



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church March, 2013

From under.....

The Redbud Tree

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A Note From Pastor.....

Dear Church Family and Friends,

A little boy was dressing himself. By mistake, he tried to put his head through the armhole of his T-shirt. "Mommy, I need help!" he called out frantically. His mom rushed to help, but the little boy stubbornly refused to let go of the shirt, making it impossible for his mother to help.

We are like that sometimes. We tenaciously hold on to our old ideas about how something should be done. We insist on having it our way without considering that there might be another way to handle a situation. We treat God like the little boy treated his mommy. We have our own plan and don't want to consider that God might have a different plan for us.

God has a plan for us. God has a plan for each one of us. "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope," is one of the most powerful scriptures in all of the bible. How comforting to know that God is watching out for us, for our future and that our future has hope.

Things may be in a turmoil for you right now. You might be wondering, "What happens next?" But don't despair, God has a plan for your future. It is a plan with hope and not for harm. God is here with you and all is well.

May God bless you and guide you this Lenten season,

Your Pastor,
Nancy Taylor

Got Questions?

Come for conversations with the Pastor and our Session. An informal gathering will take place on Thursday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

You are invited to bring any and all comments and questions that you have on any topic that involves our church. This is an opportunity for you to find out about things you may have always wondered about our church's beliefs, worship methods, the organization of First Presbyterian Church, it's financial picture, the staff or any number of other things.

This is an informal meeting and no minutes or votes will be taken. There is no time limit - we will stay as long as questions need to be answered. Hope you can come!

DEACON'S MEETING

DEACON'S MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 A.M.

SHROVETIDE

Shrovetide is the English name for the 3 or 4 days before Lent. The name comes from the word *shrove*, to confess one's sins and receive absolution. Christians were expected to prepare for Lent by being *shriven*. But Shrovetide was also a time to clear the house of foods forbidden during Lent.

On *Collop Monday*, small pieces, or collops of meat, were eaten. And on *Shrove Tuesday* pancake meals used up butter, eggs and milk.



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

3 March	Gary Adler
10 March	Mari Ruegsegger
17 March	Fred Ifland
24 March	Carolyn Hannon

Maundy Thursday
March 28th, 5:00 p.m.

A Maundy Thursday "Round Table" service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Following a meal of soup and rolls and after clean-up, Communion will be at the tables using homemade rounds of bread and juice. An Elder or Deacon will preside at each table.

March Birthdays

4 Vicky Buff
5 Janeth Lawson
5 Fred Reed
13 Frank Zortman, Sr.
15 Lois Cannedy
20 Lillian Euers
21 Velma Shaw
22 Polly Millhouser
23 Marilyn Seel
24 Doris King

March Anniversaries

12 Bill & Joy Henning*
28 Harold & Anna Williams

* Rev. & Mrs. Bill Henning
P.O. Box 1365
Marshall, AR 72650

GREETERS

March 3 & 10	Bud Hough
March 17 & 24	Ralph Gillespie
March 31	Carolyn Saul

USHERS

March 3 & 10	Chuck & Cheryl Munson-Beall
March 17 & 24	Phil & Ellen Jordan
March 31	Phil & Ellen Jordan

Looking Ahead:

March 5 'Adoptive Family Fund' dinner.
March 7 Christian Clinic Dinner.
March 10 Daylight savings time begins.
March 24 Palm Sunday.
March 28 Maundy Thursday service - meal & communion at 5:00 p.m.
March 31 EASTER SUNDAY!

Don't forget to mark your calendar!!



Our Busy Church Mice

This little mouse is one you won't see scurrying around doing his work....but, you will always see the results! This little mouse posts our outside sign with new messages every couple of weeks...just like the post office through rain, through snow, through blistering heat of summer....he delivers! He also interviews our Special Person of the Month...each and every month. He does stay busy within our church. WOW!

Do you know this little mouse?

THANK YOU

Dear Nancy & Members of First Presbyterian,

Thank you for your steadfast support of Christ's mission through the Presbytery of Arkansas. Your gifts are impacting the world for good and are appreciated. Together, we are making visible the body of Christ. God's blessings abide with you.

Gratefully yours,
Bill Galbraith
General Presbyter



Fish banks will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 24th for "One Great Hour of Sharing". Banks are still available in the Narthex.

WHERE IS THE MEMORIAL BOOK?

The Memorial Book has been moved to the Library to free up space in the Narthex. Please feel free to go there and check for gifts to the Memorial Fund. The beautiful calligraphy is the handwork of our gifted Church Secretary, Connie McLaurin.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter. The word lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten", which means spring, the time of the lengthening of days.

Lent last 40 days, not counting Sundays.

Why 40 days? Jesus was in the wilderness forty days facing temptation; In scriptures, 40 days or 40 years is often the duration of a time of punishment, repentance, fasting or vigil: The children of Israel were in the wilderness for 40 years; Jonah preached that Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days, and Acts 1:3 reports that the risen Christ appeared to His followers for 40 days before his ascension.

Why not count Sundays? Sundays are not counted because Sunday always celebrates Jesus' victory over sin and death. Even during Lent, Sunday is a "little Easter".

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Nancy & Church Members,

Thank you for all your prayers & condolences in the passing of our mother, Lorraine Jones. The funeral service was beautiful and the luncheon was wonderful. It gave me great comfort. The ringing of the bells was magical. She would have been proud.

We hope to see you again in the spring.

Sincerely,
Peggy Kuenker &
Stuart Jones

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for all the kind words you said about our sister, Lorraine.

We experienced a tender warm feeling expressed by all the love put forth by your parishioners; in putting on that delicious meal and the friendly conversation at the wake.

God Bless you all!

Sister Darlene and
all the family

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for the cards and prayers. They were greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

Velma Shaw

Special Person of the Month

Rodger Buckels

Rodger is primarily a common first name of Catalan, English and French usage, and from Germanic elements meaning "famous with the spear" or "renown for his sword". In a less serious definition of "Rodger" it means "I have received all of the last transmission" in both military and civilian aviation radio communications. This usage comes from the initial R of *received*: R was called Rodger in the original phonetic alphabet. However, in the more modern international NATO phonetic alphabet the word *Romeo* is used for the R in place of *Rodger*.

So, Rodger I guess you were replaced by *Romeo*.

Rodger was born in Little Rock, Arkansas where he attended both grade and high school. In those early years he was an active Boy Scout and attained the level of an Eagle Scout. He also attended Arkansas Polytechnic College for a year. He also spent a semester at UCA and one at UALR.

After college he joined the ranks of the working world and took a job for Magic Mart - Sterling Stores. For a large part of his adult life he drove the big 18 wheelers for Sterling Stores. Rodger is now working for Schlumberger Oil Field Services and is currently in the oil fields of Oklahoma. He is involved in the drilling process and finding water sources to aid in the drilling.

Rodger has three daughters (drama!) and two grandchildren and enjoys down home cooking....especially good meat loaf and the trimmings. I did find out his favorite color is **purple....who knew? He is also an avid NASCAR fan and enjoys riding Harley Davidson motorcycles although, with his working schedule, there's not much time left for that. Hunting and fishing are also high on his list.....time permitting!**

Thank you Rodger for being such an interesting Special Person of the Month for March 2013!!!

LISTENING TO GOD

About half way en route to my first Lay Pastor class, I asked myself, "What do you think you're doing, Let's find a place to turn around and go home, I don't belong here." But, I kept going. When we all assembled for our first class, the instructor asked, "What are you all doing here?" The nine of us looked around at each other...No one really knew why were there.

On the way during my second trip, I decided this is not for me...I do not belong here...I should not be doing this. But, I have already paid for the class, and I am already missing a day and a half of work, so I might as well go to the class. Once again when we all assembled, the instructor asked, "What are you all doing here?" Once again, we all looked at each other, and shrugged our shoulders. This time, the instructor said, "there were hundreds of inquiries about this class, but only the nine of you showed up...only you responded to the call." That made us all feel better.

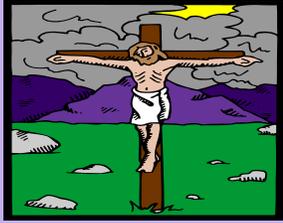
By the third session, I was kind of anxious to get there...I needed the time off work. When we were all assembled, the instructor had her head down, fiddling with some papers or something, once again she asked, "What are you all doing here?" But this instructor did not wait for an answer. She raised her head...looked me straight in the eye...pointed her finger right at me, and said, "I bet you guys are getting a lot of encouragement from your congregations at home aren't you?" She never broke her gaze at me. I bet you are hearing words like, "We're proud of you...we know you can do it...there's a lot of work for something like that, but you can do it,...you'll do just fine." I said, "Yes, that is exactly what I'm hearing!" The instructor said, "listen to those people...hear their words...remember what they say...because they are not saying those words...that is the Lord God speaking to you...He is giving you His words of encouragement...He is speaking to you through His Church...Just like He spoke through the prophets in the Old Testament.

Ever since that moment, I see you differently than I did before. You are not just a bunch of people who go to the same church as I do. You are truly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. I am so proud and happy that God caused our paths to cross. Thank you for all the gifts, cards, the lovely luncheon, words of encouragement, and prayers. I will not forget how you have touched my life.

Your Servant in Christ,

Gary S. Adler

REDBUD CALENDAR MARCH 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Publication Deadlines</u> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, March 21st Please submit all articles in writing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lenten Season</i></p>						
<p>You may drop them off at the office or email to Connie McLaurin: fpcmh@centurytel.net</p>					1	2
3 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service / Communion 11 am Coffee hosted by Bldg. & Grounds 11 am blood pressure Screening Deacons Offering	4 9 am Counters 5:00 pm Roast Beef Dinner for the Adoptive Family Fund/Fellowship Hall	5 1pm Ladies Circle Meeting	6 10 am Bible Study 5:00 p.m. - E & O Meeting 6:30 pm Choir	7 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers Christian Clinic Dinner	8	9
10 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted By Deacons Copper Kettle Offering DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	11 9 am Counters	12	13 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	14 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 11 am Worship Committee Mtg. 12-4 pm Master Gardeners	15	16
17 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Church Growth St. Patty's Day 	18 9 am Counters 10 am Church Growth	19 5:15 pm - Session	20 10 am Bible Study 11:00 am Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 pm Choir	21 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 5:00 p.m. Town Hall "Conversation with the Pastor and the Session"	22	23
24 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Circle #4 	25 9 am Counters 10:00 am - Deacon's Meeting	26 9 am Fellowship of Love	27 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	28 Alleluia 10-11 am Ringers 5 pm Maundy Thursday/ Communion	29	30
31 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service EASTER SUNDAY 11 am Coffee Hosted by Finance Committee				<p style="text-align: center;"><i>I've learned so much from my mistakes I'm thinking of making a few more!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 1st, Monday after Easter (subject to change)</p>		



EASTER LILIES

Anyone who would like to give an Easter Lily for our Easter Service may do so by making a donation of cash or check designated for the Flower Fund. These flowers are purchased by the Worship Committee. Please contact the church office and provide information if they are given in honor/memory of a loved one.

No pre-set cost for Lilies
Please donate an amount you wish

The last date to sign up, before Easter Sunday, is
Wednesday, March 27th.
This will insure the name of your loved one will be included in the
list of those remembered.



March, 2013

Pastor
Reverend Nancy L. Taylor
Gary Adler, Lay Pastor

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Secretaries:
Connie McLaurin,
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