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FROM THE PASTOR



“Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.” – Hebrews 1: 3

As my thoughts drift towards such wonderful things, I remembered a poem I had saved a couple of years ago. I hope in the daily rising and setting of the sun we will inhabit such glorious Truth.

*Son light bursts, through Autumn leaves
bringing rays of hope to all who believe.
Light glowing down, on the Truth and Way
Autumn time blooms of a more restful day.
Son beams burst, into a golden hue
flickers of God's glory come glistening through.
The radiance reveals, the light of one Man
unveiling the way to salvation's plan.
Son rays burst, through Autumn trees
peaceful reminders of things awaiting me!*

- Deborah Ann Belk

These words offer wonderful encouragement - especially as seasons in life shift - that our Lord Jesus Christ, “holds all things together.” Because, this means He’s holding me together too.

Grace, Mercy and Peace,
Pastor Darren



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be observed on World Communion Sunday, **October 6, 2019.**

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will have lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, October 15, at noon in the Centre. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

REFORMATION SUNDAY KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS



Reformation Sunday is October 27. This special service, designed to emphasize and remind us of our Scottish roots within the Presbyterian Church, will again include the "Kirkin' o' the Tartans." If you have your tartan at home, please bring it to the church by Wednesday, October 9.



Growing Through Fellowship
First Presbyterian Church

5:30 p.m. Meal
6:15 p.m. Program for Adults
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

At *THE OAKS*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11:30 A.M.,
THE OAKS DINING ROOM

To minimize the disruption of residents and guests and insure adequate seating arrangements, reservations must be confirmed by Tuesday, October 1, 12:00 noon. Call Norma Shaffer (516-6135) if you wish to come. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk in Woodard Commons.



Christmas Music Rehearsal

Have you sung choral or praise music in the past and would love to use your talent again? Join the Adult Choir and First Praise as we rehearse the glorious music we will present on Sunday, December 15. Meet in the sanctuary each Wednesday after the GTF program to prepare to sing "A Classic and Modern Christmas."

OCTOBER CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Circle 1	October 8	11:30 a.m.
	Foyer of Presbyterian Centre	
Circles 2 and 4	October 8	10:30 a.m.
	Centre Conference Room	
Circle 3	October 14	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Salley Hewett Freddy Felder Melinda Shepherd Leah Jones	10/15 Colin Weaver Anna House Bourne Burroughs
10/02 Bonnie Jordan	10/17 Alan Johnstone Elizabeth Allen Brailsford
10/03 Bess Hill Emily Cook	10/18 Connie Belcher
10/04 Neal Branam Frank Sterling	10/20 Mike Clayton
10/05 Jim Shepherd Huntley Wolfe	10/22 Dot Dudley Bert Shuler, III
10/08 Charlotte Nexsen	10/23 Margie Cantley
10/10 Marlene Welch	10/24 Allyn Price
10/13 Ted Evans Lewis Fogle Gaye Irick	10/26 Sandra Borgstedt 10/28 Gari von Besser 10/29 Chalmers Mikell 10/30 Lyon Smith 10/31 Sandy Bryant



This month we get to meet a whole family, the Manilas! Ron, Betsy, Daniel, Faith, and Joy are our missionaries in Kyrgystan in Central Asia. They have visited us often and many of you remember Betsy as our Youth Director here at First Presbyterian. Ron is the director of a NGO and Betsy works with the locals in many capacities.

This summer Faith and Joy got to experience camp at Chinara where 95 young people came together for eight days to study what it means to have an "Inheritance." In August, the Manilas went to a family counseling program in Turkey, specifically designed for foreign believers, many who have adopted children. Betsy and Ron adopted Joy after many problems and difficulties.

Faith and Joy will attend Hope Academy in Bishkek this fall and Daniel is attending the University of North Carolina.

Please continue to pray for this precious, vibrant family that we support with your gifts to First Presbyterian Church.

MEMORIALS

Given in Memory of

Mrs. Pat Simpson
Ms. Kim Wood Reed

Given By

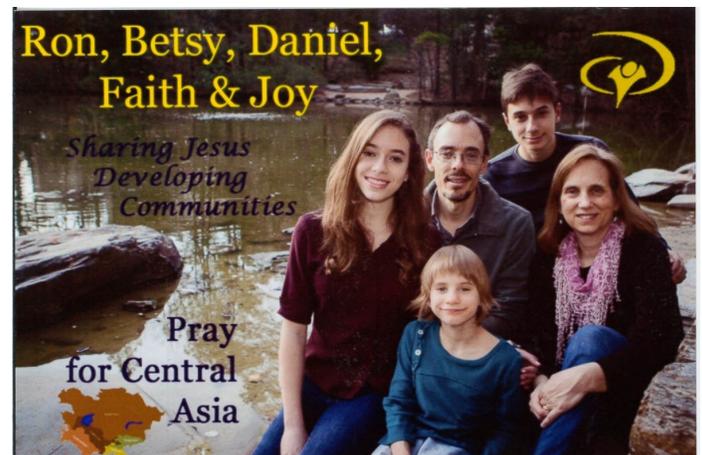
Janet and Martin Gilchrist
Ms. Angela Ball
Mr. and Mrs. Moss Perrow, Jr.

THANKFUL ADVENT BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 24

9:30 a.m. ☒ The Centre

Looking forward to seeing all members of the congregation. Advent devotional material will be available.



YOUTH TRIP TO SOUTHEAST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

On Sunday, October 6, we are going to the Southeast Outdoor Adventure Center in Bowman. We will leave from the church parking lot at 1:00 and will return the church by around 5:00.

The cost is \$25 (nonrefundable), and this includes the mud run course, knockerball, and laser tag. Money is due by Sunday, September 29. Please leave your checks in the secure lockbox on the church office door. Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian" and put "SOAC" and your child's name on the memo line. If you are paying with cash, please put the money in a labeled envelope. If a youth would like to participate but needs help paying for the event, let me know! We want everyone to have a chance to enjoy the fun!

Each participant needs a waiver, which can be found on the church website.

Parents, please let me know if you'd like to drive and chaperone. Let me know if you'd like to participate in the mud run, too!

Sarah Coggins

NOTE OF THANKS

Isabella, Copeland and I want to thank all the members of the congregation who provided support to us during Kim's illness and are continuing to help us during the grieving process. All the cards, calls, visits and prayers gave us the strength to make it through each day. The flowers and memorials have been overwhelming in their generosity. Our members truly exhibit the words from Galatians that tell us to "bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Marcia Wood

YOUTH SKI TRIP

- **Date** – February 28 - March 1, 2020
- **Location** – Winterplace, WV
- **Lodging** – We are staying at the Resort at Glade Springs. <http://www.gladesprings.com/>
- **Itinerary** –
 - Friday** – The bus will leave from the OP parking lot at noon. Make sure you've eaten lunch before getting on the bus. We'll arrive around 6:00 p.m.
 - Saturday** – All day skiing!
 - Sunday** – We will leave in the morning and return in the afternoon to the church parking lot.

Cost – The cost for the trip is \$185. (This is \$10 more than last year's trip because the dates of our 2019 trip included a value pricing discount.) You'll also need money for a few meals and spending money. The \$75 nonrefundable deposit is due on December 1, and the \$110 nonrefundable balance is due on January 26. Space is limited and spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



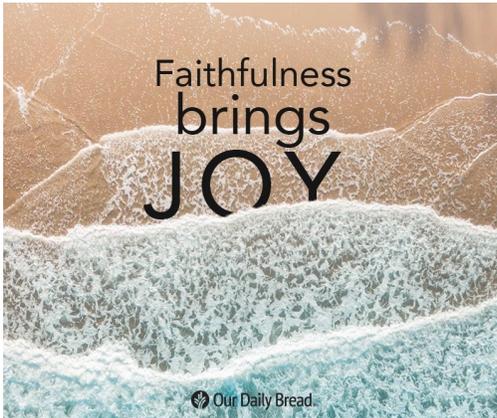
Here is a price breakdown of extras.

- Skier price - \$175
- Non skier price - \$95
- Bib Rental - \$11
- Helmet Rental - \$8
- Tubing - \$28.50
- Ski Lessons - \$10

Attendance Requirement – To be able to participate in the ski trip, a youth must attend a minimum of 10 youth events before the trip. These events include Sunday night youth group, Wednesday youth Bible study, and Sunday school.

If a youth attends 12 out of the possible 16 Sunday nights before the trip, then their trip price will be reduced to \$150.

Sarah Coggins



Are you a member of God's audience or God's army? If you chose God's army, are you dressed for the battle? In Ephesians 6: 10-18, Paul tells us in this familiar passage what this armor of God looks like.

Do you respond to God's call like Abraham when he was called upon to sacrifice Isaac? (Genesis 22) His response was immediate. He immediately made preparations to go to Moriah and left as soon as possible. No questions asked. He took Isaac, two of his helpers, and carrying the wood for the altar they traveled for several days. Abraham "put on the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness and fitted his feet with readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." Not sure I ever really noticed the "gospel of peace" part of this passage. How powerful.....God makes us ready to follow Him and gives us the peace to do so! However, do you ever wonder what any of these folk on this journey were thinking?

Next, Abraham responded in complete faith. Genesis 22 begins with ..."God tested Abraham." Abraham responded by taking up the "shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16). One can just imagine the "evil one" and what he was whispering to Abraham! When the group got to the place God had designated, Abraham left the servants, gave Isaac the wood, took the fire and knife and started to the altar. When Isaac questioned his Dad about where the sacrificial lamb was, Abraham responded, "God himself will provide the lamb..." We know that God did provide the lamb but what a testament of faith Abraham provided. Skip over to Hebrews 11 and read verses 8-13 and we find many other examples of the strong faith of Abraham.

The third way Abraham responded was fully and completely. He was well armed with the "belt of truth around his waist, breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the readiness of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." Abraham had his sword raised over Isaac when the Lord stopped him. Talk about God's timing!

The Bible has many examples of Abraham's faith but I feel sure there were probably times when he "messed up." We should not compare ourselves or our witness to Abraham or anyone else. As Lysa Terkeurst says in [It's Not Supposed To Be This Way](#) feeling and thinking we are not good enough is the "evil one's" way of trying to entice us away from God. The evil one has a way of personalizing the "not good enough" so that it makes more sense to us. "This paralyzing lie is one of his (the devil's) favorite tactics." However, God does not compare us. He knows we are imperfect and loves and forgives us. He created us and we are "wonderfully made," so we are good enough. Flawed and a work in progress living as faithfully as humanly possible. And as Ms. Terkeurst says, we should have "self-compassion." In addition to the armor of God, we are to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience covered with love. God extends all of these to us so can we do less for others but also for ourselves? We should have self-compassion, be kind, gentle, and patient with ourselves. We should love ourselves in a humble way. As I said earlier, we are all worthy as children of God.



Prayer: Lord, God, help me be what you want me to be. Amen.

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October 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OCTOBER

2-3 YEAR OLD CLASS

October 6 Elsie and Ozzie Fogle
 October 13 Leslie Lovelace
 October 20 Leslie Lovelace
 October 27 Kathryn and Josh Nexsen

PRESCHOOL

October 6 Lessie Gayle and Ed Dickson
 October 13 Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
 October 20 Kaye Borgstedt
 October 27 Jane Jeffords

ELEMENTARY

October 6 Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
 October 13 Melissa and Tripp Plummer
 October 20 Geni and David Gillespie
 October 27 Susan and Jimmy Smoak

GENERAL FUND 2019

	For month ending August 31, 2019	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income		\$32,270.16	\$316,497.76
General Fund Budgeted Expenses		<u>\$41,445.09</u>	<u>\$305,542.45</u> *
		(\$ 9,174.93)	\$ 10,955.31

* Includes 1st and 2nd quarter total of \$10,000 transfer to Missions account.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

October 6 Adicks
 October 13 Dangerfield
 October 20 Richardson
 October 27 Axson