



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church

Valdosta, GA



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## First Family News

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June is upon us and soon we will celebrate Father's Day. With this in mind, I recently asked Kinney, "If you could share one fun story about each of our children when they were young, what would it be?" In no time at all, he came up with the following:

"When Samuel was little, at a yard sale I happened to find an old bicycle with a baby seat attached. Once I bought him a helmet, off we went. Whenever I wasn't working, we would go for long rides. Back in those days, it wasn't common to see a parent riding a bike with a child tagging along on back, so I got lots of "advice" from the old guys at the drug store (being a young father and all). But Samuel loved it as much as I did. I remember the first time he fell asleep on one of our rides. I kept feeling this bump, bump, bump. It was his sleeping head bouncing against me. That worked for me, so he kept sleeping and I kept peddling."

When I asked Kinney about Sarah, his immediate response was, "Skittles and 'Old Time Rock and Roll.'" Sarah loved two things more than life itself—candy and dancing. So all I had to do to entertain her was buy a bag of Skittles. When the Skittles ran out, music was the key. I can still see her dancing around the house as I sang Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock and Roll." It was her favorite. She would dance and dance. Most of the time, my voice gave out long before her energy did."

Although our middle son, Seth, has a knack for fixing things, that wasn't always the case. "At first I just remember Seth taking things apart—leaving bits and pieces and parts all around him. A broken VCR, for example, could entertain him for hours. It seemed like pieces and parts would always be the result of his tinkering, but he eventually began to put things back together. Finally, he even began *fixing* things! It's funny how many of our talks continue to be about one of his projects. Of course, these days, small electronics won't do the trick. He's graduated to bigger and faster things!"

Although Kinney wrestled around with all the boys, it took longer for Shane and Kinney to grow out of it. For years, Shane would jump and Kinney would catch. Then, as Shane got older, the battle became more balanced. Finally, the pendulum swung in Shane's favor. Kinney admits, "Well, finally I began to fear for my safety—so I had to put a stop to all the strongholds and headlocks—for my own sake." The wrestling may have stopped, but the endless teasing—which has always been their favored mode of communication—continues.

When I reflect on Kinney's very different "fun times" with our four children, I am reminded of our Heavenly Father who created us different and loves us the same. Surely God loves to watch us laugh and enjoy life. Too often, people think of God as a serious God with no sense of humor; even an angry God eager to dole out punishment. But that's not how I imagine God at all. No doubt, God is just, holy, and righteous and expects goodness from us. Yet, the God who created all the beauty of the earth and its bounty, the God who gave us music and art and poetry, the God who gave us earthly fathers to care for us, the God who sent his only Son into the world to show us abundant life and joy—how could such a God not be pleased when we enjoy the very life he gave to us?

As Father's Day approaches, may we pause and give thanks for the men in our lives that we happen to call "Father," as well as other men who have made and continue to make our lives more joyful.

Happy Father's Day! Happy Summer!  
Dr. Glenda

# JUNE

## *birthdays*

- 1 Sissy Almand
- 3 Lamar Cole
- 9 Carol Brotherton
- 9 Grady Folsom
- 10 Tommye Miller
- 11 Mark Crawford
- 15 Eva Plowden
- 17 Jim Meador
- 18 Rev Dr. Glenda Hollingshead
- 20 Meredith Williams
- 20 Diane Lewis
- 23 Sue Miller
- 28 Michael Taylor

# JUNE

## *anniversaries*

- 6 Lamar & Florence Cole
- 12 Trent & Carol Busch
- 17 Mac & Marjorie McQuaig
- 22 Justin & Keeley Collins
- 23 Joe & Pat Cordova
- 26 Matthew & Katherine Phelps



# JULY

## *birthdays*

- 6 James Williams
- 11 Melissa Coleman
- 11 Trey McQuaig
- 12 Tom Miller
- 15 Jenny Williams
- 17 Don Brotherton
- 18 Haley Lewis
- 18 Justin Collins
- 19 Bryan Almand
- 19 Frank Crane
- 19 Donna Herrin
- 22 Claire McQuaig
- 26 John Vick
- 26 Truitt Alday
- 27 John Elliott
- 27 Betty Tillman
- 28 Gus Elliott

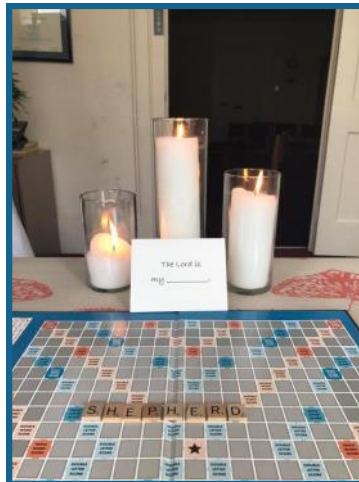
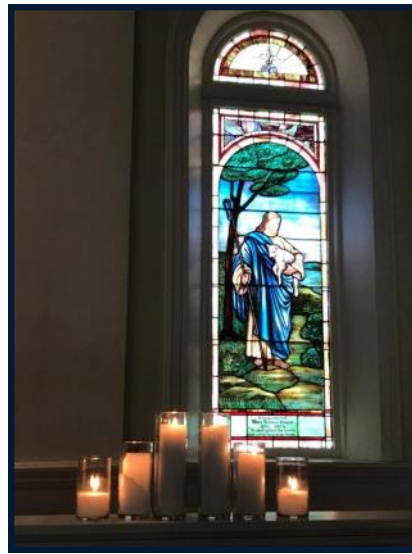
# JULY

## *anniversaries*

- 13 Matt & Leigh Cole
- 16 Harold & Betty Ann George

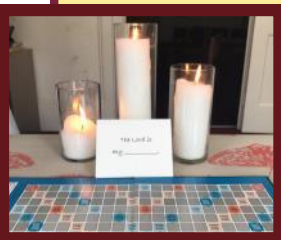


# First Friday Contemplative Service



## FIRST FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Join us Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for a time of silence, prayer, and worship. Come along and bring a friend! Childcare is provided.



# recent events & celebrations

## A Beautiful Gift to the Church

In 1996, when the new organ was being installed, due to the weight of the organ, extra support had to be added beneath the flooring. In the process, a significant piece of yellow Georgia pine had to be cut out. Grayson Powell, who does woodworking as a hobby, took the wood and transformed it into this beautiful clock, which he recently gifted to the church. Thank you, Grayson. FPC of Valdosta will cherish your gift just as we cherish you!



# christian ed

## Sunday Morning Classes

Please join us for Sunday School:

- **The Ladies Sunday School** meets at 9:30 for singing, 9:45 for the lesson in the Sally Lou Cranford Room. Julie Magruder is the teacher.
- **New Ventures** meets in the New Ventures/Library room. This class, for both men and women, begins at 9:45 a.m. and is taught by Sherrida Crawford.
- **The Men's Sunday School Class**, taught by Lamar Cole, begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Class of One Accord** meets at 9:45 a.m. with Florence Cole and Eve Renfroe as teachers.

Children's Church is held during the worship hour on Sunday morning using the Sunday School curriculum (in place of Sunday School).

# upcoming events

## Staff Retreat

Calling all FPC Staff!  
Mark your calendars!

We are having a Staff Retreat at the home of Julie Stout beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. It is sure to be a fun event you don't want to miss!

## New Member Class

Dr. Glenda will teach a New Members' Class in July for all those who have joined the church in the past year. Others who would like to know more about church history, the Reformation, and the ministries of FPC are also welcome. Class will meet Sundays at 9:45 a.m. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> upstairs in the Centennial Building. Please let our Administrative Assistant, Katie Altman, know if you plan to attend so ample materials may be printed.



Please remember our 2017 Montreat youth in prayer! Sunday, June 11th- Saturday, June 17th  
Campers: Ivy Harris and Eli Warren

# memorials, honorariums & gifts to Break Bread Together or FPC

## May Gifts



*“Distributing food is a unique act of love because food is the basis for life. When the church can distribute food, it can allay one of people's most primal fears – that of going hungry – as a way of helping people come to peace. When sources of food are close at hand, peace June be sustained.”*

**Pamela Couture**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean, and professor at Saint Paul School of Theology

### Gifts to Break Bread Together

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Valdosta Junior Service League  
Deidre Thompson  
Artie Mae Johnson  
New Hope Missionary Baptist  
FPC Circle # 2

### In Memory of Eugene Wilkerson

The Lamar Cole Family

### In Memory of Lane Renfroe

Grayson Powell

### In Memory of Marguerite Harden

Maggie Roberts  
The Lamar Cole Family

### In Memory of Col. Clarence Parker

Grayson Powell

### In Memory of W.J. Pinkston

Bryan & Margaret Ann Griffin

### In Memory & Honor of Lane and Eve Renfroe

Edwin & Emily Blalock

### In Memory of Charles Hobby, Jr

Charlie & Jerry Powers

### In Memory of Florine R. Skoropat

The Lamar Cole Family

### In Memory of Richard A. Flynt Sr.

The Lamar Cole Family

# SPiRiT NIGHT

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for the break bread together ministry

June 6, 2017 • 5:00 - 8:00pm

Come and support Valdosta's Meals on Wheels program during Spirit Night. Ten percent of the nightly sales will be donated to First Presbyterian's Break Bread Together ministry. Offer valid for dine in, carry-out, or drive thru.



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# June 2017

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri   | Sat                             |
|---|-----|-----|--|-----|---|---------------------------------|
|   |     |     |  | 1   | 2<br>First Friday<br>Contemplative<br>Service<br>5:30 | 3<br>Session Retreat<br>9:00 am |
| 4<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Bart Greer                       | 5   | 6   | 7<br>Mission and<br>Evangelism<br>5:00               | 8   | 9   | 10                              |
| 11<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Nelda Harris                    | 12  | 13  | 14<br>Admin &<br>Finance<br>5:00                     | 15  | 16  | 17                              |
| 18<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br>Father's Day<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Kerri Routsong  | 19  | 20  | 21<br>Congregational<br>Care &<br>Fellowship<br>5:30 | 22  | 23  | 24                              |
| 25<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br>Session Meeting<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Dick Shelton | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29  | 30  |                                 |

# July 2017

| Sun  | Mon | Tue                          | Wed                                  | Thu | Fri   | Sat           |
|--|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|---|---------------|
|  |     |                              |                                      |     |   | 1             |
| 2<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Jesse Spencer                           | 3   | 4<br>Church office<br>Closed | 5<br>Worship<br>5:00                 | 6   | 7<br>First Friday<br>Contemplative<br>Service<br><br>5:30 | 8             |
| 9<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Michael Taylor                          | 10  | 11                           | 12<br>Admin &<br>Finance<br>5:00     | 13  | 14  | 15            |
| 16<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Jennifer Sheperd                       | 17  | 18                           | 19<br>Christian<br>Education<br>5:30 | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Bun Run |
| 23<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>No Session<br>Meeting<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>John Vick | 24  | 25                           | 26                                   | 27  | 28  | 29            |
| 30<br>Worship<br>11:00am<br><br>Elder on Call:<br>Sissy Almand                           | 31  |                              |                                      |     |   |               |

# notices & updates

Notes from the May 28, 2017

## FPC Session Meeting

Session approved the following:

1. Hiring Katie Altman as FPC's new Administrative Assistant.
2. Pulpit Supply of Jane Shelton on June 11 and Don Vollenweider on June 18.
3. FPC to host Flint River Presbytery's Minutes and Records Review on Saturday, August 19.
4. Replacement of Sanctuary handheld microphones.
5. Rebuild/Repair of podium and lectern microphones.

FPC has been asked to host the Stop Hunger Now event on World Communion Sunday in October. When we hosted the event two years ago, we had a great turnout, and those who attended enjoyed filling bags of food to be sent to those in need in locations around the world. Session approved this event to be held in the Fellowship Hall on the afternoon of World Communion Sunday 2017.

Based on the timing of calls received by the office and on church activity, Session approved new office hours for the Administrative Assistant. The office will now be open Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Session reviewed and approved upcoming dates:

- June 2, 2017: 5:30 PM First Friday Contemplative Service
- June 3, 2017: 9:00 AM Session Retreat
- June 25, 2017: Stated Session Meeting

# mission & evangelism



Registration is open for the Break Bread Together Bun Run. This 5K road race is through Old Wood Valley Subdivision, on Saturday, July 22, 2017. If you are unable to participate in the race, you can still support the event as an "Angel Biscuit" by donating the \$20 entry fee to the Break Bread Together Program, and in return, you will receive an Angel Biscuit Supporter T-shirt. If you would like to help, please contact Kerri Routsong or the church office.

## Office Hours

\*Please note the Church Office hours have changed:

8:30-2:00 Monday - Thursday  
9-12 Friday

\*Our next church newsletter will be available Sunday, July 30th.\*

To access **Online Giving** or for more information about **First Presbyterian Church** you June visit our website at [www.firstpresvaldosta.org](http://www.firstpresvaldosta.org) or scan this QR code with your smart phone app.



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