



**SUNDAYS**

9:15 am — First Fellowship  
9:30 am — Corporate Prayer  
10:00 am — Bible Classes  
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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Magnolia, Ark. 71753



IN OUR  
**Thoughts and 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, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, Jeff Miller, Heather Hanson Moore, John & 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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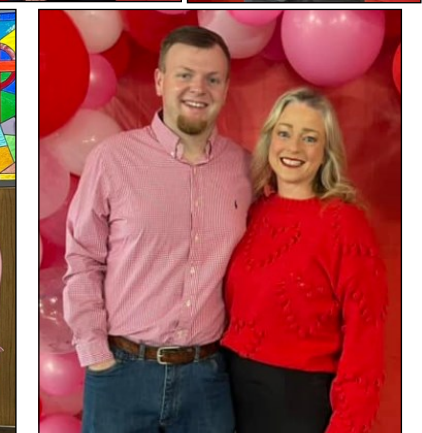
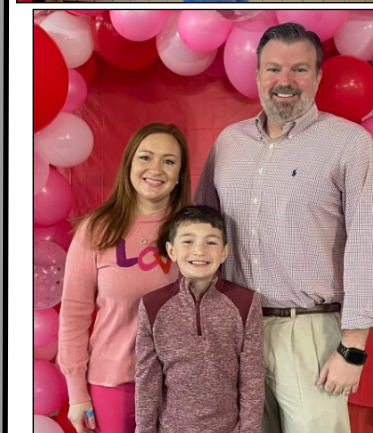
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

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.




**March 2025**

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. -Ephesians 1:6-8







*Ash Wednesday Service*

MARCH 5TH  
6:00 PM

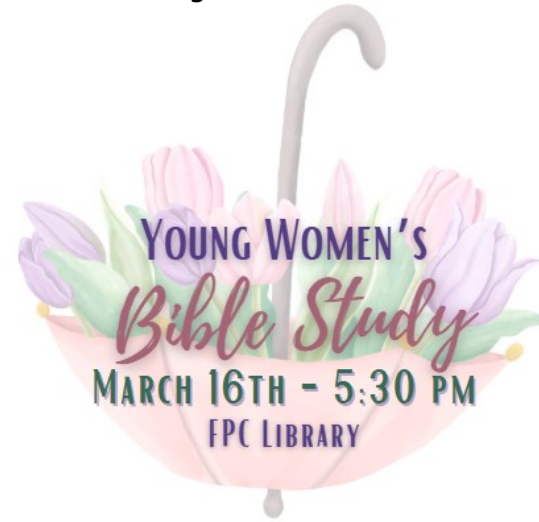
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# WELCOME *New Member* Yulissa Arnold

## Young Women's Group



Christine Durham hosted the Young Women's Group in her home on February 16th with nine ladies in attendance. Nancy Hornor shared her faith journey with the ladies. The Young Women's Group meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30pm for a time of Bible Study and fellowship. The next meeting will be in the church library on March 16th. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend!



**YOUNG WOMEN'S Bible Study**  
MARCH 16TH - 5:30 PM  
FPC LIBRARY



Updated directories are now available to pick up in the narthex and fellowship hall.

## Mission-Evangelism Committee

Members of the Mission-Evangelism Committee volunteer once a month to cook and serve dinner at the Southern Christian Mission. A devotional is also given each month. Thank you all for being the hands and feet of Jesus!!! Pictured left to right: Pastor Ray, Paula Boaz, Susan Taylor, Carisa Owen, Christine Durham. (Behind the camera and not pictured is Kathy Gean.)



## Admin Committee

Special thanks to members of the Admin Committee and Kathy Gean for preparing the February Committee Night Fellowship Meal. Pictured below: Katherine Caldwell, Todd Connelly, and Ryan Phillips. (Not pictured-Chris White)




first thursday  
**Ladies' Luncheon**  
Antiguas  
March 6th - 11:30am



Please join us for  
**Ladies' Circle**  
MARCH 11TH - 2:00PM  
Sharon Ford's  
1801 Gean  
Magnolia, Ark.

Despite the bad weather, seven ladies gathered at the home of Mary Bounds for the February Ladies' Circle meeting on February 11th. The ladies enjoyed a dessert and coffee and lots of "talking". Mary led the lesson with shared memories of "women working" for the good of the congregation. The scripture for the day was from Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:13). "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Circle in March will be held in the home of Sharon Ford. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

# MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15am-First Fellowship 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Bible Class 10:45am-Worship Service	3 Stewpot Youth Ted & Maggie Nelson	4 Samuel Jones	5 3:30pm-Kid's Club 5:30pm-Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm-Ash Wednesday Service Ash Wednesday Ann Downs Ashley White	6 1st Thursday Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am Antiguas	7 Tenley White	8
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23/30 9:15am-First Fellowship 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Bible Class 10:45am-Worship Service 23: Chad & Lea West	24/31 24: Steve Crane	25 Session Meeting 6:00 pm	26 No Wednesday Services Nancy Hornor	27	28 Julia Machen	29



*Every good & perfect gift comes from above.*

JAMES 1:17





**Update:** The Boumtjes returned safely home from Cameroon in mid-January. They were able to accomplish several tasks during the month they were there. Tasks covered included: progress on the roof, plastering walls, a retaining wall in the front of the building, most of the landscaping, inside plumbing, and some electrical work. Some of the upcoming tasks at hand are more electrical work, plumbing, flooring, ceiling, doors, windows, painting, and additional landscaping work.

Since they have returned home, the roof on the clinic has been completed! Praises to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful hand in this work. The Boumtjes plan to return again this summer to continue more work!

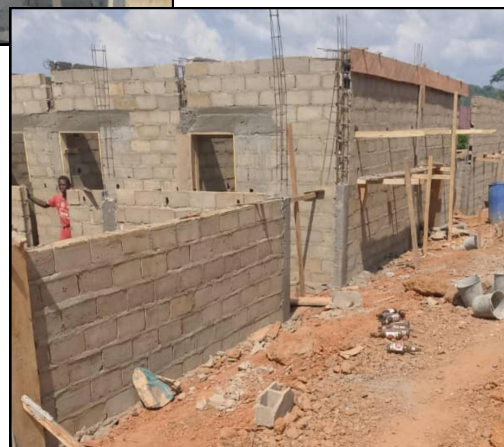
Approximately \$17,000 is still needed to reach the \$130,000 goal to finish building the clinic. Anyone wishing to donate in support of this mission may do so by contacting the church office or by making a gift online through our church website. Please designate the gift to the GUY NJEWEL MEMORIAL CLINIC. This clinic will be such a blessing to the area and such a wonderful way to honor Guy's legacy while spreading Christ's love.



**Size:**  
85 x 52  
**4420 sf**

**Designated Areas**

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| <p><b>Central Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front desk area</li> <li>• Waiting room</li> <li>• Consultation rooms (2)</li> <li>• Lab</li> <li>• Surgery room</li> <li>• Labor room</li> <li>• Dental room</li> <li>• Pharmacy</li> <li>• Storage room</li> <li>• Bathrooms (2)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Hospitalization Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedrooms 4</li> <li>• Patient Lounge</li> <li>• Full bathrooms (2)</li> </ul> |
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**Fund Progress**

Goal.....\$130,000  
 Raised.....\$113,084  
 Remaining.....\$16,916

87%  
Funded

As of February 20th

**First Fellowship**

Join us for First Fellowship on Sunday mornings at 9:15. It is a wonderful time to fellowship with one another while eating breakfast, singing songs of praise, and spending a few minutes talking about our Bible reading each week. If you are interested in following along with us, please let Jodie Arnold know and she'll be happy to get you started! It's never too late to begin the journey!!



**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... James 1:27*



**Honorariums & Memorials**

<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>	<b>BY:</b>
Babe Knowles	Blake Pierce
Guy Njewel	Betty Jo Hayes



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

3/4	Samuel Jones	3/5	Ann Downs
3/5	Ashley White	3/7	Tenley White
3/15	Christine Durham	3/16	Susan Dees
3/17	Paula Boaz	3/24	Steve Crane
3/26	Nancy Hornor	3/28	Julia Machen

**March Assignments**

<b>Deacon on Duty:</b>		<b>Shut-In Meals &amp; Fellowship Dinner</b>	
Drew Moore (870) 904-2372		Mission/Evangelism Committee	
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Usher/Greeter:</b>	<b>A/V:</b>	
3/2 - Ryan Phillips	Mary Bounds	Matthew	
3/5 (Ash Wed.) - Katherine Phillips		Matthew	
3/9 - Sharon Ford	Trish DuPriest	Matthew	
3/16 -		Matthew	
3/23 -	Anita Moore	Matthew	
3/30 - Debbie Arnold		Matthew	
<b>Communion Preparers:</b>		<b>Communion Servers:</b>	
3/2 -	3/2 -		
3/5 -	3/5 -		

**CALL for VOLUNTEERS**

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.



**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas**  
**The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

The following members were present: Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Travis Arnold, Elder and Clerk Dr. Paula Boaz, Elder Martine Boumtje, Elder Cathy Downs, Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean, Elder Sue Joyce, Elder Chris White, and Pastor Ray Durham. Youth and Family Director Katherine Phillips was absent as she was attending a youth conference in Tennessee. Elder Ashley Hagaman had an excused absence due to illness.

**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.

The first order of business was for the Session to interview and question Yulissa Arnold, wife of Travis Arnold, on her request to become a member of First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas. Following the interview and questioning period, Elder Chris White moved to accept Yulissa into full membership of First Presbyterian Church. Elder Kathy Gean seconded, and Session voted unanimously to approve her membership.

**Devotional:** Elder Sue Joyce gave a devotional directed to our new Elders and governing body of Session members. She used passages from the EPC Book of Order and the Bible. Passages from the book of Proverbs which are guides for raising children and passages from Paul's letter to the Ephesians and verses from Acts for advice on being guided by the Holy Spirit.

**Youth:** Youth Director Katherine Phillips's written report stated that Bensberg Technologies has worked on the fellowship hall sound system, and it is now operating properly. They will also link the TV to the main sound system and then we will have better sound from the TV when singing or watching programming in the Fellowship Hall. Also asked to be included in the written report: Katherine is subscribing to "Right Now Media" which is an online resource for Katherine.

Rev. Durham announced that today is James Reddell's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. He is doing well.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kathy Gean presented the financial reports for review. After review, the financials were accepted as information. Following several suggestions, the Session decided to announce that the finances will be removed from the back of the Sunday Bulletin and paced on the table in the Narthex monthly. This will be replaced with a list of Elders, Deacons, and Staff on the back page of the Sunday bulletin.

**Approval of December Minutes:** The December Session Minutes were reviewed. Elder Sue Joyce moved to approve, Elder Jodie Arnold seconded, and Session approved unanimously.

**Correspondence and Requests:**

- Thank you notes were read from Matthew DeSeguirant, Compassions Foundation, Boys and Girls Club, CCAPS, Abilities Unlimited, Magnolia Specialized Services, and Dalene Baer.
- Vacation Request: Secretary Brooke Williams requested a vacation day for Tuesday, March 25. Elder Paula Boaz moved to approved, Elder Jodie Arnold seconded, and Session approved.
- Chapter CW PEO requested to use the Fellowship Hall for their meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Elder Sue Joyce moved to approve, Elder Martine Boumtje seconded, and Session approved.
- A letter request from EPC regarding annual reporting was addressed. Rev. Durham, Clerk Paula Boaz, and Church Secretary Brooke Williams will meet on Wednesday morning, February 5<sup>th</sup> to compile the report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative** – Elder Chris White announced that a new nursery attendant has been hired for Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. She will be an independent contractor, not staff.

**Christian Education** – Elder Jodie Arnold announced that letters will be going out to families and children to encourage Wednesday night activities. Sunday morning breakfast fellowship is steadily increasing in numbers. The breakfast was delicious!

**Fellowship** – No report.

**Mission and Evangelism** – Elder Kathy Gean announced that the committee has a new member. The committee fed the residents at Southern Christian Mission on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and are collecting cleaning supplies for the foster families to be distributed soon. The Boumtjes plan to present a video report on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, on the progress of the medical clinic our Church is building and sponsoring.

**Worship** – The committee did not meet in January but plan to meet in February.

**Young Adult Outreach** – This is a newly formed committee to address the needs of a growing number of young people attending services. Travis read his ideas and goals for the committee, including growing the group by eating out together, attending concerts, and Wednesday night gatherings.

**New Business:**

- New member request: Yulissa Arnold (addressed at beginning of Session); Randy, Jennifer, Brooke, and Bryce Bailey – delayed due to illness until everyone is well.
- Active member review: Pastor Durham, Clerk Paula Boaz, and Secretary Brooke Williams will meet and prepare the report.
- Possible new deacons: Briefly discussed but no decisions at this time.
- Fellowship breakfast: financing will be from the fellowship budget.

**Old Business:** none

There being no further business, Rev. Durham closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session

## YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

Over the past month I was able to attend the yearly RYM (Reformed Youth Ministry Conference) in Nashville. This conference is always a very spiritually refreshing week that allows for great connections to be made with fellow Youth workers. I also will continue my biweekly zoom sessions with my RYM team. The youth have continued their Video session on Living "Different" by Jonathan Evans. I am also starting a youth Bible class on Sunday Mornings. We are going to work through the "Faith Foundations" series. Kid's Club voted on Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace as the VBS theme for 2025. The dates are set for June 9-12<sup>th</sup>—all children Pre-k-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend! Anyone wanting to help, please let me know. This past Sunday we launched the Right Now Media Platform that allows all church members to gain full access to over 25,000 studies, videos, and devotionals on their app.

save-the-date  
**Vacation**  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 June 9-12



**Pictured above:** Ashley, West, Jai, and Twin serving at the Stewpot in February. Thanks for your willingness to serve others!

