

# First Edition

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**Todd Jones**  
Pastor

## My Dear Friends,

Easter is God's way of getting our attention. It is God's way of getting us to stop, to listen, to look and to behold the presence and power of the Lord. There is nothing subtle about Easter. It comes with sound and fury, with an earth-shaking, life-changing flourish.

Consider how Matthew tells of the first Easter morning. "And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said.'"

God knows how to get our attention. God knows how to stop us in our tracks. The women at the tomb, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, come to the tomb with death on their minds. They come with their private grief, their disappointment, their memories, their expectations, and above all, their presumptions of despair. All is lost for them as they come to the tomb that first Easter morn. And God confronts them with a whole different reality, and by doing so turns their worlds upside down. God takes them by surprise. God grabs hold of their attention. They come in fear and sadness, and the angel announces the best news the world has ever heard. They come thinking their lives are over, that all they hoped for is dead and gone. And God announces in as dramatic and surprising a way as is possible that their lives are just now beginning. "Do not be afraid, I know you are seeking Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He has been raised, as He said." This is the first and honestly, the only message that matters at Easter. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Because He lives, we can live as well. And this great fact of life means that Jesus will never be found among the dead, but among the living.

"He is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see Him." Jesus goes ahead of you into every Galilee, every tomorrow you will ever face. And your job is to tell of this Good News. Death has no hold on Jesus, so it has no power over us either. We do not need to fear. We need to spread the news that He is risen, that Jesus lives. And we need to relax in this great truth that is the Resurrection. We can stop worrying that it all depends on us, or that we need to do it all. God has done this great thing for us. "It is finished," said Jesus from the cross. The Resurrection is God's way of getting us to see that this is so.

God gets our attention in all manner of ways. God gets our attention through tragedy and terror. In the midst of them, we ask life's most important questions, and we find that even loss and sorrow can make us more alert and awake to God's redeeming power and presence. The cross teaches us that God does not save us from suffering so much as God saves us through it, through His own suffering for us upon the cross. And the events of Easter remind us of the truth of this. Life began for these women on Easter not only when they heard the message that Jesus had been raised, but when they acted on it. Life began for them, and can begin for us, when we realize that we are called by God to be witnesses to Easter. "Come see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead.'" The women heard this message and acted upon it. "So they left the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples." This is what Matthew wants us all to understand. They received the Good News of Easter and they ran with it. Life begins for us when we are able to take hold of what we have been given and run with it. Life begins for us when like the two Marys on the first Easter, we go forth with that strange mixture of fear and joy to get on with our lives, to live in the light that streams from Easter over all the world. Life begins for Christians when you realize that you can live life fully here and now, right where you are. Christ is risen, and He is with you, wherever you go. Life begins when you realize that by removing from us the fear of death,

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# The Mission of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.



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Christ has given you full possession of your own life. God has given this to you, your life, free and clear, so that you can live it fully, freely, passionately, joyfully.

It is so easy to give in to fear. That is why the angel is always telling us, "Be not afraid..." We need to be reminded. For fear is always at hand, some public or private demon, some cloud hanging over our head, some unnamed fear that gnaws at our soul even in the midst of joy. Fear can rob you of life. That is why Easter is so important. It is the clear, unmistakable message that we do not need to be afraid. When Jesus suddenly met the women on that first Easter He offered the same word as the angel did. "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Christ is risen, and He goes ahead of you into every tomorrow, Lord of the future. We need not fear death, or the grave, or the future. Christ is Lord of all, and that includes all of your tomorrows. So join the two Marys. Do not miss Easter. Experience it by witnessing to its power and great truth.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

With Love and Prayers,

## Greeter Volunteers Needed

To greet people between services in the Courtenay Hall area from 9:30-10:00 A.M. Contact Martha Davis (297-7365 or marthacdavis@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## 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.



Carolyn & Tom McDonald on the death of Carolyn's mother, **Ruth Draper Quarles**, who died March 13. Sympathy also to Meredith, Mike & Hudson Stewart, Mark & Carey McDonald.

Ansley & Lee Black on the death of Ansley's grandfather, **Tolbert Gilley Higgins**, who died March 14. Sympathy also to Andrew & William Black, Andy & Linda Higgins.

Martha Thompson on the death of her husband, **Joeseph Thompson, Jr.**, who died March 23. Sympathy also to Celeste, Jim, Caroline & Sarah Joy Crouch.

Robert E. McAdams on the death of his wife, **Lillian Shacklett McAdams**, who died March 24. Sympathy also to Robert S. & Alda Rae McAdams.

*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.*

## Holy Communion

On Sundays when the Sacrament of Holy Communion is not observed during worship services in the sanctuary, Communion will be served in the Session Room following both the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. worship services for anyone who wishes to receive communion.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 6, 2012**

**Sermon**

"The Burial"

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 57:14-21  
Mark 15:40-47

**Todd Jones**  
Pastor

**EASTER SUNRISE**  
**APRIL 8, 2012**

**6:30 A.M.**

**Sermon**

"Firstborn"

**Scripture Readings**

Colossians 1:15-20

**Stuart Gordon**  
Pastor

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 8, 2012**

**8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

**Sermon**

"The First Day"

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Mark 16:1-8

**Todd Jones**  
Pastor

**APRIL 15, 2012**

**Sermon**

"If You Forgive..."

**Scripture Readings**

John 20:19-29

**Sam Cooper**  
Pastor

## ADULT & FAMILY



## Mission Opportunities

### **Haiti Young Adult July 2012**

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**Dates:** July 14-21

**Cost:** \$1,175 (estimated); \$330 deposit due April 15; vaccinations recommended.

**Brief Details:** Young adults from FPC and PSF alumni serving together at Wings of Hope school for special needs children; both relational and construction work opportunities as well as visits to mission projects supported by FPC-Nashville; price determined based on airfare at time of booking.

**Trip Leaders:** Decker Chaney and Katy Miller

### **Dominican Republic November 2012**

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**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**

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**Dates:** February 16-22 (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

### **Kenya & Rwanda July 2013**

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**Dates:** July 17-August 2

**Cost:** Under development; deposit due December 31; requires vaccinations.

**Brief Details:** Construction on churches in both countries as well as visits to mission projects supported by FPC-Nashville; Kenyan safari included; children must be age 12 to participate.

**Trip Leader:** Dr. Bob LaGrone

### **Jamaica February 2013**

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**Dates:** February 16-23 (Presidents' Day weekend)

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

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

**Trip Leaders:** Craig Buffkin & Nathan Brandon

**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. Online registration for trips is available on the church homepage at [www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org).

**Scholarship Assistance** is available to FPC members for all FPC-sponsored trips by contacting Sandra (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>.

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***FPC Event Co-Chairs***

All proceeds benefit Martha O'Bryan Center,  
a covenant mission of the  
Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.



On a foundation of Christian faith, the Martha O'Bryan Center empowers children, youth, and adults in poverty to transform their lives through education, employment, and fellowship.

## Transition to Hope

In January of 2012, three beautiful women – Tiffany, Saran and Lynn – graduated from the program at The Next Door. Through their hard work and dedication to succeed, the three women's journey to hope, peace, joy and wholeness culminated with the Transition Ceremony, where our very own Presbyterian Women offered music, prayers and a wonderful reception. We wish Tiffany, Sarah and Lynn all the best as they continue on their life journey.



## 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, April 25, 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.



## Keeping Our Children Safe

The school thanks you in advance for ensuring the safety of our students during track practice this season. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and several Fridays, the main church gate at Franklin Road, the loop road and both drives in front of the Sanctuary and Cheek House will be closed for track practice from 3:10 to 4:00 P.M. through April 24. If a funeral is scheduled during



our practice we will make adjustments accordingly. We have 80 students participating this season!

We greatly appreciate your flexibility and considerations to keep the children safe while running.

## Weaving God's Blessings Into Our Lives

During his recent visit to FPC, Reinerio Arce-Valentín, Rector of the Cuban Seminary in Matanzas, presented Todd Jones with a gift of crocheted handiwork from a group of women known as Weavers of Hope. This group was formed in 2002 by thirteen women from the Cuban seminary and the surrounding area with the goal of improving the quality of life for the women, their families and communities.

The women offer regular workshops to participants including the development of weaving, crafting and life skills as well as time for spiritual reflection. An outgrowth of this group has been the development of other women's groups in other communities. The women focus on building and deepening relationships with one another while learning how to improve self-esteem, conflict resolution, family relations, and even receive English language and computer literacy training.

Thirty percent of the income generated by the sale of their handiwork is retained to purchase needed supplies for the programs offered while the remaining 70% is used to improve the quality of life for the weavers, their families and their surrounding communities. In Matanzas where the Seminary is located, donations are regularly made to programs caring for the sick and elderly.

FPC provides \$10,075 annually to the Cuban seminary in support of its training of pastors and lay leaders for the Presbyterian Church in Cuba. Glory to God.



"Gloria a Dios"

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## An Exciting Look at Upcoming First Friends Spring Events



■ **Lunch: Sunday, April 15, 12:00 P.M.** — Germantown Café in North Nashville, Germantown. We are returning to one of our faves. This friendly little café seats us in its private dining room and offers upscale brunch items at reasonable prices. No stairs to maneuver. We love it! RSVP by Friday, April 13.

■ **Lunch/Program: Thursday, April 19, 11:45 A.M.** — Meredith Hansel and Emily Parish (and our own Alfred Farris if he is back from Africa) with Land Trust of Tennessee will be our guests. They will be informing us on the importance of this organization and sharing some of the exciting projects it represents. The Land Trust of Tennessee seeks to preserve the unique character of Tennessee's natural and historic landscapes and sites for future generations. Buffet lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$6. RSVP by Monday, April 16.

■ **Theatre Outing: Sunday, April 29, 1:00 P.M.** — Bring a sack lunch to eat after worship service, and then we will travel to Franklin on the church van for Boiler Room's production of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. An American classic, this touching story demands gentle treatment, and the Boiler Room Theatre's cast and crew are sure to deliver. Cost for the play is \$19. Payment and reservations must be received by Thursday, April 12.

*Make all reservations with Ginny Barber (298-9509 or gbarber@fpcnashville.org).*

### First Friends Activities for April and May

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER
Sunday	April 15	Sunday Lunch	12:00 P.M.	Germantown Café	
Thursday	April 19	Thursday Luncheon	11:45 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Courtenay Hall	Land Trust Representative
Sunday	April 29	Of Mice and Men	2:00 P.M.	Boiler Room Theatre	
Friday	May 4	First Friday Bridge	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Cheek House	

#### Older Adult Week (May 7-11):

Monday	May 7	Party with Pre-school	10:00 A.M.	Courtenay Hall	
Wednesday	May 9	Glen Leven (TBA)			
Thursday	May 10	Speaker/Reception	4:00 P.M.	Courtenay Hall	Curt Hahn (Director of Deadline)
Friday	May 11	Workshop: Wills	10:00 A.M.	Vance Hall	Warner McNeilly
Thursday	May 17	Thursday Luncheon	11:45 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Courtenay Hall	Andy Spickard
Sunday	May 20	Sunday Lunch	12:00 P.M.	Sperry's, Cool Springs	
Monday	May 28-June 1	Savannah Trip			

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## June Bells — a Chance for You to Learn (*Remember How*) to Ring Handbells!

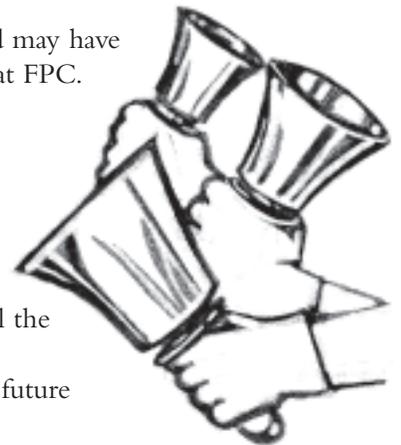
Have you enjoyed hearing the bells in worship this year? Maybe you've found yourself thinking, "I'd really like to learn how to play someday" or "I used to ring years ago. It'd be fun to do it again, but I'd need a refresher course." Well, here's your opportunity!

By this time next year, you'll be so much smarter, will have made some new friends, and may have developed a new passion in life as well as a new niche in the worship life of God's people at FPC.

- Four Mondays in June from 9:30-10:30 A.M.
- For adults, youth and children (entering 4th grade and above)
- No performance expectation
- Bekah Caruso, leader

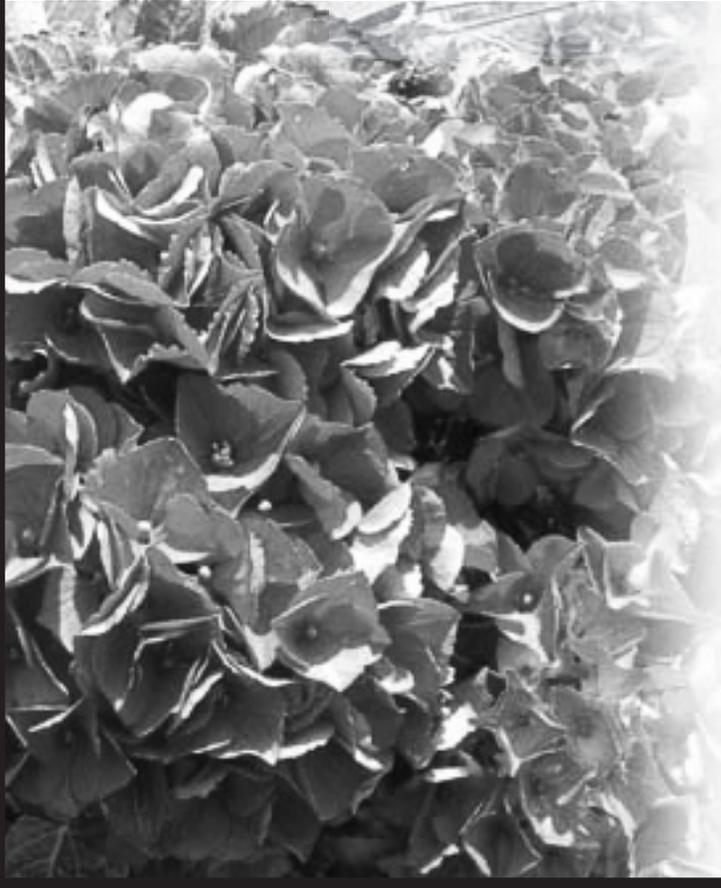
Come with your son or daughter. Come with a buddy. Come on your own. Come! Call the Music Office at 298-9517, or e-mail Bekah at bcaruso@bellsouth.net to reserve your spot!

Is the time not good for you? Make the contact anyway to add your name to the list of future possible ringers.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN PRESENTS

# *A Heart to Bloom*



We invite all women of the church to join Presbyterian Women for a buffet-style dinner at the home of Kathy Wright on Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. (A shuttle service will be available between the church and her house on Tyne Blvd).

The weather should be beautiful — flowers and hearts alike should all be in bloom as we fellowship and enjoy the food catered by FPC-member Emily Frith and Corner Market Catering.

Tickets will be on sale for \$12.00 beginning April 15 in Courtenay Hall on Sunday mornings and from Ginny Tindle at the front desk through Thursday, May 3.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **You are invited to Summer Splash!**

Early Preschool is inviting all preschoolers, ages 2-5, to join us this summer at Summer Splash! The fun includes arts, outside water fun, cooking, music, gardening and so much more!

Summer Splash runs six weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 A.M.-2:30 P.M. Register for as many weeks as your summer allows.

Register online at <http://education.fpcnashville.org/SummerSplash.htm>. Don't delay — sessions fill up quickly! For more details and information call Brenda Lutz at 298-9536.

### **SPLASH WEEKS:**

June 5-7  
June 12-14  
June 19-21  
July 10-12  
July 17-19  
July 24-26



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## Confirmation Class of 2012-13: Leadership Transition

We will be transitioning into a new leadership team for the Confirmation class starting in the season of 2012-2013. Scott McConnell and Nathan Brandon have been called to lead our children through the Confirmation process and it goes without saying, they are thrilled.

We would like to publicly thank Mort and Jami Hill, who have passionately led the Confirmation Class for seven years and have decided that it is time to use their God-given gifts in other areas. They have touched the hearts of over 400+ First Presbyterian Church children and walked beside them during this precious time we call Confirmation. Scott and Nathan both would note at this point in their faith journey, that had their paths not crossed with Mort and Jami some 15 years ago, they would not be taking on this leadership role. Not only are Mort and Jami great faith mentors to youth and children, they have been the same for many adults. Thank you, Mort and Jami, for sharing your love of our Lord!

We will be conducting a meeting for parents and their current 5th grader on May 13, from 9:45-10:45 A.M. to discuss the upcoming year, the plans, expectations and key dates for you to put on your calendar.

So, what does this mean for our kids? Well, the Confirmation class has two purposes. The most important purpose is to help our children grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior. We will dig deeper into what this relationship looks and feels like, as well as have some fun. We like fun because believe it or not, Jesus is FUN!

Second, the Confirmation class is about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church. Yes, it is Sunday School, but it also serves a dual function in that we learn about the church's history, the basics of Protestantism and the Reformed tradition, the leaders of the movement, the Presbyterian form of government and many other things.

Getting to know Nathan and Scott a little better. . . Nathan grew up in Lewisburg, Tennessee, and he went to the University of Tennessee where he met Amy, his wife. They have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 15 years and were long-time members of the PIP class with Mort and Jami Hill. They have two daughters, Abby and Anna. Nathan currently serves as a Deacon and chairs both the Stewardship and Disaster Response Committees, as well as serving on the Oak Hill School Board. After his family, the most important accomplishment that Nathan claims is visiting Jamaica seven times for a mission trip. Every time he goes back to Jamaica, he comes back knowing God a little bit better.

Scott grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee and is also a University of Tennessee grad. He met Liz, his wife, shortly after moving to Nashville in 1995. They have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 11 years and have two daughters, Maggie and Abby. Scott was recently ordained as a Deacon and will be serving as co-chair of the Communications Committee. Aside from these new responsibilities, some of his most fulfilling moments have been

being a part of the Confirmation Class as a small group leader for the past three years — as Scott puts it “sometimes it’s easier for me to see the Lord through the eyes of a child.”

Nathan and Scott are looking forward to building on what has come before and sharing great new ideas, which they will share with parents at the May 13 meeting. If you have questions, you may contact Nathan Brandon ([nathanbrandon@comcast.net](mailto:nathanbrandon@comcast.net)) or Scott McConnell ([semcconnell@comcast.net](mailto:semcconnell@comcast.net)).



Jami Hill



Nathan Brandon



Scott McConnell



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Explore the depths of God's Word  
at VBS with **Operation Overboard!**

Dare to Go Deep with God! June 25-28.

Online registration and volunteer sign-ups are open  
on the web — dive deep with us this summer!

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# **MEN**

**(9th grade and up)**



## **WE WANT YOU...**

**To join the Army of Singing Men**

### **MISSION:**

**Mother's Day Offertory**

**May 13, 11 AM service**

### **BOOT CAMP:**

**FPC Choir room**

**Sundays 9:40-10 AM**

**April 22, 27, May 6, 13**

**DRILL INSTRUCTOR Raphael Bundage**

## Calling All Adults!

During the school year, 100+ adults provide leadership in our children's Sunday School classes. Through the summer, we offer them a chance to attend their own adult class and we ask other volunteers to provide Sunday School leadership with a shorter time commitment.

This Summer children entering grades 1-6 will meet together to explore Bible stories about children who served the Lord. Children will also be given the opportunity to memorize 12 scriptures related to the Bible stories. Another part of our Sunday School lesson will be introducing and letting the children explore several spiritual practices like journaling, meditation and praying in color.

The Children's Ministry Team is looking for adults with a passion for sharing Bible stories with children. We are also looking for adults who want to grow in their own practice of spiritual disciplines by providing guidance to our children as they engage with God in new ways.

To volunteer as a Bible study leader or a spiritual practice guide, please visit the Children's Ministry website under Summer Sunday School or contact Tina Rose (298-9534 or [trose@fpcnashville.org](mailto:trose@fpcnashville.org)).



## Snow in the Desert?

Forty-two high schoolers and ten leaders headed to Arizona for Spring Break with expectations of dirt, no showers, tents, hard work and great fellowship. What they did not expect was unseasonable rain, snow, and hail for two of the days to start out the camping week! However, everyone overcame the cold and wet conditions and succeeded in building unforgettable relationships, as well as completing various stages of new houses on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

Everyone got to know the wonderful staff from Amor Ministries on the worksites, as well as some of the families living around the build sites. One group even had the pleasure of eating a home-cooked lunch of fried bread and beans prepared by a neighbor! In addition to working, the crew spent some time playing miniature golf at Golfland in

Phoenix, taking in beautiful views from Papago Park, hiking off the Apache Trail and even some lake diving into Canyon Lake. And of course, the trip wouldn't be complete without 3 stops at In-n-Out Burger!

It's amazing how God works through the unexpected and challenges to create a wonderful and adventurous trip.



# Deep & Wide Living a Faith that Matters

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

Drama is a wonderful tool in Bible Study, helping make the Bible story come to life for children of all ages.

During this school year, the children in our five- and six-year old Sunday School classes have acted out several Bible stories to help them remember the story and experience it from several perspectives. Part of the fun is getting to wear costumes!

Acting out the story of three men thrown into a fiery furnace (Daniel 3) helped our six-year olds in the Grace Class discover how difficult it can be to stand up for your faith. They also learned about God's presence with them in times of trouble.

Our five-year olds in the Mercy Class acted out Simeon meeting baby Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2) and experienced the joy of someone who had waited his whole life to see the Messiah.

Children in the Love Class took a long journey to see what it might have been like for boy Jesus traveling to Jerusalem for the Passover (Luke 2:41-52). They decided what they might need to take on that trip and explored what life was like in the first century for Jews traveling in the Roman empire.

Each group of teachers uses the Presbyterian-written curriculum as their starting point when they design lessons that interest the children and meet their learning styles and developmental needs as learners.



The teachers in our Love Class are Russell Brothers, Lauren Ross, Emmitt Russell and Susan Wood. The teachers in the Mercy class are Kevin Campbell, Kathy Celauro and Garry Latimer with parent helpers, Sarah Campbell, Elizabeth Carrero and Polly Johnson. Our Grace Class leaders are Frank and Lauren Blair, Mickey Fitts and Linda Tarkington.

### Bible stories our five and six-year olds are learning this month

**April 22:** John 20:1-23

*Jesus is Risen*

**April 29:** John 20:19-31

*Jesus and Thomas*

**May 6:** Matthew 28:16-20  
and Acts 1:1-11

*Jesus Christ is with us Always*

## A Good Season to Grow

Do you appreciate good music? Do you sing the hymns on Sunday mornings? Can you read music, or are you willing to learn? Now is your chance! Spring is the best time of year to join one of FPC's choirs. Why? Because all of our major concerts are over, so there's absolutely no pressure!

Some people might be intimidated by the quality of FPC's choirs, but you will not find a more welcoming group of people, singers of all skill levels. My husband and I have been members of the Sanctuary Choir for five years now. In such a large church, it is easy to get lost or feel alone, but we have found our home away from home. Without our own family nearby, the choir has stepped up to that role — they have been with us through thick and thin, helping us raise two beautiful little girls. We love every single choir member dearly. For us, being in the choir has been worth every minute of our time!

If you might be getting even a little inkling, please come and speak with any choir member about your options (we're the ones in the white robes).

**Sanctuary Chorale:** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 P.M.; sings 8:30 A.M. service

**Sanctuary Choir:** rehearses Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 P.M.; sings 11:00 A.M. service

— Justin Near, Choir Member

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Please deliver by April 7, 2012

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*Executive Pastor*  
Mark DeVries  
*Associate Pastor to Youth  
& Their Families*  
Stuart Gordon  
*Associate Pastor for Discipleship*  
Sandra Randleman  
*Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Care & Mission*  
Tom Walker  
*Parish Associate*  
Bill Bryant  
*Pastor Emeritus*  
Keith Gunter  
*Associate Pastor for New  
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*Older Adult Ministry  
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Deb O'Brien  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

Letitia Green  
*Director of Recreation*  
Katy Miller  
*Youth Program Coordinator*  
Karen Fitts  
*Nursery Coordinator*  
Raphael Bundage  
*Conductor, Sanctuary Choir*  
Keith Moore  
*Conductor, Sanctuary Chorale*  
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Oak Hill School*  
**Administration**  
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*Finance Manager*  
Zonia Nunley  
*Property Manager*  
Carl Womack  
*Food Service Director*  
Lynn Elliott  
*Pastor's Assistant*  
Eric Skinner  
*Communications Coordinator*

## Youth Happenings

**No Sunday School April 8 — Easter  
Sunday School on April 15:**

- **7th grade** meets in the Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th grade** meets in room #102,  
downstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **10th grade** meets in room #101,  
downstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **11th grade** meets in room #100,  
downstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **12th grade** meets in the Tyne House  
(Exodus Class).

**Sunday Worship:** 8:30 and 11:00  
services in the sanctuary on Sundays, and  
“the 5:30” in the Enrichment Center.  
Families, please join us at one of these  
worship services each Sunday.

**Great Escape:** Deadline to register your  
6th or 7th grader for the Great Escape is  
April 9!

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

**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)).

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

## Parents' Night Out

For ages 3 (if potty trained) through 6th  
grade, from 6:00–10:00 P.M. Cost is \$10 per  
child (\$15 per child on May 19). Dates are:  
Friday, April 13, Saturday, April 28, Friday,  
May 11 and Saturday, May 19. Call 615-298-  
9583 or email [emunoz@fpcnashville.org](mailto:emunoz@fpcnashville.org) for  
reservations. Reservations are not required  
but are helpful.

the  
5:30

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