

First Edition

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Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

Everyone knows something of what it is to live with circumstances that are unfavorable, or even difficult. We all have situations or conditions in our lives that we would not choose and cannot change. What we always have some degree of control over is our focus. We can choose to some extent what we will dwell upon in our lives. We can decide what will get our greatest attention. Alan Loy McGinnis says, “We can be governed by our admirations rather than our dislikes.” This is a great skill to be learned in life.

Louise Nevelson, the renowned sculptor, contends that we are called to look for beauty wherever we are. She lived in the Bowery near New York City’s skid row, and even there, she could find beauty and grace. She said, “I collect for the eye.” Sitting in her dining room looking out at an ugly, run-down building that stood across the street, she could find beauty in the varying patterns of the sun and moon reflected in the windows. She would look at a chair and say, “The chair isn’t so hot, but look at its shadow.” This is a way of seeing that becomes a way of living. And this is an ability that we all need to cultivate. We are too often blind to the beautiful because we are too focussed upon what bothers or annoys or offends.

We can all learn to find beauty, grace and loveliness in all of life. Norman Vincent Peale learned this lesson from his mother. One day Peale was crossing the Hudson River on a ferry crowded with commuters. The weather was ominous and a dense fog had settled in, surrounding the harbor. People were complaining about the dampness and the cold, the wet and windy conditions, when Peale heard his mother say to him, “Norman, isn’t the fog beautiful? There is something so soft and luxuriant about the way it caresses the buildings and the trees and casts them in a soft hue.”

Peale looked to where she was pointing. “Sure enough, it was beautiful in a way. All of us had chosen to focus on the negative and uncomfortable aspects of the weather, whereas my mother found the good in it.”

I wonder if we all can do this. Can we develop the discipline of looking for the good in people and circumstances instead of dwelling upon what bothers or annoys us? The Book of Proverbs teaches, “He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.” The Apostle Paul counseled another way when he said, “In everything, give thanks.” William Law, writing centuries ago, said, “Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most, it is not he who lives most, but it is he who is always thankful to God, who receives everything as an instance of God’s goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it.” The Psalmist said, “Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.” Let’s develop eyes to see and celebrate God’s beauty and grace!

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.

Tricia & Worth Scott on the death of Tricia's uncle, **Richard Dennis McDowell**, who died on October 20.

Sympathy to the friends & family of **the Rev. Dr. Cortez Cooper**, who died on October 25. He served as senior pastor of FPC from 1971-1980.

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.



Congratulations

The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates these members.

Nancy & Joe Dickson on the birth of their daughter, **Isabelle Jane Dickson**, who was born on August 3.

Jessie & Steele Yancey on the birth of their son, **Russell Vaughan Palmore Yancey**, who was born on September 25.

Laura & Clay Morgan on the birth of their daughter, **Elaine Louise Morgan**, who was born on October 14. Congratulations to grandparents, Carolyn & Michael Callaway.



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 & Jim Cary presented their daughter, **Abigail James Cary**, for baptism on November 6. Assisting Elder was Nan Russell.

Lacy & Mark Hardison presented their son, **Robert Ernest Hardison** for baptism on November 6. Assisting Elder was Frank Bass.



Sunday sermons are online in print and audio! Log on the church website at www.fpcnashville.org and find Sermons on the Worship page.

Salvation Army Stockings are Here!

Presbyterian Women invite you to "Stuff A Stocking" this holiday season for the children of Middle Tennessee. Each family will receive one stocking included with their Angel Tree gifts. They are filled with items suitable for children ages 1-12, with no food of any kind. Stockings may be picked up at Ginny Tindle's desk, filled and returned to Ginny's desk through December 5, 2011.

Please do not include items that may be a choking hazard. Coloring books, small notebooks, crayons, pencils, card games, hats, stickers, puzzles, socks, magnets, balls, glue, paint sets, markers and watches are some suggested stuffers. Different scouting troops, tennis teams, book clubs and Bible study groups have chosen Salvation Army Stockings as group projects in the past.

Thank you for serving God and Middle Tennessee families in such a beautiful way this holiday season.



Recreation Can Help!

Black Friday Camp — November 25, 7:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. \$30 per child. Bring a lunch, mom can go shopping, dad can play golf, we will take care of the kids!

Parents Night Out Dates — November 19, December 3, 10 & 17 from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. \$10 per child.

All events for ages 3½ – 6th grade. Contact Emily (615-298-9583 or emunoz@fpcnashville.org) for reservations. Don't forget Christmas Camp is coming December 19-23!!

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2011

Sermon

"Relationships that Give Life: Is Love a Duel or a Duet?"

Scripture Readings
Colossians 3:12-16
John 15:12-17

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SUNDAY
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Sermon

"If Jesus Really is the Judge..."

Scripture Readings
Ezekiel 34:11-16
Matthew 25:31-46

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Volunteer Opportunities at Safe Haven Family Shelter

Did you know that homeless families often must be separated by gender if they need overnight lodging in Nashville? Did you know there is only ONE shelter in Nashville where homeless families can stay together? That place, Safe Haven Family Shelter, is located just 10 minutes from First Presbyterian Church and offers a wonderful volunteer opportunity to share with your family, a group of families or a group of friends. Our church has pledged to provide volunteers to the Shelter six times a year in the following ways:



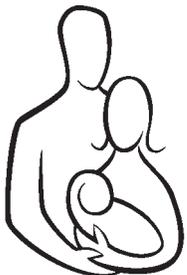
Overnight Volunteers — One to two people to spend the night. They arrive at 5:45 P.M. to receive orientation and a briefing. They eat dinner with the residents. They have their own room (with two twin beds) and bathroom. They lock the shelter door at 10:00 P.M. and set the alarm. They may leave at 6:00 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 are currently seeking volunteers to serve in 2012 as follows: Overnight Volunteers on February 6, April 2, August 6, October 1 and December 3 while Meal Volunteers are needed for dinner on June 4, August 6 and October 1. When you are done, you will be glad you said "Send me." Contact Mary Earthman (665-8845 or mearthman@bellsouth.net) to sign up for any of the volunteer openings.

Did You Know That the Birth of a Child Can Also be a Crisis?

Even though it's a HAPPY time, The CHANGES that a new baby makes in his or her parents' lives can create a lot of STRESS. New or experienced parents sometimes benefit from the caring support of a Stephen Minister.



If you desire the Christian support of a Stephen Minister, call Sandra Randleman (298-9502).



Memorial Flowers for Advent

A memorial fund has been established for chancel and sanctuary flowers during Advent. Please send your contribution and the name(s) of those to be memorialized to Cindy Bozman in the church office by December 2.



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

Book Signing at FPC

Nashville veteran attorney and First Presbyterian member John



Hollins, Jr. penned *Surviving Divorce — A Lawyer's Common Sense Guide to What You Should Know Before, During and After a Divorce*, as a sensible, easy read for anyone affected by a divorce. Hollins began writing his book on Christmas Day in 2008 while sitting at the family kitchen table with a yellow legal pad and pen in hand.

The idea originally was for a 'dos and don'ts' book to be used as a way to help his clients. Discussions with his friend H. Jackson Brown, author of the blockbuster *Life's Little Instruction Book* series, further inspired Hollins to write this common sense guide.

BookMarks, our FPC bookstore, will host a book signing of John's book on Sunday, November 13, from 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Older Adult Caregivers Support Group

If you are 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 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. The group is open to FPC member and non-member caregivers, so feel free to bring a friend. We will meet on Wednesday, November 16, 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.

Comfort and Joy Christmas Project

Since 2002, FPC families have sponsored in excess of 800 children in Davidson County foster care and provided gifts to those unable to spend Christmas with their families. If you stop by the sponsor table in Courtenay Hall beginning Sunday, November 20, you will be able to select one of these children to support this Christmas season.



With your sponsorship, you will receive a wish list that includes toys and clothing for your child; ages range from newborn babies to 18-year olds ready to move out of foster care. All gifts and cards must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 11.

Contact Sarah White or Sue Fort White (615-383-5400 or sue.fort.white@vanderbilt.edu) with any questions.

ADULT & FAMILY



Mission Opportunities

Cuba Spring 2012

Dates: April or May

Cost: \$1,800 (estimated); \$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 (estimated); \$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) 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).

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>.

Room In The Inn Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

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. Breakfast food should be juice plus microwave-ready food items.

Laundry: Wash sheets, pillowcases, 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. Those nights include November 23 (before Thanksgiving), December 21, December 28, January 4 and March 21 (private school Spring Break). Plan on enough food to serve 18-20 people including extra helpings for the guests and FPC volunteers.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact George Armistead (george@newbusinessnashville.com or 364-6000), Hal Sauer (hs71@att.net or 243-0167) or Martin Terrien (terrien@bellsouth.net or 891-0986).

Wednesdays, November through March
See Sign-Up Board in Courtenay Hall



First Friends Older Adult Ministry

■ **Luncheon: Thursday, November 17, 11:45 A.M.** — Nashville Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Ralph Schulz will bring us up-to-date on business expansion in Metro Nashville. Expect to learn the latest on the Music City Convention Center, the Omni Hotel, major companies in the area and prospects for future growth in the area. Sandra Randleman will have the devotional. Buffet lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$6. RSVP by Monday, November 14.

■ **First Friends Go Italian: Sunday, November 20, 12:00 NOON** — Following the 11:00 A.M. worship service, we will head to West End to Maggianos, one of the most popular Italian restaurants in town. Pasta dishes start at \$12.95. There are stairs and an elevator. RSVP by Friday, November 18.

■ **Celebrate Christmas at the Opryland Hotel: Thursday, December 15, 3:30-8:30 P.M.** — If you would like to see the reconstructed Opryland Hotel after the 2010 flood and enjoy its splendor of Christmas lights and magic, without the hassle of traffic and costly parking, join the First Friends' excursion via Grey Lines Tour bus for only \$10 per person. We will depart the church at 3:30 P.M., be delivered at the Hotel entrance, and have four (4) hours to explore on our own, returning to the church at 8:30 P.M. The Christmas Wonderland will be filled with Christmas displays, poinsettia trees, music, strolling cartoon characters, a craft show, a carriage ride, a ride on a boat, food — from gourmet dining to simple fare, shopping and lights — 2 million lights to be exact. To fill our 56 passenger bus, reservations will be accepted in the following manner: during November, First Friends; December 1-9, First Friends' children/grandchildren; December 10-15, all others.

■ **Come S-T-R-E-T-C-H with First Friends every Friday at 10:30 A.M.** — The Gathering Place, \$5 per session. No reservations necessary.

For more information or reservations, contact Ginny Barber (298-9509 or gbarber@fpcnashville.org).

First Friends

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Come, Ye Thankful People Come. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, bless His name! (Psalm 100:4)

Please join your church family for a time of worship. Todd Jones will be preaching, the choir will sing, the congregation will give thanks and praise to God for our many blessings through hymns, liturgy and prayers.

The service will be held in the Sanctuary. We hope that you will make this part of your family's Thanksgiving tradition. Nursery care is available.

Contact Nursery Coordinator, Karen Fitts (kfitts@fpcnashville.org or 298-9519).



David Balph Takes First Place in Talent Contest

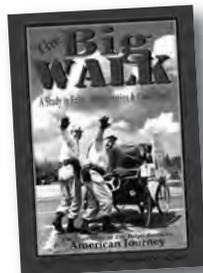
First Presbyterian Church member David Balph, trumpeter, recently won top honor at the "Silver Stars" competition at the Ryman auditorium, sponsored by HealthSpring. David and nine other finalists had been selected from 150 contestants in the Nashville and Memphis areas. David won 1st Place with his gorgeous rendition of "Stardust."



David traces his musical career in Nashville to 1963 when he and his brother Roger, also a musician, were enroute, pushing a 1,000 lb. cart, from Los Angeles to New York and the "Jack Paar Show." Upon reaching Nashville, the boys learned that the Paar show had been cancelled. The boys turned their misfortune into

Nashville's good fortune as their music began making its mark on the music scene right here in Music City.

To learn more of David's story as recorded in his book, *The Big Walk*, and to check out his CDs, go to his website at www.DavidBalph.com. David and his wife Trudy are members here at First Presbyterian Church.



Find out the latest Wednesday class offerings
& what's cooking in the kitchen!
Log on to www.fpcnashville.org.

Music Discussion Class and Pre-Concert Lectures

Music Discussion Class

This discussion-based class is intended for anyone interested in learning more about the major works that FPC's choirs perform. You do not need to be musically-inclined or literate in order to attend. The classes will be very informal, and you do not have to attend every class since each class will focus on a specific topic or section of music. Although there will be some information given — background for the piece, composer biographies, text translations where applicable, some basic music theory — the classes are intended to be discussion-based.

The FPC choirs have two major performances this year: a holiday concert on Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 P.M., which will feature Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Hodie*, and a concert on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00 P.M. featuring Mozart's *Requiem*. There will be two separate classes for each concert, each occurring for four weeks during the Sunday School hour. **Hodie:** November 20, 27, December 4 and 11. **Requiem:** January 1, 8, 15 and 22. Classes will be held upstairs at the Cheek House.

If you are interested in either class, please email Justin Near, justinnear@gmail.com, so she can send you a reminder as the concert dates near. You may also simply show up to any of the classes — it would be great to see you there!

Pre-Concert Lecture

All concert attendees are welcome to attend a brief 15-20 minute pre-concert lecture beginning 30 minutes prior to both the *Hodie* and *Requiem* concerts. The "Emmanuel, God With Us" lecture will begin at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 11, and will focus on Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Hodie*. The Mozart's *Requiem* lecture will begin at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, January 22. Each lecture will provide concert-goers with relevant background information on the composer and the primary work being performed. The lectures will be held in the Chapel.

Teacher Biography

An active church musician, Justin Near is an alto in the Sanctuary Choir and in the past has performed with the Ringtones handbell choir and as a French horn soloist at FPC. Justin holds two degrees from Marshall University — a B.F.A. in Music Theory and French Horn Performance, as well as a B.A. in Latin. Several years ago, while a receptionist and an archivist for the Nashville Symphony, Justin began pursuing a Masters degree in Theological Studies at Lipscomb University which was temporarily put aside to raise her family. In the near future, she hopes to continue her education, focusing on major symphonic religious works and their profound, long-lasting effects on humanity.

Handbell Ringers are Needed!

Additional ringers, both regulars and subs are needed!

- **Ringtones**, the choir for experienced ringers, rehearses Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 P.M., with periodic breaks.

- **Bellissima**, a group of ladies which has been ringing together for a year now, meets Monday mornings, 9:15-10:15 A.M., with time off geared to school holidays.

- **June Bells 2012**, a series of four morning sessions, is for beginners and for those who have rung previously, but who would like a refresher course. Children 4th grade and above, youth and adults are invited.

Names are being gathered for other groups as well. Surely, within our congregation of 4200+ members, there are former ringers hiding out, hesitant to reveal themselves for one reason or another. Please, do not be shy! Bekah Caruso wants to hear from you! Contact her at bcarusobellsouth.net, or reach Daphne Garey in the Music Department (298-9517 or dgaray@fpcnashville.org).



Year-End Contributions

Giving to the church during the month of December is historically the highest of any month during the year. As you consider end-of-the-year giving toward or above your pledge, please contact Cindy Bozman (298-9507) before December 16 for any special assistance you may need.

Extra giving early in the month will allow the church to pay its mission obligations in time for Christmas and will provide stock transactions time to be completed during the calendar year.

Advent Devotional Booklet from the Works of Henri Nouwen

Those who are interested in daily Advent devotions will find, beginning on Christ the King Sunday (November 20), copies of *The Lord Is Near*, in the literature areas of the church, provided by the Adult Education Department. *The Lord Is Near* is a compilation of writings by Henri M. Nouwen, one of the most innovative and influential Christian spiritual writers of the past century.

*"For God So Loved The World That
He Gave His Only Begotten Son..."*



A Heart to Give

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Please join Presbyterian Women for A Christmas Celebration and Luncheon on December 13. The free celebration will begin in the sanctuary at 10:30 A.M. and will feature the beautiful storytelling of Rebecca Alexander as she delivers "The Story Of Mary." Also featured will be the musical talents of Nate Strasser, Greg Thomas and Mary Scheib. All members of FPC and their guests are invited.

The celebration continues with a luncheon and fellowship in Courtenay Hall. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$80 per table. They will be sold between services in Courtenay Hall November 20, 27 and December 4, and at the Welcome Desk during the week by check only. No tickets will be sold after Thursday, December 8.

Childcare will be provided (with reservation only) by contacting Karen Fitts at 298-9519 or kfitts@fpcnashville.org by noon December 6. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Carswell at 292-4785 or Jean Fitzgerald at 370-0044.

Great Christmas Gift for the Younger Children on Your List

12 weeks for only \$50

New semester begins Monday, January 9 or Thursday, January 12



Musikgarten is a music and motion class for children from newborn-3½ years. The two classes that will be offered both days are "Family Music for Babies" for parents and their newborn to 18-month child, and "Family Music for Toddlers" for parents and their 18 month to 3½ year old. The "Family Music for Babies" class teaches parents how to play musically with their baby and the "Family Music for Toddlers" includes singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening and playing simple instruments.

The classes carry a supply fee for each child, to cover the cost of a CD, a family activity guide and musical instruments. Susan Kirby and Kelly Posey will be the teachers for these classes. You may register at <http://fpcnashville.org/onlineregistration.htm>.

**MUSIK
GARTEN**
Teaching Music. Understanding Children

First Presbyterian Church Would Like to Salute Enoch Stephenson

This past month, the major network news stations in Nashville carried a feature article on Enoch Stephenson, who is currently a patient at Alive Hospice. Members and pilots from the Army Airborne Division came to Alive Hospice to honor Enoch for his life of service to his country, where he served in the United States Air Force as a pilot during World War II and the Korean Conflict, finally rising to the rank of Brigadier General. They presented him with their flag.

Enoch served for many years as commanding officer of the 118th Tennessee Air National Guard. Enoch and Louise joined First Presbyterian Church shortly

after they married, and Enoch has served this church in almost every imaginable leadership position and capacity through the years. He has been a Deacon, an Elder and served on countless committees and boards in the church through the years. Most of all, Enoch has been a friend to many and a wonderful witness to what it means to follow Jesus Christ. We are proud of you, General Stephenson, and grateful for your friendship, Enoch!



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 Helayne Brittle (377-3323), Sarah Fleming (292-4180), Carey Bates (521-2825), Emily Frith (383-1094) and Terry Weingartner (332-0939) for more information.



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

Congregational Care Support & Services

Minister for Pastoral Care

For pastoral care, please call The Rev. Sandra Randleman.* 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 the 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 joining FPC, call Sandra Randleman.*

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.*

Grief Support

Grief Support Group is for those grieving the losses of life, call Sandra Randleman.*

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.*

Manna Ministry

Food from the Manna Food Freezer is available for pickup and/or delivery to persons suffering with illness. Call Helayne Brittle (377-3323), Sarah Fleming (292-4180), Carey Bates (521-2825), Emily Frith (383-1094) or Terry Weingartner (332-0939).

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

This group is for those caring for the elderly; call Sandra Randleman.*

E-Mail Prayer Ministry

To place a prayer request by email, send your requests to Emily (emilyeberle@comcast.net or 292-2120) or Sandra Randleman.*

Stephen Ministry

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

Weddings and Baptisms

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

* To contact Sandra in confidence any time of day, (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 298-9502).

11th Grade Bonded at the Beach

I cannot think of a better way to spend the weekend than sitting around a campfire on the beach with friends. Last Friday, 16 juniors loaded up and headed down to Gulf Shores for a weekend of fun in the sun. We arrived to our house on the beach late Friday night and walked out onto the shore where there was a fire ready for us to make s'mores. After cooking breakfast together Saturday morning, we headed outside to play. We held our very own FPC Beach Olympics, swam in the ocean, took walks along the shoreline and played some football. We spent the evening planning for senior year and took some time to reflect on our own spiritual journeys.



We closed the evening out with worship on the beach, an affirmation circle and cookies and ice cream! Sunday morning we quickly cleaned the house and headed home, but not without a stop at Peach Park for lunch and ice cream! It was an incredible weekend! Whether it's stargazing, cooking together, making up silly games on the beach, planning for senior year, or playing games in the van, it's guaranteed that wherever the juniors are much fun will be had!

Courtney Blacksten

Welcome to the Staff of Children's Ministry

Janie Wilkerson, who has been serving in an interim capacity since June, has officially joined the Children's Ministry staff as our Assistant Director of Children's Family Ministry. Janie is assuming the position previously held by Krista Lovell. Janie's primary responsibilities include our Milestones Ministry, Serving Together events, Vacation Bible School and special events designed for our children and their families.



Janie received her bachelor's degree in theatre arts from Baylor University and her master's degree in acting from Ohio University. Janie is an ordained Elder in the PC(USA). She has worked with children for many years as a teacher and in school administration, and has served in ministry as a Sunday School teacher, Children's and Youth committee member and Session member. She also is a proofreader/copyeditor for the Youth Specialties division of Zondervan.

Janie is married to David Wilkerson, who is a director, actor and stage manager with many professional Nashville companies. They have one daughter, Anwen, who is a freshman at University School of Nashville, and an escape ninja dog, Leo.

FPC SANCTUARY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
DR. RAPHAEL BUNDAGE, CONDUCTOR
A Christmas Concert

"Emmanuel" God with Us

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 4:00 P.M.



Pray for Military Members

First Presbyterian Church has a long history of serving others and this extends to military service as well. Just stop by any day in the church library and you will see pictures and find other information about the many members of our congregation who have served our nation in military service covering all the branches.

We presently have eight members of our congregation in active duty military service. At present three of them are deployed while deployments are on the horizon in the very near future for others. We ask you to join us in covering them with prayers for protection and wisdom as they lead and serve wherever they may be stationed.

- Erich Bancroft: Tennessee Army National Guard & ROTC at Belmont.
- Paul Caruso: Air Force; New Mexico — Son of Bekah and Bill Caruso.
- Giles Evans: Air Force; Presently deploying to Afghanistan — Son of Kaye and Winston Evans.
- Michael and Sarah Heim: Army; Hawaii, deploying to Afghanistan in January 2012 — Son and daughter-in-law of Patricia and Don Heim.
- Drew Lovell: Army; Presently deployed in Iraq — Son of Mary Ellen Lovell.
- Steven Todd: Tennessee Army National Guard; Husband of Jane Todd.
- Clayton Trammell: Navy; Virginia; deploying Spring 2012 — Wife of Kristin Trammell, and son of Chris and Rip Trammell.
- Andrew Wilson: Army; Recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center from injuries suffered while deployed to Afghanistan — Son of Gay & Russ Bruner.

Additionally, relatives of congregation members are also currently on active duty. They include:

As we approach Veterans Day, we thank all those who wear the uniform to protect our nation. May God bless each and every one.

- Jim Hite: Army; Texas — Nephew of Betsy and Nick Davies.
- Brent Turner: Marines; Japan — Nephew of Kaye and Ron Knox.
- Jimmy Vickery: Army; Texas — Brother of Cindy Cook.
- Brian Williams: Air Force; Texas — Grandson of Marjorie Hales.

Please contact Patricia Heim (adultmissions@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9593) if there are others we should add to our military prayer list.



Helping Hurting People Cope with the Holidays

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come!”

Brightly wrapped packages, Christmas trees, holiday parties, holly and the scent of pine, unending upbeat carols in shops and malls, visits from friends and family, baking and cooking, food everywhere, and the awed, hushed joy of welcoming a tiny Infant to our world and our hearts — these are the images and memories of Christmas most of us celebrate and treasure.

BUT... Each year some people — the grieving, the lonely, the sad — dread the approach of the holiday season. They have no heart for the cheer and the bustle, the anticipation and the excitement.

The First Presbyterian Church Stephen Ministry is planning a special service on Sunday, December 4, called a Blue Christmas Service... a service of hope. The service will be held in the Stanford Chapel, immediately following the 11:00 A.M. service.

If you desire the Christian support of a Stephen Minister, call Sandra Randleman (298-9502).

**Sunday, December 4
A Blue Christmas Service...
A Service of Hope**



New Members, Fall 2011



Sandy & Mark Schaap joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton, Missouri.

Sandy & Mark Schaap
1118 Granny White Court
Nashville, Tennessee 37204
Phone: 879-7363 • Parish 4

Kelly Andrews-Wahl & Larry Wahl joined First Presbyterian Church; Kelly by transfer from Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee, and Larry by profession of faith. They have a daughter, **Elise**, 10 months.

Graham & Chris Suscha joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. They have two children, **Conner**, 9, & **Caroline**, 9.

Graham & Chris Suscha, Conner & Caroline
1024 Grassland Lane
Nashville, Tennessee 37220
Phone: 400-5526 • Parish 35



Dennis Wood joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. He is married to **Susan**. They have a daughter, **Shona**, 7.



Mandy & Chas Welch, Jr. joined First Presbyterian Church, Mandy by reaffirmation of faith, Chas by profession of faith. They have a daughter, **Cate**, 2, and a son, **Charles**, 3 months.

Mandy & Chas Welch, Jr., Cate & Charles
9240 Carrisbrook Lane
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027
Phone: 483-3131 • Parish 45

**Susan & Dennis Wood
& Shona**
5222 Old Hickory Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37218
Phone: 594-3549 • Parish 44



Welcome, New Members, to First Presbyterian Church!
Inquirers' Classes, Fall 2011



Erich Bancroft joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith.

Erich Bancroft
464 Hogan Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37220
Phone: 734-4215 • Parish 37

Karen Bucher joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith.

Karen Bucher
1008 Lake Colonial Drive
Arrington, Tennessee 37014
Phone: 429-2716 • Parish 17



Whitney Booth joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Commerce Presbyterian Church in Commerce, Georgia. **John Cantu II** joined by transfer from St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Whitney Booth & John Cantu II
817 3rd Avenue North, #202
Nashville, Tennessee 37201
Whitney Phone: 706-296-9103
John Phone: 210-849-4231 • Parish 44



Kimberly & Steve Butler joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. They have a daughter, **Victoria, 1.**

Kimberly & Steve Butler & Victoria
1037 Overton Lea Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37220
Phone: 974-5861
Parish 36

Barbara & Dr. Milam Brantley, Jr. joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood, Missouri. They have three children, **Claire, 12, David, 10 & Matthew, 7.**

Barbara & Dr. Milam Brantley, Jr., Claire, David & Matthew
9619 Brunswick Drive
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027
Phone: 776-1031 • Parish 45



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Ashley & Tom Frericks joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. They have a daughter, **Hudson**, 1.

Ashley & Tom Frericks & Hudson
5008 Danestone Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37220
Phone: 516-0444 • Parish 37

Amy Harkness joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. She has a daughter, **Amelia Grace**, 12.

Amy Harkness & Amelia Grace
5409 Cochran Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37220
Phone: 333-2118 • Parish 37



Taylor Harris joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith.

Taylor Harris
3420 Springbrook Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37204
Phone: 865-310-0668 • Parish 39



Stacy Gardner joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. She is married to husband, **Matt**.

Stacy Gardner
3901 Wallace Lane
Nashville, Tennessee 37215
Phone: 292-7392 • Parish 11



Sarah & Chris Holstein joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. They have a daughter, **Miller**, 3.

Sarah & Chris Holstein & Miller
1363 Liberty Pike
Franklin, Tennessee 37067
Phone: 591-4976 • Parish 53

Dana Gentry joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Franklin, Tennessee.

Dana Gentry
1041 Boxwood Drive
Franklin, Tennessee 37069
Phone: 371-9032 • Parish 27



New Members, Fall 2011



Shelley & David Jewell joined First Presbyterian Church; Shelley by profession of faith, David by transfer from Bethel United Methodist Church in Bethel, Ohio. They are expecting a daughter, **Madelynn**, in December.

Shelley & David Jewell & Madelynn
520 Elaine Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37211
Phone: 859-552-7351 • Parish 37



Angela Perkey joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith.

Angela Perkey
5242 Edmondson Pike, #101
Nashville, Tennessee 37211
Phone: 915-1999 • Parish 38

Susannah Johnson joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith.

Susannah Johnson
3420 Springbrook Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37204
Phone: 337-5435 • Parish 39



Drew & Colyer Robison joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. They have a daughter, **Allie**, 14, who joined by profession of faith. They also have two sons, **Andrew**, 11 & **Luke**, 5.

Drew & Colyer Robison
Andrew, Luke & Allie
113 Jasper Avenue
Franklin, Tennessee 37064
Phone: 410-271-5539 • Parish 17



Louise Mukeshimana, Francoise Nibaruta & Beatrice Niyongere joined First Presbyterian Church, all by reaffirmation of faith.

Louise Mukeshimana, Francoise Nibaruta & Beatrice Niyongere
3025 Barbara Lynn Way
Nashville, Tennessee 37207
Louise Phone: 582-6605
Francoise Phone: 228-0751
Beatrice Phone: 225-0751
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Please deliver by November 12, 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

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& Music Ministries

Rhonda Swanson

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Amelia Watson

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Schools

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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 November 13 & 20:

- **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.

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).

7th Grade Rock Climbing: November 13, 3:30-5:30 P.M. at The Crag at Cool Springs.

8th Grade Parent Social: Sunday, November 13, 7:15 P.M. at the home of Bryant and Nancy Tirrill (710 Ashley Run, Brentwood).

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

To register for these events, visit us at firstpresbyterianyouth.com/register

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