



First Presbyterian Church of Hernando, MS

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June

Liturgists

3 Chip Hatcher
10 Bill Bailey
17 Julia Park
24 Holly Neel

Ushers

Early Brent and Betty Floyd
11:00 Peter and
Jody Jarjoura,
Jason Parolli,
Bert Mills,
Sharon and
Meredith Walker

Communion Servers

Early Brent Floyd,
Jeanette Wilkinson
11:00 Jason Parolli,
Rachel Cook,
Bert Mills,
Sharon and,
Meredith Walker

Communion Preparation

Matt and
Tammy Parham

Greeters

11:00 Diane Tipton and
Sharon Walker



June 26

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

Recently I was talking with a friend about the possibility of a move for him and his family. They were trying to decide whether or not they wanted to leave their town and move to another community nearby; so they were weighing the pros & cons and praying about the decision. One of the things he shared with me really made me think. He said, in essence, "The foremost item on the list for staying and not moving is our church family. We are having a hard time thinking about the possibility of leaving, because our church is so very important to us."

I'm sure those comments revealed another truth: he and his family are also very important to their church! But my friend's wrestling out loud made me think of questions that I'd like to ask you as members of the First Pres flock: How important is your church family to you? If you were thinking of moving to another town, would it grieve you to think of leaving your church, or your pastor, or the friends with whom you have been serving the Lord here? Would your church be the foremost item on your list for reasons to stay? If so, why? If not, why not?

In the sixteen years that I have served as pastor of this church there have been lots of ups and downs. We have had moments when we were doing good things for the Lord. And we have had times when we were doing greater things for the Lord. We have seen many changes in our community, and there have been many changes in our church. I have seen a good many people come and go- some of them were very sad to leave, and others seemed glad to go. But essentially, the question I'd like to ask is, How important is your church to you? If there's something you once had here that's missing for you, I'd like to talk about that with you.

If you haven't been around First Presbyterian in a while, you're missing out on great energy and enthusiasm in the life of our church. Since Ash Wednesday, all through Lent and the season of Easter our church has been filled with the blessings of God's Holy Spirit. We've been blessed with good attendance and a wealth of activities. Just this past month we have shared in the PW Birthday Party Celebration on May 6th, a Mother's Day brunch on May 13th, a terrific graduate luncheon on May 20th, and we're not even into the summer activities that enrich our faith with Montreat, Hopewell, the Youth CUE choir trip, Vacation Bible School, summer Sunday School and Children's Church! We have a new member class going right now, Inquiring Minds, with around 15 participants, and Rev. Amos Hood is doing a great job in leading them through an experience which will prepare some of them for membership. Members have generously provided funding to help us purchase a 25 passenger bus! Lots of possibilities lie ahead. I am excited about what is going on at First Church, and I hope all of us will be filled with God's Holy Spirit as we serve our Lord together in this place.

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

Summer Sunday School

This will be an exciting summer for our Sunday School. Our summer session begins June 3rd. We will be dividing our children into two groups: younger elementary will consist of kindergartners, and 1st graders; the older elementary group consist of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The 3 and 4 year old class will stay in their regular schedule. The High school and Jr. High will join together and start a study on the Parables. The other groups will be rotating through different stations. The stations are a media section; an art and drama section and a computer and music section. It should be a lot of fun. The three main areas we will be studying are three parables: The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, and the Unforgiving Servant. You don't want to miss.

The adults are in their own classes. The Jenny Sandridge class with Bill Stepp are studying the book *Be Worshipful, Psalms 1-89*; the Seekers are studying the book *How Can I Let Go if I Don't Know I am Holding On?*; and the Dulous class is studying *Taking On Tough Issues, 1 Corinthians*. The new member class, Inquiring Minds continues through June 17th. If you have not been in a class before please join us. Try them all out and see which one suits you better.

Vacation Bible School

At VBS you will join Dakota Jody and her faithful dog Digger as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the Keeper of the Truth Artifacts. We will journey through the Holy Land as we collect Gospel Glyphs and discover important truths about Jesus. It will be held June 25 – 29 from 9 – 12 noon. This is for ages 4 through completion of 5th grade. A nursery is available for workers. Registration forms are available in the office or you can download one from the web page. Please register in advance. If you have any questions please call Holly Neel or Joyce Dean.

Joyce Dean
Director of Christian Education

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the Music Enrichment Fund in memory of **Norma Roddy's father, Joe Hussey**: Betty Kirby

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Chuck Davidson & Family, Dave Crumpton; Katharine Kidd, Lillian Skaggs, James Medlin, Phyllis Manley, Gil Duke, and Robert Wilson

Family Members of Our Congregation:

Michael French (Jimmy's brother), Bill Forshey (Mary Reiss' nephew), Tommy Bennett (Cathy Johnson's brother), Trish Cole (Brian Goff's sister), Dean Kirby (Betty's brother-in-law), Justin Londeree (Betty Kirby's great-grandson), Fred and Helen Adler (Michelle Eaves' grandparents), Charles Kennedy (Ralph's brother), Shirley Richardson (Kalle Cantrell's mother), Fran Wilson (Genie McGee's mother), Violet Walker (Gale Brankstone's mother), Daisy Wilson (Sharon Thornton's mother), Don Rea (Karen Sanders' brother-in-law), Diane Callahan (Becky Parmley's aunt), Carmen Karpf (Lisa Forbes' cousin), Don Rea (Karen Sanders' brother-in-law), Margaret Hornback (Karen Sanders' mother), Julia Hussey (Norma Roddy's mother), Helen Porter (Lillian Skaggs' mother), Denise Moffitt (Becky Parmley's cousin), Dotty Patridge (Bonnie Buntin's mother)

June Birthdays

01	William Bailey	13	Robbie Houck
	Casey Hill		Jamie Tipton
02	Johnny Skaggs	14	Lydia Jarjoura
03	Jeff Burke		Marlena Jarjoura
	Chris Halsted	15	Joel Rustenhaven
04	Addison Dye	17	J. T. Moffitt
	Vicki Earl	19	John Whitehead
05	Susan Anglin	20	Jessica Egdorf
06	Mason Hill		Jennifer Houck
	Gladys Ricks	26	Christa Reiss
10	Katie Hatcher	28	Julie Bailey
11	Will Chamberlin	29	Melinda Hatcher
12	Brenda Powell		

June Anniversaries

1	Meredith/Sharon Walker	1991
	Chris/Amy Brown	1996
2	Tom/Pat Bennett	1961
	Matt/Tammy Parham	1990
8	Don/Cyndie White	1996
12	Darrin/Julie Ward	1999
13	Rodger/Lynn Pattison	1963
	Todd/Rebecca Mayo	1998
14	Shannon/Shawn Johnson	2003
15	Tom/Linda Burke	
23	Jim/Cathy Franks	1986
25	Bill/Brenda Brooks	1965
26	Bob/Darla Corley	1999
27	Mark/Susan Anglin	1988

Treasurer's Report--(for April 2007)

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$30,163.00	\$97,939.42
Contributions-Loose Plate	3,094.53	9,838.77
Contributions-Sunday School	151.33	510.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	133.52	520.05
Building Use Income	50.00	1,100.00
Bank Interest	37.62	132.56
MDO Expense Sharing	0.00	4,866.00
Camp Hopewell	220.00	1,095.00
Flower Fund-Lilies, etc.	108.00	336.00
Family Night	110.00	2,549.00
Men of Church	258.00	1,169.00
Montreat (PYF)	752.50	3,061.74
Music Enrichment Fund	100.00	100.00
Helping Hands Fund	100.00	100.00
Flower Fund-Poinsettias	0.00	-288.90
Van Fund	30,402.60	37,227.60
Two-Cents-A-Meal	47.91	197.53
Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	25.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	701.52	701.52
Witness Season Offering	0.00	0.00
World Communion Offering	0.00	0.00
Mortgage Addl. Prin. Reduction	605.00	2,805.00
Heifer Project	66.00	375.00
Love Gift	230.00	230.00
Special Offering	0.00	275.00
Total Income	67,331.53	164,865.79
Total Expenses	38,953.14	145,385.75
Excess Income/Expenses	\$28,378.39	\$19,480.04
Balance of Loan	\$308,237.00	

CHOP News

What does the Lord require of you? Micah 6:8 tells us . . . "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." That was the theme of the Jr. High Retreat in February and our worship service in April. It sounds simple but the more we talked about it, the more we realized how hard it is to follow these directions.

CHOP is taking a break from our weekly meetings during the summer but we do have a few fun things planned. Weather permitting, we will have a pool party soon - date and location to be announced.

Cindy Gurley

Session Minutes

Stated Meeting—April 22, 2007

The stated meeting of the session was held at the church at 1:17 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Bob Reiss, Matt Parham, Becky Parmley, Ray Hill, Michelle Eaves, Taylor Buntin, Chris Brown, Ham Brankstone, Brent Floyd, Jason Parolli, Bill Stepp, and Ralph Kennedy.

In addition, deacons Holly Neel, Mary Reiss, Julia Park, Pete Reeves, Pam Hill, and Robert Brankstone, DCE Joyce Dean, and Treasurer Betty Floyd were present.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Betty Floyd gave the treasurer's report. Year-to-date, the church is in a negative financial position (\$8,898).

Rev. Hatcher led a discussion on the deacon's redirection effort. After discussion, it was agreed to reduce the Board of Deacons from fifteen (15) to nine (9) and refocus deacon efforts to direct support of individual church committees; not elect a new class of deacons this year; and restructure the existing deacon classes into three new divisions. Upon completion of the deacon's redirection discussion, the deacons were excused from the meeting.

Communications:

It was moved, seconded, & unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the stated meeting of March 25, 2007.

A letter, dated March 30, 2007, was received from BancorpSouth (BCS) re: FPC's Letter of Credit (Beneficiary: City of Hernando) for future road construction in front of the church, which expires on May 25, 2007. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to renew the Letter of Credit for another year. The Clerk of Session was tasked with contacting BCS to facilitate renewal of the Letter of Credit.

Elder Ray Hill and Rev. Hatcher briefed the session on the called meeting of The Presbytery of St. Andrew held on March 26, 2007, and the draft Report of the Presbytery of St. Andrew's Task Force to the French Camp Presbyterian Church, dated March 13, 2007. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, based on the March 13th draft and in this particular case, to oppose the Presbytery's recommendation and recommend that French Camp Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church without conditions.

Committee Reports:

Finance / Personnel – Elder Chris Brown

Property – Elder Brent Floyd. Elder Floyd updated the session on the progress of acquiring a new church bus. To date, the van/bus fund had a balance of about \$45,000. The committee recommendation was to purchase a new, 2006,

\$50,000. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the committee's bus purchase recommendation if an additional \$5,000 was raised.

Christian Education – Elder Becky Parmley

Mission – Elder Jason Parolli

Evangelism – Elder Ray Hill

Congregational Care – Elder Michelle Eaves

Worship – Elder Bob Reiss. Elder Reiss suggested dates for a planned "Homecoming" service (October 14, 2007) and "Healing" service (November 18, 2007).

Stewardship – Elder Ham Brankstone

Old Business:

Rev. Hatcher reported that Renewal Event Task Force membership had not been determined; however, efforts to identify task force members and develop an action plan would continue. In addition, Rev. Hatcher reported that he would be attending a pastor's monastery retreat in Conyers, GA, on May 6 - 11, 2007.

New Business: Elder Ralph Kennedy updated the session on the progress of the New Officer Nominating Committee. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved for the New Officer Nominating Committee Report to include the recommendations that a new deacon class not be nominated or elected this year, the Board of Deacons be reduced to nine (9) members, and the current Board of Deacons be divided into three new classes.

By common consent, the session approved either Elder Ray Hill (primary) or Brent Floyd (alternate) as commissioner to the Spring Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of St. Andrew to be held at Ripley Presbyterian Church, Ripley, MS, on May 1, 2007.

At 4:30 p.m., Elder Bob Reiss closed the meeting with prayer.

Called Meeting—May 13, 2007

The called meeting of the session was held at the church at 10:47 a.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Jason Parolli, Chris Brown, Ray Hill, Taylor Buntin, Becky Parmley, and Ralph Kennedy. Rev. Annette Ragsdale (Ret.) was also present. The purpose of the meeting was a baptismal request.

Maurice and Debra Brown presented their son, Nicholas Allen Brown, and requested he receive the rites of baptism. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the baptismal request, for Rev. Annette Ragsdale (Ret.) to perform the baptism, and for Elder Donna Eiland to represent the session at the baptism.

In addition, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to re-schedule the congregational meeting, to elect new officers and to act on the session's recommendation concerning the deacons, for May 27, 2007.

June 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Communion 2 cents a meal offering	4	5 PW Evening Circle at Karen Hill's 6:30 p.m.	6 Choir 7:00 p.m.	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	8	9 PYF leaves for Montreat
10	11	12 PW Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.	13 Choir 7:00 p.m.	14 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	15	16
17 PW Sunday Evening Circle 5:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	22	23
24 VBS Kick-off In FH during S. S. 9:45 a.m.	25 VBS 9-12	26 VBS 9-12 Newsletter Deadline!	27 VBS 9-12 Choir 7:00 p.m.	28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. VBS 9-12	29 VBS 9-12	30

Church Directory

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 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
 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	Cody Kleine Holly Neel
Class of 2009	Robert Brankstone Julia Park Karen Sandridge	Pam Hill Pete Reeves

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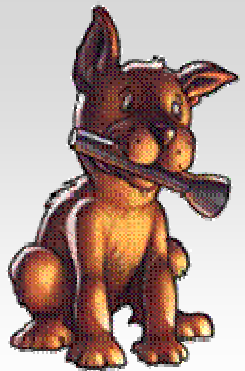
Class of 2008 - Bill Bailey

Class of 2010 - Dyke Sandridge

Class of 2012 - Taylor Buntin



Jesus, the way, the truth & the life!
Join our Quest for Truth
First Presbyterian VBS
June 25—29
9 a.m.—Noon





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