

# NEWS & NOTES

FROM

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### VICKSBURG, MS

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### April Schedule of Duties

#### USHER SCHEDULE

April 7— D. Smith, K&C Jabour, S&S Upshaw,  
K. Klaus  
April 14—D&B Hall, G. Hayes, L&D Giffin,  
W. Montgomery  
April 21—E. McCaskill, M. Fant, G. Ruff,  
M&P Fulghum  
April 28—G. Denton, J&M Chaney, C. Sullivan  
P. Cashman, J Cashman

#### BREAD DELIVERY

Mary Martha Sunday School

#### SUNDAY MORNING OPENING

April 7— G. Ruff  
April 14—K. Klaus  
April 21—G. Denton  
April 28—D. McClung

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

##### Friday, April 5

##### Mac N Cheese

B. Hall  
B. Kamman  
C. McClung  
D. McClung  
R. Gay

##### Cookies

J. Bottemiller  
D. Fenwick  
D. Miller

##### Tuesday, March 26

##### Casseroles

M. Barlow  
G. Fulcher  
M. Finney  
P. Fulghum  
S. Hampton  
R. Hunt  
B. Milhalyka  
D. Miller

##### Cookies

M. Johnson  
B. Cashman  
A. Sherard

#### NURSERY

Coordinator-Stacey Teller

Shell White & Sharon Harris

April 7 — Addison/Annslee Averett  
April 14— Christian Harris  
April 21— Ryan Hadley Grey  
April 28— Sydney Sullivan

Dear friends,

Our God is so amazing! He is at work in our lives at every turn. Always two steps (or 200) ahead of me. “Thank you Jesus,” is my favorite phase. When you thank Him for everything He does for you, you too will be amazed at how often you will say it too. I never know God’s plan for me, as He surprises me a good bit. He must like a good laugh watching over me. My response to Him is always “Yes, Jesus.” When I was asked to serve as an Elder, I knew it was really God who was at work in my life. I know He must have a plan for me to serve, because I would have never picked me....If I don’t know what I am doing, or where I am supposed to lead, I take great comfort that He does. “*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*” Romans 8:28. I am simply to pray that He will show me His way, and trust in His sovereign will. I want to thank my fellow Elders for their patience with me, and also for faithfully and humbly modeling the role of Ruling Elder.

As the team leader of the Communication and Evangelism team, along with Beth Ann Grey, who heads up our online presence, we will be exploring new ways to reach out to more people through our social media platforms. We are hoping to not only increase our outreach, but also to enrich our content. Along with Kari Dupree, we are considering additional ways to distribute our newsletter, since our cost to mail have increased greatly. Our outreach not only needs to go out to our church members, but also out into the community.

As you are aware, we have had many members move, but I’m also so grateful that we have had new members join. Soon, we hope to finalize the new church pictorial and distribute it to everyone. We are also considering the use of new social media platforms and apps that will aid Elders and Deacons to communicate more effectively, so that everyone is informed instantly, and on the same page at all times.

I had no idea there were so many moving parts to serving the church! The moving parts are our wonderful, tireless, members who graciously volunteer in so many capacities and on committees. It really is amazing what all is going on in our church. It takes a “fellowship of all believers.” Communicating that to everyone through the newsletter, our website, the bulletin, and our Face Book page is our goal. If you have NEWS, pictures, stories, or events please send your information to us to share. Also, if you’re on Face Book, please follow us!

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Evangelism is not just one person’s job, but the job of everyone in the church. It is my goal to encourage everyone to participate by creating a master plan. Even now, there are simple and easy ways we can all spread the Gospel. My personal way, is to make sure my family and friends are constantly invited to worship. I personally challenge myself to see how many rows we can fill up each Sunday! I also share the Gospel by loving my neighbor as myself, by helping people, and by improving our community. I am lovingly, carefully, gently, and passionately, obeying what He’s asked of me. So go saints! Fill up your pews! Love thy neighbor! Care for your community! And spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

I Peter 3:15 reads, “But Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

In Christ,

Mary Jane Fant

First Presbyterian Church  
Financial Report Summary - February 2024

	2024 Feb	2024 YTD	2024 Budget	2024 YTD %
Regular Fund Income:	43,001.23	89,519.65	0.00	
Regular Fund Expenses:				
Salary & Benefits	26,607.88	53,330.66	0.00	
Building and Property	6,029.74	9,138.40	0.00	
Operations	10,451.18	30,138.99	0.00	
Christian Education	810.24	402.80	0.00	
Worship	672.06	707.81	0.00	
Renewal & Fellowship	2,001.17	2,202.62	0.00	
Evangelism & Communications	0.00	365.00	0.00	
Outreach and Benevolence	0.00	512.35	0.00	
Denominational Relations	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Regular Fund Expenses:	46,572.27	96,798.63	0.00	
Total Regular Fund Income/(Loss)	(3,571.04)	(7,278.98)		
Kindergarten Net Income	228.41	4,082.84		
Total Financial Report Income/(Loss)	(3,342.63)	(3,196.14)		

March 2024 Session Highlights

Session met for its stated meeting on March 19, 2024 at 5:15 in the office conference room.

**Mission & Outreach:** Walter Frazier with Grace Counseling met with the session to extend his thanks to First Pres-Vicksburg for our longstanding commitment to their ministry.

**Operations:** Finances for the Month of February were approved.

**Youth Disciples:** Summer Retreat/Camp possibilities are being considered for our Youth.

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**Old Business:** The session is continuing their work to update the church rolls.

**Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to:**

Aileen Russell, Doyle family, and Herrle family in the loss of Allen Murphy who entered the Church Triumphant on March 8, 2024

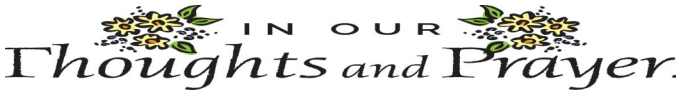
Martin and Kim Pace in the loss of Kim's father, Richard Preis Marcus who entered the Church Triumphant on March 17, 2024



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Carmine Bell      Donna Ingram  
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.



**OUR CONTINUING PRAYER MINISTRY** for April lifts up the names of these within our congregational family, giving thanks to God and asking for His blessings to fill their lives:

April 7— Paul and Dianne Different; Chris and Glenda Dixon; and David and Penny Downey

April 14—Neal, Holley, Paxton and Bowen Downey; Josh and Jessica Carlucci; and Mike, Anne , Caitlin and Ryan Doyle

April 21—Earl and Gwen Edris; Angela Ellis; and Josh, Katie, Cade and Evella Fairley

April 28—Matt and Mary Jane Fant; Dot Fenwick; and Johnny and Tondia Ferracci

Paul and I want to thank our entire church family for the prayers, cards, meals, gifts, visits and love. I felt every prayer and truly believe it is why I have not experienced a painful recovery. Your prayers for removal of the cast with a replacement of a boot worked and I was able to enjoy John and Whitney's wedding more comfortably. We are blessed!

Paul and Donna Ingram



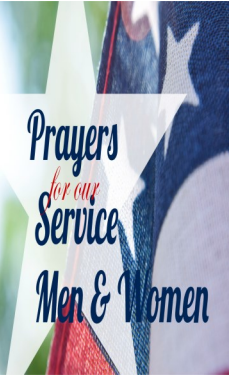
2 Rebecca Brooks  
4 Maggie McLean  
Jeb Tingle  
6 Neal Downey  
Max Klaus  
Rosalind Ledbetter  
7 Madge Finney  
8 Emily Harper Averett  
Peggy Fulghum  
Tommye Strickland  
10 Bill Harris  
Carmen Jabour  
11 Waid Barfield

13 Amy Brown  
Kyle Klaus  
15 Suzanne Braddock  
Sue Nichols  
16 Jeremy Finney  
17 Eloise Mooney  
Braddock Oaks  
18 Jean Blue  
Beth Hall  
Elsie Wilkinson  
19 Matthew Register  
20 Lane Hynum  
Peggy Thomas  
Anne Wylie  
21 Mary Reed

22 Peggy Gouras  
Andrea Mathis  
23 Tim Ruff  
24 Sarah Ruth Andrews  
John Ingram  
25 Drew Bottemiller  
Shane Upshaw  
26 Justin Atwood  
Chris Dixon  
27 Luella Lambiotte  
Jill Shirley  
29 Jennifer Grey  
30 Jessica Ruff  
Helen Smith

**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.





# Children's Ministry News

## Sunday School:

The children are learning about the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church as they continue to study the New Testament using The Gospel Project Curriculum.

Pre-K(3) through 1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in the Rainbow Room (113) with Laurie Malik, Randy Sherard, Phyllis Gebhart, & Gareth Lampkin.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders meet upstairs in the Joyful Noise Room (204) with Betty Kamman & Dennis Coulter



## Wonderful Wednesday Activities:

4:30 pm Choir Interns (with Barbara Tracy)  
5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday Meal  
6:00 pm Bible Study, Games, & Crafts (with Beth Hall, Anne Gee, & Phyllis Gebhart)

- Working our way through the Old Testament and learning how it relates to the New Testament as well as to our lives today
- Continuing to learn some Biblical doctrine using The New City Catechism for Kids which was recommended by Pastor Tim

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# Youth News



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Youth Sunday School: : Please join 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.

Wednesday night fellowship has resumed, and we encourage Youth attendance for this sweet time of fellowship and Bible study. It begins at 6:00 pm.



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 team is gauging interest in a Summer Youth Camp "Epic 24" sponsored by our Presbytery (Gulf-South Presbytery of the EPC) which will take place at the Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, MS-June 3-7. <https://www.epcmarshalltx.org/pages/epic-24>. This looks to be a fun, exciting, and edifying event. More information about the camp can be accessed through the links at the bottom of the webpage. If you are interested in attending, please let a member of the youth team know as soon as possible. Deadline for registration is April 9th.

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.