

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am - Breakfast Fellowship

9:30 am - Corporate Prayer

10:00 am - Sunday School

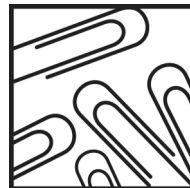
10:45 am - Morning Worship

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.

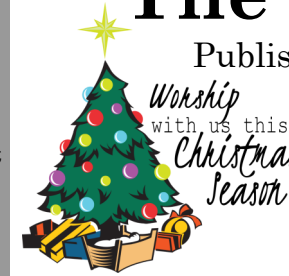
Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Betty Beckmann, Molly Beckmann, Bob Burns, David Chenoweth, Katherine Connelly, T.G. Connelly Family, Bill Dailey, Reeca Davidson, Ricky Dennis, Jennifer Ellis, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, Phil Genestet Family, Malea Isenberg, Calvin Johnson Jr., Rusty Johnson, Babe Knowles, Gary Maskell, Sondra McCollum, Rochelle McMahan, Susie Moore Family, Betty Morgan, Grey Murphy Family, Guy Njewel Family, Karen Pierce Family, Johnny "Red" Rone, Linda Selman, Chris Smith, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Caroline Waters, Alicia Watson, Nan Watson, Margo Weiser, Susan West, Roger Wyrick.

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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.



December 2023

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Nathan Finn Caldwell

Birthdate: February 5, 2008

Baptized: July 20, 2008

Confirmation Date: April 17, 2022

Finn is a 9th grader at Magnolia Freshman Academy. He is a member of the school choir. He loves going to Arkansas and Texas A&M sporting events, especially football and basketball. He just completed his 4th year at Camp Ozark. Finn is an energetic, positive force to anyone he meets. He is a great friend who is always ready to have fun.



On November 15th, SAU hosted their annual World Culture and Religion fair. FPC was represented well by Katherine Phillips. This is a great opportunity to speak with college students about our church! Thanks to Katherine for representing FPC!



In Loving Memory



John Philip Genestet

1936-2023

Our church extends
our heartfelt sympathies
to the family and friends of
Phil Genestet.
Our thoughts and prayers
are with you all.

In Memory of Karen Garrett Pierce



The flowers placed in the Chancel on November 19th, were placed in memory and honor of our sweet sister, Karen, for her birthday.

By: Linn Green & Patrice Deyling

-Isaiah 9:6
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called
WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DEADLINE**
December 21st

Ladies' Circle
December 11th
2:00pm - Library

Reminder! Committee Meetings
December 6th @ 6:15pm
(unless other arrangements have been made)

CLOSED
The Church Office will be closed on December 22nd and 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Breakfast Fellowship
Join us for fellowship breakfast on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall! Corporate Prayer meeting is at 9:30 am, Sunday School at 10:00 am, and Morning Worship at 10:45 am. Come and be blessed!

Happy Birthday

12/2	Jeremy Jennings	12/4	Lawton Jennings
12/5	Mike Bentley	12/7	Brooke Williams
12/8	Kayanna Jones	12/10	David Rouch
12/12	Christian White	12/13	Haley West
12/14	Eric Lu	12/16	Mandy Headrick
12/17	Trish DuPriest	12/18	Ann Rouch
12/18	Joanna Talbot	12/19	Paul Bismark
12/22	Harley Mason	12/22	Dudley Talbot
12/23	John Buckner	12/25	Emmy Bartushock
12/25	Wesley Mason	12/29	Ben Rinehart

**POINSETTIA
Orders**

Dedications for the poinsettias in the sanctuary are being accepted now through December 13th. If you'd like to dedicate a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex, or you may turn in your order to the church office. Poinsettias are \$8.00 each.

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF:	BY:
T.G. Connelly	Todd & Joanna Smith Family
Guy Njewel	Todd & Joanna Smith Family

Please Join us for a
**CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**
12.24.2023
SERVICE STARTS AT 5PM
First Presbyterian Church
1417 North Jackson
Magnolia, Ark. 71861

We are the Hands of Christ
"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is **We are the Hands of Christ**. Please prayerfully consider returning your anticipated 2024 commitment in order for next year's budget to be finalized. Pledge cards may be returned by dropping it in the offering plate, bringing it by the church office, or by mailing it. Additional pledge cards are located in the narthex and church office if needed. Please know that every gift, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and helps empower FPC to be the **Hands of Christ**.

Remember, if you can't physically join us for Morning Worship each Sunday, our services are live-streamed! Services can be watched on our Facebook page, YouTube, or on our church website! Please call or email the church office if you have any issues accessing them.

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YouTube:
First Presbyterian Church,
Magnolia, Arkansas

DECEMBER 2023

The Savior-yes, the Messiah, the LORD- has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am-Breakfast 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Sunday School 10:45am-Worship Service	4 Stewpot Youth	5 Mike Bentley	6 3:30pm-Kid's Club 5:30pm-Fellowship Meal 6:15pm-Committee Mtgs Children's Class Youth Bible Study	7 Brooke Williams	8 Kayanna Jones	9 Jeremy Jennings
10 9:00am-Breakfast 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Sunday School 10:45am-Worship Service	11 Ladies' Circle 2:00 pm	12 Stewpot Presbyterian Ladies	13 3:30pm-Kid's Club 5:30pm-Fellowship Meal 6:15pm-Adult Bible Study Children's Class Youth Bible Study	14 Eric Lu	15	16 Mandy Headrick
17 9:00am-Breakfast 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Sunday School 10:45am-Worship Service	18 Ann Rouch Joanna Talbot Steve & Sharon Ford	19 Southern Christian Mission	20 3:30pm-Kid's Club 5:30pm-Church-Wide Fellowship Night	21 Reece & Nichole Wornack	22 Church Office Closed Harley Mason Dudley Talbot	23 John Buckner
24/31 December 24th 5:00pm-Candlelight Service December 31st 9:00am-Breakfast 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Sunday School 10:45am-Worship Service	25 Merry Christmas Emmy Bartushock Wesley Mason	26 Church Office Closed Session Meeting 6:00 pm	27 No Wednesday Activities	28	29 Ben Rinehart	30

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INSTALLATION

November 5th, 2023, marked the end of a long journey and the start of a new beginning for First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia. Our current officers were installed by representatives from the Presbytery of the Gulf South of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). A beautiful reception was held prior to the service to celebrate and give honor to all of the work that took place to make this transition happen. Several have worked diligently and tirelessly to ensure everything was in order for a smooth transition, and we are very thankful and appreciative of those individuals!



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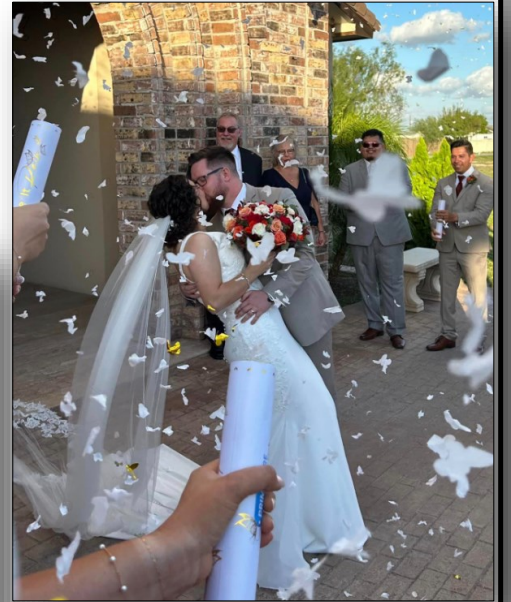
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*Congratulations,
Travis & Yulissa!*

We are so happy for you both and wish you both the very best as you embark on this next chapter of your life together!

May God bless you both and your marriage!



*Welcome,
Isaiah Ndega Kon!*

Iris & Lexi Kon welcomed *Isaiah Ndega Kon* into the world on Friday, November 10th at 1:34 am. He was 8lb 14 oz. and 25 inches long! Mom and baby are both happy and healthy! Praise be to God! Isaiah was given a special middle name in honor of his late uncle, Guy Martial Njewel Ndega. Proud grandparents are Pierre and Martine Boumtje.

Congratulations!!

*Isaiah is so beautiful and
such a precious gift from God!*



Dear Members,

Chapter An. PEO would like to express our thanks to you for the use of your fellowship hall for our meeting this week and many more times in the past you are so gracious to say yes. We always enjoy being at your church.

Nancy Jordan
Sec. Chapter An PEO



A Few Notes...

We prayed for The Elders of First Presbyterian Church on November 7th. Welcome!

From your friends at,
Westminster
Presbyterian
Church



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the food, prayers, and beautiful nativity scene. And, thank you to the children of the church for the beautiful artwork they sent me! I love and appreciate you all so much!

Love,
Babe Knowles



First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
Session Round Table Discussion
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of FPC, Magnolia, Arkansas, met on Tuesday October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., for a round table discussion of various issues. This was in leu of the Stated Meeting of the Session, due to the Moderator being out of the country.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev. Ray Durham. The meeting was attended by the following Session Elders: Elder Debbie Arnold, Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Mary Bounds, Elder Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Mike McNeill, and Elder Anita Moore. Elders Dan Dykema, Blake Pierce, and Ryan Phillips were absent.

Devotional: Elder Ashley Hagaman gave the devotional from the book “Jesus Calling” about laying down in Peace with passages from Psalms and Luke. She is discussing with the older youth about learning to take their issues to the Lord.

Youth Director’s Report: Katherine Phillips asked to report first so that she could leave to attend her child’s ballgame. Katherine reported that some of the youth love helping with the cooking on Wednesdays. The Fall Festival was a huge success. Another whole evening of church-wide fellowship is being planned for December. The older youth will be attending the “Fields of Faith” event at Panther Stadium with other county schools.

Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Gean discussed the Financials and went over some unplanned expenses. The report was filed as information.

Approval of Minutes: After reviewing the minutes, they were approved as read.

Correspondence and Requests: There were no requests nor correspondences.

Committee Reports

Administration: Elder Blake Pierce, who is on the Stewardship Committee, has requested that each Committee increase their budget for next year.

Cameroon: no report

Discipleship: Elder Mary Bounds reported that this year’s Youth program is working well. She discussed the low attendance at Sunday School. She further described the need for more church members to be involved on committees.

Fellowship: Elder Anita Moore stated that adults and Youth continue to assist at the Stewpot. She described what she spent (\$689.00) Mentorship Program at the local High School. There will be a 3:30 Reception prior to the 4:30 EPC Induction Service on Sunday, November 5th. Attendance will be emphasized by letters and emails to the congregation.

Mission/Evangelism: Elder Debbie Arnold reported on a previous request received from DHS (Department of Human Services) to sponsor foster children at Christmas. Elder Kathy Gean volunteered to check with The Call to see if this overlaps with them. The Committee will purchase Christmas gifts for a Foster Family, prepare quarterly care baskets for foster families and allow The Call to use our Fellowship Hall for a Pastors’ Appreciation Breakfast. The Committee will prepare the November Wednesday meals along with the regular third Tuesday meal for the residents at Southern Christian Mission.

Worship: Elder Mike McNeil reported that his committee is preparing the October Wednesday meals.

New Business: None

Old Business: Elder Mike McNeil reported that outgoing Session members are Mike McNeil. Debbie Arnold and Blake Pierce. The committee will start working on recommendations for new session members.

There being no further business, Rev. Ray Duram closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:20 P.M.

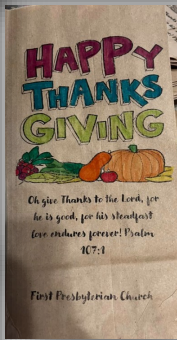
Respectfully Submitted: Paula Boaz, Clerk

December Assignments

Liturgist:	Usher/Greeter:	Nursery:	A/V:	
Dec. 3 - Jodie Arnold	Christine Durham		M. DeSeguirant	
Dec. 10 - Ryan Phillips	Katherine Phillips		M. DeSeguirant	Dec. 3
Dec. 17 -			M. DeSeguirant	
Dec. 24 -			M. DeSeguirant	Dec. 24
Dec. 31 -			M. DeSeguirant	
Session Devotional:	Deacon on Duty:	Fellowship Meals		Communion Servers:
Mike McNeill	Martine Boumtje—(217) 390-7743	Fellowship Committee		Dec. 3
				Dec. 24

Youth Director Report—Mrs. Katherine

Thanksgiving always kicks off the busy holiday season, and with the youth that is no exception. Kid’s Club and the Youth Group worked on decorating Blessing Bags filled with a macaroni cup, fruit, peanut butter crackers, a brownie, and a card with words of thanksgiving. We then distributed the blessing bags among the Panther Pantries at each school. December will kick off our advent lessons. I pray each and every one of the youth learn the meaning we celebrate Christmas and go into their breaks with a renewed sense of the love God has for us! We are planning a Fellowship night full of Christmas Bingo, Cook-ie Decorating, and singing on December 20th. This is a church-wide event, so please plan on coming to fellowship! Happy Holidays!



Pictured left & above: In November, Kid’s Club and the Youth Group learned about having an “Attitude of Gratitude” and how to exhibit God’s love to others. The Kid’s Club kids colored “Blessing Bags” and the Youth Group packed them with a meal. The Blessing Bags were delivered to the school food pantries for those less fortunate to have during the holiday break. A special thank you for helping those in need!



Pictured left, right & above: On October 25th, FPC Youth attended “Fields of Faith” at the MHS Football Stadium. The stadium was packed full of youth from across Columbia and surrounding counties. Each fall, Fellowship of Christian Athletes organizes several events across the nation in hopes that youth from each community will take a stand and encourage their peers to follow

