

### **SUNDAYS**

9:15 am — Breakfast 9:30 am — Corporate Prayer 10:00 am — Sunday School 10:45 am — Worship

### **WEDNESDAYS**

3:30 pm—Kid's Club 5:30 pm—Youth Dinner 6:15 pm —Children & Youth Classes 6:15 pm—Adult Bible Study

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE January 17th



# Thoughts and Prayers

Please email any updates to the prayer list to fpcmagnolia@gmail.com.

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Gene Bentley, Pierre and Martine Boumtje, David Chenoweth, Kim Cleveland, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Betty DeSeguirant Family, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, Carol Fullilove, Michelle Johnson, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahen, Jeff Miller, Heather Hanson Moore, John and Betty Morgan, Georgia Newton, Linda Selman, Ella Lou Smith, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Doug Taylor, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Roger Wyrick.



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### **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.

O Lord, let my
New Yearly resolution
be to
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.

### January 2025

God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

-Psalm 51:1

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Create in me



# Salvation ARMY Bell Ringers

Several FPC members rang the Salvation Army Bell on December 7th. Thank you all for giving of your time to help this great cause and being the hands of Jesus! Not pictured: Mike McNeill







We are so proud of you! Praying God's blessings on you and your future endeavors!



### **Christmas Fellowship Night**





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Church Directory OPPATE It's time to update our church directory. Please stop by the narthex during the month of January and review your family's contact information on this year's directory. Please mark through any

incorrect information and write in any new information that you would like included! If all of the information is current, please initial by your name. Updated 2024 directories will be available for pickup in February.

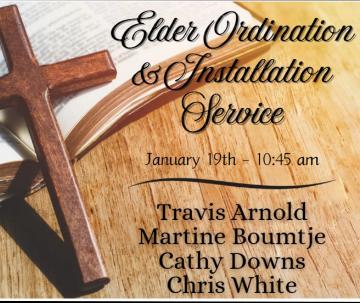


The Church Office will be closed on January 1st in observance of New Years Day.











Thank you for your service, committment, and dedication to the work in Christ's Church.

Mary Bounds Dan Dykema Anita Moore Ryan Phillips January 2025









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### Missions (†



The Mission & Evangelism Committee provided four local non-profits with a donation at the end of the year. The local non-profits benefitting from the donations were: Abilities Unlimited, CCAPS, Compassions Foundation, and Magnolia Specialized Services. Pictured below are the committee members along with representatives from each non-profit. (Not pictured: Magnolia Specialized Services.)

The Mission & Evangelism Committee was also able to send funds with the Boumtjes to Cameroon to assist with purchasing Bibles and other supplies. Please continue to pray for the Boumtjes as they are ministering to the people of Cameroon.





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The Young Women's Group along with Steve Ford spread Christmas Cheer this month when they visited The Springs and Wentworth to sing to all the residents. They were able to visit with three very dear to FPC: Katherine Connelly, Andy Boaz, and Dalene Baer.





We cannot express our thanks enough! The continued support from your committee each year has been an absolute blessing to our shelter and the women and kids we serve.

-Compassions Foundation

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. I truly appreciate all the love and support I receive from my church family.

- Mrs. Katherine

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the thoughtful gifts and the congratulatory recognition during Sunday's service. I really appreciate and am thankful for my church family, especially during my time spent in college. Thank you also very much for the scholarship help. Merry Christmas!

Love, Matthew

Dear FPC,

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity helps us rescue, care for and re-home pets in need.

Sincerely, CCAPS



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your visit to my room, the Christmas Card and the beautiful poinsettia plant.

Love. Dalene

Fírst Presbyterían Church,

Thank you for being apart of our journey this year. We have been overwhelmed with your abundant generosity and kindness and we are beyond grateful and thankful. We wouldn't be able to do what we do, without the support of people like you all!

Thankfully,

Víctoria Erwin & Chris Ludwig BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



#### Dear Members,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,250. The Federal and State Government require a 10% matching fund for every dollar received for services and a 20% match for every vehicle used for transportation. These funds must come from the public.

We continue to offer prevocational and vocational training, basic education, socialization, daily living skills training, and jobs for People with severe disabilities at he Training Center on South Washington, the Retail Store on the Square, and the Recycling Center on West University.

Thank you for showing your kindness by donating to Abilities unlimited.

Sincerely,

Sandra Marlar, Executive Director



Thank you all so much for the Christmas gifts, cards, and kind gestures shown to me over the last month! I am so thankful that God put me here with you all!!

In Christian Love, Brooke

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### Collection Drive for The CALL

The Mission-Evangelism Committee continues to collect supplies for local foster families! If you'd like to help, 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...

Tames 1:27

# January SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 am - Fellowship Breakfast \*
9:30 am - Corporate Prayer +
10:00 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship

\* Fellowship Breakfast will begin on January 5th. A word of encouragement will be given including prayer and a time for songs.

+ Corporate prayer will start back on January 12th.



Date W	nostess
January 14th	Anita Moore
February 11th	Mary Bounds
March 11th	Sharon Ford
April 8th	Paula Boaz
May 13th	Ella Lou Smith

The Ladies' Circle Meeting Hostess will present the lesson, furnish dessert and will host the meeting in their home (If you'd prefer to host the meeting at the church, please let Brooke know.) Each meeting will begin at 2:00 pm.



Date	Location
January 2nd	Santiago's
February 6th	Flying Burger
March 6th	Antiguas
April 3rd	Backyard BBQ
May 1st	Java Primo

### **Honorariums & Memorials**

IN MEMORY OF: BY:
Babe Knowles Rick & Pam Murphy

In Honor Of: By:

The Staff at FPC T.E. & Paula Smith



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

1/2	Laura Lu	1/8	Justin Pierce
1/12	Travis Arnold	1/13	Nate Caldwell
1/14	Willow Mason	1/14	Daisy Uhrich
1/16	Ryan Phillips	1/18	Katherine Adcox
1/22	Kate Adcox	1/26	Brooke Martisek
1/26	Sheila Crane	1/26	Georgia West
1/28	James Reddell	1/30	Skyler Scott

### **January Assignments**

Drew Moore (870) 904-2372		Shut-In Meals & Fellowship Dinner Christian Education Committee		
1/5	- Sharon Ford	Katherine Phillips	Matthew	
1/12	-		Matthew	
1/19	- Chris White		Matthew	
1/26	- Ashley Hagaman	Anita Moore	Matthew	

## CALL for VOLUNTEERS

1/5

**Communion Servers:** 

**Communion Preparers:** 

If you are interested in serving as the liturgist or usher/greeter, please sign up! Sign-up lists are in the narthex. If you have any questions about the duties for each position, please contact the church office!

If you are interested in being trained to help in the A/V booth, please contact Katherine Phillips.

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### First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

The following members were present: Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder and Clerk Dr. Paula Boaz, Elder Mary Bounds, Elder Dr. Dan Dykema, Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Sue Joyce, Elder Anita Moore, Youth and Family Director Katherine Phillips, and Pastor Ray Durham. Elder Ryan Phillips had an excused absence. Incoming Session members were invited to attend the meeting and Cathy Downs and Travis Arnold did attend.

Call to order: Pastor Ray Durham called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:34 p.m.

Devotional: Elder Ashley Hagaman gave a devotional inspired by a song written by Dolly Parton and her book "My Life and other Unfinished Business." The Biblical reference was from Colossians 3:15-17 and Psalm 9. Everyone needs an attitude of gratitude. Be thankful and heartfelt. "Everybody needs a little Dolly in their life."

Youth: Youth Director Katherine Phillips reported the Youth attendance continues to be strong with an average of twenty-five per week. They are planning a trip to a trampoline park in Texarkana on December 21st. The Youth will go Caroling at The Springs and Dudneywood on Sunday evening, December 15th. There will be a Bingo and Fellowship night on December 18th. There will be no Youth activities on November 27th, December 25th, and January 1st, due to the holiday breaks.

Treasurer's Report: Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean reported there was nothing new to report other than a CD matured and it will roll over. The report was reviewed and accepted as information.

Approval of Minutes: The October Session Minutes were reviewed, and a correction was made. Elder Mary Bounds moved to approve, Elder Dan Dykema seconded, and Session approved.

#### Correspondence and Requests:

- a. A "Special Thanksgiving Offering" packet from Evergreen School was referred to the Mission and Evangelism Committee.
- b. A Thank you note from Mr. Sammy was read.

#### Committee Reports:

Administrative-Elder Sue Joyce directed Session's attention to the Budget. She reminded everyone that each committee needs to submit their Budget for 2025.

Christian Education (previously Discipleship)-Elder Mary Bounds reported that the Young Women's Group made Christmas decorations to give to some of the homebound residents. The group will meet on Sunday, December 15th, at Mary Bounds' home. The ladies Sunday School has completed their 8-week study and will return to their study from the book of James. Ladies' Circle will meet in the home of Linda Anders on December 10th. Wednesday night Bible study continues, and the Youth program is active and busy.

Fellowship-Elder Anita Moore thanked everyone for participating in the successful November Fellowship dinner. Our church will be assisting with Stewpot on December 10th. The fellowship has the December meals. She has been in discussion with personnel at the Ninth Grade Academy and the high school regarding their need for a mentorship program for "needy" students.

Mission and Evangelism-The committee met via text and planned the November Wednesday meals and the November meal for Southern Christian Mission. Rev. Durham gave the devotional at the Mission.

Worship-Elder Dr. Dan Dykema reported that the committee met via text and recommended that the Christmas Eve Service be conducted on Tuesday, December 24th, at 5 p.m. including the traditional candlelight service and communion by intinction.

#### **New Business:**

- a. There was discussion on the new printed Hymnals. There was general agreement that everyone is very pleased with them.
- b. Elder Jodie Arnold submitted a request for the young adults to attend an event at First Baptist Church in Texarkana where Phil Wickman will be in concert. This is to involve some of the young adults who regularly visit our church but are not members. Elder Paula Boaz moved to approve this request, Mary Bounds seconded. Session approved but asked Jody to determine how many will attend and total cost and bring back to Session.
- c. Elder Sue Joyce recommended the establishment of a new committee "Young Peoples' Outreach Committee" or "Young Adult Outreach Ministry." She recommended that Travis Arnold (new oncoming Session member) be the Chair of this committee. Following discussion, Elder Ashley Hagaman seconded the recommendation and Session voted to approve.
- d. January 7th will be the next Men's Social. Details later.
- e. New officers will be installed on Sunday, January 19th, 2025.
- f. The December Session meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm.

There being no Further Business, Rev Durham closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Paula Boaz. Clerk of Session

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# Youth Director Report 🖐



I cannot believe 2024 is behind us! We have seen growth in so many aspects! I have been averaging 15 children in Kid's Club. Kid's Club plans to have a fun day in Texarkana on December 21 to Ijump Trampoline Park. The youth group is averaging 19 kids each week. I would not be able to handle this number of children without my wonderful volunteers, Ashley Hagaman, Nancy Hornor, Chris White, Carisa Owen and Matthew DeSeguirant. We have had a great brainstorming session, that yielded great results and ideas we hope to implement in 2025! I am also working on VBS for this summer. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know!

