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**From the Pastor's Desk...**

*"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." -Proverbs 22:9*

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6:19-21*

Three items, per day, through the month of September. That is my challenge to each of us at First Presbyterian as we approach our annual mission yard sale. Each year we encourage our congregation to sort through closets, climb into attics, and dig through garage shelves to find donations for our yard sale (this year on October 4).

I want to challenge us as a congregation this year, however, to go a step beyond merely sorting through what needs to be cleaned out. Instead, I'd like us to take the two scripture passages above seriously, and use this month to examine just how much of our life we give over to our material possessions, the buying of them, caring for them, and hoarding them. Could our annual yard sale collection actually become a season in which we strive to simplify our living situations instead of simply donating the overflow from our storage units?

I challenge you to find three things per day for two theological reasons. The first comes from the fact that we worship a triune God, so while God is one, we know God in three persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By finding three items per day to donate we celebrate the fullness of our God and we mindfully acknowledge our dependence on the triune God for our daily lives.

The other reason to find three things per day comes from the story of the magi visiting our Lord Jesus. These wealthy intellectuals from the east brought him three gifts- gold, frankincense, and myrrh- costly, pricey donations to honor the newborn king. What if we thought of each of our three items per day as a valuable offering to God, a small sacrifice of love and devotion?

Now lest we be people of requirement and not abundance, three items per day is a *starting place!* Some of you have been in the yard sale donating habit for years, so God might be calling you to ten items per day or thirty items per day!

Whatever practice you choose to adopt, though, I hope you will use this time to grow in your trust in God, to deepen your devotion to Jesus, and to grow in trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Give generously, give sacrificially, know the blessing of generosity and the joy of knowing you are laying up for yourself treasures in heaven!

Gratefully,  
 Andrew

# Announcements



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday night Women's Bible Study will meet September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at The Creek. This year, we will be studying the book Strong Was Her Faith which focuses on several women of great faith who were crucial, in ways both obvious and understated, to the story of the New Testament. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Whaley (404-520-4544).

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The first Men's Prayer Breakfast of the Fall is scheduled for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you enjoy biscuits, bacon, and the Bible, join us at 8:00 a.m. for a new year of study and fellowship.



## WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women's Prayer Breakfast will begin on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Sue Rhein (1240 Groseclose Rd). Bring your Bibles and we will finish our study from the spring. Lesson Seven: "And the Greatest of These is Love." We will have new books for our series called "Groups: The Life Giving Power of Community". The books will be \$5.00. Come join us for a time of fellowship, study and prayer.

## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Grainger County Pavilion. The entire church family is invited to attend! Bring your favorite picnic food to share - meat and drinks will be provided. Plan now to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



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## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale for Missions — October 4, 2014

**Yard Sale, 2014, Recipients:** 1) Ruth Brown, mission co-worker in the Congo, 2) Girls, Inc., Morristown and 3) Friends of the Jefferson City Library. Please give prayerful consideration for the ways..large or small...you can help make this year's yard sale another record breaking event for FPC mission efforts. The Mission Yard Sale is a success because everyone finds a way to contribute.

**Yard Sale Workers:** Ruth Meadows and Debby Rinehart, members of the Yard Sale Committee, are making an effort to call each member/family of the congregation to discuss your role in the Mission Yard Sale. If you have not been contacted by one of them, please call Ruth (865-660-4982) or Debby (423-581-3135) to offer your help.

**Clothing for the Yard Sale:** Please sort clean, useable clothing into white kitchen garbage bags. Label bags...men, women, children...using permanent markers; tie bags in "bow" for easy/quick opening at yard sale time.



**Silent Auction:** Donations of special items for the Silent Auction are welcome anytime. Please contact Susan Clouser (423-839-1331) if you have questions.

**Storage for Yard Sale:** Collection of donated items continues at the Annex (located in storage bays at the corner of Branner Avenue and Old A.J. Hwy, across from Methodist Church parking lot) which will be open for receiving goods, Sunday afternoons, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please arrange a time for drop-off of furniture and large items in the Pod storage on west side of the church. If you have questions, please contact Eva Zirkle (865-640-8745) or Linda Noonkesser (865-216-0715). Pick up of items can be arranged by calling Mary Ellen Patton (423-585-0822). Please search your homes, basements, garages, attics and lawns for yard sale items that will bring help..in so many ways...to our community while raising much needed monies for the 2014 mission recipients.

**T-Shirts for Yard Sale:** All workers for the mission yard sale are asked to please wear the identifying green, First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, t-shirt on the day of the sale. Shirts are available in children sizes, small to xl, and adult sizes, small to 3xl, \$10 each. Please see Carolyn Berryhill (865-765-2856, berryhill.carolyn@gmail.com) to purchase a FPC/JC t-shirt.

**Yard Sale Needs:** Card tables, long tables, camping tables, sawhorses and plastic store bags are needed for the day of sale. Please see Carolyn Berryhill.



### GOING-ON GROUP

The Going On Group will kick off their 2014-15 activities with a tour of Sweetwater Valley Farm in Philadelphia, TN Thursday September 18, 2014. This farm is a working dairy farm and makes 25 different cheeses. They also have a gift shop to sell the cheeses. We will meet at the church to carpool at 9:15 a.m. The walking tour will begin at 11:00 am. Cost of the tour is \$6.00 per person. After the tour and video, we will proceed to Hunter Cafe and Bakery in Sweetwater for lunch. Please let John or Debby Rinehart know if you plan to participate or if you have questions.

### SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Libby Moser (217 Fieldcrest Dr.), Jefferson City). If you have any questions, please see Libby.



### SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING GROUP

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Group will meet on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8 :00 a.m. We will be hiking to Middle Prong Trail to Indian Flats Falls. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



### SHOE BOX MINISTRY

Operation Christmas Child provides an opportunity for all of us to be involved in a simple hands on project of the Samaritan Purse that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ - God's greatest gift. Sign-ups and shoe boxes will be available September 14<sup>th</sup> at the hall desk. The last day to receive filled boxes is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Let's shower them... with Love and Best Wishes**

**Please join us for a Wedding Shower in honor of Madison Minor & John Meadows Sunday, October 19 at 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Registry: Bed, Bath & Beyond; Lowe's Gift Cards**



### LOOKING AHEAD



**MISSION MINDED**

On Sunday, November 2, immediately following worship, we will be hosting a Missions Fair in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will make plans to attend and learn more about different Mission opportunities in the church and the community. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne King.

### THANK YOU AND UPDATE

Wayne is feeling a little better each day. Your prayers, prayer shawl, cards and phone calls are sustaining us through this time of recovery. We feel thankful and blessed to a member of this church. —Wayne and Margy King

### ATTENTION PLEASE!

Volunteers are really needed at Second Source Thrift Store. Times for "working" are flexible on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The time spent there is rewarding and fun! We are helping people who can't afford to shop at regular stores yet do not qualify for free things. For further information, see Kathy Juroff or Barb Dietz.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

#### ILL AND RECOVERING:

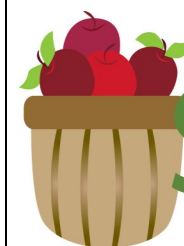
Ava Swilley, Sue's mother, who has been moved to a nursing home  
Chris Jarrett, Debbie Rinehart's cousin, is experiencing recurrence of cancer in multiple areas  
Cheryl Rice, Roxanne Moser's sister, who is exploring options for cancer treatment  
Trevon Williams, Sara Piper's Great-Grandson, as he is hospitalized with viral encephalitis  
Rhonda McClanahan, Donna Jenkins' daughter, as she begins another round of chemotherapy and radiation  
Calvin Metcalf, former interim pastor of FPC  
Mark Krisley, Pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, who has been diagnosed with liver disease  
David Frazier, former member of FPC, who is continuing to recover at home following brain surgery

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US: Lucille Tinsley Celeste Reneau

#### IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Betty Wolfe; Rachel McCurley  
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor  
THE HERITAGE CENTER (Morristown): Bonnie Young

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 MISSION COM. 6:30 P.M.  WORSHIP MTG. 6:30 P.M.	4  WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.	5	6
		Susan Clouser			Janie Gates	
7 Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	8	9	10 .FELLOWSHIP & EVANGELISM 5:30 P.M.  SESSION 6:30 P.M.	11	12	13 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8 A.M.  WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 9 A.M.
		Jackie Scarlett				Claud Gowan
14 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	15	16	17  FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER 6:30 P.M.	18  GOING-ON GROUP 9:15 A.M.	19  SIT 'N KNIT GROUP 7:00 P.M.	20  HIKING GROUP 8:00 A.M.
		Kenneth & Mary Winslow		Gary Bates		
21 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	22	23	24  CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:00 P.M.	25	26	27
		Pam Kustermann			Charlie Wise	Madison Minor
28 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	29	30				
	Delynn McCash	Mev Musick Jackson Moser				



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