
Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (1/27/19):

Combined Service in the King Hall (10:30am):
Dr. Rob Rienow preaching

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (2/3/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30am):
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Please be sure to extend a special welcome to our newest members who joined the church on January 20: Mr. Oscar Palin and Mr. and Mrs. Andy (Kelly) Gates.

THE ROSE IN WORSHIP TODAY is given in honor of Miss Mollie Eloise Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derrick (JoAnna) Parker, born on January 20, 2019.

WELCOME DR. ROB RIENOW – For worship this morning, we once again warmly welcome our Faith and Family Conference speaker Dr. Rob Rienow. Rob holds a Masters in theology from Wheaton College, a Master of Divinity from Trinity International Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Leadership from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. In addition to his calling as pastor, Rob is the founder of Visionary Family Ministries, and speaks both nationally and abroad on the topic of marriage and family. He is also the author of several books, including "Visionary Marriage," "Visionary Parenting," "Never Too Late," and "God's Grand Vision for the Home." He currently resides in West Chicago, IL with his wife Amy and their 7 children. One of Rob's daughters, Lissy, is also with us this morning. We thank her for speaking to our young adults during Sunday School and we welcome her to our worship today as well.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 FOLLOWING WORSHIP – The Session has called a Congregational Meeting next Sunday for three purposes:

- 1) Hear and act on the report of the Officer Nominating Committee regarding their nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee in the Class of 2022. Nominations may be made from the floor if the person to be nominated has been contacted ahead of time and has agreed to serve, if elected, including participation in the Officer Training classes.
- 2) Hear the report of Session concerning the 2019 budget and vote to affirm our support of it.
- 3) Approve any changes to Pastors' Terms of Call.

The Officer Nominating Committee will place the following names in nomination to serve in the Class of 2022:

Elder

Greg Davidson
Frank Fleming
Tony Pemerton
Hollis Reese
Gardner Williams

Deacon

Caleb Babington
Larry Cagle
Brant Evans
Joshua Jones
Joshua Reese (filling unexpired 2-year term)
Frank Stegall Jr.
Lanny Thomas
Cory Tucker
Jerome White

Please be in prayer for these important matters in the life of our church, and plan to arrange your schedule so you can remain for the meeting.

CARRY ON THE CONVERSATION

(Each week we use this space to provide a glimpse into what our children are learning in Children's Worship, and what you might ask to "carry on the conversation" with them at home.)

Key Theme: The message of the Bible; the wages of sin is death. Saved by grace
Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ask: Do you think a good God would make a way for sinners to be saved?

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES – THANK YOU for using your offering envelopes!! It is a huge help when we are posting your contributions! Envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway outside of the church office. If you can't find your envelope, please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 ext. 112.

Pray4Me CAMPAIGN – Prayer warriors, please continue to pray for your student(s)! Due to the many wonderful activities in our church this month, the Pray4Me Campaign will relaunch this fall. If you have questions, please contact Sonny Walker sonnyw@fpcrome.org.

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS CARDS are being mailed to members and will also be available at all Missions events. Cards will be presented during the worship service Sunday, February 10. Please be in prayer regarding your individual Faith Promise. This is such a blessing to Missionaries.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS CONFERENCE will be held February 6 -10 taking us "South for the Winter". Make your reservation for the Feb. 6 Wednesday night supper 5:15 PM in King Hall hosted and catered by Fred and Mary Taylor. We'll take a break this week from to-go boxes. Nursery, Summit, and Communicants will be held as usual. Sunday, Feb. 10 breakfast will be served at 9:00am in the King Hall prior to 9:15 combined Adult SMC/Student Sunday School. Combined Worship will follow in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. Nursery, Children's Sunday School, and Children's Worship will remain the same.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS - Good Neighbor Ministries is a community outreach staffed by volunteers and financially supported by numerous local churches, including First Presbyterian. Good Neighbor Ministries helps Rome residents in need by assisting with utility bill payments, rent, prescriptions, clothing for work, and personal items. It also refers people to the local food pantry and the furniture Re-store. Right now they are asking for donations of Diapers (size 3 or larger). Diapers are bundled into smaller amounts and given to parents of small children whenever needed. You may drop them off at the church on Wednesday Evenings or Sunday Mornings. As always, volunteers are greatly needed to be receptionists or interviewers with training provided. Volunteers are asked to work only 1 day a month from 9:00am until 12noon. For more information, please contact Jill Fisher at 706-409-3932 or email romanfishers@yahoo.com.

NEW WOMEN'S STUDY: EVEN BETTER THAN EDEN LED BY MORGAN WALKER begins Wednesday February 12 from 9:15am to 10:30am in Van Dyke Room (Nursery is available).

I believe that when we first understand God's story, it will change everything about our story. Together, we will trace nine themes that run from Genesis to Revelation in the Bible. Each theme reveals how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original Eden. It is my hope that this new creation glory will not just be embraced as our future joy... but that it will transform everything about our lives today as we trace God's intended plan, the devastating effects of sin, and the crowning work of Jesus in whom we find a better life, identity, rest, wardrobe, spouse, savior, sanctuary, and city! ([Even Better Than Eden](#) by Nancy Guthrie)

DID YOU KNOW that First Presbyterian has two rooms of prayer? The PRAYER ROOM (#206) is located upstairs in the Christian Life Center and just down the hall, the beautiful PRAYER CHAPEL (#208) can be found. What a blessing to be able to pray with others, or privately in these special places.

TIME WELL SPENT – It's that time of the year once again. The time when we look to the coming year and grasp the possibility of making a real difference. If you are seeking to add something to your life that would reap rewards untold, draw you into a fellowship that truly blesses, and has been God ordained by His very presence, perhaps you will find this weekly time of prayer the perfect fit. **One hour** a week – 1/168% of your time, to meet together with others who are praying for our church, the concerns of our congregation and the world. **One hour** to experience a time of drawing together to glorify and praise our Mighty God. Is this something the Lord is prompting you to do? If so, meet us in the Prayer Room on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Smith at anitasmith716@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30 – Meal from 5:30–6:00:

Pirkle's will cater our meal which will include Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans and Roll. The children's menu will be Chick-fil-A. The home page of our website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, January 28. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to reservations@fpcrome.org, call the church office at 706-291-6033, use the green cards in the Sanctuary pew racks, or sign up in the back of King Hall at the Convergent Service. ***We do not make standing reservations, so please make your reservations on a week-to-week basis to ensure an accurate count for our caterer.***

Program from 6:00 – 7:30

- Christ and Culture – King Hall (see announcement below for details)
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders – Education Bldg. Room 206
- Communicants (6th grade) – Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom #1
- The Summit for children 1st – 5th grades – Education Bldg. in God's Garden
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (6:15-7:30)

Cost: Adults \$7.00 – Students and Children \$3.00 (Note: Family Max is \$20.00)

CHRIST & CULTURE DISCIPLESHIP FORUM 2019 CONCLUDES – As we conclude our Discipleship Forum for 2019, "Fighting For Joy in Christ in a World of Depression and Anxiety," we will meet on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00pm. This will be the discussion with panelists: Rev. Bill Pardue, Katey Temple, Mandy Williams, Dr. John Pittman, Sonny Walker, who will discuss their perspectives on a variety of questions related to Depression and Anxiety. Also, we will have a resource table with several different books available for a donation of \$10.00 each. Please take a moment to look at these during the evening.

BETHEL DISCIPLESHIP CONTINUES – The Bethel Discipleship community meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am till 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our spring semester begins January 9 and will run weekly through mid April. Our focus will be on the New Testament Scriptures—specifically Acts through Revelation. As we study these books, we will ask the question, 'as Christians, how do we live a life pleasing to God?' The Old Testament is full of God's mighty acts and incredible promises; the Gospel accounts describe the fulfillment of those promises in Christ Jesus. The remainder of the NT unfolds the mission of the church, the message of the Gospel, and the manner in which Christians should live in a world that is still broken. Please consider joining us as we grow together in our knowledge and understanding of God and His powerful Word. To register, please contact Phyllis Pemerton ppemerton@bellsouth.net or the church office.

STATED DIACONATE MEETING – There will be a Stated Diaconate Meeting on Monday, January 28 at 5:15pm in the Hardy Classroom #1. An electronic version is available through Basecamp.

STATED SESSION MEETING – There will be a Stated Session Meeting on Monday, January 28 at 6:30pm in Hardy Classroom #1. Session Packets were emailed last week and printed packets are available now in the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST AVAILABLE – Each week you will find a page listing the current prayer needs of the congregation in the back of King Hall and at the Welcome Center outside of the Sanctuary. Please take one and use it as a way of supporting members of your church family in prayer. If you would like to have a name added to the list, please call the church office at 706-291-6033.

OUR ADULT SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES STUDIES THIS SEMESTER –

twentySomethings: Topical Study: “Answers to Questions that Challenge Christianity: The Nature of God” (meets in Ensemble Room)

Reformations: Galatians (meets in CLC room 205)

Gospel Life: Topical Study: “Holy Conversation: Talking about God in Everyday Life” (meets in Hardy Classroom #1)

Living Stones: The Gospel of John (meets in Fellowship Hall)

Bereans: Acts (meets in CLC room 201)

Sola Scriptura: Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7 (meets in CLC room 203)

VISITORS – As a way to welcome you to First Presbyterian Church, we would like to gift you with a cross by local artist, Cabell Sweeney. You’ll find your cross at the Welcome Areas (near the Welcome banners), at both Convergent and Classic Services. Connect Forms are available to let us know you have visited, request information, and to register your children in Nursery, Children, and Student Ministries.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP 456 2019!

When: May 24-26

Where: Ocoee Retreat in Tennessee

Why: Because we LOVE Jesus and want to grow in our relationship with Him!

More information coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR THE ANNUAL MRS. KAREMY JACOBS EASTER EGG HUNT – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 11:30am at Taylor’s Farm/OTR (495 Minshew Road – directions will be at the Church Welcome Center). All ages are welcome to enjoy a hot dog lunch, crafts, and egg hunt. Hope to see you there for a fun and special day as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week!

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – “Roar! Life is wild, God is Good!” June 24-28 at 9:00am-12noon. We are so happy that last year’s directors will be our directors for this year too! Please contact Mrs. Joan Brock (706-346-4253) or Mrs. Natalie Babington (706-266-7740) for information on how you can get involved and be a part of God’s Team during VBS 2019!

CONNECT FORM – Looking for a simple way to connect with our Pastors or church office? The Connect Form is available through one of the icons at the top of FPC’s website (www.fpcrome.org). Connect Form cards may also be found at both Welcome Areas. If your question does not fit within the categories listed, choose *How to Connect at FPC*. Please hand your card to a Welcome Area greeter or deacon, and someone will reach out to you.