

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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COOLING HEARTS WITH CHRIST'S LOVE



As another school year begins, the Arkansas heat has certainly made its presence known! With temperatures climbing into the triple digits, one of our church members is helping make the bus ride home a little more bearable! And a whole lot more meaningful!!

Steve Ford is once again stocking his school bus with ice-cold bottles of water for the students on his bus route. Steve began this simple ministry last year after noticing how hot the buses were during those first couple of months of school. Now, with help from the Mission Committee, he's back at it again.

To many of these students, it's just a cold bottle of water on a hot afternoon. But it's also something more. It's a reminder that someone cares. It's a simple act of kindness that reflects the love of Christ without saying a word.

We often think of missions as something that happens across the ocean or in another community, but sometimes God gives us opportunities right where we are. A school bus filled with children can become a mission field, and a bottle of cold water can become an act of grace.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:42, "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." Steve is living out those words one bottle at a time and through his faithful service so is our church!

As the new school year gets underway, we invite you to pray for this special ministry. Pray for Steve as he faithfully serves the students on his bus route, for the children who receive this small gift of kindness, and that each bottle of water will remind them that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved by God.

Now this is eternal life:

THAT THEY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD,
AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM YOU HAVE SENT

John 17:3



*Be kind to
one another.*

— Ephesians 4:32 —

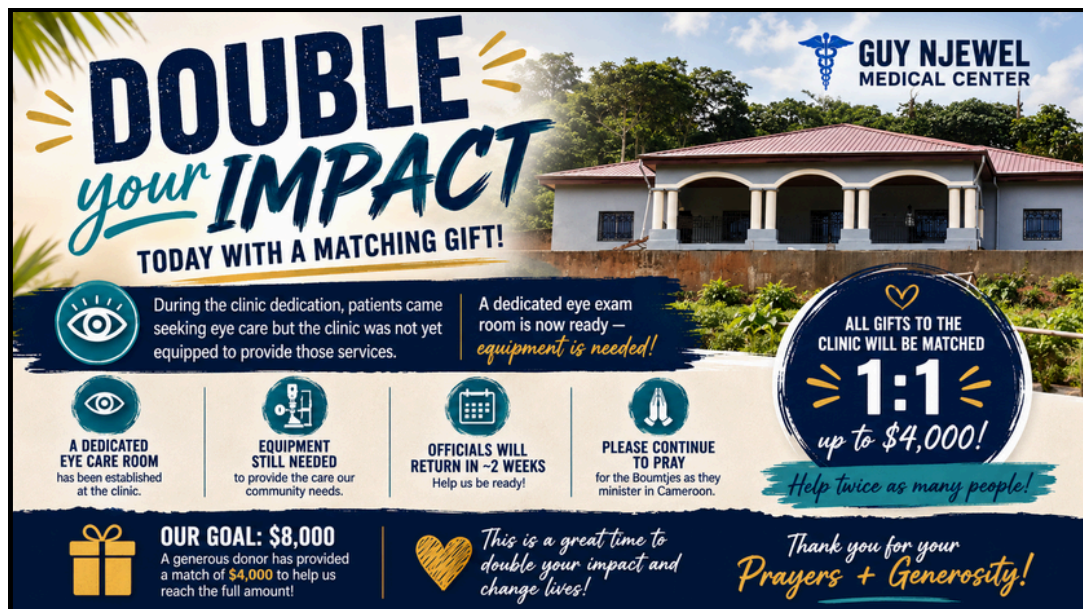


First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia

Great News!! The funding goal for the eye exam room is almost complete! Thanks to everyone's generosity, only \$1,000 remains to fully fund this important exam room with needed equipment.

If you would like to help us reach the finish line, donations may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate. Please write "Clinic" in the memo line of your check.

Every gift, no matter the amount, brings us one step closer to providing much needed eye care through the Guy Njewel Medical Center in Cameroon. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!



DOUBLE your IMPACT
TODAY WITH A MATCHING GIFT!

GUY NJEWEL MEDICAL CENTER

During the clinic dedication, patients came seeking eye care but the clinic was not yet equipped to provide those services.

A dedicated eye exam room is now ready — *equipment is needed!*

ALL GIFTS TO THE CLINIC WILL BE MATCHED 1:1 up to \$4,000!
Help twice as many people!

A DEDICATED EYE CARE ROOM
has been established at the clinic.

EQUIPMENT STILL NEEDED
to provide the care our community needs.

OFFICIALS WILL RETURN IN ~2 WEEKS
Help us be ready!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY
for the Boumtjes as they minister in Cameroon.

OUR GOAL: \$8,000
A generous donor has provided a match of **\$4,000** to help us reach the full amount!

This is a great time to double your impact and change lives!

Thank you for your Prayers + Generosity!



Ladies' Circle
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

WE'LL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN
after summer break!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

2:00PM
IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

All ladies ARE INVITED AND encouraged to attend!

Growing in Faith Together



Nursery WITH Ms. Mariam

available during class times & worship on

SUNDAYS

Infants through Pre-K.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DEADLINE**
August 21st

Clothing Drive for
Cameroon
Mission

We are now accepting any donations (through December) of lightweight clothing for next year's mission trip to Cameroon. Any donations may be brought by the church office or left in the fellowship hall. Please contact Pierre or Martine for any questions.

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".

*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



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

8/3	Ray Durham	8/5	Levi West
8/6	Henry Jennings	8/6	JJ Lee
8/11	Bowen Phillips	8/16	Martine Boumtje
8/16	Mike Teutsch	8/22	West Hagaman
8/24	Ricky Murphy	8/26	Pam Murphy
8/29	Linda Anders	8/31	Kathy Gean

WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS
TO
Serve 

SERVING TOGETHER.
Making a difference for Him. 

Prayerfully consider where **God** is
calling you to use your **gifts** and **talents**
in the life of our church.

Contact the **church office** to learn
about current volunteer opportunities.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received
to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace
in its various forms. *1 Peter 4:10*

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!

	Usher Greeter	Liturgist
8/2	Randy & Jennifer Bailey	Doug Green
8/9	Mary Bounds & Paula Boaz	Mike McNeill
8/16	_____	Ashley Hagaman
8/23	Katherine & Bowen Phillips	Ryan Phillips
8/30	Sharon Ford	Debbie Arnold

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

Notes of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the money, devotional, journal, and the lunch set up for Grayson and I. Your generosity truly does mean a lot to me, really. Thank you for providing me a church family that I've grown up with since being a little kid. I'm very excited to be attending Southern Arkansas University in the fall.

  Sincerely, Christian White  

Dear FPC Magnolia,

We are so grateful for your contribution to support our mission here at Abilities Unlimited! As a nonprofit organization, we thrive from the support of members of our community just like you. Through your contributions, we are able to better serve those in our community who have disabilities. Thank you again for your support that allows Abilities Unlimited to prove that disabilities do not define!

Thank you,
Abilities Unlimited of Magnolia



Hello Partner in Mission,

Thank you for your contribution in support of the individuals served at Evergreen. We sincerely value and appreciate your generosity!

Sue Buchholtz



Dear Partner in Mission,

I wanted to personally thank you for your support and to share how your generosity helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead more independent and fulfilling lives. While you may not always see the impact, you are creating lasting change, as Dennis's story shows. For nearly 40 years, Dennis has been part of the Evergreen Life Services family. Through the residential and day programs you help sustain, Dennis has developed essential life skills that have strengthened his independence, confidence, and ability to participate in his community. Dennis's story also highlights the importance of a strong Circle of Support, including family, friends, and caregivers. As his mother aged, Dennis expressed a desire to help care for her. Evergreen worked with him to make that possible, arranging transportation so he could regularly visit her home, assist with household tasks, and remain actively involved in her care. When Dennis became concerned about his mother's safety and wanted her to have a Life Alert system, Evergreen helped make that happen. By listening to Dennis and supporting his goals, we empowered him to advocate for someone he loved.

"When you see the life skills we teach every day unfold as they care for others in need, that's remarkable."
- Norman Moore, Executive Director, Northwest Louisiana.

As his mother's needs changed and she could no longer live at home, Evergreen continued to support Dennis, enabling him to visit her and maintain their close relationship. His voice, choices, and role as a son remained central to every decision. You ensure that individuals like Dennis can develop life skills, achieve personal goals, and maintain meaningful family connections. Thank you for being an essential part of Dennis's journey. If you would like to take a tour or have questions, please get in touch with me at (318) 529-8264 or email me at cathey.crow@evergreenls.org.

With gratitude, Cathey Crow

P.S. Thank you for continuing to build better lives at Evergreen!



First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on June 23, 2026, at 6:00 in the designated Session Room.

Call to order: The Session voted to have Chris White be the acting Moderator for this meeting. Chris then called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00pm. The Session then approved the agenda for the meeting. Elected Session members present were Elders Travis Arnold, Elder and Clerk Paula Boaz and Clerk in Training Lea West, Cathy Downs, Steve Ford, Sue Joyce, Blake Pierce, and Chris White. Also present was treasurer, Kathy Gean and Chair of the Pastor Search Committee, Anita Moore. Steve Ford made a motion to approve Lea West as Clerk of Session. Chris White seconded the motion and session approved.

Devotional: Elder Travis Arnold gave a devotional from Deuteronomy 4:9. The lesson was encouraging adults to practice “self-care” of their own souls in order to nourish the souls of their children and other young people. The lesson stated that caring for your soul is generational and must be passed down to continue a strong familial tie to spirituality.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Kathy Gean reported that it had been a good month and that there was nothing out of the ordinary. It was noted that Ray Durham and Katherine Phillips’ corporate credit cards need to be cancelled. Session approved that Brooke Williams and Lea West should be issued corporate credit cards. Blake Pierce pointed out that the “Faith in Giving” fund has increased substantially. Session was also reminded of Mike McNeill’s challenge to do something “noteworthy in the community” with interest accumulated from funds. Session will consider how to use these funds to maximize usefulness to the community.

Approval of April Minutes: Session reviewed April minutes. It was noted that Elder Sue Joyce was not listed on attendance roster for April and should be added as she was in attendance. Also, it should be added to the April minutes that on behalf of the Investment Committee, Chris White made the recommendation for the church assets in WP Florence Fund and Mucklow Educational Fund to be moved out of equity-based investment accounts and reallocated to more conservative interest-bearing cash instrument accounts moving forward. It was also stated that Magale Fund assets management will remain the same. The Investment Committee received session approval to proceed in this manner. Elder Steve Ford made a motion to approve April minutes with addendum. Elder Blake Pierce seconded the motion and session approved.

Correspondence and Requests:

1. PEO Facility Request for meetings: August 17, October 19, and February 15
 - a. Session approved these dates
2. Thank you letters: Evergreen, Salvation Army
3. EPC World Outreach – Rebecca Lunceford – New Missionary Appointment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: Elder Blake Pierce reported about ongoing problems with the printer in the church office and advised that we need a new one.

Christian Education: Elder Sue Joyce noted that we will forego providing breakfast on Sunday mornings during the summer months.

Mission/Evangelism: Elder Paula Boaz reported that the regular monthly meal was served to the residents at the shelter. She stated that they are very grateful for Debbie Arnold’s dedication. Paula stated that the committee would do their quarterly shopping soon. They have also purchased bottled water for “bus-riders” for when school resumes in July.

Worship: Elder Sue Joyce reported that the committee has scheduled pulpit supply through August and can schedule further dates if needed.

Outreach: Elder Travis Arnold reported that the committee will set up a tent and serve popsicles at the upcoming “Wings Over Magnolia” event being held at the SAU Welcome Center.

Pastor Search Committee: Anita Moore, chair of the committee, arranged a conference call with Transitional Pastor Coordinator Bill Rasch so that session could learn more about the process and ask questions. Mr. Rasch asked session about our congregation demographics and what demographic we’d like to reach. He stated a Transitional Pastor models behaviors to help our church connect and grow. Also, a Transitional Pastor would work with our search committee to connect us with candidates that align with our church. A Transitional Pastor would ensure that we have a leader during our search while simultaneously assisting in the search for a new Pastor. The church would enter into a one-year contract with the Transitional Pastor. Elder Blake Pierce made a motion to approve utilizing a Transitional Pastor. Elder Steve Ford seconded the motion and session approved.

Investment Committee: On behalf of the Investment Committee, Chris White made the recommendation for the church assets in WP Florence Fund and Mucklow Educational Fund be moved out of equity-based investment accounts and reallocated to more conservative interest-bearing cash instrument accounts moving forward. It was also stated that Magale Fund assets management will remain the same. The Investment Committee received session approval to proceed in this manner.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OLD BUSINESS: none

Adjournment and Prayer: There being no Further Business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

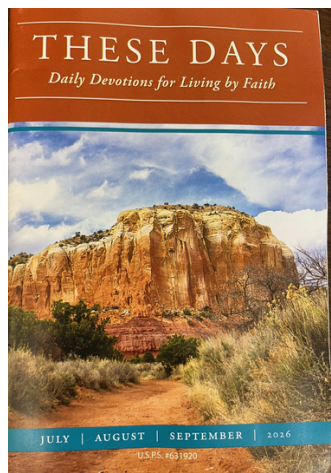
Respectfully submitted: Lea West, Clerk of Session

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 3rd 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!!



Dear First Presbyterian Church Magnolia,

Thank you so much for participating in our 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign! We continue to be amazed at how pocket change, crumpled bills, generous checks, and online giving combine to produce such a large donation! Last year with your help we raised over \$70,000 from individuals, churches and organizations in Union, Ouachita, and Columbia counties!

Since our opening in 1999, Hannah PRC has served thousands of women, children and families, and lives have been saved. Your gift allows us to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our clients, and to create a path to abundant life for them.

Thank you again for your continued support promoting life in our community!



The Hannah Center

First Presbyterian Church
collected

\$314.45

for Hannah PRC during the
2026 Baby Bottle Campaign.

thank you!

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2 10:00am-Bible Classes, 10:45am-Worship Service	3 Ray Durham	4	5 Levi West	6 Henry Jennings JJ Lee	 7	8
9 10:00am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service	10 CCS, Emerson, and Taylor Schools Begin Feeding SAU Band Fellowship Hall	11 Stewpot Bowen Phillips	12 Steve & Sheila Crane	13	14	15
16 10:00am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service Martine Boumtje Mike Teutsch Pierre & Martine Boumtje	17 Fellowship Hall Reserved-PEO	18 Southern Christian Mission Blue & Gold Day 7:00-9:00pm	19	20	21	22 West Hagaman
23/30 10:00am-Bible Classes, 10:45am-Worship Service	24/31 24: Ricky Murphy 31: Kathy Gean	25 Session Meeting 6:00 pm	26 Pam Murphy	27	28	29 Linda Anders

Do UNO Jesus?

Get to know the ONE who knows you!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP



Sundays:

10:00 am - BIBLE CLASSES

10:45 am - WORSHIP

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THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

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LIST TO FPCMAGNOLIA@GMAIL.COM

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Gene Bentley, Paula Boaz, Mary Alice Boreing, Pierre & Martine Boumtje, David Chenoweth, Kim Cleveland, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Berkley Dearman, Cathy Downs, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, Julie Townsend Gibbs, Tommy & Adele Green, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, 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, Casanti Williams, Roger Wyrick.



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