

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PATRIOTIC *Music* PROGRAM / SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 5 | BEGINNING AT 10:45 AM

Join us for a special **Patriotic Music Program/Service** in lieu of a traditional worship service with a sermon.

— ★ *Celebrate Faith. Honor Freedom. Sing Together.* ★ —

★ **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** ★
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THIS INSPIRING CELEBRATION OF FAITH, FREEDOM, AND OUR GREAT NATION.

Blessed is the Nation whose

GOD IS THE LORD

Psalms 33:12

Guy Njewel Medical Center

The Guy Njewel Medical Center was dedicated on Friday, May 29th, as planned. Pierre and Martine shared the following report: Local government and health officials attended the dedication. They thanked the donors for their generosity and invited the people to receive this marvelous gift with gratitude. Twelve pastors and priests led the dedication service.



Government officials granted the clinic temporary authorization to see patients from Friday, May 29th through Saturday, May 30th. During that time, a total of 208 patients were seen, examined, and treated at no cost. Among those patients were eight pregnant women who were amazed to see their babies through the sonogram.

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During the clinic dedication, Cameroon officials authorized a temporary 3 day opening of the clinic where patients could be seen. During that time, more than 20 patients came seeking eye related services. Unfortunately, the clinic did not yet have an eye exam room or the necessary equipment to provide those services.

Recently, officials visited the clinic and recommended that an eye care room be established. A dedicated room has now been set aside for eye care, but equipment is still needed to make this ministry possible.

The estimated cost for the eye equipment is approximately \$8,000. A generous donor has established a matching gift opportunity of \$4,000 in hopes that the full amount can be raised over the next couple of weeks before officials return for another visit.

All gifts designated to the clinic will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$4,000! This is a wonderful opportunity to double your impact and help provide much needed care to those in Cameroon.

As always, please continue to lift the Boumtjes up in your prayers as they continue to serve and minister in Cameroon throughout the summer.

DOUBLE

your IMPACT

TODAY WITH A MATCHING GIFT!






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

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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!

AUGUST NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE

July 21

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 Call

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".



Debbie Arnold recently presented MJCL with a monetary gift and the donations collected during our Undie Sunday collection. These donations will help provide much needed items to youth in Columbia County. Thank you to everyone who supported this ministry and helped make a difference in the lives of local children and families!



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

7/4	Sue Joyce	7/8	Kay Teutsch
7/22	Katherine Caldwell	7/22	Sarah Hornor
7/23	Lea West	7/25	Jodie Arnold
7/25	John Allen Gear	7/29	Susan West
7/30	Danny Jones		

 CALL for **VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to sign up to be liturgist and head usher/greeter this summer! 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
7/5	Mary Bounds	Mike McNeill
7/12	Lea West	
7/19		
7/26		Debbie Arnold
8/2		Doug Green

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

Note of Thanks

Dear FPC,

Thank you all for making my graduation so memorable. I appreciate all of the kind words, prayers, gifts, and encouragement. The potluck was an added bonus! I am so grateful for my church family. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this next chapter of my life. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Grayson West 🐾🐾

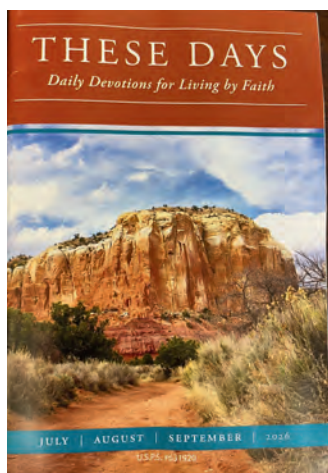


Resources for You!

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!!



First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 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 Jodie Arnold, Travis Arnold, Elder and Clerk Paula Boaz, Martine Boumtje, Cathy Downs, Steve Ford, Sue Joyce, and Blake Pierce. Also present was treasurer, Kathy Gean and Chair of the Pastor Search Committee, Anita Moore.

Devotional: Elder Jodie Arnold gave a devotional from Matthew regarding faith. Real growth in faith takes discipleship. What is currently competing for our attention with God?

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kathy Gean reported that it had been a good month and that there was nothing out of the ordinary. Elder Martine Boumtje moved to approve, Elder Travis Arnold seconded and Session approved accordingly.

Approval of March Minutes: Session reviewed March minutes. Elder Martine Boumtje moved to approve the minutes; Elder Paula Boaz seconded, and session approved.

Correspondence and Requests:

- a. Thank you notes were read from Anna Pisoni, Brooke Williams, and Vera Lloyd Home.
- b. A newsletter update was received from Jared and Abby Archer (EPC Outreach Missionaries).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: Elder Blake Pierce reported about ongoing problems with the a/v system in the sanctuary.

Christian Education: Elder Steve Ford reported that Randy Bailey will lead Bible Study on May 3rd and May 31st. On May 17th, graduation gifts will be presented to the graduating during the worship service.

Mission/Evangelism: Elder Paula Boaz reported that the regular monthly meal was served to the residents at the shelter.

Worship: Elder Sue Joyce reported that the committee will meet to plan several months of pulpit supply. There was a general discussion of the "meet and greet" time during worship. Worship committee will reconsider the time. There will be no Bible Study during the summer months.

Outreach: Elder Travis Arnold reported that 12 people attended a Christian concert in Minden, Louisiana.

Pastor Search Committee: Anita Moore, chair of the committee, reported that five applications had been received and that the committee is currently reviewing to narrow down to the top applicants.

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:

- a. The Cameroon group will leave May 8th from Little Rock. The clinic will be dedicated on May 29th. Patients will be seen for a 3-day period following the dedication.

OLD BUSINESS: none

Adjournment and Prayer:

There being no Further Business, Elder Travis Arnold closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session



NEWS RELEASE

April 2026

REBECCA LUNCEFORD

Rebecca Lunceford, Julia (11), and Joseph (8) Botros serve in Beirut, Lebanon.

I have often felt wholly unqualified for ministry. After my divorce in 2019, I faced the reality of losing a calling I loved and questioned whether God could ever use me again. After seven years away from vocational ministry, I am deeply grateful that the Lord does not waste seasons. In His kindness, He restores the years the locusts have eaten, bringing me back into ministry with World Outreach to serve with The Philemon Project in Beirut, Lebanon.

The project serves migrant, refugee, and poverty-stricken children and families, using two early childhood education centers as a means to holistic family support, discipleship, and church planting. The centers provide trauma-informed and active learning for children 5 and under, food assistance, adult mentoring, and spiritual discipleship. We all know when you love on a person's child, you love on them, and these centers create access to neglected and vulnerable families with Christ-centered love and support.



As the newly appointed Executive Director of the project, I'm excited and eager to hit the ground running once personal support is in place and fully commissioned this summer at GA. The years God allowed between missionary service, working in higher education and community development, have been part of His preparation, equipping me for leadership in this role.

I am no stranger to the Middle East either. After college, I served for three years with Kasr el Dobara, the largest evangelical church in Cairo, Egypt, and then joined World Outreach to lead the Engage 2025 team for five years in Beirut, Lebanon, while simultaneously earning a Master of Religion in Islamic Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. While that all looks good on paper, I boast in Christ alone. I am qualified, but not because of what I've done, but because of who He is, the author and perfecter of our faith.

I am actively seeking church partnerships now. There is tremendous growth and momentum for The Philemon Project and a pressing need for me to build a support base of prayer, financial, and missional partnerships so I can fully step into this role to ensure the project's sustainability.

If you're looking for ways to engage your congregation in God's work globally, build a missions partnership that allows for engagement and opportunities to participate in cross-cultural ministry, and cultivate God's heart for the nations at the local level, I'd love to talk!

Start a conversation and let's see where the Lord leads together. Reach out to me at rebecca@thephilemonproject.org

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT WORLD OUTREACH.

Psalm 33:12

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP



Sundays:

10:00 am - BIBLE CLASSES

10:45 am - WORSHIP



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO THE PRAYER
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, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, John Allen Gean, 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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