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Good News



Dear Friends,

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be busy unpacking and getting settled into our new home in Batesville. I can't tell you how excited we are to become involved with our new church family, to get to know each of you, and to share in your lives. We are sad to be leaving our friends in Shreveport, but we feel very blessed to be headed to a new adventure. In the coming days, please be patient with us (especially with Jim) as we learn names and find our way around town. And know that we are delighted to be with you as together we seek to serve God and share the good news of God's love with those around us.

See you soon!  
Jim and Paulette Freeman

Welcome



## Living Discipleship

Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hanged by the Nazis in April 1945, taught that Christianity and discipleship are intertwined. "Discipleship means adherence to Christ," he wrote in *The Cost of Discipleship*. "An abstract Christology, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge ... render discipleship superfluous ...."

Bonhoeffer continued, "With an abstract idea, it is possible to enter into a relation of formal knowledge, to become enthusiastic about it, and perhaps even to put it into practice; but it can never be followed in personal obedience. Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."







Our mat makers received a new loom that decreases the time spent on making one!



4/04 Gerri Coleman

4/04 Chip Grace

4/04 Sandy James

4/07 Melissa Qualls

4/15 Jeffrey Freiert

4/21 Terran Jones

4/22 Rachel Baker

4/23 Bob Walton

4/23 Caroline Walton

4/23 Kayla Pope

4/23 Ellie Anderson

4/27 Hannah Qualls

4/30 Casen Manry

Don't forget about our Easter Breakfast at 9:00am followed by the Easter Egg Hunt!



### 2025 Easter Plants

It's time to order your potted plant(s) for Easter! Order a plant in honor of, or in memory of, someone and have it on display this Easter. Plants are \$18 each.

Please have your order to the church office by April 11th .

Would you like to help Slam or FPI Youth? The youth would welcome any donations in the form of dinner, snacks, supplies and money. Please check with Ms. Lorrie if you would like to donate. [mcclure2825@yahoo.com](mailto:mcclure2825@yahoo.com) or 870-613-6961.



# FPI

First Presbyterian Impact



Exciting Updates from Our Youth Group!

***"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." – Matthew 18:20***

The energy is electric, and the excitement is real! Our youth group has been hard at work transforming the youth space in Morrow Hall into a place of connection, learning, and fun! This isn't just a room—it's becoming a refuge, a safe hangout, and a space where friendships grow and faith deepens.

From lively discussions to moments of quiet reflection, our teens are already making this space their own. But we're not done yet! To make this youth space truly special, we are still looking for a few items to enhance the experience. Our wish list includes a new gaming system, ping pong paddles, a TV, whiteboards, and some extra comfortable seating—because every great gathering spot needs a cozy corner!

We believe this space will not only serve as a hub for learning and fellowship but also as a showcase for our church's commitment to supporting our youth. We want the SLAM kids to be counting down the days until they can get here!

If you feel led to contribute, whether through donations or resources, we would be incredibly grateful. Every little bit helps as we work to create a welcoming and inspiring space for our young people.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity. We can't wait to see how God will use this space to bless our youth and strengthen their faith!

Blessings,  
Lorrie McClure



## CURRENT ELDERS:

## Class of 2025

Gerri Coleman  
Price Holmes III  
Carlene Lewis  
Ceil Smith

## Class of 2026

Wanette Baker  
Lenora Baldwin  
Deborah Stroud  
Janet Thomas

## Class of 2027

Steve Lange  
Jeffrey Friert  
Clint Thomas  
Kathy Altom

## CURRENT DEACONS:

## Class of 2025

Wesley Beal  
Melissa Qualls  
Sam Smith  
Janet Wood

## Class Of 2026

Clint Howard  
Larry Whipple  
Rachel Baker  
Payne Moser

## Class of 2027

Laura Geary  
Mayfan Thomas  
Miriam Moore  
Sandy James

*Your Donation Can Spread Joy*

Your Outreach Committee needs your help to be a blessing to local charities. Drop your donations off at the church and they will be delivered to an agency with a specific need for that item.

This Month's Items:  
Supplies for Tornado Relief



Join us for a special Fellowship lunch on April 6th in Fellowship Hall! It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new pastor, Jim, and his wife, Paulette, after their first service. We're thrilled to have them in Batesville, so let's show them a warm welcome!

Drink from a can? Pull the tab and bring it to church! Drop your can tabs in the jar in the Narthex to help the local V.F.W. support the Ronald McDonald House! Tabs can also be dropped off in the office.



While the personnel committee continues to search for a nursery attendant, we are asking for volunteers for the Sunday worship service. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday this month or next, please let us know.



April 2nd at St. Mary's  
April 9th at Lyon College

# Presbyterian Day School



**2025-2026 applications are  
now available!**

Would you like to help PDS? The day school would welcome any donations in the form of snacks, supplies or scholarship donations. Please check with Ms. Alyson or Ms. Laura if you would like to donate snacks or supplies. Any scholarship donations may be brought to the church office.



# Preaching and Worship Schedule

April 6—5th Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Clark Baker

April 13—Palm Sunday

Liturgist: Debra Bell

April 17—Maundy Thursday

Liturgist: Wanette Baker

April 20—Easter

Liturgist: Kathy Lanier

April 27—2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Clint Howard



Don't forget the flowers for the Youth's Easter flower cross! It's a cherished tradition.

The church office will be closed in observance of Easter on Monday, April 21st



## Pastoral Care

**PLEASE REMEMBER** these members and friends of First Presbyterian Church in your prayers.

**MEMBERS:** John Reid; Erin Coggins; Bob and Sandy Qualls; Kathy Whittenton; Dick Nelms; Trish Boylan.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Kathy Magness, (friend of Amy & Clint Howard); Nancy Monroe (sister-in-law of Sarah & Chuck Jones; Andrew Langenbach (nephew of John Ried); The Bentley Family; Libby King (Daniel King); Sam Crawford (*friend of the congregation*); Chip Rayford (*son-in-law of Theodora Hightower*); Bill Olson (*friend Amy Crouch Howard*); Dwight Barnett & family (*brother of Carlene Lewis*); Kelli Sarrett (*niece of Celeste Whipple*); Dr. Mark Williams (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Pam Barnett (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Linda Richardson (*aunt of Karen Lange*); Daniel Neal (*friend of Zack Mobley*); Zach Miller (*son-in-law of Price and LeAnn Holmes*); Charlie Robuck (*grandson of Jo Cudd*); Paul & Susan (Critz) Guthrie (*friend of the congregation*); Marjorie Seasholtz (*friend of Kathy Whittenton*); Don Weatherman (*friend of the congregation*); Bob Stockalper (*friend of James & Camille Anderson*); Todd Phillips (*nephew of Camille Anderson*); Eloise Kikkert (*granddaughter of Don & Lynn Weatherman*); Jim & Diane Campbell (*brother & sister-in-law of Lenora Baldwin*); Betty Howard (*friend of Kathy Whittenton*); Nick Slagle (*nephew of Ceil Smith*); Susan Anselm (*sister of Jo Gehm*).

Please  
Pray  
for...



IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS, we remember to pray for these ministries:

Apr. 6	Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville	First, Dardanelle
Apr. 13	Good Shepherd, Greenwood	Presbyterian of Bella Vista
Apr. 20	Central, Fort Smith	Active Deacons
Apr. 27	Alpine Church, Amity	Church Groundskeep-

## Thank your Deacons!

Be sure and thank your Greeter on Sunday mornings because they take such good care of our church. After each service, they lock all the doors, turn off the lights, put the offering in the safe, take up the attendance sheets, among other jobs. It is often a thankless job and goes unnoticed. **We thank you, Deacons!**