

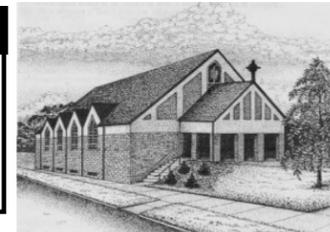
First Presbyterian Church
1169 Clark Street, SW
Covington, GA 30014

Time Sensitive Church News
Please Do Not Delay

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Covington, GA
30014
Permit No. 32

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COVINGTON AUGUST 2016

FIRST PRESS



See our website at: www.fpccov.org

The deadline for the September "First Press" August 15, 2016. Please submit your articles and information to the church office by email: penihaug@gmail.com or by dropping off your copy to the church office, neatly printed or typed or on a flash drive. Thanks!

August Birthdays



- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Daylanie Gibson | 14 Jean Elder |
| 4 Betsy Morehouse | 16 Haylee Sierra Burttis |
| 5 Velma Prescott | Carol McGiboney |
| Mac Cranford | 17 Homer Borders |
| Grady Wade | 18 Ryan Henderson |
| 6 Danny Vining | 22 John Stamps |
| 7 Avery Lewis | 23 Charles Strickland |
| 8 Sandy Morehouse | 25 Kevin Hester |
| 9 Bill Loebler | 26 Dale Tingler |
| Teresa McCurry | 27 Elizabeth Gregory |
| 12 Kenny Compton | 29 Brad Hawley |
| 13 Emily Bunn | 31 Holden Evans |

If your birthday has not appeared on our monthly list, please notify us of the full date 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!

Rally Day

It is hard to believe, but summer vacation is almost over. **Sunday, August 14th**, is Rally Day, the day when we begin a new Sunday School season, the day when many of our programs and activities begin again for the school year.

On Rally Day, new Sunday school teachers and classes will be introduced at a church-wide gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. The Christian Education Team will provide a healthy breakfast.



The Lord's Supper

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, **August 14, 2016**.

Prepare your heart.

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

Once again the Stillermans have invited us to enjoy this Sunday afternoon at their lovely home. Swimming could begin at 4:00 and then supper will be at 6:00. The Congregational Life and Care Team will provide fried chicken, ice tea and lemonade. Each family should bring the sides and desserts to share. In case of hot humid weather (like last year), Pam has indicated we can be inside the house plus there are many shaded areas. Hope to see you there.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.
Pastor
wbwade75@gmail.com

Dan Walden
Director of Youth and
Children's Ministry
djwalden@mac.com

Peni Haug
Secretary-Treasurer
penihaug@gmail.com

Alan Bunn
Choir Director
abunn@jackson.k12.ga.us

Alice Walker
Organist
awalker.organist@gmail.com

Aubrey Evans
Shaun Evans
Nursery

Kara Sugg
Director
Early Learning Center
fpelcdirector@gmail.com



First Presbyterian Church
1169 Clark Street, SW,
Covington, GA 30014

(770)786-7321
Fax (770)786-6596

www.fpccov.org

SESSION & ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

The **Session** will have its regular monthly meeting after the worship service on **August 14**, in the fellowship hall.



Weekly E-newsletter:

If you are not receiving the FPC weekly E-News, send your e-mail address to: info@fpccov.org or call the church office.

Monthly Financial Report

Pledge Arrears for 2016 (\$-9,582)

2016 June <small>Numbers rounded</small>	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/Expenses	YTD Income/Expenses
Pledged Income	30,420	27,158	172,939
Non-Pledge Income	3,083	5,751	23,686
Other Income	625	40	3,030
Total income	34,128	32,950	199,655
Expenses	35,498	33,977	203,373
Net Totals 6/30/2016	(-1,369)	(-1,027)	(-3,717)

June 2016 Session Highlights

- Presbyterian Women will participate in Rally Day on August 14, and their Kick-off supper will be on September 6. (Details next page)
- Details for a summer picnic to come. (see page 1)
- Construction of the new choir loft will begin soon.
- The Witness Team is planning a mission trip to South Carolina in September. (page 6)
- Next Presbytery of Greater Atlanta meeting scheduled for Mt. Vernon on August 20.

Michael Thompson, Clerk of Session



Please let us know your

- ◇ new address
- ◇ phone number or
- ◇ e-mail address

whenever you have a change. **Thanks!**

SERVING US IN August 2016

August Usher Co-Chairs:
Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer: Ken Walker

If unable to serve, please get a sub for your duties

Hospital Visitors:
August 7: Stephanie Fortson
August 14: Louly Hay
August 21: Bob & Darcel Tabb
August 28: Jean Blair

MEMBERS OF SESSION

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

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 31 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	1	2 4:00 Exercise 6:00 Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper	3 2:00 - 7:00 pm ♦ Red Cross Blood Drive at FPC	4 10:00 & 11:15 Early Learning Center Open House 10:30 Ambassador Choir	5	6
7 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8 First Day of Early Learning Center Classes	9 4:00 Exercise	10 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	11 10:30 Ambassador Choir 7:00 Parents' Confirmation Meeting	12	13
14 Rally Day 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Blessing of Circle Names 12:00 Session	15	16 4:00 Exercise	17 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	18 10:30 Ambassador Choir 12:00 Silver Saints Lunch	19	20
21 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Congregational Picnic at Stillerman's	22	23 11:30 Covington Square Lunch 4:00 Exercise	24 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	25 10:30 Ambassador Choir	26	27 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study
28 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Youth Connection & Parent Pool Party	29	30 4:00 Exercise	31 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	September 1	September 2	September 3

Website: fpccov.org

Nicaragua Mission

by Judy Davis

The people of Nicaragua and I wish to thank all of you for your continued support to the Nicaragua mission.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. 900,000 people do not have access to clean water; so you provide water filters that remove 98% of disease causing bacteria.

While the government provides public education, only children with birth certificates may attend. In the area that we serve many of the children are born at home and have no record of their birth; so you support the small neighborhood schools with the money and supplies that you give.

The World Health Organization reports that there are cases of Zika in Nicaragua and the virus is spreading; so you will provide expectant mothers with baby bags that contain supplies, Bible story books, and a prayer of hope written by our own **Rainey Loftin**.



Mission Opportunity

Mission in Witness to Others

The Witness Team is planning a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance mission trip to South Carolina next fall to help those impacted by the storms and floods of last October. If you would like to join us, we will likely go the 3rd weekend of September, please let Patti Lanford know at [770-490-3660](tel:770-490-3660). We're looking forward to taking the ministry of FPC Covington to South Carolina!

Community Food Pantry

You may bring food donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:30 Wednesday and Friday, except for holidays. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. For **August** it is suggested that donations be: 2 lb. bags of sugar or flour.



National Alliance on Mental Illness Education Program

NAMI Basics is a free, 6-week education program for parents and family caregivers of children and teens who are experiencing symptoms of a mental illness or whom have already been diagnosed. NAMI Basics is offered in a group setting so you can connect with other people face-to-face. You'll learn the facts about mental health conditions and how best to support your child at home, at school and when they're getting medical care. Last year, 99% of participants told us they would recommend the program to other parents.

The course is taught by a trained team with lived experience—they know what you're going through because they've been there. The 6-session program provides critical strategies for taking care of your child and learning the ropes of recovery.



Find Help. Find Hope.

Sign Up for our Upcoming Class

**Starting September 17th
Saturdays, from 9 am-12 pm**

First Presbyterian Church
1169 Clark St. Covington, GA
Contact – Diane Marinelli @ 678-314-1017 or
Caryn Thompson 518-424-4559

Men's Bible Study with Breakfast

The Men's Bible Study will gather in the Martin Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, August 27, at 8:00 am**. We continue Dr. Guthrie's book, *Christian Doctrine*. The subject this month will be "Are You a Christian? The Doctrine of Sanctification."



Bring your breakfast and a friend.

Presbyterian Women

On **Sunday, August 14**, during the Worship Service, Presbyterian Women will have the blessing of the New Circle Names. PW Moderator Janet Carmichael asks all Presbyterian Women to meet in the Narthex before church so we can walk in together as a group with our new banner. Let's have a big group on August 14.



On **Tuesday, September 6**, Presbyterian Women will have our first Gathering of the new year at **6:00 pm** in the Martin Fellowship Hall for a Salad Supper. We would like all women of the church to join us.

"Worship Bucks"

Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire pledged commitment once each month 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)



Fun for the Saints

The **Silver Saints and the Ambassador Choir** will have lunch together on **Thursday, August 18, at noon**. Anyone who is in the choir or who is qualified for the senior discount at grocery stores is welcome to attend. If you have been a regular attendee you need not make a reservation, but if you are new to Silver Saints, please call the church office to get on the list so we know how much food to prepare and how many places to set at the table! There is always plenty of friendly conversation and fellowship!



Back to School

Blessings to all students, teachers and school staff for a great year ahead!

**Power in the Blood!
Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, August 3,
2:00 to 7:00 pm
FPC Fellowship Hall**

You can make an appointment or just drop in!

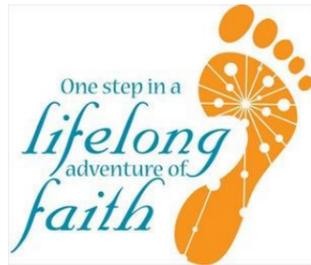
Call 1-800 733-27677 or go to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code **firstprescov**.

To volunteer to help with signing folks in and servicing refreshments, call or speak with Baxter Bouchillon, 770-546-6116.

**** YOUTH NEWS for PARENTS ****

As we begin a new year of Youth Connection activities, it is time for us all to put our heads (and our hearts) together to plan for the coming year. Please make a note about the following important meetings.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: Thursday, August 11th @ 7:00 pm. Parents with children who are rising 6th grade and above who wish for their children to participate in Confirmation classes during the coming school year are invited to learn about our plans. We'll meet in the fellowship hall. *Bring your calendar!*



YOUTH CONNECTION PLANNING: Sunday, August 28th. **Parents and youth** (6th through 12th grades)...as we kick-off our activities for the new school year we will be planning together so that we can involve as many students as possible in all that we do. Pam & Jim Stillerman have once again graciously invited us out to their house for a pool party and dinner. Here are the details:



- Arrive at 4:00 pm for swimming
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Departure time is 7:00 pm
- Bring appropriate swimming attire & sunscreen
- Bring your calendars and we'll discuss plans in the shade while the kids soak up the sun.

We need to know how many people to expect so that we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. Please contact Dan Walden at the church office to let us know that you plan to attend ASAP.

Friends are always welcomed!!

Dear FPC Family,

It's time to kick off the 2016-2017 school year. The teachers and I have already updated their First Aid and our training in preparation for the year, supplies are arriving daily, and rooms are being arranged. We're all excited to get the year started and are ready to make FPELC 2016-2017 the best yet!



As always we have a fabulous group of teachers for the school year: Purple Room teachers are Aubrey Evans and Erin Lockerman; Blue Room teachers are Darlene Alley and Holly Carr; Yellow Room teachers are Stacy Pittman and Chelsea Floyd; Orange Room teachers are Chelsie Coggins and BJ Gardner; Red Room teachers are Meleah Hines and Russie Skinner; and our Green Room teachers are Melissa Fincher and Denise Gabriel. We have many new faces in our school this year teaching. Each one is excited to get started! We are blessed to have two certified teachers with us this year: Ms. Stacy and Ms. Melissa. I will be teaching music again this year, and we are going to have Jeremy Evans joining us to teach Spanish. He is a former Spanish and Latin teacher and has two children with us at the ELC. We're so fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated staff.

Teachers officially return Monday, August 1 for preplanning, and Open House is on Thursday, August 4. The first day for children will be August 8.

We do still have a few spots available in our 3 day 2-year old room and our 3 day 3-year old room, and there are several in our 4-year old room. Please send your friends and family our way if they're in need of a positive learning environment for their little one(s).

As always, thank you for your prayers and support. We're so blessed to have such a supportive church family.

Thanks and God Bless! ~Kara

MUSIC AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you would like to make music and serve God at the same time, then the music program at FPC is for you!

Please see below for choir offerings at First Presbyterian. Remember that you do not have to be a professional musician/singer to praise God in his holy temple. Attending regular rehearsals so that we present our best in worship, and nurturing relationships (old and new) with other singers/players who share your love are all there is to it!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7:

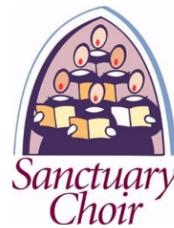


Handbell Choir rehearsal: 9:00 am - 9:50 am in the sanctuary. Prospective ringers should have some music reading experience for this group. The handbell choir rehearses weekly and plays about once a month in worship.

Children's Choir Rehearsal: 9:30 - 10:00 am in the choir room. Open to all singers through fifth grade. The children's choir rehearses weekly and sings about once a month in worship.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10:



Adult Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 6:45 - 8:00 pm in the choir room. Open to all singers who love to sing. The sanctuary choir rehearses weekly and sings each Sunday in worship.

We would love to have you join us in the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Alan Bunn, FPC Music Director, at bunman123@gmail.com or 770-891-0235 or Alice Walker, FPC Organist, at awalker.organist@gmail.com or 770-789-3651

AMBASSADOR CHOIR 2016 CALENDAR

Ambassador Choir Begins Work on New Fall Repertoire

This Fall Ambassador Choir will have another busy schedule of singing for worship and for retirement centers in the community. Singing dates will be finalized before the end of July, so please try to be present for rehearsals. Visitors are always welcome. Join us for a reading session and organizational meeting on **Thursday, July 21, 2016** in the Choir Room.



Rehearsals will be at 10:30 am on the following Thursdays:



- August 4
- August 11
- August 18
- August 25

- September 1
- September 8
- September 15
- September 22
- September 29



We look forward to another great year!

Alice Walker, Director, Ambassador Choir, 770-787-6915