



# First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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### ***From your Session***

**Jeremiah 29:11:** *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".*

When we moved to the United States ten years ago, one of the biggest challenges for me was finding a church where I could truly worship God. I visited several churches, but I didn't feel any desire to become a member. During that time, I kept praying and asking God to guide me to a church that would feel like home.

It took nearly five years before I finally found a place where I could worship, pray, and, more importantly, experience genuine diversity, care, and heartfelt worship.

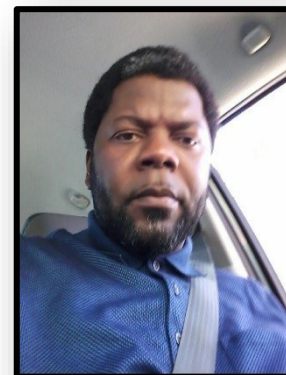
I remember that day as if it were yesterday. It was a Sunday, and I didn't have to work. I picked up my phone and searched for churches near me. I found a few, but I was surprised to see that the First Presbyterian Church of Duncanville (FPCD) was just a couple of miles from my house. I decided to attend that Sunday.

That single Sunday changed everything. I was amazed by how warmly the members welcomed new visitors and by the special time set aside for children during the service. It reminded me so

much of my home church. I told myself, **"This is the place I've been looking for."**

I decided to join, and I knew my three kids would enjoy being part of this church family too. Since then, my family and I have become members of FPCD. The verse from Jeremiah 29:11 beautifully defines the beginning of this chapter in our lives. I was simply searching for a church—but after five years, God gave me so much more. He led me to a place not only to worship, but to be surrounded by people who show compassion, love, and care. I am truly grateful to be part of FPCD and continue to pray that more people will be led to this church, according to God's will.

*Alvarez Nzoundja*



## GLOBAL FOCUS

**SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** is the first Sunday for FPCD Global Focus.

You don't want to miss this! You will hear how global workers supported by FPCD are sharing the love of Christ across cultures and continents.

BUT, it will not be just on this date! The following three Sundays will each feature **SPECIAL MUSIC**, plus a **MOMENT FOR MISSION** report from another part of the world.

*October 5<sup>th</sup>* (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

*October 12<sup>th</sup>* (Youth Sunday)

*October 19<sup>th</sup>* (International Sunday)

You will **HEAR** something of global interest on each of those Sundays

You will **SEE** a display of things from faraway places.

On International Sunday (potluck Sunday), you will **TASTE** some new foods,

*Plan to attend each of these services, invite a neighbor or a friend, and celebrate what God is doing through FPCD around the world!*

*Nancy Bergman*

## **Garage Sale**

Thanks to one and all who helped with the garage sale, whether you donated items, priced items, bought items, helped customers or otherwise participated in the event. We realized just over \$1,800 in sales and considered it a big success. Items that were not sold were donated to Duncanville Outreach Ministries and they were kind enough to come and pick up the items we boxed up for them. As you may have noticed there are still just a few items in Fellowship Hall. These items are advertised online for sale and while we have sold some of them, these few remain. They are headed to Duncanville Outreach Ministries as well if not sold in the next few days.

Thanks again to all. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
DUNCANVILLE  
CALENDAR

# September 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9AM Men's Fellowship
7 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)  10:30 AM Worship Service, Communion	8	9 4:00 PM Parking Lot Ministry (PLM)  7:00 PM Sarah Circle	10	11	12	13
14 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)  10:30 AM Youth Worship Service  12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00 PM MCT  Newsletter articles due!	16	17	18	19	20 9AM Men's Fellowship  11:00AM-3:00PM Fall Bash!
21 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)  10:30 AM Worship Service, then Pot Luck	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)  10:30 AM Global Focus Sunday  Session Meeting	29  Sandwiches Due!	30				

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

## September Volunteer Schedule

Sept 7	Greeter	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers	Jaime Cordova & Volunteer needed
	End of Service Prayer	Sharon Ingram & Brenda Everett
	Communion Service	Darrell Ingram & Jocelyn Bolles
	Communion Preparer	Nancy Bergman
	Liturgist	TBD
Sept 14	Greeter	Connie Steger
	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
	End of Service Prayer	Alvarez Nzoundja & Connie Steger
	Liturgist	Youth
Sept 21	Greeter	Sharon Ingram
	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
	End of Service Prayer	Isaac McConnell & Nancy Bergman
	Liturgist	TBD
Sept 28	Greeter	Dudley Austin
	Tellers	Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed
	End of Service Prayer	Jimmy Cordova & Darlene Cowand
	Liturgist	TBD

**And let us not grow weary of doing  
good, for in due season we will  
reap, if we do not give up.**

Galatians 6:9

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Christian Education**  
**Worship Service**

— 9:15 a.m.  
 — 10:30 a.m.


**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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# September 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.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ana Ortiz, Sept 11     | Sharon Ingram, Sept 22   |
| Ginger Conley, Sept 14 | TJ Epperson, Sept 23     |
| Jack Pegues, Sept 14   | Aiden Gaskins, Sept 26   |
| Lucy Akram, Sept 18    | Beau Gaskins, Sept 26    |
| Tori Favors, Sept 20   | Marlene Skinner, Sept 26 |
| Caden Thorpe, Sept 21  | Margaret Lewis, Sept 28  |



**2025 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE**

	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$ 11,259	\$ 25,818
Jan-July	\$ 111,761	\$ 158,998