

# First Edition

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Pastor

## My Dear Friends,

In New York City, at Sixth Avenue and 20th Street, there is a hot new shopping spot where high end clothing for men and women, home furnishings, expensive children's toys, imported leather goods and even gourmet foods can be purchased, all in the same building. It is called Limelight Marketplace, and it was featured in

a recent edition of *Town and Country Magazine*. What is interesting to me about the place is that all of these shops, some 60 in number, are housed in a building that used to be an Episcopal Church. The Gothic arches are still very much in place, the rose window is elegant and exquisite, and the black and white marble squared floors are all polished and intact, but instead of providing a beautiful sanctuary for the worship and service of God, they all add flavor and style to a hip new group of boutiques where consumers can find whatever their hearts may desire. Between Gothic-styled quatrefoils and winding staircases now are tucked one shop after another.

The article and the pictures of Limelight Marketplace left me wondering. What happened to the church that used to house this congregation? Surely at one time some people deeply committed to Christ and His Church had sacrificed to build this lovely former house of prayer. People of all ages must once have called it their church home. Even as a shopping boutique the stunning beauty of the church is still evident. The neighborhood is a very fashionable one, and I know of at least one vibrant congregation that is housed in this same area in the city. What happened to this once vital church to make it die? Did something dramatic occur to kill it, or did it more likely die a slow, gradual death? Were there points in time where different decisions might have altered the course of its death? At what point did its members lose hope in the future and close the doors of this beautiful church? Did the founders of this lovely church ever envision that one day their beloved congregation would be no more a church at all, but a shopping center?

I rather think that these people, likely long since dead, had no idea that the church they called their religious and spiritual

home would one day die, simply cease to be a church at all. They probably were too committed to the way things always were to imagine that they might ever change. Two summers ago we visited Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. It was without a doubt the greatest church in all of Christendom when it was built, and the grandeur and sheer beauty of it still remains. But since 1453, Hagia Sophia has not been a church at all. For almost five hundred years it served as a Mosque, as the Ottomans took over Constantinople and changed the city's name to Istanbul. Since the 1930's, Hagia Sophia has been a museum. The architecture remains decidedly Christian, the beautiful mosaics depict Christian themes and theology, but no one would mistake it for a church. Architecture can help to express the beauty and power of the Gospel, but it takes living people, committed to Christ, to make a church. No people, no church. It is as simple as that.

As we enter another fall season with all of our programs humming at full throttle, let me remind you that it is only the commitment of the people of God to the mission and ministry of the church that gives a congregation its life. We are no more alive as a church family than you are committed to our life and work. Your gifts of time, talent and money, your presence in the worship and service of First Presbyterian Church are the indispensable ingredients that it takes to give us life. "You can not spell church without U!"

So as we enter this busy season of the year, and consider the beauty and grace of our own church buildings and grounds, please pause to reflect again upon your own commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ. We are the oldest worshiping community in the city of Nashville, but that is no guarantee of our future. Your gifts, your commitment, your love for our life and ministry are the only things that will keep us going. Your life in Christ and your love and giving to our church are the only source of life that we have. They are the forces that will keep us breathing, alive and well.

Thank you for your commitment to the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. You give us 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.



Kathy & Mickey Sparkman on the death of Kathy's mother, **Nannie Mae Lawson**, who died on September 10.

Mary Margaret Young on the death of her husband, **Paschall Young**, who died on September 10. Sympathy to brother-in-law, John Payne (Georgeanna).

Dayna & Brad Turney on the death of Brad's mother, **Mary Frances Charlton Turney**, who died on September 11. Sympathy to grandchildren, Matt, Megan & Will Turney.

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

*Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers of the church.*

### The Sacrament of Baptism

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



Dana & Mark Pollard presented their daughter, **Sammy Grace Pollard**, for baptism on September 18. Assisting Elder was Don Swain.

### Are You Being Called to be a Stephen Minister?

Stephen ministry is a listening ministry...

**Serving people who are experiencing:**

- Job Loss
- Illness
- Death
- Spiritual Crisis
- Challenging Relationships
- Disabilities



The initial training consists of 50 hours followed by monthly continuing education and supervision.

**Please contact Sandra Randleman (298-9502) ASAP!**

### Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, October 18, immediately following both worship services for the purpose of voting on a slate of candidates presented by the Officer Nominating Committee, and for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (New Church Development). Nominated for Elder, Class of 2014 are Jerry Breast, Sam Cook III, Tom Cunningham, Helen Dale, Lip Davis III, Jim Denton III, Marbut Gaston Jr., Bill Henderson, Malcolm Liles, Chip Smith Jr., Hugh Tanner and Norene Yowell.

Nominated for Deacon, Class of 2014 are Nathan Brandon, Will Clark Jr., Les Coble Sr., Nell Ann Crowe, Mickey Fitts, Katie Sue Ford, John Hollins Jr., Brian Jorgenson, Bob Knestrick, Eric Lamb, Scott McConnell, Warner McNeilly III, David Rader, Jim Shaub II, Jenny Soares, Bill Stone, Weeza Swain, Albert Tieche, Tom Van Pernis and Rebecca Walker.

Nominated to fulfill an unexpired term for Deacon, Class of 2013 is Ben Roney. Nominated to serve as congregation-at-large members for next year's Officers Nominating Committee are Patti Bryan, Michael Hindman and Mary Lee Bartlett.

### New Contemplative Prayer Group

Are you interested in learning more about centering prayer and *lectio divina* (prayerful reading of the scriptures)? Would you like to participate in a group that studies and practices these forms of prayer? Dr. Sandra Randleman is forming this group. Let her know if you are interested ([srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 298-9502).

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2011**

#### Sermon

"Relationships that Give Life: The Art of Mending What Is Broken"

#### Scripture Readings

Genesis 50:15-21  
Matthew 5:21-26

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**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2011**

#### Sermon

"Relationships that Give Life: The Gospel According to Andy DuFresne"

#### Scripture Readings

II Corinthians 8:1-7  
Acts 20: 31-35

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## Seminarian Spotlight — Teddy Christenberry

You may not be aware, but FPC now has five young people in seminary preparing for vocational ministry: Jay Howell, Adam DeVries and Trey Wince at Princeton Theological Seminary, and Teddy Christenberry and Courtney Blacksten, who are graduate residents with the Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT). Over the course of the year, we will introduce each of these seminarians to our congregation, starting with Teddy Christenberry.

Teddy grew up at FPC, where, as a high school student, he developed the youth ministry's first student-led worship band. Last year, he served as Junior High Youth Director, as well as worship leader for the 5:30 service. This year, he transitions into a new role as our Director of Youth Worship where he is developing youth-led worship teams, in addition to overseeing our high school large group programming and leading our high school small group on Wednesday nights. Teddy has the shortest commute of anyone on staff, living as he does in the Tyne House with a number of other CYMT residents.

Through the Center for Youth Ministry Training, Teddy, along with 32 other young people, takes graduate-level classes at Memphis Theological Seminary and works in ministry 25 hours a week. In addition, he receives weekly one-on-one coaching in ministry and participates in a learning cohort of peers ministering in other congregations. CYMT was co-founded by FPC and Brentwood United Methodist Church in 2006 with the goal of providing specialized theological and practical training for youth ministers. For more information, visit [www.cymt.org](http://www.cymt.org).

Our church celebrates Teddy's call and training for ministry.



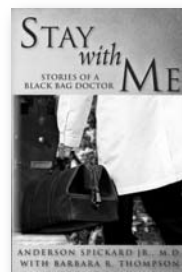
*Teddy Christenberry, Graduate Resident in Youth Ministry*

## Join Us for a Special Book Signing

On Sunday morning  
October 9, 9:30-10:15  
A.M., our own Dr.

Anderson Spickard will be in BookMarks, our FPC bookstore, signing copies of his new book, *Stay with Me*. Through an entertaining combination of humor and emotion, Spickard gives an account unique to his specialty in infectious disease and addiction and the manner in which he relates to his patients. His anecdotes stress the importance of understanding a patient's condition and seeing patients in their own, familiar environment. An ideal guide for medical students and an intelligent story for the general public, *Stay with Me* smartly criticizes modern medicine's reliance on technology and praises the power of the individual doctor to approach their patients on a personal level.

The following Sunday, October 16, Dr. Spickard will make a presentation on this book and share stories from it during the Sunday School hour in Vance Hall (Marbut Gaston's class).



## The Parish News

Did you know that First Presbyterian Church has an informal e-mail that announces member deaths, new babies, hospitalizations and new members? It also announces and reminds our membership about the where and when of church happenings. You only receive this e-mail if you request to be put on the mailing list.

The e-mail letter called "The Parish News" is sent to about 700 people in the church, goes out once or twice a week and is only one page long. It is a quick and easy way to be informed about church news. The e-mail was originally written for Parish Leaders to receive information about the happenings in their parishes but "The Parish News" address list has grown since so many other members wanted to be kept informed. The news that is published only comes from official church sources and only involves FPC events.

If you would like to try out receiving this unique FPC communication tool, contact Amelia Watson (298-9598 or [awatson@fpcnashville.org](mailto:awatson@fpcnashville.org)).

## First Friday Bridge

First Friday Bridge kicks off Friday, October 7. Gather a foursome and join us in the Cheek House every first Friday from 1:30 to 4:00. If

you want help putting a table together, please call and we will help you. Some tables come early as well. If you plan on joining us for Bridge, please call Betsy Davies (377-

3048). First Friends provides cards and tables, drinks and snacks — all we need now is you!



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

# "The Vine"

*Studying the Scriptures verse by verse through daily study questions, group discussion and life application*

**Thursday, 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the Session Room  
September 15, 2011 through May 2012**

This year's study: the Gospel of John — Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Are His words displayed in your life? Your walk and talk are inseparable testimonies to the watching world. Can you give the reason for the hope that is in you to those who ask? John shares with us his relationship with Jesus to bring us closer to the love of Christ. In this verse-by-verse study we will understand more fully the complete joy we have in Jesus Christ and the relationship given to us by the One who said you are My friends.

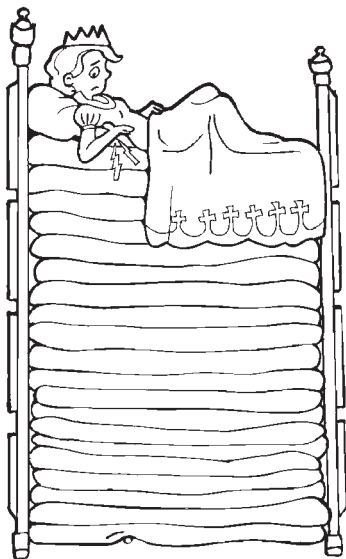
Study books (\$20) will be available at class. Registration forms may be picked up from Ginny Tindle (383-1815).

## Adopt A Student

In Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fable, "The Princess and the Pea," we are taught the importance of a good night's rest. The students of Monroe Harding need our help. Presbyterian Women are pleased to partner with the Monroe Harding Children and Youth Home to begin an exciting new project — "Adopt A Student."

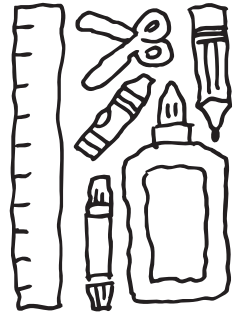
As members of First Church, you have the opportunity to purchase new bedding for one of the students living at Monroe Harding's facility. For a mere \$200, your family can provide a new mattress, mattress cover and pad, sheets and comforter for the students. You may choose to adopt more than one student! Our goal is 24 mattresses in all.

Checks may be made to First Presbyterian Church with the subject line Monroe Harding Mattress Drive. You may place your checks in the collection plate or give them to Ginny Tindle at the reception desk. Thank you for your compassionate support for such a worthy cause. Who knows? One of the princes or princesses may grow up to rule their own kingdom someday!



## It's Back-to-School time and Martha O'Bryan needs your help!

The children served by Martha O'Bryan are in need of school supplies for the new school year. The items needed are:



- Crayons • Pencils
- Kleenex • Glue sticks
- Paper towels
- Colored pencils
- Markers (washable, in packs of 8)
- Hand sanitizer (alcohol free)
- Dry erase markers (various colors)
- Standard two-pocket folders
- Children's Scissors
- Gallon-sized zip lock bags
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Lined wide-ruled notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled, one subject)
- Index cards (plain & lined)
- Texas Instrument 89 calculator
- School uniforms (khaki pants sizes from children's size 6 through 36-inch waist, white or navy polo shirts in sizes: kids 6T-16 & adult sizes small-extra-large).

Items can be dropped off in Courtenay Hall on the Presbyterian Women's shelf. For more information, contact Yvonne Ayers (yvonne@ayers.net or 371-9516).

## First Friends Older Adult Ministries Announcement

Tuesday, October 4, at 10:00 A.M. "Workshop: To Cut or Not to Cut — That Is the Perennial Question." A landscape specialist with The Parke Group will be with us to answer that question. We will meet in the Breakfast Room at the Cheek House. Reservations not needed.

Tuesday, October 11, 10:00 A.M. Tour the Governor's Mansion. We will meet at the church and go together for a 10:30 A.M. tour. Lunch afterward is not planned. Reservations for the tour are required.

Make reservations with Ginny Barber at 298-9509 or gbarber@fpcnashville.org.

## A Second Fall Inquirers' Class Begins

An Inquirers' Class will be held for persons interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as members or who wish to obtain more information about the history and mission of First Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian denomination. Persons considering membership are encouraged to take the Inquirers' Class before joining First Presbyterian Church.

The class will be held for five consecutive Sundays, October 16, 23, 30, and November 6 and 13, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 A.M.) in the Session Room (MW-203 on the second floor of the Ministry Wing). For more information, please call the church office at 383-1815 or Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

## Homeless Mentoring Team Being Formed

The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission is partnering with small teams from area congregations to assist with mentoring formerly homeless people in the Nashville area. Our goal is to recruit 5-6 people who will make a weekly commitment to mentor an individual. Please contact Mike Sowers at 293-5400 or [msowers@vol.com](mailto:msowers@vol.com) if you are interested in being part of this team.



## FPC Nashville Children's Choirs

Children's Choir is the place where children learn about God through music. Come join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M., September 2011 through May 2012.

Visit <http://fpcnashville.org/onlineregistration.htm> to register.

## Praying Together

Please join Sandra Randleman to study, practice and experience various forms of prayer. We will meet Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 P.M., in Vance Hall (room MW-222), beginning September 14. Our goals are to have a deeper understanding of prayer, a greater commitment to practice prayer, a closer relationship with God and prayerfully seek ways to minister to others in our community through our prayers.

For more information, contact Sandra Randleman at 298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).



## ADULT & FAMILY



## Mission Opportunities

### Jamaica January 2012

**Dates:** January 7-14

**Cost:** \$1,650 (est); \$900 deposit due October 1.

**Brief Details:** Construction work and development of new church partner relationship.

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

### Cuba Spring 2012

**Dates:** April or May

**Cost:** \$1,800 (est); \$1,000 deposit due December 31.

**Brief Details:** Light work projects and relational visits with partner church.

**Trip Leaders:** Mike & Pam Shampain

### Rwanda July 2012

**Dates:** July 11-27

**Cost:** \$4,600 (est); \$1,500 deposit due January 31; requires vaccinations.

**Brief Details:** Construction on brick church and visits to mission projects supported by FPC-Nashville; Kenyan safari included; children must be age 12 to participate.

**Trip Leader:** Dr. Bob LaGrone

**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 First Presbyterian Church online — mission trips abroad, local mission opportunities, stories, pictures and more.

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

## Children's Basketball League

Every fall, First Presbyterian Church offers a Children's Basketball League for children in kindergarten up to rising 6th grade. Our season runs from October 29 to December 17, with practices starting during the week of October 17. The fee is \$100 for K-3rd grade and \$110 for 4th-6th grades. You may register online at [www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org). We look forward to seeing you this fall.



## ROOM IN THE INN MINISTRY STARTS NOVEMBER 2

Christ calls us to love and serve others, just as He has loved and served us. First Presbyterian Church seeks to fulfill Christ's commission to aid the hungry, the stranger and the needy in our community by offering an outreach ministry serving the homeless during the coldest months of the year. We participate in this ministry through Room In The Inn, a city-wide interfaith agency designed to provide assistance to homeless men and women with needs varying from basic food and shelter to those persons ready to take the step of treatment, job placement and housing. Since 1986, Nashville's homeless have been served by congregations across the city whose volunteers provide hospitality, hope and love all in witness to the amazing power of God's love.

Each Wednesday night during November through March, this congregation faithfully lives out our call to serve others by hosting 14 men on our campus. The men spend the night in the Cannon Center (north side of campus near pool) receiving a hot dinner, an opportunity to launder their clothing, take a hot shower and enjoy the ministry of presence and hospitality from members of the congregation who eat dinner or spend the night with them. Breakfast is provided each morning along with a sack lunch to sustain the men until the next evening's dinner, likely at another Nashville church.

We are ready to resume this ministry to Nashville's homeless on Wednesday nights beginning November 2, and we need you to help us fulfill that commitment. A bulletin board with volunteer opportunities and sign-up spaces may be found in Courtenay Hall. The tasks are varied and most require just a very small time commitment, but the reward of service to those in need is immeasurable. Look over these volunteer roles and choose a date to serve with your family, friends or even a committee or Sunday School class.



### Volunteer Opportunities for Room In The Inn:

- **Weekly Captain:** The captain's job is to recruit volunteers to fill the various tasks required for a particular Wednesday night.
- **Van Driver:** Pick up guests using the FPC bus from Room In The Inn campus on 8th Avenue South, and drive them to FPC; return guests to Room In The Inn Thursday morning.
- **Overnight Hosts:** Two men are needed to spend the night with the guests and prepare a microwave breakfast the next morning.
- **Breakfast and Lunch Food:** Donate assembled sandwiches and soft fruit for lunches and also microwave-ready breakfast food.
- **Laundry:** Wash bed linens, towels and washcloths used by the guests and return to the Cannon Center by the following Monday.
- **Dinner Food:** Dinners are provided most nights by FPC, however, volunteers are needed to prepare dinners on selected Wednesday nights when there is no meal service at FPC. This year those nights include November 23 (before Thanksgiving), December 21, December 28, January 4 and March 21 (Spring Break). Plan on enough food to serve 18-20 people including extra helpings for the guests and FPC volunteers.

Contact our church Room in the Inn Co-Chairs, Hal Sauer (hs71@att.net or 243-0167) or Martin Terrien (terrien@bellsouth.net or 891-0986) if you have questions, need further information, or would like to plan a special event for one night of Room in the Inn.

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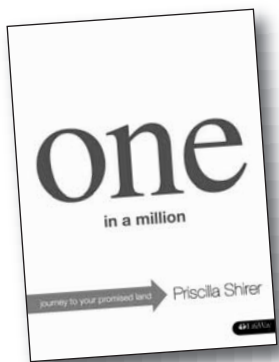
*The King will reply,  
"I tell you the truth,  
whatever you did  
for one of the least  
of these brothers  
of mine, you did  
for me."  
Matthew 25:40*

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### Attention All Golfers!

Please save the date of October 11 for the 4th Annual FPC Golf Scramble. The Congregational Fellowship Committee has secured an exceptional chance to play the private Vanderbilt Legends Club. We will have a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. and finish with supper at the club and award presentations by 6:30 P.M. Cost is \$78 per person. In order to fulfill our agreement with Legends, we need definite golfer commitments ahead of time. Please contact Jerry Breast (331-2360 or vkbjcb@aol.com) ASAP to save your or your foursome's place for this terrific event.



## Women of the Word (WOW) Wednesday Morning Study

Leslee Bechtel, Lee Oakley and Mary Loch Smith invite women, typically late 30s to late 50s, for Wednesday morning Bible study in Vance Hall (Room 222), 9:30-11:15 A.M. each week, beginning on September 14. Friendly and welcoming, the group has enjoyed a rich life together for a number of years. The fall study is *One in a Million* by

Priscilla Shirer. Modern-day Christians often hear and understand the promises of God each Sunday morning at church, but then rarely choose to experience them in everyday life. In this study Priscilla Shirer invites us to change that pattern for good, living beyond our circumstances and expecting to see God move in miraculous ways day after day. This is a DVD-based study, with an accompanying workbook.

Please let us know of your interest by emailing Leslee Bechtel (llbdesigns@aol.com), Lee Oakley (oakleyfam@comcast.net), or Mary Loch Smith (mlochsmith@comcast.net). Cost for the book is \$12.00.

## Join a Circle

If you are new to FPC, you may wonder “**What is a Circle?**” A Circle is a small group of women who meet together monthly to nurture their faith through prayer and Bible study. The Circle then puts that faith into action by supporting our church family and many in its local and foreign missions work.

**What kinds of women are involved in Circles?** Women of all ages and stages of life who are seeking fellowship, Bible study and service are involved in circles.

**What are Circles studying this year?** The Circle Bible Leaders have selected an inspiring study: *Christ* by John Stott, that examines the life, character and claims of our Savior who became a man in order to save a fallen world.

**When do Circles meet?** Circles meet the second Tuesday of the month beginning in September and continuing through May 2012. The Day Circles meet from 9:30-11:30 A.M. in the Cheek House. The home Circles meet at 10:30 A.M. in individual Circle members' homes. The Jo King Evening Circle meets at 4:30 P.M. to prepare lunches for Hospital Hospitality House, with dinner in Courtenay Lounge at 6:00 P.M. and Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. Tom Walker at 6:30 P.M. Circle 6 meets at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Jean Fitzgerald.

**How can I join a Circle?** Complete a Circle enrollment form located in the literature rack in the church office area. Return forms to Ginny Tindle at the reception desk. Or you may contact Shelia Odusote (915-1727), Dawn Wylie (834-5878) or Janet Thomas (370-3698).

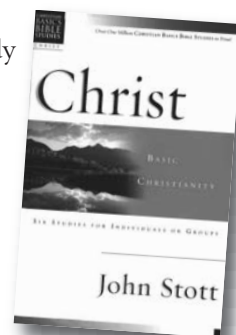
**Is nursery care provided?** Yes, nursery care (ages 6 months-3 years) is provided for Cheek House Day Circles. Contact Karen Fitts (298-9519 or kfitts@fpcnashville.org) to make an advance reservation.



## Presbyterian Women Circle Study

**CHRIST**  
*Basic Christianity*  
By John Stott

“Knowing Christ is where faith begins. From there we grow...” This year’s monthly Circle Bible study will lead us in knowing Christ in a deeper way and growing in Him. We will study passages in the Bible that explore topics such as the claims of Christ, the character of Christ, and the Spirit of Christ. The Circle study each month will begin with a Scripture passage followed by discussion questions. God Himself is seeking us and through His Son He shows us His love.



## PW Foreign Missions Field Trip

PW has scheduled their annual field trip to The Outreach Foundation to learn more about our church’s overseas missions on Monday, October 3. Please meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. to carpool to their Franklin offices. For more information, call Marcey Terrien 309-8092 or Etta Wilson 377-1146.

## Connect BIBLE STUDY

Connect Bible Study continues meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. in Vance Hall. If you are interested, contact Carrie Beth Shelton (294-9713 or carriebethshelton@yahoo.com). We also offer Wee-Connect, a Bible study for children up to age five. Space is limited, contact Karen Fitts (298-9519 or kfitts@fpcnashville.org) to register.

# Oak Hill School Marks 50th Year with Special Ceremony

On September 1, hundreds of Oak Hill School students, parents, staff, alumni and former faculty gathered to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary at its daily flag-raising ceremony.



This is one of the most honored traditions at Oak Hill School, which has started each school day for the last half-century. Every morning, as part of the school's tenet of teaching a love of country, the entire student body, staff and faculty gather around the flag as it is raised.

Oak Hill School, located on Franklin Pike in Nashville, is a coeducational, nondenominational Christian, independent school serving approximately 515 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. The school's mission is to build character and integrity in a Christian environment for a lifetime of learning and service.



*Students, faculty and alumni recite the Pledge of Allegiance at Oak Hill School's 50th Anniversary Flag-Raising Convocation.*



*More than 1,000 Oak Hill School students, faculty, alumni and supporters gathered at the school's 50th Anniversary Flag-Raising Convocation.*



*Former art teacher Lynne Thompson unveils the commemorative artwork she created for Oak Hill School's 50th anniversary.*



*Former interim Head of School Dr. Bill Campbell greets students and guests at Oak Hill School's 50th Anniversary Flag-Raising Convocation.*



## Join the FPC Career Transition Network!

With the changing economy, First Presbyterian Church is working to develop new networking opportunities for our membership. Our core purpose and mission is to "Provide a ministry to support, assist, coach, and partner with FPC members and our community to explore career options in transition in a Christian environment."

### Career Transition Roundtable

Come join us for an interactive Networking event on Tuesdays from 8:00-9:30 A.M. in the Bryant Conference Room. This is an open group, all are welcome. The Roundtable is led by Bill Kirby, a career transition professional, sharing ideas, contacts, networking information, and free career search tools and resources. Bring a stack of business cards!

### New Email Job Blast

Is your company hiring? Have you heard of job leads through other professional groups or organizations? Are you seeking direct job leads? Sign up for our new Email Blast of job opportunities. All participants are welcome. Share job

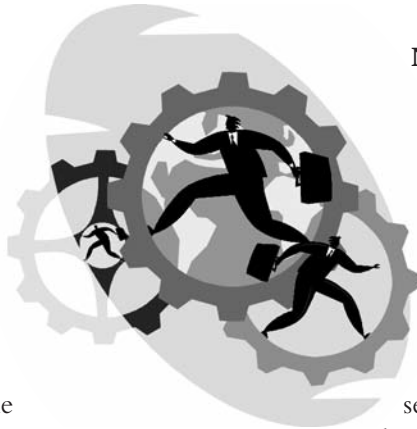
postings that you have found or simply get daily updates from others in the group. Email your address to [FPCCareerNet@aol.com](mailto:FPCCareerNet@aol.com).

### New LinkedIn Group Online

The LinkedIn discussion group was launched April 2010 and is a terrific networking resource for FPC Roundtable members and other job seekers. This online network group was established to allow for career advice, business opportunities, a discussion forum, and an active job board. Membership is strictly voluntary and includes recruiters, hiring managers, people in transition, and currently employed professionals seeking new opportunities. Come join in the discussions and invite your friends!

Have questions about any of the information listed? Have more ideas of tools and resources that would be useful to the Career Transition Network? Want to contribute useful articles to the e-Library? Have job leads to share with the membership?

Contact Bill Kirby ([bkirby@russellmontgomery.com](mailto:bkirby@russellmontgomery.com) or [FPCCareerNet@aol.com](mailto:FPCCareerNet@aol.com)). Check out our webpage at <http://ministry.fpcnashville.org/CareerTransitionNetwork.htm>.



## Nominees for the Offices of Elder and Deacon

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

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

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

Please feel free to contact a member of the committee if you have any questions about the nomination process.

### Officer Nominating Committee

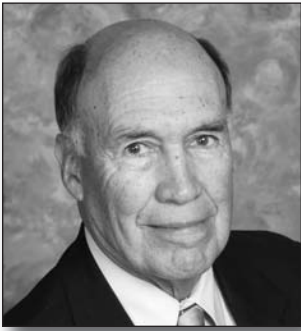
Mickey Martin, Chair	Emily Eberle
John Eason, Vice Chair	Michael Hindman
Mary Lee Bartlett	Ron Pasquale
Patty Bryan	Todd Jones, Staff Liaison



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### JERRY BREAST



**Family:** Van Kirtley Breast, wife (deceased); Jerry C. Breast, Jr., John Addison Breast, Kelly Breast Parsons & E. Van Deren Breast (deceased), children  
**Occupation:** Retired U.S. Navy  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 21 years
- Elder at FPC 1998-2000 and at FPC 2009-11
- Elder at Town Creek

Presbyterian Church 1969-71

- Youth Sunday School Teacher 1996-98
- Substitute Adult Sunday School Teacher
- FPC Personnel Committee Chair 2010-11

### SAM L. COOK III



**Family:** Nicki, wife; Katie Parker & Megan Cook; children  
**Occupation:** Vice President Sales, First Horizon Insurance Company  
**Church Involvement:**

- Lifelong member of FPC
- Deacon at FPC 2002-08
- Elder at FPC, Class of 2011
- Served as Chairman of

Stewardship Committee, served on Finance Committee, Facilities Planning Committee, Property Committee & Resources Council

- Volunteers to feed homeless at the Downtown Presbyterian Church & volunteers for Habitat for Humanity

### THOMAS C. CUNNINGHAM



**Family:** Dana, wife; Mackenzie; daughter  
**Occupation:** Information Technology Director, Davidson County Election Commission  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 20 years
- Deacon at FPC 2006-11
- Sunday School Teacher 2002-03
- Room In The Inn Coordinator for 9 years

- Habitat for Humanity Captain, 13 mission trips (6 trip leader), member of National & World Missions 2004-11, Co-Chair 2008-11, member of Missions Council 2008-11

### HELEN DALE



**Family:** James C. Dale III, husband (deceased); Robert & Jeff, children; Stuart, Rachel & Nathan, grandchildren  
**Occupation:** Retired Teacher, Franklin Road Academy  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 43 years
- Deacon at FPC, Class of 1990 & 1996

- Stephen Minister for 25 years
- Home Partner, Officer of Prayer Time, PW Circle Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Parish Leader, Prayer Partner & Potluck Supper Chairman
- Member of Breavement Committee, Congregational Care Committee & PW Coordinating Team
- Monroe Harding Volunteer

### W. LIPSCOMB DAVIS III

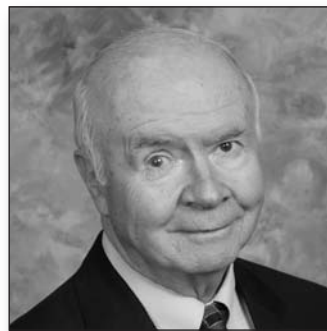


**Family:** Kim, wife; Lipscomb & Haley, children  
**Occupation:** President, Davis Cabinet Company  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC since the cornerstone was put in
- Served as Elder & Deacon at FPC
- Vice Chair of Sacraments Committee & in charge of Greeters

- Former Chairman, Offering & Ushering Committee, Property, Stewardship & Personnel Committees
- Former Jr. and Sr. High School Boys Basketball Coach

### JAMES M. DENTON III



**Family:** Berenice, wife; Debbie Folk, Kathy Stumb, Julie Petro & Jim IV, children  
**Occupation:** Agent; Fredrich, Pinson & Rothberg  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 6 years
- Elder at FPC 2009-11
- Elder & Deacon at Westminster Presbyterian Church

- Sunday School Teacher, Committee Member & Volunteer
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Deacons Class of 2014

THOMAS VAN PERNIS



Family: Rose, wife; Brandon & Paul, children
Occupation: Physical Therapist, Gentiva Home Health
Church Involvement:
• Member of FPC for 21 years
• Sunday School Teacher
• Youth Volunteer
• Multiple Mission Trip Participant
• Habitat for Humanity Volunteer

REBECCA C. WALKER



Occupation: Vice President of Human Resources, YMCA of Middle Tennessee
Church Involvement:
• Member of FPC for 6 years
• Deacon at FPC, Class of 2011
• Missions Committee 2009-10
• Vice Chair of Missions Council 2009-11

- Diaconate Executive Committee 2009-11
• Cuba Mission Trips 2006-08

Deacons Class of 2013

BEN RONEY



Family: Stacey, wife
Occupation: Vice President of Sales, Supply Services, Inc.
Church Involvement:
• Member of FPC for 4 years
• Stephen Minister Leader

Congregational Care Support & Services

Minister for Pastoral Care

For pastoral care, please call The Rev. Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502. For after-office-hour emergencies, call the church at 383-1815 for information on how to reach the on-call pastor.

Career Transition Network

Career Transition Network meets weekly on Tuesday mornings in Bryant Conference Room at 8:00 A.M. Members of the congregation and the community explore career options and network with others in a Christian environment.

Church Membership

For information on how to join First Presbyterian Church, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

DFW (Devotion, Fellowship and Work)

The DFW group undertakes minor house repairs for members who are over 55, widows, widowers or single parents. Call Hugh Welch at 297-2896 or the church at 298-9509.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare offers help for those recovering from the hurt of separation or divorce. For information, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

Grief Support

Grief Support Group is for those grieving the losses of life, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

Home Partners

Church members make a monthly visit to an elderly church member in his or her place of residence. To volunteer to serve as a Home Partner or to be assigned a Home Partner, please call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

Manna Ministry

Food from the Manna Food Freezer is available for pickup and/or delivery to persons suffering with illness. Call Kelly McMullen (298-1492), Judy Fincannon (315-0742) or Helayne Brittle (377-3323).

Officer Prayer Time

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church officers by filling out a prayer request card and depositing it in the Prayer Request Box located in the narthex. Officers meet for prayer each Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. in the church library.

Older Adult Caregiver Support

The Older Adult Caregiver Support group is for those caring for the elderly, call Sandra Randleman\* at 298-9502.

E-Mail Prayer Ministry

To place a prayer request on the e-mail system, send your requests to Emily (emilyeberle@comcast.net or 292-2120).

Stephen Ministry

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

Weddings and Baptisms

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

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

Listen to Sunday sermons online. Log on the church website at www.fpcnashville.org/worshipwithus.

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## Deacons Class of 2014

### DAVID S. RADAR



**Family:** Beth Thornton Radar, wife; Anderson, Anna Kate & Grace, children

**Occupation:** Executive Vice President, Infrastructure Corporation of America

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 7 years
- Elder at FPC, Class of 2011
- Served as Youth Sunday School Teacher

- Confirmation Class Small Group Sunday School Leader
- Served on the Parents Association at Oak Hill School
- Member of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce

### WILLIAM H. STONE



**Family:** Dee Ann, wife; Emily & Jackson, children

**Occupation:** Vice President, Corporate Development MED3000

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 6 years
- Deacon of FPC, Class of 2008
- Deacon at FPC in Pensacola, FL 2002-03

- Served as Sunday School Teacher
- Volunteered for Habitat for Humanity & Preston Taylor Ministry

### JAMES L. SHAUB II



**Family:** Anna, wife; Katie, Jim, Jr. & Caroline; children

**Occupation:** President/CEO, SouthEast Waffles

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 18 years
- Deacon at FPC, Class of 2011
- Served as Confirmation Class Leader & Sunday School Teacher
- Chairman of the Board at Cheekwood Art & Botanical Gardens

- Board of Directors for Pinnacle National Bank
- Audit Committee Member & Compensation & Human Resources Committee Member for Pinnacle National Bank
- Board of Directors/Executive Committee for YMCA of Middle Tennessee

### LOUISE (WEEZA) M. SWAIN



**Family:** Don, husband; Anne & Nathan, children

**Church Involvement:**

- Lifelong member of FPC
- Sunday School Teacher
- PW Coresponding Secretary, Treasurer 1990s
- Adult Leader for Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia
- FPC Family Church Camp Coordinator 2001-03

- Mexico Mission Trips 2002-04
- Monday Flowers 2007-present, Coordinator 2009-present
- Congregational Care Committee 2009-present
- Stephen Minister 2009-present
- Room In The Inn Volunteer 2003-present
- Creative Hands 2004-present

### JENNIFER D. SOARES



**Family:** Michael, husband; Ellie & Anna Kate; children

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 4 years
- Co-Leader for PW Connect Bible Study 2009-11
- Choir Mom Volunteer 2007-09
- Music Committee Member 2008-10
- PW Circle Leader 2007-11
- PW Christmas Program Coordinator 2009

- PW Executive Committee 2010-11
- Children's Welcome Desk Volunteer 2010-11

### ALBERT U. TIECHE



**Family:** Jennifer, wife; Taylor & Samuel, children

**Occupation:** Administer of Elections, Davidson County Election Commission

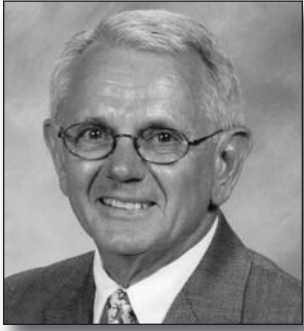
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 18 years
- Deacon at FPC 2009-11
- Officer Training & Enrichment Committee 2009-11

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### MARBUT G. GASTON, JR.



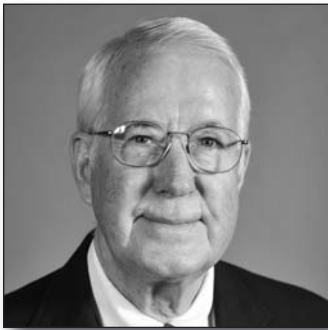
**Family:** Kathy, wife; Margot, daughter  
**Occupation:** Principal, Randolph Company Realtors  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 14 years
- Elder at FPC 2009-11
- Deacon at FPC 2005-07
- Chair of the Christian Education Council
- Member of Finance

Committee, Cuba Mission Team & former member of Adult Education Committee

- Sunday School Teacher & Leader of 2-hour Bible study, Dicipleship I, II, III and IV since 2001
- Wrote curriculum & teacher of the 28-week Bible course

### WILLIAM I. "BILL" HENDERSON



**Family:** Martha L. Reid, wife; Arthur, son; Eleanor & Owen, grandchildren  
**Occupation:** Professor, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 40 years
- Deacon at FPC 1991-97; Elder at FPC 2009-11

- Oak Hill School Board of Trustees & Treasurer 1996-99
- Presbytery of Middle Tennessee: Member, Administration & Finance Mission Unit, 2010-11
- FPC: Church Treasurer, 1992-97; Chair, Finance Committee, 1992-97; Member, Finance Committee, 2009
- Chair, Sacraments Committee, 2010-11

### MALCOLM H. LILES



**Family:** Marion (Kookie), wife; Leighton & William; children  
**Occupation:** Family Wealth Director, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 17 years
- Deacon at FPC 2001-04
- Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church 1991-95

- Serves on Investment Committee and as an Usher

### ROBERT L. "CHIP" SMITH, JR.



**Family:** Mary Loch Smith, wife; Rob, Mary Daniel & Sam, children  
**Occupation:** President, Marshall & Bruce Printing Company  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC since 1975
- Deacon of FPC, Class of 2008
- Served on the Recreation

Committee and as a Sunday School Teacher

- Men's Bible Study
- Volunteered for the Meals on Wheels program
- Serves on the Board of the Printing Industry Association

### HUGH C. TANNER



**Family:** Ellen, wife; Caldwell, Caroline & William, children  
**Occupation:** Managing Director, Morgan Keegan & Company  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 15 years
- Elder at FPC 2008-present
- Deacon at FPC 1997-2003
- 4th grade Sunday School Teacher 2001-02

- Oak Hill School Board 2002-06
- Member of Adult Education, Stewardship & Recreation Committees

### NORENE B. YOWELL



**Family:** George, husband; Ginger Sheppard, Mary Lucy Yowell & Georgia Ferrell, children; Tinsley & Lacy Sheppard & Adelaide Ferrell, grandchildren  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 23 years
- Deacon at FPC, Class of 1993, 1995 & 1996; Elder at FPC, Class of 2000 & 2003

- Member of Local Missions, PW Circle 2 & Mission Liason to Preston Taylor. Former PW Circle leader & former member of Enrichment Committee
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# Deacons Class of 2014

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## NATHAN BRANDON



**Family:** Amy, wife; Abby & Anna, children

**Occupation:** Fixed Income Sales, Fifth Third Bank

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 15 years
- 5th Grade Sunday School Teacher 2009-10
- Confirmation Class Group Leader 2010-present
- Habitat Build Co-Chair 2007-11

- Adult Mission Committee Vice-Chair 2009-10
- Chair of Disaster Response Committee
- Oak Hill School Board of Trustees 2010-present
- Jamaica Mission Trips 2004-11

## NELL ANN CROWE



**Family:** Christian & Caleb Carpenter, children

**Occupation:** Marketing Director, The Cumberland at Green Hills

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 10 years
- Deacon at FPC 2009-11
- Confirmation Leader 2002-09
- Member of Children's Education Committee

- 2002-10 & Youth Missions Committee 2009-present
- 10:24 Leader 2008-present & Youth Mission Trip Leader 2008-11

## WILLIAM N. CLARK, JR.



**Family:** Anne Holmes Clark, wife; William, Harry & Oliver, children

**Occupation:** Senior Vice President, Strategic Development, Healthways, Inc.

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 7 years
- Deacon at FPC, Class of 2011

- Stewardship Committee
- Board Member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee and Leadership Healthcare

## MICHAEL A. (MICKEY) FITTS



**Family:** Karen, wife; Will & Emme, children

**Occupation:** Consultant, C3 Consulting

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 17 years
- Deacon at FPC 2009-present
- Sunday School Teacher 2003-present
- Young Children & Worship Leader 2007-present

## KATIE SUE FORD



**Family:** Carlos, husband; Catherine Thompson & Beverly Evans, children

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 7 years
- President, Secretary & Treasurer of Women of the Church
- Choir member for 35 years
- Member of Property, Worship & Evangelism Committees

- Chairman of Columbarium & Bereavement Committees
- Secretary to the Official Board
- Youth Group Leader & Sunday School Teacher
- Superintendent of Nursery Department of Woodmont Christian Church
- PW Circle Leader, Chairman of the Pictorial Directory & Silver & Linens Committees

## LES COBLE, SR.



**Family:** Elizabeth, wife; Olivia, Stella & Daviss; children

**Occupation:** Chief Operating Officer, NeighborMD Urgent Care

**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 40 years
- Deacon at FPC 2010-11
- Sunday School Teacher 2003, 2009

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## Deacons Class of 2014

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### JOHN J. HOLLINS, JR.



**Family:** Laura Satterfield Hollins, wife; Meredith Grace & Emily Bryant, children  
**Occupation:** President & Managing Partner, Hollins, Rabin & Wiessman  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 49 years
- Deacon of FPC since 2008
- Adult Missions Committee 2008-11
- Personnel Committee 2009-present
- Habitat for Humanity home builds & tornado relief 2009-11

### ERIC R. LAMB



**Family:** Nicole, wife; Eli & Mary Virginia, children  
**Occupation:** Vice President, Morgan Keegan  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 11 years
- Friends in Faith Sunday School Class Teacher
- Former Class Coordinator
- Young Adult Ministry Committee 2005-06
- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Safe Haven & Room In The Inn
- Youth Basketball & Baseball Coach

### BRIAN P. JORGENSEN



**Family:** Patricia, wife; Connor & Riley, children  
**Occupation:** Director of Golf, Nashville Golf & Athletic Club  
**Church Involvement:**

### ROBERT W. KNESTRICK



**Family:** Adrienne, wife; Cooper & Cole; children  
**Occupation:** District Executive Director, YMCA of Middle Tennessee  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 9 years
- Deacon at FPC, Class of 2011
- Sunday School Teacher
- Sunday School Teacher
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- Partners in Promise Sunday School Class
- Member of the Congregational Fellowship Committee
- Chair of Fiesta Splash
- 2007 graduate of Leadership Brentwood
- Served on the Brentwood Chamber's 2008 Planning Committee

### SCOTT A. McCONNELL



**Family:** Elizabeth, wife; Maggie & Abby, children  
**Occupation:** Vice President, Sales, WebbMason  
**Church Involvement:**

### W. WARNER McNEILLY III



**Family:** Amy, wife; William & Trent, children  
**Occupation:** Attorney, Watkins & McNeilly, PLLC  
**Church Involvement:**

- Member of FPC for 11 years
  - Confirmation Class Small Group Leader 2009-present
  - Room In The Inn & Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
  - Prayer Partner for Youth
  - Member of FPC for 5 years
  - Deacon at FPC currently
  - Elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church 1994-2000
  - National & World Mission Committee 2009-11
  - Personnel Committee 2010-11
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**Dated church material**  
Please deliver by October 1, 2011

**Pastors**  
Todd Jones  
*Pastor*  
Sam Cooper  
*Executive Pastor*  
Mark DeVries  
*Pastor to Youth & Their Families*  
Stuart Gordon  
*Pastor for Discipleship*  
Sandra Randleman  
*Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission*  
Tom Walker  
*Parish Associate*  
Bill Bryant  
*Pastor Emeritus*  
Arch MacNair  
*Associate Pastor Emeritus*

**Program Staff**  
Brenda Geise  
*Older Adult Ministry Coordinator*  
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*  
Susan Kirby  
*Administrator of Worship & Music Ministries*  
Rhonda Swanson  
*Assistant Organist*  
Amelia Watson  
*Coordinator of Parish Ministry*

**Schools**  
Brenda Lutz  
*Director, FPC Early Preschool*  
Jennifer Hinote  
*Head of School, Oak Hill School*  
**Administration**  
Cindy Bozman  
*Finance Manager*  
Zonia Nunley  
*Property Manager*  
Carl Womack  
*Food Service Director*  
Lynn Elliott  
*Pastor's Assistant*  
Eric Skinner  
*Communications Coordinator*

## Youth Happenings

### Sunday School on October 2:

- **7th grade** meets in The Gathering Place.
- **8th grade** meets in the Youth Room.
- **9th-12th grades** meet upstairs in the Enrichment Center.
- **Youth Inquirers Class** meets in the Cheek House Breakfast Room

### Sunday School on October 9:

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

**7th Grade Overnight to Monteagle:** October 7-8. Contact Katy (298-9570 or [kmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kmiller@fpcnashville.org)) or Brandon (298-9524 or [bvanpernis@fpcnashville.org](mailto:bvanpernis@fpcnashville.org)) for more information.

**11th Grade Overnight Trip to Orange Beach:** October 21-23. Contact Katy (298-9570 or [kmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kmiller@fpcnashville.org)) or Courtney (298-9511 or [cblacksten@fpcnashville.org](mailto:cblacksten@fpcnashville.org)) for more information.

**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).

**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)

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