

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

LECTIONARY

August 7 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 14 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133:1-3
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 21 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124:1-8
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 28 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Meetings This Month

Fellowship & Evangelism Mtg.— August 10th at 6:00 p.m.
Session— August 10th at 6:30 p.m.
Mission Mtg.— August 10th at 8:00 p.m.
Stewardship & Finance Mtg.— August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
Christian Education Mtg.— August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report July 2011

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| July 3 | \$4,485.00 |
| July 10 | \$2,932.00 |
| July 17 | \$3,718.00 |
| July 24 | \$3,247.00 |
| July 31 | \$0,000.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$14,382.00 |

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. | | | | | | |
| Fellowship Sunday Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. | 1 <i>David and Mala Skeen</i> | 2 3 Stewardship & Finance 6:30 p.m. Sara Cheaves Sue Swilley | 4 5 Fellowship & Evangelism 6:30 p.m. Session — 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee 8 p.m. | 6 Women's Breakfast 9 a.m. Ted Folsom Jonas Moser Judy Finley | 7 8 Mary's Breakfast 8 a.m. Johnny Reagan Doug Setson | 8 9 10 11 12 13 Hiking Club 8 a.m. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service—10:45-11:45 a.m. <i>Gifts of Women Sunday</i> <i>Jim Deaton</i> <i>Joyce Cornett</i> | 15 16 17 18 19 20 | 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 | 28 29 30 31 | 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 | 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 | 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 |
| Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service—10:45-11:45 a.m. <i>Julie Moody</i> <i>John & Debby Rinehart</i> | | Betty Wolfe | | | Lyle & Kathy Juroff | |

The Amen Almanac

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Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

From the Pastor's Desk...

What an exciting first month we have shared, serving our Lord together! From the chaos, hilarity, and deep ministry of hospitality offered during our week of hosting Appalachian Outreach, to Shakin' in Up with Vacation Bible School, this has been a whirlwind introduction to the church, and I am grateful to have been welcomed and immersed into that life.

As I have had the opportunity to visit with several of you or share conversations after worship or before Sunday school, I continue to be impressed by this church's practice of excellence. When you take on a project, it is clear that you do it with thoughtfulness, intention, and with an ever-present sense that you are doing your ministry for the glory of God. It is exciting to be in a place with that mindset toward ministry.

Because of that perceived sense of excellence in the congregation, I have found myself at ease asking "Why?" in many committee meetings and in our first session meeting. Since I know that ministries are not taken up lightly here, I know I will be able to gather a whole host of information around the history and meaning of the activities in this community. A commitment to excellence and a willingness to ask "why" are important characteristics for our church as we embark on a new journey.

As some of you may know, our denomination adopted a new Form of Government that went into effect in July. For those who may be new to the Presbyterian tradition (or need a reminder), our church has a constitution that consist of two parts. The first part is the Book of Confessions. These are a collection of nine statements of Christian faith from the Reformed tradition, written by men and women who were responding to particular theological issues of their day, attempting to put into language what it meant to be a follower of Jesus in that time. These confessions guide our church as we seek to follow Jesus in the twenty-first century.

The second part of our constitution is known as the Book of Order, and this book consists of three parts. The Form of Government outlines the historic principles of order in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America as well as pointing out major theological convictions of the Reformed tradition. The Form of Government is a covenant of sorts, the means by which we have discerned how God is calling us to live together in communities, guided by the wisdom of elders, uniting together in presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly. The second part of the Book of Order is the Directory for Worship, which provides guidance and ideas for how we worship together as the body of Christ. The third section is the Book of Discipline which provides us with guidelines for how to "disciple" one another in the church.

The only part of our constitution that has changed, then, is the Form of Government. There was a shift through the last twenty years to turn the Form of Government into a policy manual under which all of our congregations would abide. Many leaders in our churches have realized, however, that the means of doing ministry are significantly different in a congregation of 5,000 in San Diego, California and a congregation of 160 in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

The new Form of Government, therefore, seeks to be a more constitutional document, outlining principles and beliefs and broad instruction, while allowing churches to respond to the specific contexts in which they serve.

The new Form of Government, then, mandates that sessions adopt a policy manual under which they will operate. In addition to this, there are a few measures the congregation is responsible for deciding among itself as a full body. There are, of course, certain requirements in the Form of Government, but many of the details are left for the session to discern together how God is calling us to be the church.

Your session, therefore, will begin to examine this new Form of Government together at our August meeting, and over the next several months we will be working on a policy manual for our congregation.

Now this can sound tedious and like another burden to carry as a church already strapped for time and energy. I choose to see it, however, as an opportunity to continue to practice excellence and ask "why." This is an opportunity for us as a church to examine our ministries and ask how each of them proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and how they can do that more effectively. The session, then, is tasked to create a policy manual, but we are essentially discerning together how God would have us live together and witness to the resurrection of Jesus in Jefferson City in the twenty-first century. I would challenge each of us, as we examine our common life together, to ask how as a church our activities and ministries proclaim this Good News. May we continue to be a church that practices excellence and continues to ask "why," striving each day to live more faithfully to the God who has called us together.

Gratefully,
Andrew

ULTIMATE COMFORT

"For each of us the time is surely coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will all be swept away. ... To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain."

— A.W. Tozer

Announcements

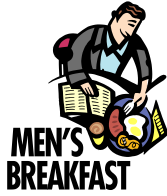


WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our first Women's Prayer Breakfast of the fall will be on Saturday, August 6th at 9 a.m. at the home of Libby Moser. If you have any questions, please see Libby.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next breakfast for the men in our church family is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th at 8 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SWIM PARTY

All youth and children are invited to a swim party at Esther O'Hare's (312 Independence Dr. in Patriot Hills) house from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, August 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Esther at 475-1682 or Kathy Juroff at 475-8634 or jkjur@charter.net.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Our first Family Night Supper of the fall will be on Wednesday, August 17th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program for this month will be a presentation by the youth about their Mission Trip to Sunset Gap. The entire church family is invited to attend! Please bring a dish to share. Plan now to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE

CARSON-NEWMAN MOVE-IN DAY

Meet the neighbors! We have the opportunity to meet new Carson-Newman students on Friday, August 19th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as they move into their dorms and begin their time as college students. What a privilege it would be some of the first faces they meet in this community. Carson-Newman Campus Ministries has invited us and other area churches to help students move into their new dorms and welcome them to the area. If you are interested in participating, please call Andrew at 475-2761 or e-mail him at andrew.fpcjeffcity@gmail.com.



SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, August 19th 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, August 20th at 8 a.m. We will be hiking to **BIG CREEK**. We'll do an easy 4.4 mile hike up the trail past Mouse Creek Falls and midnight Hole to a bridge which offers easy access to the river and a great spot for lunch. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 21st we will be having our Gifts of Women Sunday. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Diana Moore. Please plan on joining us for this special Sunday.

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.)



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry is a vital prayer ministry of our church. Many thanks to everyone who participates - those who make the shawls/scarves and those who pray over and sign the prayer cards. If you request a prayer shawl for someone, please remember to pick it up after the church service so you can deliver it as soon as possible. Thank you, Mary Ellen and Libby



August 2011 Ushers, Greeters, and Nursery Schedule

AUGUST 7

Ushers — Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Greeters — Mary Winslow and Carol Bergman
Nursery — Dianne Reagan

AUGUST 14

Ushers — Phil Williams and Johan Koppier
Greeters — Doug and Juanita Dykstra
Nursery — JoAnne Vest

AUGUST 21

Ushers — Dick Gombert and Ted Folsom
Greeters — Ted and Beth Folsom
Nursery — Bill Ledgerwood

AUGUST 28

Ushers — J Moser and Jake Moser
Greeters — David Noonkesser and Phil Williams
Nursery — Juanita Dykstra



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

LCpl Pryor (Dennis IV), F.D.
1st BN, 23rd MAR
WPNS CO 1st PLT
Unit 42094
FPO AP 96427-2094

Major Michael Stinnett
9 Lost Valley Dr.
Huntington, WV 25705

Major Kevin Hornburg
Major Amy Carpenter
13355 Cedarville Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80922

Spec. Taylor Belton
1706 SW 8th St.
Lawton, OK 73501

Col. Martha Sanders
99-1440 Aiea Heights Dr.
#22
Aiea, HI 93701-2904

Lt Col. Chris Hornburg
25617 Creek Run Terrace
South Riding, VA 20152

Dennis Pryor IV
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.

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Denise, Gail Twine's sister
All members of the military
and their families, especially
those stationed overseas
The unemployed



ILL AND RECOVERING:

Herbert McMillan, Beth Folsom's
uncle, who is suffering from emphysema and lymphoma
David Rogers, who is recovering from colon surgery
Adeena Dalton, who is undergoing chemotherapy
Cheryl Rice, Roxanne Moser's step-sister, whose cancer
has returned
Bob Barton, Frances Wolf's brother-in-law, whose
cancer has returned
Freida Hunley, Judy Finley's daughter, whose cancer has
returned and is undergoing chemotherapy
Ethan Carhart, son of Ina Hoxha Carhart, who has been
having seizures
Aiden Gentry, 10-month old son of David and Stacy
Gentry, who has been diagnosed with cancer
BJ Skeen, who is recovering from surgery
Marie Nickle, who is undergoing chemotherapy
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 under
going treatment for 2 brain tumors
Nancy Johnson, Debby Rinehart's sister-in-law, who has
completed her radiation treatments
Sandy Jaros, who is undergoing another round of
chemotherapy
Gene Inzer, Judy Finley's brother-in-law
Jean Orth, Bill Ledgerwood's sister-in-law, who has been
diagnosed with lung cancer
Chris Jarrett, Debby Rinehart's cousin, who is undergo-
ing treatment for cancer
Lennis Williams, Phil Williams' mother
Ardelia Evans, Allen Evans' mother

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 Felkner,
Frances Woodruff, Isabel Sites

"HOW BEAUTIFUL GOD'S LOVE"

How beautiful God's Love for us
So broad, so deep, so clear;
A gift that's rich and personal,
A joy that's always near.

—Peggy Ferrell, *Poems and Prayers*

"Hope is always available to us. When we feel defeated, we need only take a deep breath and say yes, and hope will reappear."

—Monroe Forester

Installation Sunday



INSTALLATION SERVICE

Installation of Andrew Clark Whaley as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, TN by the Holston Presbytery September 11, 2011

10:45 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Deborah H. Mullen, Dean of the Faculty and Executive Vice President of Columbia Theological Seminary will be preaching. A reception will immediately follow the service. Please watch your weekly bulletins for more information as the date approaches.



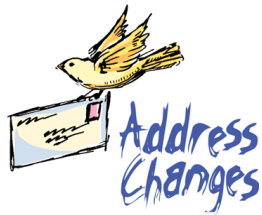
Russell Sites has been promoted to audit senior with Deloitte Touché in Atlanta. Earlier this year he completed all education and experience requirements and was licensed as a CPA in GA. Congratulations Russell!!!

HELP NEEDED FOR ONE OF OUR MISSION RECIPIENTS

The Mission Committee is attempting to locate and/or purchase a used lawn mower and tiller for Agape Acres, a state licensed non-profit organization, which provides residential and boarding care facilities for individuals diagnosed with disabilities, specific developmental problems, brain injuries, and addictive behavior. Gini Carson opened Agape Acres in 2002 and provides 24 hour staffing seven days a week for long-term and short-term treatment for its residents in a home where they are loved and watched. If you have a used mower or tiller that you are not using anymore or know of the location of one of these, please contact Sue Swilley at 865-397-8914 or 865-207-9622.

NEW ADDRESS/EMAIL ADDRESS

Marianne Cheaves
P.O. Box 213
Dandridge, TN 37725
E-mail: mcr1258@gmail.com



Brick Markers U.S.A.

As of June 11, 2011 the cost of purchasing bricks has increased from \$35 to \$50. If you have any questions or are interesting in purchasing a brick, please contact Heather in the Church Office.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (206)

This fund was established to provide the pastor a means of immediately meeting the needs of all God's children who are in distress, and with whom he comes in contact in his day-in-day-out activities in the community with agencies of the community. Memorials may be directed to this fund. The pastor is responsible for the administration of this fund, with oversight by the Mission Committee. This is one of many church restrictive funds. The fund is used to *help pay* many different bills, such as electric, water, housing, gasoline and just about anything for those in need. The normal process is for the person in need of assistance to get screened by the Jefferson County Neighborhood Center. Then the Neighborhood Center contacts the pastor with a request for funds, either partial or full amount. If the church has the funds in this restrictive fund, it will be paid to the company and not the requesting individual (i.e. Appalachian Electric, water utility, landlord, etc.). *With so many people in need in our community our fund is currently empty. Please take time to contribute, so that our church can continue to help all those in need.*

Yard Sale Information

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.

YARDSALE CHANGES----- WATCH YOUR E-MAIL!

As our church prepares to celebrate the September Installation of our new pastor, adjustments in the Yard Sale game plan are being made. We need to consider the comfort of our guests and the esthetics of the reception to follow and to still allow the time needed to "work" the massive amount of goods required to have another tremendously successful sale. Our mission yard sale is the largest annual church wide project, providing the lion's share of our mission giving and an opportunity for all members to participate. Please watch your e-mail as we work out the mechanics of drop-off, pricing, and storage.

CHANGE

Change keeps occurring throughout all of life. Sometimes it brings joy, and sometimes it brings strife. Change what you should; but you still have a voice - How you accept every change is your choice.
-Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God is right there to offer you strength and guidance.
—Anonymous