



First Presbyterian Church

April 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

Renewal Flows

Jesus took time away from the crowds and active ministry for prayer, teaching us how important it is to make time for quiet and solitude (Mk 1:35) – a time for renewal. Even during his final hours on Earth, Jesus sought a garden, Gethsemane, to find the much needed quiet and solitude to talk to God (Mt 26: 36).

As we consider how we live in the world today – computers, cell phones, TVs, work schedules, church schedules, and family schedules – we know that the Spirit within cries out to flow freely. The Spirit longs to fill up and flow through the “empty space” within us. It is through silence, solitude, and unstructured time that this space is created – a space that will overflow with the renewal of the Spirit. It is through Bible study and programs where growth and renewal will flow. A time for re-creation.

On one small stretch of the Cahaba River, a sacred space is being created

– a place where life flows. This is Living River: A Retreat on the Cahaba, a place of natural and spiritual beauty where the soul will be nourished and the spirit renewed. It will be a place for adults, seniors, couples, families, congregations, and pastors to come and drink from the river of living water. A place created to laugh together. Cry together. Explore together. Celebrate together. Grow together. A sacred space - 440 acres of God’s creation, made to nurture God’s children. The river that flows throughout will feed the river that flows within. This is Living River. A place where creation flows. A place where faith flows.

Come, come to the river and drink. Drink in God’s beauty and word. Drink in God’s Son and Spirit. Drink in the majesty and power. Let the river flow.



LIVING RIVER
A RETREAT ON THE CAHABA

Summer Camp Schedule

All camps will travel to Living River. All camps will begin Sunday afternoon and run through Friday afternoon except You & Me.

June 2-7
Elementary Camp (2nd – 5th grade)
Rolling Hills

June 9 - 14
Middle School Camp (6th – 8th grade)
Rolling Hills

June 16 – 21
Discovery Camp (4th – 8th grade)
Rolling Hills

June 23 – 28
Senior High Mission Camp (9th – 12th

grade) 4-H Center
June 28 – 30
You and Me Camp (5K – 2nd grade)
4-H Center

July 7 -12
NEW - Elementary Environmental Stewardship Camp
(Completed 2 - 5 grades)
Rolling Hills

We are using Constant Contact Events to manage our **online registration** this year. It should be really easy to use, and you have the option to **pay online** or by check.



Announcements

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Presbyterian Men & Women’s Breakfast

Saturday, April 13 ☞ 9:30am

Join us for great food, fellowship and devotional presented by Wayne Claeren. Everyone is invited.

Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, April 14 at 12:30pm

Church Dinner

Sunday, April 21

Youth Event

Tour of Children’s Crusade Exhibit

The Civil Rights Institute and Linn Park
April 21 at 2pm

Followed by worship and dinner at
First Presbyterian, Birmingham. Cost \$5
Contact nreed@fpctusc.org
pwinter@fpcbham.org

Jr. and Sr. High Science and Math Tutoring/Homework Workshop

Wednesdays ☞ 5:30-6:30pm

Call the church or Laura Underhill at 256-238-3726
for more information.

Knitter’s Night

3rd Wednesday of each month
6:30pm



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The Nisbet Family

Please keep the Nisbet family in your prayers.
Dorothy Jane Nisbet's son-in-law,
Tom Kittleman, passed away in March.



The Communion table in the sanctuary where
Tom's memorial service was held.



Ashton and Leighton Kittleman
Tom and Virginia's daughters



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible Study 10am	4	5	6
7 Early Church Series - 5pm	8	9	10 Bible Study 10am	11	12	13 Presbyterian Men and Women's Breakfast 9:30am
14 Stated Session Meeting 12:30 Early Church Series - 5pm	15	16	17 Bible Study 10am Knitter's Night 6:30pm	18	19  Happy Birthday! Ivan Ratzlaff	20
21 3rd Sunday Dinner Tour of Children's Crusade Exhibit Civil Rights Institute and Linn Park 2pm Early Church Series - 5pm	22  Happy Birthday! Ruston Byrom	23	24 Bible Study 10am	25	26  Happy Birthday! Laura Underhill	27
28 Early Church Series - 5pm	29	30  Happy Birthday! Carlton Ward Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm				

Financial State of the Church

In March, the Finance Committee of this church presented a 2013 budget of \$85,943.00 that was approved by the Session. The budget expects an income of: \$68,600.00 from pledges, \$7,400.00 from plate offerings, and \$2,800.00 from memorials and non-designated gifts totaling approximately \$78,800.00. Several areas of expenditures have increased the budget during the 2012-13 years nearly \$9,000: pastors' salaries and travel, twelve-month lawn and grounds service, building maintenance, insurance, taxes, and utilities. The Finance Committee and the Session earnestly seek an increase in your financial support to balance this expected deficit of \$7,100.00 for 2013.

April Sermons

April 7
The Wounded

April 14
The First Breakfast

April 21
For the Beauty of the Earth

April Opportunities for Service Schedule

Elder Greeter: Ivan Ratzlaff

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: April 7

Servers: Gary Brown, Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin and Ivan Ratzlaff

Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
April 7	Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty	Nancy Stewart
April 14	Toby and Austin Falk	Barbara Franklin
April 21	Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour	Margaret Pope
April 28	Wayne Claeren and David Talley	Carolyn Padgett

April Birthdays

19 Ivan Ratzlaff
22 Ruston Byrom
26 Laura Underhill
30 Carlton Ward



Shepherd's List

Carolyn Padgett

Scott Ballard family
Wayne Claeren family
Lawson Veasey family

Aleta Bell

Glen Hester family
Dan Neisler family
Tom Winter family
Lee Manners family

Sharon Ward

Margaret Pope family
Kay Self family
David Talley family
Ivan Ratzlaff family

Laura Underhill

Cosper Bell family
Glen Franklin family
Robert MacRae family

Barbara Franklin

Dorothy Jane Nisbet family
Peggy Lynn Prescott
Don Seymour family

Wayne Claeren

Nancy Stewart family
Jerry Boozer family
Gary Brown family

Ivan Ratzlaff

Ken Mount
Elsie Wheeler family
Carlton Ward family

Gary Brown

Rodney Petty
Toby Falk family
Yeh family
Steve Underhill family

Jetta Manners

Doug Mims family
Vivian Snow
Chris Self family



Sunday, April 21

Jetta and Lee Manners
Bonnie and Don Seymour

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Frank Bowie

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)

Mary Lois Dempsey

Bobby Haynes

Joy Kelly and Family

Stacy Boozer Mariani

Ken Mount

Mary Frances Murphree (Ethelyn Brown's mother)

Arvid Padgett

Dr. Doug Peters (retired JSU Psychology Professor)

Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)

Mike Underhill (Steve Underhill's uncle)

If you would like to include a name on this list, please call or email the church office.