



First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Your Turkey Earthquake Outreach

On February 6, a 7.8 earthquake rocked southeast Turkey and northeast Syria. There is a Presbyterian Church in Aleppo that opened the doors of Aleppo College (a school run by the church) as a relief center. Within hours, over 350 had sought shelter and supplies there. A picture below shows a woman showing a young girl a sleeping bag at this shelter, and a scene from within the shelter. We have seen the news reports of people were displaced from their homes in the heart of winter, mourning the loss of their homes, their families, their friends. Mark Mueller, Director of the Outreach Foundation, made an emergency appeal for Presbyterians to help. He wrote, "Paul writes in the 8th chapter of Romans, '*For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*' I cling to Paul's words today more than ever. 36,000 people have perished in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria...yet we remain resilient and committed as Christians because we live with hope in Jesus Christ. He is our advocate. Claiming Paul's words, we confidently respond in word or deed to the work of Christ in the world." Mueller wrote this emergency appeal email on February 15. Our witness committee had already voted two days prior on February 13 to send an emergency missions check of \$10,200 to help the Turkey earthquake victims. I am so grateful by the compassionate heart of our Witness Committee that they were moved to help our Presbyterian friends affected by the earthquake. I texted news of our help to Tom Boone (who works for the Outreach Foundation and visited our church recently) and he was in Germany on the way to Turkey. He was so thankful to hear of the relief from our church. Please keep praying for the victims of that tragic earthquake, and praise God that you are part of the efforts to help them!

May the peace of Christ bless you,

Andrew



SUNDAY, MARCH 12

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Set clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed!

THE LORD'S DAY

March 5 — 2nd Sunday of Lent/Kirkin' O' the Tartans

9:30 a.m. Kirkin' Lecture - "For Christ and the Common God"
Church Parlor
Regular Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Blessing of the Tartans
Scripture: Romans 5:1-11
Sermon: "Friend of the King"
Dr. Ryan Moore
Children's Sermon: Elder Jane Crump
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Barrett Daugherty
Children's Church: Kelli Stainback
Security: Craig Brewer & Jim Quinn

March 12 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon: Dr. Rusty Douglas
Children's Sermon: Elder Pat Gullede
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Richard Oakes
Children's Church: Mary Clyde and Miller King
Security: Justin Braswell & Mark Vemer

March 19 — 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: Psalm 23
Sermon: Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Alston Avritt
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Trish Rodgers
Children's Church: Meagan and Wade Litton
Security: Miller Arant & John Stewart

March 26 — 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sermon: Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Elder Jan Sturdivant
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Richard Smith
Children's Church: Whitney and Alston Avritt
Security: Morgan Gullede & Palmer Brock

March Ushers:

Miller Arant, Henry Flautt, Moss Melton, Sam Pigott,
Beverly Quinn, Dink Strain

March Hospital Visitation Elder:

Moss Melton

Deacon's Corner

Mississippi Blood Services is in Greenwood at the hospital on the third Friday of every month from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Please donate and tell them that you are giving from First Presbyterian Church Greenwood.

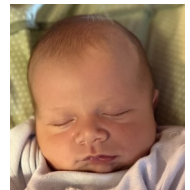
Parenting Sunday School Class

Beginning on March 19, the Parenting Sunday School Class taught by Whitney Avritt will use *Deep Down Faith* by Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. as their new curriculum.

Deep Down Faith seeks to teach what Reformed faith is all about, give a clearer picture of what we believe and why, and show how what we believe impacts daily life. If you would like your own copy of *Deep Down Faith*, please email Whitney (fpcyouth@firstgreenwood.net).

NEW BABY

We celebrate the birth of **Andrew Lott Stainback**, son of Andrew and Kelli Stainback, born on February 2.



RECENT BAPTISM



Celebrating the baptism of **Sidney "Lou" McLellan Lloyd III** on February 19 are parents Sid and Jami Lloyd. Howard Davis, Jr. served as assisting elder.

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 7 - 10:00 a.m.

FPC Playground

Light snacks will be provided after the egg hunt

For Children 5th Grade and Under

Parents and grandparents are welcome to come!



VBS at FPC

June 5-8 8:30-11:30 a.m.

For children who have completed 4K - 5th grades

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2023

1. Elder Trish Rodgers, Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, reported that the committee had met and had developed a slate of potential candidates. Members of the committee are in the process of contacting the persons nominated to inquire as to their willingness to serve.
2. Dr. Andrew Chaney and Elders Glenn and Susan Beckham represented this church at the ECO National Gathering which was held January 30 - February 1, 2023 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, CA. Susan gave a report to the session.
3. Approved calling a congregational meeting on March 19, 2023 for the election of officers for the Class of 2026.
4. Approved Ray Smithee assuming additional duties of office administrator / manager at a salary of \$1,000.00 per month, the exact duties to be agreed upon in consultation with the Pastor, Ray, and the Staff Support Committee.
5. Approved changing Lonnie Love's employment status from contract labor to hourly employee.
6. Approved amending the 2023 Budget to increase interest income by \$12,000.00 and salary expense by \$12,000.00.
7. Approved accepting an unrestricted gift of \$1,000.00 from Frank Jarman.
8. Approved Deep Down Faith by Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., for the Youth Parents' Sunday School class taught by Youth Director Whitney Avritt.
9. Noted Caroline Strawbridge will serve as the CE representative on the Youth Scholarship Committee.
10. Approved payment of \$10,200.00 to the Outreach Foundation to be used for earthquake relief in Turkey. This is the remainder of the 2022 benevolences.
11. Noted Susan Beckham will serve as the Worship and Music Committee's representative on the Youth Scholarship Committee.
12. Noted FPK registration for the 2023 -2024 school year is underway with 42 children currently registered.
13. Noted Barrett Daugherty will serve as the Kindergarten Board's representative on the Youth Scholarship Committee.
14. Approved the proposal developed by R19 Architecture to use the Mullin property as a drop-off and parking area for the Education Building / Kindergarten.
15. The Security Issues Committee met with David Williford, owner of Safe Shooter, Inc. in Leland on Sunday, February 12. He is advising the committee on security improvements to the church facilities.
16. Noted Trish Rodgers will serve as the Security Committee's representative on the Youth Scholarship Committee.
17. Approved the expenditure of \$10,000.00 to acquire plans for the construction of the drop-off and parking area for the Education Building / Kindergarten. This money will come from the capital improvement restricted fund. The plans will include a cost estimate for the project.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS, continued

18. Approved the Columbarium Subcommittee to disseminate information to the congregation in the church newsletter, bulletin, e-mails and through informal meetings for the purpose of determining how much interest exists among church members regarding construction of a Columbarium.
19. Buildings & Grounds reported that the Education Building needs significant waterproofing work to stop water from entering the building. A quote has been received from Dixie Roofing for \$75,000.00 for sealing mortar joints that are allowing water to seep in behind the brick walls. The Chair pointed out that the church will soon have to make a long term investment in maintaining the buildings.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, March 19**, immediately following worship for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee regarding the election of elders and deacons for the Class of 2026.

SHORT TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

The Witness Committee invites you to go on a mission trip! Last year via zoom we met Todd Luke, a Chicago lawyer who helps the Outreach Foundation build cisterns in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.



Cisterns improve health by providing clean water to small villages. This May the Outreach Foundation has an opportunity for you to help build a cistern or two. While the cisterns are being built (an easy process of mixing cement) you would visit with the local villagers. The group would stay at a four-room guest house in Xpujil which is a six hour drive south from Cancun. Each room has two twin beds, two hammocks, fans, and a bathroom with a shower. Outreach Global Worker Todd Luke is taking a small group from **May 22-27**. Are you interested in five days of mission? Please see the Outreach Foundation website for more details, and feel free to contact a member of the Witness Committee to sign up!



(Witness Committee: Todd Fincher, Mary Haley Flautt, Emmie Daugherty, Rebecca Small, Beth Moses, Andrew Stainback, Chris Walker, Floyd Melton III)



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YOUTH NEWS



WEDNESDAY 1	SUNDAY 5
Bible Study	<i>Parent Meeting</i>
WEDNESDAY 8	SUNDAY 12
Bible Study	No PYF
WEDNESDAY 15	SUNDAY 19
No Bible Study	No PYF
WEDNESDAY 22	SUNDAY 26
Bible Study	<i>Junior High OMOA</i>
WEDNESDAY 29	
Bible Study	<i>Spring Break Ski Trip March 11-15</i>

The Youth are excited about their Ski Trip to Breckenridge, CO from March 11 - 15. Youth attending are Andrew Brock, Olivia Gayle Brock, Larkin Camp, Penn Camp, Caroline Chaney, Bradley Lovelady, Cate Lovelady, Ainsley Melton, Miriam Jane Rodgers, Ava Scott, Solon Scott, Rhodes Strawbridge, and Sumner Tackett. Chaperones include Alston and Whitney Avritt, Allyn Camp, Jennifer Lovelady, Trish Rodgers, Ashley Scott, and Randy Tackett.

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Senior Pastor..... Dr. Andrew Chaney
Pastor Emeritus..... Dr. Rusty Douglas
Director of Music Rev. Ray Smithee
Director of Youth Whitney Avritt
Christian Ed. Director..... Kelli Stainback
Kindergarten Director..... Caroline Strawbridge
Assistant Kindergarten Director ..Rebekah Arant
Financial Secretary Annette McDonald
Administrative Assistant... Kristen Montgomery
Custodian..... Charles Covington
Clerk of Session..... Richard Oakes
Board of Deacons Mary Neff Stewart
Church Treasurer Mark Vemer
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First Presbyterian Kindergarten Registration is Now Open! for children ages 1-4 years. Contact Caroline Strawbridge at 453-1048. You may pick up an application in the Church Office or on our website under 'Kindergarten Registration.'



A Covenant Order of
Evangelical Presbyterians

March 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 5:30 pm Junior High Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm Senior High Bible Study	2 6:45 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	3	4 8:30 am Kirkin' Golf Tournament, Greenwood Country Club 6:30 pm Kirkin' Committee Party
5 <i>Kirkin' O' the Tartans</i> 9:30 am Kirkin' Lecture, Church Parlor 10:15 am Pipe Band Concert, Main St. 11:00 am Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service 12:15 pm Kirkin' Lunch 5:30 pm Youth Parent Meeting	6 10:00 am PW CT 5:00 pm Youth Comm.	7 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm FPK Board	8 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 5:30 pm Junior High Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm Senior High Bible Study	9 6:45 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	10	11 Youth leave for ski trip
12 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:35 am Communion Assignments 11:00 am Worship/Communion No PYF	13 5:30 pm B&G Comm. 6:00 pm W&M Comm.	14	15 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study Youth return from ski trip	16 6:45 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 5:30 pm Administrative Meeting	17	18
19 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship/Congregational Meeting No PYF	20 12:00 pm PW Noon Circle 5:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm Session	21	22 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 5:30 pm Junior High Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm Senior High Bible Study	23 6:45 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Newsletter Deadline	24	25
26 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship Junior High Trip to Old Mountain Outdoor Adventure	27	28	29 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 5:30 pm Junior High Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm Senior High Bible Study	30 6:45 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	31 4:30 pm Youth leave for Camp Hopewell Retreat (March 31-April 2)	

You Matter Ministries

First Wednesday of the month “helpers!” They help fill 320 bags! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Allyn Camp (662-515-0677).



We celebrated our 100th Day of school! Our St. Jude Trike-A-Thon event raised \$6,858! All classes made Valentine's for our friends at Indywood. They were very appreciative! We are preparing for Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day on March 2nd. Spring Break for us will be March 10-17.

