



FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church
Crystal Springs, MS



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WIC NEWS

Dr. Shull is teaching James for the Ladies Bible Study. Nine ladies attended in May and there is plenty of room for more to join us. The next Bible Study will be June 13th. Don't forget to let Danny Fielder know if you would like to help in some way for Vacation Bible School. Snacks are needed. There will be a sign up sheet by the kitchen, if you would like to donate snacks.

Jennie Thomas Stanford had her baby girl, Grace Ann, and everybody is fine. Gray Gilliam is here. We can't wait til he can come to church! Jessica and Brandon Davis' baby is due September. We will have a Baby Girl Shower July 27th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We would like to thank the men for preparing and hosting the ladies on May 20th for the Ladies Appreciation Dinner. It was wonderful. Everyone had a great time of fellowship and had a great meal.

The cookbook is almost ready to go to the publisher. We need all recipes by June 16th at the latest. If you have not turned in a recipe PLEASE do so soon. Give the recipes to Susan Lee or leave in the church office. Thank you. We will have a Quarterly Luncheon after the morning Worship Service on July 14th.

Family Night Supper: Sue Lee & Jada Gilliam

Sanctuary Flowers: 2 JoAnne Davis; 9 Jo Reed; 16 Libby Matthews; 23 Stacey Lee; 30 WIC

Nursery Schedule: 2 Nancy Belknap/Jada Gilliam; 9 Amy & Tim Blair; 16 Stephanie Newsome/Julie Kent; 23 Beth Dickson/Sue Lee; 30 Sharon Lee/Stephanie Newsome

Birthdays: 2 Beth Shull; 10 Ashley Chisolm; 11 Susan Lee; 19 Sharon Lee; 29 Amy Blair

Youth News

Before I update everyone on the ministries going on, I would like to share my deep appreciation for the love and support the church has shown towards our family as we celebrate the birth of Gray Gilliam! We are all doing well and thank you for your help. With the Summer here, there comes a number of exciting events in our church. I want to especially mention Vacation Bible School coming this month. This is such a wonderful opportunity to minister to not only our kids in the church, but also those in our community. Would you please consider helping and praying for this week?

In Christ,
Grant

Missions Minute

This month we sent \$1000 to RTS Scholarship Fund; \$200 to Engaging Disability With The Gospel and we also sent \$400 to Dr. Bob Warren for his upcoming mission trip to Central America. The mission being supported by Vacation Bible School this year will be the Palmer Home.

Jim's Gems

Are you the kind of person who likes everything to be planned and carefully executed in a regular routine? I know. Some of you are laughing at the very idea of living that way, so you are sneering, "Yeah, right. Like that ever happens." Well, there are people who do live this way—at least they try to as best they can. Then there's everybody else. This group lives from one crisis to the next. Every day is an adventure, and not necessarily a good one. While some may think group one living is boring, if not impossible, those in group two tend to have trouble getting things done, not to mention suffering from high blood pressure. Yikes!

Perhaps most of us fit somewhere in between these two groups. In any case changes in our lives can pose a challenge to how we handle our duties and even our relaxing times [o.k. so the term "relaxing" is not in your vocabulary –yet]. The summer season brings many changes for many of us. Children are home from school ["What are we going to do with the kids?"] Many take whatever time they can to travel and take a break from work or school. While summers do not affect some of us as drastically as others, we need to be determined to minimize the changes summer can have on our spiritual lives. Throughout the year, whatever the surprises and changes of schedules we have to contend with, we must maintain our fellowship with the Lord. That means, of course, daily time reading and studying the Bible and prayer. Our weekly rhythm of Sunday worship provides an anchor that helps to stabilize our topsy-turvy days. In other words, while our daily lives may be at times surprising and unexpected, the one constant practice that keeps us going is our walk with the Lord our God.

We cannot control everything in our lives [though some will try anyway, bless their hearts], but we can strengthen ourselves in our faith and wisdom by drawing near to God daily and weekly. Don't let this summer wreck your spiritual life. And remember: spending time with God is not a mindless routine; it is sit-down time spent with the One who loves us and call us to know Him and make Him known.

Vacation Bible School

This year our Vacation Bible School will be held June 17-21. Each session will run from 8:30am to 11:30am. This year's theme is **Summer Seaquest**. While pre-registration is not required it would be helpful to leave a message at the church to let us know how many children you plan to bring, along with their ages. If possible, let us know by June 10th. Children ages rising K-4 through completed 6th grade are invited. As always, there will be group competition, singing, recreation, and stories from the Bible that demonstrate God's greatness and mercy. There will be games and snacks as well. If you have children that you would like to participate in VBS we hope you will plan to include them in this fun and instructive week. If you can think of other children please invite them. The more the merrier! Questions? Just contact the church at 601-892-2715.

Summer Sunday School

Beginning June 2nd all adults will meet together for a combined Sunday School class. The class, which begins at 9:45am, will meet each Sunday through August, and will be led by various teachers. The subject of this summer's class is based on Decisions, Decisions by Dave Swavely. The study will consider from biblical principles how not to make decisions, and how to make decisions that are wise and pleasing to God. Copies of the book are available now [suggested donation: \$11.00]. Join us for this practical study of a major aspect of our daily lives!

PCA General Assembly

The 47th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America will be conducted June 25-28 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. Elders from churches across North America will gather to worship, conduct the business of the denomination and fellowship as church leaders and their families. Our congregation will be represented by Pastor Jim Shull and Ruling Elder Bob Lee. Please pray for the Assembly– for safe travel, wisdom in making decisions that will impact all our churches, and love to prevail even when we disagree.

New Member

Recently the Session received Sarah Claire Armstrong into the fellowship of FPC by making her profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Sarah Claire and her family have a long history with our congregation. She is an administrative assistant at Copiah Medical, and is developing a graphic design business. Rejoice with us that Sarah Claire is a communing member.

Building Repair Project

The Deacons have approved a number of exterior repairs to be made on the manse. The cost for the repairs is approximately \$7,000. Since this is a sizable project, the Deacons want the congregation to remember it in their giving. Special gifts are encouraged– just use the memo line of your check to designate your gift for "Manse Repairs". If you have questions feel free to speak to one of the Deacons.