



Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

The day will come in the not too distant future when we will learn that Billy Graham has gone to be with God. Is there a more remarkable figure among those who seek to spread the Gospel? Graham has preached in one hundred eighty-five countries over the last seventy years. In all these years he has tried to live a life of integrity

and love. "Jesus loves all people, no matter what their ethnic or religious background is. He is a God of love." So when I came upon a little volume called *Life Wisdom* from Billy Graham, I could not resist sharing some of it with you.

"Human nature is the same the world over...and when the Gospel of Christ is preached in simplicity and power, there is a response in the human soul." Graham has remained focussed all of his life upon the conviction that the world's great need is for the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. "I don't have any supernatural power to do something for you. I am just a man, like you are. I am just a preacher. And my message is that God loves you, He accepts and forgives you. He is ready to enter your hearts today." Graham's message has never changed: "A crucified and risen Christ will forgive sins, lift burdens, solve problems, and give assurance of salvation to many. This experience can be yours, whoever you are and whatever your circumstances may be..."

Billy Graham has also been a man of simple, straightforward human wisdom:

"God measures people by the small dimensions of humility and not by the bigness of their achievements or the size of their capabilities."

"Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has."

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost any other area of his life."

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with. There is nothing wrong with possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess us."

"The deepest problems of the human race are spiritual. They are rooted in our refusal to seek God's way for one's life. The problem is the human heart, which God alone can change."

"As I look back over the years...I know that my deepest feeling is one of gratitude. I cannot take credit for whatever God has chosen to accomplish through us and our ministry; only God deserves the glory, and we can never thank Him enough for the great things He has done."

"I am a man still in process. I know that I am not as good as some people think I am."

"A keen sense of humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant, overcome the unexpected, and outlast the unbearable."

"Faith, more than fighting, can change the course of events today. United, believing, self-humbling, God-exalting prayer now can change the course of history."

"I am not a great man. I just have a great message."

"Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything."

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost. When health is lost, something is lost. When character is lost, everything is lost."

What I like best about Billy Graham is that he has continued to grow and learn all of his days. One painful life lesson he learned was in the place where politics and religion meet. "Evangelists cannot be closely identified with any particular party or person. We have to stand in the middle in order to preach to all people, right and left. I haven't been faithful to my own advice in the past. I will be in the future...I'm not for the left wing or the right wing. I'm for the whole bird."

I also love that he can laugh at himself! "The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course." Give thanks to God for the gift of Billy Graham. We have been blessed by his life.

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.



Sarah & Kevin Campbell on the death of Kevin's grandfather, **Sanders Joseph Jones**, who died on January 31. Sympathy to great-grandchildren Lauren Campbell and Andrew Campbell.

Emily & Hill McAlister on the death of Emily's father, **James Allen Dick, Sr.**, who died on February 6. Sympathy to grandsons Harry McAlister, Daniel McAlister and Matthew McAlister.

Carolyn & Mark Naumann on the death of Mark's father, **Paul Joseph Naumann**, who died on February 6. Sympathy to grandchildren Nicole & Justice Perkins.

The family of **Charles Harold Dietz**, who died on February 7. Sympathy to sisters-in-law and brothers Kathleen & Burton Dietz and Lee Lee & Wally Dietz, nephew Scott Dietz and niece Kerry Dietz.

The family of **Louise Wills**, who died on February 8.

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.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 9

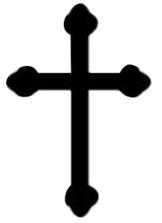
Dinner 5:30 P.M. • Worship Service 6:30 P.M.

Following dinner in Courtenay Hall, Todd Jones will lead the Ash Wednesday service. Sandra Randleman will offer the sermon "An Audience of One." The pastors will use ashes to place the sign of the cross upon our foreheads. This symbolic action proclaims our recognition of personal mortality and sinfulness and acknowledges our need for Christ's saving grace. Music will be offered by the Sanctuary Choir and Doxology I Choir.

Dinner reservations are required. The Wednesday School of Christian Living will not meet. Nursery care is available during worship. Doxology I Choir (grades 4-8) eats dinner and rehearses at 5:30-6:15 P.M.; no other choirs meet.

The Sacrament of Baptism

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



Allison & Nat Harris presented their son, **Nathaniel Putnam Harris IV**, for baptism on February 13. Assisting Elder was Sam Cook.

Congratulations

The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates the following families.



Elizabeth & Ryan Walker on the birth of their daughter, **Anne Elizabeth Walker**, who was born on January 18. The proud grandparents are Anne & Darryl Edmonds.

Beth & Joe Bowers on the birth of their son, **Jake Garrett Bowers**, who was born on January 28. The proud grandparents are Edie & Hal Collier.

Mary Kate & Lee Mouser on the birth of their son, **Howard Hayes Mouser**, who was born on February 3.

Do you have a new little one in the house? Please let your church family share the joy of your newborn son or daughter. If you have new birth or adoption information, please call Ginny Tindle at the church (383-1815) and give her the details.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Sermon
"Retelling the Story"

Scripture Readings
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:5-13

Tom Walker
Parish Associate

TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY
MARCH 6, 2011

Sermon
"Mountaintop Mystery"

Scripture Readings
Exodus 24:12-18
Matthew 17:1-9

Todd Jones
Pastor

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.

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 Monday, March 28.

Please note that names will not be carried forward from previous Advent or Easter Memorial publications. Contact Cindy by March 28 in order for your loved ones' names to be included this Easter.



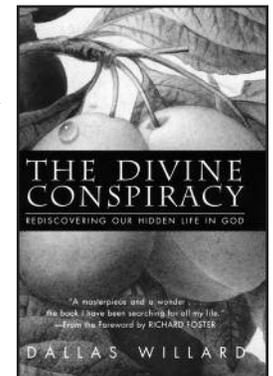
Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be observed the First Sunday of Lent, March 13, 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.

Lenten Study

You are invited to attend a Lenten study to be led by Dr. Sandra Randleman on Thursdays, March 10 through April 21, from 12:00 until 1:00 P.M., at Downtown Presbyterian Church. The study will be based on a discussion of Dallas Willard's book, *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God*. The book seeks to provide an understanding of the gospel that will open the way for the people of Christ to actually do what Jesus taught us to do. Dr. Willard believes that discipleship to Jesus is the very heart of the gospel and that Jesus wants us to live in conformity with His teachings in our life now.

You do not need to have read the book to participate in the study and discussion. Church members and friends are invited to attend. A light lunch will be offered and a contribution for lunch is always appreciated. For more information, please contact Sandra (298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

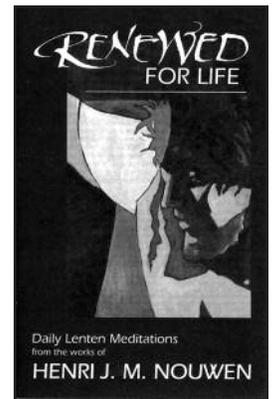


Henri Nouwen Daily Devotionals for Lent

The Adult Education Ministry is providing free copies of *Renewed for Life*, containing daily scriptures, readings and prayers. The devotions were created from the writings of the late Henri Nouwen, a Dutch-born Catholic priest, college professor and pastor. He wrote over 40 books on the spiritual life. He died at the early age of 64. However, his work carries on in his writings, and through several active Nouwen societies which perpetuate his example of caring for others.

From the publisher: *[This collection] is designed to help you receive more fully the blessings of Prayer, Silence, Solitude and the Presence of God in the world ... not only during Lent but throughout the year. May the words of Scripture together with the reflections of Henri Nouwen encourage and strengthen your spirit in preparation for Easter.*

Copies of the devotional are currently available. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 9.



5¢ Per Meal Program

FPC is one of several churches in the Middle Tennessee Presbytery that contributes to the Five Cents Per Meal Program. The gifts for the Presbytery totaled \$26,479, which goes to the Presbytery Hunger Program for Middle Tennessee. Some of the organizations that will benefit are Fentress County Food Bank, Good Samaritan of Bedford County, Help for Nicaragua, Homebound Meals of Hendersonville, Middle Tennessee's Table, the Wilson County Community Health Center, the Wilson County Community Help Center and the Sudanese Presbyterian Church in Gallatin.

FPC-Nashville contributes to this program by putting change in the bottles on the tables on Wednesday nights and by members sending in checks. The next dedication of the FPC contributions to the Five Cents Per Meal Program is March 6. If you would like to contribute, please place a check for \$15.16 in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Listen: New Hearing Assistance Devices

If you are in need of hearing assistance devices during

worship services, FPC 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.



Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that from a financial point of view 2010 was a successful year for FPC, which allowed the church to support many missions and adequately fund its operations. We are fortunate because a majority of churches, maybe vast majority, are not in the same position. Mission giving from the operating budget (vs. mission giving from designated funds) was \$1.02 million, the sixth year in a row that mission giving has exceeded \$1 million. Our 2011 budget assumes that we will again give over \$1 million to missions.

As seen in the table below, pledge revenues were unchanged from 2009 at \$3.42 million. "Other" revenue, which mostly consists of non-pledge giving, prior year catch-up pledges, and new member giving, was \$1.058 million vs. \$935 thousand in 2009. The two lines combined form our giving-related revenues, which were \$4.48 million vs. \$4.36 million in 2009 and \$4.76 million in 2008. While pledge revenues were 99% of budget in 2010, non-pledge giving exceeded budget, resulting in giving-related revenues that were 105% of budget and up 3% from 2009. Our FY11 budget assumes no change in giving-related revenues.

Though not shown in the table, it is worth noting that in recent years our pledge giving has eased, while non-pledge giving has increased. I think part of this reflects more contingent pay for many of our members that is not knowable until year-end, and it may reflect some giving that is dependent upon market performance. Our receipt cycle has historically been very seasonal with the heaviest giving in December when over 20% of annual giving-related revenues are received. Our cash flows are managed by funding a majority of missions in December.

Revenue producing departments (Food/Nutrition, Recreation and Early Pre-School), which are shown on a gross basis below, all exceeded budget on a net basis after subtracting related expenses.

Operating expenses continue to be well controlled (97% of budget) with growth limited to 2%. The FY11 budget, which can be described as tight, contemplates similar metrics.

We ended the year with a surplus of \$303 thousand vs. \$208 thousand in 2009 before considering our \$122 thousand (10%) down-payment on the recently purchased Tyne property (OHS funded the other half). Because we entered 2010 with good liquidity, our year-end liquidity (i.e., cash in the general account) was in good shape. It is presently anticipated that some of the funds will be used this quarter to: (a) make an additional contribution to missions; (b) and pay-down our share of the Tyne debt (\$488 thousand) by 25-40%.

Finally, we ended the year with \$2.6 million of capital campaign debt and \$1.8 million of unpaid pledges, a majority of which we expect to receive by the time the loan matures in mid-2012. Our assumption is that the residual capital campaign and Tyne property debts will be combined and refinanced then. No absolute promises of course, but if our finances remain similar to 2010 we should be able to amortize the debt over a reasonable amount of time.

Jeff Davis
Treasurer, First Presbyterian Church

	2011 Budget	2010 Actual	2009 Actual	2008 Actual	2007 Actual	2006 Actual
Pledged Revenue	3,571,232	3,422,406	3,427,231	3,708,909	3,507,586	3,787,865
Other Revenue	897,530	1,057,635	935,262	1,045,506	1,285,646	1,112,364
Revenue Producing Departments	1,080,355	1,109,252	1,061,103	996,673	1,054,953	879,073
Total Revenue	5,549,117	5,589,293	5,423,596	5,751,088	5,848,185	5,779,302
Operating Expenses	4,389,825	4,263,651	4,146,442	4,305,338	4,028,265	3,929,692

Weekly Holy Communion

A pastor will offer communion Sundays immediately following the 11:00 A.M. worship service in the Session Room, except for those Sundays when communion is offered during the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. worship services. The service will not be a long one, allowing you to pick up your children in nursery care following the communion service.

Please join us as we come together to celebrate the Lord's Supper each week.

WHY SCRIPTURE MATTERS

A Year With the Old Testament

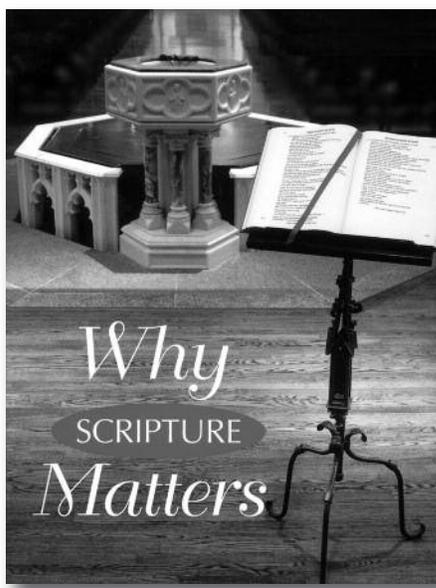
*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

Psalm 51:1-2

No chapter of scripture more perceptively communicates the reality of personal sin and God's grace. Those who framed the Revised Common Lectionary understood this, and selected Psalm 51 as the psalm for Ash Wednesday, every year of the three-year cycle.

Lent begins on March 9, and in coordination with that season *Why Scripture Matters: A Year with the Old Testament* offers an appropriate selection of Psalms for your devotional reading. These Psalms share common themes and vocabulary. It's a timely opportunity to grow in your knowledge of God's mercy and your reliance on God.

See the schedule of readings here or find it with commentary on the readings at 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

After the Exile in Babylon: Rebuilding and Reconsidering

- 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

Prayers of Lament and Supplication

- 6 Psalms 86, 88, 94, 102
- 7 Psalms 109, 120, 130
- 8 Psalms 51-54
- 9 Psalms 55-59 • Ash Wednesday Worship
- 10.... Psalms 61-64
- 11.... Psalms 69, 70, 71, 73, 77

Other Psalms

- 12.... Psalms 32, 40
- 13.... Psalms 68, 75, 82
- 14.... Psalms 60, 80, 83
- 15.... Psalms 81, 91
- 16.... Psalms 85, 90 • Wednesday: No Meeting
- 17.... Psalms 92, 107
- 18.... Psalms 121-123
- 19.... Psalms 124-126
- 20.... Psalms 127-129
- 21.... Psalms 131-135 (except 132)
- 22.... Psalms 141-143

Parish Ministry Celebrates 8th Year

About 8 years ago, the idea was presented by members to break up First Presbyterian Church into smaller neighborhood groups or parishes with leaders chosen to see to the care of their neighbors. Sandra Randleman liked the idea so much that she asked a group to draw neighborhood dividing lines on the map of Nashville and surrounding neighborhoods. Thus was born the First Presbyterian Church Parish Ministry. Today, we have 55 parishes led by 99 Parish Leaders. Our FPC members live in Brentwood, Antioch, Franklin, Murfreesboro, Hermitage and Nolensville, and they all have their parish representation.

Parish leaders are informed of deaths, new babies, new members and hospitalizations in their parishes through the *Parish News* —a twice or more weekly e-mail sent out by the Parish Ministry Coordinator, Amelia Watson. The Parish leaders send cards of congratulations or condolence to their members. They keep up with their parish members and even get them together for fellowship. We are very proud of our servant parish leaders and want to recognize them. If you would like a list of your parish members or would like to receive the *Parish News* by e-mail, contact Amelia (awatson@fpcnashville.org or 298-9598).

Parish 1: *Felice & Bill Oldacre and *Barbara & Don Cunningham
Hillwood from Davidson Road to Richland Creek

Parish 2: Billie Grogan
Richland Place Retirement Home

Parish 3: Barbara Jim Turner
West of Percy Warner Park to Highway 70

Parish 4: *Amelia & Bob Watson
Lealand Lane, Glen Leven area

Parish 5: Anne & Will Clark
West Meade to Charlotte Avenue

Parish 6: *Mary & Lee Barfield and *Linda and Ed Cox
Chickering, Harding Road, Belle Meade Boulevard

Parish 7: Tina Huggins
Woodlawn, Murphy Road to Cherokee area

Parish 8: Linda & Hal Sauer
Old Hickory and Vaughn Road and Chickering area

Parish 9: *Damaris Steele
Blakeford in Burton Hills

Parish 10: Marcia Montgomery
Chickering, Harding Place, Hillsboro Road area

Parish 11: Kathy & Marbut Gaston
Harding, Estes and Hobbs Road area

Parish 12: Linda & Jim Cato
Glen Eden, Walnut and Westview Avenue area

Parish 14: *Lynn May, *Dean & Bobby Reeves and *Nan Russell
Estes, Hobbs Road, Hillsboro Road, Abbott Martin Road area

Parish 15: Mary Ellen Lovell
Graybar Lane, Belmont, Burton Hills area

Parish 16: *Chad & Simms Polk and *Jay & Shannon Smith
Woodlawn, Bowling, Woodmont, Abbott Martin area

Parish 17: Nicole & Eric Lamb
Franklin, Leipers Fork, Thompsons Station, Spring Hill

Parish 18: *Jane Entrekin
Harding, Jackson Boulevard, Deer Park Circle

Parish 19: Paige & Bill Bainbridge
Harding, Brookfield, Belle Meade Boulevard area

Parish 20: Cindy Cook
Old Hickory, Murray Lane, Franklin Pike, Granny White Pike

Parish 21: *George & Lydia Armistead
Woodmont, Estes, MBA, Park Manor area

Parish 22: Angela & Marty Martin
Kingsbury, Hillsboro, Percy Priest, Rivergate

Parish 23: *Kim & Burke Hardin, *Hal & Edie Collier, *Marion Williams
Robert E. Lee, Otter Creek, Tyne, Granny White

Parish 24: *Nancy Eason
Graybar, Hillsboro to Franklin Pike area

Parish 25: Dolores and Chuck Dennard
Harding, Tyne to Granny White Pike area

Parish 26: Sherry West
Golf Club, Hampton, Woodmont Estates area

Parish 27: *Charlie & Louise Bairnsfather
Franklin 37069 – Sneed Road, Temple area

Parish 28: *Allison & Steve Dunaway
Bellevue area

Parish 29: Joan Johnson
Antioch, TN

Parish 30: *Vicki & Ham Frost
Hendersonville, TN

Parish 31: *Diann & Bruce Tennyson, *Linda & Cessna Skaggs
Harpeth River Drive, Brentwood Academy area

Parish 32: Crea Sielbeck
Murray Lane, Hillsboro, Franklin Road, Owl's Hill Nature Center

Parish 33: *Sue Bartlett, *Mary Lee & Steve Bartlett
I-65 to Edmundson Pike, to Williamson County border, Hill Road area

Parish 34: *Patricia & Brian Jorgenson
Concord Road, Wilson Pike, Hunt Road, Brentwood

Parish 35: *Barbara Bittles and *Martha Davis
Sewanee Road, Gateway Lane, Tyne to I-65

Parish 36: Mary & Michael Taylor
Tyne, Radnor Lake, Old Hickory Blvd., Franklin Rd. area

Parish 37: *Bob & Catherine Loflin
Elmington Agricultural Center, Hogan Road, Hill Road area

Parish 38: Anita & David Goodcase
Edmundson Pike and Nolensville Pike

Parish 39: *Betsy & Mitchell Hilt
Vanderbilt University area, Belmont to I-440

Parish 40: Kathy Sparkman
Madison, Hermitage, Old Hickory, Donelson

Parish 41: *Candy Lewis
Murfreesboro, TN

Parish 43: Kerry & Alex Price
Nolensville, TN

Parish 44: Out-of-town members

Parish 45: Coreen & Rich Ford
*I-65, Nolensville Road, Concord Road,
Nolensville Road*

Parish 46: Diane & Larry English
I-65, Franklin Road area

Parish 47: *Missie Goodman
Fountainhead area

Parish 49: *Gail & Bob Chickey
Foxhall Close at Woodmont Boulevard

Parish 50: *Bitsy & Wearen Hughes
Copeland Drive area

Parish 51: *Kim Davis
Westview and Royal Oaks Place

Parish 53: Stacey & Ben Roney
Franklin, TN 37067 area

Parish 54: Heather & Chris Cain
Forest Hills, Chickering Road & Lane, Old Hickory Blvd.

Parish 55: Clara & Lee Malone
Polo Club Road, Vaughn

Parish 56: *Shannon Finucane and *Mary Earthman
Lynnwood and Crater Hill, Wayland

Parish 57: Julie Peacock and Laura Anderson
Franklin, TN 37069, Wheaton Hall, Carphilly

**Parish Leaders who have served 5 years or more.*

ADULT & FAMILY



Mission Opportunities

Flood Recovery February – March

Dates: February 21, 23, and 26; and March 2 and 5

Brief Details: Skilled and unskilled volunteers helping low-income Nashville families restore their flood-damaged homes. Register to Volunteer from FPC homepage (www.fpcnashville.org).

Project Coordinators: Nathan Brandon and Allen Roberts

Haiti October

Dates: October 8 - 14

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

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

Trip Leader: Mike Baron

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>.

Comfort from the Manna Freezer

Winter hangs on, 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.

Presbyterian Women's Circles Meet Tuesday, March 8

Lesson 5: *Hope for the Hard to Convince* (John 20:19-31)

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
Hostesses: Laetitia Hardin (665-9099)
Mary Lou Fite (383-0559)
The Centennial Club
Abbott Martin Road

Circle 6 10:30 A.M.
Leaders: Linda Grissim & Betty Wheeler
Bible Leader: Betty Wheeler
Hostess: Carolyn West (292-9092)
1053 Overton Lea Road
Co-Hostess: Dollye Clayton (373-0137)

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

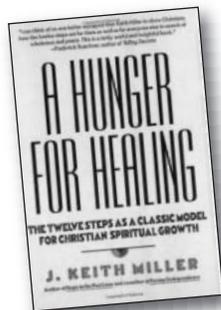
Circle 8 **Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M.**
Bible Study begins at 7:00 P.M.
Leaders: Jean Fitzgerald & Patricia Heim
Bible Leader: Jean Fitzgerald
Hostess: Jean Fitzgerald (370-0044)
5239 Lysander Lane

Pastors' Picks FOR LENT

During Lent, Bookmarks will be offering good reading for the season, recommended by the church's pastoral staff. If you're looking for a good book for either devotional reading or study, you might consider one of the "Pastors' Picks" featured below and in the next issues of *First Edition*.

Sam Cooper's Pick

A Hunger for Healing: The Twelve Steps as a Classic Model for Christian Spiritual Growth by Keith Miller



A number of years ago, I worked at an alcohol and drug treatment center in Savannah, Georgia, as part of an academic program. One evening I had an epiphany: "The Holy Spirit is as alive in this twelve-step group as any church I have ever known." Men and women were acknowledging the crushing reality that their lives had become unmanageable

and recognizing the need to turn them over to a

Power greater than themselves. "Churchly" words were not being used but Godly things were happening.

A Hunger for Healing: The Twelve Steps as a Classic Model for Christian Spiritual Growth, by Keith Miller, has awakened many who have felt their lives spinning out of control to the power of God's Spirit. While others have attempted to adapt 12-step programs to any number of maladies that are part of the human condition, Miller does it with heart and integrity.

Keith Miller has been around for a while. *The Taste of New Wine* was first published in the mid sixties and has appeared in three editions with forewords by Elton Trueblood, Henri Nouwen, and George Gallup, Jr., respectively. His own, often difficult, experience of God's grace is shared freely in whatever he writes. I commend it to you as a guide for your Lenten discipline.

Missionaries to Native Americans Speak to Adventure Sunday School Class

Rev. Diane Wonnenberg and her husband, Rev. Charles, are missionaries to the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota and represent our denomination through The Outreach Foundation. They are supported financially in our church's mission budget and have hosted mission teams from First Presbyterian Church for the past two years. The most recent trip focused on repairing the Mniska Presbyterian Church, established in 1887 as a Lakota Sioux Presbyterian congregation.

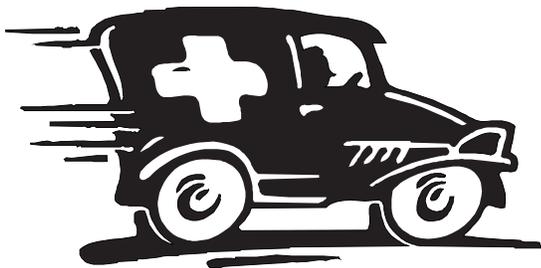
At the heart of the Wonnenbergs' work is a vision to proclaim the Gospel, to strengthen and equip existing Native American congregations toward a mission vision, and to encourage discipleship through Bible study and leadership training. The plans for the ministry include weekly Bible studies and ministry in Dallas, bi-weekly or monthly Bible studies on reservations, revival services, seminars on evangelism and mission, leadership training in targeted areas, and development of curriculum materials to enhance mission awareness and response for use in congregations on or near Native American reservations.

First Presbyterian Church will host Rev. Diane Wonnenberg on Sunday, February 27, and you are invited to attend the Adventure Sunday School Class for a presentation about their missionary work as well as the service opportunities



undertaken by our mission teams over the past two years. The Adventure Sunday School Class meets in the Edgar Room (located on the second floor of the Ministry Wing just beyond the pulpit side of the sanctuary).

Please join us on Sunday, February 27, as we celebrate this growing missionary partnership with the Wonnenbergs. You might just find that God is calling you to South Dakota for the next mission service opportunity.



Blood Donors: This year we are providing you four ways to schedule your donation appointment.

- 1) Make your appointment online from the FPC homepage (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). From the Red Cross site, look for the "Make a Donation Appointment" section on the left side of the page and choose the link labeled "Enter a Sponsor Code." When prompted, enter `fpcnashville` to find open appointments.
- 3) Contact Patricia Heim in the church mission office (615/298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org).
- 4) Sign-up on Sundays in Courtenay Hall during the Sunday School time (March 6, 13, and 20).

****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 30.**

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 Patricia Heim in the church mission office (615/298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org) to let her know your interest and availability.

RED CROSS Blood Drive

Sunday, March 27
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Enrichment Center

Life's good... Camp makes it better!



Make the best of your kids' summer by registering for Oak Hill Day Camp now.

Register online through the church website or pick up an Oak Hill Day Camp 2011 color booklet.

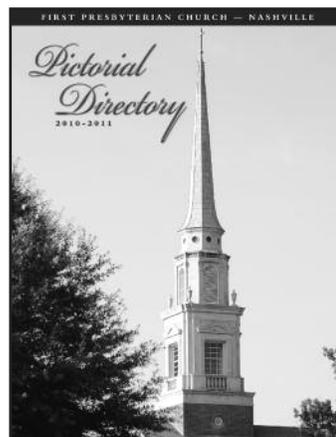
**OAK HILL
DAY CAMP**
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Pictorial Directories are Here

The beautiful new directories have been distributed on recent Sundays between worship services. If you had your picture taken for the directory, you may now receive your free directory at the Reception Desk during church office hours. If you did not have your picture taken and would like a copy, you may purchase it in Bookmarks, the church bookstore.

Also, if you are a new member as of September 2010, we would like your family to have a complimentary copy. Please pick one up at the Reception Desk Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

Due to cost, we are unable to mail directories.



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).

Safe Haven Family Shelter Opportunities

Mission Statement: Safe Haven Family Shelter provides shelter and transitional services that empowers Middle Tennessee homeless families with children to achieve lasting self-sufficiency.

Safe Haven Family Shelter (SHFS) is a 24-hour shelter where homeless families can stay together. The average length of stay is 30 to 45 days. The resident(s) must be employed or in pursuit of employment, and must adhere to program rules. The 3rd Avenue South location houses five families. The common goal is to empower the residents to leave the facility and to maintain independence. On September 21, 2010, SHFS was presented with the Marvin Runyon Leadership Award. The award recognizes a local non-profit that has sound management strategies in the heat of crisis.



FPC has pledged to provide volunteers to the Shelter six times a year. Our church is looking for any individual or group of people to help with just one of those nights. A "group" could be two best friends, couples, a parent/child, a youth group, a women's circle, a part of a Sunday School class, or a prayer group. If you feel led, come prepare a meal or spend the night. If you are unable to do either, pray for the ministry that is occurring there.

We have several volunteer opportunities for 2011 and 2012. Because this is such an enjoyable service opportunity, several volunteers request to do this every year! That is why we are booking 2012 spots as well.

The following are the ways in which we are looking for help:

Overnight Volunteers

There is a need for 1-2 people to spend the night. They arrive at 5:45 P.M. to receive orientation and a briefing. They eat dinner with the residents. They have their own room (with two twin beds) and bathroom. They lock the door at 10:00 P.M. and set the alarm. They may leave at 6:00 A.M. the next morning.

Meal Volunteers

Two or more individuals are asked to prepare an entree, two vegetable dishes, and a dessert for between 10-25 residents. They should arrive no later than 5:30 P.M. and dinner is served at 6:00 P.M. They too get the opportunity to eat with the residents. After cleaning up, they are free to go home.

We currently have the need to fill the following Monday night spots in the year noted:

2011

April 4 Dinner: _____
Night: filled!

June 6 Dinner: _____
Night: filled!

August 1 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

October 3 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

December 5 Dinner: filled!
Night: _____

2012

February 6 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

April 2 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

June 4 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

August 6 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

October 1 Dinner: _____
Night: _____

December 3 Dinner: filled!
Night: _____

Learn more about SHFS and take a tour of the 3rd Avenue facility. To find out more information, log onto www.SafeHaven.org. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these listed dates, please contact Mary Earthman directly (665-8845 or MEarthman@bellsouth.net). Mary is coordinating the volunteers for the listed nights FPC has reserved.

**Had Enough of the Cold Stuff?
Think Ice Cream!
Martha O'Bryan Ice Cream Crankin'
Sunday, June 12 @ FPC Nashville Campus**



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Youth Happenings

Sunday School on February 27:

- **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 March 6:

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

Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 services in the sanctuary every Sunday, and "the 5:30" in the Enrichment Center in the evening. Families, please join us at one of these worship services each Sunday.

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

10th Grade Laser Tag is Sunday, February 27, 3:00-5:30 P.M. Bring \$\$ for food and laser tag. Parents drop off and pick up at the Tyne House

Spring Break Commissioning and Lunch: All youth and leaders going on the spring break mission trip will be commissioned on Sunday, March 6, at the 11:00 service, then families of all going are invited to bring a Mexican dish to share for lunch and a short meeting in Courtenay Hall following the service!

9th Grade Nursing Home Visits are Sunday, March 6, 2:00-4:30 P.M. Parents drop off and pick up at the Tyne House!

Register NOW! Go to firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register to sign up for the Great Escape, New Orleans Mission Trip, and Senior Mystery Trip.