

July 2024



## News & Notes

FROM

First Presbyterian Church

Vicksburg, MS

### **PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN**

It is my pleasure to serve as Elder overseeing the operation of our Preschool and Kindergarten Ministry sponsored by our church. It has been in the very capable hands of Jennifer Coulter for the past twenty-four years. The school has been in operation for over fifty-seven years in our church.

I asked Jennifer to share with me what it has meant to her over the past twenty-four years. As follows, this is what she told me: “This program has been touching our church and the community and making an impact on children and adults since August of 1967. The need for quality, affordable childcare in our area has never been more vital. It is becoming harder and harder for our young, working parents to find and afford a suitable childcare center. With God’s love and continued blessing, we are able to offer a program that is not only based in God’s word, but provides a safe loving environment for children to learn and thrive. As Christians providing for God’s children, it is our duty to provide His children with the needed resources and confidence to grow into loving Christian adults. A child that hears God’s word will carry that truth with them their entire life. A child is not a vessel to be filled, but a lamp to be lit. Please support this community outreach mission by praying for us daily, attending our programs and telling others we are here to serve. Help us light a child’s lamp and set them on the path to lifelong success.”

School is out for summer vacation. According to Jennifer, next year’s enrollment has already been filled. As church members, let’s give Jennifer, the 10 staff members and approximately 68 young students our support for the coming year by praying for them and supporting their programs throughout the year.

In His Service,

Fred Peyton

## June 2024 Session Meeting Highlights

Session met for its stated meeting on June 18, 2024, at 5:15pm in the office conference room.

**Operations:** May 2024 finances were received and approved.

**Endowment:** End of May Endowment Fund \$589,887.34.

**Adult Discipleship:** Unified Sunday school for Adults and Youth will be soon be concluding *The Holiness of God* and will soon begin *Chosen by God* by RC Sproul.

**Youth Discipleship:** A summer rafting trip is being considered. SOS forms have been emailed to parents. Plans are underway to paint the youth room this summer.

**Communication & Evangelism:** Will begin work on new church directory.

**Mission & Outreach:** Witness Season offering will be split between Food Pantry and EPC World Outreach Critical Need fund.

**New Business:** Motion approved to transfer Evana Bock's membership to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson MS.

### Financial Report Summary - May 2024

	2024 May	2024 YTD	2024 Budget	2024 YTD %
<b>Regular Fund Income:</b>	<b>37,818.63</b>	<b>275,088.71</b>	<b>697,904.00</b>	<b>39.42%</b>
<b>Regular Fund Expenses:</b>				
<b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	28,411.48	138,421.83	368,129.00	<b>37.60%</b>
<b>Building and Property</b>	3,018.02	14,228.66	42,900.00	<b>33.17%</b>
<b>Operations</b>	8,827.58	73,655.13	168,600.00	<b>43.69%</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>	435.52	1,368.93	35,375.00	<b>3.87%</b>
<b>Worship</b>	(52.46)	1,071.20	7,750.00	<b>13.82%</b>
<b>Renewal &amp; Fellowship</b>	2,595.59	5,163.20	29,450.00	<b>17.53%</b>
<b>Evangelism &amp; Communications</b>	0.00	400.58	0.00	
<b>Outreach and Benevolence</b>	0.00	7,512.35	36,500.00	<b>20.58%</b>
<b>Denominational Relations</b>	0.00	0.00	9,200.00	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Regular Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>43,235.73</b>	<b>241,821.88</b>	<b>697,904.00</b>	<b>34.65%</b>
<b>Total Regular Fund Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(5,417.10)</b>	<b>33,266.83</b>		
<b>Kindergarten Net Income</b>	3,199.02	11,664.84		
<b>Total Financial Report Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(2,218.08)</b>	<b>44,931.67</b>		

## Witness Season

As we enter the Witness Season, we have a unique opportunity to extend our care and compassion to those in need. This year, all donations will support two critical causes: our local storehouse community food pantry and the EPC World Outreach Critical Need fund for refugee care.

Your generosity will help ensure that families in our community do not go hungry and that refugees, facing unimaginable hardships, receive the essential aid they desperately need. Together, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of many, embodying the true spirit of Witness Season.

Thank you for your support and commitment to these vital missions.

Serving Him,

Shelley Tingle-Chair of Missions and Outreach



IF YOU HAVE MISSED any of the Summer Sunday School video series or are interested in joining and would like to review the missed sessions, please find the links below.

**The Importance of Holiness:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIGAjoqBhhU&list=PL30acyfm60fVpGc7Eo--3S6w1kdhXY9Cb&index=1&pp=iAQB>

**The Trauma of Holiness:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLhykZY3v3U&list=PL30acyfm60fVpGc7Eo--3S6w1kdhXY9Cb&index=2&pp=iAQB>

**Holiness and Justice:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSDuiULbFf4&list=PL30acyfm60fVpGc7Eo--3S6w1kdhXY9Cb&index=3&pp=iAQB>

**The Insanity of Luther:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2StKxMKWfbU&list=PL30acyfm60fVpGc7Eo--3S6w1kdhXY9Cb&index=4&pp=iAQB>

**The Meaning of Holiness:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K96e1tK7eN4&list=PL30acyfm60fVpGc7Eo--3S6w1kdhXY9Cb&index=5&pp=iAQB>

**The Holiness of Christ:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9RXKQQoJlQ&list=PL30acyfm60fVpGc7Eo-->

## Upcoming Events



VICKSBURG  
ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY  
& CHAMBER CHOIR  
PRESENT A  
*A Patriotic Concert*  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH  
2:00PM**  
AT THE  
SOUTHERN CULTURAL HERITAGE  
CENTER'S AUDITORIUM  
ON THE CORNER OF CHERRY AND  
CRAWFORD STREETS

THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE  
AT THE DIRECTION OF  
JACE McMULLIN, EdD,  
WCHS HEAD BAND  
DIRECTOR

ENTRY IS FREE  
DONATIONS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED



**Patriotic Hymn Sing  
and  
Bell Ring**  
**Sunday, June 30**  
**12 NOON**  
JOIN US IN FLORAL HALL  
FOR A SALAD LUNCH

**HYMN SING AND BELL RING TO IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOW LUNCH IN THE SANCTUARY**

Call the Church  
Office by June 27  
to reserve your  
spot!

## JULY Birthdays

July 2—Mary Jane Fant, Jason Mooney	July 22—Bob Cunny
July 3—Cindy Martin-Nez	July 23—Hartley Sullivan
July 5—Jeff Averett	July 24—Parker Brown
July 6—Leon Gilmer	July 25—Martin Pace
July 7—Mickey Robertson	July 27—Tressie Pace
July 8—Riley Lampkin	July 29—Hal Gage, Pete Stone
July 9—Suzanne Artman, Kaylan Means	July 30—Ansley Fulcher Hinton, Hunt Gilliland
July 10—Addison Averett	July 31—Bess Averett, Denesha Curtis, Holley Downey, Paxton Downey, Billie Sue Ulery
July 15—Wayne Scott	
July 16—Jessica Downey Carlucci, Sammie Haney	
July 17—Cameron Hynum	
July 18—Mary Sullivan	
July 19—Kathy Goza	
July 20—Deb Mitchell	

# Youth News

**Youth Sunday School:** This Summer our Youth are encouraged to meet in Ward Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a time of congregational fellowship followed by Sunday School in the Chapel. We are currently enjoying two video series by Dr. R.C. Sproul, “The Holiness of God” and “Chosen by God.” If you have missed some of the videos and would like to catch up, they are available on YouTube.



The Youth have a white-water rafting retreat scheduled for July 26-28 on the Ocoee River, just east of Chattanooga, TN. If you have not signed up but would like to, please contact Will Montgomery as soon as possible. We also hope to put together a few more fellowship opportunities as the Summer progresses. Stay tuned for more details as they materialize.



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

The Vessell family in the loss of Ann Vessell, who entered the Church Triumphant on June 9, 2024.

## Prayer Concerns

Each week I send out a prayer concern email listing family and friends we are praying for as they battle cancer or other illness, celebrate a joyful event, etc. There are slips provided on the coffee table in Ward Hall. Please list anyone you would like to add, or provide updates to the list. The email is generally sent on Monday afternoon.

If you would like to be added to those receiving prayer concerns, please add your email address to the bottom of the slip.

Thank you,

Pam Gee





*One of the greatest gifts of love is prayer*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Carmine Bell

Dan Hall

Bill Harris

Donna Ingram

Wynette McBeath

Hal Morgan

Mary Reed

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

July 7—Cindy Martin-Nez; Wynette McBeath; and Eric, Becky, Jeremy, and Melanie McCaskill

July 14—Dale and Cindy McClung; Sally, Maggie, Lily and Charles McLean; and Johnny and Suzanne Means

July 21—Beverly Mihalyka; Don and Deanna Miller; and Deborah Mitchell

July 28—Jerry, Speler, Sara, John Ellis, Gage, and Mary Ruth Montgomery; Will, Laura, William, and Lucy Montgomery; and Jason, Emily, Turner and Eloise Mooney



**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, Air Force, 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, Air Force, nephew of Marianne Floyd

Captain Cailin Penley Console, Air Force, niece of Sharon Penley

SPC Luke Hindman, nephew of Rev. and Mrs. Tim Brown



# JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12:00 Al-Anon	3 6:00 Small Groups	4 Office closed Happy 4th July	5 10:15 Meals on Wheels Office closed Happy 4th July	6
7 9:30 Summer Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8	9 12:00 Al-Anon	10 4:00 New Officer Training 6:00 Small Groups	11	12	13
14 9:30 Summer Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15	16 12:00 Al-Anon 5:15 Session	17 4:00 New Officer Training 6:00 Small Groups	18	19 12:00 News-letter deadline	20
21 9:30 Summer Sunday School 10:30 Worship	22	23 10:15 Meals on Wheels 12:00 Al-Anon	24 4:00 New Officer Training 6:00 Small Groups	25	26 Youth Rafting Trip	27 Youth Rafting Trip
28 9:30 Summer Sunday School 10:30 Worship Youth Rafting Trip	29	30 12:00 Al-Anon	31 4:00 New Officer Training 6:00 Small Groups			

# July Schedule of Duties

## USHER SCHEDULE

July 7— D. Miller, J. Freeman, G. Fulcher, B&J  
Kamman, D&J Bottemiller

July 14—D. Smith, K&C Jabour, S&S Upshaw,  
K. Klaus

July 21—M. Corley, D. Jackson, G. Hayes, L&D  
Giffin, W. Montgomery

July 28—E. McCaskill, M. Fant, G. Ruff, M&P  
Fulghum

## SUNDAY MORNING OPENING

July 7— K. Klaus

July 14—G. Denton

July 21—D. McClung

July 28— K. Jabour

## NURSERY COORDINATOR-STACEY TELLER

### Shell White & Sharon Harris

July 7— Shell/Sharon

July 14—Maggie Bell

July 21—Shell/Sharon

July 28—Ryan Hadley Grey

## CHURCH FLOWERS

July 7—Open Date

July 14—Betzebe Clarke

July 21—Kelly Cunny

July 28—Suzanne Braddock

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Friday, July 5

#### Mac N Cheese

Beth Hall

B. Kamman

C. McClung

D. McClung

R. Gay

#### Cookies

J. Bottemiller

D. Fenwick

D. Miller

### Tuesday, July 23

#### Casseroles

S. Braddock

M. Chaney

A. Ellis

M. Floyd

A. Gee

L. Martin

S. Means

A. Sherlock

#### Cookies

M. Johnson

B. Cashman

A. Sherard

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