

First Presbyterian Church

March 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

Disaster Relief

As tornadoes flew through Mississippi on February 10, the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg suffered extensive damage. During worship on February 17, Mr. Winter invited our children, youth and the whole congregation to bring loose change and dollar bills on each Sunday of Lent (Sunday, February 10-Sunday, March 24) and place the coins/bills in a special basket which

will be placed by the Communion Table. After Easter our church will send a check to Westminster to help them rebuild. It may not be a lot of money, but if other small churches will join us in this effort, what's small can grow. Please give!

For more information, please go to www.pcusa.org

John Pelham Commemoration

LTC John Pelham, one of Jacksonville's most famous citizens and a member of First Presbyterian Church, was killed at the Battle of Kelly's Ford in Virginia one hundred and fifty years ago this month. To honor his memory Jacksonville will host a series of historical events March 16 and 17.



Our church will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 to welcome visitors. If you would like to be here as a greeter for an hour or two that day please see Carlton Ward or Wayne Claeren for details.

We hope to have some of those who are in town for the Pelham Commemoration as guests at Sunday morning worship on March 17 as well.

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 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

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

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. Remember the early bird discount - \$25 off registrations received before April 1, 2012!

Announcements

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

Stated Session Meeting
Sunday, March 10 at 12:30pm

Maunder Thursday Service
Thursday, March 28 at 7pm
Rev. Monty Clendenin

John Pelham Commemoration
Saturday, March 16 — Sunday, March 17

Church Dinner
Sunday, March 17

Summer Youth Camp
See schedule on next page.

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



The Wheeler Family
Please keep the Wheeler family in your prayers. Elsie Wheeler's son, Richard Wheeler passed away in February.



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www.firstpresbyterianjacksonville.org
Also, look for us on Facebook and Twitter.



If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please send your email address to fpsecy@bellsouth.net or call the church office.



Find us on **Facebook** at First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Alabama

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Easter Prayer

Christ our life, you are alive
in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space
Alleluia.

Christ our life, you are alive
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude
Alleluia.

Christ our life, you are alive
in the creative possibility
of the dullest conservation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event
Alleluia.

Christ our life, you are alive
to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart
Alleluia.

You set before us a great choice.
Therefore we choose life.
The dance of resurrection soars and surges
through the whole creation.
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.
This is grace, dying we live.
So let us live.



Kathy Galloway, in *Celebrating Women: The New Edition*, as quoted in *Resources for Preaching and Worship, Year C*, p. 136



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Uppity Women of the Bible 5pm	4  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Sharon Ward	5	6 Bible Study 10am	7	8	9
10 Stated Session Meeting 12:30 Early Church Series - 5pm	11	12	13 Bible Study 10am	14	15	16 John Pelham Commemoration Church Open 10am—4pm
17 John Pelham Commemoration 3rd Sunday Dinner No Bible Study	18	19	20 No Bible Study Knitter's Night 6:30pm	21	22  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Jerry Boozer David Talley	23
24  PALM SUNDAY Early Church Series - 5pm	25  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Erin Ballard Nathan Ballard on March 24	26 Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm	27 Bible Study 10am	28  Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	29 Good Friday  Good Friday	30  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Lin Veasey
31 Easter Sunday  Early Church Series - 5pm						

March Worship Plan

March 3 *3rd Sunday in Lent*
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
 Reverend Tom Winter preaching

March 10 *4th Sunday in Lent*
 Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 Reverend Tom Winter preaching

March 17 *5th Sunday in Lent*
 Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
 Reverend Bill Wills preaching

March 24 *Passion/Palm Sunday*
Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
 Reverend Monty Clendenin preaching

March 31 *Resurrection of the Lord/Easter*
 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or
 Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
 Reverend Tom Winter preaching

March Opportunities for Service Schedule

Elder Greeter: Jetta Manners

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: March 3

Servers: Aleta Bell, Carolyn Padgett, Laura Underhill and Sharon Ward

Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
March 3	Millie Neisler and Mary Agnes Hester	Barbara Franklin
March 10	Hannah and Steve Underhill	David Talley
March 17	Carlton and Sharon Ward	Austin Falk
March 24	Trish and Nathan Ballard	Virginia MacRae
March 31	Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren	Wayne Claeren



March Birthdays

- 4 Sharon Ward
- 21 Jerry Boozer
- 21 David Talley
- 24 Erin Ballard
- 24 Nathan Ballard
- 30 Lin Veasey

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

Tom Kittleman (son-in-law of Dorothy Jane Nisbet)

Stacy Boozer Mariani

Ken Mount

Dr. Doug Peters (retired JSU Psychology Professor)

Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)

Janet Underhill

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

March Sermons

March 3

Come to the Waters

March 10

The Party

March 17

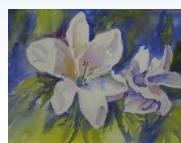
Rev. Bill Wills, Presb. Home for Children

March 14

Rev. Monty Clendenin

March 31

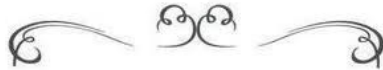
A Blooming, Empty Cross



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, March 17

Aleta and Cosper Bell
 Ethelyn and Gary Brown



Living River - a Retreat on the Cahaba

for more information, please go to livingriver.org

All churches in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley have been invited to participate in a campaign to raise funds to build this new camp and conference center along the Cahaba River, and your Session has accepted the invitation. Beginning on Sunday, April 21, and concluding on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will have our campaign. During those weeks you will see bulletin inserts and hear Minutes for Mission about the retreat center. Architectural plans will also be available so you can visualize what the camp will look like. You will also be given the opportunity to visit the site and canoe the river if you are the “adventuresome” type.

The current site plan for the facilities at Living River will require \$11,340,000 to complete. The largest investment is to create infrastructure. To date, more than \$7.1 million has been pledged. Teams across the Presbytery are working to raise the remaining funds, which will allow both youth camping and environmental educational programs to take on site and will provide initial lodge space for medium-scale adult and family programs.

Presbytery wants to build now what we can with the funds we have. But it is our dream to eventually complete a master plan that would add a conference center with the capacity for larger group programs, sabbatical cabins and additional outdoor learning centers.

At Living River, the young people, adults, families, and the greater community will make space to listen to God’s voice and deepen their connection with God and to each other. Please consider making a commitment to help build this sacred space.



LIVING RIVER

A RETREAT ON THE CAHABA

