



First Presbyterian Church

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August

Liturgists

- 6 tba
- 13 Jason Parolli
- 20 Leslie Bierman
- 27 Pete Reeves

Ushers

- Early Walter and Jeanette Wilkerson
- 11:00 Robert Brankstone, Chris Brown, Nick Neel, Jason Parolli

Communion Servers

- Early Beck Parmley and Donna Eiland
- 11:00 Holly Neel, Peggy Witherspoon, Jody Jarjoura, Bonnie Buntin

Communion Preparation

Matt and Tammy Parham

Greeter

- 11:00 Jean Taylor



August 22

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

This has been a wonderful summer for the Hatcher family! We've been blessed with time together and time apart that has refreshed and renewed us. Marshall and Katie had an inspirational week at the Montreat Youth Conference in Western North Carolina. My time at GA217 in Birmingham was invigorating and inspiring as I witnessed our centuries-old denomination at work, warts and all. Melinda, Marshall, Katie, Robert and I had a great week boating, water-skiing and taking in awesome scenery with the Hatcher-Butler clan at a house on Smith Lake in Winston County, Alabama. Melinda gained excitement and new ideas at the Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY. We enjoyed a laid-back day in Alabama with the Jarjoura family canoeing Bear Creek on July 22. And this week Katie and Robert are at Camp Hopewell for adventures of faith with many friends. (Rob's cabin counselor is our own Bobby Newman, working at Hopewell this summer, and Katie is on a canoe trip with Darren & Allison Ashmore, former members of our church on the Hopewell staff!). Whew! It's been an active and busy season, and I am greatly blessed with a terrific family and a fantastic church family.

As I shared in a recent sermon, your pastor has been undergoing a much-needed and long-awaited spiritual renewal. After some mid-life doldrums, I feel energized and eager to move into a bright future serving our Lord in this church. I feel that the Lord is unveiling a new vision for the leaders of First Pres. It is still in the developing stages, but I see a renewal of commitment to God's Word, to living out our faith with prayer and heartfelt worship, and to witnessing to our Savior with service that meets the needs of our community through the grace & love of Christ. I also see us building for the future. We have been blessed with a church full of members who love the Lord, and we are going to live out that love in some compassionate and meaningful ways in the coming years!

Already plans are in the works for a day of worship to celebrate the gifts of women at First Church, August 6. Promotion Sunday and a new Sunday School year are set for August 13. Our newly-elected officers will be trained during Saturdays in August. Our Way Out Wednesday program will resume in September with a format that reaches younger children and meets the spiritual needs of children, youth and adults. We will be organizing a Confirmation class for young people 7th grade and higher who wish to make a profession of faith in Christ as their Savior and Lord and to officially join the church as active members.

These are exciting days at First Presbyterian. Get on board! We are journeying together in the steps of our Savior and following the lead of God's gracious Holy Spirit. I am grateful for all who are a part of the First Presbyterian pilgrimage of faith!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Robert "Chip" A. Hatcher, Jr.

Treasurer's Report—(for June 2006)

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$24,113.00	\$164,651.00
Contributions-Loose Plate	1,124.82	5,018.79
Contributions-Sunday School	101.17	697.16
Miscellaneous Receipts	933.50	5,174.05
Building Use Income	350.00	800.00
Bank Interest	28.85	180.94
Camp Hopewell	80.00	1,025.50
Flower Fund— Lilies etc.	0.00	35.22
Kitchen Fund	0.00	536.00
Logos/Way Out Wednesday	0.00	1,662.28
Men of Church Dinner	0.00	407.00
Montreat (PYF)	2,495.00	5,402.56
Music Enrichment Fund	0.00	80.00
Two-Cents-A-Meal	22.25	482.05
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	706.00
Van Fund	0.00	315.00
World Communion Offering	0.00	0.00
Mortgage Addl.Prin. Reduction	640.00	10,236.00
Director of C. E. Fund	0.00	200.00
Love Gift	0.00	2,302.50
Special Offering	353.00	1,867.00
TOTAL INCOME	30,241.59	201,879.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,918.54	207,618.92
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSES	-\$3,676.95	-\$5,739.87
BALANCE ON LOAN	\$381,414.00	

Spread Your Spiritual Energy

A church in New York known for its prophetic witness and its influential ministries has this statement on its Web site:

"We know that, despite our reputation for 'speaking truth to power,' all our words and actions are empty if they are not based on the solid ground of faith. We gather in prayer, worship and meditation to renew our commitment to living according to the promptings of the Spirit. We learn and grow in faith through Bible study and forums. We bring music from many traditions into our worship to revive our spirits. And then we take this spiritual energy back out to our homes, workplaces, towns and to a nation in need of spiritual renewal. Much has been given us, and much is asked of us. We cannot waste our spiritual capital, but must ever seek to renew and deepen it."

We all need to tend our spiritual gardens in order to reap the benefits and share them with others.

Session Minutes

Stated Meeting - May 21, 2006

The stated meeting of the session was held at the church at 5:05 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Bill Bailey, Jason Parolli, Taylor Buntin, Chris Brown, Frank Jue, Brent Floyd, Ham Brankstone, Valeria Robertson, Ray Hill, and Ralph Kennedy. Elders Jamie Tipton and Beck Parmley were excused. Treasurer Betty Floyd and DCE Joyce Dean were also present.

Rev. Robert A. Hatcher, JR. opened the meeting with prayer.

Chip Johnson, Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board, Hernando, MS, addressed the Session on local Boys and Girls Club activities and made a plea for an operational funds contribution. Chip and the Boys and Girls Club was making similar requests to churches through Hernando and Southaven.

Treasurer Betty Floyd gave the session a financial report. The church's financial position was positive through April 2006. In addition, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to purchase a six (6) month \$10,000 certificate of deposit from Bancorpsouth, Hernando, MS.

Previous minutes were approved.

Elder Ralph Kennedy and Rev. Hatcher reported to the Session on the meeting of The Presbytery of St. Andrew held at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, Waterford, MS, on May 2, 2006.

A letter dated May 2006 was received from the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, North Carolina re: an appeal to Presbyterians and congregations within the PC USA. No session action was required.

Committee Reports:

- Property Committee—Elder Brent Floyd
- Christian Education Committee—Elder Frank Jue and CE Director Joyce Dean
- Finance Committee—Elder Chris Brown

By common consent, the session approved setting the salary of interim choir director Norma Roddy at the same level as former choir director Ken Siple. In addition, it was moved and unanimously approved to renew FPC's letter of credit at Bancorpsouth for the construction of an acceleration/deceleration lane on McIngvale Road in front of the church.

- Mission Committee—Elders Valeria Robertson and Jason Parolli
- Evangelism Committee—Elder Bill Bailey
- Congregational Care Committee—Elder Taylor Buntin
- Worship Committee—No report
- Stewardship Committee—Elder Ham Brankstone

Old Business:

Elder Brent Floyd briefed the session on the progress of the New Building Committee:

New Business:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed for Elder Ham Brankstone to fill in for Rev. Hatcher at both worship services on June 18, 2006. Rev. Hatcher will be attending the 2006 General Assembly in Birmingham, Alabama on that date.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to emphasize Boys and Girls Club giving at FPC from May 29, 2006 (Labor Day) through June 25, 2006 (consolidated Small Group gathering). A Boys and Girls Club display will be requested for use at FPC during this period.

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It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to contribute the proceeds of FPC's 2006 Pentecost Offering to Wesley Meadows DeSoto County Retirement Community, Hernando, MS.

Called Meeting - May 28, 2006

The called meeting of the Session was held at the church with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Valeria Robertson, Bill Bailey, Jason Parolli and Taylor Buntin.

Rev. Robert Hatcher opened the meeting with prayer.

Julie Bailey met with the Session to discuss her application to become an inquirer through St. Andrew Presbytery. Julie shared her faith story and answered questions.

The Session expressed its support and best wishes to Julie.

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the Building Fund in memory of **Marguerite Dunn, Anne Smith's mother:**

Dyke Sandridge
Donna Hall
Jamie and Diane Tipton
Stan and Jean Tylor
Peggy Witherspoon
Calvin and Miriam Crotwell

Given to the Building Fund in honor of **Katharine Kidd:**

Taylor and Bonnie Buntin

Given to the kitchen fund in honor of **WOW coordinators:**

Rose Baenke

Given to the Building Fund in memory of **Wesley Bailey, Bill Bailey's father:**

Dyke Sandridge
Steve and Missy Phelps
William and Francey Phelps
Taylor and Bonnie Buntin
M/M Jim Johnson
Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Monteith
Jamie and Diane Tipton
Donna Hall
Stan and Jean Taylor
Peggy Witherspoon
Brian and Tammy Goff
Calvin and Miriam Crotwell



Given to the Building Fund in honor of **Donna Hall:**

Taylor and Bonnie Buntin

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Chuck Davidson & Family,
Karen Sandridge,
Ben Owen,
Ryma Calvert,
Dave Crumpton,
Lillian Skaggs,
Marion Smith,
Marla Rustenhaven,
Johnny Skaggs,
Bill Bailey and family in the loss of his father
Wesley Bailey,
Anne Smith and family in the loss of her mother,
Marguerite Dunn
Sissy Ose and family in the loss of her uncle,
Dick Carter

Family Members of Our Congregation:

Ruth Ann Kiperts (Ken Plunk's sister), Michael French (Jimmy's brother), Bill Forshey (Mary Reiss' nephew), Tommy Bennett (Cathy Johnson's brother), Floy Peterson (Lisa Forbes' mother), Dolores Rustenhaven (Joel's mother), Charles Halford (Lynn Pattison's father), Trish Cole (Brian Goff's sister), Dean Kirby (Betty's brother-in-law), Justin Londeree (Betty Kirby's great-grandson), Helen Adler (Michelle Eaves' grandmother), Helen Porter (Lillian Skaggs' mother), Charles Kennedy (Ralph's brother), Charlie Salter (Susan Gladney's brother-in-law), Sawyer Hill (Ray Hill's nephew)



Vacation Bible School 2006

A big thank you for everyone who helped to make VBS so successful! We had 131 children registered and approximately 50 volunteer helpers. Everyone worked hard and a great time was enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to the following directors:

Overall Coordinators: Holly Neel and Joyce Dean
Opening and Closing: Mary Heather Gibbs and Holly Neel
Bible Challenge: Tammy Goff and Wendy Jue
Bible Stories: Holly Neel, Sharon Walker, Miriam Crotwell
Crafts: Mary Heather Gibbs and Theresa Jones
Games: Becky Parmley
Snacks and Registration: Pam Briscoe
Decorating: Karen Sandridge
Music: Norma Roddy



Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

01	Laura Long	20	Julia Park
02	Kevin Briscoe	21	Mary Reiss
03	Teri Byrum		Brian Goff
	Chelsey Handley	22	Chip Johnson
	Hannah Hill	23	Glenn Davidson
04	Zach Couch		Brian Street
	Betty Floyd	24	Ken Jones
05	Shana Shackelford		Diane Tipton
06	Mike Reiss	25	Gaines Massey
07	Walter Wilkinson	26	Frank Gibbs
08	Marshall Hatcher	27	Mari Alex Sandridge
09	Betty Kirby	29	Shannon Johnson
10	Mark Anglin		Jim Franks
	Pete Reeves		Marion Smith
	Debbie Powell	31	Kelsey Costa
13	Ham Brankstone		Susan Gladney
15	Julie Cooper		Karen Hill
16	James Newman		
17	Emily Manley		
18	Linda Crumpton		
19	Elizabeth Massey		
	Cameron Byrum		
	Holly Neel		



August Anniversaries

12	Brian/Tammy Goff	
14	Walter/Jeanette Wilkinson	1951
18	Frank/Lori Roberson	1983
	Bob/Mary Reiss	1984
21	Jason/Cindy Parolli	1999
	Gary/Tara Hermansen	2000
22	Norman/Vernis Kastman	1948
24	Ross/Sissy Ose	1985
	Jimmy/Pam Hill	1985
28	David/Lucy Hursey	1996
29	Pete/Dallygene Reeves	1981

Sunday School Program

Why do we have Sunday school in our church? The foundations for Christian Education are rooted in the scriptures. We are called and challenged to provide a safe and nurturing environment where we can experience God's love and grace and see his transforming power in our lives.



An effective Sunday school uses the gifts of many. A heartfelt thank you to the Sunday school teachers that have volunteered the past year. Thank you: Vicki Earl, Lynn Wells (Nursery); Rebecca May (Toddlers); Sissy Ose (3 & 4 year old); Kitt Albritton, Carla Samuels (K & 1st); Frank Jue (2 & 3rd); June Halsted, Ray Hill, Sharon Walker (4 & 5th grade); Jimmy French (6-8th grade); Bill Bailey, Taylor Buntin (9-12th grade); Lynn Pattison, Carolyn Faust (Music); Lisa Forbes (Children's Church); Bonnie Buntin, Holly Neel, Annette Ragsdale, Bill Stepp (Adults). Also, a thank you to everyone who helped this summer with our rotational model Sunday school program.

Promotion Sunday will be held Sunday, August 13, at 9:45 with a pot luck breakfast and recognition program. Please make plans to attend.

We will have a training session on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 for the children/youth Sunday school teachers. Presbytery is holding an education fair on Saturday, August 19 from 2-5 at Camp Hopewell. If you are interested in attending please see Joyce Dean.

This fall we will be using the *Walk With Me* curriculum for the 3 year olds through 8th grade. The CE Committee reviewed several curriculum and felt that this was the best source for us. *Walk With Me* includes the following values that we felt were the most important for our curriculum: (1) Biblical and Reformed. We aim to be faithful to Scripture and to make the Reformed faith come alive in our everyday experiences as children of God. (2) Kid-friendly. Children learn in a variety of ways and this curriculum uses activities that appeal to many different learning styles. (3) Easy to Use. Each session is easy to follow and easy to teach. Each session is laid out in four easy steps. (4) Grows Faith. Children not only learn the stories but what it means for them now. Children are encouraged to live out their faith. (5) Builds community. The curriculum encourages leaders and children to become a small group together. (6) Celebrates diversity. This places a strong value on recognizing and celebrating the diversity of God's family. (7) Fun. We believe that children learn best when sessions are fun and active.

The High School class will use The Presbyterian curriculum *We Believe*. God's Creating Word is the theme for the older youth for this year.

The Toddler and Two's use stories that talk about God, about Jesus, and about The Church. We help children grow in their faith as we help them build the language of faith. Play is very important in their growth.

The adult classes are using a variety of study topics. There are three separate adult classes: a discussion, a lecture, and a young parent's class.

If you aren't already attending a class why don't you make a commitment and start. The fall session begins August 20th.



*Please join us for a luncheon
honoring*



Presbyterian Women

Hernando First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 6, 2006

12:00 p.m.

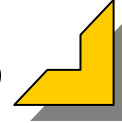
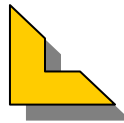
1455 McIngvale Road

Hernando, Mississippi

RSVP—429-6646

**A favorite recipe will admit you
to the luncheon.*

(Daughters six and up are invited.)



News About FPC Memphis Soup Kitchen

First Presbyterian Church of Memphis in conjunction with Idlewild Presbyterian Church has added a new ministry through the ordination of an urban missionary. The Rev. Sharon Gazaway.

Sharon's call is intimately connected to the work of service and love in our homeless brothers and sisters in which all of you participate through the Soup Kitchen. Often, the immediate physical needs of those on the street can be met with food and clothing and shelter. Life stories and situations, however, compel the listening ear and caring regard of a pastor. Sharon has been called and validated by the Presbytery of the Mid South to be a pastor to people on the streets of Memphis who long for such a relationship.

You are invited to worship with us each Sunday afternoon, 1:30—2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

As part of building a caring relationship within the disparate community of the homeless and near homeless of Downtown and Midtown Memphis, the Session of First Presbyterian Church has authorized another worship service to take place at 1:30 p.m. each Sunday afternoon. Our hope is by worshipping together, we recognize more fully our kinship through Jesus Christ as brothers and sisters in the Family of God.

For the convenience of our homeless guests, this worship service is close in time to Soup Kitchen. There is no connection between the invitation to eat with us at Soup Kitchen and the invitation to worship beforehand. Both are freely, but separately, offered.

Volunteer Arrival Times: (Our church serves on August 20, 2006)

1:30 p.m. Worship (Help in Soup Kitchen afterwards)

1:15 p.m. Welcome to participation in Worship! If you and/or your group wish to participate in worship as ushers, greeters, celebrants, or musicians, please call Sharon at 826-6111, or the church office, 525-5619, to schedule.

1:45 p.m. Help in Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet (Our church serves with Senatobia P. C.)

Special Thanks

Dear Chip and Members of First Presbyterian:

Once again I find myself humbled as I write to thank you for your generous support of the Y-CAP Program. Words are hard to come by for church members such as you who so willingly each year provide family night meals of our students and their families. We have found that a meal shared is a rare event in the lives of the young people we serve.

Thank you to each volunteer who came to serve and be a part of the family night. To provide meals such as you did does not come without a monetary price. Thank you to everyone who contributed the funds for the pizza, sub sandwiches, salad, drinks, desserts and all the trimmings. The meals were delicious and as the volunteers that were there know they were enjoyed by all. There was no problem getting those kids to eat.

First Presbyterian served a large number on Tuesday and Thursday night. Not only did you feed them physically you fed them spiritually. What a witness to families that are going through some tough times with family problems.

Thank you for being a vital part of helping us “Redirect Youth Behavior by Teaching Moral Values and Rebuilding Families.” Please keep the staff, volunteers, and every family that comes through our doors in your prayers.

Dear Chip, Property Committee,
and First Presbyterian Church,

We are grateful to you for reserving the fellowship hall and letting us have our Summer graduation for our special needs children that will be going into the DeSoto County Pre-School program in August. Everyone had a great time, and I'm glad we had a good turn out.

*Thank you from the staff of Project Run,
Terri Smith, Janet Phillips, Teresa Herron,
and Stacy Harrison*

Dear Church Family,

I can't even express how much my family appreciates everything that everyone has done for us. Thank you so much for all of the wonderful food and for setting it up after the service. We are so thankful for the money that the church and Sunday school classes have graciously given us. I know that Jennifer loved each and everyone of you and it shows that you felt the same about her. Thanks for all of your prayers. Please continue to pray for us as we have a long road ahead.

*With love,
Larry Moffitt and Family*

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your warm encouragement and your special gift of love, which makes so many good things happen in the lives of Palmer's children.

As I write, summer is in full swing, and it's our busiest time of year. Kids are going in all directions—from summer camps to vacation trips with sponsors and trial visits with parents to summer jobs. And volunteers are coming from equally diverse directions (last year from seven states) to help refurbish and rebuild and provide new opportunities for Palmer youngsters, from play and learning experiences to vacation Bible schools. And that's exactly the way we like it, providing youngsters with lots of positive role models, lots of opportunities to learn, lots of chances to put their hurts behind them.

We make promises and commitments each day to children in need, armed with the assurance that you stand with us each step of the way, and that your love and support provides the energy and enthusiasm to challenge and encourage youngsters to excel and reach their full potential.

And underneath all the bustling activity that summer brings is purposeful intent. We want to see every child win, every child succeed, every child overcome, every child become all that our gracious God intends. And I thank you for sharing the dream and spreading the hope through your love, your prayers, and your generous financial support. Bless you!

Palmer Home for Children

August 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Prime Time Lunch Noon	2 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	4	5 Elder-Deacon training 9 -11:30 a.m.
6 Communion 2¢ a meal PW Luncheon Noon	7	8 PW Morning Circle	9 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Shepherd's Ctr. At Parkway 10 a.m.	11	12
13 Committees Meet SS Promotion Sunday	14	15 Teacher Training 6:30 p.m.	16 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Young at Heart (Parkway)	18	19 Education Fair at Hopewell 2—5 p.m. Elder-Deacon training 9 -11:30 a.m.
20 Session Meets Soup Kitchen	21	22 Newsletter Deadline!	23 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Prime Time Games 10:30 a.m.	25	26 Elder-Deacon training 9 -11:30 a.m.
27 PW Evening Circle 5 p.m.	28	29	30 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.		

Church Directory

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 Carolyn Faust..... Organist
 Anne Smith email: fpcanne@midsouth.rr.comAdministrative Assistant
 Ralph Kennedy.....Clerk of Session
 Betty Floyd..... Treasurer
 Vicki Earl; Lynn Wells..... Nursery Attendants
 Frank Jue Sunday School Superintendent
 Meredith Walker Prayer Breakfast Coordinator
 Rodger Pattison..... Men of the Church Coordinator
 Sharon Walker, Donna Eiland, Sissy Ose Way Out Wednesday Directors
 Meredith Walker Prayer Breakfast Coordinator
 Cindy Runken(449-4449)..... Mother's Day Out Director
 Peggy Witherspoon (449-5874) Prayer Ring Coordinator

SESSION

Class of 2006	Bill Bailey Valeria Robertson	Frank Jue Jamie Tipton
Class of 2007	Brent Floyd Ralph Kennedy	Ham Brankstone
Class of 2008	Chris Brown Becky Parmley	Taylor Buntin Jason Parolli

DEACONS

Class of 2006	Leslie Bierman Steve Phelps	Pete Reeves Bob Reiss
Class of 2007	Chad Braddock Mary Reiss Jeanette Wilkinson	Pam Briscoe Johnny Skaggs
Class of 2008	Jimmy French Rachel Marsh	Cody Kleine Holly Neel

TRUSTEES

Class of 2006 - Jim Franks	Class of 2008 - Bill Bailey	Class of 2010 - Dyke Sandridge
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Our Prime Time Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 1.

Lunch is served at 12:00.

Meal is \$4.00.

Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship and a wonderful meal.
Bring a treasured object to be appraised by Richard Dawson of
Senatobia (Antique Roadshow).



The Congregational Care Committee has provided 12 activity bags for the children who stay in worship service. Please be sure to return them to the hooks in the narthex when you leave.



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