



FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church
Crystal Springs, MS



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WIC NEWS

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”
1 Peter 1:3-4

Hello, from your WIC! We are very busy this month. We want to remind you of the on-going recipe hunt; if you have not sent yours in, now is the time!! We would like to have 350, but have less than 300. Please put them in the box marked “Recipes” in the fellowship hall. The CPR/First Aid class is fast approaching, please sign up. The list is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The date is April 14, at 9:00am. It will last until 2:00pm and will have a break at noon. The cost is \$35.00 payable the day of the class. This is a great opportunity to refresh your skills or learn new ones. We should all try to prepare ourselves with knowledge in case of an emergency. The next meeting of the Women's Ministry will be April 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Covered Dish Supper: April 4, Tommie Barnhart/Beverly Hood

Sanctuary Flowers: 1 Nancy Belknap, 8 Stephanie Newsome, 15 Susan Lee, 22 Sheila Fielder, 29 Sue Lee

Nursery Schedule: 1 Tim & Amy Blair, 8 Sue Lee/Stacey Lee, 15 Stephanie Newsome/Jessica Davis, 22 Beth Shull/Mary Posey, 29 Sue Lee/Traci Smith

Happy Birthday to Tommie Barnhart, Beverly Hood, Resie Taylor, Brandy Triplett, Laura Westmoreland, Janie Lagerwey, Frank Lohman

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13:14

Youth News

Whew! As I write this, I am recovering from the Against the Flow youth retreat from this past weekend. The Lord certainly blessed our time at camp Twin Lakes through the messages from the parables of Jesus and the multiple fun activities! I want to brag on our youth for coming to the youth retreat right after they had prom the night before. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Looking forward to the next couple of events for the youth group, I want to highlight two events. First, the graduate luncheon on April 29th to honor the graduating youth: Branden Posey and Jeb Blair. Second, we are planning to go to Ridgehaven summer camp for the week of June 4-9th. The summer camp is for rising 6th graders to 12th graders and is \$210 for each student. However, do not let money inhibit your youth from coming to the best week of their life! If there are any questions, just contact me. Thank you!

In Christ,
Grant Gilliam

Annual Church Picnic

The annual Church Picnic will be on April 28 at Lake Copiah. Feel free to come whenever you'd like. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Be on the lookout for a sign up list in the Fellowship Hall to let us know how many will be coming with you and what to bring. This will be a grand time of food and fellowship. We hope you'll join us!

Missions Minute

In March, our regular \$1250 giving went to Lagniappe Church. We need to keep them in our prayers. We also gave \$200 to Anthony Gorsuch. We need to keep him and his family in our prayers also. Anthony was in a bad wreck recently, but thankfully was not hurt badly.

We really enjoyed the report from Trey Adams and their friend, along with a good meal and fellowship. Thanks to the ladies of the church for the meal.

Jim's Gems

Many of you know that FPC is undertaking steps to improve our security. I wrote about this subject in last month's newsletter. As I write now, a crew is installing a security system for all three buildings on the church property and is almost finished. The system includes monitor cameras, motion detectors, and key pads. The good news is our property will be much safer with this system. The not so good news (at least for me) is that using those keypads can take some getting used to. To put it another way: No one with a church key can enter the building like he or she used to anymore. At this point I'm just learning how to operate the system, so many of you will have to as well. Stay tuned for more information on how to use the keypad.

Another project that is (finally) about to be implemented is improvements to the sound and recording system for the sanctuary. Once the security system is installed the sound system is scheduled to come next. Details will be provided later, but one advantage of the new system will be digital recording, which will allow sermons or services to be played in a variety of ways, including via the church website.

We also have a new portable sound system which includes a keyboard, 2 large speakers with stands, and microphones. This system will be used at the Easter Sunrise Service.

It is because of the generous giving of some thoughtful people that most of these projects are becoming a reality. Please join me in thanking the Lord for His provisions that will greatly help our congregation. Thanks also to our elders and deacons who planned and oversaw these improvements, some of whom worked hard to get this done. The Lord is good!

One other word: Are you using the church website, and are you telling others about it? We make weekly changes on the blog to keep everyone aware of the latest news. Don't forget it!