



FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church
Crystal Springs, MS



APRIL 2019

WIC NEWS

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. James 4:8

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars:

The next Ladies Bible Study will be April 18th at 10:00 AM. Twelve ladies attended in March. Dr. Shull will be leading us in the study of James. Please come study and fellowship with us on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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.

April 21st, Easter Sunrise service and breakfast.

We will be collecting diapers and wipes for Jennie Thomas Stanford. Jennie grew up in our church and will be having her baby in June. There will be a box for her in the Fellowship Hall. We will try to deliver the box by May 1st. Our next Women's Ministry Meeting will be April 28th.

Family Night Supper: JoAnne Davis & Dianne Ham

Sanctuary Flowers: 7 Nancy Belknap; 14 Stephanie Newsome; 21 Sheila Fielder; 28 Julie Kent

Nursery Schedule: 7 Amy & Tim Blair; 14 Sue Lee & Stacey Lee; 21 Stephanie Newsome & Jessica Davis; 28 Susan & Chris Lee

Birthdays: Tommie Barnhart, Beverly Hood, Resie Taylor, Brandy Triplett, Laura Westmoreland, Janie Lagerwey

Youth News

With the month of April here, there are several things to note regarding the Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The Youth Sunday school class will be wrapping up the study on the parables of Jesus. Also, the Young Adult Ministry will be meeting on Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, April 28th for lunch, fellowship and reviewing the sermon. Please pray for these ministries that Christ would be preached, relationships strengthened, and faith increased!

In Christ,

Grant

Missions Minute

Our regular donation of \$1250 went to Lagniappe Church (Bay St. Louis). In addition, we sent \$200 to Anthony Gorsuch.

Jim's Gems

Here's a deep theological question for you: Do Presbyterians have to have a meal in order for a gathering to be well-attended? I thought about that recently when we had a women's meeting [to re-organize a Bible study], followed by a men's meeting 2 days later. Both meetings had food. The women got organized and decided to have a brunch to kick off the new study, which had been changed to a different day of the week in hopes of accommodating more people. The result: about 25 ladies came, considerably more than the usual number. And the men? Someone must have put the word out about the women because the monthly men's breakfast had about the same number present as the ladies, again more than they normally have. Both meetings had great food and great fellowship.

When the early Christian Church met after Pentecost they often had meals along with prayer, fellowship and teaching [see Acts 2:42-47]. Maybe they were on to something! So am I saying that every time a group in our church meets that they should eat? That is likely not very practical [though I'm sure most of us would not object]. And hopefully we would want to meet with our brothers and sisters in Christ whether there is a meal or not. One thing I do know: Seeing that many ladies and that many men coming together for their meetings in the same week was a blessing to many. Let's see if we can make that a normal practice at FPC – more of us being more involved in Christian fellowship, ministry and spiritual growth.

Easter Schedule

Easter Sunday is late this year [April 21]. The schedule of church activities for that day will include our annual Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. at Chautauqua Park, with a Continental Breakfast afterwards. The public is invited to attend, and we usually have a good number of visitors from the community who join us. The schedule for the rest of the day is the same as usual [Sunday School at 9:45 A.M., Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M. and Evening Worship at 5:00 P.M.]

Pulpit Committee Surveys

The Pulpit Committee is seeking your input for the search for the next Pastor after Pastor Shull retires next year. You are encouraged to pick up a survey in the church office, fill it out, and return it to the office by April 7th.

Sermons on Website

Most Sunday sermons are recorded electronically [there have been some hiccups in recording a few of them] and then posted on the church website the next week. Please take advantage of this resource for yourself or for anyone you know that might benefit from them.

Church Picnic

Our annual Spring Church Picnic will take place on Saturday, April 27th at Lake Copiah. There are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board where you can indicate how many in your group are coming, and what food you will bring. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.