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June

Liturgists

- 4 Diane Tipton
- 11 Ralph Kennedy
- 18 Jamie tipton
- 25 Chip Hatcher

Ushers

Early Shannon and Donna Eiland

11:00 Leland Dye, Kevin Briscoe, Jimmy French, Rickey Guy

Communion Servers

Early Steve Phelps, Jeanette Wilkerson

11:00 Taylor Buntin, Sissy Ose, Miriam Crotwell, Cody Kleine, Mary Reiss

Greeter

11:00 Amy Brown



Newsletter
Deadline

June 27

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

Summer of 2006 is upon us, and I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for us. Our new DCE, Joyce Dean, is working with a great team of folks to build wonderful Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs for the summer. Our new interim choir director, Norma Roddy, has gotten off to a good start with our singers in the Kirk choir. Our Mother's Day Out program has completed a fantastic year of growth and learning for Hernando pre-schoolers. I'm winding up a new member Sunday school class which has had good participation from our church's newcomers. Our Board of Deacons has gotten into a routine of helping us to care for our new members, and I am proud of our church family's efforts to care for member households who have faced difficult times. The session and committees are keeping our church moving forward in faith and witness. So, things are going well for the most part.

What are summer plans for me and my family? I am excited to be attending the 218th meeting of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) at Birmingham, AL, June 15-22. I am attending as the alternate minister commissioner from St. Andrew Presbytery, and I'll be there with four other commissioners and delegates from St. Andrew, along with Presbytery Executive, Dr. Greg Goodwiller. This will be the first "paperless" G.A. meeting, with all business being reported and recorded by computer. This means that all commissioners will need access to the internet on a laptop (notebook) computer. Anybody have a spare laptop computer I can borrow?

On June 24-July 1 I'll be on vacation with my family. We are spending the week at Smith Lake in North Central Alabama. I am looking forward to relaxing with Melinda, Marshall, Katie and Robert, along with the rest of the Hatcher family from Columbus (16 of us in all!— in one house!). We plan to canoe Bear Creek, tour *The Dismals*, fish, and enjoy other water sports while there. Unfortunately, our reservation in Alabama coincides with VBS week here, so I will not be around during Vacation Bible School . . .

The rest of the summer will be busy for the Hernando Hatchers. Melinda and Robert are flying to visit cousins in Denver, CO, June 2-8; Marshall and Katie are going to Montreat, NC, with our PYF for the summer youth conference June 10-18; and Katie and Robert are registered for a week at Camp Hopewell July 23-29. In between I'm hoping to find plenty of time to spend with our church family in ministry and service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We may be tempted, with the change in routines and relaxed summer schedules, to let church activities and worship slide during the summer. But I hope that you'll allow the easier summer pace to give you more opportunities for worship and Sunday school. We'll be here every week, and we'll be growing in our faith. As Jesus said in the scripture reading from a couple of Sundays ago, "Those who abide in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit" (John 15:8). Let us come together with Him to enjoy a fruitful summer in faith.

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

Treasurer's Report—(for April 2006)**June 2006**

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$39,448.50	\$120,452.00
Contributions-Loose Plate	1,089.61	3,297.03
Contributions-Sunday School	130.69	497.43
Miscellaneous Receipts	-248.00	3,510.55
Building Use Income	0.00	450.00
Bank Interest	29.80	119.40
Camp Hopewell	0.00	945.50
Flower Fund— Lilies etc.	-24.78	35.22
Kitchen Fund	50.00	536.00
Logos/Way Out Wednesday	50.00	1,516.00
Men of Church Dinner	192.00	337.00
Montreat (PYF)	1,088.56	2,657.56
Music Enrichment Fund	30.00	80.00
Two-Cents-A-Meal	72.04	283.65
One Great Hour of Sharing	606.00	606.00
Mortgage Prin. Reduction	1,610.00	8,579.00
Director of C. E. Fund	100.00	200.00
Love Gift	346.00	2,647.50
Special Offering	0.00	780.00
TOTAL INCOME	44,570.42	147,529.84
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,274.68	139,216.10
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSES	\$6,295.74	\$8,313.74
BALANCE ON LOAN	\$389,988.00	

C.H.O.P. News

With the end of the school year comes an abundance of activities for CHOP. We started May with some healthy choices for dinner so we could do our best on the state tests.

We held our first Praise Nite on May 10th. Hannah and Leslie began our praise with two of our favorite energizers learned at Camp Hopewell. Billy led us in prayer and Brianna read Psalm 150. We enjoyed two duets by Johnny and Mary Anne, a skit featuring Veazey, Billy, and some rocks, the rhythm of the cups to Rich Mullins' Screen Door, and great music from our DJ Jesse. Our goal is to have a time each month for this very informal, contemporary Praise Service. Your participation is encouraged. We have many talented people in our congregation - won't you consider sharing your talent and your love for our Lord with us? If you need more information, contact me at cgurley06@yahoo.com.

At our last meeting, we had a scavenger hunt. The youth were divided into teams, assigned an adult chaperon, and given a list of 12 Bible verses. They had to look up each verse, decide where to go on the church grounds, then complete a challenge at each location. Congratulations to Billy and Jamie, our winning team!

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, we are planning a pool party for June. This will be a send off for our 8th graders going up to PYF. We will not meet regularly thru the summer but we do plan to get together a few times.

Cindy Gurley

Session Minutes

Congregational Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2006

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a duly called meeting of the congregation was called to order by the Pastor and moderator Rev. Robert A. Hatcher. The session clerk, Elder Ralph Kennedy, confirmed a quorum of members were present. The purpose of the congregational meeting was to elect a nominating committee.

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect Becky Parmley (chair), Dyke Sandridge, Rachel Marsh, Sharon Walker, Ken Gurley, Mike Reiss, and Betty Kirby to the 2007 New Officers Nominating Committee.

Stated Meeting - April 23, 2006

The stated meeting of the session was held at the church at 5:20 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Jamie Tipton, Bill Bailey, Jason Parolli, Taylor Buntin, Becky Parmley, Chris Brown, Frank Jue, Brent Floyd, and Ralph Kennedy. Elders Ham Brankstone and Valeria Robertson were excused. Also in attendance were the following: Music director Ken Siple, CE director Joyce Dean, Deacon Bob Reiss, Deacon Pete Reeves, Deacon Pam Briscoe, Deacon Jeanette Wilkerson, Deacon Rachel Cook, and Deacon Cody Kline.

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

Rev. Hatcher & Elder Taylor Buntin briefed the session on the deaconiate New Member Shepherding Program. At 5:30 p.m., with the deaconiate agenda items completed, the deacons were excused from the remainder of the session meeting.

Rev. Hatcher presented the treasurer's report to the session. The church's financial position was positive through March 2006.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve minutes of the called meeting of March 19, 2006; and the Congregational Meeting of April 9, 2006.

Communications:

A letter, dated April 11, 2006, was received from the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, requesting a letter of membership transfer for Jennifer Leigh Wadsworth Ruffin. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the membership transfer.

A letter, dated March 27, 2006, was received from The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church USA. No action was required.

A letter, dated March 31, 2006, was received from the GA Council, Stewardship and Mission Funding. The letter was referred to the Mission Committee for action.

An undated letter was received from Ms. Teri Johnson via Music Director Ken Siple wherein Ms. Johnson requested permission to offer private vocal lessons to the local community at FPC on two afternoons/evenings a week beginning in the fall of 2006. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve Ms. Johnson's request with the understanding that FPC may cancel the agreement (details of the agreement will be determined at a later date) with ninety (90) days notice if a conflict arises when a new FPC music director is hired later this year. Ms. Johnson's letter will be placed in the FPC Clerk of Session administrative file.

The following committee reports were given:

Property Committee – Elder Brent Floyd.
 Christian Education Committee – Elder Frank Jue and CE Director Joyce Dean.
 Finance Committee – Elder Chris Brown. It was approved by common consent to allow the Finance Committee to research possible short-term investment options for excess funds in FPC's checking account.
 Mission Committee – Elder Jason Parolli.
 Evangelism Committee – Elder Bill Bailey.
 Congregational Care Committee – Elder Taylor Buntin.
 Worship Committee – Elder Jamie Tipton.
 Stewardship Committee – No report.

Old Business:

Elder Becky Parmley and Rev. Hatcher informed the session on the events of the Called Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Andrew on March 28, 2006.

Rev. Hatcher updated the session on the progress of the 2006 New Officer Nominating Committee.

New Business:

Rev. Hatcher updated the session on the status of the formation of a Building Committee Study Group. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the following study group committee members: Matt Parham, Elder Brent Floyd, Elder Becky Parmley, Donna Eiland, and Deacon Steve Phelps.

Rev. Hatcher recommended to the session use of Designated Funds in Checking (Youth Scholarship Fund-\$600) and Benevolence Fund (Newman - \$772.75) for five (5) special need Camp Hopewell Scholarships over and above the usual \$100. The recommendation was approved by common consent.

Called Meeting - April 30, 2006

The called meeting of the session was held at the church at 10:50 a.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Bill Bailey, Jason Parolli, Taylor Buntin, Frank Jue, Becky Parmley, Valeria Robertston, and Ralph Kennedy. Deacon Holly Neel was also present. Elders Jamie Tipton, Brent Floyd, Ham Brankstone, and Chris Brown were excused. The purpose of the called meeting was to receive new members and to approve a resolution for Ken and Mary Siple.

After examination, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to receive Tony and Ginger Lowrie as new members. Tony came by profession of faith and baptism, and Ginger came by reaffirmation of faith. The session also approved the rites of baptism for their son, Blake Lowrie. Blake will be entered on the rolls as a baptized member. Tony and Blake will be baptized during the 11:00 a.m. worship service today.

After examination, it was also moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to receive Debra Batton as a new member by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church, Port Gibson, MS.

In addition, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve a resolution for Ken and Mary Siple to be read by Rev. Hatcher to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Congregational Meeting Minutes - April 30, 2006

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a duly called meeting of the congregation was called to order by the pastor and moderator Rev. Robert A. Hatcher. The session clerk, Elder Ralph Kennedy, confirmed a quorum of members were present. The purpose of the congregational meeting was to elect new officers.

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the following new officers by acclamation: Michelle Eaves, Matt Parham, Bob Reiss, and Bill Stepp as elders for the Session, Class of 2009; Ray Hill (replacing Pat Woody) as elder for the Session, class of 2007; Robert Brankstone, Pam Hill, Julia Park, Pete Reeves, and Karen Sandridge for the Diaconate, class of 2009; Missy Phelps (to replace Dot Parker) for the Diaconate, class of 2008; and Taylor Buntin for the office of trustee, class of 2012.

Special Thanks

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for your kindness and the generosity of your gift. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. We will use the money to purchase something that will help us remember you.

Thanks also for all your love and support during our time at Hernando. We will miss you.

*Sincerely,
Mary and Ken Siple*

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*

My deep gratitude to Chip and my church family for the outpouring of love and friendship expressed by the most beautiful arrangement of Calla lilies and the many, many cards and other gifts in celebrating my 95th birthday. It was a most memorable day. I will always remember it with a warm feeling of gratitude and love.

Katharine Kidd

Dear Members,

I received the donation that the First Presbyterian Church has made to the DeSoto Health & Wellness Center. It is only through the kindness and concern of organizations like the church family that make the Center able to operate. In the year 2006 the Center expects to see over 6000 residents of DeSoto County and only through private donations like this one can we accomplish this goal.

Again thank you and First Presbyterian's members for thinking of us and make this most generous blessing.

*Patricia Morris
Executive Director*

The Greatest Influence

Biblical scholar, historian and author, Philip Schaff (1819-1893), once described the overwhelming and unmatched influence that Jesus has had on world history and culture:

“This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed and Napoleon; without science and learning, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schools, he spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, he set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times. There never was in this world a life so unpretending, modest and lowly in its outward form and condition, and yet producing such extraordinary effects upon all ages, nations and classes of men.”

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the Building Fund in honor of **Bill Thompson:**

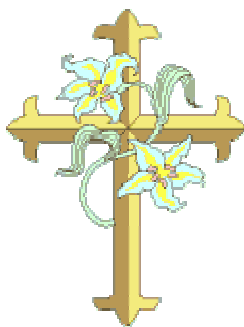
Peggy Witherspoon

Given to the Library Fund in honor of **Bill Thompson:**

Donna Hall

Given to the WOW Scholarship in loving memory of **Diane Tipton’s mother—Frances Russell:**

Frank and Wendy Jue



Given to the Library Fund in honor of **Tom Dillon:**

Donna Hall

Given to the Building Fund in honor of **Jennifer Moffitt:**

Rickey and Diann Guy,
Karen Sanders,
William and Francey Phelps,
Brian and Theresa Jones
Shady Grove Presbyterian Church,
Norm and Vernis Kastman

Given to the Library Fund in honor of **Bernie Bierman:**

Donna Hall

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Chuck Davidson & Family,
Karen Sandridge,
Ben Owen,
Ryma Calvert,
Dave Crumpton,
Lillian Skaggs,
Marion Smith,
Juli Kleine,
Linda Rice,
Howard Luttrell,
Marla Rustenhaven,
Phyllis Manley,
Johnny Skaggs,
Ruth Smith,



The family of Jennifer Moffitt in their loss

Pam Briscoe and family in the loss of her grandmother, June Barker,
Michelle Eaves and family in the loss of her aunt, Nancy Kuck

Family Members of Our Congregation:

Clifton and Jessie Siple (Ken’s parents), 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), Ruth McDermott (Cathy Handley’s mother), Justin Londeree (Betty Kirby’s great-grandson), Helen Adler (Michelle Eaves’ grandmother), Helen Porter, Lillian Skaggs’ mother

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School "Treasure Cove" June 26 – 30

Can you solve this clue: Hop + e 2 cu @ VBS!!! Join us at *Treasure Cove* on June 26 - 30. We'll hear about Jesus, our greatest treasure, and explore Bible stories to discover the riches He gives. Songs, games, snacks, crafts, and other fun activities make *Treasure Cove* sparkle. And we'll go on a Clue Quest every day to find missing treasure. To register fill out a registration form. They are available at the Church or you can download one from the web page. If you have any questions please call Holly Neel or Joyce Dean. We still need volunteers to help.



Summer Sunday School

This will be an exciting summer for Sunday school. Our summer session begins June 4th. We will be dividing our children into three groups: younger elementary will consist of kindergartners and 1st and 2nd graders; the older elementary group consist of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders; the youth consist of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The 3 & 4 year olds and the high school group will stay in their regular schedule. The high school will continue their study on the We Believe Curriculum. The other groups will be rotating through different stations. The three main areas of study are: Noah and the Flood; Jonah; and Walk on Water. You don't want to miss.

The adults are staying in their own classes. The Jenny Sandridge class is studying Parable; the Seekers class will begin a study on Hebrews; and the Duluos will be doing short studies on various subjects.

We are still in need of some teachers if you would like to teach for a three week block of time. Please see Joyce Dean.

Focus on Our Christian Education Program

Why do we need Christian education curriculum? What do you feel should be the primary aim of our Christian Education curriculum? It is important not only to have curriculum but to have the right curriculum. We want input from teachers and parents of the different age groups. We will be meeting on Wednesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. to share our expectations and curriculum resources.

The teaching ministry of our congregation is too important to leave to chance. Mark your calendar – June 7.

*Yours in Christ,
Joyce Dean, CE Director*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

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|----|------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 01 | William Bailey
Casey Hill | 20 | Jennifer Houck
Jessica Egdorf |
| 02 | Johnny Skaggs | 24 | Elissa Hooker |
| 03 | Jeff Burke
Chris Halsted | 26 | Christa Reiss |
| 04 | Vicki Earl | 28 | Whitney Clyburn |
| 05 | Susan Anglin | 29 | Melinda Hatcher |
| 06 | Gladys Ricks
Mason Hill | | |
| 09 | Rob Long | | |
| 10 | Katie Hatcher | | |
| 11 | Will Chamberlin | | |
| 12 | Brenda Powell | | |
| 13 | Robbie Houck
Jamie Tipton | | |
| 15 | Joel Rustenhaven | | |
| 17 | J. T. Moffitt | | |
| 19 | John Whitehead | | |



June Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|------|
| 01 | Meredith/Sharon Walker | 1991 |
| | Chris/Amy Brown | 1996 |
| 02 | Tom/Pat Bennett | 1961 |
| | Matt/Tammy Parham | 1990 |
| 08 | Don/Cydnie White | 1996 |
| 12 | Darrin/Julie Ward | 1999 |
| 13 | Roger/Lynn Pattison | 1963 |
| | Todd/Rebecca Mayo | 1998 |
| 14 | Shawn/Shannon Johnson | 2003 |
| 15 | Tom/Linda Burke | |
| 16 | Ben/Beverly Owen | 1990 |
| 21 | Shane/Phyllis Jones | 2003 |
| 23 | Jim/Cathy Franks | 1986 |
| 25 | Bill/Brenda Brooks | 1965 |
| 26 | Bob/Darla Corley | 1999 |
| 27 | Mark/Susan Anglin | 1988 |
| 28 | Brian/Tiffany Street | 2003 |
| 29 | Chris/June Halsted | 1991 |

June 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	2	3
4 Communion 2¢ a meal	5 PW Evening Circle Dinner at Sopranos 6 p.m.	6	7 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	9	10 Youth leave for Montreat
11 Committees	12 Montreat	13 PW Morning Circle 10:00 p.m.	14 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Prime Time Games 10:30 a.m.	23	24 Diane Tipton Small Group
25	26 VBS through 30th 9 a.m.—12:00	27 VBS Newsletter Deadline!	28 VBS Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	29 VBS	30 VBS	

Church Directory

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 Carolyn Faust Organist
 Anne Smith email: fpcanne@midsouth.rr.com Administrative 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
 Becky Parmley (449-4292) 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

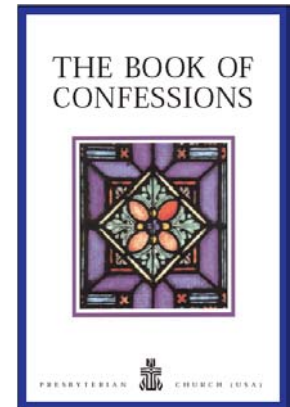
DEACONS

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

The display of books “What It Means To be Presbyterian” has been up the past month in the vestibule. If you haven’t looked them over you are missing an opportunity to see some good books. Beginning June 1st you may check these books out. Please sign the book out.



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