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MAY EVENTS

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3 from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Garden Planting Day

Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 6

Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 13 from 9:30 to 10:45 A.M.

First Friends Lunch & Program

Thursday, May 17 at 12:00 P.M.

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 20

Oak Hill Day Camp: Gap Camp

May 29 - June 1



Todd Jones
Pastor

My Dear Friends,

“In the beginning, God...” These words that open the Bible may be four of the most important words for a human being to understand. That is, all things find their beginning, their genesis, if you will, in God. God is the author of life. God is the source of light. God is the one who said, “It is not good that the man should be alone.” Human community, founded in God’s generous and generative love, was God’s idea from the beginning. To

acknowledge God as the Creator is to see the world through very different eyes, and to understand your own life as a gift, something you are to receive with gratitude and responsibility. We sing it in worship every Sunday as the offering is carried down the aisle: “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!”

To allow the Bible to shape your view of the world is to begin by affirming that everything that is, and everything that shall ever be, comes from the hand of the Creator God. Paul put it this way in his letter to the Colossians, in trying to find the words to give voice to the identity of Jesus Christ: “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things

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MAY 6

YOUTH SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Alexander Flack, Maggie McConnell, Hayden McGuffin and Alexander Roberts

“Beloved, Be Still, Be Sent”
Matthew 28:16-20, James 1:19-25
Exodus 14:10-18

The Five Thirty
**Olivia Brittle, Mary Caroline Funk
Larry Hayes and Zach Smith**

MAY 13

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

“Mother’s Love and God’s Love”
Exodus 2:1-10
John 13:31-35
Todd Jones

The Five Thirty
“Help the Donkey”
Josh Rodriguez

MAY 20

PENTECOST CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

“Spirit and Soul”
Joel 2:28-32
Acts 2:1-13
Todd Jones

The Five Thirty
“Throwing Blood”
Kody Whitaker

MAY 27

TRINITY SUNDAY KIRKIN’ OF THE TARTAN

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Guest Preacher:
Dr. John Swift McCall
Missionary Partner of
First Presbyterian Church
Taipei, Taiwan

The Five Thirty
“The Chest, Table
and Lampstand”
Josh Rodriguez

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

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

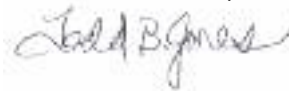
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were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossian 1:15-17) Paul wanted to affirm that the Creator God came down to earth to dwell among us, to be one with us in our humanity. By doing so, Jesus changed forever what it means to be human.

To believe that God dwelt fully in Jesus Christ is to know God as a generous giver of all that is. John Calvin allowed this notion of God to permeate his understanding of the Gospel: “We are surrounded by God’s benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.” Human beings are most alive when we are giving thanks to God, which is what we do in worship. The Westminster Shorter Catechism affirms that our “chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.” Life in Christ is lived as one continuous act of gratitude for all that God has done for us. To be truly grateful for life is to see the love of God in everything, because everything that is has been given to us as gift by God. Every day that is given to us afresh is gift. Every breath that we draw is also gift. Every person we are given to love, every friend and every family member comes as gift, as sheer windfall.

To know these realities is to realize how very wealthy you in fact are. We are all of us richly blessed by a very generous God! I love the way Winston Churchill put this notion: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” By such a measure, what kind of life are you making?

With Love and Prayers,



FPC FAMILY WEEKEND
August 4 & 5

Sympathy



Our church family extends prayers and sympathy to the following during their time of loss:

Roxie Treadway on the death of her husband, **William Alan Treadway Sr.**, who died on January 24. Sympathy to Hunter Cross. Kathy (David) Cross on the death of Kathy’s mother, **Patsy Lois Deckard Leslie**, who died on March 11. Sympathy to Hunter Cross.

Whitney (Wally) Conyers on the death of Whitney’s grandmother, **Betty Jean Dickerson**, who died on March 12. Sympathy to Kennedy and Bennett Conyers.

John (Beth) Stephenson on the death of John’s mother, **Louise Wells Stephenson**, who died on March 12. Sympathy to Mary Pillow Kirk, Will and Mattie Stephenson, Mary Pillow (Patrick) Thompson and Julia (Frank) Wilk.

Rogers Morrison on the death of his wife, **Margaret Young Morrison**, who died on March 14.

Stuart (Becky) Campbell on the death of Stuart’s mother, **Alice Brockington Campbell**, who died on March 18. Sympathy to Amy (Matt) Pearson, Lauren (Matt) Hancock, Molly Campbell, Campbell, Mattie Grace and Bailey Pearson and Ella and Sims Hancock.

Joni (Jeff Knutson) Wheeler on the death of Joni’s mother, **Elizabeth Noreen ‘Betty’ Wheeler**, who died on March 24.

Dan (Phyllis) Hogan on the death of Dan’s father, **Jack K. Hogan Sr.**, who died on March 26. Sympathy to Elizabeth Hogan and Garrison (Georgia) Hogan.

Amos (Etta) Wilson on the death of Amos’ stepsister, **Mildred Jean Scott**, who died on March 26.

Joyce Cook on the death of her husband, **Thomas W. Cook Jr.**, who died on March 27.

John (Roberta) Witherspoon on John’s brother, **Gilbert ‘Harrington’ Witherspoon**, who died on March 30. Sympathy to Dixon (Wanda) Witherspoon, John (Leigh) Witherspoon IV and Lynn (Byron) Osgood.

Judy Eichman on the death of her husband, **Frank F. Eichman Jr.**, who died on April 1. Sympathy to Eric Eichman.

Warner (Amy) McNeilly III on the death of Warner’s father, **William ‘Warner’ McNeilly Jr.**, who died on April 1. Sympathy to William McNeilly IV and Trent McNeilly.

Congratulations

The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates the following people during their new birth.



Andee and Lara Woodward welcome a daughter, **Remy Rose Woodward**, who was born on March 1.

Elizabeth and Hughes Tipton welcome a daughter, **Helen Louise Tipton**, who was born on March 7. Congratulations to grandparents, Betsy & Austin Triggs and Waymon & Jencie Tipton.

Eileen and Chris Hart welcome a daughter, **Evelyn Elisabeth Hart**, who was born on March 8. Congratulations to grandparents, Lisa & John Campbell and Alice Hooker.

Lisa and Ross Jagar welcome a daughter, **Charlotte Grace Jagar**, who was born on March 14.

Brandon and Savannah Van Pernis welcome a daughter, **Amelia Ivette Van Pernis**, who was born on March 21. Congratulations to grandparents, Crea & Alan Sielbeck and Tom Van Pernis.

The Sacrament of Baptism

In the presence of family, the congregation and God, the following person claimed God's covenant promise through the sacrament of Baptism.



Heather and William Floyd presented their son, **Vaughan Reed Floyd**, for baptism on February 11. Assisting Elder was John Eason. Congratulations to grandmother, Barbara Floyd and great-grandmother, Alice Ann Barge.

Campus Security & Safety Changes

Campus security and safety are a priority at First Presbyterian Church and Oak Hill School. As we continue to assess the safety of our community, we have decided to add about 20 speed bumps to our campus. We have also decided that our gated back entrance by the soccer fields will not be accessible from Oak Valley Lane on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. The closure of the gate will increase our security and reduce traffic on our campus. To visit the church or the school, you must enter from Tyne Boulevard or Franklin Road.



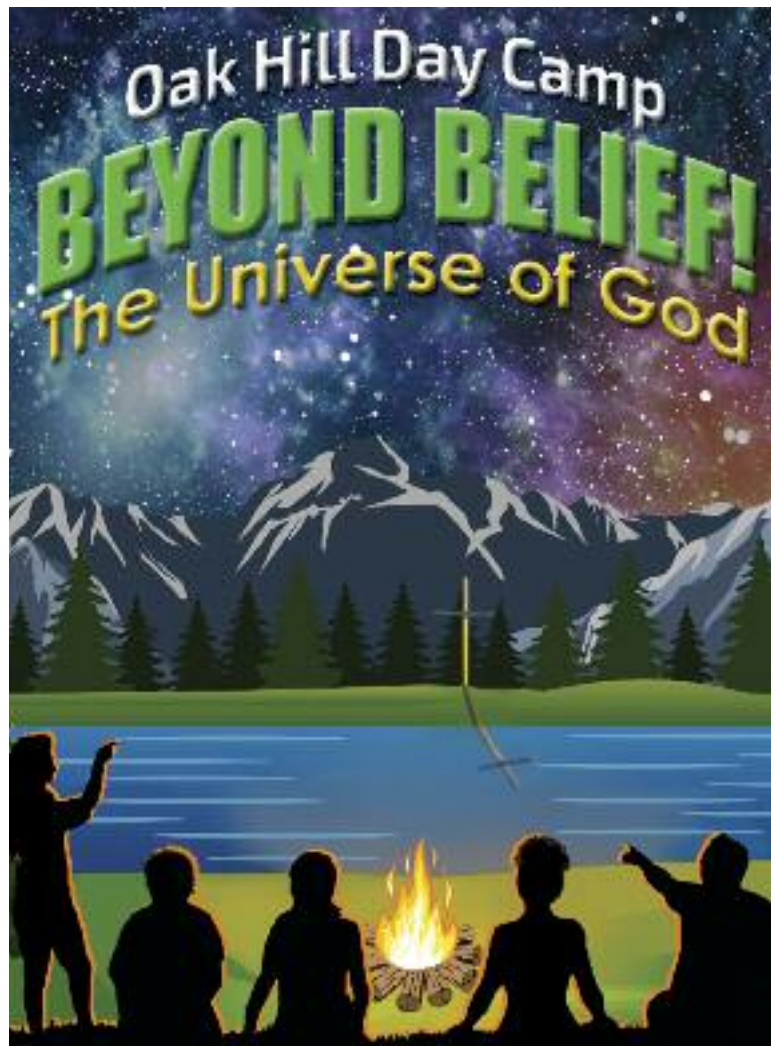
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on Facebook?

Career Opportunities

Come work for First Presbyterian Church! We have some job openings available for camp counselors and preschool teachers. We also have openings in our Youth, Young Adult and Communications ministries. Visit our website for more information or email your resume and cover letter to communications@fpcnashville.org.

Listen for Our Church Bells

The ringing of church bells is a Christian tradition. Now, thanks to a member donation, our bells will be ringing again! You will hear the bells on the hour Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. - 8 P.M., Saturday from 10 A.M. - 8 P.M., and Sunday from 1 P.M. - 8 P.M. We will peal the bells every day at noon and 8 P.M. and on Sundays after the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.



MAY—AUGUST
Register at rec.fpcnashville.org
or call 615-298-9583!

SAVE THE DATE



06.03.2018

Join us for an afternoon filled with all-you-can-eat homemade ice cream. You won't want to miss this Nashville summer tradition!

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Mother's Day Celebration

May 13 ✦ 9:30-11:00 A.M.

Join us in Courtenay Hall as we celebrate our mothers. There will be refreshments and music for all members and visitors to enjoy. A photographer will be available to capture a keepsake picture for each mother.



Everyone in our congregation is invited to participate in our Mother's Day Choir on Sunday, May 13.

We will gather in the choir room at 10:00 A.M. to rehearse an easy-to-learn piece of music and then sing it at the 11:00 A.M. service to honor the mothers in our midst.

If you are interested, contact 615-298-9517 or music@fpcnashville.org.

*** SUNDAY, MAY 13 ***

New Recreation Director Has Big Dreams

Bryan Miller is our new Director of Recreation Ministry at First Presbyterian Church. He is married to Kara and has two children, Elli and Gavin. Bryan got his degree in Sports Management and Public Relations from Taylor University and his Masters of Leadership Studies from North Central College.



Bryan grew up in the Chicago area playing soccer and played collegiate soccer. He coached a women's collegiate soccer team and has worked with youth sports camps. Bryan has worked with a ministry for youth in Northern Ireland and also has been a Youth Ministries Director.



Bryan comes to us with goals, dreams, and ideas! He wants to bring our church family together to share joy through sports, recreation and wellness activities. Bryan invites you to dream big with him! What do you want to see here that gets our members active and involved? What about a father/son floor hockey game, canoeing the Harpeth, golf mission trip to Ireland, cycling group, marathon training group, nature hikes, or pickle ball league? If you have any ideas, please email bmiller@fpcnashville.org.

NASHVILLE SOUNDS

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 AT 6:15 P.M.



Join your church family for a night at the baseball park! We have reserved seats with the Sounds for this night in section 119. Visit our website to purchase tickets. Use code: "firstpres18".



Spring Break Mission Trip Waco, Texas

Eighteen youth and ten faithful leaders spent their Spring Break week in Waco, Texas—joining in what God is already up to in that community. The group camped out by the lake and worked with Mission Waco and My Brother's Keeper. They attended The Church Under the Bridge and experienced God's goodness all week long. Many thanks to our amazing volunteer leaders: Anne Elizabeth McIntosh, Trish Andrews, Joslyn Andrews, and Hudson Dobbs!



UPCOMING MISSION EVENTS

Youth West VA Trip

JUNE 1/3-8

Martha O'Bryan Ice Cream Crankin'

JUNE 3

Youth Mystery Trip

JULY 21-28

Cuba Trip

JULY 21-28

Habitat for Humanity

SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 14

Red Cross Blood Drive

OCTOBER 7

Dominican Republic Trip

NOVEMBER 3-9

Manna Freezer Is Fully Stocked Brighten Someone's Day with a Meal

Do you know someone in our church family who could benefit from the gift of food? A meal delivery is an easy gesture that can really brighten someone's day!

Stop by the manna freezer in the back stairwell off Courtenay Hall to pick up packages of food that are available. The freezer is stocked with soups, meat casseroles, meats, vegetables, breads, desserts and cookies. Some foods are packaged up by volunteers after Wednesday night dinners and others are cooked by individuals and special groups in our congregation.

If you have any questions, please contact Bekah Caruso at bcaruso@bellsouth.net or 615-832-6406.

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First Friends

May Events



Nashville Zoo and Lunch — May 9 from 9:30
A.M.—2:00 P.M. RSVP by Monday, May 7.

Thursday Luncheon/Program — May 17 at 12:00
P.M. We will celebrate our veterans, Steve Becker is
our speaker. RSVP by Monday, May 14.

Sunday Lunch — May 20, 12:00 P.M. at Barbara's
Home Cooking. Meet in foyer after 11:00 A.M.
worship. RSVP by Friday, May 18.

Make reservations by calling 615-383-1815 or emailing
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