

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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POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS



The sanctuary is especially beautiful right now, adorned with poinsettia dedications given in honor and in memory of loved ones. A special thank you to Mrs. Sue for her faithful work in coordinating this each year. We are so grateful for her dedication.



Poinsettia dedications continued on page 6...

WELCOME

New Members

*Susannah Broome
Henry Broome*

SAU World Culture & Religion Day

On November 18th, SAU hosted its annual World Culture & Religion Day. As in years past, FPC was honored to set up a vendor table and participate in this special event! A heartfelt thank you to Drew Moore, Anita Moore, and Pam Murphy for representing our church so well. Thank you, ladies! We are so grateful for your time and dedication!



*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Psalms 51:10*

Salvation Army Bell Ringers



FPC had some of the cutest and sweetest volunteers serving our community while ringing the Salvation Army bell a couple of weeks ago! Thank you all for serving so joyfully and for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



Not pictured but also served were Paula Boaz, Trish DuPriest, Ashley Hagaman, Jodie Arnold, and Jimmy Arnold.

Angel Tree

FPC adopted 20 angels this year from the Columbia County Angel Tree. Thank you so much to everyone who adopted an angel from our tree and helped make Christmas extra special for these children! Below are some of the members of the Outreach Committee sorting through gifts and preparing them for delivery.



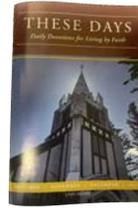


The Church Office will be closed on January 1st in observance of the New Years Holiday.



Committee Meetings January 7

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



THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS

There is a shipping issue with the 1st quarter These Days devotionals, but I expect them to arrive any day now. I'll send out an email as soon as they are available for pickup!



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

1/8	Justin Pierce	1/12	Travis Arnold
1/13	Nate Caldwell	1/14	Daisy Uhrich
1/16	Ryan Phillips	1/26	Sheila Crane
1/26	Georgia West		

Retiring Session Members

Thank you for your service, commitment, and dedication to the work in Christ's Church.

**Kathy Gean
Ashley Hagaman**



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to sign up to be liturgist and head usher/greeter in February! 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
1/4	Trish DuPriest	Chris White	Sarah Hornor
1/11	Paula Boaz	Ashley Hagaman	Lea West
1/18	Martine Boumtje	Linda Anders	Jennifer Bailey
1/25	Sue Joyce	Debbie Arnold	Jodie Arnold

**WE CAN'T SPELL
CHURCH DIRECTORY
WITHOUT U!!!**

It's time to update our church directory! Please stop by the narthex during the month of January to review your family's contact information in this year's directory. Mark through any incorrect information and write in any new information you would like included. If all of your information is correct, please initial by your name. Updated 2026 directories will be available for pickup starting in February.

	Communion Servers	Communion Preparers
1/4	Martine	Chris White, Steve Ford, Sue Joyce, Paula Boaz

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

Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY OF:	BY:
Mike Morgan	Bubba & Paula Smith
	Todd & Joanna Smith Family

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".



CAMEROON Mission

The clothing boxes are packed, shipped, and en route to Cameroon! Thank you all for your generous donations, and a special thanks to everyone who was able to stop by and lend a hand. Packing these boxes is hard work as you can tell from the picture of Pierre below! Martine recently shared a story in the office about a mother who received baby clothes for her child on one of the trips. Overcome with emotion and gratitude, the mother thanked Martine, and Martine gently reminded her that it was not just her. It was YOU. It was Christ's Church!! What a beautiful testimony of Christ's love being shared with others around the world. Thank you!



January 4 @ 5:30

Pizza, Hot Chocolate & Fireworks



2026 OFFICERS

Officer Training

Breakfast will be served

JANUARY | 10 | 9:00-12:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall



Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,

This Christmas, we are reminded of God's greatest gift to us - His son Jesus. Your generosity reflects that same spirit of love and giving. Your support over the past year has been a true blessing to all of us here at The Salvation Army. Thanks to you, we have shared God's love with so many struggling families, nourishing their bodies and souls. Thank you for spreading God's love, peace, comfort and joy to those who need it most. We wish you a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the months ahead.

-Major David Robinson

Dear FPC Magnolia,

Thank you so much for your support of us through both prayer and financial support. We are blown away by the kindness. We hope that our relationship can continue into the future. We are praying for you in this new year! Merry Christmas!

Love, The Archers



Tour of Homes



On behalf of our FPC family, I'd like to extend our appreciation once again to the families who opened your homes for our first Tour of Homes at the beginning of the Advent Season. Your homes were warm and welcoming, a great setting for sharing food and fellowship. I saw smiles, heard laughter, and enjoyed the most delightful sweet and savory treats to be had this season.

Paula- The children absolutely loved a special place for them to decorate cookies. Your home was the perfect place for everyone to mingle and kick off the evening with music that filled the room. Music brings people together, thanks for making a place for us to enjoy the sounds of the season.

Dan- We couldn't have done this without you! We appreciate the time and effort you took to select an array of music that provided the perfect melodies which set the mood for a relaxing yet exciting kick off to the evening.

Sue and Chuck- Everyone absolutely LOVED receiving a book or puzzle to take home- what a sweet surprise to receive. Rhonda- thank you for keeping our glasses full and being the sweetest hostess. Sue- Thank you for sharing God's love and a simple reminder that all Christ wants from us is a relationship with Him. All we have to do is say yes!

Linda and David- You brought out all the lights, colors, and sparkles that children and adults love to see. It was just the right touch and inspired us to bring in a little glitz into our homes too! I'm confident that Santa won't have any problem finding your home this Christmas.

To our FPC Family- thank you for sharing your sweet and savory treats with us and supporting our efforts to promote opportunities to come together, encourage one another, and shine our lights just a little bit brighter to everyone we encounter throughout the holiday season.

Sincerely, Jodie, Christian Education Chairman





Christian White & Grayson West

for being inducted into the National Honor Society!!

These students were selected based on the four pillars of NHS membership: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The induction recognizes students who demonstrate excellence both in the classroom and in the community. Magnolia High School celebrates these students for their commitment to academic achievement, integrity, and service to others.

Mission Donations

The Mission–Evangelism Committee provided several end-of-year donations to multiple local non-profit organizations. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful and generous ministries and organizations in our community, and we are honored to support them and their missions while sharing the love of Christ. Non-profits benefiting this year include Southern Christian Mission, The CALL, Compassions Foundation, Boys & Girls Club, Abilities Unlimited, CCAPS, Magnolia Specialized Services, and The Stew Pot. Not pictured, but also receiving a donation, was the Guy Njewel Medical Center.



**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

*Poinsettias are Placed in the Sanctuary
To the Glory of God*

BY:	<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF:</u>
Jimmy & Jodie Arnold	Albert Bryan Jim & Barbara Arnold
Travis & Yulissa Arnold	Armando Hinojosa Jim Arnold Barbara Arnold
Paula Boaz	Scott Boaz
Todd & Renee Connelly	TG Connelly JC & Ann Knight
Elizabeth Davis	Carson Davis
Susan Dees	Buddy & Cameron Dodson Duane Yerina
Keith & Trish DuPriest	Grady & Anita DuPriest Boyette & Helon Powell Roy & Blanche DuPriest Claud & Clara Dale Lee David Kinnaird David Butler Mike Morgan
Kathy & John Allen Gean	Lois Gean Kelly
Rick & Pam Murphy	Mike Morgan
Dana Parham & Skylar Scott	James Parham Jeff Parham Jim Parham Sue Parham
Dudley Talbot	Martha Talbot
Will & Lauren Freeland Thomas	Mary Ann Freeland Giles & Ann Gillespie Ray Uhrich
Daisy Uhrich	Ray Uhrich
Susan West	My Grandparents Ashley & West’s Grandparents My Parents

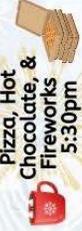
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BY:	<u>IN HONOR OF:</u>
Paula Boaz	Rod Boaz & Family Dr. Lesley Boaz & Lahav
Ted & Mary Bounds	Jodie Arnold Ashley Hagaman Sue Joyce Chris White
Todd & Renee Connelly	Katherine Connelly
Elizabeth Davis	Pierre & Martine Boumtje Ray & Christine Durham Dan Dykema Kathy & John Allen Gean Sue & Chuck Joyce
Dan Dykema	Dalene Baer Elizabeth Davis Pastor Ray & Christine Durham Kathy & John Allen Gean Sue & Chuck Joyce Kay Teutsch & Family
Kathy & John Allen Gean	Elizabeth Davis Ray & Christine Durham Dan Dykema Sue Joyce
Rick & Pam Murphy	Dalene Baer Alice Bartushock Katherine Connelly Rochelle McMahan Daisy Uhrich
Ella Lou Smith	The Smith Family
Kay Whitehead	Susannah Broome Josh Hillery

January 2026

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am - First Fellowship 9:45am - Bible Classes 10:45am - Worship Service 11:00am - Children's Church 5:30pm - Pizza Fellowship</p> <p>Pizza, Hot Chocolate, & Fireworks 5:30pm</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Ricky & Pam Murphy</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm - Prayer Mtg Youth Bible Study 6:00pm - Sing & Shout Bible Discovery Lab Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Committee Meetings (Unless other arrangements are made.)</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>Office Closed Bill & Joyce Dailey</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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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

**FEBRUARY 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, 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, Family of Mike Morgan, Georgia Newton, Linda Selman, Ella Lou Smith, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Brandon Taylor, Doug Taylor, Mike Teutsch, Anna Trexler, Daisy Urich, Caden Ware, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Casanti Williams, Roger Wyrick.



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