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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

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YOUTH NEWS

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WEDNESDAY	7
Service Project You Matter Ministries @ 4:00	
WEDNESDAY	14
Service Project Humane Society @ 5:30	
WEDNESDAY	21
Service Project Food Pantry @ 1:00	
25	SUNDAY
All Youth Movie Trip Malco Madison	
WEDNESDAY	28
Service Project Food Pantry @ 1:00	

July 9-14 Fun in the Sun, Hilton Head, SC

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Vacation Bible School

June 5th—8th
8:30—11:30 a.m.



All children who have completed 4K-5th grade are invited to attend. The fun begins on Monday, June 5th and ends Thursday, June 8th in Shuler Hall. You can register & sign up to volunteer at this link: <https://www.myvbs.org/firstpresgwood>. You may also register on Monday, June 5th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Courtyard.

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. The adventure includes energizing music, Bible fun, exciting experiments, games, and delicious snacks.

Our mission project for VBS will be collecting monetary donations for the Leflore County Humane Society.

On Sunday, June 11th at 9:45 a.m., we will have a light breakfast and view the VBS slideshow in Shuler Hall. The entire congregation is invited. This will take the place of Sunday School on June 11th.

If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Caroline or Kelli, or you may sign up to volunteer with the registration link: <https://www.myvbs.org/firstpresgwood>.

Caroline Strawbridge & Kelli Stainback

2023 VBS Co-Directors



FPK ended the 2022-23 school year by presenting "God Made Me" to all parents and friends. The Lord blessed this precious little preschool this year and I am beyond grateful!

Caroline Strawbridge, FPK Director

THE LORD'S DAY

June 4 — Trinity Sunday/Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Shuler Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20
Sermon: "Trinity Sunday"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Caroline Strawbridge
Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Lynn Riales
Children's Church: Sam & Samantha Pigott
Security: Taylor Calhoun & Henry Flautt, Jr.

June 11 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m. VBS Slideshow & Breakfast, Shuler Hall
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Shuler Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9
Sermon: "Calling of Abram"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Elder Jan Sturdivant
Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Randy Tackett
Children's Church: Emmie & Barrett Daugherty
Security: Mark Kimmel & Tommie Williams

June 18 — 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Shuler Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Sermon: "When Sarah Laughed"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Elder Wade Litton
Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Rebekah Arant
Children's Church: Whitney & Alston Avritt
Security: Lawson Gary & Todd Fincher

June 25 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Shuler Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship
Scripture: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Sermon: "The Wonder of Prayer"
Dr. Andrew Chaney
Children's Sermon: Deacon Susan Gregory
Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Karla Bowen
Children's Church: Anna & Walter Moses
Security: Lee Hodges & Alan Barger

June Ushers:

Justin Braswell, Palmer Brock, John Pittman, John Stewart III (head), Chris Walker, Tommie Williams

June Hospital Visitation Elder:

Elder Sherry Clark

Summer Sunday School

Children's classes will combine!

2—5 year-olds

1st—5th graders

In Thanksgiving for Faithfulness!

In one point, Jesus took the disciples on a special leadership retreat to Caesarea Philippi to focus them upon their future of being the church. He challenged them with the question, "Who do people say that I am?" Finally Peter gave the correct answer, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matthew 16:16-18). The statement that Jesus is the Messiah is the foundation of the church. The church is built upon the fact that Jesus is the incarnation of God.

What a glorious picture- to imagine Jesus challenging the disciples to be the church built upon him is inspirational! This is the first place in the New Testament where the church is mentioned. "Church" comes from a Greek term, ecclesia, which means, "called out." The church's mission was called out "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). The church has been charged with telling people about God's plan of salvation. It received official divine instructions at Pentecost, joining believers to each other and to Christ. The church is supposed to elect authorities "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

This month we celebrate the service of our outgoing Elders and Deacons: Palmer Brock, Barrett Daugherty, Wade Litton, Toni Powers, Trish Rogers, Richard Smith, Allyn Camp, Laura Fincher, and Mary Neff Stewart. The dedication that these leaders showed during their tenure of service make us grateful to the Lord for them. They have reminded us of what the church is really all about. We look back at the years faithfully served by these individuals and see how God had clear intentions and comprehensive plans for their leadership. They glorified Jesus Christ with their hard work and sacrifice to the Lord. We are grateful for them, thank you, Lord, for giving us such good leadership in the church.

Warmly in Christ,

Andrew

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS May 2023

1. Approved amending the Manual of Operations to increase the spending limits for committee chairs to \$1,000.00 and for committees to \$2,000.00.
2. Approved amending the Manual of Operations to add a provision that allows the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee to authorize repairs or maintenance to buildings and / or mechanical systems without having to first obtain permission from the Session so long as the cost of the repairs or maintenance will fall within the Building and Grounds budget.
3. Noted upgrades to the church's computer networks have been completed. The total cost was \$10,565.18.
4. The Stewardship & Finance chair reported that the church was in good shape financially. Income is up by 8.1% due in part to interest income earned on funds in the checking account. Expenses are up 17% but the church still has a positive cash flow.
5. Approved expending \$3,485.13 from the Worship and Music Restricted Fund and \$723.70 from the Organ Fund to be used for securing a second opinion regarding issues with the pipe organ voicing.
6. Approved Miller King to be guest speaker for July 2, 2023.
7. Approved Tracy Ebarb to be guest speaker for July 9, 2023.
8. Approved a payment to Harold Floyd Heating and Air in the amount of \$1,444.50 for repairs to a pump and new seals on the Chill Water system in the Educational Building.
9. Noted the Buildings & Grounds Committee was updated on the FPK-Drop Off and informed that preliminary plans would be viewed by two area contractors for comments later this week. Any suggestions or "Best Practices" would be considered before having final drawings ready in two weeks.
10. Information on the proposed Columbarium is scheduled to be mailed to members of the congregation in the next few days.
11. Approved an expenditure of \$948.00 to purchase an annual subscription for Procure Billing Services. Funds will come from the Kindergarten budget.
12. Approved Laura Fincher, Beverly Quinn, and Claire Smith as members of the CE committee, Class of 2026.
13. Approved *Discerning the Voice of God* and *He Speaks To Me: Preparing to Hear from God*, both by Priscilla Shirer, for the Women's Sunday School class.
14. Approved using the Andy Griffith series for summer adult Sunday School.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS, continued

15. Noted the following upcoming dates/events:
 - June 5-8 - VBS
 - June 11 - VBS slide show in Shuler Hall and breakfast
 - August 13 - Rally Day and breakfast in Shuler Hall
16. Dr. Chaney updated the Session on several church members who had recently experienced health or other issues in their lives and asked the members to keep these persons in their prayers. He also thanked the outgoing class of Elders for their service to the church over the past three years.

COLUMBARIUM

Our church is considering a Columbarium to be located on the south west wall of the Courtyard. The committee members are Emily Elliott, Mary Neff Stewart, Tommy Gregory and Timmy Lott. Members of the congregation should have received a brochure in an email as well as a physical copy in the mail. If you have any interest in knowing more, please contact one of the committee members. We cannot move forward without knowing the interest of the congregation in this project. Please let us know your thoughts.

Timmy Lott





New Officers

New officers were ordained and installed on Sunday, May 21. Pictured below are Deacons Christie Beattie, Sam Pigott, and Emmie Daugherty, and Elders Dallas Baker, Reese Pillow, Ryan Strawbridge, Miller King, Alan Barger, and John Stewart III.



June 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 12:00 pm Kirkin' Committee Meeting	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 9:30 am VBS Decorating
<i>4</i> 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:35 am Communion Assignments 11:00 am Worship/ Communion No PYF	<i>5</i>  8:00 am VBS Registration, Courtyard 8:30-11:30 am VBS 5:00 pm Youth Comm.	<i>6</i>  8:30-11:30 am VBS	<i>7</i>  8:30-11:30 am VBS 2:30 pm Liturgy 4:00 pm Youth—You Matter Ministries 6:00 pm Choir	<i>8</i>  8:30-11:30 am VBS	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 9:45 am VBS Slideshow & Breakfast, Shuler Hall 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship No PYF	<i>12</i> 4:30 pm CE Comm. 5:00 pm B&G Comm. 6:00 pm W&M Comm.	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm Youth— Humane Society 6:00 pm Choir	<i>15</i> 5:30 pm Administrative Meeting	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship No PYF	<i>19</i> 5:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm Session	<i>20</i> 9:30 am Staff Meeting	<i>21</i> 1:00 pm Youth—Food Pantry 2:30 pm Liturgy 6:00 pm Choir	<i>22</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Youth leave for Malco Madison to see "Elemental"	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 1:00 pm Youth—Food Pantry 2:30 pm Liturgy	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	



Youth Sunday
Crawfish Party
& Messy Game Night

