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The deadline for the May "*First Press*" is April 15, 2014. Please submit your articles and information to the church office by email: penihaug@att.net or by dropping off your copy to the church office, neatly printed or typed or on a flash drive. Thanks!

April Birthdays

1 Billy Fortson
Joe Moon
3 Bill Cobham
4 James Elder
Fletcher Stamps
7 Maxine Blankenship
8 Nick Jessup
9 Pauleen Green
10 Wayne Scarborough
11 Kingsley Allen
12 Harrison Stamps
16 Guy McGiboney
Martha Taylor
17 Matthew Howell
Kent Compton
19 Laurie Bunn
Wesley Garvin
20 Carla Harvill
Helen Lewis
22 Rita Harrell
22 Sarah Jane Moss
23 Barbara Luton
Phyllis Pruner
24 Samuel Moss
26 Jacqueline Wilson
28 Maria Serrato
Elizabeth Martin
29 Jean Oldham
30 Joyce Ashworth
Phyllis Yoder

If your birthday has not appeared on our monthly list, please notify us and we will add it to our data base so that when your next birthday rolls around, we will be able to help you celebrate!

First Presbyterian Church, Covington **April 2014**

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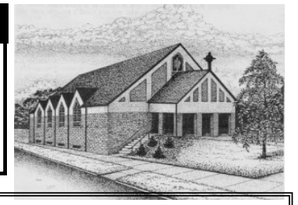

Holy Week at First Presbyterian
April 14—18, 2014

This year the Community Holy Week Services will be at First Presbyterian Church. The worship services begin at noon each day. Lunch will be served in our fellowship hall about 12:30 p.m.

The preachers for each day will be:
Monday: Thomas Stegall, St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Tuesday: Doug Gilreath, First United Methodist Church
Wednesday: Cody McNutt, First Baptist Church
Thursday: Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion led by Billy Wade and Matt Murphy, Grace United Methodist Church
Good Friday: Edwin Beckham, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Special Music will be provided each day by the church whose pastor is preaching.

There will be no Maundy Thursday Service in our fellowship hall on Thursday evening this year. We are celebrating with the community at the noon service. Our Ambassador Choir will be singing.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year on Easter we take up the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This offering will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Brochures and offering envelopes will be in the Sunday bulletins on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Join us for Easter Worship Sunday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m.

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Session & Administrative Notes

March Session Highlights

- Met in retreat on March 8 for stated meeting and long range planning;
- Elected Peni Haug, Church Treasurer, for 2014;
- Approved Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry to return to work on April 1, with a Program of Accountability;

Bill Loeble, Clerk of Session

Presbytery Meeting

The Greater Atlanta Presbytery meeting will take place on May 1, at the McDonough Presbyterian Church. Commissioners will be Billy Wade, with 2 elected at the next Session meeting on April 13.

Pledge Arrears for 2014
$ 5,304

Please let us know your new address, phone number or e-mail address whenever you have a change. **Thanks!**

Monthly Financial Report

2014 February Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/ Expenses	YTD Income /Expenses
Pledged Income	30,978	30,917	56,653
Non-Pledge Income	2,666	4,579	8,155
Other Income	500	35	105
Total income	34,145	35,531	64,914
Expenses	36,743	36,030	66,657
Net Totals 2/28/14	(-2,598)	(-499)	(-1,743)

The **Lost and Found** items are kept in the church office. There is a large selection of fashion and prescription sun glasses as well as reader glasses. Jewelry items include necklaces, bracelets and rings. Clothing includes gloves and sweaters. Please call the church office to arrange to claim your items. There are also a lot of jackets/coats, etc. hanging on the hooks in the fellowship hall. If you or your child are missing outerwear you might want to check there and in the church office.

CHANGE of ADDRESS

Spencer & Linda Boyd
3037 Pine Needle Road
Augusta, GA 30909

SERVING US IN APRIL

Nursery Volunteers

4/6 Bates Family
4/13 Henderson Family
4/20 Jessup Family
4/27 Ardis Family

Ushers for April
Chair: Charles Ardis

Sound Engineer: Ken Walker

Hospital Visitors

4/6 Mary Bollinger
4/13 Ann Bouchillon
4/20 Stephanie Fortson
4/27 Louly Hay

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton
Sam Hay, IV

Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

Class of 2016
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save the Date Vacation Bible School July 7-11, 2014		1 10:00 Circles I, II 10:30-Circle III 4:00 Exercise 7:00 Circle IV Circle V	2 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	3 10:30 Ambassador Choir	4	5
6 Lent 5 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:30 Youth Connection	7 6:00 Witness Team	8 4:00 Exercise	9 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	10 10:30 Ambassador Choir	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	14 Noon Holy Week service and lunch at FPC	15 *Newsletter Deadline* Noon Holy Week service and lunch at FPC 4:00 Exercise	16 Noon Holy Week service and lunch at FPC 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 9:30 Ambassador Choir Noon Holy Week service with Holy Communion and lunch at FPC No Evening Service	18 Good Friday Noon Holy Week service and lunch at FPC	19
20 Easter 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	21	22 4:00 Exercise	23 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	24 10:30 Ambassador Choir	25 Arbor Day	26 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Library Work Day
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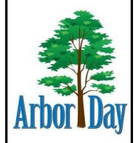
Newton County Schools - Spring Break



See our website at: www.fpccov.org

Witness Team News

Nicaraguan Mission Trip

Once again it is time for us to begin thinking about our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in Christ. Our church will be responsible for baby bags again this year; so we will be collecting receiving blankets, baby wipes, small size baby powder soap and lotion, hand sanitizes, and cloth diapers. We can still use travel size shampoos and soaps. You can also contribute to the mission by purchasing:

> a water filter-$30.00
> a Spanish Bible or New Testament-$5.00-$7.00
> paying for extra luggage $40.00
> or simply contributing to the mission in general. We always find needs that we were not expecting. Last year we were able to buy a child's hearing aids with money that you had contributed. Checks can be made to the church with Nicaragua in the memo.

Witness Team Work Day

On April 26, the Witness Team is sponsoring a work day at the Newton County Library on Floyd Street and we hope you will help! We'll meet in the lobby at 10 a.m. We expect to be re-shelving books and other light duties that free the librarians to better serve their many patrons. For more information call Jan Giles 404 216-2927.

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for April:
canned fruits; you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

Food Pantry Needs

Stewardship

Worship Bucks

Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire pledged commitment once each year for convenience. These approaches help the church leadership and staff to manage the finances of the church throughout the year. However, there is still a great deal of value in the act of placing an offering into the plate during worship as our response to God's gift of grace.

The Session of FPC ("ruling elders") are encouraging ***all of us*** to begin placing at least a single dollar bill into the plate as our corporate act of worship, expressing *"thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, the redeemer from sin and evil."* (Book of Order W-2.5003)

Recycling is good stewardship. It helps keep materials out of our land fill. You also can contribute to the Community Food Pantry by taking your sorted recyclables to the City Recycling Center on Alcovy Road and sign the sheet there. We get a check quarterly.

There is a blue recycling container in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Recyclables from the church, including the paper collected in the choir room and office workroom will be carried regularly to the City Recycling Center on Alcovy Road.

Be a Good Steward
Help fight hunger in our community!

News and Notes

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 will meet at the home of Ann Bouchillon on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Circle 2 will meet at the home of Betty Robinson on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Circle III will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Beth Vining. Those who wish to carpool will leave from the church at 10:00 a.m. Rachael Mason will lead us in Lesson Seven, Covenant Living.

Circle IV will meet at the home of Eleanor Scarborough on Tuesday April 1, at 7 p.m.

Circle V will meet April 1, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Hughes.

A Spring Fling for Everyone!!

Save the date for a **church family picnic**. The venue will be announced soon. The date will be Saturday, May 3rd, starting at 4:00 p.m. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. and then have special music. Remember when you were a kid and went to revival??? Let's make plans to eat and sing together. For further information contact Darcel Tabb at darceltabb@yahoo.com or 678-658-6242

FPC has the privilege of hosting Holy Week this year. We will be serving lunch all 5 days following the church service. If you would like to help in the kitchen, set-up or clean-up, we could use your help. Contact Darcel Tabb at darceltabb@yahoo.com if you can help in any of those areas.

The daily menu is:

Monday 4/14	Salad/Sandwiches
Tuesday 4/15	Soup/Sandwiches
Wednesday 4/16	Salad/Sandwiches
Thursday 4/17	Chips/Sloppy Joes
Friday 4/18	Catered lunch (to be determined)

Ambassador Choir Spring Schedule

Thursday, April 3 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 6 - Meet in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m. Sing for Worship at FPC at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 10 - Sing at a Nursing/Rehab Center - details to be announced later.

Thursday, April 17 - Meet at 10:30 a.m. in Choir Room. Sing for Holy Week Service at FPC at 12:00 noon. Complimentary lunch following at 12:30 in Martin Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, April 24 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 1 - Regular Rehearsal in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m.

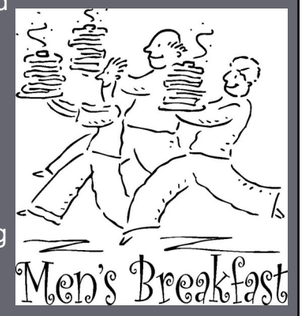
Sunday, May 4 - Meet in Choir Room at 10:30 a.m. Sing for worship at 11:00 a.m. at FPC.

Thursday, May 8 - Sing for Songfest at Rockdale Baptist Church in Conyers at 9:00 a.m. Carpool from FPC at 8:00 a.m. or meet there at 8:30 a.m. Complimentary lunch and brief entertainment following.

Thursday, May 15 - Meet in Choir Room at 9:30 AM and sing at Benton House at 10:30 a.m. Complimentary lunch to follow.

Men's Breakfast & Discussion

Presbyterian men and friends will meet again for breakfast and devotional on Saturday morning, April 26, at 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Last month's gathering was a good beginning as we started a discussion on "forgiveness."



Weekly E-newsletter:
Send us your e-mail address if you are not receiving the FPC weekly E-News to: info@fpccov.org or call the church office.

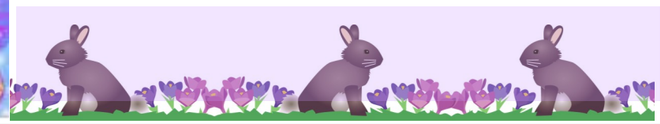
Egg Hunt

When: **Saturday, April 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Where: **Home of Doug and Debra Arnold**
80 River Shoals Court
Covington 30016

Welcome families and new members...come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!! This annual church event will have traditional outside games for all ages like sack races, crafts, and Easter egg hunt (2 p.m.). **Bring**: Basket with 10 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (per child) and finger food or dessert to share.

Please call church office to make a reservation by April 16, or call Debra Arnold at: 678-588-5734



Early Learning Center News

Dear FPC Family,

What a great time we had studying "The Farm" during the month of March. Our Bible verse is "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food," Genesis 8:22. The children have read books about farms, created crafts about farms, but their very favorite was hosting the petting zoo on the FPC playground on Friday, March 28th. We got to play with bunnies, goats, baby piglets, alpacas, and much more. We even hosted some of our new families for the upcoming school year during the petting zoo. It was great.

During the month of March, we held our annual An Art Affair. As many of you know, it takes a village to pull something like this off. FPELC could not have made this possible without the help of the church members, teachers, musicians, and Art Affair Committee. I would like to thank **Judy Hooten, FPC Circle 5, Jean Blair, and Carol Dunbar** for all of their help with the food and finding other volunteers. We want to thank **Ursula Kaminski** for her beautiful art donation. Thanks also goes to the teachers for their hard work on all of the art: **Maria Serrato, Brittney Gruber, Denise Gabriel, Enid Plumley, Monica Carter, Leigh Hays, Meggie Selph, Kris Gates, Chelsie Coggins, Pauline Dziama, and Vicki Rowe**. We also had a great time enjoying the musical talents of **Rebecca Bates, Rob Jones, Brad Parker, and Cham Stone**. Last, but definitely not least, I have to thank the Art Affair Committee: **Judy Hooten, Darcel Tabb, Kerry Jones, Brandy Gruber, Melissa Parker, Denise Gabriel (teacher rep.), Aubrey Evans, Felicia Button, Erin McDowell, Eva Bone, Erin Evans, Michelle Floyd, Kristen Vineyard, and Felicia Sharpe**. These ladies all helped with planning, getting donations, set up, organization, flow of the night, check out, and clean up. Please forgive me if I have failed to personally thank each and every person who offered their time…you are all greatly appreciated. Thank you! You can find a list of Art Affair sponsors from local businesses/groups on our website: www.firstpreselc.shutterfly.com

We have a few upcoming events for April, where we will be studying Space. We are having both school pictures, by the talented Jodi Walden, and our Easter egg hunts on Wednesday, 4/16 and Thursday, 4/17. If you would like to help with the running of either of those events, please let me know. We can always use an extra hand. Also, if you would like to read during library time, please let me know so you can join us one Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Please remember that we are still registering students for the 2014-2015 school year. We will offer classes for children ages 12 months-4 years (pre-k). We still have 2 spots or more left for each class. Registration forms and information can be found on our school website: www.firstpreselc.shutterfly.com Please tell your family and friends.

Thanks for all of your support and God Bless! ~Krissy

Did You Know?

Dr. James Neel Bradshaw was listed as moderator in the first minutes for Covington Presbyterian Church on March 25, 1877. He was from Lawrence County, Tennessee. The Bradshaw family was in Covington by 1871 when Dr. Bradshaw was President of the Southern Methodist Female College. This school was where the present Covington Police Station is located on Conyers Street. David Thompson married one of Dr. Bradshaw's daughters and also was an elder at FPC, so, perhaps this is how Dr. Bradshaw came to be pastor. Several of our current members have lived or are living in the President's home. The Charles Strickland family currently lives in the home and Julia Brubaker lived there as a child.

Did You Know? Three of our former pastors are buried in Southview Cemetery: Dr. James Neel Bradshaw and his wife, Ana J, Bradshaw; Dr. Sam Burney Hay, Sr. and his wife, Frances Dearing Hay; The Rev. Elmer Parker Nichols and his wife, Sadie A. Nichols. Dr. Henry Quigg and his family are buried in the Conyers City Cemetery.

Did You Know? At a Session meeting on December 27, 1927, Dr. Robert P. Walker requested to make the 7:30 Sunday night service a Vesper service at 5:30. He also stated that bulletins would be printed at a cost of $5.00 for 2-3 months. This is the first reference to bulletins so it is unknown if this is the first time bulletins were provided for worship services.

These bits from First Presbyterian Church's history are compliments of Jane Williams.

Easter Flowers & Witness

This year in lieu of individual lilies, we will be receiving donations for two missions. (We will have some lilies.) If you would like to make a donation this Easter to honor or memorialize a loved one, fill out this form and attach a check made out to FPC and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by April 10. The donations will be divided between Living Water for Girls and Ferguson Cottage of Thornwell Home. Thank you!

Given by_____

Please use first and last names for any person being remembered (not Dr., Mr., Mrs., etc.)

In memory of_____

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In honor of_____

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Amount enclosed $_____