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September

Liturgists

- 3 Bob Reiss
- 10 Chip
- 17 Cody Kleine
- 24 Rachel Cook

Ushers

- Early Brent and Betty Floyd
- 11:00 Jamie and Diane Tipton, Ralph Kennedy, Bill Bowles

Communion Servers

- Early Shannon and Donna Eiland
- 11:00 Ken Gurley, Meredith and Sharon Walker, Leslie Bierman, Frank Jue

Communion Preparation

Jamie and Diane Tipton

Greeter

- 11:00 Sissy Ose



September 26

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

I can't remember ever being more excited about our church as we move into the fall season of the church year. We have kicked off a new Sunday School year with great enthusiasm and energy for learning God's Word and living out our faith. Our "Walk With Me..." curriculum for children & younger youth seems to suit our church to a "T." I am grateful for very capable Christian Education leaders and Sunday School teachers who have answered God's call to help mold Christian faith in lives young and old.

Our church's music ministry is going through some transition with a new choir director in Mrs. Norma Roddy. Norma has a Masters Degree in Sacred Music from the University of Memphis, and she is meshing well with the members of our choir and welcoming several new ones also. We have great leadership and talented members who are eager to lift hearts and voices in worship to God.

We are also shifting gears some with our Wednesday Evening program, beginning September 6th. It's now called "Family Night," and we will be gathering at 5:30 for a catered meal (reservations needed), Bible activities/games, and choirs for children and youth. The most exciting aspect for me is a volunteer Youth ensemble choir which will meet from 4:30-5:30. Norma Roddy will lead this group, and we will soon benefit from Norma's gifts in teaching sacred music with young people. I will be teaching a confirmation for youth from 7th grade up from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will also be having a Bible study for adults from 6:00-7:00 p.m. I have been thrilled to see so many people pitching in to help ensure the success of this program. I believe this more wholesome church family approach will energize our church in new ways.

I have been busy this month training a new class of deacons and elders who will help lead our church family for the next three years. These eight new officers will be examined by the session on Sunday, August 27. The service of installation and ordination will be held Sunday, September 17, during 11:00 worship. Pray that God will bless our church's leaders with insight and vision.

There's some wonderful spiritual energy enthusing our Presbyterian Women's ministry this fall, with new Circles being formed and lots of ideas to strengthen the ministry of FPC. And the Men of the Church resume their monthly ministry with a dinner on September 12th with Don Parsons as our guest speaker.

The Stewardship Committee is putting together plans for a meaningful fall stewardship emphasis utilizing Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount, "...for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). All of us will be encouraged toward a deeper faith as we consider what God is doing in our life as a church and in our individual lives. Keep your eyes and ears open to hear more about the theme for this stewardship emphasis.

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

Treasurer's Report—(for July 2006)

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$29,886.00	\$194,537.00
Contributions-Loose Plate	1,831.58	6,850.37
Contributions-Sunday School	86.79	783.95
Miscellaneous Receipts	-857.51	4,316.54
Building Use Income	250.00	1,050.00
Bank Interest	25.98	206.92
Camp Hopewell	215.00	1,240.50
Dress-a-Child	10.00	10.00
Flower Fund— Lilies etc.	0.00	35.22
Kitchen Fund	25.00	561.00
Logos/Way Out Wednesday	0.00	1,662.28
Men of Church Dinner	0.00	407.00
Montreat (PYF)	175.00	5,577.56
Music Enrichment Fund	0.00	80.00
Men's Prayer Breakfast	200.00	200.00
Library Fund	0.00	100.00
Two-Cents-A-Meal	143.41	625.46
Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	0.00
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	2,002.00	12,238.00
Director of C. E. Fund	100.00	300.00
Love Gift	0.00	2,302.50
Special Offering	0.00	1,867.00
TOTAL INCOME	34,093.25	235,972.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,605.06	239,223.98
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSES	\$2,488.19	-\$3,251.68
BALANCE ON LOAN	377,449.00	

C.H.O.P. News

CHOP kicked off the new year with a pool party at the Anglins. It was a great way to cool off and hang out with our friends.

We are making plans to spend a day at Camp Hopewell in September. We will spend the morning working our way thru the low challenge course and then enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to go. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch and a t-shirt. Contact Cindy Gurley for more details and a registration form. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

Session Minutes

Called Meeting - June 11, 2006

The called meeting of the session was held at the church at 10:40 a.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Jamie Tipton, Ray Hill, Ham Brankstone, Bill Bailey, Taylor Buntin, Frank Jue, Becky Parmley, Valeria Robertson, and Ralph Kennedy. Deacon Jimmy French was also present. The purpose of the called meeting was to receive new members.

After examination, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to receive George and Jill Hilliard as new members by transfer of letter from Baker's Chapel United Methodist Church, Hernando, MS. Their children, George Mac, Meredith, and Henry, will be placed on the roll of baptized children; and daughter Kathleen will be baptized at a later date.

Rev. Hatcher closed the meeting with prayer.

Called Meeting - July 2, 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: Jamie Tipton, Ray Hill, Bill Bailey, Brent Floyd, Jason Parolli, Valeria Robertson, and Ralph Kennedy. Deacons Rachel Cook and Steve Phelps were also present. The purpose of the called meeting was to receive a new member and baptismal requests.

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

Jason and Cindy Parolli presented their son, Charles Thomas Parolli, and requested he receive the rites of baptism. A motion to approve the baptism was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the session.

After examination, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to receive Brad Cook as a new member by profession of faith and baptism.

Rev. Hatcher closed the meeting with prayer.

P. W. Circles Are Growing!



Our recent "Presbyterian Woman's Day at FPC" celebrating and honoring the women of our church has brought a surge of interest in the work of and by the women of our church. Since this was the purpose of these activities we are delighted!!!

Beginning in September our church will have at least four circles meeting on various days and times. The chairs will be Lynn Pattison, Diane Tipton, Susan Gladney and Miriam Crotwell. The 2nd Tuesday morning circle will continue as before, meeting at 10:00 with Miriam as chair. Susan Gladney has volunteered to chair an afternoon circle on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The other two will meet at night.

Diane Tipton will host a meeting for women interested in joining a group of women enjoying Bible Study and Christian fellowship on Sunday, August 27, 5:00 at her home. (248 West Robinson) At that time we'll discuss the different circles, the day, time and focus of these circles. Then the women will decide which best fits their needs. Make plans to come to Diane's and see what we women can accomplish this next year and in the future; there is much to do.

If you cannot attend the meeting but want to join, please call Sharon Walker, Presbyterian Women Moderator - 429-6324

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

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

Rickey and Diann Guy
Taylor and Bonnie Buntin
Bill and Brenda Ballard

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

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Bill and Brenda Ballard



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

Given to the Van Fund in memory of **Dot Parker:**

Ralph and Janice Kennedy

Peggy Davidson

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,
Robert Wilson,
John Whitehead,
Rickey Guy

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), Shirley Richardson (Kalle Cantrell's mother)

Beth Moore Study to Begin September 28th



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. This fascinating study of the book of Daniel shows how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.

Daniel is different from Beth Moore's previous Bible studies. First, this 12 week study can be divided into two sections. The first portion, Daniel chapters 1 – 6, examines the life of Daniel in an extremely contemporary way and models how believers can develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. The second portion, Daniel chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

Join us on Thursday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. beginning September 28th. We will offer this study in two six week sessions (Sept. 28 – Nov. 2 and Jan 25 – March 1). A nursery will be provided. Please sign up in the office or with Holly Neel.

Family Night at the Church

As we approach September and get ready for the fall, we will see many changes in our Wednesday night program. The committee has been working all summer and we are ready.

To begin with we have changed the name from WOW to Family Night. The name represents our new emphasis - family. This will be a much needed mid-week time for the family to regroup and to eat dinner and participate in different programs. We will have programs for all ages - kindergarten through adults. The nursery will be available at 6 p.m. for the younger ones age 4 & under. The children will be divided into two groups: K-2nd and 3rd-5th grade. The focus on their study will be on hunger and the concept of sharing. We will also be involved in the Heifer project. Music, crafts, and activities will be a part of this hour. The middle school group will study *Belonging to Christ* as part of their confirmation study. The high school group will focus their time on a road trip through the Bible on Route 66. Grades 6 -12 will have an optional youth choir from 4:30-5:30, prior to dinner. Plans are coming together for an adult Bible study from 6-7:00.



All of the activities are varied and we are sure that everyone will like our new approach to Wednesday night at the church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

03	Kelsey Moffitt	20	Cindy Gurley
05	Ray Hill		Katherine Sanders
06	Hunter McLendon	21	Louie Smith
07	Hunter Callahan		Amanda Gurley
08	Terri Massey	22	Shannon Eiland
	June Halsted		Josh Houck
09	Glenda Gurley	23	Susan Sandridge
	Stan Shackelford		Brady Johnson
	Hayes Brown	24	Breland Gibbs
12	Angie Couch	25	Carrie Dye
	Bob Lentzner		Nick Neel
13	Tori Egdorf	26	Ken Plunk
14	Ben Marshall		Juanice Capps
16	Lucy Bierman	27	Matt Burke
	Brad Andrews		Phyllis Manley
	Pat Bennett		Paige Anderson
17	Erwin Vaughn		Parker Kessler
	Genie McGee	29	Robin Costa
18	Cathy Franks	30	Donna Wadsworth
	Dominic Parolli		
19	Dug Langston		
	Jesse Halsted		
	Todd Mayo		
	Geri Anglin		



September Anniversaries

08	Fletcher/Angie Couch	1974
10	Jason/Susan Sandridge	1994
12	Bill/Janet Bowles	1954
16	Leland/Carrie Dye	
19	Brad/Sandy Andrews	1987
	Jimmy/Pam French	1992
21	Ham/Gale Brankstone	2002
	Vince/Vicky Fili	1985
28	David/Beth Raffety	2002

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.

Promotion Sunday was held on Sunday, August 13. We are so pleased that the following 3rd graders were presented with a Bible: Anna Claire Briscoe, Marlee Jones, Blake Parham, William Phelps, Victoria Sanders, Harrison Sandridge, Mari Alex Sandridge, and Mason Hill.

The new year of children and youth Sunday School classes began on Sunday, August 20. The following have agreed to teach this year:

Toddler 18 mo. – 3 yrs.	Wendy Jue and Donna Eiland
3 & 4 yrs.	Sissy Ose
K – 1 st grade	Kitt Albritton and Carla Samuels
2 nd & 3 rd grades	Lisa Forbes
4 th & 5 th grades	Ray Hill
6 th – 7 th – 8 th grades	Jimmy French
9 th - 12 th grades	Taylor Buntin
Music	Lynn Pattison & Carolyn Faust
Children's Church	Lisa Forbes
Superintendent	Frank Jue

The K – 8th grades are using the *Walk With Me* curriculum and the high school group is using the *We Believe* curriculum. Sunday school meets from 9:45 – 10:45. We are going to have music for the K – 3rd grade at 9:55. Please make a special effort to be here on time.

If you and your children aren't already attending a class, why don't you make a commitment and start today. Classes are just starting so this is a great time. See you Sunday.



Special Thanks!

Dear Chip,

Bill and I appreciate the wonderful blessings your church bestowed on our Rob and other children at Vacation Bible School. Jill Hilliard was Rob's leader and was so sweet and thoughtful. He learned a lot, brought home adorable crafts and Bible verses and looked forward to going each day. Thank you for all your do for Hernando.

*In Christian Love,
Mary Lee Brown*

To the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Chip:

Thank you so much for sharing with us in our hour of need. Words are not enough to tell you what it has meant to us.

We recently experienced panic and confusion. Although we trust in our Creator, this caused us to reexamine everything. Maybe that is the purpose of financial stress.

May we grow in Christ!

Kevin and Shan

September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Communion 2¢ a meal PYF at Hatchers 5 p.m.	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 Prime Time On the Go	6 9-2 MDO Resumes Staff Mtg. 3 p.m. Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	8	9
10 PYF Parent/ Youth Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	11 9-2 MDO	12 PW Morning Circle 10 a.m. Men of the Church Dinner 6 p.m.	13 9-2 MDO Staff Mtg. 3 p.m. Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	14 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Shepherd's Ctr. At Parkway 10 a.m.	15	16
17 Ordination Committees	18 9-2 MDO	19	20 9-2 MDO Staff Mtg. 3 p.m. Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	22	23
24 PW Evening Circle 5 p.m. Session PYF 5:30 p.m.	25 9-2 MDO	26 PW Circle Mtg. 1:30 p.m. Newsletter Deadline!	27 9-2 MDO Staff Mtg. 3 p.m. Family Night 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Prime Time Games 10:30 a.m. Beth Moore Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	29	30

Church Directory

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 Norma Roddy Minister of Music
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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
 Joyce Dean Family Night Director
 Meredith Walker Prayer Breakfast Coordinator
 Cindy Runken(449-4449) Mother's Day Out Director

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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Helping Hands Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser for the Helping Hands Fund on October 21, 2006. The fundraiser will be held at the Church beginning at 10:00 am. We expect to have a bake sale, silent auction, games and activities for all ages. The fund has been used to help those who have serious illness or injury and their families.



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