

First Presbyterian Church
721 Church St.
Jefferson City, TN 37760

LECTIONARY

July 3 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128:1-6

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Meetings This Month

Worship Mtg.—July 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship & Evangelism Mtg.—July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Session—July 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Mission—July 13th 8:00 p.m.






Christian Education Mtg.—July 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report June 2011

June 5	\$4,354.00
June 12	\$4,286.00
June 19	\$4,466.00
June 26	\$2,713.00

TOTAL \$15,819.00

(We need \$15,387.83 to meet the monthly budget.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
Communion 3 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. <i>Mike and Sherri Van Burgeen</i>			4  Independence Day	5 <hr/>	6 Worship 6:30 p.m. APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK	7
10 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. <i>Mary Ellen Patton</i>	11 	12 	13 Session 6:30 p.m. <i>Jack Prather</i>	14 	15 <i>Learne Potts Bill & Teresa Vest</i>	16 Hiking Club 8 a.m.
17 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. 	18  6:30—8:30 p.m.	19  6:30—8:30 p.m. <i>Linda Noorkeser</i>	20 <i>Kay Gowan</i>	21 	22 <i>Bob Fearnside</i>	23
24 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. <i>Johan Koppier</i>	25 	26 <i>Johan & Ineke Koppier</i>	27 CE Meeting 6:30 p.m. <i>Peggy Hypes</i>	28 	29 <i>Suzanne Fearnside</i>	30 <i>Denny Pryor Beth Folsom Charlie Piper</i>
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The Amen Almanac

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Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

From the Pastor's Desk...

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. —Ephesians 3:14-19*

When Coach Frosty Holt of Carson-Newman College visited Sevier County High School in 1946 to recruit a young senior tackle, I doubt he believed he was responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit to one day bring the First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee and a new graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary together in 2011. My grandfather, Paul Whaley, played tackle and guard for the Eagles from 1947 to 1950, and my grandmother attended with him for a time until they were married in 1950.

When I first read the First Presbyterian Church Information Form on our denomination's website, I was impressed by the clear sense of identity and mission in the description of the congregation, and I sensed a passion for the Gospel that was manifested in worship, fellowship, and service to the local community and the world. I was also reminded of my family ties to this area. I mentioned my grandparents in my letter to the committee expressing my interest in the position. I also referenced two of my cousins, one of whom is a 2008 graduate of Carson-Newman and her younger brother who is a rising junior this fall.

Something felt "right" about the position, but I did not want to become too excited about it too early. As the search process continued, the prayer quoted above from the letter to the Ephesians became my prayer for you and for all the churches with whom I was in contact at the time. I tried to remember your congregation by name each day, asking God that your Pastor Nominating Committee would have a Spirit of discernment, to look for where God was leading your church. I could sense that the members of your church were doing the same thing, buoying up the committee before the Lord, asking for wisdom and guidance.

In conversations with Dr. Keith Nickle, the Rev. Glenda Hollingshead, and Dr. Shurden, I began to learn more about the life and witness of your congregation. When Rebecca and I met with the committee, toured the facilities, and shared meals with them, we began to sense that God's Spirit was at work among us, and we hoped that the committee was discerning the same

thing! I could sense that this was a congregation filled with love and support, genuine care for one another, and a desire to continue to look for where God is at work in the world and how we can join God in that work.

After weeks of prayer and conversation, I was offered and accepted the position, and Rebecca and I were thrilled at the possibility of joining you in your service to our crucified and risen Lord. I can remember the deep sense of gratitude I felt toward your committee and your church for the opportunity to serve among you, but even more deeply I remember the sense of peace that came over me, knowing that God had led us to the right place (and I do not believe it was just a sense of relief that we were not going to be homeless with the loss of seminary housing at the end of May!).

The same chapter of Ephesians quoted above, continues with this benediction, "Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or even imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen."

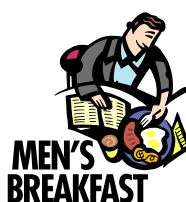
That is my prayer for us now, that as the Holy Spirit brings us together to learn with and from each other, God might guide us into ministry beyond all that we can ask or even imagine, that we might show Christ to the world and spread his love.

Gratefully,
Andrew

Announcements Announcements

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH

First Presbyterian Church will be feeding Appalachian Outreach volunteers again this summer. Our week is July 4th-8th. We need volunteers to help with breakfast and supper. Sign-up sheets are located in the Back Hall. Join us in showing appreciation for the home repair that these volunteers provide for low income and elderly residents of our community. If you have any questions, please see JoAnne Vest or Sue Swilley.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next breakfast for the men in our church family is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall





Fellowship Sunday

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
On Sunday July 10th we will be having a Special Fellowship Sunday to welcome Andrew and Rebecca Whaley into our Church Family. We will be meeting in the Parlor immediately following the worship service for a time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Deborah Scarlett.

RADA KNIVES FUNDRAISER

The Women's Group is selling Rada Knives in order to raise money to purchase several items for the kitchen. Catalogs can be obtained from JoAnne Vest or by going online at http://www.radacutlery.com/FundRaising/RADA_Catalog.pdf. All orders must be turned in by Sunday, July 10th. If you have any questions, please see JoAnne Vest or Jennifer Bates.



Knitting Group

SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, July 15th at 7 p.m. at the home of Libby Moser. If you have any questions, please see Libby.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN (NON COMPETITIVE) HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, July 16th at 8 a.m. We will be hiking to **DEVIL'S BACKBONE**: For this hike, we'll venture into deepest, darkest Cocke County (4 wheel drive vehicles required) and do a 6-10 mile round trip down the backbone and back. Near the trailhead are a firetower and an old family cemetery. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this year's Vacation Bible School are July 17th-19th! VBS will be from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Our program this year is, Shake It Up Café for preschool-grade 5. We have lots of fun activities planned for our young members! We will also have an adult class watching and discussing the DVD, Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Memories and Perspectives, The Life Story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Volunteers are needed. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Juroff.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes to Travis's Soles 4 Souls campaign. It was greatly appreciated!

JoAnne Vest



Deborah Scarlett and her family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and prayer shawl for her uncle who passed away peacefully earlier this month.



My family and I would like to thank everyone at First Presbyterian Church for their many cards of sympathy as well as gifts made to the church in memory of our brother, Tim O'Neill. I feel truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church family. Your thoughts and prayers were certainly appreciated more than you could ever know. Thank you.

Frances Wolf



SHOEBOX MINISTRIES— OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Again this year the Mission Committee will be collecting items for the Shoe Box Ministry in August, as the month of December becomes crowded with other activities and giving opportunities. A Shoebox Signup Sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the room behind the choir loft by Sunday, July 24th. The items needed will be listed on the sign up sheet and are outlined below. Keep in mind August is a great month to find bargains on school supplies and other back to school items. Also, there is a tax-free weekend for school and clothing items coming up in August. The time frame for the Shoebox Ministry is August 1st through 28th. Please contact Frances Wolf or Heather in the church office if you have any questions.

TOYS



small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)



"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

—Ronald Reagan

It's Yard Sale Time in Tennessee!!

17th ANNUAL MISSION YARD SALE, OCTOBER 1st
START COLLECTING NOW!!!

As summer progresses and you clean out closets, garages, etc., remember to set aside good, clean, salable items. We can convert them into cash for missions. Large items are especially desired and with early publicity can bring lots of dollars. In the past, we have sold riding mowers, cars, trucks, a boat, and a huge front loading earth mover. (Your large donation is tax deductible!)

Start planning your donation of goods now!! Recycle your surplus!! Many low income families in our community benefit greatly from our sale and we, in turn, earn extra money to support mission projects. This year's recipients are the Appalachian Mission in Cosby, Sunset Gap and the Haitian Mission of Bruce & Deb Robinson. For questions and info call Linda Noonkesser, Carolyn Berryhill, or Eva Zirkle.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE
SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

LCpl Pryor (Dennis IV), F.D. Major Michael Stinnett
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Unit 42094
FPO AP 96427-2094

Major Kevin Hornburg Spec. Taylor Belton
Major Amy Carpenter 1706 SW 8th St.
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Randy White Dennis Pryor IV
Stationed in Afghanistan Stationed in Afghanistan

If you have a family member or friend who is serving in the Armed Forces, please let us know so that we can add them to our list.

"Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths."

-Etty Hillesum



SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas

The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

BJ Skeen, who is recovering from surgery

Marty Hulett, Melissa Needs' dad, who is recovering from a serious bacterial infection

Marie Nickle, who is undergoing chemotherapy

Linda Noonkesser, who will be undergoing radiation in the coming weeks

David Nester, who is undergoing treatments following successful surgery

Carl Vandiver, friend of JoAnne Vest, who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer

Kevin Taylor, Seth Jolley's brother-in-law, who is undergoing treatment for 2 brain tumors

Nancy Johnson, Debby Rinehart's sister-in-law, who has completed her radiation treatments

Freida Hunley, Judy Finley's daughter, whose cancer has returned and is undergoing chemotherapy

Sandy Jaros, who is undergoing another round of chemotherapy

Gene Inzer, Judy Finley's brother-in-law

Lauren Drees, mother of Whitney Folsom's fiancé, who is undergoing chemotherapy

Jean Orth, Bili Ledgerwood's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer

Chris Jarrett, Debby Rinehart's cousin, who is undergoing treatment for cancer

Lennis Williams, Phil Williams' mother

Ardelia Evans, Allen Evans' mother

Annette Hall, Deborah Scarlett's mom, whose cancer has returned

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley

Bonnie Young

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Pam Rutherford, Betty Wolfe

CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, Helen Hodges

ELMCROFT (Knoxville): Aileen Wilson

JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Elizabeth Felknor,

Frances Woodruff, Isabel Sites

CAST ALL YOUR CARES

"They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD" (Psalm 112:7, NIV). Is this verse true of you, or are you prone to fear and worry?

You might want to keep a "worry journal." Whenever you have a fear or anxious thought, write it down and pray about it, giving it to God.

Every time a fear proves unfounded or God intervenes in some way, write that down, too. Then when bad news comes, you'll have a record of God's deliverance to lend you strength and courage for the present battle.

BROKEN EAGLE, BROKEN CROSS

Because I grew up in the South during the middle of the 20th century, respect for the United States flag came naturally to me: we stood every morning at school to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and we learned flag etiquette in the Boy Scouts. Today I fly the flag on national holidays, and I always check the flag to see if it's faded or torn and thus in need of replacement. A few years ago, while preparing to display the flag, I noticed that the gold eagle of the top of the flagstaff had a broken wing. My initial thought was that I should try to find a replacement eagle, one whose wings were intact, but, on reflection, I decided to leave the eagle as is. The eagle can't be seen from the street, so I'm the only one who knows it's broken, and the broken wing has become symbolic for me of the disparity between the ideals upon which our country was founded (represented by the "broad stripes and bright stars" of the flag) and the "real world" activities of flawed humans who too often put self-interest above patriotism and cynicism above idealism (represented by the broken wing).

Each year on Palm Sunday, our church hands out palm frond crosses to the congregation; Typically, I have placed mine somewhere in easy view so I can ponder it over the ensuing weeks. In 1997 I placed the cross in the headliner of my Jeep, where it remains to this day. In April that year, Eva and I lost our daughter Anne, and about the same time one of the palm loops comprising the transept of the cross broke. On one level, the symbolism is apparent; on another, the symbolism is analogous to that of the broken eagle: the dichotomy between the ideals we espouse as Christians and the "real world" disappointments and shortcomings we all experience.

The broken eagle and broken cross remind me that my own life is broken, that I have, as St. Paul said, "sinned and fallen short of the glory of God;" however, they also remind me that, even in my brokenness, God's presence is real. They inspire me to set aside despair and cynicism, and to try harder to live up to the ideals I hold. They highlight for me the paradox between what I am and what I know I should be.

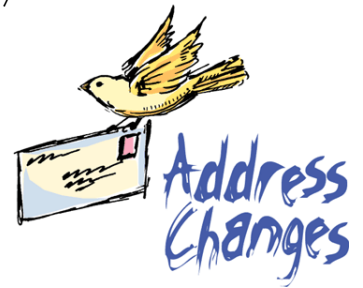
How do you respond to the broken eagles and broken crosses in your life? Do you say that patriotism, devotion to the ideals of our nation, and Christian teachings are good stories to relate to children and young people, but that they're just stories, stories to be set aside when we grow up? Do you say that they should be normative stories for us, but that since we always fall short of the mark, there's no reason to strive for perfection? Or do you say that, in each case, these are your ideals, that you will live up to them to the best of your abilities, realizing that you'll have lapses and let-downs, recognizing each lapse or let-down for what it should be: an opportunity for renewal, rededication, and experiencing God's grace?



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JULY 3

Ushers — Ted Folsom and David Noonkesser
Greeters — Charlie and Sara Piper
Nursery — Juanita Dykstra

JULY 10

Ushers — Jake Moser and J Moser
Greeters — Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Nursery — Dianne Reagan

JULY 17

Ushers — Rich Harlan and Doug Dykstra
Greeters — Vivian Gerber and Bill Ledgerwood
Nursery — JoAnne Vest

JULY 24

Ushers — Charlie Piper and John Zirkle
Greeters — Terry and Sandy Jaros
Nursery — Bill Ledgerwood

JULY 31

Ushers — John and Debby Rinehart
Greeters — Linda Eisenhower and Frances Wolf
Nursery — Juanita Dykstra



Mr. & Mrs. Theodore W. Folsom III, request the honor of your presence at the Marriage of their daughter, Whitney Leighan to Jeffrey Paul Drees on Saturday, the Thirteenth of August Two Thousand Eleven At Half Past Five O'clock in the Evening at First Presbyterian Church.

Cocktails, dinner, and dancing to immediately follow ceremony at Calhoun's on the River, 400 Neyland Dr., Knoxville, TN.

Please be sure to sign up on the sheet posted in the back hall if you plan to attend.

