



## *First Presbyterian Church*

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New Midweek Bible Study to Begin Wednesday, September 29

Just these lines.....as fall begins (sorta, kinda....we hope) to continue to celebrate our new year of Christian education and invite you to join me on six Wednesdays beginning September 29 in a new video Bible study — Words of Life: Jesus and the Ten Commandments for Today by Kansas City Methodist pastor/author, Adam Hamilton.

### The First Tablet The Call to Love God

- I. At the center of it all
- II. The idols we keep
- III. "I Swear to ...."
- IV Rediscovering the joy & need of sabbath (rest, remembrance and re-charge)

### The Second Tablet The Call to Love our Neighbors

- V. A Question of How
- VI. The Tragedy of Violence, the Beauty of Mercy
- VII. Faithfulness
- VIII. We're All Thieves
- IX. Sticks, Stones and the Power of Words
- X. Keeping Up With the Joneses

We'll meet from eleven to noon in the fellowship hall. You can order Dr. Hamilton's book and read it along with our discussions, but doing so is optional. Here's a special prayer from the first chapter of this excellent read:

Lord, help me not only to know your commandments but to live them. Help me to have no other gods before you; help me, that I might not worship anything but you. Help me to hallow your name and not profane it. May I be still, listen, and rest with you on the Sabbath. Make me a blessing to my parents and family. Help me not to hate or hurt others. Help me to be faithful to my spouse in my thoughts, words, and deeds. Help me not to take what isn't mine or to speak falsely of others, and teach me to be content with what I have. In other words, O Lord, help me to love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbor as I love myself. As you inscribed the commands on stone tablets, I pray that you might inscribe your commands on my heart, that I may be faithful to you! Amen.

Continue to keep the mission and ministry of our church and all churches everywhere in your prayers; and let me know if you have any questions, ideas or pastoral needs.

Blessed in His and Your Service,  
*Raymond*

# Let's All Plan To Contribute to Our Church Organ Restoration Fund

Restoration of our historic church organ is scheduled to commence in early January, 2022. Watch your mail this month to find out how all of us can give an “over and above our regular tithe and offering” contribution — perhaps in memor or honor of someone special. Here’s some organ history:

“In our 100th anniversary year (1935) the purchase of the pipe organ was made possible through a generous donation from lifelong member, Robert D. Daffin. His gift inspired each of the women’s circles to contribute \$100 toward the purchase of the organ; and it also inspired the women to redecorate the interior of the church” “In 1972, the pipes were replaced. In 1989, the swell shane engine was rebuilt; and in 1996 the organ generator was replaced with a solid-state rectifier.” The History of the First Presbyterian Church.

What a blessing it will be to soon hear Christine and “those pipes” glorify our Lord again in praise and adoration to our triune God!

## Doors Locked, Lights Out, AC Adjusted — Please

We want and need to keep our church campus secure 24/7/365; and we want to be good stewards of our Lord’s resources — with more funds being available for mission and ministry. Upon leaving FPC, please remember to always turn off the lights, adjust thermostats and lock all doors.

## AUGUST SESSION NOTES

1. Open and closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Approved new roofs for the manse and church office after a second estimate is received and the property committee chooses a contractor.
3. Discussed the Holy Cow survey results. (There were 74 responders.) Discussed ways to encourage new folks to worship and serve with us, particularly under 45 years old.
4. Heard that the PNC is scheduled to receive its first group of PIF’s (resumes) on 8/23/21 and prayed for the PNC.
5. Interim Pastor’s Report
  - A. Efforts are being made to get and keep our membership roll up-to-date.
  - B. Inquirers’ Luncheon is on 8/29; and we have several folks planning to participate.
  - C. Recommendation that we have a children/youth director, summer 2022, with Bible studies, trips, mission opportunities, etc. — and give our wonderful volunteers a three-month break.
  - D. We now have three adult Sunday school classes.
6. Received a new member by Letter of Transfer and noted five deaths to be recorded in the church register.
7. Discussed continual issues with the sound system in the sanctuary (particularly the speakers in the side section). The property committee will seek a solution.
8. Heard that an appeal will soon be mailed to our church family for restoration and repair of our pipe organ.

## NEWS AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

### SYMPATHY

*The sympathy of our church family is sincerely extended to the family of Jamy Yon (Susie Stevens' cousin).*

### JV FOOTBALL

*John Lawson is on the Marianna High School JV football team.*

### THANKS, FPC SR. HIGHS

*Thanks to our 9-12th graders for your leadership in worship on August 22, and to their faithful leader, LuAnne Law!*

### JV CHEERLEADERS

*Carolena Payne and Eva Marie Stafford are JV cheerleaders for the Marianna Bulldogs!*

### CONGRATULATIONS

*Jim Peacock was recently presented the Florida Association of Counties Presidential Advocacy Award for his work during the 2021 Legislative Annual Conference in Orange County, Florida!*

### AUTHOR IN OUR MIDST

*Jeremy Mutz authored his first book in 2017; and we can read about [The Chance I'll Take](#) (A Mystery) at Amazon.com. The Chipley attorney's second book, set on the panhandle coast, is scheduled to be published in November.*

## SEWING/CRAFT GROUP

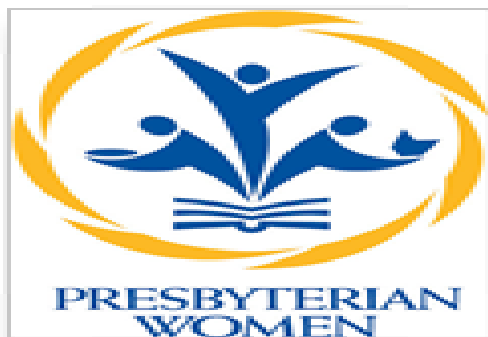


**SEWING WITH LOVE** continues meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church office, and there is room for more; so please come and join us for fellowship and mission. We are still stuffing animals and have begun knitting hats for preemies at Jackson Memorial Hospital. A portion of our giving now helps purchase stuffing and other supplies for this exciting new mission, recently featured on Channel 13 TV and in [The Jackson County Times](#).



### GOLFER COLE PAYNE

*Cole Payne, a senior and member of the golf team at Marianna High, was pictured with his grandfather in a recent Jackson County Times. The Cole team scored well in a recent local tournament.*



**WOMEN'S GROUPS**  
**AT**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,**  
**MARIANNA, FL**

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**Circle 1:** Chair is Joy Hinton  
**Will meet on September 13th**  
**(1st Monday is Labor Day)**

Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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**Circle 2:** Chair is Dot Carpenter  
**Will meet on September 13th (1st Monday is Labor Day) Dot says, "Wear your masks and come on."**

Meets 1st Monday at 4:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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**Circle 3:** The Lunch Bunch  
Chair is Peggy Peacock  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
Meets 3rd Monday at 11:30 in fellowship hall

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**Circle 4:** The Wildflowers  
Chair is LuAnne Law  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes

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**Presbyterian Women 2021-2022**

**CIRCLE 1**

**2021-2022 Bible Study**  
**WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS**  
**TAUGHT ME**

(Learning from the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus)

1. Family Trees
2. Tamar
3. Rahab
4. Ruth and Loyal Love
5. Ruth and Redemption
6. Bathsheba
7. Mary
8. Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church
9. What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?

**Presbyterian Women 2020-2021**

**Circle 2**

**2021-2022 Bible Study**  
**INTO THE LIGHT**

(Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament)

1. The Heart of Lament
2. Lamenting Together
3. Women's Lament
4. Lamenting Death
5. Lamenting Life
6. Lament Over the City
7. Creation Laments
8. God Laments
9. The End of Lament

(Due to the COVID situation, Circle 2 missed out on this study so they decided to use it this year.)

## PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

### ***“What is the basic message of the Bible?”***

Some see the Bible to be a drama in three acts: Creation, Fall, and Redemption. Another way to put this is to say that the message of the Bible is:

God created the world good.

Humans messed up the good creation.

God came in Jesus Christ to set things right.

The richness and the fullness of what the Bible communicates is much more detailed and richer than these three “basics.” But, broadly speaking, the whole of Scripture is encompassed by these three points.

*God created the world good.* This is vital and is the Bible’s first statement (Gen. 1:1-2). We know who we are and where all things originated. We are God’s children. All things come from God. God’s verdict on the creation was: “and indeed, it was very good” (Gen. 1:31). God the Creator is a constant theme in Scripture. The greatness and goodness of God lead humans to praise the creator of all things (Pss. 103, 104), including us! (Ps 8).

*Humans messed up the good creation.* The story of sin (Gen. 3) is of humans who have chosen to live according to our own wills and agendas, rather than seeking the purposes and directions that our Creator intends. We have broken God’s laws

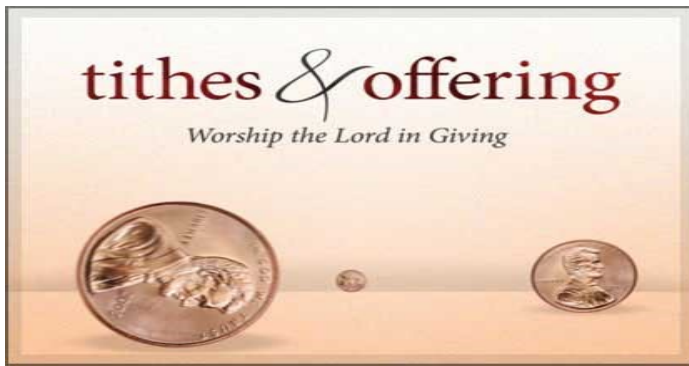
And, even more, broken God’s heart because we have rejected the relationship of love God wants to have with each of us. God’s “steadfast love” which pervades the earth (Ps. 33:5) has been rejected by unfaithful people.

*God came in Jesus Christ to set things right.*

This is the gospel, the “good news”! Our relationships with God — broken by sin — are now restored and made new through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God loved the world so much that God sent the Son of God into the world to provide the means, through his death and resurrection, of bringing new, “eternal” life to sinners (John 3:16-17). This is the greatest news we can ever hear! It is the message Presbyterians share vigorously with the whole world. Through Christ, “all things, whether on earth or in heaven” will be reconciled to God, since God in Christ is “making peace through the blood of his cross” (Col. 1:20).

*Donald K. McKim*





Monthly need for 2021 budget	21,334
Received through August 29	<u>17,881</u>
	( 3,453)

Year-to-date 2021 budget need	170,672
Year-to-date received (8/29/21)	<u>135,965</u>
	( 34,707)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

## FROM OUR

1835

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Our Endowment Committee Members would like to remind you that donations made to the 1835 Endowment Fund in honor of or in memory of someone special are very much appreciated. Please make your check out to the church and designate for 1835 Fund and designate who it is you are remembering. In August, donations were made to the 1835 Fund in memory of Betty Brendemuel.

## ORGAN REPAIRS

In August, donations were made to the fund that was established for the Organ Repairs. A donation to that fund was made in memory of Joanne Wynn.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our family of faith is to worship God; to successfully nurture the spiritual growth of each person in our church family so that we experience loving fellowship, joy, and peace; and to share our love and talents with others in our community and beyond!



OUR MEN'S GROUP  
GOD'S WARRIORS  
WILL UPDATE US

AS THEY DECIDE WHEN AND WHERE  
TO MEET



David Hand (Betty Joyce's son)  
Chris Butler (Ed and Linda Pittman's son-in-law)  
Southern Louisiana  
Larrian Bedini on the death of her father  
Joy Hinton  
Hazel Nelson  
Donna O'Bryan (Joy Lewis' sister)  
Marguerite Souder  
Peggy Woodham  
Jay Hoyt Rackley (requested by Ginger Green)  
Family and friends of Jamy Yon (Susie Stevens' cousin)  
Shelby Kandle and her fiancé, John (requested by Susie Stevens)  
Frankie Stewart  
Alisa Gunter Goldberg (Jake Gunter's daughter)  
Joy Lewis  
Buddy Bannerman (requested by Sharon)  
Theresa Forehand (requested by Kenneth & Leslie Kelley)  
Jane Powell  
Sherry Barber (Amanda Hinson's mother)  
Hedy Williams (Hanni Daffin's sister)  
Ruth Hammett (Scott Yant's mother)  
Fran and Ernie McNeill  
Charlton Keen Jr. and niece, Kathryn Keen  
Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)  
Joy Gilbert  
Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)  
Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)  
Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Lundgren)  
Steven Quigley  
Our Elders and Pastor Nominating Committee  
Our church and all churches  
Our Missionaries — Jim and Jodi McGill and children in Niger  
Our men and women in the armed services and their families  
Afghanistan  
Haiti



# FPC MISSIONS

## September 1st

Joy Lewis  
Mary Ann Hutton

## September 2nd

John Ross Green  
Xylpha Schwehm

## September 12th

Scott Yant

## September 13th

Leslie Kelley

## September 20th

Marley Green

## September 24th

Peggy Peacock

## September 26th

Bill Boyenton  
Matt Fuqua

## September 30th

Ethel Pelt

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***WHO AND WHERE ARE  
our college/grad school students  
this fall? We'd like to share a list  
in next month's newsletter & keep  
in touch with these special mem-  
bers!***

***Student*** \_\_\_\_\_

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***Physical Address*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print and place this in an offering plate  
or email information to Connie at  
fpcmarianna@gmail.com**

***"For I was hungry and you  
gave me food; I was thirsty and  
you gave me something to  
drink...."***

**Matthew 25:35**



Pray for our church's mission agencies  
and projects as we seek to be faithful to  
our Lord's great commission!

The Presbytery of Florida  
Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Camp  
FPC Food Pantry (part time staff & food)  
Marianna High Fellowship of Christian  
Athletes  
Thornwell Presbyterian Home for  
Children  
Innovative Charities of Jackson County  
Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County  
FPC Sewing With Love (supplies)

Our generous and faithful giving  
(regardless of our income) makes our  
growing mission possible!