

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!

Christian



on qualifying to compete at State!
We are PROUD of YOU!!!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

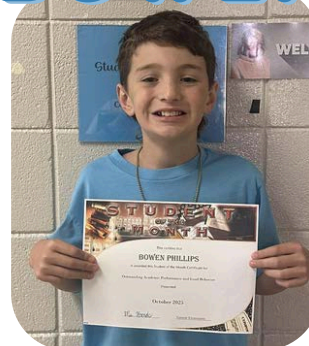
Wednesday, December 24th
at 5PM

First Presbyterian Church
1417 N. Jackson
Magnolia, Ark. 71753



Congratulations!

BOWEN



on being selected as a Student
Ambassador, Student of the Month, and
making the Quiz Bowl Team!! What a
school year you are having!!

We are PROUD of YOU!

PUMPKIN PATCH FUN



Susan Taylor and Susan Dees, enjoyed a fun
grandmother and grandson day at the
pumpkin patch together with their
grandsons! Look at those sweet smiles from
the grandmothers and grandsons!!

Congratulations, Mike!



Mike McNeill was recently acknowledged by
Rotary for achieving multiple Paul Harris Fellow
recognitions! We are proud of you Mike and the
impact you are making through Rotary!!

Reminder

Committee Meetings
December 3rd

(Unless other arrangements have been made.)



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

12/2	Jeremy Jennings	12/4	Jack Hornor
12/4	Lawton Jennings	12/5	Grant Baker
12/5	Mike Bentley	12/7	Brooke Williams
12/12	Christian White	12/16	Mandy Headrick
12/17	Trish DuPriest	12/22	Dudley Talbot



There will be a congregational meeting on December 7, following worship, for the purpose of electing Session Ruling Elders for the class of 2028 and for electing members of a pastor search committee.

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
12/7	Martine Bournetje	Chris White	Lea West
12/14	Jimmy Arnold	Jodie Arnold	Sarah Hornor
12/21			Jennifer Bailey
12/24			n/a
12/28			Jodie Arnold

	Communion Servers	Communion Preparers
12/7	Martine & Pierre	Anita, Martine, Kathy G., Sue
12/24	Sue	Kathy, Sue, Chris

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



The Church Office will be closed on December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas.

Poinsettia Dedications

If you'd like to dedicate a poinsettia **IN HONOR OF** or **IN MEMORY OF** a loved one, envelopes are available on the table in the narthex, or you may turn your order into the church office.

Poinsettias are \$8.00.

Please turn orders in by December 10th.



Tour of Homes

FOOD MUSIC FELLOWSHIP
FOR THE FAMILY

DECEMBER

7

5:00PM

Dr. Paula Boaz
410 Hazel Circle
Dr. Dan Dykema: Sing-a-long

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Joyce
1010 Dogwood Drive
Sue Joyce: A Season of Traditions

Mr. & Mrs. David Anders
2821 Chaffin Lane
Mary Plunkett: O Holy Night

We will begin promptly at 5:00 and be in each home for approximately 30 minutes before moving to the next home. Snacks and beverages will be provided in each home. Please remain in the main living areas. Come out and enjoy family fellowship with one another to kick off the holiday season with our very first Tour of Homes! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you would like to provide a sweet or non-sweet snack on this evening. I am asking that you deliver your food in a disposable container or tray by 3:30 on that day so our hostesses can prepare their table with their favorite decorative serving trays and have everything in place when guests arrive. Please include your phone number so I can contact you and let you know which home you are delivering to. Any left over treats will be enjoyed by their families so that we keep our schedule and they can enjoy the evening as well.

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".




First
FELLOWSHIP
Sunday Mornings at 9:30

Join us for Breakfast, Worship
Music, Devotional & Prayer each
Sunday at 9:30 am

Clothing Drive for Cameroon Mission

We are now accepting 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.

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!

SEASON of ADVENT

Celebrating the coming KING



We need volunteers of individuals and/or families to light the advent candles each Sunday. If you are interested, please contact the church office.



Salvation Army Bell Ringers



Friday, December 12th

	Bell Ringers
10:00 - 12:00	Ted & Mary Bounds
12:00 - 2:00	Anita Moore & Pam Murphy
2:00 - 4:00	Debbie Arnold & Paula Boaz
4:00 - 6:00	Ashley Hagaman & West Hagaman
6:00 - 7:00	Jimmy & Jodie Arnold



Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the flowers, well-wishes, and food provided to us. We love and appreciate you all.

Blessings, Pastor Ray and Christine



First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you so much for use of your wonderful fellowship hall. You provided the perfect place to host the Jackson Street Overlay District Community Meeting. You have an amazing Church Family and are true examples of what it means to be disciples of Christ.

Thank you again.

Kelli Souter



Dear FPC,

Hope y'all are doing well! I saw a donation from FPC Magnolia come through and wanted to reach out and say thank-you! So grateful for your generosity and partnership in the work that the Lord is doing here!

If you would like to know more about the work I am doing here in Central Asia, I would be more than happy to set-up a zoom call. Would love to get to know y'all and learn how I can be praying for your congregation as well. Thank you again for your kindness and support!

Blessings in Christ, Mattie Mason
(EPC Missionary in Central Asia)



Thanks to Christine for the love and care shown to me during my surgery.
I appreciate and love her everyday!

Ray



Church Members,

Thank you so very much for the generous supply of joggers and underwear for the MHS Freshman Academy female students in need. Your continuous generosity is so appreciated. Anita is wonderful to order and deliver our needs.

May God Bless You All,

Laura Neill, RN - School Nurse



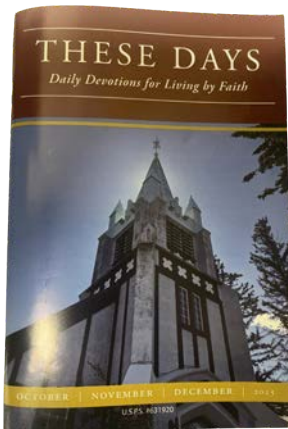
Resources for You!

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 4th 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!



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, October 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 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, Elder Sue Joyce, and Elder Chris White.

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 Paula Boaz gave the devotional on “The Power of Prayer”, describing the many different kinds of prayer and ways prayer helps God’s followers.

Youth and Family Ministries: Elder Jodie Arnold reported that the youth program “Fields of Faith” will be at Panther Stadium on Wednesday, October 8th. The Mission committee is a sponsor and has donated money for our youth to attend. October 22nd there will be a church Halloween event. She reported that between 8-10 kids age K-6 grade are attending the Wednesday night program, and there are 8-10 smaller kids attending weekly. They are learning to sing with their pianist, Mary Plunkett. Plans for a guitarist did not work out. Lee West is one of the teachers.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer and Elder Kathy Gean reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary and that Amanda Baker had completed the church’s financial audit. A copy of Amanda Baker’s audit letter was distributed. Kathy discussed SAU’s plan to pack Christmas Boxes for Samantha’s purse. Following discussion, it was decided that church volunteers would help with this project.

Approval of August Minutes: The Session reviewed the August Minutes. Elder Ashley Hagaman moved to approve. Elder Jodie Arnold seconded, and Session approved accordingly.

Correspondence and Requests: Thank you notes were received from Susan Reddell, Magnolia Junior High School football team, the SAU Choir and Jamesiee (student who the Mission committee helped with obtaining a school instrument).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative—Elder Chris White reported on a temporary issue with the gas (Summit) supply to the church. Chris announced that the Church’s annual Pledge drive would begin soon. He encouraged everyone to return their pledge cards as soon as possible. 2026 Budget worksheets were distributed to each committee.

Christian Education—Cathy Downs and Jodie Arnold reported that a Young Adult Sunday School class is starting.

Fellowship—Elder Ashley Hagaman reported that the Youth will assist at the Stewpot on October 14th. She also reported that the 9th grade Academy is requesting help with obtaining “joggers” for students. Anita Moore will shop for these.

Mission/Evangelism—Elder Kathy Gean reported that the committee served the August and September SCM meals and served the SAU band in Fellowship Hall on August 11th. The committee will have the November Wednesday meals for shut-ins.

Worship—Elder Sue Joyce stated that she, Dr. Dan Dykema and Elder Martine Boumtje met and worked on improving the Communion service procedures. Dr. Dykema reported that the acoustic guitarist he had contacted will be available as his full-time job allows. Elder Sue announced that following some technical adjustments, the quality of the church’s streaming services has greatly improved.

Young Adult Outreach—Elder Travis Arnold reported that their group had recently won third place in Mulekick’s trivia night contest. Travis announced that our church will sponsor the Chamber of Commerce’s “Christ in Christmas” theme. Pumpkins will be available for families to participate in carving contests on October 22nd. Travis discussed how the Minden church live-streams their Sunday service and how we could purchase an i-Pad and live-stream our services.

New Business:

a. Elder Martine Boumtje reported on the Presbytery meeting in Jackson Mississippi. Several items were announced and discussed: our church was requested to send an additional RE commissioner to the meetings, Elders were encouraged to volunteer to serve on Presbytery Committees, the Gulf South Presbytery proposed 2026 budget, and a Round-Up Newsletter of the Stated meeting on September 26-27, 2025

b. Early discussion of our Church hosting a future Presbytery Quarterly meeting.

c. Elder Martine discussed the EPC World Outreach workers program and the new persons who have to learn the local language prior to going over-seas. Martine moved to send \$500 to each of the three missionaries to assist in financing their language studies. Elder Paula Boaz seconded and Session approved.

d. Financial reports: a 2024 summary report of money spent externally on missions and community needs including Mission Committee, Investment Committee, Mentorship, Cameroon, Church Education, Evangelism, and other Session approved expenditures for a total of \$139,868.71. A similar report for January 2025 through September 2025 including Mission Committee, Investment Committee, Mentorship, Cameroon, Outreach Committee, and other Session approved expenditures for a total of \$148,089.50.

OLD Business

a. Committee report on possible property purchase. Elder Chris White reported that there is no movement yet on the property as an offer has been made by another party.

b. Audit letter (discussed under Treasurer’s report)

Adjournment and Prayer

There being no Further Business, Elder Sue Joyce recommended that Session close the meeting, Elder Jodie Arnold seconded, and Rev. Durham closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session

FPC was selected as the Chamber of Commerce's
Non-Profit of the month for November!
Keep serving FPC! You are shining Jesus' Light for all to see!!

NOVEMBER
NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

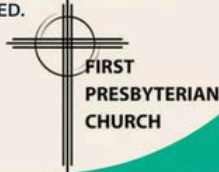


"THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS DEEPLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION AS THE MONTHLY NON-PROFIT RECIPIENT PROGRAM. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH MANY OTHER WONDERFUL ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE WORK ALIGNS WITH OUR MISSION TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SPREAD GOD'S LOVE. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN AMPLIFY OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT AND MAKE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR NEIGHBORS. WE BELIEVE THAT SELFLESS SERVICE IS A CORNERSTONE OF OUR FAITH, AND THIS RECOGNITION INSPIRES US TO CONTINUE THIS VITAL WORK AND BE A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OTHERS." - PASTOR DR. RAY DURHAM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS LOCATED IN MAGNOLIA BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE. WE ARE A CONGREGATION THAT STRIVES TO PROCLAIM BY WORD AND DEED THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, TO NURTURE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS INTO CHRISTIAN FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP, AND TO SERVE, IN CHRIST'S NAME OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. WE WELCOME ALL TO WORSHIP WITH US.

WE ARE HAVING A THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH ON NOVEMBER 16TH FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:45. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

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In Memory of Stuart Davis



The boulder placed in the garden below the stained glass windows was placed in loving memory of Stuart Davis by his wife, Marty Davis.

Marty has recently worked on updates to landscaping around the church property and she donated this boulder in her late husband's memory who recently passed. A special thanks to her for this beautiful donation to the church.

Congratulations to
Katherine

on becoming a
certified court
reporter!!

We are proud of you!



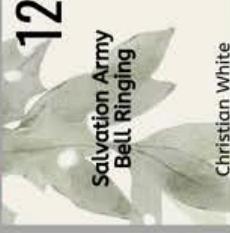
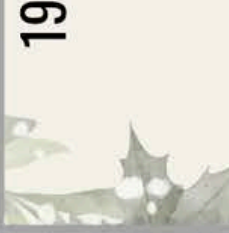

Susan Dees' grandson, Hollis, recently won several awards during a Martial Arts competition! Keep up the great work!!

Congratulations,
Harleigh Williams



and the rest of the Taylor FFA Chapter Nursery-Landscape Team. Harleigh placed 1st overall individually, and the team placed 1st overall qualifying them to compete at nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana.

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2  Jeremy Jennings	3 5:30pm-Prayer Mtg 6:00pm-Sing & Shout Bible Discovery Lab Adult Bible Study Committee Meetings (Unless other arrangements are made.)	4  Jack Hornor Lawton Jennings	5  Grant Baker Mike Bentley	6
7 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church FPC Tour of Homes 5:00 pm Brooke Williams	8 	9 Stewpot	10 5:30pm-Prayer Mtg Youth Bible Study 6:00pm-Sing & Shout Bible Discovery Lab Adult Bible Study Poinsettia Dedications Due 	11 	12  Salvation Army Bell Ringing Christian White	13
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28 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church	29 	30 	31 No Wednesday Activities			

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 & PRAYERS

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

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Gene Bentley, David Chenoweth, Kim Cleveland, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Berkley Dearman, Ray Durham, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, John Allen Gean, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, Jeff Miller, Heather 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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