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Just These Lines My Friends ...

We are a blessed people ... ! A simple ‘thank you’ seems so inadequate to express our gratefulness for all of the love shown to us during the Christmas season. You have showered us with blessings and gifts and they serve as a wonderful reminder that it is a special thing to be a part of the family of God and the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has been so faithful to us through the years despite my weaknesses, misgivings, and mistakes. So thank you again for your love, support, and generosity.

WOW! ...VISION 20/20 ... Thanks to your faithfulness and love for First Presbyterian Church, the balance of the construction loan is \$299,000.00 at the end of 2016. In one year, you helped reduced the balance from \$471,000.00 by \$172,000.00. December's year end offering for Vision 20/20 principal was nearly \$73,000.00. Praise the Lord for His goodness and your faithfulness and generosity!

We look forward to starting back FEAST on Wednesday, January 11. We start serving our meal each Wednesday at 5:00 pm and then each age group enjoys a Bible study. The adults will be using another Max Lucado video / Bible study called 3:16 that is based on one of the most famous scriptures in the Bible, John 3:16; **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."**

Our new officers will be installed on Sunday January 15, 2016. This will be an important service in the life of our new officers and your encouragement and support for their ministry means a bunch.

Finally, how about a new year's resolution that we can actually keep! 'Many of our New Year's resolutions may actually accelerate our pace of life instead of helping us to slow down. In a quest for great productivity and efficiency, we over schedule our days, then rush through meals, drive impatiently, and wonder why the joy of living eludes us.

Carol Odell, who writes a business advice column, says that slowing down can positively affect our lives at work and at home. She believes that rushing can cloud our judgment and cause us to overlook important things and valuable people. Carol encourages everyone to slow down, and even suggests that radical idea of welcoming red traffic lights and using the waiting time to meditate.

In Psalm 1 there is no hint of a frenzied pace. It describes a person who enjoys the blessing of God. Instead of thinking and acting like those who rarely consider spiritual matters, **“His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night”** (v. 2). The result is a fruitful life and a well-nourished soul (v. 3).

Isaiah wrote, **“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You”** (Isaiah 26:3). Just for the rest of this week, try thinking about that verse whenever you have to wait. Isn't it time for all of us to slow down and live?

Grace & Peace

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YOUTH MINISTRY

New Year, New Resolutions, Same Good Gospel

With a New Year comes new resolutions. These promises, these *weighty little* promises, both motivate us and terrify us. They're motivational because they are attainable goals that stretch us, yet they're terrifying because we aren't very good at keeping our promises. This is such an incredible reminder of the gospel: God is faithful even when we're not (1 Timothy 2:13).

He is faithful even when we miss a ballgame.

He is faithful even when our parenting massively fails.

He is faithful even when we can't do another load of laundry.

As you greet each new day of the new year, may you "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-2).

The RYM @ Colorado dates this summer are ***June 12th-17th***, but we'll need to add a day before and after those dates for travel. So, please let me know before **January 23rd** if your youth plans on going. More details coming soon about costs and schedules.

Michael

SOUPS ON!

January is SOUP month! Colonel Sanders and the Holy Smokes will be preparing their famous gumbo and taco soup, grilled cheese, and dessert on Sunday, January 8th, immediately after church services. If the weather is any indication of how cold January will be, soup will be good for our souls!

DEACONS' STEW SALE

On **January 28th**, the Deacons will have a stew sale at the church. Pickup will be at 11:00 AM and \$10.00 a quart is the suggested donation price. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office to reserve your stew today! We must have a minimum commitment of 35 gallons to have this sale for the Deacons' Fund.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS

It is that time of year! Time to use your God given talents to serve Him! Committee sign-up sheets are posted on the Bulletin Board. Please prayerfully consider where He needs you to volunteer. We have added a new committee this year! If you have a desire to cook, serve, and/or clean-up, Colonel Sanders and the Holy Smokes would love for you to join them. There is a place for EVERYONE to serve.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

December's Circle was a great way to celebrate by learning more about Christ through Luke, bringing wrapped presents for the Patterson Center clients, and enjoying food and fellowship with women of faith at First Presbyterian Church.

January's meeting will be Monday, January 16th at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Darla Tucker will continue our study of Luke. Our mission area is to provide boxes of tissues and large bottles of hand sanitizer to the middle school. It is cold and flu season and this donation is always a welcome sight for the teachers and children alike.

Come join the Circle, bring a friend, and be blessed!

Blessings,

Vickie Sorrells

Let's GADABOUT!

We had a fun and lively crowd at the Gadabouts Christmas Party! The Rockettes performed (via DVD), a great meal was prepared by the best cooks in Trenton, competition was stiff during BINGO (because there were prizes!), and Tony Burriss topped the festivities off with some sing-a-long Christmas songs! A good time was had by all!

January's adventure will be a little closer to home so if the weather turns bad we can cancel and reschedule easily. The plan is to go to Dumplins' in Jackson for lunch and then to a movie. It is too early to firm up the

movie we will see; so, stay tuned and watch for announcements in the bulletin and information on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

In case you are wondering who can be a Gadabout, you must answer these questions: Do you like to have fun? Do you like to eat? Do you enjoy being with other people who want to have fun? Do you enjoy going places and attending events in West Tennessee and the surrounding area? If you answered **YES** to any one of these questions, you can be a Gadabout! No membership dues, roll isn't taken, and no penalties are assessed if you don't come! It is the "perfect" group to participate with for fun and fellowship!

With all of that being said: It's a new year and a new **GADABOUTS** season!

Come join the fun and fellowship!

In Christ,

-Brenda Horner

We are the ChurchTogether!

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Christian Hardaway and family in the death of Billy Hardaway.....Welcome to our two newest members. Brian Casey and his son Tanner Casey united with the Church recently!.....Thanks to the Arty Quenon Family, The Justin Weaver Family, John and Sunni Cope and family , Eric and Christy Allen , the Brian Casey Family, and the Todd Hensley Family who presented the Advent Devotional during morning worship services and for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Christmas Day.....Sunday School classes have enjoyed Christmas parties, some white elephant gifts, games, ugly sweater contests, and loads of delicious food!.....Once again the Christmas variety Show was one-of-a-kind. .“The Church Lady” played her role perfectly as emcee . The children were precious in their portrayal of “The Manger Scene”, and we were blessed to have a real baby represent Baby Jesus as Michael, Jade and Sophia McEwen were Joseph, Mary and Jesus! Our teens gave dramatic performances, signing, and group singing! The Presbyterian Orchestra is superb, and the vocal presentations were wonderfulfrom the ridiculous to the sublime!.....The Choir made their annual visit to Harlan Morris Home to cheer the residents there.....The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M. gave a blessing for us all. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year !

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Prayers of the People

HEALTH CONCERNS: Faye and John Keel, Lorrie Barton, Jack and Brenda Ragan, John and Jean Pollard

CARE LIST: Martha Freeman, Charlotte Nowell, Marilynn & Milton Dick, Dr. Esther Harbert, Hazel Stewart, Henretta Jackson.

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY: Martha Lyn Brown, Mark Crocker, Dennis Ryan Patrick, Sarah Henley, Martha Lyn Brown, Harrell Swindle, Nancy Jones, Al Hunt, Martha Hammonds, Phil McCoy, William Joyner, Stephanie Jones, Linda Davis, Betty Duncan, Betty and Jackie Walker, Lyndsey Brooks, Martha Hammonds, Tim Kelly, Howard Gallahaire, Lanny Poteet Sr., Billy Coble, Earl Wayne Avery, Pat Zarecor, Marilyn Holder, Hank Thurman, Kim Drew, Nancy Johnson, Jane Cooper, Elaine Lowery, Lyn Smith, David Clifton, Jo David Richardson, Don Presler, Ed Joyner, W. C. Petty, Andrew Burnson, Ray Carlson, Randall Ricketts, Larry Combs, Pam Joyce, Bobby Glover, .

THE FAMILIES OF: Billy Hardaway, Kathy Gant, Fortner Baby, Kay Simpson, Charlie Jones, Carolyn Steele, Mary Edith Seward, Arlene Poteet, Billy Coffman, Frankie Crum, Willidean Billups, Brian Hufstedler, Clarice Jones, Lillian Allen, Clyde Birmingham, Brenda Bass, Arlene Poteet.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Andrew Simmons, Corbin Gibson, Hunter Crockett.

OUR EPC MISSIONARY FAMILIES: The Unnerstalls, The Ingers, FPC Missionary Families.

Note: If you have someone you want to be on this prayer list, be sure to get their name on the weekly prayer lists at Sunday School or call the church office. Also, if you know of any of these names that need to be removed from this prayer list, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Financial Report NOV 2016		New Building Loan UPDATE NOV 2016
Bank Balance NOV 1	\$ 25,237.42	Final Expense: \$2,012,613.69
Income for Month		Total Income to Date: \$ 1,795,109.82
Contributions & Pledges	\$ 22,192.00	20/20 pledged thru 5/31/17: \$ 70,501.00
Designated Income	\$ 620.00	20/20 pledges received thru 11/30/16: \$ 64,515.00 (92%)
Interest from Checking	5.77	
Total Income for Month	\$ 22,817.77	
Total Funds for Month	\$ 48,055.19	Principle Loan Balance (11/30): \$ 375,784.66
Total Expenses for Month	\$ 24,144.80	
Cash Balance NOV 30	\$ 23,910.39	

LOOKING AHEAD:

	Nursery	Children’s Worship	
Feb. 5	Ginny Baker	Ashley Green/Scarlett Smith	
Feb. 12	Cyndi Crenshaw	Darla/Abbey Tucker	
Feb. 19	Sandra Gibson	M/M Robin Summers	
Feb. 26	Cindy Hankins	Jenny/John Wesley Williams	
ELDER: Betty Smith	DEACON: Kaleb Dinwiddie	ACOLYTE: Emma Kate Mathis	
USHERS:			
Betty Smith Kaleb Dinwiddie Kenny Smith Ken Mathis			

OFFICERS INSTALLATION/ORDINATION

The ordination and installation of the Officers for the Class of 2019 will be Sunday, January 15th. New officers for a three year term are: Elders - Eric Allen, Brenda Horner, Tom Proctor, and Betty Smith. Deacons - Lynn Cole, Cheryl Crider, Beth Nowell and Alice Shivers. Please come be a part of this special service to support these new officers.

VALENTINES DINNER - SAVE THE DATE

Save the date - ***FEBRUARY 11th*** - Colonel Sanders and the Holy Smokes will be hosting the annual Valentine's Dinner! Further announcements will be forthcoming soon!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for the new year are available on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. If your name is not on a box, please take an unlabeled one and that envelope number will be assigned to you when you use the first one.