

# First Edition

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Pastor

## My Dear Friends,

One of the things that human beings most need in this life is hope. When we find ourselves losing hope, we are in grave danger indeed, for we stand to lose life's most precious ingredient. Some of you know that my father was captured in North Africa during World War II. His

battalion was pinned down by enemy tanks, and they had to surrender. He served as a prisoner of war for twenty-seven months. During that time, my grandmother received word first that he was missing in action, then word that he was presumed dead. She never gave up hope and never stopped praying for her oldest son. While my grandmother died when I was a student in Seminary, and my father passed away in 1991, I still remember vividly the close bond of love between them. I suspect her prayers for him, her unwillingness to give up on him, her steadfast hope that she maintained over those two plus long years doubtless added depth and strength to their love.

You do not survive twenty-seven months as a prisoner of war without hope. It helped that my father learned to speak German and could befriend even some of his captors. It helped that he was by nature a positive, engaging, incredibly likeable man. It helped that he possessed a sense of humor, and was fit and healthy when he was captured. It helped one night when a prison guard turned the German shepherds loose to attack him on the way across the prison yard that he had an innate feel for dogs and stopped them right in their tracks with a command he had heard the Germans use. It helped that he was raised by devout Christian parents and forged a faith that served him throughout his life. But without hope, none of these other things would have been enough. He often told stories of these years that shaped his life so profoundly. When I asked him once if he was ever afraid

of dying, he said something interesting: "I didn't allow myself to think about that. Instead, I thought about the bird dog I wanted to raise when I got home."

The Bible is full of hope. It tells hopeful stories of people who trusted in God even in the midst of great trial and suffering. But hope in the Bible is finally not something we have to manufacture. Hope comes from God. The Psalmist cries, "Out of the depths I cry unto Thee, O Lord!" We do not know what prompted the Psalmist's cry, and maybe that is a good thing. None of us are strangers to what it feels like to cry out to God out of the very depths of our lives. We have all been there, in places that were deep with darkness, doubt, loneliness and pain. We have all found ourselves in places fearful and ferociously threatening. What a gift the Scriptures are that we find people of faith crying out to God "out of the depths!" The Psalmist speaks for us all when he says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope; my soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning." Then the Psalmist offers to us a wonderful word: "O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption." This is reason for our hope, and it is found in the character and identity of God.

Paul saw the whole of Scripture being written to offer hope, because God is a God of hope. "For whatever was written in the former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement if the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4). Rabbi Hugo Gryn grew up to be one of Great Britain's most respected and beloved Rabbis. As a boy, he and his family were imprisoned at Auschwitz, the largest and most deadly of all the Nazi concentration camps. They were Orthodox Jews, which made them all the more offensive to Nazi hatred and bigotry. Yet even in Auschwitz, Hugo's father insisted on observing the Sabbath and practicing their faith. One time his father took a piece of string on the

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# The Mission of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

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



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Sabbath, dipped it in a bit of butter and then lit it to make it a shabat candle. Hugo was furious and protested, "Father! That is all the butter we have!" His father replied, "Without food we can live for weeks. But we cannot live for a minute without hope."

"Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption." That is the Gospel truth.

With Love and Prayers,

*Todd*



## 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.



Jeff & Ashley Gould on the death of Jeff's father, **Richard H. Gould**, who died April 10. Sympathy also to Taylor, Lindsey & Scott Gould.

Melanie & Lee Blank on the death of Melanie's father, **Bill Patterson**, who died April 12. Sympathy also to Rebecca Blank.

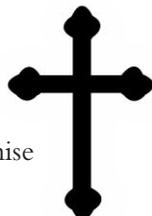
Janine & Ben Cundiff on the death of Janine's mother, **Jeanne Marie Louise Delguste Robinson Waggoner**, who died April 13. Sympathy also to Jenny Cundiff.

Jean Banner on the death of her son-in-law, **Robert Lee Whitaker**, who died April 20. Sympathy also to Louise Short Whitaker and Brad & Tee Whitaker.

*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.



Lorien and John Sites presented their son, **Samuel Clifton Sites**, for baptism on April 22. Assisting Elder was Benjamin Carswell.

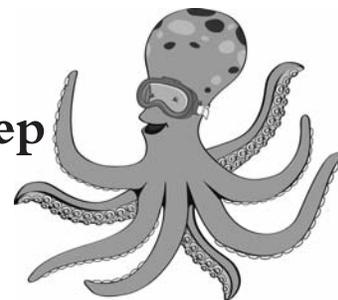
## Palm Sunday in the Nursery

A Palm Sunday parade has been a tradition in the nursery for several years, and children ages 1 to almost 3 years participate each season! The children throw down coats, wave palm branches or act like Jesus riding the donkey (donkey = nursery staff) into Jerusalem. Sunday School teachers, nursery staff and the children all shout "Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus is here!" We look forward to this special event each year!

## VBS 2012

### Dare to To Deep with God

June 25-28!



**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
MAY 6, 2012

**Sermon**  
"The Gospel in a Flash Mob"

**Scripture Readings**  
1 Kings 19:9-13  
Matthew 14:22-36

**Youth**

**MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY**  
MAY 13, 2012

**Sermon**  
"Expanding the Family Room"

**Scripture Readings**  
Psalm 98  
Acts 10:34-48

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## ADULT & FAMILY



### Mission Opportunities

#### **Dominican Republic November 2012**

**Dates:** November 3-9

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

**Brief Details:** Medical personnel offer family practice medicine, surgery, dental care or eye care in clinics or in the field depending on team member expertise; non-medical participants needed to assist in processing patients or work on clean water system construction/other projects with partner agency.

**Trip Leaders:** Dr. Jim Cato, Dr. Betsy Triggs and Rev. Keith Gunter

#### **Haiti February 2013**

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

**Cost:** \$1,300 (estimated); \$800 deposit due September 1, 2012; requires Tetanus vaccination.

**Brief Details:** Medical personnel to offer pediatric or family practice medicine, dental or eye care in clinics; non-medical participants needed to assist in processing patients or work on re-construction projects with partner agencies affected by earthquake; expect rugged conditions.

**Trip Leader:** Michael Baron

#### **Jamaica February 2013**

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

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

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

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

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

**Dates:** July 17-August 2

**Cost:** Under development; \$1,500 deposit due Dec 31; requires vaccinations.

**Brief Details:** Construction on churches in both countries as well as visits to mission projects supported by FPC-Nashville; Kenyan safari included; children must be age 12 to participate; limit of 14 FPC members; spaces reserved when full deposit paid.

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

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

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

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

## Home Partner Ministry

Home Partner Ministry is a rewarding ministry that offers an opportunity for the joy of new friendships. A Home Partner is a volunteer who makes visits to a church member who lives in a retirement home or at home and is unable to regularly attend church services because of health concerns. A Home Partner is asked to visit one church member once a month and to extend the care and concern of our church. Home Partners have the joy of delivering an Easter flower and a Christmas poinsettia on behalf of the church. If you would like to serve as a Home Partner or if you know someone who would like to receive a visit from a Home Partner, please contact Sandra Randleman (298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org)).

## Hospitalized? Call Us!

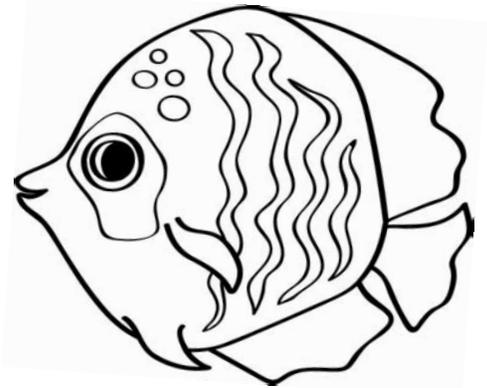
Your ministers want to visit you and pray for you while you are in the hospital. Please help us provide ministry to you by calling the church or having a family member or friend call the church, and let us know when and where you are hospitalized. It also helps us if we know of anticipated hospitalizations and surgeries. Please call the church office (383-1815) or Sandra Randleman (298-9502).

## Parish News E-Mailed to You

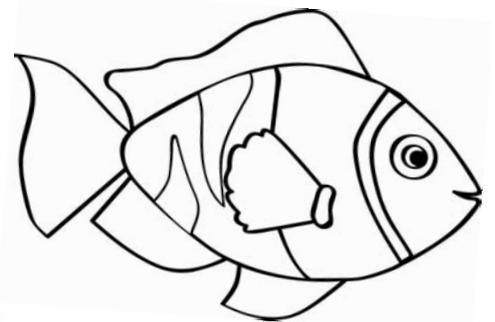
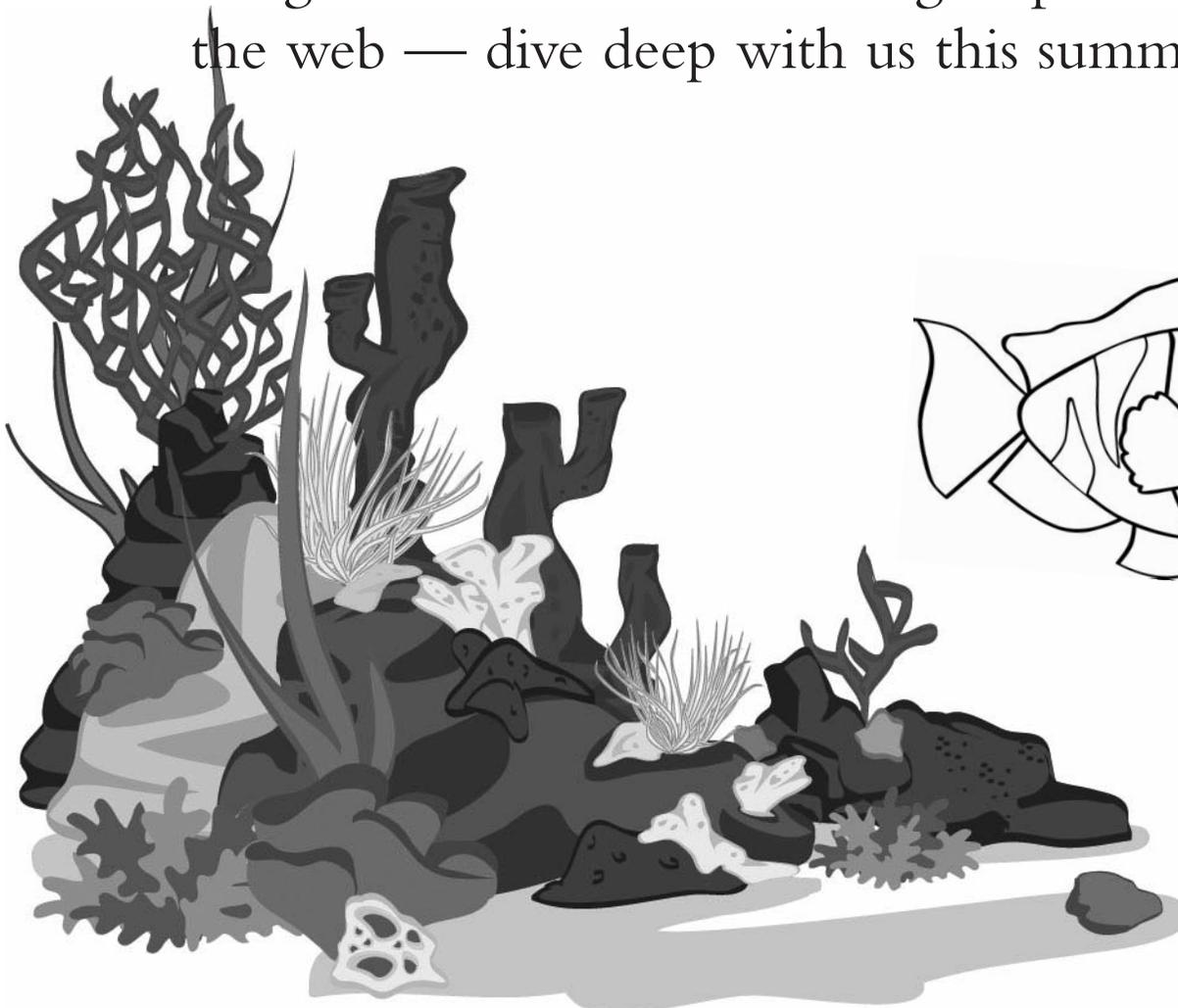
If you would like the "Parish News" e-mail sent to you, please notify Parish Ministry Coordinator Amelia Watson ([awatson@fpcnashville.org](mailto:awatson@fpcnashville.org)). The "Parish News" is sent out about twice a week with members' deaths, births, hospitalizations and news of special events in the life of the church. It is a way for our congregation to know about the life events of each of our church members. You can pick up a paper copy of the "Parish News" in the wooden box in the church welcome area.

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# VBS 2012



Explore the depths of God's word at VBS with *Operation Overboard!* Dare to Go Deep with God, June 25-28. Online registration and volunteer sign-ups are open on the web — dive deep with us this summer!



## Urgent Need for Safe Haven Family Shelter Dinner Volunteer(s)

FPC Nashville has pledged to provide dinner on Monday, June 4, for the residents of Safe Haven Family Shelter but is still in need of a volunteer(s) to fill that slot. This is the perfect volunteer opportunity to share with your family, a group of families or a group of friends.



The shelter is located just 10 minutes from First Presbyterian Church on 3rd Avenue South.

Families/individuals are asked to prepare an entree, two vegetable dishes, and a dessert to serve 10-25 residents. They should arrive no later than 5:30 P.M. in order to serve dinner at 6:00 P.M. Volunteers are encouraged to eat with the residents. After cleaning up, they are free to go home.

To offer your time or cooking skills, please contact Mary Earthman at mearthman@bellsouth.net or (615) 665-8845. Mary has additional volunteer needs to fill in future months as well, so please ask her about those if you are available at another time.

## Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin' & Summer Social

*Sunday, June 10*

*3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.*

*FPC Nashville Campus*

Cranker sign-up and ticket sales begin on Sunday, May 13 in Courtenay Hall.

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

Grace and Todd Smith  
Beth and David Vorhaus  
*FPC Event Co-Chairs*



## 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 [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

## Two New Arrivals in the Music Department!

Thanks to a generous anonymous donation by a lover of handbells, these newly-made bells joined FPC's four octaves of Malmark bells on the Wednesday after Easter of 2012. The C3 and F3 bells play the notes of the C two octaves below middle C and the F immediately above that.

Made of aluminum, they are considerably lighter in weight than the bronze ones of the same pitch and were rung for the first time on April 15 by Eric Near, when the Ringtones played "Now the Green Blade Rises" for the opening voluntary. You're invited to climb to the balcony to see these "ginormous" (as described by one ringer) additions in the fall, when the bell choirs resume their participation in worship.

Other items purchased with the gift monies include a ninth bell table, a ninth foam pad, new covers for all pads, two new bell books and replacement bell gloves. Soli Deo gloria!



## June Bells — a Chance for You to Learn to Ring Handbells!

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

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

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

Call the Music Office at 298-9517, or e-mail Bekah at [bcaruso@bellsouth.net](mailto:bcaruso@bellsouth.net) by May 18 to reserve your spot!

## Holy Communion

A pastor will offer communion on Sundays immediately following both the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. worship service in the Session Room, except for those Sundays when communion is offered during regular worship services. The service will not be a long one.

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



## The Belmont Camerata

Belmont University School of Music

Mendelssohn String Quartet in F Minor, Op. 80  
Bartok String Quartet No. 2



*Piccolo Spoleto Preview Concert*

Reception follows

**Sunday, May 20th at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Stanford Chapel**

## A Whole Lot of Kickin' Goin' On

With six fields and over 700 kids ranging in age from 3 years old through the 6th grade running at full speed for 10 hours every Saturday, there's a whole lot of kickin' goin' on at First Presbyterian Church. Twice a year, the recreation department hosts a community soccer program that is beyond imagination. Just picture over 200 3- and 4-year-olds chasing after a soccer ball — could it possibly get any cuter than that?

The recreation department's core values — faith, friendship, respect, service and tradition — are all abundant in this amazing program that draws in hundreds from FPC, Oak Hill and the surrounding community. It is a tremendous undertaking, but the results are simply breath-taking. Come on down to our fields (located behind the church and Oak Hill) any Saturday between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and see for yourself — spectators are welcome!



# Highlight Your Summer

**WITH OAK HILL  
DAY CAMP!**



For more information, contact us at 615-298-9583, or visit us at [www.fpcnashville.org/recreation](http://www.fpcnashville.org/recreation)

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## First Friends Celebrates Older Adult Week

Every year the Presbyterian Church designates a week to celebrate Older Adults and to recognize and honor their commitment to the life, witness and ministry of the church. This year, First Friends is celebrating with the following activities:

■ **Monday, May 7, 10:00 A.M., in The Gathering Place** — The FPC preschoolers have invited us to enjoy Nashville Library's Puppet Wagon with them. What will be more fun — watching the puppets or watching the children watch the puppets? Both will be great!

■ **Thursday, May 10, 4:00 P.M., in Courtenay Hall** — Filmmaker Curt Hahn will share experiences from the art of producing and promoting movies. Mr. Hahn owns Film House, the largest film and video production companies in Tennessee and one of the largest producers of TV commercials in the United States. Through his company Transcendent, he recently produced the film *Deadline*, which contains a scene in our sanctuary with Todd Jones. He and his wife, Amy, and daughter, Amelia, are a part of our First Presbyterian congregation. Come meet the Hahns and learn what's behind the big screen. RSVP by Wednesday, May 9.

■ **Friday, May 11, 10:00 A.M., in Vance Hall** — One of Nashville's most respected and our own Attorney Warner McNeilly, will do a workshop on "Will Preparation." He will address basic issues — Why a Will?, What It Includes, Selecting an Executor — and any other questions you may want to ask. If you don't have a will, this is a must for you; if you have a will but are considering making changes, this will be very helpful.

■ **Monday, May 14, 9:00 A.M.** — We will visit Glen Leven Farm, the only Land Trust in Nashville. This circa 1857 home sits on 65 acres just up the road from the church. The last resident of the property was Susan West, great-great granddaughter of John Thompson, the builder of Glen Leven, who received the original land grant on the then 900-acre property. We are thrilled by the invitation to visit this special home. A \$5 donation per person requested. RSVP by Friday, May 11.

## Additional May Activities

■ **Thursday, May 17, 11:45 A.M.** — First Friends Luncheon/Program. Dr. Andy Spickard will share from his recent popular book, *Stay with Me: Stories of a Black Bag Doctor*. The book is an account of Andy and Sue's journey through the rigors of becoming a doctor and then the moving encounters with patients throughout his practice. Andy's strong faith is at the core of every page. You will love him even more after hearing his presentation. Lunch \$6. RSVP by Monday, May 14.

■ **Sunday, May 20, 12:00 P.M.** — Sunday brunch at another of our faves - Sperry's in Cool Springs. RSVP by Friday, May 18.

■ **Monday, May 28, 8:00 A.M.** — Our group of 45 leaves for the week, touring Savannah, Jekyll Island, St. Simon, Beaufort and Pharris Marine Base. We return Friday, June 1.

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

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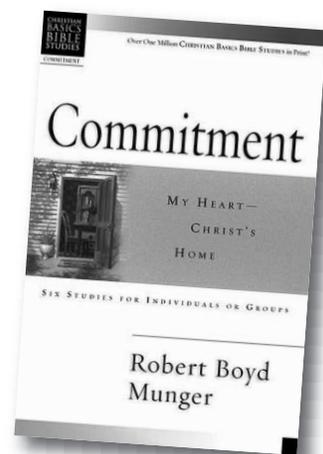
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## Presbyterian Women New Summer Study

"What would it be like if Christ came to visit you in the home of your heart? Are we prepared to meet Him daily in our living room? In the study? What about the dark closet that needs cleaning out? These studies will take you through six of the rooms of your heart, helping you to see aspects of your Christian life as Jesus sees them. You will be stretched and enrich by your personal meeting with Jesus."



From June 12 through July 24, all women are welcome to join Presbyterian Women on Tuesday mornings in the Cheek House from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. for a study based on Robert Boyd Munger's *Commitment: My Heart — Christ's Home*. Teachers include Mary Loch Smith, Laura Coyle, Regina Sentell and Kim Greene. The book and study guide set will be available for sale at the reception desk for \$9.



## First Friends Invites You to Meet Curt Hahn, Filmmaker



at a lecture followed by a reception  
in his honor on May 10,  
at 4:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall

Curt Hahn's family — wife, Amy, and daughter, Amelia — became members of First Presbyterian Church a year ago and have become very active in the life of the church. Before moving to Nashville in 1976, Curt was in Los Angeles, getting a BFA in Film, working in the local PBS station and advancing to director for a national film production company. He moved to Nashville and founded Film House, which has grown over the years to become the largest film and video production company in Tennessee and one of the largest producers of TV commercials in the United States.

In 2003, Hahn founded Transcendent to produce high-quality independent features. Its goal is to produce inspiring, uplifting films that are often seen as too small for Hollywood. His most recent film, *Deadline*, meets the goal perfectly. With a scene shot in our own sanctuary with our own Todd Jones and other scenes in the Nashville community with local actors, *Deadline* is particularly close to our hearts.

Curt will talk to us about his background, his career decisions and the producing and promoting of this new film all over the country.

### Movie Reviews:

"This is your chance to experience this timely, powerful film that's touching hearts everywhere it opens. Get a group of friends together and see why movie-goers say *Deadline* reminds them of *To Kill a Mockingbird*."

"*Deadline* is an important, terrific movie, with the kind of compelling story and fascinating characters that made *The Help* so engaging. Beautifully acted and directed." — Dr. Linda Seger, Script Consultant on over 2,000 scripts and author of *Making a Good Script Great*.

"Curt Hahn has transformed Mark Ethridge's story into a film that's a larger heirloom of the American South. *Deadline*'s greatest gift may be its ability to tap into the stains and fault lines of the South, but also into the region's unfaltering resilience and ability to forgive and redeem." — Audra D. S. Burch, *The Miami Herald*.

## What Kind of Man Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?



• **A man like Adam** who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.

• **A man like Noah** who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.

• **A man like Abraham** who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.

• **A man like Moses** who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.

• **A man like David** who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.

• **A man like Elijah** who thought he was all alone and needed a still, small voice to encourage him.

• **A man like Job** who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

• **A man like Peter** who found himself in over his head and needed the strong hand of a faithful friend.

• **A man like Paul** who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.

• **A man like JESUS** who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection and loneliness, and who needed an angel of God to minister to him.

• **A man like you.**

*If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please see or call Sandra Randleman (298-9502).*

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online. Log on the church website  
at [www.fpcnashville.org/  
worshipwithus](http://www.fpcnashville.org/worshipwithus).

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

# Deep & wide Living a Faith that Matters

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

Summer Sunday School begins May 27 with unique Bible themes. During the school year 100 plus adults provide leadership in our children's Sunday School classes. Throughout the summer, we offer them a chance to attend their own adult class, and we ask other volunteers to provide Sunday School leadership with a shorter time commitment.

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



Our preschool children will be exploring “what is ‘church,’” using Acts 2:45-47 to guide their lessons. Preschool children will be exploring the scriptures in centers, outside and through lots of different art mediums.

The Children's Ministry Team is looking for adults with a passion for sharing Bible stories with children. To volunteer as a Bible study leader or a spiritual practice guide in the elementary classes, or a Bible study leader or classroom helper in the preschool, please see the children's ministry website under Summer Sunday School or contact Tina Rose at 298-9534 or [trose@fpcnashville.org](mailto:trose@fpcnashville.org).

## Building Faith Foundations for Life with our Children

Children's Ministry is actively seeking individuals who desire to help our children know the Lord. We all stand and make that most important promise when a baby is baptized — to raise the child to know, love and trust Jesus and to live a life of faith.

**Many Ages.** . . To do that, it takes a whole village. We are looking for adults of all ages — young adults who have not yet started a family, parents, singles, empty nesters, grandparents! Surrounding our children with adults from a variety of generations increases the possibility that they will have “sticky faith” — a deep, dynamic faith that lasts long-term.

**Many Gifts.** . . Our children's Sunday School classes are led by teams of at least 4 adults. Many different gifts are needed to make each teaching team effective; the gift of teaching is only one such gift! The gifts of organization, service, evangelism, hospitality and music are just a few of the many gifts that can create a rich environment for faith to grow. You don't see teaching as your gift? Are there other gifts you have that can be shared?

**Not Perfection.** . . Living by faith is not having a perfect life or knowing all the answers. Living by faith is trusting God and knowing that God is good. You don't have to quote Scripture by chapter and verse or have the entire Bible memorized. You only need an open heart and God will work to equip you with all you need to serve through the Sunday School ministry.

Please join us in prayer as God raises up the children's teaching teams for the 2012-13 season. We have a few opportunities still open — we'd love to talk with you about the possibilities — you may contact Deb O'Brien (298-9582) or Mickey Fitts (385-7691).

## Celebrating Milestone 6 – Reaching Out Together

Visits from new friends, sharing a week with Stu Bear, learning the stories of Jesus through the lens of inclusion and diversity: the 5- and 6-year-olds in the Love, Grace and Mercy classes have had lots of wonderful things going on during their year in Sunday School! Parents, children and teachers gathered together to celebrate this important journey at the Milestone Celebration on Sunday, April 15. Many children



volunteered to share details about our Reaching Out Together guests — “introducing” them to the group — and several families shared their experiences with Stu Bear throughout the year. We all practiced our sharing and caring skills by helping to pack care packages for the FPC college students and making Sending Scarves, which we will send to families who move away from our community or on mission trips. All children received a faith stone, a mini Stu Bear, and a small book to mark the occasion — and the knowledge and practice of sharing and caring they have learned will serve them throughout their lives!



## Serving Together with Preston Taylor Ministries

What’s the equation for a wonderful Sunday afternoon? 52 people + grassy field + sunny day = big fun! On Sunday, April 15, FPC families gathered at the



ropes course here on the campus to join with children from Preston Taylor Ministries (PTM) for a great afternoon of team-building, learning together and play. The wonderful Letitia Green and Robert Archie led the activities and kept the group laughing and engaged throughout the day, and PTM Serving Together coordinators Paul and Rebecca Wilson, in partnership with PTM Executive Director Chan Sheppard, capably handled the logistics. With this event, 378 people from FPC have participated in the Serving Together ministry so far this year — what a wonderful testament to the outpouring of love and generosity of our community to share their time, energy and faith with others!



## Coming Soon to Your Mailbox — The Annual Sunday School Re-Enrollment Mailing!

Each spring the Children’s Ministry Team begins making plans for the new season of Sunday School. Those plans include recruiting authentic, affirming and available members of our congregation to serve in leadership positions. It also includes gathering information from you so we can best meet the spiritual needs of your child as we partner together to pass on the faith.

By looking over the form, correcting any inaccurate information and returning the form immediately, you help us prepare appropriately to greet your child on Sunday, August 19, 2012 when we kick off the new year.

We continually strive to provide good two-way communication. To this end, we will continue to use e-mail and our website as our means to communicate important information about children’s ministries to you. Completing the information on the re-enrollment form will assist us with this communication.

Watch for the re-enrollment form in your mailbox, update it and return it to the church by May 20. You can use the return envelope or bring it to church with you. We give thanks to God for our vibrant Sunday morning ministry with our children!



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**Dated church material**  
Please deliver by May 5, 2012

**Pastors**  
Todd Jones  
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*Executive Pastor*  
Mark DeVries  
*Associate Pastor to Youth  
& Their Families*  
Stuart Gordon  
*Associate Pastor for Discipleship*  
Sandra Randleman  
*Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Care & Mission*  
Tom Walker  
*Parish Associate*  
Bill Bryant  
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Brenda Geise  
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## Youth Happenings

**Sunday School May 6 — Youth Sunday**  
All youth and parents are invited to gather in Courtenay Hall for brunch, fellowship & class pictures in between worship services.

### Sunday School May 13:

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

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

**Great Escape Parent Meeting:** Sunday, May 13, 9:45 A.M. in room #105 downstairs in the Enrichment Center.

**2012 Mission Trip Registrations are open!** To sign up for New Orleans, visit us at [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).

## Parents' Night Out

For ages 3 (if potty trained) through 6th grade, from 6:00-10:00 P.M. Cost is \$10 per child (\$15 per child on May 19). Dates are: May 11 and 19. Call 615-298-9583 or email [emunoz@fpcnashville.org](mailto:emunoz@fpcnashville.org) for reservations.

the  
5:30

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