



FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church
Crystal Springs, MS



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WIC NEWS

The cookbook is at the publisher and the cookbooks should be delivered by mid August. At the Sunday Potluck Luncheon on August 25th, we will present the cookbook for sale. There will be a sheet to complete and you can give your payment for the cookbooks to Mary Posey, Treasurer or anyone on the cookbook committee (Sue Lee, Nancy Belknap, JoAnne Davis or Dianne Ham). If for some reason, the cookbooks are not here by then, we will have a Plan B!

Please keep Ashley Thaxton Chisolm in your prayers as she is starting kidney dialysis and a donor is still needed.

Also, please keep teachers and students in your prayers as school is starting soon.

No Wednesday Family Night dinner this month because we are having a Sunday Potluck Luncheon on August 25th following the Sunday Morning Worship Service.

We will have a workday to help clean some areas of the church on September 7th.

Sanctuary Flowers: 4-Julie Kent; 11-Hilda McGuire; 18-Laura Westmoreland; 25-Sharon Lee

Nursery: 4-Betsy & Richard Batton; 11-Amy & Tim Blair; 18-Jessica & Brandon Davis; 25-JoAnne & Todd Davis

Birthdays: 5-Danielle Fielder & Jada Gilliam; 6-Dianne Ham; 12-Bo Lohman; 13-Jo Reed; 15-Beth Dickson, 16- Becky Smith; 19-Remley Gorsuch; 23- Jean Eady; 24- Ginger Bass; 31-Sandra Thaxton

Youth News

Ready or not, it is time to go back to school! In light of returning to this season, the church would like to invite you to a back the school family evening at Lake Copiah on Saturday, August 10th. We will be there from 4-8. There will be food, swimming, and fellowship. All are invited to gather and enjoy this time of fellowship as we kick the school year off!

Additionally, I would like to inform you that Youth Fellowship will be taking place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 4pm. We will have a time to gather and learn from God's word and to pray. The Sunday Youth Fellowship will begin to meet in September.

Lastly, Jada and I would like to express our deep gratitude for thinking of us during pastor appreciation. We have been so blessed by knowing everyone here and worshipping alongside you all. It is our joy to serve you where we can!

Missions Minute

We sent \$1000 to Mission to the World for Clay Quarterman (Ukraine) and \$200 to Engaging Disability With The Gospel.

Please be in prayer for the Missions Conference that will be held at the end of September. Our speaker will be Rev. Sam McDonald, Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, Brookhaven, MS. He also a former missionary.

Jim's Gems

I have had more doctor appointments this year than I think I have ever had – and its only August! Is this an indication that I need to retire?! In any case one doctor I haven't seen is my opthamologist, but I likely will before long. I don't always see things as well as I should, even with my glasses. That reality, along with an article I read recently, made me realize how easy it is to fail to take notice of the everyday blessings that God has set before us all. An obvious category of such ordinary gifts is the natural world. The Psalmist took the time to survey the skies and the earth around him. The more he observed various specific aspects of creation the more amazed he was at the glory and goodness of God. Read Psalm 8 to see what I mean. In verse 3 he states: "When I *look* at your heavens, the work of your fingers..." David wasn't so busy or distracted that he didn't stop to look around and be amazed at what he sees [or hears, or smells]. How easy it is to be so focused on what we have to do, or so distracted by our cell phones that we hardly look up and see the glory of God all around us. Consider as examples these "ordinary, everyday" gifts: the happy, wagging tail of a Golden Retriever, the sweet fragrance of a gardenia bush, the colorful mix of clouds and sky at sunrise or sunset, a waterfall on a mountain stream [not to mention the mountain itself], a refreshing evening breeze, any color of a rose, or the laughter of children playing. There is no end to these precious gifts God grants us all the time.

Take the time, even if it's just for a moment, to daily look around at the beauty of God's creation. For those who know Christ, these gifts are even more precious than what non-Christians could appreciate. Enjoy them. Be refreshed in your soul by them. Give thanks to the One who created and provided them. And glorify God for His goodness so marvelously displayed in His creation.

Speaking of gifts, the Shulls want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone at FPC for having Pastor Appreciation Day recently. The decorations and the meal were just right. And the card and gift were so thoughtful and generous. We can't thank you enough for thinking of us in this way. We know you appreciate us – and we appreciate you all! The Lord has blessed our church in many ways, so all thanks and praise to Him for His goodness to us!

Men

**Iron Men meet weekly on Fridays @ 10:00am for a Bible study.
All men are invited.**

Ladies

**Ladies meet monthly on the third Thursday @ 10:00am for Bible Study.
We are studying the book of James.
All ladies are invited.**