



First  
Presbyterian  
Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

JULY 27, 2023



## **Celebrating the Gift of God's Word on Rally Day!** **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

As your pastor, I want to lead us toward a love for God's Word, the Bible. I am convinced that God is leading us to know Him better through the Bible, and that the Bible is our way forward in life. We are so thankful for our Director of Christian Education, Kelli Stainback, and her Christian Education committee for organizing our Rally Day and the new year of classes. Rally Day is the time for our church to usher in the beginning of a new year of Sunday School. We will experience the Christian Education Committee's blessing of the backpacks for our regular school year and begin to prepare for a new year of Sunday School. I would like to encourage the whole congregation to attend the Rally Day pick-up breakfast. This is a time to share your summer adventures and catch up with your church friends as we look forward to the Fall. Some people remark that summer is not officially over until Rally Day happens. That is the way I feel, don't you agree? On Rally Day, I will lead a very short presentation of how to easily memorize the Ten Commandments. It will be so much learning them with very memorable hand gestures, and I look forward to seeing how many children will remember them. Also, there will be a "Mini Museum of the Bible." Have you ever been to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.? Maybe we should plan a field trip! This museum is unlike any other. It is devoted to how the Bible was inspired and given to us. On Rally Day, I'm going to bring a few of my favorite Bibles written in other languages for you to see. You will see Bibles in Greek, Hebrew, Navajo, and Cherokee! And of course, you will see various translations and be able to compare. You will even see one of my prized possessions, a New Testament that is over 500 years old. Translations matter, so I'll be interested in which translation you use for your home Bible study. If you are not doing a home Bible study, this will be a good time to begin! Let's all get immersed in the study of God's Holy Word- it's the Light in the darkness that leads us to salvation. I want every congregant to hear God's personal calling through His Holy Word. See you on Rally Day!

Blessings and peace,

*Andrew*

## THE LORD'S DAY

### August 6 — 10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion  
Sermon Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9  
Sermon: "Striving to Grow:  
4. What You Think Matters"  
Dr. Andrew Chaney  
Children's Sermon: Deacon Miller Arant  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Alan Barger  
Children's Church: Sam & Samantha Pigott

### August 13 — 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Rally Day  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Sermon Scripture: James 1:19-25  
Sermon: "Striving to Grow:  
5. What You Do Matters"  
Dr. Andrew Chaney  
Children's Sermon: Alston Avritt  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Miller King  
Children's Church: Emmie & Barrett Daugherty

### August 20 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Sermon Scripture: Acts 4:5-12  
Sermon: "Prepare an Answer!  
1. Why Is Jesus the Only Way?"  
Dr. Andrew Chaney  
Children's Sermon: Ashley Scott  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Reese Pillow  
Children's Church: Anne Marie & Thomas Gregory

### August 27 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Sermon Scripture: Jeremiah 9:23-29  
Sermon: "Prepare an Answer!  
2. How Do We Know God  
Exists?"  
Dr. Andrew Chaney  
Children's Sermon: Deacon Emmie Daugherty  
Prayer of Dedication: Elder John Stewart III  
Children's Church: Anna & Walter Moses

### August Ushers:

Bill Crump, Thomas Gregory (head), Henry Flautt, Moss Melton, Beverly Quinn, Clifton Thach

### August Hospital Visitation Elder:

Elder Mary Haley Flautt

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:45 a.m. in Shuler Hall



& Blessing of the  
Backpacks

This is our annual kickoff of the new Sunday School year! A pick-up breakfast will be served. Children with near perfect attendance will be recognized. We will also have Blessing of the Backpacks during Rally Day. **Bring your backpacks!**

During Worship at 11:00 a.m. on August 13, we will give Bibles to 3rd graders.

## Sunday School

### Partners in Faith

This class is watching the Mayberry Bible Study series.

### Women's Class

The Women's Class is watching "He Speaks to Me." This study speaks directly to the need to develop a richer prayer life and a deeper, more intimate relationship with God and to learn how to comfortably share your experience of God with others.

### Parenting Class

Beginning August 20, Whitney Avritt will teach a class for parents using the book *Deep Down Faith* by Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. This book 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](mailto:fpcyouth@firstgreenwood.net)).

### Men's Class

This class using lectionary-based literature.



**S. A. L. T.**  
**Serving And**  
**Learning Together**

*Resumes September 13<sup>th</sup>!*

Our popular S.A.L.T. program kicks off for the fall on September 13 and will continue each Wednesday through October 11. Class topics and locations for S.A.L.T. are coming soon.

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner in Shuler Hall
- 6:00 p.m. S.A.L.T. Classes
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN KINDERGARTEN

**Back to School Night**

Monday, August 14  
 5:00 p.m.  
*(parents only)*

**Meet the Teacher**

Wednesday, August 16  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**First Day of School**

Thursday, August 17

**Prepare an Answer!**

Our next sermon series, "Prepare an Answer!" is based on the verse from 1 Peter 3:15 which says, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do so with gentleness and respect." This five week series will carry us through the month of September.

- August 20** Why Is Jesus the Only Way?  
*Acts 4:5-12*
- August 27** How Do We Know God Exists?  
*Jeremiah 9:23-24*
- September 3** Why Do We Have Communion?  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-29*
- September 10** Why Do We Have the Church?  
*Acts 2:38-47*
- September 17** Who is the Holy Spirit?  
*John 14:16-26*
- September 24** Where Did the Bible Come From?  
*2 Peter 1:16-21*

**FROM THE FLOWER GUILD**

If you would like to reserve a Sunday to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary, please contact Ann Litton, chair of the Flower Guild, to do so.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Dinner @ 5:30  
 Bible Study @ 6:00

- August 16** Bible Study
- August 23** Bible Study
- August 30** Bible Study

**Presbyterian Youth Fellowship**

- August 13** Youth & Parent Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- August 20** Moon Lake
- August 27** Youth & Parent Kickball Game



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 2:30 pm Liturgy  6:00 pm Chancel Choir	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:35 am Communion Assignments 11:00 am Worship/ Communion	<i>7</i>  5:00 pm Youth Comm.	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 2:30 pm Liturgy  6:00 pm Chancel Choir	<i>10</i> 10:00 am Staff Planning Day	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:45 am Rally Day & Blessing of Backpacks 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship  5:00 pm Youth & Parent Meeting	<i>14</i>  4:30 pm CE Comm. 5:30 pm B&G Comm. 6:00 pm W&M Comm.	<i>15</i>  5:00 pm FPK Back to School Night (parents only)	<i>16</i> 10:00 am FPK Meet the Teacher 2:30 pm Liturgy  5:30 pm Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	<i>17</i> FPK First Day of School  5:30 pm Administrative Comm.	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Witness Committee Meetings with Partners in Ministry 1:00 pm Youth to Moon Lake	<i>21</i>  5:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm Session	<i>22</i> 10:00 am Staff Meeting	<i>23</i> 2:30 pm Liturgy  5:30 pm Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	<i>24</i>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Witness Committee Meetings with Partners in Ministry 5:00 pm Youth & Parent Kickball Game	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 2:30 pm Liturgy  5:30 pm Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	<i>31</i>		