



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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From your Session

We are now into the second half of 2025. I thought I would discuss the financial status of the church. For the last few months our expenditures have exceeded the money from offerings. We have money saved from previous generous donations, so we have been able to stay in the black overall. We do not need to panic, but it is time to seek ways to change the situation.

What is the cause of this?

Costs have increased. Property insurance has had a steep increase in the last few years. Utility (electric, gas, water) prices have increased. Almost everything we buy has had a price increase. The number of giving units has decreased. We have had several members that have gone on to their rewards. We have some that can no longer attend because of their health. Many of our members are living on a fixed income. No matter how much additional they wish to donate, it is not possible.

What have we done about it?

We haven't replaced Katherine. The Hispanic church is cleaning the church so we no longer need a cleaning service. Darrell Ingram has volunteered to take over the bookkeeping. We will no longer have to pay someone to do it for us. We do not make any purchases if they can be delayed. Pastor Rachael has talked to a pastor of a large church about our situation. He then gave her some possible actions to increase income. This was at no cost to us.

What can the congregation do?

The first is to pray about the situation. Pray that God would give Pastor Rachael and the session guidance to find ways to

increase income while providing service to the community. Pray for an increase in donations. Pray for new members to share the load.

If you can increase your giving, please do so. I know for some of you on a fixed income that is not possible. Maybe you can donate time to help get the work done more easily. Maybe you have some ideas you can share that can help. We are always open to suggestions.

Our Church

Our church is vital to the community. Pastor Rachael is active in the ministers' group. The Member Care Team coordinates the monthly Parking Lot Ministry in reaching out to bless and encourage the parents picking up their students from Reed Middle School. We take part in the Flavor of Duncanville and have a float in the July 4 parade. We offer water and hotdogs for those who watch July 4 fireworks from our parking lot. We provide sandwiches each month to the Austin Street Shelter. We provide some support to several missionaries with whom we have a relationship. We are important. With prayer and some new projects, we should be able get through this rough patch.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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CALENDAR

August 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 Church Garage Sale 8am-3pm
3 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship Service, Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 AM Youth Worship Service	11	12	13 6PM Worship Planning Meeting 7PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Newsletter articles due!	16 9AM Men's Fellowship
17 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship Service, then Pot Luck, Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship Service, Session Meeting	25 Sandwiches Due!	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 AM Worship Service, 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal						

GLOBAL FOCUS

From the Ends of the Earth to Our Own Backyard....

The world feels smaller than ever. Headlines from far-off places – like Ukraine, Myanmar, the Middle East, the Amazon, and beyond – don't just fill our newsfeeds, they touch our lives here in Duncanville, shaping our mission, awakening our compassion, and fueling our prayers. But here's the good news – **God is at work**, and FPCD is part of it.

On Sunday, September 28th, come hear how the global workers supported by FPCD are sharing the love of Christ across cultures and continents. **Your support is bearing fruit** --- and we can't wait to share the stories.

That's not all – **the first three Sundays in October (5, 12, and 19)** will feature a ***Moment for Mission*** spotlight, along with special music to stir your heart.

And because food brings us together – **October 19** will close out the series with a **church potluck featuring international dishes**. (Let's stretch beyond pizza, folks!) What might you bring to the table?

Mark your calendar now, invite a friend, a neighbor, and come celebrate what God is doing through FPCD around the world!

Susan Walters

August Volunteer Schedule

Aug 3	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Communion Service Communion Preparer Liturgist	Dudley Austin Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Alvarez Nzoundja & Darlene Cowand Dennis Walters & Connie Steger Teresa Reed TBD
Aug 10	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Jocelyn Bolles Jaime Cordova & Volunteer needed Isaac McConnell & Brenda Everett Youth
Aug 17	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Connie Steger Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jimmy Cordova & Connie Steger TBD
Aug 24	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Sharon Ingram Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed Nyadia Thorpe & Nancy Bergman TBD
Aug 31	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Dudley Austin Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Dub Guthrie & Darlene Cowand TBD

God, create a pure heart in me.
Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you.

Psalm 51:10 (NIRV)

August 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.

Kathleen Hartless, August 6
Brenda Everett, August 17
Eddie Cowand, August 20
Lori Glover, August 23

Eugene Jimmerson, August 23
Jaime Cordova, August 24
Alvarez Nzoundja, August 30
Ruth Hara, August 31

FINANCES		
2025 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$ 9,011	\$ 18,654
Jan-June	\$ 107,829	\$ 143,942

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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