



# FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church  
Crystal Springs, MS



## February 2019

### WIC NEWS

February is here! We will be having a quarterly luncheon following our worship service February 17, 2019. At the luncheon we would like to honor our Deacons and their families. Please bring salad, dessert or sandwiches. As you know Jada and Grant are expecting a baby boy in May. We will have a baby shower in March on the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 31<sup>st</sup>. Jada will let us know which day. Another baby shower will be planned also for Jessica and Brandon Davis later. Since we are having more babies in the nursery there is a list of needs that are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate an item please check the list. Thank you in advance for checking. This year's Grace Gift will be for Bethany Christian Services. The next Women's Ministry Meeting will be February 24, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Family Night Supper: Beth Dickson, and Betsy Batton

Sanctuary Flowers: 3 WIC, 10 Beth Dickson, 17 Renee Brister, 24 Amy Blair

Nursery Schedule: 3 Stacey Lee/Jada Gilliam, 10 Resie and Allyn Taylor, 17 Betsy and Richard Batton, 24 Susan and Chris Lee

Happy Birthday to Stacey Lee, Shirley Purvis (and Al), Amanda Neely, Sheila Fielder

Happy Anniversary to JoAnne Davis, Resie Taylor, Renee Brister, Ashley Chisholm, Beth Dickson

### Youth News

With February upon us, I would like to update everyone with various ministries going on! For one, the Young Adult Fellowship will meet on the following Mondays at 6:30: February 4th and February 18th. Additionally, the youth are studying the parables of Jesus in Sunday School. I ask for your prayers in these ministries that the Lord would bless the meeting of His people as His word is taught.

In Christ,

Grant

### Missions Minute

This month our regular \$1250 went to Evangelism Explosion for Dr. James Stewart. We also sent \$200 to Anthony Gorsuch. Please be in prayer for our Share Your Faith workshop that will be held on March 30.

## Jim's Gems

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." When Jesus spoke these words in Matthew 5:21 He drew a straight line between what we love and how we prove what we love by our actions. What do we treasure, that is, what do we value more than anything else? The answer will be that we treasure whatever we love. All of us have people, things, goals, aspirations, and the like that we love. None of this is necessarily a bad thing, of course. Because I love my children and grandchildren, I treasure them. And because I treasure them I will be willing to do for them what I wouldn't necessarily do for others.

It is wise for each of us to think about what we treasure. In our private lives there may well be dark places in which we treasure things that betray our love for that which is not pleasing to God, and is actually dangerous for us. Rather than compiling a list of what to treasure and what not to treasure, I would suggest that we ask ourselves a simple question about anything we might make a high priority in our lives: Is what I treasure truly worth treasuring? To put it another way: Why do I place such a high value on this person or practice or desire? Is it really worth it to give my heart to such things?

Us old folks will remember a family television series called "Father Knows Best." Our heavenly Father does know what is best for us – that's why He warns us not to settle for making the things of this world the objects of our highest affections. If we really love practicing certain sins, such as pride or lust then it is obvious that we are loving what God hates. And the Lord opposes our sinning not only because it robs Him of the glory we should give Him, but also because sin is so destructive, even if we have convinced ourselves that our sin[s] are harmless.

So treasure what is truly most valuable. Set the affections of your heart on the glorious God who loves us, the One who does great and mighty things for the honor of His name and the everlasting good of all who love Him because He first loved us. When we do that we will also be able to enjoy the treasures of the good gifts He grants us every day [family, daily provisions, and purpose in life, to name but a few]. And we will want to invest our lives, resources and energies to helping others know that Jesus is our priceless treasure, the true pearl of great price.

Where is your treasure? Your heart will tell you.

Let me add a note of information for everyone. There is no longer a "land line" telephone at our house, so please use our cell phone numbers to contact us. My number is 601-927-1433, and Beth's is almost the same – 601-927-1434.

Blessings...

### Comprehensive Plan Information

In 2018, the Church Officers realized the need to develop a comprehensive plan for our Church. We are continuing to work on the plan in an attempt to ensure it will address our needs and will meet requirements that potentially/possibly could affect us both now & in the future. One of the first accomplishments in the area was the installation of the security system in the Church & both the Manse & Little Manse. Elders, Deacons, Women In the Church all have codes that must be entered in the security system if you are the FIRST PERSON to enter the Church. Your code must be entered within 60 seconds of entering the Church or alarms will go off & police will be notified. This has happened a few times but were just a failure to place your code in the system in a timely manner. ONE ITEM we need your help on is identifying individuals that have a key to our Church THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH OR NOT A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS OR WIC.

### Luncheon

We will have a luncheon to honor our deacons and their families on February 17, 2019

### Young Adult Fellowship

Young adult fellowship will be February 4, and 18, at 6:30.

### Men's Breakfast

We will have Men's Breakfast followed by the Officer's Retreat on February 23, 2019.

### Sermons Available

Sermons are now available for download on the website, [fpcrystalsprings.org](http://fpcrystalsprings.org). Copies of the sermon on CD are also available from the church office.