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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.

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."
Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.
Joel 2:12-13

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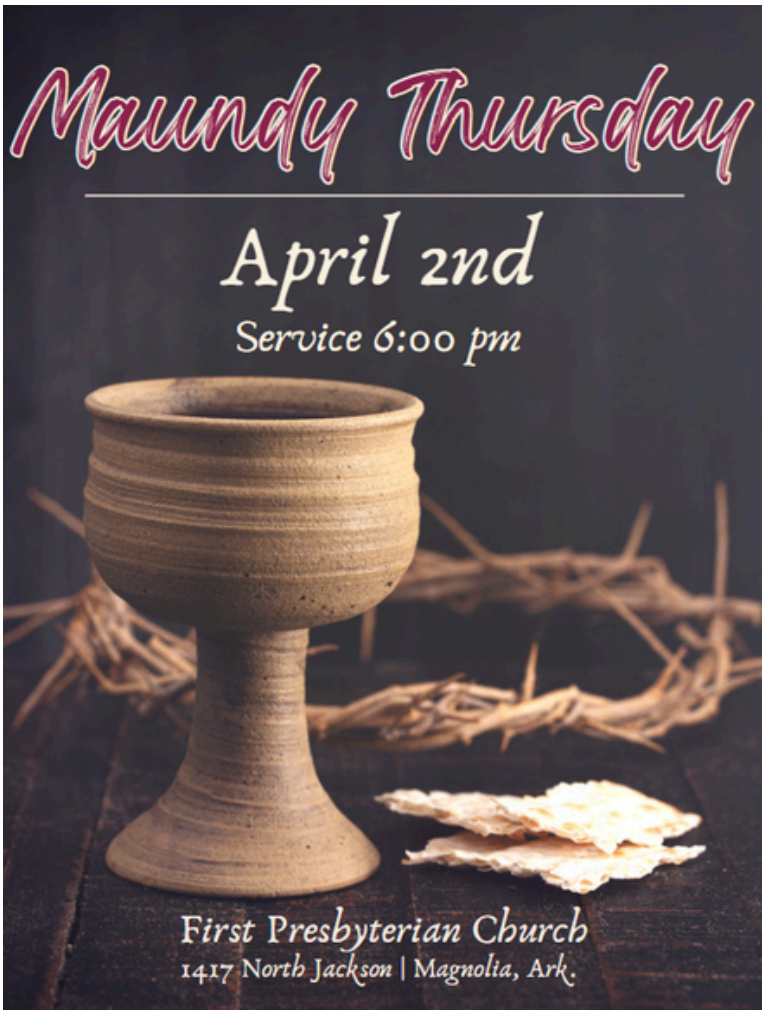
## Valentine's Fellowship Night

Everyone had such a wonderful time at our Valentine's Fellowship Night. We watched King of Kings and reflected on Christ's love together, which made the fellowship extra special. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening so meaningful, and special thanks to the Outreach Committee for planning and hosting the event. We are truly grateful for the love, fellowship, and sense of family within our church.

Reminder

## Committee Meetings
March 4

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




## Updated Church Directories

Church Directories are available to pick up in the narthex and fellowship hall. Please contact the office to make any additional updates to your information.

## CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to sign up to be liturgist in March! 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3/1 | Trish DuPriest | Chris White | Sarah Hornor |
| 3/8 | Mary Bounds | Jodie Arnold | Lea West |
| 3/15 | Martine Boumtje | Debbie Arnold | Jennifer Bailey |
| 3/22 | Paula Boaz | _____ | Jodie Arnold |
| 3/29 | Martine Boumtje | _____ | Sarah Hornor |

| | Communion Servers | Communion Preparers |
|---|---|---|
| 3/1 | Martine & Pierre | Mary Bounds, Sue Joyce, Paula Boaz, Cathy Downs |

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

| | Lenten Readers |
|---|---|
| 3/1 | Steve & Sharon |
| 3/8 | Ashley H. & Youth Member |
| 3/15 | Chad West Family |
| 3/22 | Travis & Yulissa |
| 3/29 | Ryan Phillips Family |
| 4/2 | _____ |

# Memorial Gifts

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

**BY:**

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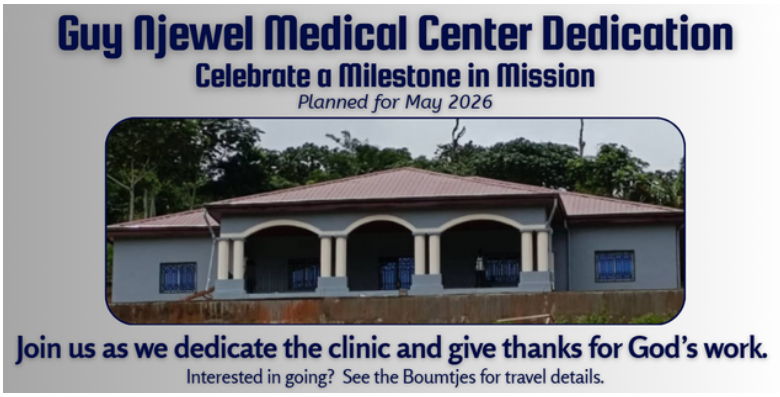
|---|---|
| Ryan & Katherine Phillips | John Allen & Kathy Gean |
| Deidra Bennett | Sid & Anita Moore |
| Biscuit Boys | Mike & Kay Teutsch |
| Lee & Kimberly Holmes | Ted & Mary Bounds |
| Tim & Terri Langford | Scott & Tracie Nipper |
| The Curry & Carter Families | Todd, Joanna, Olivia & Leighton Smith |
| Bill Talbot | Dudley Talbot |
| Johnny & Susan Dees | Mel & Sally Davis |
| Roger & Julia Smith | Ray & Christine Durham |
| Brooke Williams | |

## 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".

BE THE VILLAGE THE CALL




## SPRING CONCERT

The Outreach Committee invites you to join them for a special night of worship and fellowship as we come together as a church family at the Micah Tyler concert. This will be a meaningful time to worship, connect, and be encouraged together. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to Travis or Yulissa. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 29.

## Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays - 6:00pm

**Join us each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for Bible Study. Each week, Pastor Ray will guide us 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.)*

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |

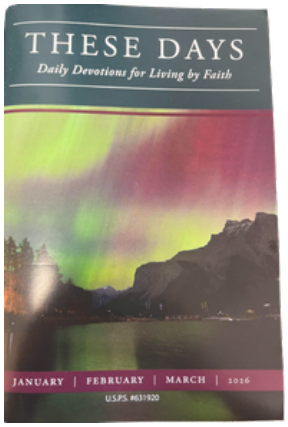
# LENTEN SEASON

Special thanks to Pierre for faithfully setting up the cross for the Lenten season each year. What a meaningful and powerful visual reminder of the sacrifice Christ made for each one of us. Also thanks to Mary, Christian, and Tenley for volunteering to lead our first Lenten reading this year. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and help guide us into this season of reflection. We are still in need of one individual or family to sign up for the Lenten reading during our Maundy Thursday service. If you are willing and available, please contact the church office.

# 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 1st quarter are here and available. The 2nd quarter will be here soon! 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!

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Free Access to +25,000 Bible Study Videos–Anytime, Anywhere, from Any Device

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcmagnolia

***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!!

# Notes of Thanks

*Dear Friends of Stewpot at First Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you so much for your gift to the Stewpot. Your support helps us serve our meals each week. We served over 22,000 meals in 2025!*

*Sincerely, The Stewpot Board*

Dear Church Family,

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for the incredible support you've shown my family and me during this difficult time following my dad's passing. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a loving and compassionate church. Your prayers and support have been a true blessing to us at this time.

With heartfelt thanks,
Jennifer, Randy, Brooke & Bryce Bailey

"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."

# Lenten Reading Plan

## Lenten Reading Plan: A Countdown of Hope

Get ready for Easter with this family Bible Reading Plan. From Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday, read a promise from God each day. May God bless you as you discover his love and faithfulness through Scripture.

- ☐ The **Promise** of a Savior, *Genesis 3:15*
- ☐ The **Promise** to Never Again Flood the Earth, *Genesis 9:13-15*
- ☐ The **Promise** to Bless Abraham, *Genesis 12:1-3*
- ☐ The **Promise** to Multiply Abraham's Offspring, *Genesis 22:17-18*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Deliverance, *Exodus 3:7-8*
- ☐ The **Promise** of God's Presence, *Exodus 33:14*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Blessing for Obedience, *Leviticus 26:3-12*
- ☐ The **Promise** to Raise Up a Prophet, *Deuteronomy 18:15*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Strength Through God, *Joshua 1:6-9*
- ☐ The **Promise** of an Everlasting Covenant, *2 Samuel 7:12-16*
- ☐ The **Promise** of a Shepherd, *Psalm 23*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Wisdom, *Proverbs 2:1-6*
- ☐ The **Promise** of a Messiah, *Isaiah 9:1-7*
- ☐ The **Promise** to Strengthen and Help, *Isaiah 41:9-10*
- ☐ The **Promise** of a Suffering Servant, *Isaiah 53*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Restoration, *Jeremiah 29:10-14*
- ☐ The **Promise** of a New Covenant, *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Renewal, *Ezekiel 37:1-14*
- ☐ The **Promise** of the Spirit, *Joel 2:28-29*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Jesus, *Luke 2:1-20*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Provision, *Matthew 6:25-34*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Rest, *Matthew 11:28-29*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Eternal Life, *John 3:16-17*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Christ's Return, *John 14:1-3*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Peace, *John 14:27*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Answered Prayer, *John 15:7*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Guidance, *John 16:13*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Power from on High, *Acts 1:8*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Grace, *Romans 6:14*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Freedom from Condemnation, *Romans 8:1-4*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Adoption, *Romans 8:15-17*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Purpose, *Romans 8:28*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Victory Over Death, *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Comfort, *2 Corinthians 1:3-4*
- ☐ The **Promise** of New Life, *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- ☐ The **Promise** of God's Faithfulness, *2 Thessalonians 3:3-5*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Eternal Glory, *2 Timothy 2:11-13*
- ☐ The **Promise** of Perseverance, *James 1:2-4*
- ☐ The **Promise** of a New Heaven and a New Earth, *Revelation 21:1-4*

Try the bonus activities to make Lent more meaningful

## Family Lenten Activities

Make promise stones. Paint and display small stones that remind you how God keeps his promises.

Fill a jar with blessings. During Lent, jot down ways that God is faithful to you. On Easter, read aloud the slips of paper as a family.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>9:30am-First Fellowship<br>9:45am-Bible Classes<br>10:45am-Worship Service<br>11:00am-Children's Church | 2 | 3<br>Ted & Maggie Nelson | 4<br>5:30pm-Prayer Meeting<br>Fellowship Meal<br>6:00pm-Committee Mtgs<br>Children's Classes<br>**Committee Meetings**<br>(Unless other arrangements are made.)<br>Samuel Jones | 5<br>Ann Downs<br>Ashley White | 6 | 7<br>Tenley White |
| 8<br>9:30am-First Fellowship<br>9:45am-Bible Classes<br>10:45am-Worship Service<br>11:00am-Children's Church<br>**Daylight Saving Time Begins** | 9<br>**Ladies' Circle 2:00 pm** | 10<br>**Stewpot** | 11<br>5:30pm-Prayer Meeting<br>Light Meal Fellowship<br>6:00pm-Adult Bible Study<br>Children's Classes | 12 | 13 | 14<br>**Fellowship Hall Reserved** |
| 15<br>9:30am-First Fellowship<br>9:45am-Bible Classes<br>10:45am-Worship Service<br>11:00am-Children's Church<br>Christine Durham | 16<br>Susan Dees | 17<br>**Southern Christian Mission**<br>Paula Boaz<br>Matthew & Kristi Lee | 18<br>5:30pm-Prayer Meeting<br>Light Meal Fellowship<br>6:00pm-Adult Bible Study<br>Children's Classes | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>9:30am-First Fellowship<br>9:45am-Bible Classes<br>10:45am-Worship Service<br>11:00am-Children's Church | 23<br>Chad & Lea West | 24<br>**Session Meeting 6:00 pm**<br>Steve Crane | 25<br>**No Wednesday Services** | 26<br>Nancy Hornor | 27 | 28<br>Julia Machen |
| 29<br>9:30am-First Fellowship<br>9:45am-Bible Classes<br>10:45am-Worship Service<br>11:00am-Children's Church<br>**Palm Sunday** | 30 | 31 | | | | |

*Hosanna!*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

## Join us for worship

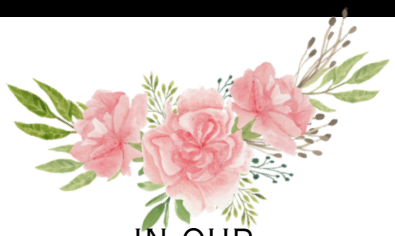
### Sundays:

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.



## 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, Julie Townsend Gibbs, Nash Graham & Family, Tommy & Adele Green, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahen, Jeff Miller, Heather Moore, Georgia Newton, Linda Selman Family, Bubba Smith Family, Ella Lou Smith, 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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