



Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

C.S. Lewis once said, “Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” Nothing is any more central to Christian faith than forgiveness, and nothing is any more difficult for human beings to do. There is a reason that Alexander Pope said famously, “To err is

human, to forgive divine.” In the cross of Jesus Christ we learn that forgiveness is central to the identity of God. The Old Testament is also very clear that God is a merciful and forgiving God. “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.... As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:8,12)

Yet this same God clearly invites us to join in the act of forgiveness. It is never enough to be forgiven by God. To receive God’s grace and mercy is to be called to offer that same forgiveness that we have been granted. “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32). Paul adds in another letter, “Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (Colossians 3:13). Then, as if this is not hard enough to hear, Jesus speaks with utter clarity on this matter: “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14,15).

The summons to forgive is among the most challenging and life-changing commands that we are given by God. It is always so tempting to hold onto our hurts, to nurse our grudges, to wallow in our anger and resentment. In the short run, it is both easier and more satisfying to refuse to be merciful. But it is equally clear that this runs against everything that we learn from God in the Scriptures, and much of what we learn from the behavioral sciences. The

great American nineteenth century preacher Henry Ward Beecher used to say, “‘I can forgive, but I cannot forget,’ is only another way of saying, ‘I will not forgive.’ A forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note, torn in two and burned up, so that it can never be shown against the person.” In the end of the day I believe that forgiveness leads to freedom, while the inability and unwillingness to grant mercy leads to bitterness and bondage. “They travel lightly whom God’s grace carries,” said Thomas á Kempis. To forgive another always begins with the honest recognition that we ourselves have been recipients of God’s forgiving grace. Only in the light of this uncomfortable truth about ourselves do we find the wisdom and will to forgive. Yet it is in the inclination to be merciful that we find freedom. “Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot that it do singe yourself,” said William Shakespeare.

I would gently remind you today that all human beings who live with any degree of serenity and peace live by some assurance of grace. With infinite wisdom and compassion Jesus understood the human condition and predicament. Jesus had empathy with people; he saw their needs, their weaknesses, their hurts and especially the heights to which they could climb. Every word Jesus spoke was uttered because he saw some need for that word in real human life. Jesus’ concern was to heal and free, never to destroy or damage. Again and again, Jesus called us to forgive, to forgive “seventy times seven,” to be merciful, to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. This was central to his teaching and his example, and what is central to Jesus can hardly be peripheral to our lives; not if we want to be the people we are called by God to be. So pray today to find the strength and wisdom to offer forgiveness to someone you have never been able to forgive. You will not only make the world a better place, you will find your own life renewed.

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.



The family of **Gertrude DeYoung**, who died on December 25. Sympathy to grandson Dirk DeYoung and great-grandmother of Avery and Barrett DeYoung.

Emily and Lee Noel on the death of Lee's mother, **Andromedia Noel**, who died on January 5. Sympathy to grandchildren Lee Noel, Jr., Emily Noel and Tina Noel.

Cathy Harrison and Carolyn Harrison on the death of their mother, **Rachel Dale McFerrin Harrison**, who died on January 8.

The family of **Margaret Richards Beto**, who died on January 9. Sympathy to daughter-in-law and son Cathy and Andrew Beto; daughter Kathy Oliver Jones; and grandchildren McLean Beto, Megan Beto, Betsy and Louis Oliver, Susan and Lance Sobel, Sarah and Tom Warburton, and Erica and Douglass Oliver.

Jim Hannaford on the death of his mother, **Pearl Hannaford**, who died on January 10.

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

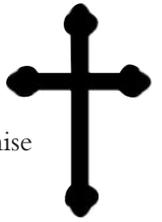
Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers of the church.

Hospitalized? Call Us!

Your ministers want to visit you and pray for you while you are in the hospital. Please help us provide ministry to you by calling the church or having a family member or friend call the church, and let us know when and where you are hospitalized. It also helps us if we know of anticipated hospitalizations and surgeries. Please call the church office (383-1815) or Sandra Randleman (298-9502).

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.



Ansley and Lee Black presented their sons, **Andrew Kirk Black** and **William Patrick Black**, for baptism on January 16. Assisting Elder was Ronald Black, Elder Springville Presbyterian Church, Alabama.

Maarte and Catlin Christian presented their daughter, **Kennedy Anne Christian**, for baptism on January 16. Assisting Elder was Lonnie Stout.

Ken and Jennifer Royer presented their son, **Kenneth Paul Royer III**, for baptism on January 23. **Jennifer Royer** was also baptized on January 23. Assisting Elder was Pam Shampain.

A Pastor is On Call 24/7

In case of after office hour emergencies, call the church at 383-1815 for information on how to reach the on-call pastor.

For pastoral care during office hours, you can contact Sandra Randleman at the church (298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

SUNDAY
JANUARY 30, 2011

Sermon
"Foolishness and Wisdom"

Scripture Readings
Micah 6:1-8
I Corinthians 1:18-31

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SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 6 2011

Sermon
"The Heart of the Gospel"

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 58:1-9
I Corinthians 2:1-12

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

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

FPC Discussion Group Welcomes You in February

“The Next Chapter” Reading Group
Enters *The Lacuna* in February

“The Next Chapter” meets Monday, February 28, at 1:00 P.M. in the Memorial Library for a book discussion of Barbara Kingsolver’s bestselling novel, *The Lacuna*.

After getting kicked out of his American military academy, Harrison William Shepherd spends his formative years in Mexico in the 1930s in the household of Diego Rivera; his wife, Frida Kahlo; and their houseguest, Leon Trotsky, who is hiding from Soviet assassins. Harrison returns to the U.S. where he becomes an author and is later investigated as a possible subversive and ultimately defends himself before the House Un-American Activities Committee (on the panel is a young Dick Nixon). Employed by the American imagination, Kingsolver masterfully resurrects a dark period in American history with the assured hand of a true literary artist.

—Starred Review *Publishers Weekly*

Newcomers are always welcome!



The FPC Sanctuary Choir
with the Capital Jazz & Swing Band
Dr. Raphael Bundage, Director

— present —

“The Seasons of Love” BROADWAY DINNER SHOW

Friday, February 25
6:15 PM

Tickets are \$35, and must be purchased
by February 20.

For more
information,
contact the
music department
at 298-9517 or
music@fpcnashville.org



Bear with us just a bit longer...

The pictorial directory is in production and will be distributed very soon! We photographed over 660 families, which exceeded our expectations and also added a couple of weeks onto the production time. The holiday schedule also increased this time.

We appreciate your patience and know you will be pleased with the final product. Stay tuned for directions on how to pick up your directory at church.

With kindest regards,

Katie Sue Ford and Laura Coyle
Directory Co-chairs

College Announcements

- **College Sunday School** meets at 9:45 A.M. in the Tyne House with Trey.
- Come visit **the 5:30**, our evening worship service with a slightly more relaxed feel. We meet each Sunday evening at 5:30 in the Enrichment Center. Bring your friends!
- If you know a college student new to Nashville, please let us know! We would like to invite them to be part of the college and young adult group at FPC. Contact Trey (twince@fpcnashville.org or 298-9524) or Linda (lmorphis@fpcnashville.org or 298-9567).

For information about all college happenings,
call Trey (298-9524) or Linda (298-9567).

Flood Recovery Project

February 21 – March 5

Join FPC members and friends as we partner with Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild homes for Nashville flood survivors.

Online sign-ups are underway (no bulletin board in Courtenay Hall this year) so look for the “Habitat Flood Recovery” link on the church’s homepage (listed under Quick Links at www.fpcnashville.org). Both weekday and weekend options are available from Monday, February 21 (Presidents’ Day) through Saturday, March 5. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed. This service



opportunity is open to non-members as well as FPC members so feel free to recruit a co-worker, neighbor



or family member to join in! Habitat for Humanity requires that all volunteers be at least 16 years old; anyone under the age of 18 must have a release form signed by their parent(s).

The missions committees carefully assessed the ongoing need to help flood survivors return to their homes and decided in 2011 to focus on home reconstruction efforts with Habitat for Humanity. The goal is to return to new home construction in 2012 in partnership with Habitat.

If you enjoy mission service with fellow church members, please consider beginning your New Year with a commitment to give generously of yourself through this effort. Please contact Nathan Brandon (nathanbandon@comcast.net) or Allen Roberts (aroberts@wyattfirm.com) with any questions. Take a vacation day, bring a friend, make an impact, be the impact. Help FPC “Bring ‘em Home.”

WHOLLY Connected

Embracing all God’s children so that we may worship, learn and serve together.

Tuesday, February 8, 6:30–8:00 P.M. in Vance Hall
Keynote Speaker: Nancy Nolan, Disability Services Coordinator for First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

During this session, participants will explore God’s vision for all of God’s people to join together for worship, learning and serving others. Participants will also explore ways to be an inclusive, hospitable, Christ-centered community of faith filled with grace and compassion, where everyone values each individual’s gifts and ensures that everyone has the opportunity to be involved in the life of the church.

This session will be helpful to people who are interested in making this vision a reality for all families within our congregation.

Nancy will help us uncover some of the “bumps in the road” as we seek to live into this vision here at FPC. It is challenging at times to provide for everyone’s needs, but that is our calling as followers of Christ. Nancy will coach us in uncovering areas within worship, Sunday School classes and other activities that can present challenges, and will offer possibilities for working through these challenges.

Preparing for success includes understanding people’s needs, preparing to meet those needs and anticipating challenges before they happen. The spiritual practice of attentiveness to difference, along with accommodations with respect, accompaniment for the journey, and the practice of good listening are some of the themes that will be discussed as we recognize the image of God in each person. Nancy will share the “buddy model” currently used to accompany people who have specific needs, as well as lesson accommodations, social stories, buddy talks, etc.



Sixth Grade Families Serving Together at Martha O'Bryan Center

Twice a month, the residents of the James C. Cayce Homes gather for an evening worship service and fellowship meal. New friends were made on January 9 in a room filled with joy!

Our menu for the day was lasagna, salad, bread, oranges, milk and cake. Since we had a light turnout (due to weather) for the worship service and dinner, we were able to provide enough food for the 102 lunches that would be served by Martha O'



Thank you sixth grade families for your gifts of joy and hospitality!

Bryan Meals on Wheels to the senior residents on Monday!



Quotes from the afternoon...

"You brought JOY to our Joyful Noise worship!"

—MOB staff member

"I love you... Will you come home with me?"

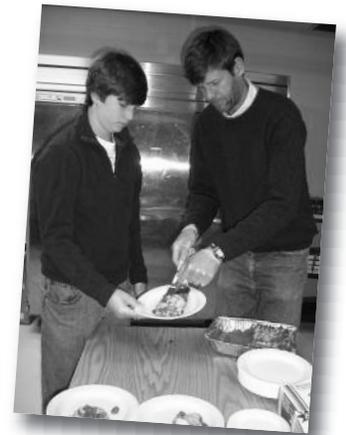
—a child from MOB

"We talked about this experience all the way home!"

—FPC parent

"Do we have to leave?"

—FPC tween



Get Ready for Summer Splash!

In the cold and gray of January, we are planning for our Summer Splash here at the Early Preschool. Summer Splash begins on June 7. We will have three sessions in June and three sessions in July, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. each day. Please check the Early Preschool website at fpcnashville.org/earlypreschool/summersplash for more details or call Julie Miller at 298-9536. Applications are available to download from the site, or you can pick one up at the welcome desk in the children's wing.



See you at Summer Splash!

Home Partner Ministry Opportunity

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



Home Partners have the joy of delivering an Easter lily at Easter. And at Christmas, they deliver a poinsettia, on behalf of the church.

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

WHY SCRIPTURE MATTERS

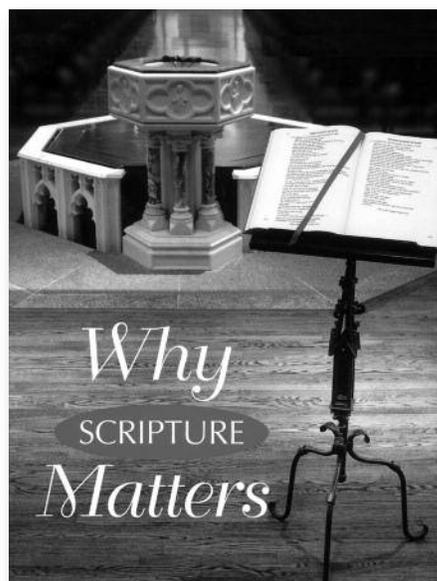
A Year With the Old Testament

“And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen,’ lifting up their hands.”
Nehemiah 8:5-6

In some Christian churches, the congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel lesson. In others, there is some sort of liturgical response after reading scripture, such as “The Word of the Lord,” “Thanks be to God.” Perhaps these practices date back as far as the return of Israel from exile in Babylon.

In mid-February and March, *A Year With the Old Testament* turns to the restoration of Israel in the Promised Land. By the providence of God, their exile is ended and they go home to rebuild the cities, as well as the religious institutions and traditions that would sustain them. The people must address ordinary issues, like intermarriage with people of other religions and ethnic groups, and how to understand God’s will regarding people of other religions.

The Bible is old, but our life as God’s people always seems to find its grounding in the old, old story. You are invited to join in the reading and study each day, assisted by lectures on Wednesday evenings, and the daily blog, www.AYearWiththeOT.blogspot.com.



Wednesday Lectures Available on CD

Each lecture in the Wednesday School of Christian Living series *Why Scripture Matters* is available on audio compact disc. If you are homebound, there is no charge, and we can mail disc(s) to you; for other folks, there is the special price of \$2.00 (1/3 off the usual price of a disc from our Media Ministry). Please notify Bill Caruso (298-9515; bcarus@fpcnashville.org) for whatever you need.

Blog With Us!

If you are taking part in *Why Scripture Matters*, there is an online resource to help. From the church website, you can follow a link to a daily blog. You can also reach it directly at www.AYearWiththeOT.blogspot.com. There, you can find the reading schedule for the week and take part in a discussion group. You may have reflections to share or questions of fellow members. The blog is one way to grow together as we read the Bible.

February

Prophets of Israel’s Fall, Exile and Restoration

- 10..... Ezekiel 32-35
- 11..... Ezekiel 36-39
- 12..... Ezekiel 40-44
- 13..... Ezekiel 45-48
- 14..... Obadiah, Habbakuk
- 15..... Zephaniah
- 16..... Isaiah 40-43 • Wednesday Lecture
- 17..... Isaiah 44-47
- 18..... Isaiah 48-51
- 19..... Isaiah 52-55
- 20..... Isaiah 56-59
- 21..... Isaiah 60-62
- 22..... Isaiah 63-66

After the Exile in Babylon: Rebuilding and Reconsidering

- 23..... Joel • Wednesday Lecture
- 24..... Haggai
- 25..... Ezra 1-5
- 26..... Ezra 6-10
- 27..... Nehemiah 1-4
- 28..... Nehemiah 5-8

March

- 1 Nehemiah 9-13
- 2 Esther 1-5 • Wednesday Lecture
- 3 Esther 6-10
- 4 Nahum
- 5 Jonah

Presbyterian Women's Circles Meet Tuesday, February 8

Lesson 3: *Hope for the Angry* (Jonah 1-4)

Lesson 4: *Hope for the Overworked* (Luke 10:38-34; John 11:1-44, 12:1-3)

CHEEK HOUSE CIRCLES

9:30 A.M. Fellowship
10:00 A.M. Bible Study in the Cheek House

Circle 1 Leaders: Judy Fincannon & Dawn Wylie
Bible Leader: Alix Stricklin

Circle 2 Leaders: Elizabeth Carrero & Jenny Soares
Bible Leader: Clokie Dixon

Circle 3 Leaders: Yvonne Ayers, Nancy Meriwether & June Moore
Bible Leader: Janet Thomas

Circle 4 Leaders: Julie Peacock & Jane Tacker
Bible Leader: Betsy Davies

HOME CIRCLES

Circle 5 10:30 A.M.
Leaders: Jane Yount & M.J. Oglesby
Bible Leader: Betty Fraser Robinson
Hostess: Joan Baskette (353-7812)
105 Leake Avenue, Apt. 34
Co-Hostess: Judy Pulliam

Circle 6 10:30 A.M.
Leaders: Linda Grissim & Betty Wheeler
Bible Leader: Betty Wheeler
Hostess: Myrtle Ann Archer (292-0669)
4215 Harding Pike

EVENING CIRCLES

Circle 7: Jo King Evening Circle
5:00 P.M. • Prepare Sack Lunches for Hospital Hospitality House

6:00 P.M. • Dinner and Bible Study (Courtenay Lounge)
Leaders: Myra Ishee & Jean Wallace
Bible Leader: Dr. Tom Walker

Circle 8 **Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M.**
Bible Study begins at 7:00 P.M.
Leaders: Jean Fitzgerald & Patricia Heim
Bible Leader: Jean Fitzgerald
Hostess: Jean Fitzgerald (370-0044)
5239 Lysander Lane

Thank You from Martha O'Bryan

A great big, most sincere thank you to all who supported the Martha O'Bryan Toy Store with toys and monetary donations. Your gifts made an enormous difference in what the Toy Store was able to offer the Martha O'Bryan shoppers in both quality and quantity. Thank you for your tremendous, from-the-heart generosity.



Comfort from the Manna Freezer

Winter is here and the Manna Freezer needs your comfort food: soups, stews, and breads — all well-sealed and labeled for content, with special attention to ingredients that may be restricted in some diets (salt, etc.). Containers and

labeling supplies are in the cabinet next to the freezer. Contact Kelly McMullen (298-1492) or Helayne Brittle (377-3323) for more information.



The Hope Center for Women

On Monday, February 7, Presbyterian Women is offering the exciting opportunity for members of the church to tour a FPC-supported local mission, The Hope Center for Women. A part of the Nashville Rescue Mission family, The Hope Center for Women offers life recovery skills through a seven-month residential program for homeless women who have been emotionally or physically abused or who are chemically dependent. Meet at the church offices at 9:30 A.M. to carpool, or at the facility (1716 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.) at 10:00 A.M. After completing a short service project, the group will return to the church before noon. To confirm your attendance, please call Dorothy Pace (292-9333).

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

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

Weddings and Baptisms

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

*** To contact Sandra in confidence any time of day, e-mail her at srandleman@fpcnashville.org.**

Dear First Friends,
Oak Hill School
kindergarten children
would like to honor
you on Valentine's Day.

You are invited to a special
celebration to show how much
you are loved and appreciated.

There will be a short program and Valentine
treats. Please come to Courtenay Hall on
Monday, February 14, from 10:00-10:45 A.M.

Please RSVP to Ginny Barber
(298-9509) by Wednesday,
February 9.



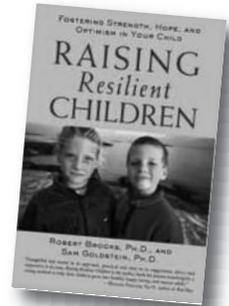
First Friends

Raising Resilient Children

Dr. Robert Brooks

Thursday, February 3 • 7:00 P.M.
Enrichment Center

Open to the public, free of charge, Oak Hill School will host internationally acclaimed author of *Raising Resilient Children* and *Raising a Self-Disciplined Child*. Dr. Robert Brooks is one of today's leading speakers on the themes of resilience, self-esteem, motivation, and family relationships. During the past 30 years, Dr. Brooks has presented nationally and internationally to thousands of parents, educators, mental health professionals and business people with a message based on encouragement, hope, and resilience. He is renowned for the warmth and humor he uses to bring his insights and anecdotes to life.



Listen: New Hearing Assistance Devices

If you are in need of hearing assistance devices during worship services, First Pres recently purchased a new system made by Listen. Several members have commented on the clarity in which they are now able to hear with these upgraded digital components. The charging station for the devices is located in the narthex. Please note the three different ear sets: "loop set," "outer ear" and the "in the ear" piece.

The FPC Sanctuary Choir
and the Nashville Symphony,
Dr. Raphael Bundage, Conductor

Present

Brahms Requiem

A Requiem of Hope

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 • 2:00 P.M.

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) completed most of his Requiem by age 33, and had already experienced a very personal perspective on mourning. The Requiem had begun to grow in Brahms' mind a decade earlier, in response to the untimely death of his close friend and mentor, Robert Schumann, and it seems that the death of Brahms' mother in February 1865, spurred him on to complete the work.

The text used for this work was Martin Luther's translation of the Bible, focusing on scriptures that offer comfort for those who mourn. It has been said that the Brahms' Requiem is the most comforting and compassionate requiem ever written.

Room In The Inn Ministry

Wednesdays Through March
See Sign-Up Board in Courtenay Hall.



Volunteer Opportunities

- Weekly Captain
- Van Driver
- Overnight Hosts
- Breakfast and Lunch Food
- Laundry
- Dinner Food

Tom Cunningham
(cunninghamtc@comcast.net or 517-1863)

Hal Sauer
(hs71@att.net or 243-0167)

Adult Sunday Classes

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

Adventure Class — Edgar Meeting Room (227) — Tom Harrington leads this class featuring Bible-based presentations and direction for living the Christ-centered life.

Confirmation Parents Class — Room L-204 — For parents of students in our 6th Grade Confirmation Class. Jennifer & Gus Puryear lead the study in a review of the Confirmation Class studies as well as a parenting curriculum, *Value-Packed Parenting*.

Disciple IV Class — Vance Hall (222) — This phase of the popular Disciple Bible Study program concentrates on “the Writings” in the Old Testament and the “Johannine” New Testament books. Marbut Gaston is the leader. Meets 8:30-10:30 A.M.

Discipleship Class — Witherspoon Room (130) — David Goodcase teaches the Bible in this class, with the aim of knowing Christ more intimately.

Friends in Faith — Room L-201 — Bible studies and life application topics for couples in their 20s and 30s.

The Good News Class — Room L-207 — Lonnie Stout leads this class, which is in transition from its prior status as “The Books of the Bible Class.” Lonnie’s strengths lie in helping people understand the Presbyterian and Reformed life.

Inquirers’ Class — Session Room (203) — Dr. Sandra Randleman leads these sessions, designed for prospective members.

Issues Discussion Class — Room L-200 — Topics change often in this lively class, moderated by Justin and Maureen 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 — Assoc. Pastor Stuart Gordon leads this class for all ages of adults.

Partners in Promise — Room A-112 — Couples class (30s-40s) studies books on Christian themes. Chan and Ginger Sheppard lead this class. The class discusses *The Marriage Builder*, by noted Christian counselor Larry Crabb.

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.

Twenty-Somethings Class — Tyne House — The group is lively and interesting, and interested in you if you are in that young demographic. Trey Wince leads.

Youth Leader Class — Room A-104 — John Baird leads Bible study with people most of whom have the bond of having or having had teenagers. Curriculum is the *Spice Rack* series, written by Assoc. Pastor Mark DeVries.

12th Grade Parents Class — Room L-203 — Common concerns about teenage life bring this group together the third Sunday of each month. Cindy Waller coordinates. *Give Them Wings* is a current study book.

7th Grade Parents Class — Room L-205 — Last year’s “Confirmation Parents Class” now meets as the 7th Grade Parents Class. Led by Craig Buffkin, class members will focus on the needs of their adolescent children while strengthening their own spiritual life.

ADULT & FAMILY



Mission Opportunities

Cuba May 2011

Dates: May 13-20, 2011

Cost: \$1,800; \$1,000 deposit due February 1

Brief Details: Relational visits to Cuban churches and seminary; limit of eight participants

Trip Leaders: Pam and Mike Shampain

Kenya June 2011

Dates: June 2-15, 2011

Brief Details: Medical mission trip in the Maasi land near Kimuka, Kenya, with Linda and Stu Ross of The Outreach Foundation. Contact Linda and Stu Ross

(stuross42@gmail.com) for further details or to sign up.

Trip Leaders: Linda and Stu Ross (Outreach Foundation)

Dominican Republic November 2011

Dates: November 5-11, 2011

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

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

Trip Leaders: Dr. Jim Cato, Dr. Matt Speyer and Dr. Betsy Triggs

Questions? Contact Patricia Heim (298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org) if you are interested in learning more or would like an application form.

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>.

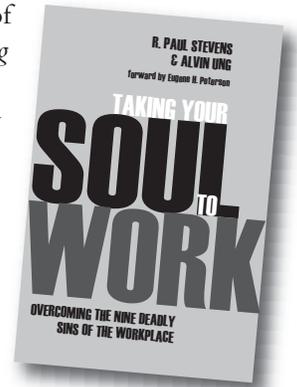
If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office (383-1815).

Your Faith at Work: Taking Your Soul to Work

You are invited to a new study of faith at work using the book, *Taking Your Soul to Work: Overcoming the Nine Deadly Sins of the Workplace*, by Paul Stevens. Three groups meet in three locations:

- 1) A Brentwood group on Mondays at 11:30 A.M., in the Gardner Building on Maryland Way.
- 2) A Green Hills group on Wednesdays at noon at Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Boulevard.
- 3) Downtown on Fridays at the corner of Fifth & Church.

You can purchase the book at Bookmarks, the FPC bookstore. You can register for a group by contacting Stuart Gordon (sgordon@fpcnashville.org or 298-9554).



Happenings in the FPC Recreation Department

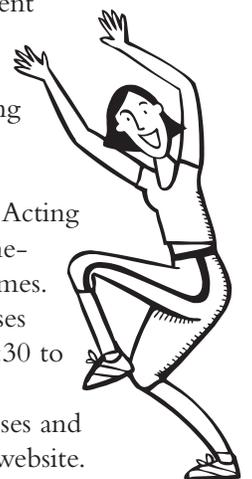
Online registrations is now available for the FPC Spring Soccer League. You may visit our website at www.fpcnashville.org/recreation and click on “sports” to register online or download a registration form to send in. Children ages 3 years old through 6th grade can play soccer in our league.

There will be a registration day on Saturday, February 26, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the OHS Dining Hall. Practices will start the week of March 22, with games beginning April 2.

We also offer adult enrichment classes that include piano, guitar and drum lessons Monday-Thursday, beginning at 3:00 P.M. Classes are 30 minutes and are scheduled directly with the instructor. Acting workshops are offered in one-month sessions at various times.

Also, don't forget about ZUMBA classes on Monday nights in the gym from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. with B-Fab Fitness.

For more information on these classes and other activities, please visit us on our website.



Very Important People (VIP) With Our Youngest Children



First Presbyterian Church is inviting anyone who enjoys interacting with the youngest children of the church to serve as a VIP on Sunday mornings during worship at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM. Our mission in the nursery is to create a safe and nurturing environment, and to teach the children about God's love through simple Bible stories and activities. We need you to help us accomplish this goal through our Very Important Person ministry. We know that surrounding our children with a faithful cloud of witnesses will strengthen their relationship with God as well as their relationships within our church family.

Our FPC tradition shares leadership with all parents of nursery-age children (6 weeks to 3 years old) who also serve in the nursery during the Sunday morning worship services.

Our nursery rooms each have a Nursery Attendant who is responsible for the care of the children. When you serve, you will join the room, interact with the little ones to share God's word and Christ's loving nurture. An array of faith-filled books for you to read to the children, resources for simple Christ-centered activities, songs and finger plays will also be available for you to share with the little ones.

Again, thank you for giving your time and talents as a part of your ministry to the Lord and to First Presbyterian Church.

Contact Karen Fitts at 298-9519 or kfitts@fpcnashville.org, for more information. You can register online at the Nursery Ministry webpage.



*“Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6

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Youth Happenings

Sunday School on January 30:

- **7th grade** meets in the The Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th grade** meets in room #101 in the EC.
- **10th grade** meets in room #100 in the EC.
- **11th grade** meets in room #102 in the EC.
- **12th grade** meets in room #105 in the EC.

Sunday School on February 6:

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

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.

Doxology Youth Choir meets Sundays, 4:15-5:15, in the chapel. All 9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of this new and revised youth choir led by Wes Suitt. Questions? Contact Wes (wesleysuitt@gmail.com).

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).

8th Grade Youth Room Painting is Sunday, January 30, 12:00-2:30 P.M. Bring \$5 for pizza and old clothes to change into! Meet in the Youth Room and start thinking about your favorite Bible verse!

11th Grade Girls Event is Saturday, February 5, 8:45-11:00 A.M. Breakfast and games with the women and children at Magdalene Center. Meet at the Tyne House.

Ski Trip Meeting is Sunday, February 6, 12:00-12:30 P.M. for all youth going on the ski trip and their parents (in the chapel).

Stuff & Mail is Sunday, February 6, 12:30-2:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place; for all youth going on a mission trip and a parent!

Ski Trip is February 11-13, for 7th-12th grade. Sign up at: firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register!

Register NOW! Go to firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register to sign up for the Spring Break mission trip (San Carlos, AZ), the Great Escape, New Orleans, Senior Mystery Trip and Ski Trip.