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Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

One morning this past weekend, just as darkness was turning to dawn, I was awakened from a good night's rest by the music of a veritable symphony of songs sung by the birds. Robins, orioles, martins, blue jays, cardinals, warblers, finches, doves, wrens and who

knows what other birds joined to create a virtual cacophony of singing in our back yard. As I listened to the many different songs being voiced, I rejoiced quietly for the goodness of this world, and the greatness of the God who created it all, and proclaimed, "It is very good." I also remembered the hymn that we often sing as Father's Day draws near: "This is My Father's World," — "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears; all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres."

The hymn should be a favorite of all Presbyterians, for all kinds of reasons. First of all, it praises God for all creation as the Author of its beauty and grace. But Presbyterians should love the hymn as well because it was written by one of the most popular Presbyterian ministers of the nineteenth century. Maltbie Babcock was born in Syracuse, New York in 1858, the son of a prominent family. He was an outstanding student at Syracuse University, and an equally outstanding athlete, starring in both baseball and swimming for the Orangemen. In addition, he was blessed with great musical ability, directing the Syracuse University Glee Club. While Babcock had the talent and ability to do anything with his life, he chose to respond to God's call to enter the ministry, graduating from Auburn Theological Seminary. While he was serving as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lockport, New York, he wrote the sixteen stanza poem that eventually became the hymn "This is My Father's World." Every verse begins with the same words:

"This is my Father's world." The Psalmist proclaimed, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell within." Babcock loved to walk in the mountains in upstate New York, looking out over Lake Ontario. He would often tell his secretary before taking a hike, "I am going out to see my Father's world." Along with Calvin, Babcock knew that "the earth is the theater of God's glory."

In 1886, Babcock was called to serve Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, and in 1899, he left to serve the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. At the age of forty two, he was given by that congregation a trip to the Holy Land. Maltbie boarded a ship, and while enroute to Naples, Italy, he was seized with a bacterial infection and died at a hospital in Naples on May 18, 1901. After his death, his wife compiled his writings and among them was a great poem that was soon set to a favorite English hymn tune, "Terra Beatta:"

This is my Father's world — The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their
Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world! He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass — He speaks
to me everywhere.

Thanks be to God for the birds that sing, and for Maltbie Babcock, who helped us to sing praise to our Heavenly Father for the beauty of the earth! Have a blessed Father's Day.

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.



Myra Ishee on the death of her husband, **John Ishee**, who died May 26. Sympathy also to Mark & Jennifer Ishee.

Warner McNeilly, Jr. on the death of his wife, **Jean McNeilly**, who died May 28. Sympathy also to Amy & Warner McNeilly III & Warner IV & Trent McNeilly.

Pam & Juris Vasilevskis on the death of Pam's mother, **Joyce Tucker**, who died May 31. Sympathy also to Michael, Eric & Marcus Vasilevskis.

Tom & Betty Pirtle and Edwin Pirtle on the death of Tom & Edwin's mother, **Chippy Pirtle**, who died June 1. Sympathy also to Alex & Margaret Palmer.

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.



Laura & Clay Morgan presented their daughter, **Elaine Louise Morgan**, for baptism on May 27. Assisting Elder was Dean Reeves.

Lauren & Frank Blair presented their daughter, **Elizabeth Hensley Blair**, for baptism on June 3. Assisting Elder was Steve Bartlett.

Amber & Jared Humphrey presented their daughter, **Caroline Sloane Humphrey**, for baptism on June 10. Assisting Elder was Skip Stevens.

FPC Lost and Found

FPC maintains a lost-and-found at the Welcome Desk. You may check with Ginny Tindle during office hours (8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) throughout the week or with the greeters on Sunday mornings to see if any of your lost items have been found.



When We Need God's Love Most

When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But at times God's love is especially precious to us, times when:

- We lose a loved one
- Life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn
- Life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in



At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a listening ministry of Christian caring here at First Presbyterian.

Whenever you or someone you know needs the supportive presence of a Stephen Minister, please call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

Introducing Two New Thursday Night Summer Bible Studies for College Students!

~ Dinner and discussion ~

- Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors meet at 7:00 P.M. at the Wagster's home (1900 Edenbridge Way) beginning May 31.
- Rising college freshmen meet at 7:00 P.M. at the Colton's home (1119 Crater Hill Drive) beginning June 14.

SUNDAY
JUNE 17, 2012

Sermon
"What God Looks For"

Scripture Readings
I Samuel 15:34-16:13
Mark 4:26-34

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SUNDAY
JUNE 24, 2012

Sermon
"The Battle is the Lord's"

Scripture Readings
I Samuel 17:32-49
Mark 4:35-41

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FPC Weekend at NaCoMe — Building Bridges

In the comfortable and casual atmosphere of NaCoMe with over 644 acres of beautiful forests and streams, campers can enjoy life at a slower pace while cooling off in the spring-fed creek, hunting for gold and silver and tasting the famous homemade NaCoMe sweet rolls. This wonderful weekend is full of relaxation, fellowship, serenity, fun, friends, family, worship, memories, games, songs, Bible study, campfires, s'mores, streams, canoes, tradition, meditation, events, naps, ping pong and good food — just to name a few. Building bridges, creating new memories and forming new relationships are the

highlights of the weekend that is being facilitated by our own Mark DeVries.

The weekend kicks off on Friday, August 10 with on-site registration at 5:00 P.M. and will conclude on Sunday, August 12 with lunch following the Sunday worship. We can't wait to see you there!



A Blessing of Books

Throughout this past year, Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 undertook a local mission project with the Nashville Rescue Mission's Hope Center, a life recovery program designed specifically for women.

The leaders of Circle 1, Judy Fincannon and Dawn Wylie, had received word that the Hope Center needed help with their library. After it was brought up at a monthly PW meeting, Lily Cooper, herself a librarian, quickly and easily made the decision to head up the project. She worked with retired librarian Judy Eichman to coordinate the efforts, and Circle 1 met at the Hope Center regularly in order to catalog their books, assembly-line style, processing a couple of hundred books at a time.

But it didn't stop there. "Once I saw what we had to work with I shared the need for more books with [the] church," says Lily. "There was an overwhelming response. The number of children's books quadrupled. We also received donations of bookcases, which has helped us in growing this library."

The women at the Hope Center undergo staggering transformations that Lily and the other women in Circle 1 have witnessed firsthand — many thanks go out to First Presbyterian Church for playing a role in that process.



**OAK HILL
DAY CAMP**
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We need Recyclables for Camp Art Projects!

- Newspaper ■ Cardboard ■ Magazines (*kid friendly*) ■ Fabric Scraps
- Wire Hangers ■ Milk Cartons

For more information, call 298-9583 or visit www.fpcnashville.org/recreation.

June Ramsey Class to Study the Mormon Church

Maria Mayo, a Ph.D. candidate at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will lead a 5-week series during the month of July on the Mormon church (Latter Day Saints), the series will cover basic beliefs, values and practices. Christian identity formation and questions of stereotypes and negative associations in several contexts will also be addressed. The class, which meets in the Cheek House Living Room, begins at 9:45 A.M. and is open to all interested persons. Please join us!

Older Adult Caregivers Support Group

If you are currently caring for an aging spouse, parent or other loved one and feel stressed, overwhelmed, or isolated due to your caregiving situation, or if you would just like to learn more about community resources, our Older Adult Caregivers Support Group is designed to be a safe place where you can share your experiences and learn from others in similar situations. The group is open to FPC member and non-member caregivers, so feel free to bring a friend.

We will meet on Wednesday, June 27, from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Witherspoon Room (CC-130) on the first floor of the Ministry Wing. Amy Walter, LMSW, Director of Geriatric Care for Senior Helpers will be our speaker. She will share practical tips for caring for someone with dementia, as well as information about in-home care agencies like Senior Helpers (i.e., services offered, cost, hourly minimum, training provided to staff). Questions? Call Sandra Randleman at 298-9502.

First Friends Sunday Lunch

On Sunday, June 17 at 12:00 noon, we will take the church van to the 12 South neighborhood and enjoy lunch at Fish & Co. Restaurant and Raw Bar. This restaurant brings Nashville a dedicated seafood menu crafted with southern charm and style in a relaxed, yet refined atmosphere!

The Dining Room menu offers a variety of main entrees, appetizers and sides, as well as providing guests the preference to craft their own grilled seafood dish. Here are just a few of the menu selections offered: Shrimp & Grits, The Gulf Shore's Crispy Seafood Platter (flounder filet, shrimp, scallops, oysters and bell pepper slaw), Grilled Jumbo Scallops (winter hash, tomato coulis & truffle oil) and Blue Ridge Rainbow Trout Stuffed with Crabmeat, Scallions and Benton's Bacon. Yum! There are no stairs, and menu items range from \$12 to \$16. RSVP by Friday, June 15 with Ginny Barber (298-9509 or gbarber@fpcnashville.org).

First Friends

BOOKmarks



The FPC Bookstore

As the church planned in 2006-07 for construction of new space, one priority identified was the creation of a bookstore to support the educational ministry of the church. Sunday School classes, small groups, Presbyterian Women and families with young children were identified as potential beneficiaries of easy access to educational resources.

The idea was to enable any member to drop in on the store and pick up the book being studied in his or her Sunday School class, for parents to easily find a children's story Bible or for someone to find a suitable gift for a graduate or an inspirational greeting card for someone on the prayer list.

The bookstore also is an effort at being good stewards of the church's offerings. Previously, the Adult Education Department "floated" Sunday School classes by purchasing book choices and praying for reimbursement. Frequently, excess books simply sat on office shelves, unused and unpaid for. Now, all books are sold on consignment. Whatever goes unsold is returned to Cokesbury at no expense to the church budget. In addition, ten percent of proceeds from book sales is donated to Presbyterian Women for their mission projects.

Bookmarks features books authored and note cards designed by church staff and members. We occasionally welcome members who have published books to sell and sign their works in the store.

This spring, Bookmarks began accepting debit and credit cards, making purchases more convenient. The store is located outside Courtenay Hall, next to the stairwell in the Ministry Wing, and is open on Sundays from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.. Kathy Gaston is the store manager, and she is supported by a few faithful volunteers: Missy Goodman, Kathleen Dietz, Liz Hackett, Julie Peacock, Kim Hardin and Elizabeth Carrero.

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).

Seminarian Spotlight: Courtney Blacksten Graduates

On May 12, Courtney Blacksten, our first “graduate resident in youth ministry” from the Center for Youth Ministry Training (www.cymt.org), has recently received her Master of Arts degree in Religion with an emphasis in Youth Ministry. After three years of serving on our youth staff 25 hours/week (often a lot more!) and taking two seminary courses a semester, Courtney has now graduated Summa Cum Laude from Memphis Theological Seminary!

For the past two years, Courtney and her husband Brandon had the fun of sharing their first years of marriage in the Tyne House — with other CYMT students! This summer, Courtney will be joining Brandon in Hydro, Oklahoma, where he has just received his first call as a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

While on staff at First Presbyterian, Courtney served as one of our high school directors, focusing much of her efforts on Sunday School, the highest-attended weekly program of our youth ministry. She helped us navigate the transition into meeting in the Enrichment Center and coordinated the work of 20 or so adult leaders who serve on Sunday mornings with high school youth.

In addition to working in a church and taking classes, students from the Center for Youth Ministry Training receive weekly one-on-one coaching in ministry and participate in a learning cohort of peers doing ministry in other contexts. Our church, one of the two co-founding churches of the CYMT celebrates Courtney and we are excited to launch her into her next chapter of ministry!



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Officer Recommendation for Class of 2015

I wish to endorse _____ as a candidate for: Elder Deacon to the Nominating Committee of the church. Nominees will be presented to the congregation in 2012. The deadline for recommending nominees is July 2, 2012.

Please tell us what you know about this person’s involvement in First Presbyterian, Nashville, in another ministry or church or in the community at large. You may or you may not wish to call the candidate. Include below: name, address, family members and occupation, if appropriate. You may also nominate yourself or a family member.

Nominating Committee members are Mary Lee Bartlett, Patti Bryan, Peter Cobb, Lip Davis, John Eason, Michael Hindman, Suzan Hindman and Todd Jones. Please return this form to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the church office. Consider in your recommendation references to leadership and qualifications from the Presbyterian *Book of Order* (G-6.0300 and G-6.0400).

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Oak Hill Students Send School Supplies Near and Far for Missions

Each year the Oak Hill School Service Learning Board supports service learning projects by encouraging service involvement and better understanding by the student body. The representatives on the board (students, parents and teachers) actively participate in planning, implementing, evaluating and communicating about the service learning projects at Oak Hill School.

One of the projects dreamed up by the students near the end of the school year was to gather unused, or gently used, school supplies such as crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue, pencils, pens, etc. to be distributed to organizations serving children.

Near the same time, the church's mission office received a newsletter update from its Tex-Mex border partner, CUPS (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud), located in McAllen, TX. This is the mission partner that provided service opportunities for our families over spring break in years past. In that April newsletter from CUPS was a request for the very school supplies the Service Learning Board had



decided to collect. Without even knowing at the time of the Service Learning Board's recently approved project, an email was sent from the church's Missions Office to the Oak Hill School staff to see if the faculty and students would be interested in meeting this need.

The Service Learning Board gave its enthusiastic approval and during the last few weeks of school, the students and families learned about the need and plans for the collection. Boxes were placed throughout the school campus, and the collection began to grow with some families even donating brand new supplies. The Missions Committee agreed to pay the shipping costs for those supplies to be sent to our Tex-Mex partner. It was, shall we say, a match made in heaven!

When all the end-of-school and 6th grade graduation parties were over, more than a dozen children came in on



their first day of summer vacation to sort and pack the various supplies so

generously donated by students, faculty and families of Oak Hill School. In all, the supplies were packed and distributed to nine different schools and organizations, including CUPS, Safe Haven Family Shelter, Nations Ministry Center, Legacy Mission Village, Martha O'Bryan Center and Preston Taylor Ministries.

The final items to be packed into the boxes being shipped to Texas for schools and churches in Mexico were several of the prayer cloths from our children's Sunday School classes. These cloths served as a gathering place for each class's opening time of prayer and had been personalized with the handprints and/or names of each child in the class. They served as reminders to pray for one another by name no matter the size of a prayer praise or need. Other cloths from this past school year are headed to churches in Taiwan, Brazil, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Previous years' cloths have been shared by mission teams in Rwanda and Jamaica, enabling FPC to truly be a witness to the nations in Jesus' name.

We are grateful for our partnership with Oak Hill School and its intentional focus on mission service with its students and families. We can't wait to see what God has in store for next year!



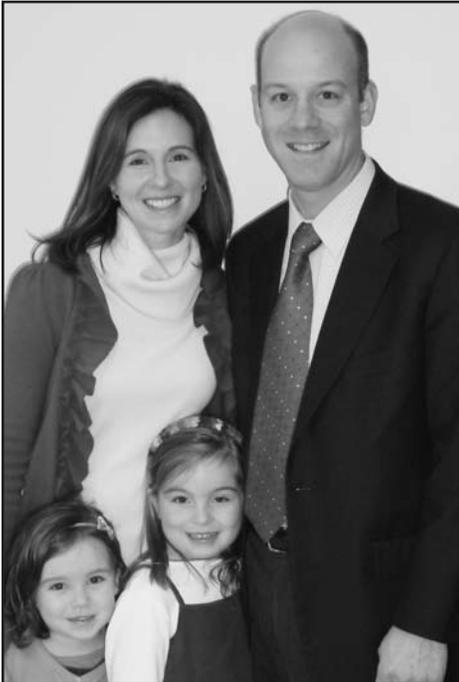
Welcome, New Members, to First Presbyterian Church!
Inquirers' Classes, Spring 2012



Timothy Amos joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. He is engaged to **Beth Scott Clayton**. He is in Parish 7.



Justin Hinote & Tara Moore, joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. They are engaged to be married. They will be in Parish 39.



Sarah & Michael Brandon joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee, Florida. They have two children, **Maggie and Kate**. They are in Parish 32.



Mitch Israel joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. He is in Parish 40.



Rebecca & John Burns joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer. Rebecca from Southside Baptist Church in Decatur, Alabama, John from Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. They are in Parish 19.



Lindsey Jacobs joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. She is married to **Ryan Jacobs**. They have a son, **Jack**. She is in Parish 15.

Inquirers' Classes, Spring 2012



Marty Kaufman joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He is married to **Allison Kaufman**. They have a daughter, **Maggie**. He is in Parish 55.



Justin and Eric Near joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. They have two daughters, **Lili and Rowan**. They are in Parish 29.



Jeff Miller and Lindsay Williams joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. They are engaged to be married.

Regina and Robert Sentell, Sr. joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida. They are in Parish 45.



Idi Minani joined First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. He is in Parish 29.

Andrew Stoll joined First Presbyterian Church by transfer from Westminster Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He is married to **Marianne Stoll**. He is in Parish 11.



Sink the Boat at Operation Overboard

Our VBS 2012: Operation Overboard Mission Project will be Living Waters for the World, the global mission project of the Synod of Living Waters of the PC (USA).

Living Waters for the World trains and equips mission teams to share the gift of clean water with communities in need. From rural Appalachia, to Latin America, to Asia and beyond, Living Waters for the World is making a difference.

FPC has our very own Living Waters for the World Clean Water mission team who is partnering with a community in the Dominican Republic for their own clean water project!

During VBS week, we will collect coins every day to "sink the boat" in the hallway outside Courtenay Hall.

The more coins we bring, the heavier our boat will be, the faster it will sink, and the more we can give to Living Waters for the World to bring clean water to people who need it — in the Dominican Republic, and all over the world.



If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance/accommodation for any church activity, contact the church office at 383-1815.



ADULT & FAMILY



Short-Term Mission Travel

Dominican Republic November 2012

Dates: November 3-9

Cost: \$1,400 (estimated); \$800 deposit due June 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 October 1; 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: Mike Baron

Jamaica February 2013

Dates: February 9-16

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: \$5,000; \$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? Questions? Contact Patricia Heim in the Missions Office (298-9593 or adultmissions@fpcnashville.org) if you are interested in learning more or would like an application form for a mission trip. Online registration for trips is available from the Activity Registration link on the web (www.fpcnashville.org).

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

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

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

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

(All classes 9:45-10:40 A.M. unless noted)

■ **Adventure Class • MW-227/Edgar Room**

A large, lecture-style class featuring Bible-based presentations and direction for living the Christ-centered life. All ages welcome! Tom Harrington, local businessman, teaches this class.



■ **Connections Class • MW-201 Bryant Conference Room**

Co-led by younger adults Angela Perkey and Justin Near. The study for the summer will bring together a humorous but highly relevant Christian blog, “Stuff Christians Like,” with an in-depth study of scripture. The class will discuss all aspects of Christian life. Technology and fellowship will both be regular features of the class.

■ **Discipleship Class • CC-130/Witherspoon Room**

Adults of all ages enjoy the study of Scripture which is the focus of this class with the aim of knowing Christ more intimately. David Goodcase leads this class.

■ **Foundations Class • Room L-202**

Chan Sheppard teaches this class of young couples in their mid-20s to mid-30s. The class is designed for young couples and is built around discussion of various topics and the relevance of such for maturing relationships with Christ and with others.

■ **Friends in Faith Class • Room L-201**

This class covers Bible studies and life application topics for couples in their 30s and 40s. Most class members are parents of younger children. Teaching responsibility is rotated among 5-7 class members. Topics vary, but have included books of the Bible, parenting, and marriage. Topics are usually covered in a casual discussion format.

■ **Good News Class • Room L-207**

This class is made up of couples and single adults of various ages and viewpoints. The format is “normal” lessons with topics and scripture discussed. During the summer months, class leadership will be shared by Lee Barfield, Bill Blevins, Chuck Dennard, Todd Jones and David Wood.

■ **Issues Discussion Class • Room L-200**

All ages of adults, and their different perspectives, are welcomed into this weekly issues forum. Maureen and

Justin Milam provide leadership, but the focus is on everyone’s participation. Guest speakers are also featured from time to time. Issues are introduced regularly, so one of interest to you will always be just around the corner.

■ **June Ramsey Class • Cheek House Living Room**

Seminary-level topics and scholarship, usually led by Vanderbilt Divinity School faculty and Ph.D. candidates. This is a long-established class (over 30 years). Opinions from leaders are not necessarily those of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed tradition or class members themselves. Lively participation characterizes the class, as does the intellectual challenge of the varied subject matter. Class meets at 9:45 A.M. sharp!

■ **Logos Class • Cheek House Chapel**

Associate Pastor Stuart Gordon leads this large-group study, which combines Bible study, lecture, and discussion for adults of all ages. His presentations on Bible and theology offer class members significant opportunity for serious reflection and learning. Elder Mickey Martin coordinates.

■ **Spiritual Journey for Women Cheek House Dining Room**

This class has nurtured women since its beginning in 1981, offering a combination of Biblical insight, depth psychology and caring support of each member and visitor. Women of all ages grow in their faith through reading, class discussion and Bible study in a warm and accepting atmosphere.

■ **Youth Leaders Class • Room A-104**

John Baird leads Bible study with people most of whom have the bond of having or having had teenagers; many have been leaders in the youth program. Any interested adults are welcome, particularly those who have questions and seek support and reassurance about the parenting of teens. Curriculum is the Spice Rack series, written by Associate Pastor Mark DeVries. Be sure to bring your Bible.

You can find a complete listing of these classes and a map located in the literature areas of the church. For more information, contact Ginny Barber (gbarber@fpcnashville.org or 298-9509.

Fall Wednesdays at First Presbyterian

One of the prime strengths of First Presbyterian Church is the broad age-range of members. We're not a church just for young people or just for seniors; we're a true family of faith from cradle to grave.

Wednesdays together should reflect that — multi-generational and diverse in activities. In Acts 2:42,

Luke describes the early church not only studying together but building friendships, eating together and worshipping: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Beginning September 12, Wednesdays at First Presbyterian will offer a diversity of activities, for young and old, directed by several gifted leaders. Deb O'Brien, Raphael Bundage, Letitia Green and others are working together to offer Wednesday evenings at church that welcome all and serve to build up the body in teaching and fellowship, in eating and worshipping. To kick things off on the 12th, we'll have an old-fashioned cookout with games for all ages, plus a bonfire and singing.

If you already participate in Wednesday activities, much should be familiar to you: beginning on September 19, adults will have a choice of study opportunities, led by both pastors and guests, including computer classes and Divorce Care. Adults also will enjoy new choices, such as small groups for prayer or fellowship.

Families with children should have received an email and letter detailing the specifics of programming for them. If you did not, contact gbarber@fpcnashville.org to receive one.

As a true family of faith, we've set aside three additional evenings during the program year when all ages will gather for fellowship and recreation: a Halloween carnival, a winter evening of novelty and square dancing led by Bekah and Bill Caruso and a spring event after Easter. (You could attend on these special Wednesdays alone). And on four occasions, we'll have brief worship services at the conclusion of the evening. We're even thinking about food! Carl Womack will offer more choices at the children's table this year.

Watch for registration information in August!



Home Partner Ministry Opportunity

The Home Partner 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 lily and Christmas poinsettia, on behalf of the church.

If you would like to serve as a Home Partner, or if you know of someone who would like to receive a visit from a Home Partner, contact Sandra Randleman (298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

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

FPC Swimming Pool Now Open!

You can purchase a family pass for up to six people for only \$175; \$35 for each additional person. Two guests per family allowed.

Feel free to pack a picnic, but no glass and please help to keep the pool area clean.

Monday through Friday

4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Call 615-298-9583 or email emunoz@fpcnashville.org for more information.



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Congregational Care & Mission*
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Parish Associate
Bill Bryant
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Youth Happenings

Sunday School June 17 & 24:
(Grades are Fall 2012 grades)

- **7th grade** meets in room L-203.
- **8th grade** meets in room L-204.
- **9th-12th grades** meet in room #105, downstairs in the Enrichment Center.

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.

Summer information: Visit our website, firstpresbyterianyouth.com, for summer schedules and to sign-up for Go Big Thursday events!

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).

Governor's School Choir to Perform at 11:00 A.M. Service

The Tennessee Governor's School Choir, under the direction of Raphael Bundage, will sing at the June



24, 11:00 A.M. service. The mission of the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts is to provide high-quality arts education for gifted and talented 11th and 12th grade students in the state of Tennessee. Raphael Bundage is the director of this program.

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