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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.

He Has Made Everything Beautiful in Its Time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cameroon Ministry Update

On September 16, Pierre and Martine Boumtje shared an update with our church family on the Cameroon Mission and the Guy Njewel Medical Center. Their presentation included photos from the medical center's dedication in May, along with many other special moments from the Cameroon Mission this summer. We're sharing just a few of those photos here to give you a glimpse of the work taking place and the lives being touched through this ministry. We are also working to get the Boumtjes' full slideshows into a format that can be shared with our church family in the future, so more to come! Thank you to Pierre and Martine for sharing these special memories and updates with us, and thank you to everyone who continues to support and pray for the Cameroon Mission!

















Backpack Sunday

Help Feed Kids! Small Items Make a Big Difference!

Purpose:

The purpose of the backpack program is to provide non perishable food items to schools to send home with students on the weekends. These bags are filled with enough items to make sure the child has food to eat over the weekend.

Who do we serve?

A little over 120 students per week receive a bag weekly. (These numbers fluctuate throughout the year.)

What students are serviced?

Students in Columbia County

Collection Dates:

September 20 through October 11

Look for the collection box in the narthex.

Ways to Donate:

- Designated offering
- Designated box for food donations.

(A list of accepted items is posted in the narthex.)

FOOD
FUELS
LEARNING

Backpack & Food Pantry Program

magnolia junior charity league

Together We Can Make a Difference!

Accepted Items for the Food Pantries

- Ramen noodles (bag and cup accepted)
- Mac and Cheese cups
- Chicken/Tuna salad cups
- Chef Boyardee canned dinners
- Beef stew
- Pop Tarts
- Granola/breakfast bars
- Apple sauce/fruit cups
- Vienna Sausages
- Peanut Butter (individual and jars *not glass)
- Crackers
- Fruit snacks
- Oatmeal packets
- Peanut butter crackers
- Mini cereal boxes
- Jerky Sticks (non spicy)

Join Us....



for an uplifting worship event filled with inspiring music!!

Contact Travis Arnold or the church office if interested in attending.

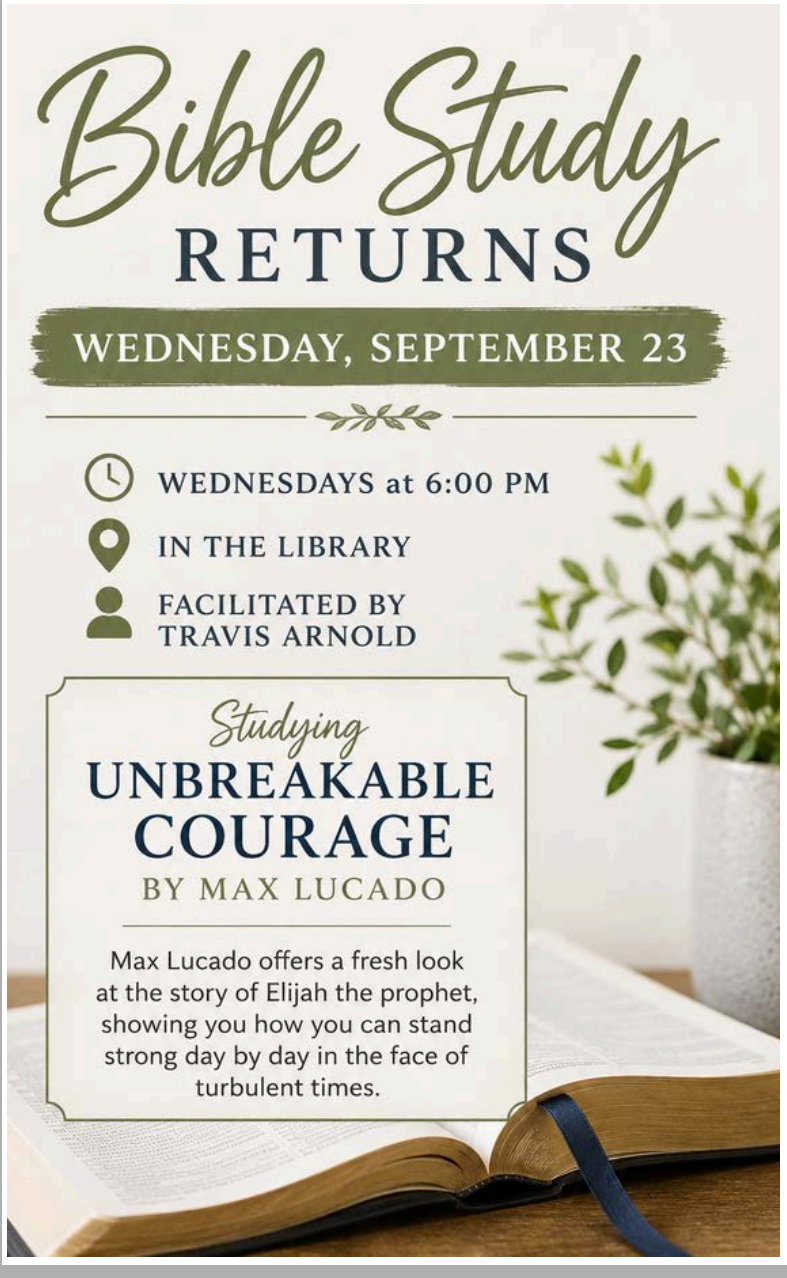
Pledge Statements

In previous years, we've mailed pledge statements to help everyone keep up with their commitments for the year.

This year, we are not planning on sending pledge statements automatically; however, if you would like an update on the status of your 2026 pledge, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your commitment!







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

10/6	Becky Jones	10/8	Ella Lou Smith
10/14	Katherine Phillips	10/15	Mike McNeill
10/16	Paula Smith	10/18	Grayson West
10/23	Katherine Connelly	10/25	Maggie Nelson
10/29	Alice Bartushock		



Looking for a meaningful way to serve? The Mission/Evangelism Committee would love to have you! Each month, the committee serves a meal and shares a devotional at the Southern Christian Mission, provides quarterly supply bags for local foster families, and participates in other mission projects throughout the year. If you're interested in getting involved, reach out to Paula Boaz!





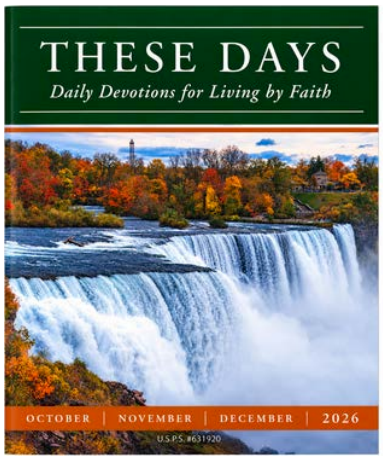




Resources for You!

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 few 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!!



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The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Present were Session members Jodie Arnold, Travis Arnold, Dr. Paula Boaz, Martine Boumtje, Cathy Downs, Steve Ford, Sue Joyce, Blake Pierce, and Chris White. Also attending was Treasurer Kathy Gean. Clerk of Session Lea West was excused from the meeting. Minutes were taken and submitted by Elder Downs.

The meeting was called to order by Elder White, acting moderator, who opened the meeting with prayer at 6 p.m.

Devotional: The devotional was presented by Elder Ford, who illustrated the power of the word of God with a story from I Kings, and noted that the life of Elijah would be the new Bible study starting in September.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Gean advised that there was nothing out of the ordinary and her report on future investments was received.

Approval of the minutes: The Session reviewed the July 28, 2026, minutes and approved them as amended.

Correspondence and Requests: A request from Tristian Brown via Music Director Dr. Dan Dykema to use the sanctuary on October 18 for a recital/recording session as part of his graduation requirements was approved by the Session. Elder Ford, who made the motion, also recommended that the recital be promoted as a public event.

Committee Reports

Administration: Elder Pierce advised that he continued to work on a way to have the chancel wall in the sanctuary cleaned.

Christian Education: Elder Jodie Arnold reported that there will be a teacher dedication and a fellowship potluck following service on September 13. Elder Boumtje said that the presentation on the Cameroon mission, along with a meal, will be held on September 16, and Elder Ford advised that the new six-week Bible study will start on September 23.

Mission/Evangelism: Our church members fed the homeless and staff members and also noted quarterly delivery of cleaning supplies was made to The Call.

Worship: Elder Joyce advised that pulpit supply was being filled as far out into the future as possible. Pierre Boumtje will be filling the first Sunday pulpit and providing communion services.

Outreach: Elder Travis Arnold indicated a good turnout, despite the heat, for Blue and Gold Day, and noted the upcoming Ben Fuller concert at the Magnolia Performing Arts Center, Tiger Fest in Taylor, and benefit for the Hannah Center in October, as well as the Christ in Christmas float award during the Christmas parade in Magnolia.

Pastor Search: Elder Travis Arnold stated that the Pastor Search Committee continues its work to secure a permanent minister for First Presbyterian Church in Magnolia, reaching out to a wider field of possible candidates.

Old Business: The 37th Gulf South Presbytery meeting is set for September 25-26 at Grace Chapel Madison in Madison, Mississippi, with the registration deadline of September 11.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy Downs

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to sign up to be liturgist and head usher/greeter! 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!

	Communion Preparers	Communion Servers
10/4	Pierre & Martine	Cathy, Martine, Jodie, Sue

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

	Usher/Greeter	Liturgist
10/4	Mary Bounds	Ashley Hagaman
10/11	Randy & Jennifer Bailey	Debbie Arnold
10/18	Trish DuPriest	Lea West
10/25	Sue Joyce	Jodie Arnold

Way to Go, Georgia!



We love seeing our church kids letting their light shine! Georgia West was recently recognized at school for being "**Caught R.O.A.R.ing**" after she was spotted helping a classmate. Georgia was recognized for showing respect, ownership, accountability, and responsibility. We are so proud of you, Georgia! Keep showing kindness, helping others, and letting the love of Christ shine through you!

A LOCAL TREASURE

One of our longtime members, Ann Downs, was recently featured in a video reel by *Explore Magnolia*, sharing the story behind the "Movies Through Time" mural located on the downtown square. The mural was painted by Ann and fellow artist Alan Wiley and features scenes from movies throughout the decades. It also holds a very special distinction as it is the only mural in the world autographed by legendary actor Charlton Heston! What a wonderful piece of Magnolia history and such a special talent within our own church family. We're proud of you, Ann!









SUPPORTING LOCAL FOSTER FAMILIES

This quarter, our Mission/Evangelism Committee once again shopped for and packed supply bags for 13 local foster families. The bags are delivered to The CALL office here in Columbia County and distributed to foster homes throughout Columbia and Lafayette Counties. These bags provide much-needed supplies while supporting families who have opened their homes and hearts to children in foster care. Thank you to everyone who helps make this ministry possible each quarter as we continue sharing the love of Christ with foster children and families in our community!





The committee is once again collecting donations of household supplies for the next quarter to donate to The Call. 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".

The Call Collection Drive

> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.
> James 1:27

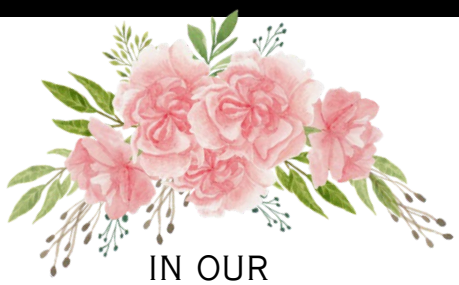
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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
He Has Made Everything Beautiful in Its Time. Ecclesiastes 3:11				1 Jimmy & Jodie Arnold	2	3
4 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service **Ben Fuller Concert**	5	6 Becky Jones	7 5:30pm - Prayer Meeting 5:30pm - Children's Class 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study	8 Ella Lou Smith	9	10
11 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service	12	13 **Stewpot**	14 5:30pm - Prayer Meeting 5:30pm - Children's Class 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study Katherine Phillips	15 Mike McNeill	16 Paula Smith	17
18 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 3:00pm-Recital **Tristian Brown Recital 3:00 pm** Grayson West	19 **Fellowship Hall Reserved PEO Meeting**	20 **Southern Christian Mission**	21 5:30pm - Prayer Meeting 5:30pm - Children's Class 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study	22	23 Katherine Connelly	24
25 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service Maggie Nelson	26	27 **Session Meeting 6:00 pm**	28 5:30pm - Prayer Meeting 5:30pm - Children's Class 6:00pm-Adult Bible Study **Fields of Faith** Travis & Yulissa Arnold	29 Alice Bartushock	30	31







IN OUR

Thoughts & Prayers

Please email any updates to the prayer list to fpcmagnolia@gmail.com

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Paula Boaz, Mary Alice Boreing, Kim Cleveland, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Berkley Dearman, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, Julie Townsend Gibbs, Tommy & Adele Green, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahen, Jeff Miller, Heather Moore, Georgia Newton, Cathy Sanders, Ella Lou Smith, Lindsey Spalding, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Brandon Taylor, Doug Taylor, Mike Teutsch, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Caden Ware, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Susan West, Casanti Williams, Roger Wyrick, Lloyd Young.

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