

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To Gather as God's People;  
To Grow in Faith, Love and Service;  
And to Go into the World as Disciples  
Sharing God's Love.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Titus & Lincoln*



and the Magnolia Panther Golf Team on  
a GREAT Season!  
4A State Tournament Runner-ups!  
We are PROUD of YOU!!!

*Congratulations,*  
**Dr. Anna Trexler**



on being inducted into the David F. Rankin  
School of Business Hall of Fame. Very well  
deserved recognition. Thank you for all  
your years of unwavering support and  
commitment to your students.  
We are proud of you!!



## Family Fall Fellowship

The Family Fall Fellowship was a hit! Fun, food, and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended! We missed our church family members who were unable to join us. The Outreach Committee hosted a pumpkin carving contest, and many came dressed in fun and festive costumes. Creativity and laughter filled the evening—it was truly a wonderful time together! Make plans to join us for our next fellowship, "A Grateful Gathering," on Sunday, November 16th!

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**Reminder** → **Committee Meetings**  
November 5th  
(Unless other arrangements have been made.)

### JOIN US FOR A GRATEFUL GATHERING

Potluck Fellowship

November 16th  
Following Worship

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**  
FELLOWSHIP: SETUP, CLEANUP, CHICKEN, BREAD, TEA & ASSISTANCE TO OTHER COMMITTEES.  
ADMINISTRATION: SIDES  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SIDES  
WORSHIP: SALADS  
MISSION: DESSERTS  
OUTREACH: DESSERTS

*If you are not on a committee, you may bring anything you want or nothing at all!  
We just want everyone to eat and fellowship with one another!*

**SORRY! WE'RE CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

### 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This year's Stewardship Campaign, Abundant Joy, is currently underway. Please prayerfully consider returning your anticipated 2026 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 and feet of Christ.

**CALL for VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to sign up to be liturgist and head usher/greeter in November! If you feel led to serve in one of these capacities, please sign up! Sign-up lists are located in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office!

	Usher Greeter	Liturgist	Children's Church
11/2	Martine Boumtje	Jodie Arnold	Lea West
11/9	Sharon Ford		Sarah Hornor
11/16	Paula Boaz		Jennifer Bailey
11/23			Jodie Arnold
11/30			Katherine Phillips

**Communion (11/2)**  
**Preparer:** Martine Boumtje  
**Servers:** Jimmy Arnold, Paula Boaz, Cathy Downs, Sue Joyce  
**Deacon on Duty:** Drew Moore (870) 904-2372

### Happy birthday

11/3	Titus Nelson	11/4	Ashley Hagaman
11/6	Ted Bounds	11/9	Jennifer Bailey
11/10	Anita Moore	11/14	Susan Taylor
11/16	Wyatt Caldwell	11/16	Rochelle McMahan
11/18	Thad Hornor	11/22	Witt Nelson
11/24	Debbie Arnold	11/24	Jimmy Arnold
11/28	Sharon Ford		





## THE MISSION-EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The committee is collecting donations of cleaning supplies to donate to The Call this quarter. The Call supports foster families in Columbia and Lafayette counties. If you'd like to help with this effort, donation items may be placed in the baskets in the narthex or fellowship hall, or a monetary gift may be placed in the offering plate. Be sure to indicate on the memo line "The Call".




## THE MISSION-EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Mission-Evangelism Committee has partnered with Compassions Foundation to offer a dedicated and secure donation drop-off center here at First Presbyterian Church! The bins are clearly labeled and located near the fellowship hall breezeway. This will help Compassions Foundation protect the confidentiality of their shelter location and ensure the safety and privacy of the survivors. If you are interested in making a donation, their most needed items at this time include: Toilet paper, Paper towels, 30-gallon trash bags, Pajamas (all sizes), New underwear (all sizes), New bras (all sizes), Feminine hygiene products, Shampoo and conditioner, Body wash.






# HAPPY VETERANS DAY



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FPC VETERANS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR EACH ONE OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND DEDICATION.

**DAVID ANDERS  
RAY DURHAM  
JOHN HORNOR  
CHUCK JOYCE  
ALTON NEWTON  
SUSAN TAYLOR**

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*  
-John 15:12-13




Dear FPC,

Thank you all for taking such good care of my dad, James Reddell. He loved serving God through FPC. His heart was full of joy-doing for others. His Church was his "Home". Now dad has a "forever" home. The "in memory" photo in the newsletter was beautiful!

In Gratitude, Susan Reddell



We appreciate everyone who joined us last night for the Community Meeting on the Jackson Street Overlay District. With your input and support, we're excited to move forward in bringing new life to this important corridor that connects Downtown Magnolia and Southern Arkansas University. Our goal isn't to change who we are — it's to highlight the best of Magnolia and make this corridor something we can all be proud of. A special thank you to First Presbyterian Church, Magnolia, AR for graciously hosting our meeting and to Drone Management Services for capturing the amazing aerial footage of the Jackson Street Overlay District — your work beautifully showcases the heart of our community.



City of Magnolia

## Resources for You!

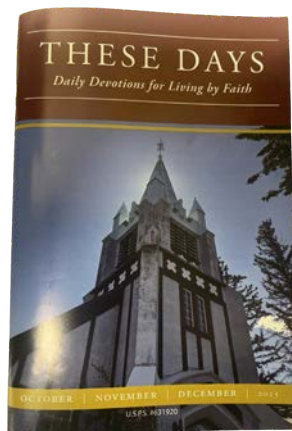
Our church is blessed to be able to offer different helpful resources to support your spiritual growth at home throughout the week. Below are a couple of these resources.

We encourage you to take advantage of them!

### These Days Devotional Booklets

The "These Days" devotional booklets for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are here and available.

You can pick up a copy in the narthex, church office, library, or fellowship hall.



### RightNow Media Access

We also provide a church-wide membership to RightNow Media, an online platform providing 24/7 access to over 25,000 biblical videos for spiritual growth for all ages! It's like a Christian Netflix—completely free to you!

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Our Church!



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<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcmagnolia>

### The One Year Bible

One-year Bibles are available in the fellowship hall and library to help guide you through your daily walk in God's Word in one year! It's never too late to start on your journey reading through the whole Bible!

Pick up one today!!



**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas**  
**The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

The following members were present: Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Travis Arnold, Elder and Clerk Paula Boaz, Elder Martine Boumtje, Elder Cathy Downs, Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, and Elder Sue Joyce. Elder Chris White had an excused absence.

Call to order: Pastor Ray Durham called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Devotional: Elder Travis Arnold gave an interesting devotional that included a video portion of the movie "Foot Loose" and quoted scripture verses from Psalms and Samuel regarding praising God with music, song, and dance. Ideas were explored on community tensions between generations (young and older). Well known passages from Ecclesiastes were presented contrasting the various seasons of life – different ages and experiences.

Youth and Family Ministries: Elder Jodie Arnold reported that Sullivan Stockwell will assist with Youth activities that incorporate the guitar and piano. September 19<sup>th</sup> will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday. October 8<sup>th</sup> will be "Fields of Faith" program.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Elder Kathy Gean reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary and that Amanda Baker was currently doing a routine audit.

Approval of July Minutes: The Session reviewed the July Minutes. Elder Sue Joyce moved to approve, Elder Cathy Downs seconded, and Session approved accordingly.

Correspondence and Requests: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Administrative-Administrative committee member, Ryan Phillips was present in place of Chris White, to report that EPC has "rubber stamped" Pastor Ray Durham's tenure through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and that they further recommend that they (EPC) approve his terms continuing through 2026. EPC has two classifications "Ordination" and "Stated Supply." Pastor Durham's classification is "Stated Supply." While Elder Phillips was present at the meeting, the subject of the property directly south of the Church's current property line which is for sale was brought up. Informal discussion followed and a committee consisting of Ryan Phillips, Christine Durham and Travis Arnold, was formed and requested to investigate the possibility of First Presbyterian Church purchasing the property.

Christian Education Fellowship-Ashley Hagaman reported that the committee has provided money to purchase bottled waters for students on Steve Ford's bus.

Mission/Evangelism-Elder Kathy Gean reported that the committee met via email and planned the SCM meal and made plans for serving the SAU band in the Fellowship Hall on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Worship-Elder Sue Joyce stated that she, Dan Dykema, and Elder Martine Boumtje met and worked on improving the Communion service procedures. Dr. Dykema reported that he had a lead on a guitarist.

Young Adult Outreach-Elder Travis Arnold reported that the SAU Blue and Gold Day had been cancelled due to excessive heat and would be rescheduled for a later date.

New Business: Administration reported that they had approved a paid position for Matthew for the AV booth. Admin will work out the contract details.

Old Business: Elder Sue Joyce reminded everyone to go on the church web site and connect to the site with Christian songs, and each person choose ten songs and turn them in to the office.

There being no further business, Elder Ashley Hagaman recommended that Session close the meeting, Elder Sue Joyce seconded, and Elder Ashley Hagaman closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session

(There was no Session meeting in September.)





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continued...  
Family Fall  
Fellowship





# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church 	<b>3</b> Titus Nelson Randy & Jennifer Bailey	<b>4</b> Ashley Hagaman	<b>5</b> 5:30pm-Prayer Mtg 6:00pm-Sing & Shout Bible Discovery Lab Adult Bible Study <b>Committee Meetings</b> (Unless other arrangements are made.)	<b>6</b> Ted Bounds	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>  <i>All Saints' Day</i>
<b>9</b> 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church	<b>10</b> Ladies' Circle 2:00 pm Anita Moore	<b>11</b>  <b>Stewpot</b>  John & Sarah Hornor	<b>12</b> 5:30pm-Prayer Mtg Youth Bible Study 6:00pm-Sing & Shout Bible Discovery Lab Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Susan Taylor	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church <b>Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch</b> Wyatt Caldwell Rochelle McMahan	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Southern Christian Mission Session Meeting 6:30 pm Thaddeus Hornor	<b>19</b> 5:30pm-Prayer Mtg 6:00pm-Sing & Shout Bible Discovery Lab Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Witt Nelson
<b>23/30</b> 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church	<b>24</b> Debbie Arnold Jimmy Arnold	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> No Wednesday Activities	<b>27</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Jack & Nancy Hornor	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Sharon Ford	<b>29</b>

...let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:7

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

*Sundays:*

9:30 am - FIRST FELLOWSHIP

9:45 am - ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

9:45 am - CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY STATIONS

10:45 am - WORSHIP

11:00 am - CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Wednesdays:*

5:30 PM - PRAYER MEETING

6:00 PM - ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
CHILDREN'S CLASSES-SING & SHOUT!  
-BIBLE DISCOVERY LAB

IN OUR

## THOUGHTS &amp; PRAYERS

PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO THE PRAYER  
LIST TO [FPCMAGNOLIA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FPCMAGNOLIA@GMAIL.COM)

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Gene Bentley, David Chenoweth, Kim Cleveland, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Berkley Dearman, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, John Allen Gean, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, Jeff Miller, Heather Hanson Moore, Mike Morgan, Georgia Newton, Linda Selman, Ella Lou Smith, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Brandon Taylor, Doug Taylor, Mike Teutsch, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Caden Ware, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Roger Wyrick.

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November 19th



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