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January

Liturgists
TBA

Ushers
Early TBA

11:00 TBA

Communion Servers
Early TBA

11:00 TBA

Communion Preparation
TBA

Greeter
11:00 TBA

January 23



From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

As the year draws to a close and we prepare to welcome God's greatest gift in the Savior born in Bethlehem, Christ the Lord, my heart overflows with thanksgiving and gladness for all that God is doing in the life of our church. I am so thankful for the expressions of care and love from the First Presbyterian Church family. You have been so good to me and my family, and I am grateful for your kindness and the ministry that you offer to the Hatcher family.

I am grateful for our leaders in the church: session members, deacons, committee members, teachers, program leaders, small group leaders & hosts, prayer ring callers, choir singers, nursery workers, ushers and greeters, meal preparers, communion servers, liturgists, acolytes, sanctuary decorators, bulletin folders . . . all of you provide vital service to the Lord through our church's ministries, and I thank you for your commitment and your humble service.

I am grateful for our staff. This past year we've added a full time Christian Ed. Director, Joyce Dean, whose work is enabling us to grow in our education programs for all ages. Joyce is also helping us to grow in our Mission efforts through Heifer Project International. I'm looking forward to a new program that Joyce will unveil for us to begin on January 21!

We have also seen a transition in our music ministry with Norma Roddy taking over the reins of our music program. It is great for me to work again with a dear friend in Norma, and her work is bearing wonderful fruit with the addition of the Youth Ensemble during Advent and Christmas. The Service of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 17 was a wonderful, worshipful service.

Anne Smith and Carolyn Faust have continued their faithful and very dependable service for the past eight and nine years, respectively. Two more dedicated church servants I'm sure we've never had. And I am thankful, too, for the stability and loving care provided our church's children in the nursery by Vicki Earl and Lynn Wells. Our church is blessed with a caring staff.

I'm looking forward to 2007 and to the adventures toward which God is leading us as a congregation. Please continue your prayers for me and for members of the Session and Diaconate. We will share in a planning retreat on January 12-13, and we will be seeking the Lord's guidance about our future together as a church. May the new year find us all committed to the Lord's work in our church, eager to serve and to live out our calling as Christ's beloved servants. "Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed" (I Peter 1:13).

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

Treasurer's Report—(for November 2006)

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$20,736.39	\$286,752.30
Contributions-Loose Plate	1,234.18	12,609.54
Contributions-Sunday School	116.35	1,239.34
Miscellaneous Receipts	20.00	6,078.54
Building Use Income	0.00	1,450.00
Bank Interest	24.02	312.00
MDO Expense Sharing	0.00	3,666.00
Camp Hopewell	0.00	1,240.50
Dress-a-Child	0.00	80.00
Flower Fund— Lilies etc.	0.00	35.22
Kitchen Fund	0.00	606.00
Family Night	568.00	4,261.28
Men of Church Dinner	80.00	740.00
Montreat (PYF)	1,303.15	8,153.71
Music Enrichment Fund	0.00	80.00
Men's Prayer Breakfast	0.00	400.00
Helping Hands Fund	50.00	400.00
Flower Fund-Poinsettias	50.00	50.00
Van Fund	1,810.00	8,600.00
Library Fund	0.00	100.00
Two-Cents-A-Meal	87.96	1,088.25
Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	0.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	706.00
Mortgage Addl. Prin. Reduction	425.00	41,420.00
Director of C. E. Fund	0.00	500.00
Heifer Project	281.00	281.00
Love Gifts	0.00	2,302.50
Special Offering	300.00	2,167.00
Cancer Camp	0.00	350.00
Total Income	27,086.05	385,669.18
Total Expenses	36,424.21	404,439.66
Excess Income/Expenses	-\$9,338.16	-\$18,770.48
Balance of Loan	333,148.00	

Recycle Your Empty Inkjet Cartridges!

PYF is still collecting empty inkjet cartridges for recycling. The box is located in the vestibule. Help us raise money for Montreat.

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the music fund in memory
of **Charles Halford, Lynn Pattison's father:**

Betty Kirby



Given to the Van Fund in honor
of **Dyke Sandridge:**

Louise Honey

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

Jack Currie

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Chuck Davidson & Family, Ben Owen, Ryma Calvert, Dave Crumpton, Lillian Skaggs, Marla Rustenhaven, Katharine Kidd, Donna Hall, Lynn Pattison and family in the loss of her father, Charles Halford

Family Members of Our Congregation:

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), Shirley Richardson (Kalle Cantrell's mother), Mrs. Chamberlin (Bobby's mother), Frances Wilson (Genie McGee's mother), Martha Clark (Dallygene Reeve's mother), Violet Walker (Gale Brankstone's mother), Daisy Wilson (Sharon Thornton's mother), Diane Callahan (Becky Parmley's aunt), Richard Parolli (Jason's father), Ollie Mae Wilbanks (Debbie Powell's aunt), Claudia Runken (Carla Samuel's mother, Joe Fowler (Anne Smith's brother), Graydon Scott (Laura Harrell's father), Jacqueline Parmley (Joel Rustenhaven's friend)

Family Night Resumes January 10th

We are looking forward to another successful season of Family night. We will resume on Wednesday, January 10 with dinner at 5:30. We need to develop a new reservation list. Please fill out a new registration form if you wish to be included on this list. When you are on this list you only need to call when you are canceling. The form can be picked up at the Church or by downloading it from the web site. You may still sign up on a weekly basis by calling by 4 p.m. on Monday. We have a change in the cost of the meals. For children 4 and under it will only cost \$1.00. The other prices remain the same: \$4/adults and \$3 for children from 5-18.

The program will start at 6. The adults will continue studying topics from the Thoughtful Christian. The topic on January 10th is the Islamic religion. The high school group with Annette Ragsdale and Michelle Eaves will be studying various religions around the world. The CHOP group will be doing various projects and are led by Cindy Gurley and Mary Ann and Johnny Pickett. The two children's groups will be studying 2000 Ark Avenue – God's Great Get Together. They will be making crafts, singing, and learning about their relationship to God. Holly Neel, Mary Heather Gibbs and Karen Hill are the leaders. We will also have a nursery for those under 4.

We encourage everyone to come and participate.

*Joyce Dean
Director of Christian Education*

Beth Moore Study Begins January 25th

Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats, today's believers face many of the same trials. Introducing *Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy*, an in depth Bible study from the best-selling author Beth Moore. The first portion, Daniel chapters 1-6, were studied in the fall. The second portion, Daniel chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ. Even if you did not attend the first session, you will be able to join right in. We will begin Thursday, January 25 and run for 6 weeks, until March 1, from 6 – 8 p.m. A nursery will be provided. Please sign up in the office or with Holly Neel.

Save Your Quarters to Buy a Water Buffalo!

The Heifer International is a nonprofit organization that since 1944 has worked to end hunger and poverty by giving struggling families the gift of farm animals to provide them with ongoing food and income. Through the gift of livestock, a family can obtain milk, eggs, wool, and other benefits to feed, clothe, and educate their children. Each gift multiplies as each family that receives a Heifer International animal promises to “pass on the gift” by giving one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. We had a goal of raising \$120 to purchase a goat for a needy family. SUCCESS!!! Four goats are on the way to Heifer International. Thank you to everyone for putting quarters in the goat stick. We will continue to call it the “goat stick” but we are now collecting quarters for a water buffalo. A water buffalo is like three gifts in one. Because a water buffalo can provide a family with protein-rich milk, organic fertilizer and pulling power, they are among the most sought-after livestock in many parts of the world. A water buffalo costs \$250. We need to fill the goat stick two times to raise enough for the water buffalo. Keep bringing your quarters.

For the Christmas season we sponsored the Living Gift Market. Many of our members took advantage of this alternative gift opportunity. We sent Heifer International over \$800 for various animals.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

01	Jay Farris	17	Laura Davis
02	Debra Brown		John Thomas Briscoe
	Bill Brooks	20	Frank Roberson
05	Susannah Neel	21	Rachel Cook
06	Steven Sandridge	25	Diann Guy
07	Bill Bailey		Sarah Davis
	Luke Langston	26	Katie White
	Jimmy Rustenhaven	27	Holliman Brown
08	McClain Rafferty	28	Bettie Britt
10	Tom Easley		Lori Roberson
	Art Chaput		Chip Pfisterer
14	Laurie Johnson	29	Brent Floyd
	Wendy Jue	30	Henry Hilliard
15	Lisa Gurley	31	Ralph Kennedy
16	Tom Burke		



January Anniversaries

02	Brett/Midge Smith	1988
09	Mark/Becky Parmley	1990
10	Steve/Debbie Powell	1985

Session Minutes

Called Meeting - October 22, 2006

The stated meeting of the session was held at the church at 5:10 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Becky Parmley, Bill Stepp, Ray Hill, Michelle Eaves, Bob Reiss, Taylor Buntin, Chris Brown, Matt Parham, and Ralph Kennedy. Elder Ham Brankstone, Jason Parolli, and Brent Floyd were excused. Rev. Robert A. Hatcher, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the stated meeting minutes of September 24, 2006.

Rev. Hatcher gave the Treasurer's report. Year-to-date, the church is in a negative financial position (\$6,300).

Communications:

Letters were received from Louisville Seminary, PC USA; Princeton Theological Seminary; and The Presbytery of St. Andrew. No action was required or taken. In addition, a letter was received from Presbyterian Church (USA), Financial Aid for Studies, NMD Leadership and Vocation, announcing that FPC Deacon Davis Bailey was awarded A Presbyterian Study Grant. A copy of the letter will be published in FPC's monthly newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Elder Chris Brown and Rev. Hatcher gave the session an overview of the proposed 2007 budget.

Personnel – Elder Chris Brown. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve a 3% salary increase in 2007 for Rev. Chip Hatcher, Administrative Assistant Anne Smith, Music Director Norma Roddy, CED Joyce Dean, and Organist/Pianist Carolyn Faust.

Property – Elder Ralph Kennedy

Christian Education – Elders Becky Parmley and Bill Stepp

Mission – No report.

Evangelism – Elder Ray Hill

Congregational Care – Elders Taylor Buntin and Michelle Eaves

Worship – Elder Bob Reiss

Stewardship – No report

Old Business: Elder Becky Parmley and Rev. Hatcher briefed the session on the events of the October 3, 2006, stated meeting of the Presbytery of St. Andrew.

New Business: There was no additional new business.

At 6:55 p.m., Elder Matt Parham closed the meeting with prayer.

Called Meeting - November 5, 2006

The called meeting of the session was held at the church at 12:12 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Bob Reiss, Jason Parolli, Chris Brown, Bill Stepp, and Ralph Kennedy. DCE Joyce Dean and Treasurer Betty Floyd were also present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve the 2007 budget.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the 2007 budget. In addition, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to call a congregational meeting on December 10, 2006, to present the budget to the congregation.

At 12:45 p.m., Rev. Hatcher closed the meeting with prayer.

Thank you!

To My Church Family:

Our family has had so many ups and downs over the past year with my deployment to Iraq and Betty's illness. We want to thank our church family for all of your thoughts and especially your prayers. Chip, your endless devotion of prayers and talking to Betty and me through phone calls and e-mails during Betty's recovery and my return to my family were essential for her recovery. Thank you.

Betty has recovered from her surgery and has a follow-up in January '07. I am settling back into my loving family. Church family, thanks for all you have done in assisting my family through the past year.

*Many Thanks,
Chuck, Betty, Amanda and Charlie Davidson*

Welcome to the Inside/Outside Fitness Challenge

The typical American doesn't eat healthy, doesn't exercise enough (or at all!), and doesn't devote enough time to nurturing their relationship with God. The goal of FPC's fitness challenge is to help you break out of the typical mold and be the best you can be, both physically and spiritually.

The Inside/Outside Fitness Challenge will run from Sunday, January 21st through Saturday, April 14th. A 12 week program was chosen for the contest, since behavioral studies have shown that healthy behaviors are most likely to become habits after being practiced this long. We hope that you will continue these healthy habits for a lifetime.

Your team of 4 people will work individually and together to accumulate points toward beating the competition and winning some great prizes! Pick up a registration packet, pick a team name and a team captain, and turn in the form to Joyce Dean. You will then be responsible for recording daily the number of points you earn while engaging in the specific healthy behaviors listed on your tally sheets. You must report your total accumulated points each week to your team captain, who will then report total team points to Joyce Dean. Scores will be posted weekly and prizes will be awarded to the top point getters for youth and adult teams at the end of the twelve week challenge. Your team can include spouse, family, friends, Sunday school members, Bible study group members, sports teammates, etc. Form your group now.

For more information see Joyce Dean. Good luck to all!

Y-CAP Branch YMCA (YMCA Community Action Program)

Dear Members of First Presbyterian,

Thank you for providing the Family Night Meals for the month of October. We are amazed at how many family members tell us that they cannot remember the last time they actually sat down and ate together. Meals such as the ones that were prepared and served on Tuesday and Thursday made for a great start to families talking and sharing during this short time. The sloppy Joes with all the trimmings, the fried chicken, green beans and potatoes, how could you not sit and enjoy your family. All the desserts were delicious. The peanut butter bars are still being talked about by many of the students.

To every volunteer who planned, prepared, served or provided the funds for the meals we say thank you. To those who came to set up and serve thank you for making each parent and student welcome. It was such a joy to see you all laughing and talking with the families as they came through the line.

Y-CAP depends so heavily on churches such as yours to help in the mission of "Redirecting Youth Behavior by Teaching Values and Rebuilding Families". Loving God and loving each other means reaching out to those outside our own church walls, sometimes those mission fields are in our own backyard. Thanks for seeing the need here and reaching out to help.

For the kids, Chester W. Beasley Executive Director—DeSoto County Y-CAP

Tapestry, A Leadership Training Event for the people of St. Andrew Presbytery

Tapestry, the annual training event for the people of St. Andrew Presbytery, will be held Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, at First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland. Tapestry will include numerous opportunities for fellowship, food, learning, sharing of ideas, and worship. Friday evening includes the keynote address by Jack Haberer "The Ultimate Intention: A People for God". Saturday has a large selection of workshops to choose from. You may attend just Saturday if you desire. You may pick up a brochure/registration form in the office, or call the office and they can email one to you.

January 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed PW Evening Circle 6:30 p.m.	3 9-2 MDO Choir 7 p.m.	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	5	6
7 Communion 2¢ a meal Session Mtg. Confirmation Class 4 p.m. PYF 5:30 p.m.	8 Men of Church Dinner	9 PW Morning Circle 10 a.m. Prime Time Lunch Noon	10 9-2 MDO Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	12 Session Retreat at FPC	13 Session Retreat at FPC
14 Committee Mtg.	15 No MDO	16	17 9-2 MDO Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Young at Heart 10 a.m.	19 Chop	20 Lock in
21 Confirmation Class 4 p.m. PW Evening Circle 5 p.m.	22 9-2 MDO	23 Newsletter Deadline!	24 9-2 MDO Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	25 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Beth Moore Resumes 6—8 p.m.	26 Tapestry in	27 Cleveland
28 Confirmation Class 4 p.m.	29 9-2 MDO	30	31 9-2 MDO Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.			

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 Ralph Kennedy Clerk of Session
 Betty Floyd Treasurer
 Vicki Earl; Lynn Wells Nursery Attendants
 Frank Jue Sunday School Superintendent
 Rodger Pattison Men of the Church Coordinator
 Joyce Dean Family Night Director
 Meredith Walker Prayer Breakfast Coordinator
 Cindy Runken (449-4449) Mother's Day Out Director
 Peggy Witherspoon (449-5874) Prayer Ring Coordinator

SESSION

Class of 2007	Brent Floyd Ralph Kennedy	Ham Brankstone Ray Hill
Class of 2008	Chris Brown Becky Parmley	Taylor Buntin Jason Parolli
Class of 2009	Michelle Eaves Bob Reiss	Matt Parham Bill Stepp

DEACONS

Class of 2007	Chad Braddock Mary Reiss Jeanette Wilkinson	Pam Briscoe Johnny Skaggs
Class of 2008	Jimmy French Rachel Cook Missy Phelps	Cody Kleine Holly Neel
Class of 2009	Robert Brankstone Julia Park Karen Sandridge	Pam Hill Pete Reeves

TRUSTEES

Class of 2008 - Bill Bailey

Class of 2010 - Dyke Sandridge

Class of 2012 - Taylor Buntin

Prime Time Luncheon Date Change!

Our Prime Time Luncheon will be at noon on Tuesday, **January 9.**

Menu: soup & salad. Cost: \$4.00.

Everyone bring a wrapped wonderful item
for the White Elephant Sale.

Be sure to call the office to make your reservation!



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