

# First Presbyterian Church

November 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

## A Thanksgiving Prayer

We praise you, eternal God, for out of your thought you spoke the world into spinning beauty. After scooping together a little earth, you animated human beings with your heart's breath. Your glory shines forth, and out of the soil comes abundant harvest: wheat whirling in winds' delight, grapes clinging to the vine. You rain down your compassion and feed us with mercy. When we want more than our share and pollute all the works of your hands, You let us sit in our own stench until we cry out. Then you stretch forth your hand to wash all clean. In the fullness of time, You yourself came forth in Jesus and creation rejoiced as its redemption drew near. Oceans danced with the light of the moon, mountains murmured delight, trees trembled in praise, flowers burst forth in song. Wolves howled in harmony and sheep kicked up their heels.

Blessed are you, O Lord, Jesus, born a poor boy, a nobody, yet very God of very God. Out of your plenty, you enter our want, and out of salvation's health, you heal our disease. In the midst of human lack, you make a feast. Before the breaking of your body you sat at table with your followers and broke bread saying, "Take, eat. This is my body for you." You celebrated with wine the cup of divine goodness overflowing with salvation's joy, saying, "Take, drink. the cup of the new covenant poured out in my blood." Then, in your resurrection, you trample the dominion of death.

Move once more, O Holy Spirit, across us, the face of your new creation in Christ, that we may be your body in ministry to the world, with the cup of salvation Your blood may course through our lives that others may join our song of thanksgiving, not just this day at this season but every day at every time. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



## Lessons and Carols

December 8, 2013 at 3pm

The **Christmas Camerata** started rehearsing the first of October and we are looking forward to bringing Christmas music to the First Presbyterians. We are focusing on the Carols by John Rutter and we will showcase a few of our group in solos. Edna Carr, organist, will join us at the organ.



## Announcements



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

### Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, November 10  
12:30pm

### Church Dinner

Sunday, November 17

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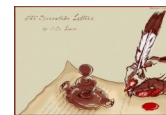
### Financial Update

(Jan. 2013-October 2013)

Received: \$68,272.24

Expenditures: \$61,861.20

**Surplus: \$ 6,411.04**



### Youth Sunday School

The Youth Sunday School is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We will be reading and discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis.

Breakfast will be provided.

### Bible Study Opportunities

#### Living the Questions

Sunday Nights ∞ 5pm

DVD on National Parks

#### Wednesday Mornings

10am ∞ DVD on National Parks

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#### Diabetes Support Group

Last Tuesday of the month

6:30 pm

*If you would like to receive an email version of this newsletter/calendar, please send your email address to the church secretary at [fpsecy@bellsouth.net](mailto:fpsecy@bellsouth.net).*



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**Glen and Barbara Franklin** have recently returned from spending several days in Columbia, S.C. where they joined with relatives and a host of friends to celebrate **Glen's brother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday**. Ninety people came to their nephew's home to celebrate this wonderful day. His great grand children (10 of them, including a pair of twins) gathered around him and sang "Happy Birthday". It was a wonderful occasion.



*I am thankful  
every day I live,  
For the warmth and kindness  
that you give.  
Thankful that in God's design,  
He planned it so  
your path crossed mine.*



**Open**  
Saturdays: May 4th - Nov 23rd  
7 - 11am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>Bible Study</b> 10am		1	2
<b>3</b>  <b>Living the Questions</b> - 5pm	<b>4</b>  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Lawson Veasey	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10am	<b>7</b>  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Jordan Falk	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Lee Manners <b>Stated Session Meeting</b> 12:30pm <b>Living the Questions</b> - 5pm	<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b>  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Millie Neisler	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 3rd Sunday Dinner  <b>Living the Questions</b> - 5pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10am  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Kathy Brown	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Elsie Wheeler  <b>Living the Questions</b> - 5pm	<b>25</b> <i>Happy Birthday!</i> Jessica Henry McKayla Self Wyatt Veasey	<b>26</b> Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm  <i>Happy Birthday!</i> David Taylor	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



## November Opportunities for Service Schedule

**Elder Greeter:** Laura Underhill

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: November 3**

*Servers: Gary Brown, Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin, and Carolyn Padgett*

Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
November 3	Carlton and Sharon Ward	Gary Brown
November 10	Trish and Nathan Ballard	David Talley
November 17	Cosper Bell and David Talley	Carolyn Padgett
November 24	Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty	Austin Falk



### Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Randall Blades (friend of Carlton Ward)  
 Anne Clark (Sharon Ward's aunt)  
 Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
 Gene Fair  
 Bobby Haynes  
 Patrick Henry (father-in-law of Jessica Seymour Henry)  
 Joy Kelly and Family  
 Stacy Boozer Mariani  
 Bob Moore  
 Ken Mount  
 Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)  
 Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)  
 Ellen Simpson  
 Thompson Nash Wagoner

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



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday  
 November 17  
 Wayne Claeren  
 Nancy Stewart  
 The Self Family

### Hosting the Church Dinner

Pat Kochan and any of the youth are available to help decorate for the 3rd Sunday dinner. Call Pat at 256-435-9319.

Contact the youth through Laura Underhill at 256-238-3726.

If you need any additional help planning for the dinner, please contact any church member.

### November Birthdays



4 Lawson Veasey  
 7 Jordan Falk  
 10 Lee Manners  
 11 Millie Neisler  
 20 Kathy Brown  
 24 Elsie Wheeler  
 25 Jessica Henry  
 25 McKayla Self  
 25 Wyatt Veasey  
 26 David Taylor