

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWS & NOTES FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VICKSBURG, MS

In the words of John Calvin, "We must make the invisible kingdom visible in our midst," and at First Presbyterian, we take these words to heart in our commitment to serve and make a difference. In the aftermath of the devastating tornadoes that struck Rolling Fork, we have been actively engaged in relief efforts. From providing shelter and essential home goods to individuals like Miss Ophelia, to extending our support during Christmas to those who've lost loved ones, such as a brave grandmother raising four grandchildren after the tragic loss of her daughter, we aim to make the invisible pain visible and offer a helping hand.

Our dedication to making the invisible kingdom visible knows no borders. In the face of conflict in Israel, we answered the call to support our missionaries amid the turmoil following the Hamas attacks. Closer to home, when our food pantry faced increased demand during the fall, we ensured that extra provisions were provided to feed those in need during the holiday season. The spirit of giving continued as we extended a helping hand to the River City Rescue Mission, supplying blankets, cots, and other essentials to shelter individuals during the frigid cold weather.

These examples are just a glimpse into the myriad ways First Presbyterian is actively making the invisible church visible, both domestically and internationally. It's a testament to our belief that kindness knows no boundaries, and by embodying the principles of compassion and generosity, we illuminate the invisible kingdom within our midst.

A heartfelt thank you to all for your incredible generosity through tithing! If you're interested in being a part of our Mission and Outreach Committee, feel free to reach out to Shelley Tingle (shelleytingle@gmail.com). Together, we can continue making a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

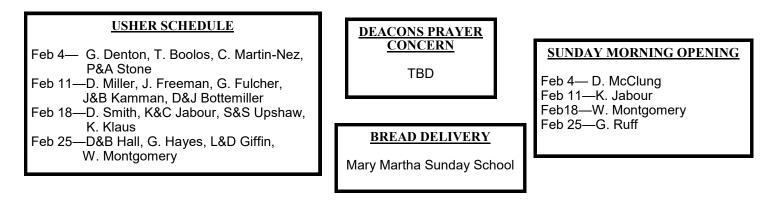
Serving Him, Mission & Outreach Team (Jennifer Grey, Debbie Haworth, Blake Teller, Fred Newcomb) Shelley Tingle, Chair

601-636-1200

РLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL OUR PRAYER CONCERN LINE

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February Schedule of Duties



NURSERY Coordinator-Stacey Teller	MEALS ON WHEELS		
Shell White & Sharon Harris	Friday, February 2 Tuesday, February 27		
Feb 4 — Addison/Annslee Averett			
Feb 11— Christian Harris	Mac N CheeseCookieB. HallB. Gage	J. Blackburn P. Gee	
Feb 18— Ryan Hadley Grey	B. Kamman S. Lambi C. McClung S. Penley		
Feb 25— Sydney Sullivan	D. McClung R. Gay	B. Gage P. Gouras A. Harris L. Peyton D. Rankin	

First Presbyterian Church Financial Report Summary - December 2023

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	2023	2023	2023	2023
	Dec	YTD	Budget	YTD %
Regular Fund Income:	98,829.05	691,965.78	664,931.00	104.07%
Regular Fund Expenses:				
Salary & Benefits	40,427.69	351,195.42	357,056.00	98.36%
Building and Property	5,677.70	44,093.75	61,500.00	71.70%
Operations	14,811.10	170,678.09	149,100.00	114.47%
Christian Education	2,091.21	14,524.67	20,625.00	70.42%
Worship	689.55	5,542.50	7,750.00	71.52%
Renewal & Fellowship	481.04	10,530.57	19,700.00	53.45%
Evangelism & Communications	0.00	650.20	0.00	
Outreach and Benevolence	16,342.04	34,719.95	40,000.00	86.80%
Denominational Relations	9,200.00	9,200.00	9,200.00	100.00%
Total Regular Fund Expenses:	89,720.33	641,135.15	664,931.00	96.42%
Total Regular Fund Income/(Loss)	9,108.72	50,830.64		
Kindergarten Net Income	(5,890.30)	2,880.32		
Total Financial Report Income/(Loss)	3,218.42	53,710.94		

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYS FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY.



Captain Robinson Bash Brown, Army, son of Rev. and Mrs. Tim Brown Corporal Christopher Harris Wilkinson, Marine Corp, nephew of Anne Gee Captain Jimbo Bodron, Army, son of Jim and Donna Bodron Staff Sergeant Kyle Butler, Army, cousin of Suzanne Means Lieutenant Colonel Sam Berryhill, Airforce, nephew-in-law of Jim Chaney Diplomatic Security Special Agent Clifton Jeffery, Jr., Diplomatic Security Service, friend of Dale and Cindy McClung Staff Sergeant Eric Roberts, Airforce, nephew of Marianne Floyd. Lieutenant Colonel Dustin Owen, Air Force, nephew of Richard and Rebecca Hunt. Captain Cailin Penley Console, Air Force, niece of Sharon Penley.



Carmen Jabour Wynette McBeth Mary Reed

Please call the church office at (601) 636-1200 if you know of a church member who has entered the hospital.

Thoughts and Prayer.

OUR CONTINUING PRAYER MINISTRY for within our congregational family, giving thanks to their lives:
February 4— Greg, Lynn, Jacob and Annabeth Bre Matthew Brewer; and Tony Brogdor
February 11—Neil and Rebecca Brooks; Ronnie, A Tim, Le, Bash, Ben, Juliana, and An
February 18—Eddie, Megan, Addie Shaw, Ruth A Buelow; and Scotty and Helen Bulte
February 25—William, Heather, Blaine, Bree and Darrington and Fisher Carraway
FEBRUA Birthday
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

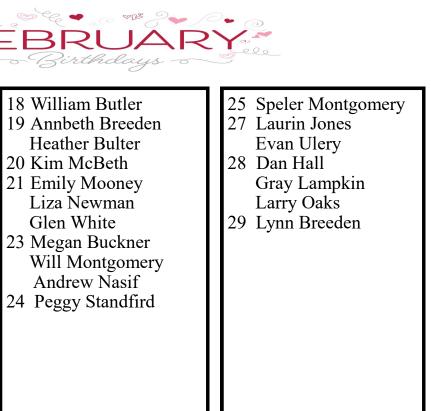
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nie, Amy, Joshua and Parker Brown; and d Anna Ware Brown

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e and Cole Butler; Nancy Carr and Bert, Cori, ay



Children's Ministry News



Sunday School:

With the guidance of their very dedicated teachers, the children will be learning about the beginnings of the Church as they continue with The Gospel Project curriculum.

Pre-K(3) through 1st grade meet in the Rainbow Room (113) $2^{nd} - 6^{th}$ Graders meet upstairs in the Joyful Noise Room (204)



Wednesday Night Activities:

4:30 pm Choir Interns

- Wonderful Wednesday Meal 5:00 pm
- Bible Study, Games, & Crafts 6:00 pm

Working our way through Exodus as we continue our study of the Old Testament Beginning to learn some Biblical doctrine using The New City Catechism for Kids which was recommended by Pastor Tim





Youth Sunday School: Please join this Spring us as the youth continue their survey of the New Testament, focusing particularly on the Gospels. Youth Sunday School meets at 9:30 am in the teen room. Let us all praise God for His sacrifice in Christ and encourage our youth to strive to live a life that glorifies Him and bears witness to His awesome love and enduring faithfulness.

Please mark your calendars for February 11th. The Youth will be supporting and serving our annual Souper bowl of Caring event to benefit the local food pantry. All are encouraged to donate a pot of soup to raise funds for this worthy cause.



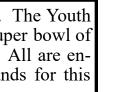


Is God calling you to serve in His Kingdom through youth ministry? If so, please prayerfully consider His call and the gifts with which you have been blessed. If you have any questions about opportunities for service feel free to reach out to a member of the Youth Ministry Team.

The Youth Ministry Team earnestly requests your continued prayers for our youth ministry. Please pray that the Lord might fill their hearts with the Holy Spirit, convict each soul of their need for Christ, encourage them to rest in His one, perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, and order their lives unto service in His Kingdom, giving thanks for his immeasurable grace.

Youth News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!







Wednesday night fellowship will be resuming in February and we encourage youth attendance for this sweet time of fellowship and Bible study.



Plans are underway to update the team room so it might better accommodate our youth. With the help of our youth, we hope to have the updates completed within the next few months.