



The **RED**bud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

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Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday– Thursday



Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God’s faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God’s ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God’s steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.



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Ruth Fine

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God's Left Hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

Special Dates in **SEPTEMBER**

Birthday

5-Paula Stewart



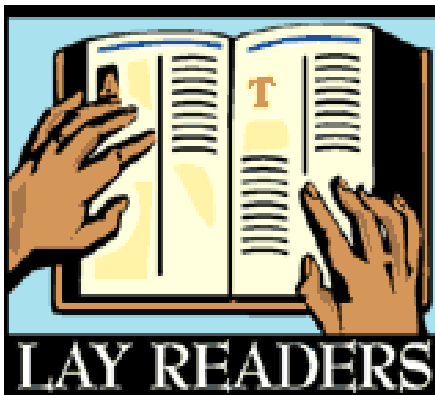
Special Dates

- Labor Day, *September 1, 2025*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 7, 2025*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2025*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15, 2025*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2025*

"By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn."

—Latin proverb

Serving in Worship



September Lay Readers

07-Mary S
14-Marty H
21-Kay K
28-Nancy P



September Fellowship

Don't forget to volunteer to host fellowship by signing up on the bulletin board on the way to the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for September currently hanging on the board.



September Ushers

07-Marilyn W
14-Ellen J
21-Marty H
28-Open

Church Leadership Meetings

AUGUST SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on 17 August 2025 with all the elders in attendance; Rev. Lila De-Moss, moderator.

The next Session meeting will be in October. Please watch for updates on the next meeting date.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

AUGUST DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons continue to stay in touch with members, friends of the church and family, extending help if needed. We encourage everyone to stay inside as much as possible during this extreme heat. From our church roles, we have removed Sherman Fine and Don Crapnell at their passing. Ruth Fines moved to TX. Carolyn Hannon has transferred her membership to Cumberland Fellowship Presbyterian Church. Former member Barb Sandberg passed on August 18, 2025. Wana Thacker celebrated her birthday by serving cake during August 17 fellowship.

Marilyn Wheat, Moderator



TREASURER'S REPORT as of May 30, 2025

Donations/Deposits	\$5,797.00
Uncleared Checks/Expenses	\$7,503.96
Bank Balance	\$37,860.33

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





The Mission committee collected 111 boxes of cereal for the month as of August 27. All items collected will be donated to the Food Basket for distribution to local families.

The Copper Kettle in the Narthex, will be available in September for donations of loose change that will be donated to the Food Bank at the end of the month.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3 at 1:00 pm.

For more information please contact Mary Smith.

A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

**Lord of all seasons,
As the leaves change and the days grow cooler,
help me embrace the rhythm of your creation.
Teach me to let go of what I no longer need
and to trust your timing in every part of life.**

**Thank you for the beauty of autumn—
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest.
May this season deepen my gratitude,
renew my spirit,
and draw me closer to your heart.**

**In Jesus' name,
Amen.**



Women of the Church

A sign up sheet is on the board for hostesses. The next meeting will be on September 9 and will meet at Little B's Restaurant at 12:00 pm. A sign up sheet is on the board if you plan to attend. We encourage all women to come. October 14 at 1:00 pm, Nancy Priest will continue teaching about Esther. All women are welcome.

See you there...

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas

Sept. 07-Faith, Pine Bluff	(Members: 068 Est:1952)
First, Beebe	(Members: 029 Est:1879)
Sept. 14-Central, Pine Bluff	(Members: 092 Est:1910)
Church Camp Ministries	
Sept. 21-Strategic Planning Leadership Team	
First, Jonesboro	(Members: 139 Est:1889)
Sept. 28-First, Gurdon	(Members: 011 Est:1886)
Churches in Presbyteries in Honduras	

**You are the Good Shepherd, Lord — you lead, protect, and restore (Psalm 23).
As I enter worship, guide my heart back to your peace.**

SCRIPTURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday September 07

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Sunday September 14

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sunday September 21

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday September 28

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146




1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.
(Complementary)

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3 Missions 1 pm	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 Grandparents Day 	8 Office Closed	9 WOC Luncheon at Little B's 12:00 pm	10	11 	12 Office Closed	13
14	15 Office Closed	16 Deacons 10 am	17	18 Master Gardeners 1 pm	19 Office Closed	20
21	22 Office Closed	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27
28	29 Office Closed	30			Office Closed	
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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