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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00 am - Breakfast Fellowship 9:30 am - Corporate Prayer 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Morning Worship

# **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

3:30-5:30 pm - Kid's Club 5:30 pm - Fellowship Meal

6:15 pm - Adult Bible Study, Children's Class & Youth Bible Study



# Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



# Thoughts and Prayers

Please email any updates to the prayer list to magnoliapres@sbcglobal.net

Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Betty Beckmann, Molly Beckmann, Pierre & Martine Boumtje, Bob Burns, Katherine Connelly, T.G. Connelly Family, Bill Dailey, Reeca Davidson, Ricky Dennis, Jennifer Ellis, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, John Allen Gean, Phil Genestet, Calvin Johnson Jr., Rusty Johnson, Charlie Kendrick Family, Babe Knowles, Gary Maskell, Sondra McCollum, Rochelle McMahen, Susie Moore Family, Betty Morgan, Grey Murphy Family, Guy Njewel Family, Karen Pierce Family, Johnny "Red" Rone, Linda Selman, Chris Smith, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Caroline Waters, Alicia Watson, Nan Watson, Margo Weiser, Susan West, Roger Wyrick.



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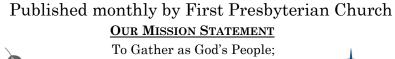
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# November 2023



# Tenley Annabella White

Birthdate: March 7, 2011 Baptized: September 11, 2011 Confirmation Date: April 2, 2023

She is a 7th grader at Magnolia Middle School. She is Council representative, volleyball, and basketball, in which she was voted captain by her peers. She also plays saxophone for the Magnolia Middle School band. Tenly's other passions include travel softball, art, and animals. Tenley loves her family and friends and has a heart to grow her walk with God

# Online Services

Our services are being live-streamed again! The quality has drastically improved with the new equipment. Thanks so much to Blake. Katherine, Matthew, and anyone else who had a part in it. Remember sermon recordings can be watched on our Facebook page, YouTube, or on our church website! Please call or email the church office if you have any issues accessing them.



# **Worship Committee Announcements**

Sunday, November 5, 2023, will be one of the most important days ever in the life of First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia. Our current church officers will be installed by representatives from Presbytery of the Gulf South of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Your attendance and participation are encouraged!

The day will start with breakfast at 9 a.m., corporate prayer at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., and our weekly worship service at 10:45 a.m. It is Communion Sunday. It is also All Saints Sunday. We will remember members and friends who have become part of the Church Triumphant in the past year.

At 3:30 p.m., a reception will be held for the officials from the Presbytery of the Gulf South who will take part in the installation service. The installation service follows at 4:30 p.m.

Our congregation has been through a difficult time in the past two years. We dissolved our relationship with our former PCUSA pastor. We decided to seek a new spiritual home within the Presbyterian Church. A long process of discernment led us to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Now is our time to celebrate! But it is also time to take our place as a vibrant and contributing part of the EPC in the service of our God, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Session prayerfully requests attendance by all members who are able at the installation service. This will be a meaningful demonstration of your support for the members and officers who have worked hard during the past two years to make this transition happen. It will also illustrate for our new presbytery the unity and love that we have for each other, and the support that our congregation has for this new un-

Please remember also that Sunday, November 5th marks the end of Daylight Saving Time. Be sure to "fall back" one hour on Saturday night.

Yours in Christ, Mike McNeill, Session Class of 2023 and chairman, Worship Committee

good; for his mercy endureth forever.

unto the LORD; for he is

Give Thanks

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# November Committee Meetings

# November 1st @ 6:15pm

(unless other arrangements have been made)



# November 5th Serivces

9:00am - Breakfast

9:30am - Prayer Meeting

10:00am - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship

3:30pm - Reception

4:30pm - Installation Service



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE

November 16th

# **Donations to The CALL**

We are collecting care basket items for local foster families during the fourth quarter. Needs include laundry supplies, all kinds of cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels, and non-perishable food. Please place items in the laundry baskets in the narthex or fellowship hall.



The CALL is a non-profit organization that mobilizes local churches to serve local children and youth placed in foster care.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...

James 1:27

# **Breakfast Fellowship**

Join us for fellowship breakfast on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall! Corporate Prayer meeting is at 9:30 am, Sunday School at 10:00 am, and Morning Worship at 10:45 am. Come and be blessed!



# May the abundance of the love of Christ fill all the days of your life!

11/1	Seth Buckner	11/3	Titus Nelson
11/4	Ashley Hagaman	11/6	Ted Bounds
11/9	Lila Marlette	11/10	Janet Hixon
11/10	Anita Moore	11/16	Wyatt Caldwel
11/16	Rochelle McMahen	11/22	Witt Nelson
11/24	Debbie Arnold	11/24	Jimmy Arnold
11/28	Sharon Ford	11/29	Walter Hixon

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE FALL FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!

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Dear Friends of the Stew Pot at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Stew Pot. We are excited to celebrate the Stew Pot's 40th Birthday Bash! We appreciate your support and for helping to make this milestone celebration possible.

Sincerely,

The Stew Pot Board

For I was HUNGRY and YOU GAVE me food.

Matthew 25:35



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for everything you did to make my birthday so special this year! I love you all very much. I am thankful God has blessed me with such a wonderful church family.

Love, Katherine Connelly

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for all the pampered chef! I will never forget your thoughtfulness. Thanks so much for your kindness! May God continue to bless each of you.

Thanks,

Blake Pierce



Perhaps we have not counted All our blessings one by one; Perhaps we have not bothered To remember whence they come; And maybe we have taken Just for granted all the things That the good Lord has created And the gifts that nature brings The autumn hills in glory robed, A golden field of grain, A sunset's dazzling splendor Or the Milky Way's great plain, The starry sky's sublimity, The ocean's mighty power, The wonder of creation In the petal of a flower. And so if we have failed to show By work or act or deed

Who fills our daily need, May this day show we're grateful When we add up all the sum Of the blessings we remember, As we count them one by one.

That we are thankful unto him

-Author Unknown

# **November Assignments**

		Liturgist:	Usher/Greeter:	Nursery:	A/V:
Nov. 5	-	Jodie Arnold	Christine Durham		M. DeSeguirant
Nov. 12	-	Katherine Phillips	Ryan Phillips		M. DeSeguirant
Nov. 19	-	Mike McNeill	Jimmy Arnold		M. DeSeguirant
Nov. 26	-	Debbie Arnold	Anita Moore		M. DeSeguirant

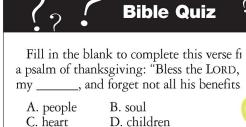
**Communion Servers: Communion Preparers:** Mary Bounds, Jodie Arnold, Anita Moore, Mike McNeill Nov. 5 Sue & Anita

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**Fellowship Meals** Mission/Evangelism Committee Session Devotional:

Pierre Boumtie





Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV.)

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Last week, long-time member Katherine Connelly, celebrated her 90th birthday! Katherine has been such a blessing to her Church Family over the years. We are grateful for God's blessing us with her and for the opportunity to celebrate this milestone with her!

Pictured below: Katherine and several family members were able to worship together at FPC on October 22nd.



We are the Hands of Christ "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another

as good stewards of God's varied grace."

This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is We are the Hands of Christ. Please prayerfully consider returning your anticipated 2024 commitment in order for next year's budget to be finalized. Pledge cards may be returned by dropping it in the offering plate, bringing it by the church office, or by mailing it. Additional pledge cards are located in the narthex and church office if needed. Please know that every gift, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and helps empower FPC to be the Hands of Christ.













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## First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas met for its monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. The following members were present, Moderator Dr. Pierre Boumtje via phone from Cameroon, Elder Debbie Arnold, Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Dr. Dan Dykema, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Mike McNeill, Elder Anita Moore, Elder Blake Pierce, and Elder Ryan Phillips. Elders Mary Bounds and Kathy Gean had excused absences. Also present were Paula Boaz (Clerk), Youth Director Katherine Phillips and Rev. Ray Durham.

**Call to order:** Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Session Devotional: Elder Ryan Phillips gave a devotional on how Peter and John were persecuted. Peter and John refused to comply and follow orders given by the Jewish church leaders.

**Youth report:** Katherine Phillips reports that there will be a Fall Festival on October 18<sup>th</sup> which will include a Chili Contest and games. She asks for volunteers to help supervise. The Youth 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades will be taken to the Magnolia High School Stadium for the Fields of Faith event on October 25<sup>th</sup>. She encourages parents to help with transport and attend.

Treasurer's Report: Session reviewed the reports. Elder Mike McNeill moved to approve, Elder Anita Moore seconded, and Session approved.

**Approval of August Minutes:** The August minutes were reviewed by Session members. Elder Dan Dykema moved to approve the minutes, Elder Ryan Phillips seconded, and Session voted in the affirmative.

### Correspondence and Requests:

- A) Vacation request from Brooke for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Elder Debbie Arnold moved to approve, Elder Anita Moore seconded, and Session approved the request.
- B) Presbytery Roundup and future meetings. Copies of an email from Michael Herrin, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Gulf South, were distributed and reviewed by Session members. This was a summary of the recent meeting in Katy, Texas where the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, was voted on and welcomed into full membership of the EPC and a summary of upcoming Gulf South meetings. Elder Dan Dykema gave a brief summary of the two-day meetings. He and Clerk Paula Boaz thanked the Session for sending them to represent our church.
- C) Copies of an email from David Carr were distributed to Session members. He has a family business that specializes in church furnishings and stain glass windows. The information was duly noted.

### **Committee Reports**

**Administrative:** Elder Blake Pierce reported that new air-conditioning in the sanctuary has been installed along with new electronic thermostats. The office air conditioning is out and is being replaced. New cameras and audio equipment for the Sanctuary are being shipped.

Cameroon: Moderator Dr. Pierre Boumtje gave a brief summary of their current time in Cameroon.

**Discipleship:** Elder Jodie Arnold reported that their committee was serving September Wednesday meals. The committee furnished breakfast for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday back in Sunday School. The ladies' class will be using a study form the Book of James. We do not currently have a regular nursery attendant so there are sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

**Fellowship:** Elder Anita Moore reported that her committee sponsored the church potluck on September 10<sup>th</sup> and assisted with the Stewpot on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Also there will be a wedding shower for Travis Arnold's bride at Anita's home on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission and Evangelism:** Elder Debbie Arnold reported that her committee prepared the September meal for the residents at Southern Christian Mission. Kathy Gean volunteered to contact Mandy McLelland at The Call to discuss how FPC can assist them with their goals. The Mission committee will prepare the November Wednesday meals.

Worship: Elder Mike McNeil reported that Steve Ford will fill the pulpit during Rev. Ray Durham's vacation absence for two Sundays in October.

New Business: none Old Business: none

There being no further business, Elder Ryan Phillips moved to adjourn, and Rev. Ray Durham closed with prayer at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Paula Boaz, Clerk

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# Youth Director Report—Mrs. Katherine

The kids have had a busy month! They helped cook one night for the fellowship meal, volunteered at the Stewpot, helped cook for the MJHS football team and topped off the month with fun at the Fall Festival. If you did not make it to the festival, don't worry, we are planning another evening of fellowship in December for the whole church. The youth group will be attending the Fields of Faith event, which is hosted by Fellowship of Christian Athletes. It is a fun night of county-wide schools and churches, all joining for a night of worship at the Panther Stadium! We will have a pretty calm month of November, resuming our schedule of bible study classes and Kids Club on Wednesday nights.

...Fall Festival Fun continued.











