

# First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### **CHURCH STAFF:**

**Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein,**Pastor

**Jennifer Johnson** Administrative Asst

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From your Session

Preparations are being made now for Duncanville's second TGIF (literally Thank God It's Friday), which is scheduled for Friday, April 10, this year's date for what is traditionally called "Good Friday".

Nine churches have agreed to be involved. Their Pastors and staff, along with choir members, will join together to tell the Good Friday story at Shine Auditorium at Duncanville High School.

Pastor Ginger has communicated with the ministers. They have agreed upon a script and each has an assigned part. . .That is a lot of work already done. The combined singers from all of the churches have had two rehearsals under the directorship of Nyadia Thorpe and accompanist Deborah Titus. Rehearsals are on Monday nights from 7-8 PM, here in the sanctuary at FPCD. There are 6 remaining rehearsals for the chorus before the performance, and it is not too late to join our joyful group of singers and invite and/or bring others. We remember the fun it was for the Community Chorus last year when we sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

It seems appropriate that there be a commitment from participants: pastors, singers, instrumentalists, sound and production crewmembers and people who attend the presentation. After all, TGIF is a retelling of the story of our Savior's commitment and sacrifice.

God works through us to bless our neighborhoods. We can do something positive to make our community a great place for all of the people. Just as with Jesus's example, it takes a community to make a sacrifice and take positive action. Come to the Good Friday Event (TGIF) and be one of those who makes a difference in the Duncanville area.

Marna









Think Tank met February 11, and though we were small, we were mighty! Jennifer Johnson, Dudley Austin and Sharon Ingram brainstormed some ways that FPCD could host A Year of Praying, A Year of Doing and A Year of Giving for our community. We have some big "doing and giving ideas" and we can't wait to share them with you. But.... you have to wait! We are taking a break while some of the church's other initiatives are taking off. We want everyone to support FPCD's Prayer Nights, we want the men to participate in the Men's Bible Study and for each and everyone who comes into our church to connect with a Small Group. With that being said, Think Tank will not meet again until Tuesday, May 14. We would love to have you join us then and will send out reminders beforehand. Please be thinking of ways that you would like our church to impact the community or ways that you can help Think Tank take some of our big "doing and giving ideas" into our city.

### **Women's Bible Study Groups**

The ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will gather in March for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading **Lesson 7** from "Love Carved in Stone... a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

The Sarah Circle will hold their meeting on Tuesday evening, March 10, at 7:00 pm at the home of Marna Bayless.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon, March 11, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

If you'd like to join either group or have any questions, please call Joan Brown (972.742.7997) about the evening group or Connie Steger (972.741.7932) about the afternoon group.



### March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM Community Chorus & Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	6 PM Lent Study & Dinner 6-8 PM Youth Group	6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	6	7
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## Worship Volunteer Schedule March 2020

March 1 Greeters Connie Steger & Joan Brown

**Ushers** Eugene Jimmerson & Bobby Reed

**Tellers** Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

Nursery Volunteer Sharon Ingram

**End of Service Ministry** Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand Communion Servers Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand Jack Pegues, Margaret Lewis, Jeff

Thorpe,

Marna Bayless, Darrell Ingram

**Communion Preparer** Connie Steger

March 8 Greeters Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson

Ushers Dub Guthrie & Paul Griffith
Tellers Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova

**Nursery Volunteer** Candice Morris **End of Service Ministry** Brenda Everett

March 15 Greeters Darlene Cowand

Ushers Darrell Ingram & Eugene Jimmerson

**Tellers** Brenda Everett & Linda Simons

Nursery Volunteer Jocelyn Bolles

End of Service Ministry Marna Bayless & Connie Steger

March 22GreetersDoris Metzger & Jocelyn BollesUshersBobby Reed & Dub Guthrie

**Tellers** Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis

Nursery Volunteer Doris Metzger

**End of Service Ministry** Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown

March 29 Greeters Jason Cordova

Larry Lewis & Jaime Cordova Blers Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

Jursery Volunteer Sharon Ingram

End of Service Ministry Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman

.m.q 05:3 — .m.q 05:9 — Fearless Youth Group
Fearless Youth

.m.s 21:9 — .m.s 08:01 — Christian Education Worship Service

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE** 

#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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### **March Birthdays**

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

David Gaskins, March 5 Irving Kezar, March 5 Nancy Bergman, March 9 Vincent Thorpe, March 9 Blake Gaskins, March 9 Jennifer Johnson, March 11 Vangie Jackson, March 12 Dudley Austin, March 17 Dick Bergman, March 23 Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24 Carol Orwig, March 31



#### 2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Jan	\$12,279	\$20.087