

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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*I am the Vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in Me will
bear much fruit.*

John 15:5



Henry Jennings
graduating Kindergarten from
Columbia Christian School.
Proud parents are Jeremy and
Lawton Jennings. Proud
grandfather is Blake Pierce.



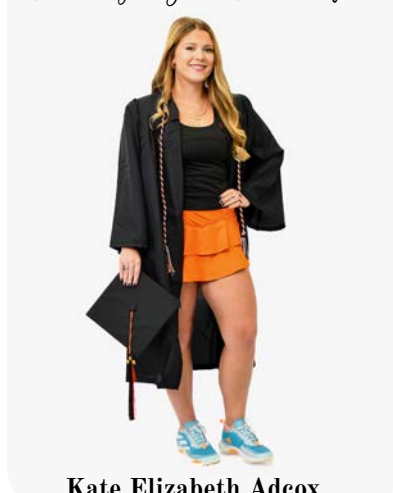
Henry Edward Fillmore
graduating Lovejoy High School,
Fairview, TX. Proud grandparents
are Chuck and Sue Joyce



Harleigh Williams
graduating from Taylor High
School. She will be attending
SAU pursuing a nursing degree.
Proud parents are Brooke and
Michael Williams.



*For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the WORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."*



Kate Elizabeth Adcox
graduating from Hendrix College
and will be attending the Clinton
School of Public Service in Little
Rock. Proud grandparents are
Mary and Ted Bounds.



Christian White
graduating from Magnolia High
School. Christian will be
attending SAU in the Fall,
pursuing a degree in mechanical
engineering. Proud parents are
Chris and Ashley White.



Caden Elledge
graduated from the Naval
Academy. Caden will be
stationed on the USS Arkansas
submarine. Proud grandparents
are David and Linda Anders.



Grayson West
graduating from Magnolia
High School. Grayson is in
National Honor Society, Mu
Alpha Theta, and works for
The John Wagner Company
through the internship
program at Magnolia High
School. He plans to attend
Northwest Louisiana Technical
College in the fall and
participate in their Industrial
Instrumentation & Electrical
Technician program. Proud
parents are Chad and Lea
West. Proud grandmother is
Susan Dees.



Committee Meetings May 6

(Unless other arrangements have been made.
Dinner will be served at 5:30.
No Adult Bible Study the first Wednesday.)

Clothing Drive for Cameroon Mission

We are now accepting any donations (through December) of lightweight clothing for next year's mission trip to Cameroon. Any donations may be brought by the church office or left in the fellowship hall. Please contact Pierre or Martine for any questions.

Ladies' Circle Salad Luncheon



May 11 - 12:00pm

All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

Prayer Meeting

Join us each Wednesday night at
5:30 pm in the FPC Library
for a time of Prayer.

Corporate prayer is vital for fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose as we seek God together as one body. Come and join us!

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to sign up to be liturgist and head usher/greeter in May and June! 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
5/3	_____	Mike McNeill	Lea West
5/10	_____	Doug Green	
5/17	_____	_____	
5/24	_____	_____	
5/31	_____	Debbie Arnold	

	Communion Preparers	Communion Servers
5/3	_____	_____/_____/_____/_____

Deacon on Duty: Drew Moore (870) 904-2372

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays - 6:00pm

Join us each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for Bible Study. Each week, we will walk through simple Bible stories and meaningful conversation. There's no pressure to be an expert and no expectation to have all the answers. Just an open Bible, open conversation, and a desire to grow together.

If you've ever wanted a clearer understanding of the story of the Bible, a refresher on its foundations, or simply a safe place to learn and ask questions, we would love for you to join us. Bring a friend!

(No Adult Bible Study on the First Wednesday Night.
Committees will meet instead.)

Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY OF: T.E. "Bubba" Smith

BY:

Bo & Lucy Ray

Dan Connelly

IN MEMORY OF: Mike Morgan

BY:

Dan Connelly

Dear FPC,

Thank you all very much for the beautiful flowers given to me on Administrative Assistant's Day. Thank you for making me feel so appreciated on this day (and everyday)! I'm so thankful to work somewhere I truly love going every day!! Y'all are so good to me and always make me feel so loved!!

In Christian Love, Brooke Williams



Service Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and deliver meals to our shut-in members on Wednesday evenings. Each week, there are typically 5 meals that need to be delivered to 3 to 4 locations. The church office will contact you by 1:00 pm on Wednesdays with that evening's meal count. Volunteers will be responsible for preparing and delivering the meals. Cooking is not required unless you would like to, and store bought or already prepared meals are absolutely welcome and appreciated. This is a meaningful way to care for members of our church family and share Christ's love. If you feel led to serve, please stop by the narthex and sign up. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

	Shut-In Meals
4/29	Kathy Gean
5/6	Martine & Pierre Boumtje
5/13	Linda Anders
5/20	Kathy Gean
5/27	Paula Boaz

THE MISSION-EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The committee is currently 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 Call
Collection Drive*

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.
James 1:27



Hannah Center Baby Bottle Campaign

The committee is participating in the Hannah Pregnancy Resource Center's Baby Bottle campaign again this year. The campaign will begin on Mother's Day and will continue through Father's Day. Stop by the narthex or fellowship hall and pick up a baby bottle beginning on Mother's Day. Take it home and fill it with your spare change and then return it to the office or narthex. Use the bottle as a reminder to pray for the families that Hannah ministers to!

Every life matters. Every coin counts.
Your change can buy:

- \$2 - a pregnancy test
- \$12 - a Bible for a new client
- \$30 - a package of diapers
- \$100 - a car seat or playpen



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

5/1	Mary Bounds	5/3	John Hornor
5/3	Sid Moore	5/7	Randy Bailey
5/16	Steve Ford	5/18	Joyce Dailey
5/28	Susannah Broome	5/28	Marc Headrick



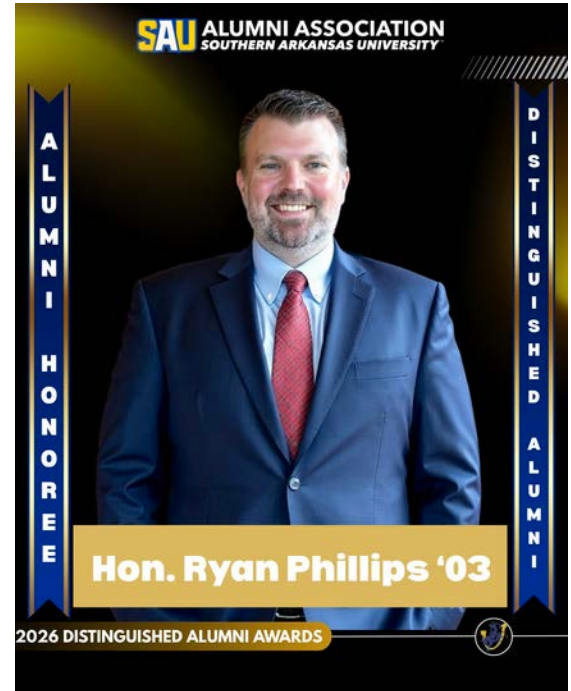
From Ashley Hagaman: "Thank you First Presbyterian Church, Magnolia, AR for sponsoring our fabulous field trip to the Shreveport aquarium. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words... and here are just a few. Amazement, wonder, excitement..."



Look at those
sweet smiles!!



Congratulations Ryan



We are proud to celebrate one of our own, Judge Ryan Phillips, on being named a 2026 Distinguished Alumni honoree by Southern Arkansas University. Ryan has built a career marked by integrity, leadership, and a deep commitment to serving others. He has faithfully served our church over the years and is a dedicated Sunday School teacher and a valued member of our administrative committee, always serving with a genuine heart for people. We rejoice in this well-deserved honor and are grateful for the way he reflects Christ through both his public service and his faithful involvement in our church family.

We are so proud of you Judge Phillips!

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I wanted to sincerely thank you for your generous support in helping me be able to go to Guatemala to serve on the Arkansas Greek wide and Filter of Hope Mission trip. This experience was truly life changing. we had the opportunity to provide over 300 families with clean, safe drinking water, something many of us often take for granted. Beyond meeting physical needs, we were also able to connect with families, hear their stories, and share encouragement with them. The joy and gratitude we encountered in each home is something I will carry with me for a long time. Your support made a direct and meaningful impact. Every water filter distributed has the potential to improve a family's health and daily life for 10 years. I am incredibly grateful to have been part of this experience, and it would not have been possible without your generosity. Thank you again for investing in this mission and in me. I am so thankful for your support.

With gratitude,

Anna Pisoni (Matthew 28:19)



What a beautiful and blessed Easter Sunday we shared together! We started the morning with a wonderful breakfast fellowship, enjoyed a fun-filled Easter egg hunt, and gathered in worship to celebrate our Risen Savior. He is risen indeed! We are so thankful for our church family and the memories we made. It was truly a wonderful Easter Sunday to remember!



First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:00 in the designated Session Room.

Call to order: Moderator Rev. Ray Durham called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m. The Elder Martine Boumtje moved to approve the agenda; Elder Sue Joyce seconded, and Session unanimously approved the printed agenda. Elected Session members present were Elder Travis Arnold, Elder and Clerk Paula Boaz, Elder Martine Boumtje, Elder Cathy Downs, Elder Steve Ford, Elder Sue Joyce, and Elder Blake Pierce. Elected Elders Chris White and Jodie Arnold were absent with notice. Also, present was Treasurer Kathy Gean and Moderator Rev. Ray Durham.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kathy Gean reported that it had been a good month (financially) and that there was nothing out of the ordinary.

Approval of March Minutes: Session reviewed the March minutes. Elder Martine Boumtje moved to approve the minutes; Elder Paula Boaz seconded, and session approved.

Correspondence and Requests:

- a. A note was received from Laura Neill thanking the church for its support for the Magnolia Public schools.
- b. The Session approved a vacation request from Secretary Brooke Williams for June 3,4,5,9, and 10.
- c. A request for financial assistance from an EPC church (Genesis Presbyterian Church. The request was referred to the Mission Committee for investigation,

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: Elder Blake Pierce reported about ongoing problems with the A/V system in the Sanctuary.

Christian Education: Elder Steve Ford discussed the planned Easter "Big Breakfast and Egg Hunt" to take place on Easter Sunday morning.

Fellowship: Elder Ashley Hagaman announced Stewpot worker assignments for April. Christian Education will be doing April Wednesday shut-in meals. There will be a May Sunday Potluck to honor high school graduates Grayson West and Christian White.

Mission/Evangelism: Elder Paula Boaz stated that the Committee had fed the evening meal at Southern Christian Mission on Tuesday, March 17th. Fourteen Care baskets for "THE CALL" (foster families) were prepared and delivered. The Committee will meet in early April to plan the SCM meals for April, May, and June; shop and prepare the quarterly foster family baskets; and meal assignments for Wednesday shut-in meals for April, May, and June.

Worship: Elder Sue Joyce discussed the recent Committee meeting where they recommended several changes to the current order of worship, including eliminating "the Passing of the Peace" The new order of worship will be implemented on Sunday, March 29th, 2026.

Outreach: Elder Travis Arnold announced that a group plan to attend a Christian concert in Minden, Louisiana, on April 24th.

Pastor Search Committee: Elder Travis Arnold on the EPC required forms to complete. Session will review, then they will be sent to our EPC Presbytery and then go the General Assembly for approval and then posted on the EPC website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Committees Discussion (Elder on each committee) This was a general discussion regarding the usual organization of committee where an Elder is the chair of each committee. Currently three Elders are on Worship and there is no Elder chairing Fellowship. Elders Ashley Hagaman or Anita Moore will attend each session meeting and report on Fellowship activities and plans.
- b. Feeding shut-ins: The current plan is to have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers to provide the Wednesday shut-in meals. If there are some Wednesdays with no volunteer, then the Committee will be responsible to fill.
- c. Pastor – letter of resignation. The Session reviewed Rev. Ray Durham's resignation letter. April 12, 2026, will be the last day of his current contract. The Worship Committee will be responsible for filling the pulpit until we have a new pastor hired.
- d. Report from Pastor Search Committee: Elder Travis Arnold previously discussed under his committee report.

OLD BUSINESS: none

Adjournment and Prayer: There being no Further Business, Elder Sue Joyce recommended that Session close the meeting, Elder Blake Pierce seconded, and Rev. Durham closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session and Rev. Ray Durham, Pastor

May 2026

I am the Vine, you are the branches.

John 15:5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church John Horner Sid Moore	4	5 Mike & Kay Teutsch	6 5:30pm-Prayer Meeting Fellowship Meal 6:00pm-Committee Mtgs Children's Classes Committee Meetings (Unless other arrangements are made.)	7  National Day of Prayer Randy Bailey	8 Mary Bounds	9
10 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church Mother's Day	11  Ladies' Circle Luncheon 12:00 pm	12 Stewpot	13 5:30pm-Prayer Meeting Light Meal Fellowship 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study Children's Classes Ted & Mary Bounds	14	15  Magnolia Blossom Festival	16  Magnolia Blossom Festival Steve Ford
17 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church 12:00pm-Fellowship Lunch Senior Sunday Fellowship Lunch	18 Joyce Dailey	19 Southern Christian Mission	20 5:30pm-Prayer Meeting Light Meal Fellowship 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study Children's Classes	21	22	23
24/31 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church	25 MEMORIAL DAY  • HONORING ALL WHO SERVED •	26 Session Meeting 6:00 pm	27 5:30pm-Prayer Meeting Light Meal Fellowship 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study Children's Classes	28 Susannah Broome Marc Headrick	29  Guy Njewel Medical Center Dedication Nkoo'Komb	30

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

LIGHT MEAL FELLOWSHIP

6:00 PM - ADULT BIBLE STUDY/COMMITTEE MTGS*

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

*1ST WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN PLACE OF ADULT BIBLE STUDY.

**JUNE NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DEADLINE**

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IN OUR

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST
TO FPCMAGNOLIA@GMAIL.COM

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Gene Bentley, Mary Alice Boreing, David Chenoweth, Kim Cleveland, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Berkley Dearman, Ray Durham, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, John Allen Gean, Julie Townsend Gibbs, Nash Graham & Family, Tommy & Adele Green, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, Jeff Miller, Heather Moore, Georgia Newton, Cathy Sanders, Bubba Smith Family, Ella Lou Smith, Lindsey Spalding, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Brandon Taylor, Doug Taylor, Mike Teutsch, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Caden Ware, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Casanti Williams, Roger Wyrick.



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