl Womack
Food Service Director

Dated church material

Please deliver by September 8, 2012

Youth Happenings

Sunday School, September 9 & 16:

All youth will meet in The Gathering Place (old Oak Hill library) at 9:40! We will then split off into separate grade-level classes.

Sunday Worship: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00

A.M. services in the sanctuary every Sunday morning, and the 5:30 evening service in the Enrichment Center. Families, please join us at one of these worship services each Sunday.

Fall Kick-Off! September 9, 9:40-10:45

A.M. in the Enrichment Center — for all youth and parents. Come at 9:00 A.M. for a tailgate before the main event!

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

10:24 Small Groups: Sign up for groups are happening now! Fill out the registration on the brochure that was mailed to you or visit the website to sign up for a group online! Registrations close September 16, so be sure not to miss your spot! Questions? Contact Scott Hearon (shearon@fpcnashville.org or 298-9510).

Are you being called to be a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministry is a listening ministry...serving people who are experiencing: job loss, illness, death, spiritual crisis, challenging relationships and disabilities.

The initial training consists of 50 hours followed by monthly continuing education and supervision. A class will begin in January.

Please contact Sandra Randleman (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502).



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5:30

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