



FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church
Crystal Springs, MS



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WIC NEWS

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1. March will bring a new season, and God is so good to allow us have many seasons in our lives to serve him.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars:

Dr. Shull will begin a new Ladies Bible Study on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 10 AM beginning **March 21st**.

April 2nd, Grace Presbytery Women's Gathering will be at the Wesson Presbyterian Church. **April 6th**, Jada Gilliam Baby Shower at 1:00. Bring your favorite snack! Jada and Grant are having a boy. Easter Sunrise service and breakfast **April 21st**.

We will be collecting diapers and wipes for Jennie Thomas Stanford, Jennie grew up in our church will be having her baby in June. There will be a box for her in Fellowship Hall. We will try to deliver the box by May 1st. Our next Women's Ministry Meeting will be March 24th.

Family Night Supper: Sue Lee, and Susan Lee

Sanctuary Flowers: 3 Beth Stevens, 10 Julie Kent, 17 Sue Lee, 24 Shirley Purvis, 31 WIC

Nursery Schedule: 3 Dianne Ham/Sue Lee, 10 Beth Dickson/Stacey Lee, 17 JoAnne and Todd Davis, 24 Nancy Belknap/Mary Posey, 31 Gwen Gallman/Becky Smith

Happy Birthday to Brittney Batton

Youth News

Spring is upon us and we are thankful that the Lord in His goodness has brought a new season to us. The youth are continuing to study and discuss the parables of Jesus in Sunday School. Jada and I are still having young adult fellowship, but would like you to make note of a small update concerning our meeting times! As an attempt to accommodate more people's schedules, we are changing our meeting time from Mondays at 6:30 to Sundays following our morning worship service. We hope this adjustment will allow more young adults to attend. Our first Sunday small group will be on March 10th. Lunch will be provided and we will discuss the sermon from earlier that morning. I will also send out a message with a new list of dates and details young adult fellowship. Please commit these ministries to prayer.

In Christ,

Grant

Missions Minute

Our regular donation of \$1250 went to MTW for Linda Wixon. In Addition we sent \$200 to Anthony Gorsuch. On March 30, there will be a Share Your Faith workshop held at First Baptist Church. Bob Lee, Danny Fielder, and Keith Hood will be teaching. If you would like to attend, contact one of these men prior to March 20. Please be in prayer for this workshop.

Jim's Gems

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There is a saying, "You just can't get good help these days." Most of us will find that easy to agree with. However, we have the opposite problem: We can't *keep* good help, at least not in the office. We are now searching for our fourth office manager in 2 years. Karen Hodges, the most recent person who has occupied this position, will be moving with her family to the Hattiesburg area because her husband Jay has taken a new job there.

Perhaps you are thinking, "Well maybe the reason for the revolving door of office managers is the Pastor. Maybe he's too difficult to work with." That certainly is a possibility, though I will say that the primary reason our last three have left are because of moving out of town [2 of them] and pregnancy/ having a baby [the other one].

In any case we say goodbye to Karen Hodges, whose last day will be March 7th. While Karen has not been with us long, she has been involved in establishing some new programs and procedures for the office which will improve our ability to track information and make us more efficient. Karen has been a workhorse for us, putting in many extra hours of work to install and operate a new computer program to manage much of our church records. Her cheerful spirit made everyone that came into the office feel welcome. We have been blessed by her service in this congregation of Jesus' Church. Thank you, Karen, and all of us pray for the Lord to bless you, your husband, your daughter and your two sons as you settle into the next chapter of your life!

Please be in prayer as we seek a new office manager, asking the Lord to provide us with the same level of Christian graces and office skills that we have enjoyed for many years.

Welcome New Members

Recently the Session received several new members into the FPC family. Larry and Leann Weathersby have been attending our church for some time. Larry is Systems Administrator at the Clerk's office for the Federal Courthouse Building in Jackson. Leann spent many years in education, both as a teacher and as an administrator. They live on Parsons Road in Hinds County. They enjoy living in their recently built home and riding on their Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Rita Jones has also united with our church. This is Rita's home church but she has lived away from Crystal Springs for many years. A few months ago she moved back to Crystal Springs from Oklahoma City. Many of you know that Danny Fielder is her brother. Rita is living in the apartment by Danny and Sheila's home on Highway 51.

Join us in giving thanks for these new church friends and remember them in your prayers as they worship and serve Christ with us!

A User's Guide to the Church Calendar

One part of each month's church newsletter is a calendar. Most of us have easy access to calendars already [on the refrigerator or the desk or in our cell phones], so why provide another one for our church members? There are several important features in the church calendar. Each week you will find some of the activities of the church that take place that particular week. We couldn't put every activity in, but we include activities that do not take place every week.

Each day in the month you will also see the name or names of people in our church. The purpose of this is to encourage you to pray for that person or family that day. By following the prayer guide the whole congregation will be prayed for on a regular basis. Next to the name of each person you will see one of our elders in parenthesis. This elder has been assigned to the person/persons listed for that day so everyone will know who their elder is. Of course the list of names for prayer will be adjusted at times as names are added or deleted [though at times we just overlook someone – let us know if we do – it isn't intentional!].

Lastly, you will find a scripture passage each day. This is a Bible reading plan. If you follow this plan you will read through the entire Bible in a year's time. You could start any day with this reading plan, and in 365 days you will be right back where you started! Every Christian needs to read the Bible, of course, but having a plan for reading all of Scripture is essential for our spiritual growth. If you don't have a plan to read the whole Bible [and there are other plans] you might want to adopt this one.