



# 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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**Brittany Haywood**

**Susan Walters**

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**Sean Russell**

Sound Room Technician

**Jaime Cardova**

Sound Room Volunteer

**Ana Ortiz**

**Kira Sewell**

Nursery

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### *From Your Session*

## **Being Open and Ready to Get to Work!**

2026 is going to be a challenging, but exciting year for First Presbyterian Church Duncanville. Even though we don't have a full-time pastor, we are anticipating great worship with our very own Jeff Thorpe and with some great speakers that Personnel/Worship is lining up for us.

A full-time pastor is hugely important to the growth of the church, but so is a congregation taking ownership of that growth. The reason I believe that 2026 is going to be exciting is because I believe that God will continue to use this church to bless our community. It will be exciting because our congregation will be His impetus to getting that work done. We simply need to be open to His leading and guidance. We need to be open AND ready to get to work! Don't sigh and stop reading because I said "get to work"! Your work might be to be our prayer warrior for what God plans to do at FPCD, or your work may be as simple as researching a project from home or making phone calls. Whatever it is, God will help us be able to get to work!

Did you notice that I said "us" in that sentence? That doesn't mean that a handful of people get to work, it means "us" as in "all of us" getting to work.

What are we to get to work on? You tell us (Session) what you feel is needed at the church and in the community. We want your ideas and suggestions. Do you want the church to be more involved in youth education, in support groups, in community outreach? What and where should we focus our God given talents and resources to be Jesus Christ's hands and feet here on earth? Please let a Session member know or stop by and meet our sweet new Church Administrator, Christina, and tell her.

God created this church and God will sustain us. He will not only sustain us, He desires for us to flourish. Let's be ready to help Him accomplish that together.

*Sharon*



## 2026 Lenten Study

Please join us for our 2026 Lenten Study. We actually studied this in 2019, but I believe it is so relevant that we should study it each year. We will read Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World* one chapter at a time and study the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter will help us experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for the 7-week study beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will serve dinner at 6:00 pm followed by our study from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please join us so that we can better worship our Lord and Savior during this Lenten season.

**There is a sign in sheet in the Narthex to let us know if you will attend so that we know how much food to prepare.**

Dennis Walters will lead February 18, but we need a leader for February 25. Darrell and Sharon will take turns leading the remaining chapters.

Books are available for \$9.20 with checks payable to Sharon or Darrell Ingram.

## Elder of the Month

Since we no longer have a pastor available, Session has in place an "elder-on-call" program in the event a situation arises where a call to a pastor is needed. It could be a prayer request or a health or family concern, use of church facilities, other specific information, etc. If the need or concern requires an ordained pastor or additional assistance beyond the scope of what we can provide, we will have additional resources available for referral. In the past we used this program as "elder-of-the-week" when a pastor was on vacation, for instance, but then we were dealing with a much shorter time span. It is more appropriate now to have an "elder-of-the-month".

Elders who have volunteered for the next three months are:

February	Dub Guthrie
March	Nyadia Thorpe
April	Jessica Kusler

If needed, please call or email the elder-of-the-month, recognizing the fact that some folks will be at work or otherwise occupied and may not be immediately available.

Thank you.

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CALENDAR

# February 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service, Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7 9AM Men's Fellowship
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Youth Sunday	9	10 7:00 PM Sarah Circle	11	12	13	14
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 PM Choir Reh. 10:30 AM Worship <b>Church Potluck</b> after Worship Service	16 7:00 PM MCT	17	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 6 PM Lenten Study with Supper and distribution of ashes Fellowship Hall	19 3:45 PM Parking Lot Ministry (PLM)	20	21
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Reh. 10:30 AM Worship	23 <b>Austin St. Sandwiches Due!</b>	24	25 6 PM Lenten Study with Supper Fellowship Hall	26	27	28

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

## February Volunteer Schedule

<b>Feb 1</b>	Greeter	Sharon Ingram
	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
	End of Service Prayer	Sharon Ingram & Lee Austin
	Communion Service	Darrell Ingram & Jocelyn Bolles
	Communion Preparer	Teresa Reed
	Liturgist	TBD
<b>Feb 8</b>	Greeter	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
	End of Service Prayer	Dub Guthrie & Brenda Everett
	Liturgist	Youth
<b>Feb 15</b>	Greeter	Connie Steger
	Tellers	Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed
	End of Service Prayer	Christian Laurent & Connie Steger
	Liturgist	TBD
<b>Feb 22</b>	Greeter	Beau Gaskins
	Tellers	Jaime Cordova & Volunteer needed
	End of Service Prayer	Nyadia Thorpe & Nancy Bergman
	Liturgist	TBD

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

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

— 9:15 a.m.  
 — 10:30 a.m.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## February 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@fpccd.org. Thank you.

Glenn Favors, February 2	Claudia Griffith, February 16
Mawusime Barton, February 3	John "JJ" Barton, February 16
Christy Favors, February 6	Lee Austin, February 21
Greg Jones, February 7	Susan Walters, February 22
Triston Russell, February 8	CJ (Claudia) Francis, February 24
Paul Griffith, February 12	Gary Simons, February 26



### 2026 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
January	\$ 21,632	\$ 23,203