

First Presbyterian Church

June 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

Pipe Organ Report

Carlton Ward

Our forty-three-year old pipe organ is in great need of repairs and updates to keep the organ serviceable for our worship needs. Major repairs to the air reservoir, bending pipes, console, and basic wiring are in a dire state. The Session appointed Dr. Susie Dempsey, Carlton Ward and an organ consultant, Jamie McLemore to survey our needs. Since October 2012, our pipe organ has been examined by five vendors who have submitted proposals for renovation. In April, the committee narrowed the five vendors' proposals to one company who best shared our vision of what our worship needs were with what we could afford. The Session approved Schlueter Pipe Organ, from near Atlanta, to be our vendor of choice. During May, committee has been finalizing specifications for repairs and additions for a contract to be presented to the Session on June 9th. More to come in the next Newsletter.

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. **The church will help pay for children and youth who attend.**



June Sermons

June 2
The Centurion's Faith
Luke 7:1-10

June 9
The Wild Compassion of God
1 Kings 17:8-24

June 30
He Set His Face to Jerusalem
Luke 9:51-62

Announcements

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 2, 2013.**

Stated Session Meeting
Sunday, June 9
12:30

Church Dinner
Sunday, June 16

June Minister Schedule

Rev. Tom Winter
June 2, 9, and 30

Rev. Monty Clendenin
June 16 and 23

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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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House Consolidation Sale

Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th
202 11th St. NW ☞ Jacksonville, AL
9am—4pm (both days)

Everyone is welcome to come and browse and buy.
There will be appliances of all types so if anyone
knows of someone who needs good items at a good
price, please let them know.



7 Springs Farm U-Pick Blueberries

Rodney Petty
588 Seven Springs Road
Wellington
256-435-0363

I can bring your order to the church.



Jacksonville Farmers Market

Open

Saturdays: May 4th - Nov 23rd
7 - 11am
Mondays: June 3rd - Aug 12th
4 - 7pm





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Rosemary Byrom Andrew Seymour
2 Bible Study - 5pm	3	4	5 Bible Study 10am	6	7	8
9 Stated Session Meeting 12:30pm Bible Study - 5pm	10	11	12 Bible Study 10am	13  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Felice Yeh	14	15
16 3rd Sunday Dinner  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Cecelia Talley Bible Study - 5pm	17  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Emily Seymour	18	19 Bible Study 10am Knitter's Night 6:30pm	20	21	22  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Wayne Claeren
23 Bible Study - 5pm	24	25 Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm	26 Bible Study 10am	27	28	29
30 Bible Study - 5pm						

June Opportunities for Service Schedule

Elder Greeter: Barbara Franklin

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: June 2

Servers: Aleta Bell, Wayne Claeren, Laura Underhill, and Sharon Ward



Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
June 2	Carlton and Sharon Ward	Elsie Wheeler
June 9	Trish and Nathan Ballard	Ethelyn Brown
June 16	Cosper Bell and David Talley	Gary Brown
June 23	Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty	Jordan Falk
June 31	Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour	Laura Underhill



Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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)

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.

June Birthdays

- 1 Rosemary Byrom
- 1 Andrew Seymour
- 13 Felice Yeh
- 16 Cecelia Talley
- 17 Emily Seymour
- 22 Wayne Claeren



Sunday, June 16

Laura and Steve Underhill
Rachel and
Hannah Underhill



The Oddness of Elijah

Kings 17:8-24

The trouble in Israel was structural and systemic. There was no rain. The drought brought with it death. Drought is an ancient form of energy crisis. The energy crisis means that the government has failed. The king could not cause rain, could not give life. The king was impotent, the government discredited. The situation was ripe for despair and dismay.

Such an energy crisis affected everyone, rich and poor. As usual, however, the crisis impinged upon the poor first, and most decisively. Our attention is focused on a nameless woman. Such women are always nameless. She had nothing, neither name, nor food, nor hope. Actually, she had one thing, her beloved son. He was her only hope, her welfare system, her link to life.

The story begins in the failed royal system with this nameless, forlorn widow. Elijah enters the story. He is another kind of character. He is uncredentialed, uncontaminated by the system, uncompromised by government plans for rain. He is also untested, because nobody knows what he can do. He works through no royal arrangements. He is simply dispatched by Yahweh, an abrupt, unexplained command: "Go and feed the widow." He goes. He goes to meet the widow. Oddly, he gives her an unending supply of food. He does for her what the king cannot do.

The plot now thickens. The boy, the widow's only hope in this age or in the age to come dies. Elijah acts in a remarkable way. He prays. He turns the problem of death over to the reality of God. He speaks to make death a concern for God. His words open the problem of death to the power of God.

God yields to Elijah. Elijah has compelled God to act. God has done what the king cannot do.

This is a story about the oddness of Elijah. Elijah is shown to have the power for life. The power is not explained; it is only witnessed to. It is linked to faith and prayer, to a refusal to accept the widow's little faith or the king's little power. The world enacted by Elijah breaks all such conventions, routines, and stereotypes. New news has come. The boy lives! The news given us in this story is that the power for life is offered. It is carried by a human agent.

—Walter Brueggemann, *The Threat of Life: Sermons on Pain, Power, and Weakness*, as quoted in *Resources for Preaching and Worship, Year C*