

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.

But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23



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GUY NJEWEL MEMORIAL CLINIC



The Boumtjes made it home safely from Cameroon! Thanks be to God!! Significant progress was made on the clinic over the summer as you can see in the above picture. The Boumtjes are excited to share an update with you all and more pictures on Sunday, September 21, during worship! For now, the Boumtjes wanted to express their gratitude with you all for the many faithful prayers and generous support given to help make the vision of this clinic a reality!

WELCOME
Mary Plunkett



We'd like to welcome Mary Plunkett to FPC! Mary will be our new Children's Music Leader on Wednesday evenings. Mary is married to Josh and has two daughters. She is a seasoned teacher at Central Elementary School and we are excited to have her join us! Please be sure to give her a warm welcome when you see her!

W S A U Band W

FPC was privileged to feed and welcome back to Magnolia, the Mulerider Band members in August. We pray they have a wonderful year!!



Prayer Meeting

Join us each Wednesday night at
5:30 pm in the FPC Library
for a time of Prayer.

Coporate prayer is vital for fostering
a sense of unity and shared purpose
as we seek God together as one
body. Come and join us!



Reminder!

Committee Meetings

September 3

(Unless other arrangements have been made.)

New Wednesday Adult Bible Study

A new 12-week study of the book of Ephesians will begin on Wednesday, September 10. This study will be led by Steve Ford. Ephesians is a powerful book that first tells us what God has done for us through Christ, and then teaches us how to live for Him. Together we will explore how the church in Ephesus was formed, consider what Jesus Himself later said to this church, and work through the book verse by verse using an inductive study approach. Everyone is invited to join us for this exciting time in God's Word!

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
9/7	Mary Bounds	Debbie Arnold
9/14	Sue Joyce	Ashley Hagaman
9/21	Yulissa Arnold	Jodie Arnold
9/28	Paula Boaz	Chris White

Communion (9/7)

Preparer: Martine Boumtje

Servers: Martine Boumtje, Maggie Nelson, Sue Joyce, Susan Dees

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



2025-26 Ladies' Circle Meetings

Teacher Signups

September 8th - Mary Bounds

October 13th - _____

November 10th - Paula Boaz

December 8th - _____

January 12th - _____

February 9th - _____

March 9th - _____

April 13th - _____

May 11th - _____



8/3	Drew Moore	8/6	Elizabeth Davis
8/6	Chad West	8/7	Pierre Boumtje
8/9	Doug Green	8/13	Mark Taylor
8/16	Bryce Bailey	8/19	Renee Connelly
8/20	Cathy Downs	8/21	Chuck Joyce
8/23	Martha Hornor	8/23	Alton Newton
8/30	Judd Caldwell	8/30	Keith DuPriest



Jesus Loves the Children



Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 19:14

Summer is winding down, a new school year has begun, and fall is just around the corner! With the change of seasons comes our new class rotations. We are so grateful for Jodie, who has worked tirelessly this summer as Chair of the Christian Education Committee. She has spent countless hours researching, planning, and recruiting volunteers to create new and exciting opportunities for our children. These classes will not only be fun and engaging, but most importantly, they will point our children to Christ and help them grow in faith and trust in Him. We invite you to join in—and encourage your kids to bring a friend along, too! Children classes return following Labor Day (September 7th and 10th)

Sundays

welcome

Children's Discovery Stations
with Mrs. Jodie

Sundays @ 9:45

Room 24

Beginning September 7th

JOIN US FOR

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SUNDAYS 11:00-11:45

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7th

Nursery WITH **Ms. Mariam**

available during class times & worship on

SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Infants through Pre-K.

Wednesdays

JOIN OUR KIDS & YOUTH BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUP!

FUN ACTIVITIES AND EXCITING LESSONS

Beginning September 10th

Room 12 **Lea West**

MUSIC Sing & Shout

With **Mary Plunkett**

Beginning September 10

Wednesday's

First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2025. The following members were present: Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Travis Arnold, Clerk Paula Boaz, Elder Sue Joyce, Elder Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, and Elder Cathy Downs. Elders Martine Boumtje and Chris White had excused absences.

Call to order: Pastor Ray Durham called the to order, declared a quorum, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:10 pm.

Devotional: Elder Sue Joyce gave a devotional from the Book of Acts, which was written by regular uneducated people who spread the “word.” Now we have The Book of Order which is the responsibilities of Session members. Evangelism is the first order for spreading the “word,” which emphasizes the ideas of Salvation. Our responsibility is to help Youth and to spread the “Word.”

Youth and Family Ministries: Elder Jodie Arnold discussed some plans for Youth for both Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. For Sunday mornings they will use a program called "Faith Weavers" for K through 6th grade. Volunteers will be Lea West, Katherine Philips, Sarah Horner, and Jennifer Bailey. The plan for Wednesday evenings is to have a teacher who can both play and teach the children to sing. Elder Ashley Hagaman is planning to have a 4th Wednesday program for the older youth. There will be a Fellowship dinner on September 10th to introduce the classes, teachers, and where each class will meet and the once-a-month 7th-12th grade Youth group.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kathy Gean reported that she has sent an additional \$10,000 to Pierre and Martine Boumtje for additional expenses with the Cameroon Medical Clinic.

Approval of June 2025 Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and Elder Travis Arnold moved to approve, Elder Jodie Arnold seconded, and Session voted accordingly.

Correspondence and Requests: Thank you cards were received from Evergreen, Abilities Unlimited, Brooke Bailey, Steve and Sharon Ford, Darryl Witcher, and the Salvation Army.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative—Chris White - no report

Fellowship—Elder Ashley Hagaman reported that backpacks were given away at a hamburger supper. In September, we will feed the football team. She reported that Anita Moore has worked with school counselors with donating food and clothing.

Mission/Evangelism—Elder Kathy Gean reported that the committee fed the residents at Southern Christian Mission in July. They will also help feed the SAU Band students in our fellowship hall on August 11th. The Committee also helped with the school backpacks.

Worship—no report

Young Adult Outreach—Elder Travis Arnold reported that the group has registered and will participate in the SAU Blue and Gold Day activities on August 19th.

New Business: Following discussion, Elder Paula Boaz moved that the Church pay Matthew DeSeguirant for his services. The Administrative committee will work out the details. Motion seconded by Elder Jodie Arnold and Session voted accordingly.

Old Business: None

There being no Further Business, Rev. Durham closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session

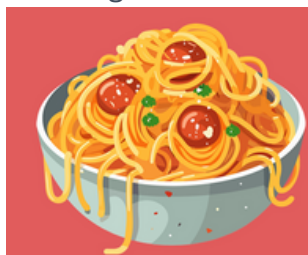
THE MISSION-EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Mission-Evangelism Committee has partnered with Compassions Foundation to offer a dedicated and secure donation drop-off center here at First Presbyterian Church! The bins are clearly labeled and located near the fellowship hall breezeway. This will help Compassions Foundation protect the confidentiality of their shelter location and ensure the safety and privacy of the survivors. If you are interested in making a donation, their most needed items at this time include: Toilet paper, Paper towels, 30-gallon trash bags, Pajamas (all sizes), New underwear (all sizes), New bras (all sizes), Feminine hygiene products, Shampoo and conditioner, Body wash.



FPC FELLOWSHIP

Let's Kick Off the Fall Semester with a Pasta Dinner!
Come hang out, enjoy some pasta, and meet the teachers for the fall semester. This is for all ages—so bring the whole family and a friend too!



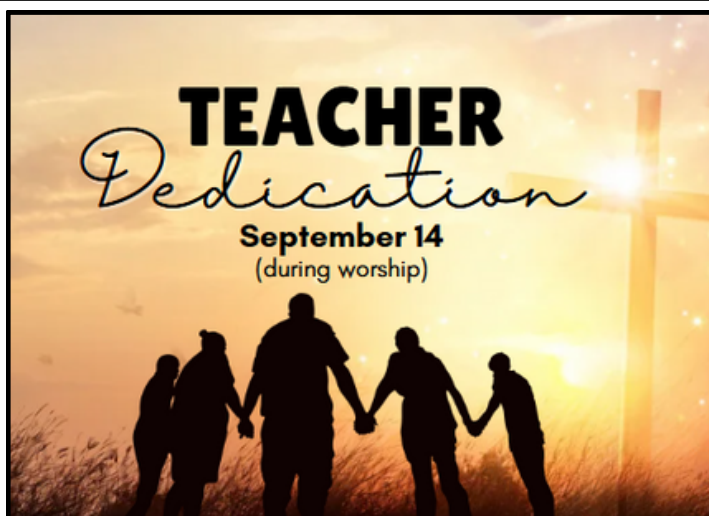
FPC Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER 10
5:30 - 6:00

JOIN US FOR PASTA NIGHT



Presentation - September 21st
during worship



BUSDRIVER STEVE



**Steve Ford has many God-given talents—
photographer, teacher, drone pilot, and now his
newest role: Minister of Transportation!**

Steve has a true servant's heart and a deep love for his church family and community. He also has a passion for sharing Jesus' love by caring for others. Recently, in his job as a bus driver, Steve noticed a need and found a simple but powerful way to let the light of Christ shine. On hot afternoons, he has been purchasing bottled water and providing it to the students he transports.

When the Mission Committee heard about this effort, they were excited to get involved and support it! We are so proud of Steve and thankful for his example of being the hands and feet of Jesus.



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.

August 20, 2025

Update from EPC

Grace and Peace,

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we can look back on a year in which much has been accomplished through the EPC and our Gospel Priorities. Here are some of the highlights:

- In 2025 the EPC relaunched our own Church Planting Assessment Center instead of subcontracting it out to others. We assessed 8 potential church planters, resulting in several new church plants beginning to take shape around the country.
- Church Health trained 34 congregations (approximately 1,600 people) in building an evangelistic cultures using the “3 Circles” evangelism tool and conducted 10 Transitional Pastor training events that trained 103 people.
- Effective Biblical Leadership continues to curate several recommended resources for leaders and churches, including a webinar series called “Healthy Leaders, Healthy Churches”. In partnership with the EPC, they have recently produced an educational series on AI, its impact and its use in a ministry context.
- World Outreach is made up of 166 global workers in 34 countries, most of whom are in the 10–40 window faithfully carrying out the Great Commission and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Additionally, the Office of the General Assembly hosts gatherings designed for committees and pastors of all church sizes throughout the year and carefully plans our annual General Assembly alongside OGA leadership and committee members.

The OGA is also privileged to serve our local churches as a resource for benefits, finance/accounting, human resources, communications, and IT. Our staff members are always available for consultation and assistance. It is the mission of the Office of the General Assembly to serve those who are carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus – that’s you!

Your generous support to the Office of the General Assembly makes all this possible. We’re grateful for your faithful contributions!

Coram Deo,

Dean Weaver, Stated Clerk
Office of the General Assembly

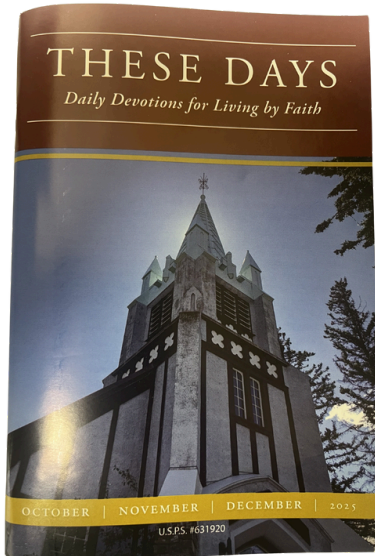


Resources for You!

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 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!

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Our Church!



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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!!



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:30am-First Fellowship 9:45am-Bible Classes 10:45am-Worship Service 11:00am-Children's Church Pierre Boumtje	1 <i>LABOR day</i>	2	3 Committee Meetings (Unless other arrangements are made.) Drew Moore	4	5	6 Elizabeth Davis Chad West
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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

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
 CONTENT DEADLINE**

September 19th



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, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, John Allen Gean, Kristy Huffman, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, Jeff Miller, Heather Hanson Moore, Georgia Newton, Linda Selman, Ella Lou Smith, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Doug Taylor, Mike Teutsch, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Caden Ware, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Roger Wyrick.



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