

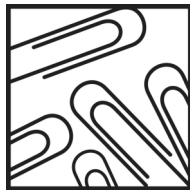


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am – Breakfast Fellowship
- 9:30 am – Corporate Prayer
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 10:45 am – Morning Worship

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 3:30-5:30 pm – Kid’s Club
- 5:30 pm – Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 pm – Adult Bible Study
- Children’s Class
- Youth Bible Study



Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Please email any updates to the prayer list to magnoliapres@sbcglobal.net.

Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Mary Bounds, Bob Burns, Shelly Cheatham Family, David Chenoweth, Katherine Connelly, T.G. Connelly Family, Bill Dailey, Reeca Davidson, Ricky Dennis, Jennifer Ellis, Local Foster Families, Babe Knowles, Sondra McCollum, Rochelle McMahan, Betty Morgan, Grey Murphy Family, Guy Njewel Family, Karen Pierce Family, Johnny “Red” Rone, Linda Selman, Chris Smith, Anna Trexler, Erma Turner Family, Daisy Uhrich, Mike Waters, Alicia Watson, Nan Watson, Margo Weiser, Paulette Wilson Family, 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 2024



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Birthdate: November 3, 2008

Baptized: April 6, 2009

Confirmation Date: April 17, 2022

Titus Edward Nelson

Titus is a 9th grader at Magnolia Freshman Academy. He excels at all sports, but his passions are football and baseball. He is a member of the school choir, where he also made All Regions. Titus is an honor roll student. He also enjoys going to Camp Ozark every summer. He is a great big brother to Lincoln and Witt. Titus is a great leader and asset in our youth group.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David & Linda Anders

In Loving Memory of
Karen Garrett Pierce



The flowers placed in the Chancel on February 18th, were placed in loving memory of Karen Pierce by the Ladies of First Presbyterian Church.

- Psalms 33:20-22
 We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield.
 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
 Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.



Thanks so much to Pierre & Martine Boumtje and Sue Joyce for setting up our Cross in the Sanctuary. May it be a constant reminder this Lenten season of the sacrifice that Christ made for us.



Young Women's Bible Study

MARCH 3RD & 24TH
6:00 PM
JODIE ARNOLD'S HOME

Honorariums & Memorials

IN MEMORY OF:	BY:
Karie Durham	John & Betty Morgan
Guy Njewel	John & Betty Morgan

APRIL NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE

March 22nd

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Ladies' Circle

March 11th
2:00pm • FPC Library

"Undie Sunday" Campaign

The Mission/Evangelism Committee is collecting donations in support of Magnolia Junior Charity League's "Undie Sunday" campaign. If you feel led to help with this effort, donations may be placed in the baskets in the narthex or brought to the church office.

Undie Sunday

Magnolia Junior Charity League is collecting new socks, undershirts, and undies for Columbia County schools during the month of March.

Happy Birthday

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	3/20 Jeanie Bismark
3/24 Steve Crane	

March 10th SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!

[+1 HOUR]

Breakfast Fellowship

Join us for fellowship breakfast on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall! Corporate Prayer meeting is at 9:30 am, Sunday School at 10:00 am, and Morning Worship at 10:45 am. Come and be blessed!

Remember, if you can't physically join us for Morning Worship each Sunday, our services are live-streamed! Services can be watched on our Facebook page, YouTube, or on our church website! Please call or email the church office if you have any issues accessing them.

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 YouTube: First Presbyterian Church, Magnolia, Arkansas

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am - Breakfast 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship Service 6:00pm - Young Women's Bible Study Ted & Maggie Nelson	4 Stewpot Youth Samuel Jones	5 Ann Downs Ashley White Stewpot Presbyterian Ladies	6 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Fellowship Meal 6:15pm - Committee Mtgs Children's Class Youth Bible Study John 20:18	7 Tenley White	8 Christine Durham	9 Fellowship Hall Reserved
10 9:00am - Breakfast 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship Service Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 Ladies' Circle 2:00 pm Samuel Jones	12 Southern Christian Mission Brooke (Vacation)	13 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Fellowship Meal 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study Children's Class Youth Bible Study	14 No Wednesday Activities	15 Susan Dees	16 Susan Dees
17 9:00am - Breakfast 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship Service Daylight Saving Time Begins Paula Boaz Ann & David Rouch	18 No Wednesday Activities	19 No Wednesday Activities	20 No Wednesday Activities Jeanie Bismark	21 No Wednesday Activities	22 Good Friday (Office Closed)	23 Chad & Lea West
24/31 9:00am - Breakfast 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship Service 6:00pm - Young Women's Bible Study (24th) 24: Palm Sunday 24: Steve Crane 31: Easter Sunday	25 Session Meeting 6:00 pm	26 No Wednesday Activities	27 Maundy Thursday 5:00pm - Meal 6:00pm - Service	28 No Wednesday Activities	29 Good Friday (Office Closed)	30 Good Friday (Office Closed)

I have seen the Lord!



Pictured Above: Witt showing his love for his church family by helping cook the fellowship meal on Valentine's Day!!



Pictured Below: Martha and Allie Grace creating masterpieces on food boxes for Valentine's Day to send to our homebound.



The Youth Group & Kid's Club meet on Wednesdays to fellowship with one another and study God's Word! Come and join in!



Reminder: Committee Meetings
March 6th @ 6:15pm
 (unless other arrangements have been made)



Updated church directories are available in the narthex. Please contact the church office if you need a copy mailed to you.

FPC,
 Thank you very much for the donation of cheese crackers & clothing items. I periodically have students who are hungry or need a snack with their medication or have an immediate need for clothing items, and parents may not be able to come immediately. I am very appreciative!

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the love and care shown to us during Christine's procedure as well as the wonderful "Welcome Reception". Many thanks to all who had a part in making it such a special time and making it such a warm welcome! We appreciate and love each one of you!

Love,
 Ray & Christine

Laura Neill
 MSD School Nurse



Dear FPC,

It is with heartfelt thanks that I am writing on behalf of our residents and our agency. We are both honored and humbled that you chose to support us. We invite you anytime to come and visit us to see the impact you are making. We have some pretty wonderful and amazing people here.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Jan Hutcheson
 Magnolia Housing Authority

Dear Members,

Thank you for your donation of \$510. 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 pre-vocational and vocational training, basic education, socialization, daily living skills training, and jobs for People with severe disabilities at the Training Center on South Washington, the Retail Store on the Square, and the Recycling Center on West University.



Notes of Thanks



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

Sincerely,
 Sandra Marlar
 Executive Director



Thank you so much for your donation. It was a blessing to us! God Bless you!

Thank you, Compassions Foundation

P.S. Thank you for helping us. -Ronica



Dear FPC,

Wow! What a great surprise to receive your contribution of \$510 to assist in serving the children and adults of Magnolia Specialized Services, Inc. New Medicaid eligibility requirements have made it difficult for many of our children and adults to qualify. With Medicaid being our primary funding source, we are struggling. Contributions are more important now than ever. Thank you!

Sincerely,
 Sara Carrington



March Assignments

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

	Liturgist:	Usher/Greeter:	Nursery:	AV:
Mar. 3	- Debbie Arnold	Mary Bounds	Drew Moore	M. DeSeguirant
Mar. 10	- Katherine Phillips	Ryan Phillips	Kathy Gean	M. DeSeguirant
Mar. 17	- Mike McNeill		Katherine Phillips	M. DeSeguirant
Mar. 24		Ashley Hagaman	Drew Moore	M. DeSeguirant
Mar. 31		Paula Boaz		M. DeSeguirant

If you are interested in serving as the liturgist or usher/greeter, please sign up! Sign-up lists are in the narthex. We need volunteers for March and April! If you are interested in serving in the A/V booth or nursery, please contact Katherine Phillips.

	Communion Servers:	Communion Preparers:
Mar. 3	- _____, _____, _____, _____	Mar. 3 - _____
Mar. 28	- Paula Boaz, Anita Moore, _____, _____	Mar. 28 - _____

Deacon on Duty:
 Drew Moore

Fellowship Meals
 Mission/Evangelism Committee

**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas met for its monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The following members were present, Moderator Dr. Pierre Boumtje, Pastor Dr. Ray Duram, Elder Dr. Paula Boaz, Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Anita Moore. Those with Excused absences were Youth Director Katherine Phillips, Elder Ryan Phillips, Elder Dr. Dan Dykema, Elder Sue Joyce, and Elder Mary Bounds. Former Elder Mike McNeill was present to present a proposal and for a brief discussion of the proposal as well as to give the devotional.

Call to order: Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Devotional: Former Elder Mike McNeill gave the devotional, which had been prepared for the cancelled December Session meeting. The devotional was on "Fears of the Future- fears of good things and fears of bad things." Mike referred to a famous quote of President Roosevelt, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself".

Elder Jodie Arnold will give the February devotional.

Following the devotional, former Elder Mike McNeill presented the following proposal to the Session members present: The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas commits spending up to \$300,000 over a period of five years from this date toward the following objective: **Serve our brothers and sisters in Christ by promoting their spiritual and physical well-being through such programs, partnerships, gifts, grants, and loans as the Session may designate.** The Session shall make an annual written report to the congregation every January to inform the members about actions taken to fulfill this commitment. Following a general discussion, everyone agreed that, due to several Session members being absent, further discussions would be needed when there is full attendance.

Youth Report: Katherine submitted written reports for both December and January. She stated that the youth finished off a great semester by learning about the true meaning of Christmas through their Advent lessons. Christmas Fellowship Bingo Night was a huge success. Katherine is at a youth conference in Nashville. Coach Donnell Ford oversees the Mentor program at Magnolia High School. Coach Ford had a good visit with our youth. He talked to the youth regarding the responsibility we have as disciples of the church.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Gean, Treasurer, reported that a CD had matured and that she moved several investments into a SWEEP account. Session approved the report unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November Session meeting were unanimously approved. There was no December Session meeting.

Correspondence and Requests:

Organ maintenance request: a written request from Elizabeth Davis, organist, was received. The letter outlined the history of our organ maintenance and a new arrangement being made with R.A. Colby of Johnson City, TN. Dr. Dykema is aware of the proposal. Both Elizabeth and Dan support the new arrangement. Elder Ashley Hagaman proposed approval of the new organ maintenance arrangement, Elder Jodie Arnold seconded, and Session approved.

Vacation request for Brooke for Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Elder Paula Boaz moved to approve Brooke's request, Elder Ashley Hagaman seconded, and session approved.

Correspondence from Clear Fork Royalty regarding purchasing royalties. Elder Pierre Boumtje moved to take no action, Elder Ashley Hagaman seconded, and Session approved.

Committee Reports:

Administrative-Ryan Phillips, Blake Pierce and Todd Connelly met in early December and submitted a proposed budget for 2024. An operating budget of \$297,325.00 was proposed. Increases were given to Evangelism, Advertising and Family Fellowship.

Cameroon-Elder Pierre Boumtje reported that a large shipment of clothing was being prepared for shipment to Cameroon.

Discipleship-Elder Jodie Arnold announced that she is starting a new "Young Women's Group" that will meet on Sunday evenings.

Fellowship-Elder Anita Moore announced that her committee will assist the Stewpot on February 13th. She discussed the quarterly meal events will not be quarterly, but they will be often. They will continue to assist with School backpacks. Elder Anita Moore handed out 2024 Fellowship meal Assignments for the committees.

Mission and Evangelism-The Committee met in the Library on January 12th, when photos were taken with Dr. Durham and the committee and representatives from Abilities Unlimited, Magnolia Housing Authority, Magnolia Boys and Girls Club, Magnolia Specialized Services, Compassion Foundation, and Columbia County Independent Living Center. Each of these organizations received a \$510.00 donation from the church. The committee did not serve the usual meal to SCM in January due to the icy road conditions that night. The committee continues to collect cleaning and household items for foster families.

Worship-Elder Pierre Boumtje briefly discussed worship services and announced that there will be an ASH Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14th.

New Business: The proposed 2024 Budget was reviewed. Elder Ashley Hagaman moved to approve the proposed budget, Elder Paula Boaz seconded, and it was unanimously approved by Session.

Old Business: None

Adjournment and Prayer: Dr. Ray Durham closed with prayer at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Boaz, Clerk

**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Called Meeting of the Session
Sunday, February 18, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**

A called meeting of Session was held on Sunday, February 18, 2024. Dr. Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order at 10:30, announced a quorum present, and opened with prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to visit with David and Linda Anders, interested in becoming members of FPC.

Several comments were made attesting to the faithfulness the Anders had already shown in the many months of visiting, setting a good example to others, and their eagerness to participate in the life of the Church. In answering "Why FPC?", the Anders answered that there were similarities to their former church home, and they loved the minister and sermons at FPC.

A motion was made by Sue Joyce, seconded by Anita Moore, to accept David and Linda as members. The vote passed unanimously. In separate business, Sue asked if PEO could use the Fellowship Hall for a meeting this week that had not yet been approved by Session. Mary Bounds made a motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Dan Dykema, and the vote passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:40.

Respectfully Submitted: Kathy Gean, filling in for Dr. Paula Boaz (absent)



YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT



Mrs. Katherine

As we close another busy month, I reflect back on what an exciting few weeks we had! I completed the Reformed Youth Ministers conference in Nashville, TN. The power of the Gospel was felt strongly throughout the conference. I learned so much and made a lot of connections. The Youth group started the book "The 13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers." This study should last throughout the semester. I have started to visit student/students for lunch once a week. I titled this program "lunch buddies." My goal is to meet one-on-one with a student to help foster a closer relationship to Christ. I will also be sending a weekly text to parents with a set of questions from our lessons. The hope is to allow parents to be able to reinforce what is being taught weekly. Kids Club parents are also being sent a set of questions to discuss throughout the week. We continue to learn lessons based on Liturgical calendar B. This is also the calendar Pastor Ray follows, so most of the lessons are retaught the following Sunday. The youth had a successful Super Bowl of Caring drive. Thank you to all who helped make this a great fundraiser for our students!

HELP TACKLE HUNGER



In recognition of Souper Bowl of Caring, the Youth hosted a food drive during February. There is still time to participate! All donations will benefit the Magnolia School Pantry. Donated items may be placed in the narthex or brought to the church office. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, those may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Please notate on your gift "Souper Bowl of Caring".

Pictured left: Lincoln and Titus gave a Minute for Mission presentation on Sunday, February 11th.

Pictured bottom right: Lincoln, Titus, Bowen, and Witt after the Sunday service on February 11th collecting donations for Souper Bowl of Caring.

Pictured top right: Youth Director, Katherine Phillips with Youth, Presley Price enjoying lunch together at Presley's school as part of the lunch buddies program.



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