



# FPC Chronicle

First Presbyterian Church  
Crystal Springs, MS



## July 2020

### From the Officers

Well, we finally reopened our Church on 7 June. Bebo Elkin preached the service that morning. On Sunday morning, 14 June, Wayne Herring delivered the sermon. No evening services were conducted on 7 June or 14 June. This past Sunday, 21 June, Elder Keith Hood conducted the first of our Summer Sunday School lessons from the The Book of John, Chapter 1. Wayne again led the morning service. Bebo then followed with the first evening service we have had in several weeks. Each of these were really great services. One of the messages was titled, "The Greatest Sermon". If you have not been able to attend, you have missed some really great worship. We encourage you to come on Sunday to the morning and evening services. The foyers have masks, sanitizer, gloves & other items you might need. Going forward, we will have both morning & evening services. Wayne Herring & Bob Schwanebeck handling the am services & Bebo Elkin handling the pm services; except the pm service on 26 July. We will have the message delivered to us by our own, Wesley Presnall. Looking forward to all this.

The Elders have made a decision to start our Wednesday evening services on 1 July at 1800 hours (6pm). We will be studying a book by John Piper, "Coronavirus and Christ: What Is God Doing Through the Coronavirus?". The Deacons are dealing with many projects that address facility needs at our Church, the Manse, and the Little Manse. They are making great progress in the planning, preparation, & obligation of these projects. A new roof will be placed on the Church and Manse. Work is being done on the Little Manse and some will be done on the Manse. Currently, Wesley is staying in the Manse while the work is being done on the Little Manse. Air conditioning equipment will be repaired/replaced as necessary. These are some of the projects they are working on.

Please be praying for the work of the Pulpit Committee as they continued to search for a pastor. Also, be praying for all of our services during this process.

The Session has made a decision to cancel the reception for Dr. & Mrs. Shull that was scheduled for Saturday, 25 July 2020. This decision was made due to the ongoing virus situation. We have coordinated this with the Shulls. Dr. Shull will preach the am service on 26 July. We will have the opportunity to thank the Shulls for their service to our Church & community at the conclusion of the service.

We encourage each member to participate in the Congregation meeting on Sunday, 28 June. The purpose of this meeting is to dissolve our relationship with Dr. Shull as required by the Book of Church Order.

## WIC

**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.  
Matthew 18:20.**

It has been so wonderful to be able to worship together again. There are masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves available and everybody is paced out according to safety guidelines. If you have not been able to attend church, I hoped you will be able to soon. Rev. Wayne Herring is the pastor for Sunday mornings and Bebo Elkin for Sunday nights. The sermons have been excellent. Please show your church support; if possible, by letting them know how much we appreciate them.

There will be a Women's Ministry meeting July 5, 2020 at 4:00 pm prior to the Sunday night service. There are things we need to discussed concerning officers for next year and a couple of other items.

Please be praying for each other and stay in communication with each other, so we can know your prayer requests. Also, please keep the Pulpit Committee in your prayers as they look to God to lead them to the right man for our church family.

Birthdays: 19th- Robbie Bowman; 23rd-Julie Kent; 25th-Traci Smith; 26th-Sharon Berch

## Missions Minute

This month our regular \$1500 went to MTW for Dr. David Thomae. We also sent \$300 to MNA for "Engaging Disability With the Gospel".

## Youth News

Well-meaning people have always told me that ministry wouldn't be what I expected, but I don't think they had any idea of just how strange my first few weeks of formal ministry would be in a COVID world!

I have greatly enjoyed my time being here so far. Everyone I've met in our church community has been kind and encouraging. The struggle for me, like everyone else, is to wait for more definite news on what going forward is going to look like. We don't have any definite plans (of course, how definite are any of the plans of man?) for youth activities as of now, but I am thinking through a number of options for the fall.

You may be asking, "What is the youth intern doing at the church everyday if there are no youth activities going on?" I'm glad you asked! I have three main tasks for the rest of the summer: learn Biblical Greek, prepare for Sunday night sermons, and research potential Sunday school curriculum for the youth.

If you are ever by the church, and you see that I'm in my office, don't hesitate to swing by and talk!

Yours in Christ,  
Wesley