



THE FIRST PRESS



March

Liturgists

- 5 Taylor Buntin
- 12 Jason Parolli
- 19 Leslie Bierman
- 26 Pete Reeves

Ushers

- Early Steve and Missy Phelps
- 11:00 Ralph Kennedy, Bill Bowles, Jamie and Diane Tipton

Communion Servers

- Early Steve Phelps, Jeanette Wilkinson
- 11:00 Ken Gurley, Meredith and Sharon Walker, Leslie Bierman, Frank Jue

Greeter

- 11:00 Juli Kleine



March 28

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, we cancelled one Sunday's services (2/19), and now it seems like there's tons of news to catch you all up on. While folks in Hernando were experiencing "Cabin Fever" in the ice storm, I experienced another type of "Cabin Fever" at Camp Hopewell near Oxford with 19 Sr. High youth from our church, along with Brad & Rachel Cook and Tonia Marshall, our PYF leaders. We had a great weekend with about 120 youth and leaders from St. Andrew Presbytery churches, seeking the warmth of indoors under the theme of "All You Need Is Love." Tanna Halfacre and Marshall Hatcher helped to lead the retreat theme along with other members of the Presbytery Youth Council. It was a great event, and we should all express our thanks to Rachel, Brad and Tonia for giving up their weekend to ensure spiritual enrichment for our youth.

I'm excited to share the news that our Session has approved the hiring of a full-time Christian Educator for our church. Mrs. Joyce Dean will be joining our staff in early March. Joyce has served for the past twenty years as Director of C. E. and Recreation for Whitehaven Presbyterian Church, which was officially dissolved in October by Presbytery of the Mid-South. Joyce lives in Whitehaven, but she's no stranger to DeSoto County, having worked part time as swim instructor at the DeSoto Athletic Club. Here is one glowing recommendation by the former clerk of WPC, Mr. Jim Stockdale: "This is a 'Joyce' of all trades with a remarkable heart for people and a remarkable ability to get things done." I look forward to our getting to know Joyce and to her ministry among us as we grow in our love for God's Word and its application to our lives. Make sure to thank DCE Search Committee members Pam Hill, Ralph Kennedy, Holly Neel, Annette Ragsdale, Becky Parmley, and Peggy Witherspoon for their labor of love in helping us to secure Joyce Dean's services.

We have a lot of good things happening in March, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. on March 1 and ending with our mission trip March 30-April 2 to Long Beach, MS, for restoration work after hurricane Katrina. Please let us know in the church office if you are able to help us with this trip. We'll leave on Thursday, shortly after noon, and return Sunday evening. We'll need to organize the transport of supplies and food, and we'll share accommodations provided by folks in the Long Beach Presbyterian Church. Our Beth Moore Bible Study on The Patriarchs and our hosting of the PW Spring Gathering are other highlights of the month of March 2006.

I close with this encouragement from the Apostle Paul, in Philippians 4:8-10-- "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things... and the God of peace will be with you."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert "Chip" A. Hatcher, Jr.

Treasurer's Report—(for January 2006)

March 2006

Contributions-Pledges	\$39,948.00	Contributions-Loose Plate	1,418.67
Contributions-Sunday School	147.36	Miscellaneous Receipts	401.05
Robertson Foundation	0.00	Witness Season Offering	0.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	Christmas Joy Offering	0.00
Flower Fund— Lilies etc.	-102.40	Camp Hopewell	73.00
New Building Fund	-35.00	Kitchen Fund	406.00
S. McKenzie Garden Fund		Montreat (PYF)	85.00
Special Offering	190.00	Two-Cents-A-Meal	102.11
Dress-a-Child	0.00	Logos/Way Out Wednesday	817.00
Men of Church Dinner	50.00	Men's Prayer Breakfast	200.00
Building Use Income	0.00	Bible/Hymnal Fund	24.00
Bank Interest	30.03	Music Enrichment Fund	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	47,749.22	Mortgage Prin. Reduction	4,121.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,391.45	A Long Youth Scholar Fund	0.00
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSES	16,357.77	Director of C. E. Fund	100.00
BALANCE ON LOAN	\$403,977.00		

Session Minutes

Stated Meeting - December 11, 2005

The stated meeting of the session was held at 12:28 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Brent Floyd, Jamie Tipton, Frank Jue, Bill Bailey, Jason Parolli, Ham Brankstone, Chris Brown, Taylor Buntin, Becky Parmley, and Ralph Kennedy. Elder Pat Woody and Valeria Robertson were excused. Treasurer Betty Floyd and Music Director Ken Siple were also in attendance.

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

After examination, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to receive Susan Gladney into church membership by transfer of letter from Batesville Presbyterian Church, Batesville, MS.

Treasurer Betty Floyd presented the treasurer's report. The church's financial position was positive through November 2006.

The following committee reports were given: Finance & Personnel – Elder Chris Brown; Stewardship – Elder Ham Brankstone; Christian Education – Elder Frank Jue; Mission Committee – Elder Jason Parolli; Evangelism – Elder Bill Bailey; Congregational Care – Elder Taylor Buntin; Property – Elder Brent Floyd; Worship – Elder Jamie Tipton

Old Business:

The session conferred with music director Ken Siple on his application for candidacy status for the Office of Minister of the Word and Sacrament. After the session reviewed

the evidence of the inquiry phase, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to make a favorable recommendation to the presbytery with respect to Dr. Siple's application.

New Business:

Elder Ralph Kennedy briefed the session on the progress of the Director of Christian Education Search Committee.

Rev. Hatcher updated the session on pastoral concerns.

At 1:20 p.m., Elder Jason Parolli closed the meeting with prayer.

Called Meeting - December 11, 2005

The called meeting of the session was held at 10:45 a.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Becky Parmley, Jamie Tipton, Brent Floyd, Valeria Robertson, Frank Jue, Jason Parolli, Ham Brankstone, and Ralph Kennedy. The purpose of the called meeting was to receive new members.

After examination, the following new members were received by acclamation:

Ray and Karen Hill and their daughter, Hannah, joined by transfer of letter from the Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN. The Hill's son, Mason, will be entered on the rolls as a baptized member.

Georganne Johnson joined by transfer of letter from Whitehaven Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN, via the Presbytery of the Mid-South, Memphis, TN. Whitehaven Presbyterian Church was recently dissolved.

Rev. Hatcher closed the meeting with prayer at 10:55 a.m.

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Dot Parker:**

Nelle Johnson

Given to the Building Fund in honor of **Frank Jue:**

Brian and Theresa Jones

Given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Simon F. Weir, Sr.:**

Steve & Missy Phelps & family



Given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Frank Woody, Dave Woody's father:**

Meredith & Sharon Walker

Given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Dot Parker:**

Mary Wiseman

Given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Mary Louise (Buzz) Forrester:**

Stan & Jean Taylor

Given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Dick W. Thompson:**

Stan & Jean Taylor

Please remember in prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Karen Sandridge,
Ben Owen,
Ryma Calvert,
Dave and Linda Crumpton,
Donna Hall,
Lillian Skaggs,
Polly Caster,
Bill Thompson,
Marion Smith,
Robert Wilson,
Chuck Davidson & Family
Juli Kleine,
Linda Rice,
Fletcher Couch,
Debbie Powell and family in the loss of her brother-in-law,
Steve Peacock, from Florida



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 (Tom and Pat's son), Annelle Bailey (Bill's mother), Wesley Bailey (Bill's father), Caroline Bennett (Laurie Johnson's grandmother), Floy Peterson (Lisa Forbes' mother), Joe Keithley (Marla Rustenhaven's father), Dolores Rustenhaven (Joel's mother), Charles Halford (Lynn Pattison's father), Kathleen Morgan (Pat Bennett's mother), Nancy Kuck (Michelle Eaves' aunt), Emalee & George Ricks (Laura Easley's mother), Trish Cole (Brian Goff's sister), Tom Dillon (Bill Dillon's brother), Dean Kirby (Betty's brother-in-law), Doris Jones (Bill Thompson's sister), Ruth McDermott (Cathy Handley's mother), Virgil Coverstone (Cathy Handley's friend), Justin Londeree (Betty Kirby's great-grandson), Richard Carroll (Becky Parmley's friend), Helen Adler (Michelle Eaves' grandmother), June Barker (Pam Briscoe's grandmother), Mrs. Jim Patridge (Bonnie Buntin's mother)

Rejoysings

The first Sunday in March will mark the beginning of our seventh year at First Presbyterian, Hernando. Since we first came here, much has changed.

- The personnel of the choir. Only four members remain from the group that started with me in March of 2000.

- The number of choirs. Back then Allyson Ashmore directed a children’s choir and I directed the adult choir. Now, we have no official children’s choir (although Lynn Pattison is doing a *great* job of providing music training for the little ones, but we do have two other choirs. Both the bell choir and the instrumental group are inactive at present as we search for new leadership. I have every confidence that the right leaders will come along in God’s good time, leaders that will take both of these groups to new levels of excellence.

- New accompaniment. While we still have Carolyn Faust at the organ and piano (and thank God for that!), we also have the opportunity to use drums, guitar, and even brass to accompany our adult choir. These add new flavor to our worship services.

A whole bunch of new faces in the congregation. As I look out from my vantage point every Sunday I can see the changes. Some of the familiar faces are gone surely, and we miss them, but there are so many new faces that fill our sanctuary each week, and so many of them contribute so much to the work and life of our church.

Some things have not changed.

Chip still provides wonderful leadership in worship and in the day-to-day life of the church.

So many who have become so familiar to Mary and me continue to serve the church day in, day out; week in, week out; year in, year out. It is wonderful knowing we can still turn to our long-time associates for help and support.

Perhaps what has changed the least is the love and support we feel so strongly from so many of you. You continue to support the music program with your comments, your prayers, and your presence. We want you to know how much we appreciate you, your friendship, and your many expressions of love over these six years. As we continue to serve this congregation, we ask you to continue to pray for and support the music ministry of this church, that we might continue to provide music that will enhance and enrich toe worship service and the life of this congregation.

Cabaret—the date for this year’s Cabaret is Sunday, April 30 at 5:30. Save that date and time to spend an afternoon with the choir seeing them as you never see them for the rest of the year. This is our chance to let our hair down, and your chance to enjoy our music program in a very different way than usual. Make plans to join us for a very special afternoon.

To God be the glory . . .

Praise the Lord

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

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| 01 | Georganne Johnson | 22 | Bob Reiss |
| 02 | Karen Sanders | | Carla Samuels |
| | Mike Cooper | | Chris Budwine |
| 03 | Tanna Halfacre | 23 | Emilia Smith |
| | Bradley Kessler | | Wanda Ross |
| 05 | Alexandra Wells | 26 | Michael Garriga |
| 09 | Mac Brankstone | 28 | Jason Parolli |
| 10 | Ross Ose | 29 | Lolly Bailey |
| | Leland Dye | | Sonny Wadsworth |
| 11 | Isabella Smith | | Mason Herman |
| 12 | Brett Smith | 30 | Barbee Mills |
| 14 | Kyle Johnson | 31 | Shaun Cantrell |
| 15 | Alex Powell | | |
| 17 | Anna Claiare Briscoe | | |
| | Drew Parmley | | |
| 18 | Noah Shackelford | | |
| 19 | Lucy Hursey | | |



March Anniversaries

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| 13 | Dug/Scottie Langston | 1993 |
| 26 | Tim/Gladys Ricks | 1966 |

March 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MDO 9-2 WOW 5:00 p.m. (Last One) Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	3 Jr. High Retreat	4 Jr. High Retreat Kim Tipton Wedding—6 p.m.
5 Jr. High Retreat Communion 2¢ a meal Offering	6 MDO 9-2 Spanish Class 6:30 p.m.	7 Noon –PrimeTime Lunch –"Italian"	8 MDO 9-2 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	9 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	10	11
12 Committees	13 Spring Break	14 PW Morning Circle,10:00 a.m.	15 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m.	16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	17	18
19 Session Meets	20 MDO 9-2 PW Coord. Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Spanish Class 6:30 p.m.	21 PW Gathering 10:00 a.m.	22 MDO 9-2 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	23 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Prime Time Games 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	24	25
26 Men of Church Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PW Evening Circle, 5:00 p.m.	27 MDO 9-2 Spanish Class 6:30 p.m.	28 Newsletter Deadline!	29 MDO 9-2 Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.. Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	31	

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 Betty Floyd..... Treasurer
 Vicki Earl; Lynn Wells.....Nursery Attendants
 Frank JueSunday School Superintendent
 Sharon Walker, Donna Eiland, Sissy Ose..... Way Out Wednesday Directors
 Meredith Walker Prayer Breakfast Coordinator
 Rodger Pattison..... Men of the Church Coordinator
 Peggy Witherspoon (449-5874) Prayer Ring Coordinator
 Becky Parmley (449-4292)..... Mother's Day Out Director

SESSION

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

DEACONS

Class of 2006	Leslie Bierman Steve Phelps Bob Reiss	Pete Reeves
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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Dear Members,

Will you please place this check in memory of Dorothy M. Parker to the Building Fund of your church.

Again let me say thanks to you for what you did for Dot while she was living and at her death. You went the second mile all the way.

Yours in Christ,
Nelle Johnson



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