

# First Edition

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**Todd Jones**  
Pastor

## My Dear Friends,

This past Monday, Connie and her mother were visiting a close and dear family friend who belongs to our church and lives now in a nearby nursing home. Life has been very difficult for our friend in recent years, and her world has grown smaller and smaller. As the two of them visited, they met a couple representing First Presbyterian Church, bringing

flowers that had graced our sanctuary the day before in worship. They came with smiles on their faces, a warm word of welcome and expressions of kindness and care, and left a dozen beautiful white roses. Connie came home and said to me, "What a lovely and gracious thing for our church to do!" I agreed, and noted that this lovely act of grace and beauty occurs each and every week in the life of our special church family many times over, touching so many of the lives of our members who are shut-in or live alone in places that are not home. It is one of the countless acts of grace and compassion that can be witnessed every week in the life of our FPC family, and one more thing that most people hardly ever see that makes it such a special place.

On this past Sunday morning hundreds of parents gathered in the Enrichment Center for Family Facelift Sunday. The program was led by Leif Kehrwald, and he was talking about the ways that families can make room for God in the everyday moments of life, where God's grace is found so often in "the folds and creases of our shared lives." Leif identified entrances and exits, meal times, bed times, drive times and times when memories are made, times like holidays, birthdays, vacations and graduations that can be observed by families in ways that weave God into the fabric of everyday family life, and give to our children a living faith that they can carry with them all their days. Leif was overflowing with practical suggestions on how families can share faith with their children, and create in the home a place where God is a natural part of shared life. He remarked on what a vibrant, alive and caring community our church seemed to him. Leif works with congregations all over the country, and what a joy it is to be part of this church that makes an intentional effort to partner with parents in this most sacred of tasks.

Karl Barth used to be fond of saying, "God never rests." That is, God is always active, always on the move, always seeking to bless and beautify our lives. I left the Enrichment Center to begin our 11

o'clock worship service, and found the front of the church filled with over 150 children from our Sunday School lined up to sing the anthem that would open our worship. As I stood in front of them and said the words, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" I was once again overwhelmed with a sense of what a blessing FPC is. Children's voices filled the sanctuary with the unmistakable sound of hope and joy! Of course, worship also included the baptism of another precious child, and we once again affirmed our baptismal promises as Christ's people.

Sunday afternoon a large group of parents and their elementary school children visited Safe Haven, played with the children, spent time among these families in crisis, and then reflected upon the experience. Another group from our Sunday School will deliver 50 pairs of children's pajamas to the Martha O'Bryan Center. We call this endeavor "Serving Together," and it is a way parents and children are learning what it means to serve Jesus Christ. On a day in February we will have a special service to give thanks for the new mattresses that the kids will sleep on who live at Monroe Harding, all of them gifts from members of FPC. On Christmas Eve, our congregation was asked by Room In The Inn to open for an extra night. Within an hour of making the request, over 20 families in our congregation volunteered to help.

At our Session Meeting last night, our Treasurer Waymon Tipton announced that in 2011 our congregation increased its mission giving over the previous year by 4 percent, and this in a year of great economic uncertainty. Some of that money is going to support the exciting work of Keith Gunter, who has begun the challenging task of starting a new church in Sumner County with the financial and prayerful commitment of our church for the next five years. After the day of Keith's installation to this call, a member of our congregation went out and purchased a gift card from Starbucks for Keith. This man works in the area of venture capital to support new enterprise, and he caught something of the vision of what Keith will undertake.

I know we are an imperfect church with all kinds of weaknesses and genuine need for improvement. But sometimes, the signs of life and vitality are so vivid and so encouraging, that I cannot help but to marvel and to give thanks to the Lord! Thank you for your commitment to FPC!

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.



Marcia & Scott Richardson on the death of Marcia's father, **Marcial Davidson Forester**, who died on January 8. Sympathy to grandchildren, William & Kathleen Richardson.

Stephanie & Todd Presnell on the death of Stephanie's mother, **Beverly Janice Cloud**, who died on January 16. Sympathy to grandchildren, Will & Elise Presnell.

Louise Stephenson on the death of her husband, **Enoch Stephenson**, who died on January 21. Sympathy to son, John (Beth) and grandchildren, Mattie & Will Stephenson.

Homer Gibbs on the death of his wife, **Barry Gibbs**, who died on January 22.

Sally & Neely Coble on the death of Sally's mother, **Jessica Clara McDonald Delbridge**, who died on January 22. Sympathy to daughter, Jessica Woosley (Lee) and grandchildren, Neely Coble IV (Lauren), Edward Coble, Harry Lee & Katherine Woosley.

Joy & Kevin Howard on the death of Joy's mother, **Mary Ruth "Mindy" Whitus**, who died on January 26. Sympathy to granddaughter, Emma Howard.

David Linn & Mary Louise Linn on the death of their mother, **Joanne Linn**, who died on January 28. Sympathy to grandson, Conner Fitzhugh.

Linda Ann Evers & Mary Frances Evers on the death of their father, **Charlie Evers**, who died on January 29.

*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.*

### Easter Memorials

A memorial fund has been established for chancel and sanctuary flowers during Easter. Please send your contribution, along with the name(s) of loved ones to be memorialized, to Cindy Bozman in the church office no later than Friday, March 9.



*Please note that names will not be carried forward from previous Advent or Easter Memorial publications. Contact Cindy by March 9 in order for your loved ones' names to be included this Easter.*

### 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.



Lacey & Clint Newman presented their son, **Pierce Robinson Newman**, for baptism on January 29. Assisting Elder was Charlotte Ann Edwards.

Jacqueline & McClain Towery presented their son, **William McClain Towery, Jr.**, for baptism on February 5. Assisting Elder was Stuart Campbell.

### Congratulations

The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates these members.



Anne & Stacy Wall on the birth of their son, **Thomas Alexander Wall**, who was born on January 5. Congratulations to grandparents, Susan & Kent Wall.

Virginia & John Voight, Jr. on the birth of their daughter, **Virginia-Anne Rose Voigt**, who was born on January 12. Congratulations to grandparents, Missy & John Voight, Sr., and to great-grandparents, Elizabeth & Tom Nesbitt.

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be observed on the First Sunday in Lent, February 26, at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services in the Sanctuary.

Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ's love and grace.

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

**Sermon**  
"Dropping In On Jesus"

**Scripture Readings**  
II Kings 5:1-14  
Mark 2:1-12

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**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

**Sermon**  
"Transfiguration  
& Transformation"

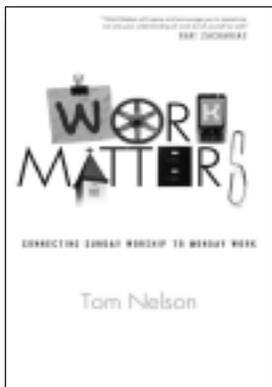
**Scripture Readings**  
Exodus 34:29-35  
Mark 9:2-9

**Tom Walker**  
Parish Associate

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## Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work

Your Faith at Work is a vocational ministry of First Presbyterian Church, grounded in the conviction that what



Christians do “the other six days” is their Christian ministry to the world. Associate Pastor Stuart Gordon seeks to offer groups and nurture relationships that fulfill the church’s calling to “equip the saints for ministry.”

The Winter/Spring book discussion this year is Tom Nelson’s *Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work*.

For some, this word represents drudgery and the mundane. For others, work is an idol to be served. If you find yourself anywhere on the spectrum from workaholic to weekend warrior, it’s time to bridge the gap between Sunday worship and Monday work.

Striking a balance between theological depth and practical counsel, Tom Nelson outlines God’s purposes for work in a way that helps us to make the most of our vocation and to join God in his work in the world. Discover a new perspective on work that will transform your workday and make the majority of your waking hours matter, not only now, but for eternity.

You are invited to join a weekly lunch group, either on Mondays in Maryland Farms, Wednesdays in Green Hills or Fridays downtown. Contact Stuart (298-9554 or [sgordon@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sgordon@fpcnashville.org)) for information. Stop by *Bookmarks*, the FPC bookstore, for a copy of *Work Matters*.

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## Logos Sunday School Class — The Spirit-Led Life

If Christianity means anything, it means living a life pleasing to God. But how does one please God? Not by following the rules, though rules help. Not by following your heart, though your heart must be affected. It’s all about the Holy Spirit.

The Logos Sunday School class is beginning a study of the Spirit-led life. The class, which meets in the Stanford Chapel each week from 10:00–10:40 A.M., will seek biblical and theological wisdom to answer the questions, “How does a person please God?” “What does God do in us to make it possible?”

You’re invited to this large-group study, which combines Bible study, lecture, and discussion.



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## Join Us for a New Women’s Bible Study on Thursday Mornings

This new study, led by Dr. Sandra Randleman will meet in the Cheek House from 7:00–7:45 A.M.

through the season of Lent.

This is perfect for women who want to start their day with prayer, Bible study and fellowship. Please let Sandra know your interest by contacting her ([srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 298-9502).



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## 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, February 22, from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Witherspoon Room (CC-130) on the first floor of the Ministry Wing. Questions? Call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

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## The Lenten Downtown Luncheon Study Group

A Lenten study will be offered again at Downtown Presbyterian Church, beginning on Thursday, March 1, from noon until 1:00 P.M. Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend. The group will meet each Thursday through April 5 to discuss what makes a “good spiritual life.” We will consider how we discern what God is doing in our lives and in our world and how we can be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The basis of our discussions will be the perspectives expressed in some of the essays collected by Allan Hugh Cole, Jr. in the book entitled, *A Spiritual Life*. Authors of the essays include 24 poets, prophets and preachers, including Michael Lindvall, Donald Capps, Marjorie Thompson, Michael Jinkins and Theodore Wardlaw. While the discussions will be based on one or more essays each week, you do not need to have read the essays in order to participate in the discussions. A light lunch will be served.

The discussions will be led by Dr. Sandra Randleman, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Missions of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please contact Sandra at [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 298-9502.

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## ADULT & FAMILY



### Mission Opportunities

Rwanda July 2012 - CANCELLED

#### Dominican Republic November 2012

**Dates:** November 3-9

**Cost:** \$1,400 (estimated); \$800 deposit due May 1; vaccinations recommended.

**Brief Details:** Medical personnel offer family practice medicine, surgery, dental care or eye care in clinics or in the field depending on team member expertise; non-medical participants needed to assist in processing patients and other activities.

**Trip Leaders:** Dr. Jim Cato and Dr. Betsy Triggs

#### Haiti February 2013

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

**Cost:** \$1,300 (estimated); \$800 deposit due September 1; requires vaccinations.

**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 and work on re-construction projects with partner agencies affected by earthquake; expect rugged conditions.

**Trip Leader:** Michael Baron

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

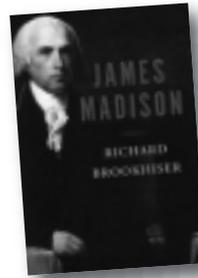
**Scholarship Assistance** is available to FPC members for all FPC-sponsored trips by contacting Sandra Randleman (298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org)).

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

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

## See What is New at BookMarks

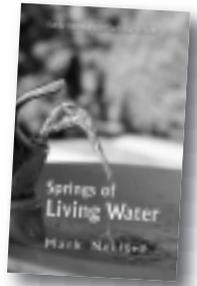
BookMarks has a new selection of adult and children's books. We also have some necklaces from "Life is Blessed" jewelry for \$3.99. These make great gifts for someone special in your life.



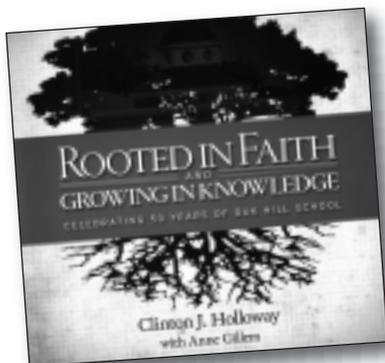
**Pastor's Pick:** Todd Jones is recommending Richard Brookhiser's biography *James Madison*. In this short, breezily written biography, Brookhiser attempts to cover all of the major events of Madison's public career. This is no small feat, for Madison was involved in nearly every political controversy and decision of his age: he was Thomas Jefferson's indispensable ally in the struggle for religious liberty in revolutionary Virginia; he served as a delegate to the Continental Congress during the most trying years of the Revolutionary War; he is remembered as "the Father of the Constitution;" he was the principal, albeit reluctant, author of what would become our federal Bill of Rights; he served as President Jefferson's secretary of state; finally, as a wartime president, Madison had to endure not only the burning of Washington, but also conflict and intrigue within his own party and beyond.

## Family Devotions for Each Day of Lent

The Adult Education Ministry is providing free copies of *Springs of Living Water*, containing daily scriptures, readings and prayers. Author Mark Neilsen sees Lent as an opportunity to contemplate Holy Scripture so we can better understand the gift of salvation and the meaning of our baptism. These daily devotions provide families with a chance to receive the "living water" Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well in the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. Copies of the devotional are currently available. Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22.



## Dedication of Oak Hill Library in Honor of Miss Roxie



On February 12, Oak Hill School will be dedicating its library to author, Oak Hill receptionist, resident angel and tooth-puller, Roxie Gibson. As part of the many celebrations surrounding the 50th anniversary of Oak Hill School, the faculty and board of trustees decided to name the library in honor of Miss Roxie, a woman who authored a Grammy-nominated musical, but who is perhaps better known for her 35 years of service to the students, parents and faculty at Oak Hill.

The Roxie Cawood Gibson Library will be dedicated at an open house on February 12, from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Complimentary copies of *Rooted in Faith, Growing in Knowledge: Celebrating Fifty Years of Oak Hill School*, authored by Clinton J. Holloway and edited by Anne Gillem, will also be released and given away at that time.

# *Date Night* at FPC

FEBRUARY 17 AT 6:00 P.M.

Enjoy a fun-filled evening while supporting the choir for travelling to sing for churches in Cuba in 2013!

The Sanctuary Choir will present a dinner and show,

***“And the Winner is...”***

Enjoy shopping at our silent auction, where appetizers will be served as you enjoy the music of the Capital Jazz and Swing Band. Dinner is catered by Melisa Anne Barton. A musical program will follow. You may buy tickets (\$35) online or by calling 298-9517.

## **But what about the children?**

The nursery will be available. Cost is \$10 per child (up to 3½). Contact Karen Fitts (298-9519 or [kfitts@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kfitts@fpcnashville.org)) to make a reservation. The Recreation Department will have a Parents' Night Out from 6:00-10:00 P.M. Cost is \$10 per child (3½ and up, and must be potty trained).

Contact Emily Munoz (298-9583 or [emunoz@fpcnashville.org](mailto:emunoz@fpcnashville.org)) to make a reservation. All reservations must be made by February 8.



## **Austin Peay State University Chamber Singers Concert**

First Presbyterian Church Concert Series presents the Austin Peay Chamber Singers in concert in the FPC Sanctuary on Sunday, March 4, at 12:30 P.M. The concert is free and open to the public.

The 32-voice APSU Chamber Singers is the premier choral ensemble of the university. Repertoire ranges from Renaissance motets to classical masterworks and highly challenging contemporary literature. In addition to the Holiday Dinner and spring concerts, the Chamber Singers regularly represent the music department on concert tours, at university functions and serve as a lab choir for graduate conducting students. The Chamber Singers are recognized as one of the most distinguished choral groups in the southeast, and have been selected to perform for regional and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference.

Dr. Korre D. Foster, originally from the Chicago area, began his education at Millikin University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in French education and a Bachelor of Music in vocal music education. After singing with Dr. Brad Holmes in the Millikin University Choir, he began to study at the University of Arizona. He earned the Master of Music degree in choral conducting under the tutelage of Dr. Bruce Chamberlain. As a recipient of the Harriet Hale Woolley Scholarship from the Fondation des États-Unis, Mr. Foster moved to Paris, France where he conducted the choirs of Le Palais Royal and L'Académie de Musique alongside orchestral conductor Jean-Philippe Sarcos. While in Paris, he also sang with VOICES Choeur International and studied voice with Glenn Chambers, professor of voice at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et Dance de Paris.

At the University of Miami in Florida, Mr. Foster worked with Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, Dr. Donald Oglesby, and Dr. Joshua Habermann and conducted the Frost Chorale, Maelstrom Men's Choir, Collegium Musicum, and the Opera Choruses. As a doctoral student, Korre performed with the Texas Tech Choir at St. John's College Cambridge and participated in the Bachwoche with Helmuth Rilling in Stuttgart, Germany. At Austin Peay State University, he leads the Chamber Singers, Governor Singers and University Choir in addition to teaching choral literature, choral techniques, choral conducting and supervising graduate students. Dr. Foster has presented his research "Marc-Antoine Charpentier's Messe pour Monsieur Mauroy" at the Fourteenth Biennial International Conference on Baroque Music in Belfast, Northern Ireland as well as at the Southwestern ACDA Conference held in Denver, Colorado. He has also presented "Rhetoric in the French Baroque" at the 53rd National Conference of the College Music Society held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For more information about this and other concerts at First Presbyterian Church, contact Daphne Garey at [music@fpcnashville.org](mailto:music@fpcnashville.org).

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# Looking Ahead *in Children's Ministry*

**Serving Together:** What a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends and serve others at the same time! These events, designed for grades 1-6 and parents, are a great way to put faith into action. Check the website to sign up or to bring food items!

- **February 11, 1:30-3:30 P.M.** — Host a Valentine's Day party at Room In The Inn's campus (decorate cookies, fellowship with guests).
- **Sunday, February 12, 3:30-5:00 P.M.** — Join in for a special afternoon of sights, sounds and smells of the cozy season as we gather for *Coming Home: A Lenten Event for Families*, in Grundy Hall. Families with children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to begin this quiet season of home in community with other FPC families.
- **4th Graders and their families to visit The Temple** — On Friday evening, February 17, 4th graders and their families are invited to attend the 6:00 P.M. Shabbot family service at The Temple. It dovetails beautifully with their year of study of the Old Testament.
- **March 4, 3:30-6:00 P.M.** — Dinner and art with guests at Safe Haven Family Shelter.
- **What can we bring (in advance or the day of)** for items for Siloam health kits (children's vitamins, combs/brushes, toothbrushes/toothpaste, cartoon character band-aids, dental floss); items for Loaves & Fishes (men's socks, pocket-size tissues); items for Room in the Inn (travel-size toiletries).
- **Vacation Bible School** — VBS 2012 is June 25-28, 2012. Calling all grownups! Bring a friend and sign up to volunteer one morning (4-day volunteers are especially wonderful). Enjoy lots of fun and fellowship, with faith and service all in one. Online registration and volunteer sign-ups are open on the web — dive deep with us this summer in *Operation Overboard!*

**Milestones:** A ministry of faith formation and celebration for children and their families.

- **Exploring the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** — Second graders begin their Milestone study of Communion in Sunday School on February 12, exploring this sacrament through their lessons.
- **Reaching Out Together** — Love, Grace and Mercy classes will receive visits from special guests on February 12 in conjunction with their continued learning about inclusion and diversity.
- **5th grade Retreat** — Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 25, 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M., and join in for a great day of service, learning and fun. Parents will join us for dinner and worship at 6:00 P.M.!
- **6th grade Retreat** — The Confirmation Class travels to Camp NaCoMe for an overnight, weekend retreat February 24-25 to write their statements of faith. RSVP online through the 6th grade webpage.

*For sign-ups and more information on events occurring in Children's Ministry, visit our web page.*

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## Children's Ministry Update

Lillie Duncan, who has faithfully served in our ministry with families and children, is relocating with her husband to Texas. We are thankful for all the ways Lillie has shared her many gifts for ministry with us!

Renee Castro is our new Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone at FPC and feels

blessed to be a part of this unique organization. A little bit about Renee: despite her accent, she is a Native Nashvillian. She graduated in 2010 from MTSU where Renee studied nutrition and global studies. Last June, she married her best friend and love of her life, Kyle Castro. Some things Renee enjoys doing include spending time with her hubby, cooking, working out, playing music, traveling and meeting people.



## Community. Fellowship. Family 45.

*(February 29, March 7, March 14, March 28)*

Got 45 minutes for fellowship and service? On four Wednesdays during Lent, from 4:45-5:30 p.m., come and gather with other FPC parents and children for Family 45 — fun with a purpose! We'll complete some service and mission, explore Scripture, examine some symbols of Lent and enjoy spending time with friends. This is a great opportunity for connection and community! Stay on for Wednesday night dinner at 5:30 (call 383-1815 for dinner reservations), or just drop in for Family 45 to spend a great 45 minutes sharing time, learning and faith with your kids.

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**Melissa & Billie McClaran, III** joined First Presbyterian Church. Melissa by transfer from Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. Billie joined by profession of faith.

**Melissa & Billie McClaran, III**  
5112 Overton Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37220  
Phone: 806-778-9144 • Parish 37



**Monica Shine** joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from New Covenant Methodist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma.

**Monica Shine**  
116 Maxwell Crossing  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027  
Phone: 498-7272 • Parish 33

## “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.”

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

Could you benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, someone to walk along side of you through this journey to the other side of grief? To learn more, contact Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.



## First Friends Upcoming Events

■ **Valentine’s Day Celebration** — Tuesday, February 14, 11:00-11:30 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. The 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, so please come join us and be prepared for some warm hugs! *RSVP by Friday, February 10.*

■ **Thursday Luncheon** — February 16, 11:45 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Fifty-Forward Music for Seniors. We will be entertained by a professional musician who is a participant in a grant that provides music for homebound seniors, seniors in living facilities and to our good fortune, us in our meeting. We will not only learn about the grant, but also enjoy an outstanding musical program. *RSVP by Monday, February 13.*

■ **Driver’s License Photo I.D.** — Thursday, February 16, at 2:00 P.M. We will transport you in the church bus to the Howard Office Complex for a photo I.D. in order to vote in the March primary. *RSVP by Monday, February 13.*

■ **Sunday Lunch** — February 19, 12:00 P.M. at Wild Ginger. Wild Ginger is a refreshingly distinct fine-dining experience located at the heart of Cool Springs, featuring an eclectic blend of Pan-Asian, South American and Western cuisine in the Pacific Rim style, with succulent selections for all palates. Entrees include the popular miso seabass, braised short rib and a wide array of signature maki and tapas. Brunch items range from \$9-\$15. There are no stairs to climb. *RSVP by Friday, February 17.*

■ **Prayer Workshop** — Wednesday, February 22, 10:00-11:00 A.M. in the Cheek House Breakfast Room. Dr. Sandra Randleman will help us prepare our hearts for the Lenten season on this Ash Wednesday. Reservations are not necessary.

■ **Savannah, Jekyll Island and Beaufort** — Monday, May 28 – Friday, June 1. Join First Friends for a fabulous trip by Motorcoach on a tour of amazing Jekyll and St. Simon’s Island, gorgeous Beaufort, South Carolina, including a visit to Parris Island and charming Savannah. The cost for the 5-day, 4-night trip is \$399 per person, double occupancy and includes 8 meals (4 breakfasts and 4 dinners). *A \$75.00 deposit, due by February 24,* will reserve your spot on this exciting trip. Final payment is due March 26 (reimbursements will be made up to two weeks prior to departure). For more information, a detailed brochure is available at the church and on our website (go to [www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org), and scroll down to “Quick Links,” and click on “First Friends”), or you may call Brenda Geise at 298-9515.

*For more information or reservations, contact Ginny Barber (298-9509 or [gbarber@fpcnashville.org](mailto:gbarber@fpcnashville.org)).*

*First  
Friends*

**Welcome, New Members, to First Presbyterian Church!**  
**Inquirers' Classes, Winter 2012**



**Shalene Archer** joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. She has a daughter, **Alana**, 3.

**Shalene Archer & Alana**  
116 Maxwell Crossing  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027  
Phone: 579-3586 • Parish 33



**Richard Fleming, Sr.** joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. He is married to wife, **Sarah**.

**Sarah & Richard Fleming, Sr.**  
69 Revere Park  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
Phone: 292-7770  
Parish 16



**Dorothy Boone** joined First Presbyterian Church by affiliate membership from First Methodist Church in Laurel, Mississippi.

**Travis Holland** joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Leland, Mississippi. Dorothy & Travis are engaged to be married.

**Dorothy Boone & Travis Holland**  
406 Theresa Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
Dorothy's Phone: 957-5528  
Travis' Phone: 662-822-1502 • Parish 42



**Sam Hunter** joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee. He is married to wife, **Martha**. He has a son, **Jared**, 21, and a daughter, **Susanna**, 25.



**Ashley & Patrick Brunner** joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from East Brentwood Presbyterian Church in Brentwood, Tennessee. They have a daughter, **Hadley**, 1.

**Ashley & Patrick Brunner & Hadley**  
1236 Beech Hollow Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37211  
Phone: 712-9052 • Parish 45

Sunday sermons are  
online in print and audio!  
Log on the church website at  
[www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org) and find  
Sermons on the Worship page.

# Deep & wide Living a Faith that Matters

## Sunday School — Immersing Our Children in God's Story

As part of their Sunday School Bible lesson, the children in our three-year-old Sunday school class heard the story from Matthew 2 of the wise men's trip to see a new king (Baby Jesus) and learned how they used a star to guide them. The Sunday school teachers made the story interesting and concrete for the children by setting up a star hunt in their classroom. The children "followed the star" to Baby Jesus. Through the hunt for the star, the children were able to experience the same anticipation and excitement the wise men may have felt as they looked for a new king to save the world. Once they found the baby, the children also talked about taking care of babies and what gift they would give to Baby Jesus.

The Presbyterian curriculum we use in our preschool age Sunday School is written with small children in mind. The children have the opportunity to hear the same Bible Story two weeks in a row, with a slightly different emphasis each week. This helps reinforce the story in the children's memory and give them more time to engage with the Bible story in ways that makes learning fun.

Our gifted three-year-old leaders who guide these children in their Bible study are Carrie and Damon Hininger, Anne and Mike Hinton, Lana Kidd, Gena and John Moran, Meredith Vaughn, and Tara Vlahos.



### What Bible Stories our three-year-olds are learning this month:

Feb. 12: Matthew 1:13-21

Feb. 19: Luke 2:29-40

Feb. 26: Luke 2:41-52

March 4: Luke 11:1-2a The Lord's Prayer

## OAK HILL DAY CAMP

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## Highlight Your Summer with Oak Hill Day Camp!

Each day throughout the summer, the sun rises in the east with splashes of bright pink, the sky lights to a brilliant blue, and I know it is going to be an amazing day at Oak Hill Day Camp. The counselors will start their day with a devotional and a prayer under the bright yellow sun, and it is as if God is smiling down.

The children arrive and the singing begins the day under the big tree filled with dynamic green leaves blowing in the breeze. OHDC is the "Highlight" of my year, so join us this year and highlight your summer! For more information, contact us at 615-298-9583, or visit [www.fpcnashville.org/recreation](http://www.fpcnashville.org/recreation) to register online.





**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, March 4**  
**9:00 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.**  
**Enrichment Center**



**Four ways for blood donors to schedule your donation appointment:**

**1)** Make your appointment online from the FPC homepage ([www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org)). You will be re-directed to the proper appointment scheduling site within the Red Cross website.



**2)** Make your appointment online at the Red Cross website ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://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](mailto:fpcnashville) to find open appointments.

**3)** Sign-up with Lily Cooper & Sheila Odusote on Sundays in Courtenay Hall during the Sunday School time (February 5, 12, 19 and 26).

**4)** Contact Patricia Heim in the church mission office (615-298-9593 or [adultmissions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:adultmissions@fpcnashville.org)).

**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 January 8.

**Blood Drive Volunteers:** We need volunteers to assist with donation sign-ups on select Sundays in Courtenay Hall and 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](mailto:adultmissions@fpcnashville.org)) to let one of them know your interest and availability.

**Musical Happenings at First Presbyterian:**

**February 22** Ash Wednesday  
 Dinner 5:15 Special reservations must be made for this dinner.  
 Worship 6:30 Music provided by the Sanctuary Choir and the Doxology Choir.

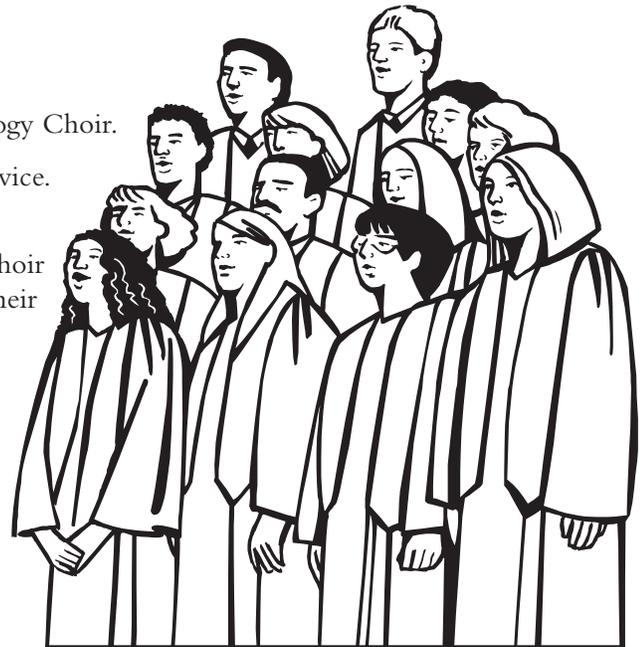
**March 4** Austin Peay Choir will participate in the 11:00 A.M. service.  
 Concert 12:30 Austin Peay Choir Concert

**March 11** “Jitro Czech Girls Choir” in concert at 5:00 P.M. This choir sang at FPC in 2003 and delighted the audience with their beautiful tone, intonation and rich blend of sound.

**April 1** Palm Sunday services with all children’s choirs singing.

**April 5** Maundy Thursday  
 Dinner 5:15 Special reservations must be made for this dinner.  
 Worship 6:30 Junior Choristers and Sanctuary Chorale are singing.

**April 6** Good Friday  
 Noon Worship service in the Chapel.  
 Concert 7:00 Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary.



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# Lent 2012— The Journey

The journey through Lent is one that has helped Christians through the centuries to deepen their devotion to Christ and bring life more into line with God's good purposes. This year we will travel through Lent with the Gospel of Mark as your guide and friend. Jesus journeyed from the countryside of Galilee to Jerusalem for what one historian has called "the most important thing that ever happened." His journey led him from his life in Galilee as a charismatic, captivating preacher and teacher to Jerusalem where he would be welcomed as a hero by thousands at first, only to be quickly killed on a cross like a common criminal. But this journey proved to be one of the most enduring and influential lives ever lived, and one that has arguably shaped human history like no other. As we travel through the Gospel of Mark, we remember what the second-century Bishop named Papias wrote of this Gospel: "Mark, who was Peter's interpreter, wrote down accurately, though not in order, all that he recollected of what Christ had said or done. For Mark was not a hearer of the Lord or a follower of His. He followed Peter, as I have said, at a later date, and Peter adapted his instruction to practical needs, without any attempt to give the Lord's words systematically. So that Mark was not wrong in writing down some things in this way from memory, for his one concern was neither to omit nor to falsify anything that he had heard." We may conclude from Papias that in Mark's Gospel we have what Mark remembered and carefully recorded of the preaching material from Peter himself.

Join with us in The Journey, the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and the Cross, the journey that continues immeasurably to enrich and deepen our own journeys through this life. I invite you to read ahead in Mark and join us for each Sunday in our Lenten Journey toward the glory and grace of Easter.

## **Ash Wednesday, February 22**

"Remember Your Baptism"

Old Testament: Psalm 51

New Testament: II Corinthians 5:14-21

Sandra Randleman

## **First Sunday in Lent, February 26**

"The Turn"

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-8

New Testament: Mark 8:31-38

Todd Jones

## **Second Sunday in Lent, March 4**

"The Trap"

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

New Testament: Mark 10:17-31

Todd Jones

## **Third Sunday in Lent, March 11**

"The Ransom"

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-14

New Testament: Mark 10:32-45

Todd Jones

## **Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 18**

"The Cup"

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-32

New Testament: Mark 14:32-42

Todd Jones

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 25**

"The Betrayal"

Old Testament: II Samuel 12:1-10

New Testament: Mark 14:43-51

Todd Jones

## **Passion/Palm Sunday, April 1**

"The Last Day"

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 31:9-16

New Testament Lesson: Mark 15:1-39

Todd Jones

## **Easter Sunrise, April 8**

"Firstborn"

Colossians 1:15-20

Stuart Gordon

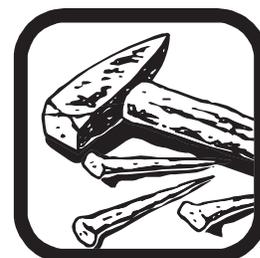
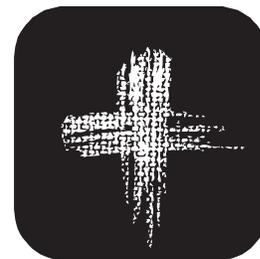
## **Easter Day, April 8**

"The First Day"

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament: Mark 16:1-8

Todd Jones



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Please deliver by February 11, 2012

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Stuart Gordon  
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Sandra Randleman  
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## Youth Happenings

### Sunday School on February 12 & 19:

- **7th grade** meets upstairs in the Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th grade** meets in #105 downstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **10th grade** meets in #100 downstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **11th grade** meets in #102 downstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **12th grade** meets in #101 downstairs in the Enrichment Center.

**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 (298-9570 or [kmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kmiller@fpcnashville.org)).

**2012 Mission Trip Registrations are open!** To sign up for Spring Break, Alaska, Great Escape or New Orleans, visit [firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register](http://firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register). Questions or need scholarship information? Contact Katy Miller ([kmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kmiller@fpcnashville.org) or 298-9570).

To register for these events, visit us at [firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register](http://firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register)

## Soccer Kicks Off Soon

We are looking forward to another great soccer season here at FPC. The deadline to register without a late fee is February 25; after, the price is \$125. Register online at [fpcnashville.org/sports1.htm](http://fpcnashville.org/sports1.htm).

The season will begin with practices starting the week of March 19, and the first game is set for March 31. We will have a coaches' meeting on March 13, at 6:30 P.M. If you have any questions, contact Andrew (298-9526 or [akelso@fpcnashville.org](mailto:akelso@fpcnashville.org)).

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