



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church August, 2013

From under.....

The Redbud Tree

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A Note From Pastor.....

Dear Church Family and Friends,

The prayer below is from the pen of Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and contemplative:

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. Amen."

Sometimes all you can do is all you can do. We stumble and fumble and make a mess of things. We try our hardest without much result. We might have started out sure as we can be that what we are doing is God's will for us. We might even find signs along the way.

But nevertheless, we find ourselves stuck again - uncertain as ever. We want to do God's will, we just don't know what it is. And that's when we have to accept that we might not always know God's will for us. It's possible that we are on the wrong path after all.

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Rummage sale

Evangelism & Outreach is sponsoring a church wide rummage and bake sale on September 6 & 7th, so be thinking about what you can donate and where you can help volunteer. We appreciate all your help! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to help. You can call Linda Minch, JoAnn James or the church office if you have



any questions. For the bake sale, contact Nancy Pool. For large items, if you have no other way to bring them to the church, call

Linda Minch 431-8206. She will make arrangements to come and preview the item to see if it is suitable for the sale and, if so, she will then make arrangements to have it picked up. Please hang all clean clothes on hangers. Wire hangers will be available in the Fellowship Hall after any Sunday service.

Linda Minch will be available at the church garage on August 28th and 29th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for you to drop off your items. The following week, September 3, 4, 5th, you may bring your items to the church between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

All of the proceeds go toward local charities.

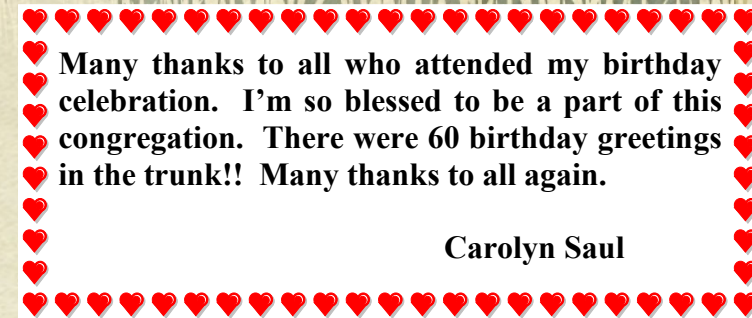
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So we hope that the desire to please God does, in fact, make God happy. Even if we are totally misguided and misaligned, God accepts our desire to make God happy as an act of faith.

Once again we see ourselves on the road, we see a future, we see hope.

Hoping your day is bright and your tomorrow is even brighter,

Pastor Nancy



Many thanks to all who attended my birthday celebration. I'm so blessed to be a part of this congregation. There were 60 birthday greetings in the trunk!! Many thanks to all again.

Carolyn Saul



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

4 August

Fred Reed

11 August

Chuck Whitcome

18 August

Sherman Fine

25 August

Sissy Wells

The Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet September 10, 2013, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the last lesson in last years study book "Brothers and Sisters in Harmony." I am ordering next year's books which cost \$9.00 each and the theme will be "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." I will collect the money for these study books to turn into the church treasurer at this time. Any questions call Dee Crapnell, 491-5058.

Actual Announcements taken from Church Bulletins!!

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Wednesday, the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing, "Put me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the Pastor.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and are selling fast!

August Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Adler
- 3 Lucy Hewitt
- 3 Ian Ruegsegger
- 5 Marilyn Wheat
- 10 Ralph Gillespie
- 16 Rev. Sam Hofer
- 18 Wana Thacker
- 20 Suzanne Smyth
- 24 Fred Ruegsegger
- 26 Don Crapnell
- 28 Doris Dykstra
- 29 Celia Millard
- 31 Bruce Ferguson

IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO WE CAN GET YOU STORED IN OUR RECORDS!! THE SAME GOES FOR ANY MISTAKES YOU MAY SEE!!

***(we can't fix it if we don't know it's broke!)
We appreciate your help!***

August Anniversaries

- 3 T.J. & Janeth Lawson
- 9 Clint & Linda Minch
- 28 Jim & Nancy Priest

GREETERS

August 4 & 11 Velma Shaw
August 18 & 25 Dorothy Ortlip

USHERS

4 & 11 Joyce Johnson & Sherman Fine
18 & 25 Chuck & Cheryl Munson-Beall



Busy Church Mice!!

This small group of church mice really scurry around loading donated food from the Narthex into their cars and delivering it to the Mountain Home Food Basket. The original two mice have been doing it themselves for some time now. In the last few months they

welcomed another little mouse who has joined in assisting with this dedicated responsibility. Besides collecting and delivering what our church family provides, they also make a list and go about shopping for additional, and much needed, food for The Food Basket.

We appreciate this little group of mice for all they do for our church and the community. This time of year is even more challenging with the heat and humidity while loading, shopping and unloading all that food.

Do you know these busy mice?

A note from Pastor Nancy: My latest class for my doctorate requires writing a paper that needs to include a brief Bible Study with my congregation. So, I am inviting you to join me for a class discussing the interpretation of the Gospel of Matthew to fulfill this requirement for the class. We will meet for three times. The classes will be taught from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on August 13 (Tues.), August 15 (Thurs.) and August 18 (Sunday). I will preach a sermon on the same text at a Sunday worship service soon after the class, using the insights the class offers as inspiration for the proclamation of the Matthew Scripture. I appreciate so much the opportunity our church has given me to pursue a doctoral degree, and am eager to share in some small part all that I am learning. Please consider attending this great opportunity to learn together!

**Evangelism & Outreach
Meeting
August 7th at 11:00 a.m.**



Welcome Our New Members

**We were pleased to welcome
five new members to our
Congregation on June 9, 2013.**

They are:

**Richard Holmes
Bill & Loweta Rogers
Chuck & Peggy Whitcome**

**And two new members on
July 28, 2013**

and they are:

John & Mary Martin

**Give these new members a
warm
First Presbyterian welcome!!**



**Come and
join us on
Sunday...**

**August 25th,
After worship service for.....**

**PRAYER PRAISE,
PILGRIMAGE & POTLUCK!!**

E & O will provide bread, drinks and dessert. Please bring an extra large dish, to share, as we will welcome guests from around the state who have attended Arkansas Pilgrimage.

Our Social Director, Fred Reed, is now announcing the play "Peter Pan" will be at the LYRICS THEATER in Harrison, AR on August 11 at 2 p.m.

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to attend. The final count must be given by Monday a.m., August 5th. The tickets will be \$10 per person which is due by August 4th.



If you have any questions you may call Fred Reed at:

**870 - 425 - 5133.
Thank you.**

CHRISTMAS BANNER MEETING

Anyone wanting to join this rewarding project is welcome to attend!!

August 8th, Thursday @ 10:30 a.m.

Thank you all for the cards and prayers during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Duane Farris for coming to see me on my birthday. In Christian Love, Carolyn Hannon

Special Person of the Month

FRED REED

The name FRED just happens to be one of the all time favorite names for males. And wouldn't it also just happen to be the name of one of our favorite Special Person of the Month designees!

On March 5, 1926, on a farm near San Jose, Illinois, a son was born to a hard working couple who made their living as tenant farmers. Four years later Fred's younger brother was born. They attended school in a one room country school house. Fred had his first girlfriend at 14 and the first time he went to her house he had to play a game of checkers with her dad while she finished milking the cows. Fred went on to graduate high school in 1943 and joined the Navy in 1944 at 18 years old. He was a gunner on a ship transporting supplies to the troops in Europe. After the service he attended Indiana St. University and married in 1948. After graduating college in 1949 he taught school for two years in southern Illinois. He became the youngest credit manager, ever, for the Sears stores. He was a people person and once he moved into sales he knew that's where he needed to be. Over the years he sold appliances for Montgomery Wards, J.C. Penney's, Sears, Firestone Stores and Central Illinois Light Co. In 1963 he moved to Orlando, Florida and a couple years later he returned to teaching and continued for 24 more years until he retired in 1990. But, during all this time he and his first wife had four children. Two are still living and his oldest son died at 53 from a massive stroke and his oldest daughter at 55 from breast cancer in 2011 and his oldest granddaughter died in 2004 at age 27 from breast cancer. In 1968 he and his first wife divorced and in 1970 he married Rosalie and in 1995 they moved to Mountain Home. After visiting several, not so friendly, churches they joined our, most friendly, church that same year. In 2012 Rosalie also succumbed to breast cancer. Fred's son and daughter are both teachers and he has two step sons and step daughter (all retired). But, Fred carries on with the an awesome attitude and outlook on life.

All of Fred's years of hard work has not gone unnoticed. Just some of the accolades were his being chosen the 1985 Marketing Teacher of the Year for Florida. He developed the school program DECA which is used all over the US. His school was 5th in the nation in 1985 receiving this distinguished honor and resulted in his traveling the US talking about this model program he had set up. He was inducted into the DECA hall of fame in 1992.

As we all know, Fred is our most prestigious Social Director having organized the first, in 1996, of many great church trips and events. Fred is very much the good, down home cook and his favorite dish is chicken and dumplings (flat kind). His favorite sport is high school basketball....which he played in high school. He is an avid golfer playing whenever possible and he loves the old movies. He has served on Session here at

FPCMH and is involved in most of our celebrations. Something you may not know about Fred.....at 8 years old his mother booked him in the local talent show as "Freddie of the Plains" accompanied by Mom on the piano. He sang a cowboy song in his cowboy outfit!

So, congratulations Fred for all you do for our church and the community! Now, if we're lucky enough I wonder when we will have an opportunity to taste those chicken and dumplings!!!!

July Session News Highlights

- Welcome to new members: John & Mary Martin.
- Cost savings by our Buildings & Grounds committee resulted in the continued operation of the air conditioning units in the fellowship hall.
- Christian Education reported plans are moving ahead for a large turnout for the Adult Vacation Bible School beginning with an ice cream social on July 21st then continuing through July 24th ending with a hot dog picnic.
- Special guest musicians from the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage will share their talents with us on August 25th. A potluck dinner will follow the service in the fellowship hall.
- Re-structure of committees will be implemented beginning in 2014 as follows: Buildings & Grounds, Finance & Stewardship, Worship, Nominations, & Personnel & Administration will remain the same. Strategic Planning & Church Growth committees will be eliminated. Evangelism & Outreach will be renamed the Mission Committee with essentially the same duties. Christian Education will expand beyond Sunday School & Bible Study responsibilities to become the Ministry Committee.
- The nominations committee will begin meeting with a workshop on July 25th & will meet weekly in August until all slates are filled. Session members & the congregation are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom God might be calling to serve as our church leaders.
- Continue to gather your 'stuff' for the rummage sale on Sept. 6th & 7th. A bake sale is also planned so get that 'sweet tooth' sharpened.
- Session approved the selection of an adopted family in addition to our present one. More information coming soon.

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Six Months Ending June 30, 2013

REVENUE

	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$13,096.00	\$68,062.00
Initial Offering	0.00	605.00
Interest	5.76	60.61
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Loose Offerings	984.00	3,708.28
Sunday School	15.00	144.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00

Total Revenue

\$14,100.76	\$72,579.89
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EXPENSES

Worship & Planning	\$712.29	\$1,549.41
Personnel	9,394.05	61,436.29
Evangelism & Outreach	664.97	828.26
Church Growth	265.90	1,765.65
Administration	1,008.18	6,413.41
Building & Grounds	2,183.14	16,097.20
Christian Education	-80.03	261.60
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$14,148.50	\$88,351.82
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NET INCOME (LOSS)

(\$47.74)	(\$15,771.93)
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REDBUD CALENDAR AUGUST, 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u></p> <p><u>NO BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING - JUNE, JULY & AUGUST!</u></p>				1	2 C L O S E D	3
4 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Personnel & Admin. Committee 11 am blood pressure Screening	5 9 am Counters	6	7 11:00 a.m. - E & O meeting	8 12 - 4 pm MASTER GARDENERS 10:30 am Christmas Banner Mtg.	9 C L O S E D	10
11 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Nominating Committee Copper Kettle Offering	12 9 am Counters	13	14	15	16 C L O S E D	17
18 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Men of the Church	19 9 am Counters 1 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	20 5:15 pm Session	21 1 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	22	23 C L O S E D	24
25 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Circle #1 Hymn Sing Sunday (Potluck following service)	26 9 am Counters 1 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	27	28 6:30 pm Choir	29	30 C L O S E D	31
<p><u>Publication Deadlines</u> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, August 22nd Please submit all articles in writing. You may drop them off at the office or email to Connie McLaurin: fpcmh@centurytel.net Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</p>			<p><i>I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!</i></p>			



Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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Pastor,
Reverend Nancy L. Taylor
Mr. Gary Adler, Lay Pastor

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

Secretaries:
Connie McLaurin,
Helen Harding,
Carolyn Saul

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