

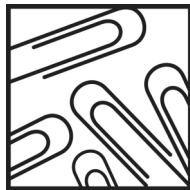


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am – Breakfast Fellowship
- 9:30 am – Corporate Prayer
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 10:45 am – Morning Worship

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 3:30-5:30 pm – Kid’s Club
- 5:30 pm – Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 pm – Adult Bible Study
- Children’s Class
- Youth Bible Study



Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Please email any updates to the prayer list to magnoliapres@sbcglobal.net.

Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Mary Bounds, Bob Burns, David Chenoweth, Katherine Connelly, T.G. Connelly Family, Bill Dailey, Reeca Davidson, Jennifer Ellis, Local Foster Families, Babe Knowles, Sondra McCollum, Rochelle McMahan, John & Betty Morgan, Mike Morgan, Georgia Newton, Guy Njewel Family, Johnny “Red” Rone, Linda Selman, Chris Smith, Anna Trexler, Erma Turner Family, Daisy Uhrich, Mike Waters, Alicia Watson, Nan Watson Family, Margo Weiser, Paulette Wilson Family, Roger Wyrick.

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. -Isaiah 25:1

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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.



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Isaiah Asim Ndega Kon Baptism



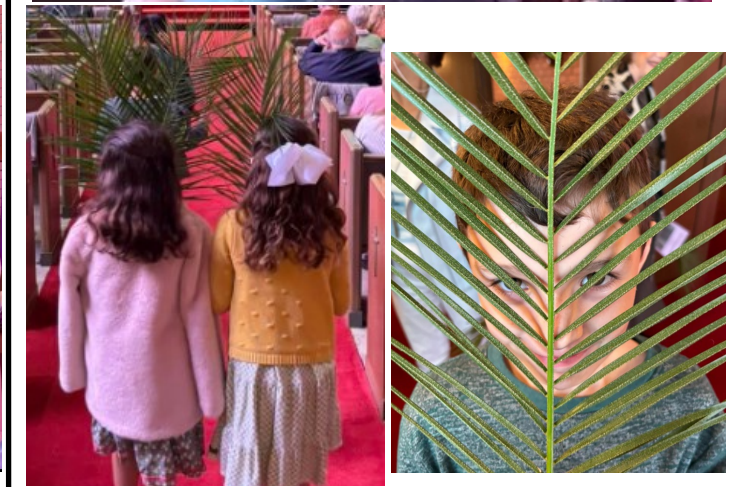
On Palm Sunday, Dr. Pierre Boumtje officiated the sacrament of baptism on his first grandson, Isaiah Asim Ndega Kon. Isaiah is the son of Iris Celeste Kon Njewel and Alexa Assimos Kon. During this special service, Isaiah was surrounded by family, church family, and friends who committed to support and encourage him in his walk with the Lord.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Doug & Susan Taylor

Procession of the Palms



1st Thursday
Ladies Luncheon
 April 4th @ 11:30
 Java Primo
 Dutch Treat

Young Women's Bible Study
 APRIL 7TH & 21ST
 6:00 PM
 JODIE ARNOLD'S HOME

Ladies' Circle
 April 15th
 2:00pm FPC Library

MAY NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE
 April 19th

Reminder: Committee Meetings
April 3rd @ 6:15pm
 (unless other arrangements have been made)

Happy Birthday

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

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| 4/1 Gene Bentley | 4/1 Dan Dykema |
| 4/3 Bubba Smith | 4/4 Anna Trexler |
| 4/5 Jason Martisek | 4/8 David Anders |
| 4/8 Piper Mason | 4/8 Georgia Newton |
| 4/10 Dalene Baer | 4/10 Michelle Marlette |
| 4/14 Hollis West | 4/23 Hazel Smith |
| 4/26 Reece Womack | 4/27 Meredith Womack |
| 4/29 Todd Connelly | 4/29 Breawna Pennington |

Church Health Meeting

A church-wide meeting regarding Church Health will be held Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th. The meeting Saturday will begin at 9:00 am. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. A Church Health Coordinator will meet with us and provide his perspective on how to help us grow as a church and fulfill the Great Commission. Please call the church office with any questions.

Mission-Evangelism Committee

The Mission-Evangelism Committee provided supplies to a single mother whom was in need and placed on physician ordered bed rest recently. Thank you so much for helping meet the needs of those in our community.



April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:30am- Corporate Prayer 10:00am- Sunday School 10:45am- Worship Service 6:00pm- Young Women's Bible Study	1 Stewpot Youth Gene Bentley Dan Dykema	2	3 3:30pm- Kid's Club 5:30pm- Fellowship Meal 6:15pm- Committee Mtgs Youth Bible Study Bubba Smith	4 1st Thursday Ladies Luncheon April 4th @ 11:30 Java Primo Dutch Treat Anna Trexler	5 Jason Martisek	6
14 9:30am- Corporate Prayer 10:00am- Sunday School 10:45am- Worship Service Ryan & Katherine Phillips	8 David Anders Piper Mason Georgia Newton	9 Stewpot Presbyterian Ladies	10 3:30pm- Kid's Club 5:30pm- Fellowship Meal 6:15pm- Adult Bible Study Children's Class Youth Bible Study Dalene Baer Michelle Marlette	11	12	13
21 9:30am- Corporate Prayer 10:00am- Sunday School 10:45am- Worship Service 6:00pm- Young Women's Bible Study	15 Ladies' Circle 2:00 pm	16 Southern Christian Mission	17 3:30pm- Kid's Club 5:30pm- Fellowship Meal 6:15pm- Adult Bible Study Children's Class Youth Bible Study	18	19	20
28 9:30am- Corporate Prayer 10:00am- Sunday School 10:45am- Worship Service Marc & Mandy Headrick	22 Todd Connelly Breawna Pennington	23 Session Meeting 6:00 pm Hazel Smith Gene & Adessa Rae Bentley	24 3:30pm- Kid's Club 5:30pm- Fellowship Meal 6:15pm- Adult Bible Study Children's Class Youth Bible Study	25	26 Reece Womack	27 Meredith Womack

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
 Psalm 96:1-3



Activity

Sing to the Lord a new song and shout out praises to Him!

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



Moses said to the Israelites, "What does God ask of you but to love and serve Him with all your heart and soul?"

Circle these hidden letters in the picture.

LOVE SERVE HEART SOUL



Corner

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give
Take
Grab | 2. peanut
praise
pear | 3. temple
house
LORD | 4. proclaim
past
present | 5. name
boy
lad | 6. ruin
destroy
make |
| 7. pine
acorn
known | 8. train
nations
bus | 9. done
donut
muffin | 10. Sing
Sleep
Yawn | 11. she
him
girl | 12. sun
praise
moon |
| 13. tell
fast
slow | 14. red
all
blue | 15. horrible
dreadful
wonderful | 16. acts
sisters
aunts | | |

"_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;

_____ among the _____ what he has _____.

_____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his

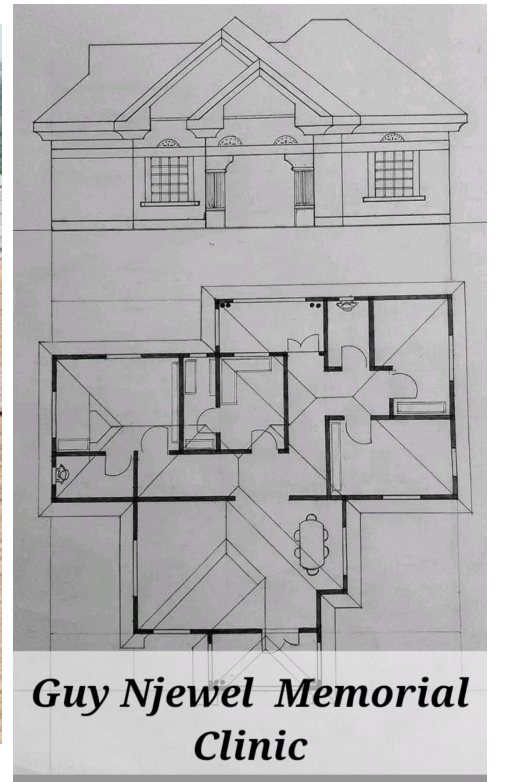
_____." PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic

The Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic has been established in memory and in honor of Guy Njewel. The clinic will be built and equipped to help supply much-needed medical access and supplies, at no cost, to an underserved population in Nkom and Ibong, both very rural settings. The clinic is being built in the village of Ibong, near Guy's final resting place in Cameroon. Many people in the area spend years without access to a doctor, medication, and other medical supplies. Providing access to medical care was very near and dear to Guy's heart. He was inspired years ago to meet this need after seeing what FPC and the Dr. Matthew Barnett family did during a Medical Mission trip. Guy had continued to help provide medical access to the area, and had future hopes of expanding to a full free medical clinic. A fund for the Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic has been established at First Presbyterian Church. Anyone wishing to donate in support of this mission may do so by placing their gift in the offering plate, bringing it by the church office, or by making a gift online through our website. Please designate to the Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic. This clinic will be such a blessing to the area and is such a wonderful way to honor Guy's legacy while spreading Christ's love.



Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic

April Assignments

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

	Liturgist:	Usher/Greeter:	Nursery:	AV:
April 7	- Jodie Arnold	Christine Durham	Kathy Gean	M. DeSeguirant
April 14	-	Mary Bounds	Jodie Arnold	M. DeSeguirant
April 21	-	Jodie Arnold	Katherine Phillips	M. DeSeguirant
April 28	- Ryan Phillips	Katherine Phillips	Ashley Hagaman	M. DeSeguirant
May 5	-	Sue Joyce	Jodie Arnold	M. DeSeguirant

If you are interested in serving as the liturgist or usher/greeter, please sign up! Sign-up lists are in the narthex. If you are interested in serving in the A/V booth or nursery, please contact Katherine Phillips.

Communion Servers:
April 7 - Ashley Hagaman, Anita Moore, Mary Bounds, Sue Joyce

Communion Preparers:
April 7 - Sue Joyce

Deacon on Duty:
Martine Boumtje

Fellowship Meals
Fellowship Committee

**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas met for its monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The following members were present, Moderator Dr. Pierre Boumtje, Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder and Clerk Dr. Paula Boaz, Elder Mary Bounds, Elder Dr. Dan Dykema, Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Sue Joyce, Elder Anita Moore, Elder Ryan Phillips, and Pastor Ray Durham. Youth and Family Ministries Director Katherine Phillips was absent.

Call to order: Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Devotional: Elder Jodie Arnold gave the devotional on the "figure it out" syndrome.

Examination of Potential New Members: Doug and Susan Taylor were introduced by Pastor Ray Durham. They were asked to talk about their desire to become members of First Presbyterian Church. Following further discussion between the Taylors and Session members, the Clerk called for a vote and the Session unanimously voted to welcome the Taylors as new members of the congregation.

Proposal: Former Elder Mike McNeill discussed a proposal that he had presented to the Session in January. Due to illness and absent members, Mike was requested to meet again with Session for further discussion on his proposal. Following a lengthy discussion, The Session unanimously voted to approve the following: "The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas commits spending up to \$300,000 over a period of five years toward the following objective: **Serve our brothers and sisters in Christ by promoting their spiritual and physical well-being through such programs, partnerships, gifts, grants, and loans as the Session may designate. The Session shall make an annual written report to the congregation every January to inform the members about actions taken to fulfill this commitment.**" Following more discussion, Elder Ryan Phillips moved to allocate up to \$10,000 to the Magnolia Boys and Girls Club to cover the cost of workers for their summer program. Elder Ashley Hagaman seconded, and the Session voted unanimously on the proposal.

Youth Report: A report was given on Katherine's trip to Nashville, Tennessee where she attended the Reformed Youth Ministers Conference. The Youth group has started the book "The 13 Most Important Lessons for Teenagers." She has started a new program called "Lunch Buddies" where she visits students once a week for lunch. She is also sending messages to Youth Group parents each week to keep them informed on what the students are studying. Katherine thanked everyone who helped make the Youth project "The Souper Bowl of Caring" a big success.

Treasurer's Report: Following Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean's report, Elder Ryan Phillips moved to accept the report as information. Session voted accordingly.

Approval of Minutes: The December Congregational meeting minutes (to elect new Elders) and the January Session minutes were reviewed. Elder Mary Bounds moved to approve both sets of minutes, Elder Kathy Gean seconded, and Session voted accordingly.

Correspondence and Requests: There was an authorization request from the Boumtje family for their grandson, Isaiah, to be baptized on Sunday, March 24th. Elder Ryan Phillips moved to approve, Elder Paula Boaz seconded, and the Session voted unanimously to approve the baptism.

Committee Reports:

Administrative-Elder Ryan Phillips reported that some water issues on the north side of the kitchen had been looked at and was in the process of being repaired.

Cameroon-Elder Pierre Boumtje reported that the used clothing collection were in the process of being shipped to Cameroon.

Discipleship-Elder Mary Bounds announced that Elder Jodie Arnold has formed a Young Women's Group that will meet every other Sunday evening in individuals' homes or in the church library. They plan on having speakers every few weeks.

Fellowship-Elder Anita Moore, said that the schools have been calling her for assistance, primarily in the 9th-12th grades. Church volunteers for the Stewpot are scheduled for March 12th.

Mission and Evangelism-Elder Kathy Gean announced that Mission has the March Wednesday meals in addition to feeding the residents at Southern Christian Mission on March 19th.

Worship-Elder Dr. Dan Dykema discussed plans for the Lenten season with a service and communion on Ash Wednesday and communion for the Maundy Thursday service. He also initiated a discussion on the need for new materials for new members or for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church.

New Business:

Elder Dr. Pierre Boumtje will start taking communion to our shut-in members.

Elder Ryan Phillips discussed the need of financial help for a successful drug court graduate who is pregnant and on physician-ordered bed rest. Following discussion, Ryan recommended that \$250 be given for the baby's needs and the amount will be taken from the Mission and Evangelism budget. The Session voted unanimously for the recommendation.

Rev. Ray Durham announced that EPC will be doing a presentation for teaching Elders and Elders on Saturdays in the month of May. Possible dates were discussed.

Old Business: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Elder Dr. Pierre Boumtje.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Boaz, Clerk



YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT



Mrs. Katherine

As we wrap up Spring Break and prepare for Easter, we are reminded of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Youth and Kids Club will resume the first week of April. We are continuing our lessons in Kid's Club with John chapter 20, "Seeing is believing, we believe in Jesus." The Youth Group will pick up their lesson on "The Bible" and its importance in our daily life as Christians. I am working on the summer programming schedule, so stay tuned for more information regarding those dates!



During the month of February, the Youth collected food items to benefit Magnolia Middle School food pantry. The youth raised \$216 plus several food items they were able to donate to help "STOMP OUT HUNGER". Thanks so much to all that supported this cause.



Kids Club kids were gifted Bibles and devotional books for them to use at home. Pray that they will always have an eagerness to hear and learn God's Word!



The youth serve monthly at the Stewpot. March's crew were eager and willing to help serve others! Thanks for having servant hearts!!



The Lunch Buddy program continues to be a great success. On February 22nd, Katherine had three lunch buddies. They talked about how to rely on God in daily decisions and short term and long term goals.