



First Presbyterian Church

May 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

JCOC Operations Report

January—March 2013

Mary Agnes Hester

The first quarter of 2013, 524 families were served, 1208 family members, 635 persons were given food from our pantry, 264 food vouchers were issued for perishable foods, 20 were supplied clothing, diapers, household items, 248 utility vouchers were issued and 48 new families were registered.

Prescription assistance, dental and vision assistance was issued in the amount of \$1803.29.

Applications were filed for 39 elderly or disabled clients for utility assistance through Project Share. The total amount of assistance received by these clients was \$6724.14.

As our needs arise, our churches and our community continue to provide. I am sincerely grateful to my church family for all of your support .

Living River Minute for Mission

April 21, 2013

Steve Underhill

Camping has long been a cornerstone of ministry of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. The Presbytery's commitment to camping experiences stems from overwhelming evidence that these chances to step outside everyday life and consider the will of God in an open, outdoor setting are foundational for young people. Camping provides the touchstone that keeps them connected to the church, as they become independent decision-makers. As the Presbytery has considered the power of these camping experiences for young people, we have realized the necessity of expanding this mission to also help adults deepen their connection with God through opportunities for spiritual retreat. Families, couples,

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Announcements

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5, 2013.

Moment for Mission

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering
Sunday, May 5
Collection — May 12

No Stated Session Meeting in May

Church Dinner
Sunday, May 19

Alexandria High School Graduation

Austin Falk
May 23, 2013

Graduation Party for Austin Falk

Saturday, May 25, 2013
Time — TBA

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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

This is the day
that the LORD
has made; let us
REJOICE
& be glad in it
Psalm 118:24



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

You are Invited!



Susie Francis Dempsey
Piano Studio

Presents

Spring Piano Recital

Sunday
May 19, 2013
2:30pm

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Come and hear my award winning students play their spring recital. I am particularly proud of five of my students who made "Outstanding" rating at the District Level which allows them to progress to the State Level of competition in the AMTA Auditions. This has been a good year as all of my students have worked hard and achieved significant advancement.



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LIVING RIVER

A RETREAT ON THE CAHABA

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congregations and pastors can all strengthen their relationships with God and with each other at Living River by taking time out in a quiet place where they can be moved by the wonder of God's creation.

Living River, a tree-covered point nestled in a deep bend in the river, preserves a mix of hardwoods and older trees that were once typical of Alabama's river bottoms. The site is 440 acres in size, and because of its unique location, fronts four miles of the river.

The Cahaba River itself—the longest free-flowing river in the state—preserves a remarkable and fragile biodiversity, including an incredible variety of freshwater mussels, turtles, snails, and crayfish, as well as more fish species per mile than any other river in North America. The globally significant biodiversity of the Cahaba has been widely recognized by conservation groups and scientists.

Living River was recently honored by being added as a site

on one of Alabama's eight Birding Trails. Alabama is a birding paradise and Living River boasts a large variety of species in its many habitats

Living River will be an important means of keeping the Presbyterian faith community vital in central Alabama. The facilities and operation of Living River, which will exist as a nonprofit organization owned and operated by the Presbytery, will focus on two crucial needs: the need to inspire young people to develop the foundations of their faith, and the need to inspire adults to make time and space for spiritual development.

Living River, a retreat where young people will continue to discover the awakening power of an outdoor camping experience with a Christ-centered message. Where adults, families, and congregations can also step away from the demands of their everyday lives and make space to listen to God's voice.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>MOTHER & CHILD</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Bible Study - 5pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Elizabeth Veasey</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Happy Mothers Day</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>Bible Study - 5pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Knitter's Night 6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Jetta Manners</p>
<p>19</p> <p>3rd Sunday Dinner</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Lana Boozer</p> <p>Bible Study - 5pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Tyler Manners</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Austin Falk Graduates from Alexandria High School</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Virginia MacRae</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Graduation Party for Austin Falk Time — TBA</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Bible Study - 5pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

May Sermons

<p>May 5 <i>Do You Want to Be Made Well?</i> John 5:1-9</p>	<p>May 12 <i>See, You Have Been Made Well</i> John 5:10-18</p>	<p>May 19 <i>Ruach, Breath, Spirit</i> Acts 2:1-21</p>
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May Opportunities for Service Schedule

Elder Greeter: Wayne Claeren

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: May 5

Servers: Aleta Bell, Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin and Sharon Ward

Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
May 5	Glen and Barbara Franklin	Don Seymour
May 12	Mary Agnes and Millie Neisler	Laura Underhill
May 19	Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby	Carlton Ward
May 26	Hannah and Steve Underhill	Sharon Ward



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 Booser 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.

Do You Want to Be Healed (John 5:1-9)

*Yes, we want to be healed:
As the dry well longs for water, as the exile for her home;
as the father wants his children,
and the broken house
demands its people back.
Yes, we want to be healed:
as those who live in fear of the enemy
wish they could breath safe;
as the fence that divides the village
prefers to be torn down;
as children who dream bad dreams
need an unbroken night;
as those who have long been paralyzed
now choose to move.*

*Janet Morley, Companions of God: Praying for Peace in the Holy Land,
quoted in Resources for Preaching and Worship, Year C, page 157*

May Birthdays

- 8 Elizabeth Veasey
- 18 Jetta Manners
- 19 Lana Booser
- 22 Tyler Manners
- 23 Virginia MacRae



Sunday, May 19

Margaret Pope
Trish and Scott Ballard
Erin and Nathan Ballard



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