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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Here's something I bet you've never heard of: "Jerry and David's Guide to the World Wide Web." It was a website put up in January 1994, by two Stanford University graduate students, Jerry Yang and David Filo. It was a directory of other websites – a way for users to discover the relatively small number of websites that existed in the early nineties. In April of 1994, the name was changed to Yahoo!, and in January 1995, the yahoo.com address was registered – and the era of seeking and finding on the Internet was born.

Yahoo!, as the main way to seek and find what's on the Internet, was eventually supplanted by Google as the leader in the digital search space. Today, finding information, people, news, and products couldn't be easier. Most Google searches are accomplished in less than a second. Searching, it seems like that's all we're doing these days – searching. The Magi searched for a new King of Israel with no certainty of finding Him. In God's plan, their search led them to a stable, in an obscure town. We enjoy the Christmas magic of knowing who Jesus is, where He is, and how we may know Him better.

Are you seeking Him this Christmas: in the Scriptures, in your daily journey, in sharing Him with others, in living a sacrificial life, and in serving Him with true worship? Those are the ways Christmas reminds us to seek and find Him. And what about gifts? What gifts do you bring Him this Christmas? Let your gifts be those of love, forgiveness, joy, worship, celebration, and a sacrificial life. We have found the Savior the Magi sought. Let us celebrate Him!

From the Meredith family to yours,
Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Pastor Woody



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CHURCH REPORTS

NOVEMBER 2023 STATED SESSION REPORT

- Work on the 2024 budget is in progress.
- Lessons in Carols will now be presented on December 30th, at 6:00 p.m. It will be performed at FPC Athens with the Episcopal Church, in Episcopal format. Reception will follow program.
- Session authorized a donation of \$200 toward the Grief Share Program at FBC Athens. The donation will come from the Community Concerns and Missions budget. It will help finance the meal and materials for the program.
- Session approve the financing of a new HVAC unit. Cole's is searching for a new unit, and this approval will allow Cole's to move forward with the replacement.
- Middle School Sunday School class has begun.
- Music class has started for the children.
- The church directory has been updated. One copy per household will be available starting Sunday, November 12th.
- Sign up for Christmas Benevolence has begun. Sign up sheets are available in the office and the fellowship hall.
- FPC will be filling 16 Christmas baskets for PCHAS this year. Baskets will be available at FNS and in the office.
- The congregation has the opportunity to participate in the JOY Offering this holiday season.
- The Chili Cook Off will be held at Family Night Supper on November 15th. Local Firefighters will be the judges.
- Christmas Caroling will be on December 17th at 1:30. Once again, we will be singing to residents of local nursing homes.
- A Christmas Gathering will be held at the home of Woody and Donna Meredith on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. This will be for current Session members, new church members and the new class of Elders for 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ward, Clerk

Prayer List

AS OF 11.27.2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Those In Our Church Family

Sharon Chasey, Bob & Dolores Herrington, Karen Brack, Sofia Yarbrough, Carol Morton, Donna Meredith

Those Who Are in Need of Our Visits & Prayers

Arabella Assisted Living: Don Geddie

Lakeland Assisted Living: Fred Davies

Oak Wood Assisted Living: Fran Jones (Hospice), Susan Underkofler, & Mark Carlson

Those Who Are Grieving

Family of Ken Ferris

Prayers For Those Serving In The Mission Field

Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee – Missionaries in Korea

Prayers For Church & Country

Our church and its leaders, Our community and its leaders
Our nation and its leaders.

Those We Love Needing Prayer

Evelyn Jackson (cousin of the Lively's)

Joe Ed, Becky & Del Young (neighbors of Martha McSweeney-Sandy Perkins sister)

DeeDee Manton (friend of Sandy Perkins)

Beau Justice, Rachel Wimberly (friends of Susan Sparkman)

John Baggett (friend of Ann & Elliott Boyles)

Connie Hanes (friend of Kenn & Shirley Hornbeck)

Vicki Grady, Steven Helf, Randy Daniel, Jim McPherson, Sebastian (Sebe),

Zoe Martir (friend of Chloe Wright)

Laurie Woods Granlund (friend of Mamie Downing)

Jessica Rodriguez (friend of Kara Davis)

Nation of Israel

Janis Marshall (friend of many)

Kay Courtney, Jane Moore (friends of Cathy Scarborough)

Andy Carpenter (friend of Steve & Claire Grant)

Gary & Renee Oliver (friends of Ken Schofield)

Sue Dover (Melanie Whatley's Mother)

Community Prayer Box



Please continue to spread the
word about the community prayer
box located behind the
Cain Family Building.

If you have a prayer request,
please do not hesitate to ask for
prayers from your church family
& friends.

We are called to pray
for one another.

Those Away at School

Chloe Wright

Elaine Hendrickson

Madison Rhodes

Hannah Davis

Tate Elfarr

Toby Rhodes

Alex Elfarr

Olivia Whatley

Heidi Davis

Session Members

Mike Babler – Member of Christian Education Committee

Margaret Breedlove – Chairman, Witness Committee

Kim Scott – Chairman, Worship Committee

Lolly Smith – Chairman, Congregational Life Committee

Scott Cruce – Chairman, Communications Committee

Kathryn Hendrickson – Chairman, Christian Ed. Committee

Rick Stroupe – Chair, Building & Grounds Committee

Kara Davis – Co-Chair, Community Concerns/Missions

Claire Grant – Co-Chair, Community Concerns/Missions

Joan King – Congregational Life Committee

Stephen Yarbrough – Chairman, Personnel

Donna Ward – Clerk of Session

SUNDAY



SCHOOL

All are welcome! Please join us; you'll be glad you did! Call the church office at 903-675-3530 with any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Disciples Class

The **Disciples Class** makes use of "The Wired Word" or similar materials, which blends national or world events of the previous week and relevant Bible verses to guide our discussion.

Come join us. Our class encourages enthusiastic discussion and is led by four different teachers.

Disciples Contact Person: Lacey Ward

Rotation of Teachers:

Carol McNatt, Sheri Robson, Lacey Ward & Linda Horton

Location: Conference Room in the Main Building

Time: 9:45am Sunday morning

Friendship Class

The **Friendship Class** is currently discussing the book "How to Study the Bible Through the Jesus Lens" by Michael Williams. Come join us if you want to explore more of God's Word.

For more information, please contact Donna Meredith at (903) 286-2085 or donnafoftermeredith@gmail.com.

Friendship Leader: Mike Babler

Location: Main Church Building, Friendship Classroom

Time: 9:45am Sunday morning

Seekers Class

The **Seekers Class** is currently studying, "The Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity" by Lee Strobel. This bestselling book is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus but who are faced with difficult questions standing squarely in their path.

We would like to invite you to join us during our time of study and fellowship.

Seekers Contact Person: Steve Grant

Location: Main Church Building, Upstairs east side.

Time: 9:45am Sunday morning

Toddler and Baby Nursery Open in the Main Building

Sunday Nursery remains the same for Older Children in the Children's Building.

In order to accommodate our younger families and visitors with infants and toddlers, the crib and toddler rooms in the main church building are open and staffed with two workers.

In addition, we will continue to staff the Children's Building with two workers for children ages 3 and up.

Nursery workers are available during both worship services as well as during the Sunday School hour.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ages 3 and up

Teachers:

Kathryn Hendrickson
& Susan Sparkman

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Watch for monthly meeting date reminders!

All Youth ages **6th - 12th grades** meet on Sunday mornings in the Youth House located by the Main Parking lot.

Teachers:

Steve & Claire Grant and
Steven & Lolly Smith

CHILDREN'S MUSIC CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Children and Middle School Youth will be singing during both Worship Services on **December 17th**.

We will also have a **Christmas Party** the same Sunday at Susan Sparkman's home. Parents will be notified with further details. Thank you!

Calendar Dates to Remember

December 3rd: 9:30am Children's Music Class (CB) and Middle School Sunday School Class (YH).

December 17th: 9:30am Middle School Sunday School Class (YH).



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Hendrickson at 903-681-2887



Bulletin Board Art Work



Happy Birthday, Bellamy!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

OUR MISSIONARY PROJECT IN KOREA

Rev. Kurt Esslinger and Rev. Hyeyoung Lee are mission co-workers serving in South Korea. No strangers to Athens, both have visited here and Kurt led our congregation in worship in 2022.

Kurt and Hyeyoung are involved on many levels in South Korea. Some of the areas of service include:

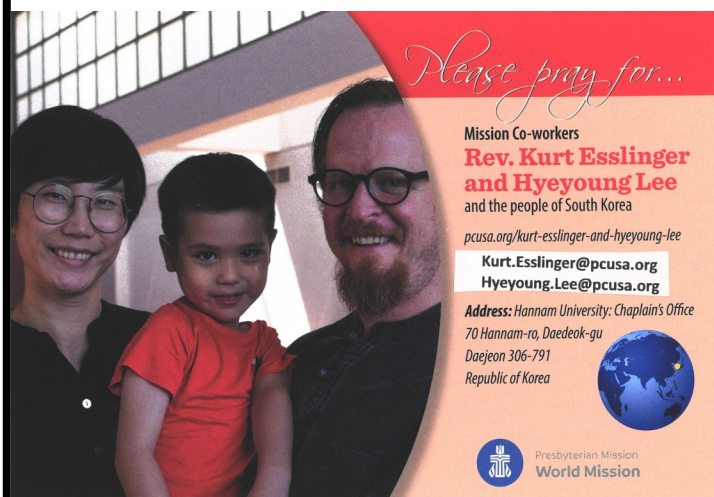
- **Working with other churches in South and North Korea who are seeking a formal treaty to the end of the Korean War and bringing peace to that area. They work very close with the Korean Peace Appeal.**
- **Coordinate and work with the economical form for peace. Reunification and development cooperation on the Korean peninsula.**
- **Host a Youth Adult Volunteer Program bringing youth volunteers to Korea to learn the Korean culture and mentor and spread God's work through participation with the local community and teaching and working with students.**

Both Kurt and Hyeyoung are totally submersed with outreach and service.

Both are true blessings to the community they serve.

First Presbyterian Church-Athens supports Rev. Kurt Esslinger and Rev. Hyeyoung Lee and ask you to remember them and their families in your prayers.

Steve Grant





Please pray for...

Mission Co-workers
Rev. Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee
and the people of South Korea
pcusa.org/kurt-esslinger-and-hyeyoung-lee

Kurt.Esslinger@pcusa.org
Hyeyoung.Lee@pcusa.org

Address: Hannam University: Chaplain's Office
70 Hannam-ro, Daedeok-gu
Daejeon 306-791
Republic of Korea



 Presbyterian Mission
World Mission

Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee

Serving Christ together in South Korea

Kurt and Hyeyoung will mentor Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) who spend one year living and serving in Korea. Their goal is to help the YAVs have a clear sense of their call to promote social justice, reconciliation, and evangelism as people of faith. As they guide young adults to reflect on their experience, Kurt and Hyeyoung will seek to prepare them to return to the United States to lead the church in working for God's shalom throughout the global community. They will also work to enhance the fruitful relationship between the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Korean church communities. Kurt and Hyeyoung say their call to this work stems in part from their relationship with each other, which they believe reflects the value of working together across different cultures.

Personal Information

Birthdays

Kurt – March 31
Hyeyoung
September 7
Sahn – March 7

Anniversary

September 12

Accounts

E132192-individuals
D500115-congregations

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Give: presbyterianmission.org/donate/E132192

Give by check: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Learn more about supporting Presbyterian mission workers,
Call 800-728-7228, x5611.

Learn more about Presbyterian World Mission at pcusa.org/worldmission

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Sally's Soup Ministry -

We will not meeting during the month of December.

Are you new to our church? Have you heard about Sally Soup Ministry and want to know what it is all about? We would love to have you join us!

If you are not a new member, but haven't had the privilege of joining us in the past, please pray about joining us as we get back to the work of this ministry.

Questions?

Please contact Claire Grant at clairewgrant@aol.com or Steve Sparkman at srsparkman@yahoo.com if you would like more information about this ministry or how you can volunteer.

821M, The Rebecca Project

Each Saturday morning at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall volunteers prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to the elderly, shut-ins and homeless.

Delivery drivers, and others,
are needed weekly.



Questions?

Contact Jim & Jana Thompson at 903-880-2855 if you are interested in volunteering.



HC FOOD PANTRY

The Henderson County Food Pantry is always in need of donations and volunteers!

They are open from 9:00AM to 12:00PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Food may be dropped off at the church office, or placed in the boxes located at the entrances to the Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary.

Contact Mamie Downing at 903-477-3010.

Email: mamie.d.downing@gmail.com
or call the church office for more information.



Showing the love of Jesus to the homeless and poor in Henderson County

We will be providing lunch for Love in Action on the 4th Friday of the month.

An email will be sent out the week before with the list of items we will need to prepare this meal.

Questions?

Email Eric Davis at ericbdavis35@gmail.com

Soup Kitchen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Contact Sharon Chasey if you are interested in helping or would like more information.

903-292-1639 or 903-477-7498

Email: skchasey@aol.com.

We are currently only serving 50-100 people on Tuesdays or Thursdays and providing "take-out" service of soup, sandwich & dessert.

Serving time is from 11AM-1PM

Ladies Bible Study
Thursday Mornings at 9:30AM



A NEW Bible Study will begin soon.

**If you are interested in joining us
on Thursday mornings or
have questions,
please email Kim Scott at
kscott7938@aol.com**

**We meet in the
upstairs classroom in the
main church building.**



We will NOT meet in December!

CASA Trinity Valley
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

**"CASA of Trinity Valley provides
independent, highly trained volunteer
advocates for children in the custody of
Texas Department of Family and Protective
Services in Anderson, Cherokee and
Henderson counties.**

**We empower volunteers to advocate for
the children's best interests, to ensure
that their needs are met, and to secure a
permanent, safe, and nurturing home as soon
as possible."**

**FPC-Athens provides financial support and the
use of its Fellowship Hall, as a meeting place
for the CASA staff each month.**

To find out more information on becoming a
CASA advocate or volunteer visit their website www.casaoftv.org
or contact director, Keith Loper at casakeith@casaoftv.org or by
calling 903-675-7070/903-802-1939.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Do you need a new book to lose yourself in
or maybe revisit one you haven't read in a
long while? Then, we want to invite you to
visit the church library and take one home.

The library is open Monday-Friday from
8:00 am to 2:00 pm and on Sunday from
8:30 am to Noon.

Easy book check-out instructions are
posted. We welcome suggestions for
new books, videos or CD's to order, and
book donations in honor or in memory of
someone special.

For questions or help, contact Kim Scott
(kscott7938@aol.com).

The library is located in the church
office area, past the front desk,
2nd door on the right.



MEN FOR HIM

Men for Him Chorus meets weekly and
practices on Tuesday evenings from
6:30-8:00 in the Fellowship Hall at
First Presbyterian Church.

The chorus sings four-part barbershop style
religious music and is made up of men from
area churches. If God has gifted you with a
singing voice, you may want to consider
using that gift with the chorus.

We invite and encourage you to visit and
check us out. We have fun, create lasting friend-
ships with men from other churches and share our
witness through music.

If you would like more information,
please feel free to call Ken Myers
at 903-279-5065.

Conductor, Janis Capelle & FPCA Chancel Choir Singers wish to
invite you to our Musical Offering celebrating the birth of
our savior, Jesus Christ.

This is our Christmas Musical Offering to our church & community.
Please attend and tell your friends.

Janis Capelle
Conductor

FPCA
Chancel Choir

Steve Grant
Narrator

Kirk Overmoe-Piano

Calvin Sheffield-Bass Guitar

Mamie Downing-Organ

Mary Hortman-Piano

Rachel Scotchmer-Oboe

Sing Joyously **Noel**

Celebrating The Light of the World



December 16, 2023
7PM-Free Admission

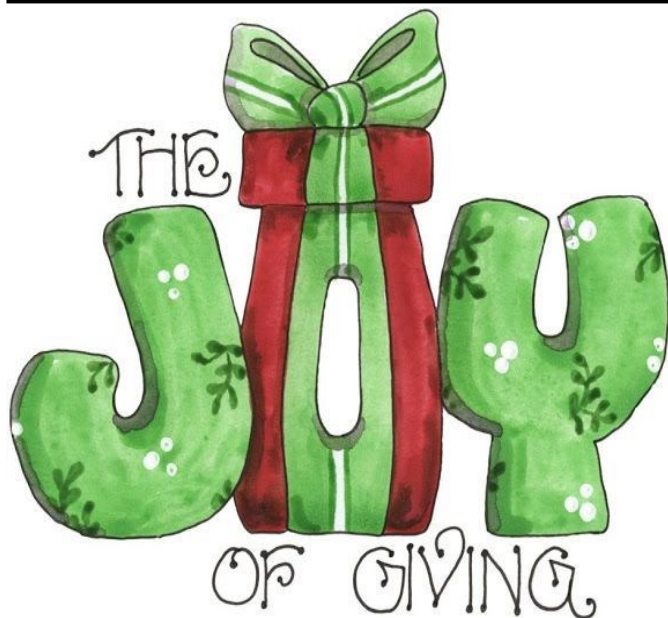


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CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE PROJECT

MINISTRY OF FPC-ATHENS

- PROVIDES LOW-INCOME FAMILIES FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- PROVIDES EACH FAMILY WITH STORY BIBLE
- PROVIDES EACH FAMILY WITH A BROOKSHIRE'S GIFT CARD.



It's time for Christmas Benevolence and we are in need of volunteers!

We currently have 34 families who are in need of help this year at Christmas.

Thank you to all that have already taken a family but, we still have a few that have not been adopted. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Penny.

Penny Endsley
at 903-288-1129.



**Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM**

First Presbyterian Church-Athens
is currently filling 16 Christmas Family Baskets
for PCHAS this year.

The basket wish list includes various activities
such as art & play, books, & games that help
promote family togetherness.

**Thank you to everyone that took a basket
to fill this year!**

**IMPORTANT: If you currently have a basket or
have already dropped yours off, please contact
the church office as we are missing many names
from our list.**

**Deadline: Diane Pennington will pick up the
baskets on Sunday, December 10th.**

Would you like more information about PCHAS?
Visit the PCHAS online at www.pchas.org or
contact Claire Grant, the FPC Athens liaison at
clairewgrant@aol.com



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!

Collection Dates: December 17th & 24th

THE PERFECT GIFT

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present and future — who have pointed us to God. We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING SUPPORTS THESE INSTITUTIONS

Menaul School
Albuquerque, NM
menaulschool.com

- Most diverse private high school in the Albuquerque area. Students from 15 - 20 countries are represented each year and the majority of students self-report identifying with minority ethnicities.
- Ranked best Christian High School and 5th best private school in New Mexico by *Niche* (niche.com)

Presbyterian Pan American
School, Kingsville, TX
ppas.org

- 100% of graduates are accepted into colleges and universities in their home countries or in the United States
- Welcomes a diverse international student body, with 26 countries represented in the last 25 years

Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, AL
stillman.edu

- Stillman has been selected a College of Distinction for 2019-20 and 2020-21 and 2021-22 for Christian Education, Teacher Education, Support of the Military and Veteran Students, Preparing Business Leaders, and Equity and Inclusion (collegesofdistinction.com/school/stillman-college).
- Stillman's student population is 87% first generation in college.



WAYS YOUR MEMBERS CAN GIVE



Through your congregation



Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999



pcusa.org/give/christmasjoy

*If giving online,
members should provide the name
of their congregation so the church
will receive credit for their gifts.*



"The Christmas Joy Offering isn't just a program, it touches individuals' lives, and I'm so grateful."

Carla Louca,
student
Stillman College

50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Agape Quilts

Needs/Wish List:

Please continue to make donations.

Quilts, bedspreads, blankets,
fleece throws, sheets, etc.

Donations should all be washed and in good
condition to piece together for sleeping bags.

For more information contact,
Sofia Yarbrough at 720-936-5225.

Merry Christmas from
♥ Sofia & her partners.

**HC Food Pantry is still in need
of Pet Food.**

Please help if you can... Thank you!



Henderson County Food Pantry

The HC Food Pantry is currently in need of pet food
donations. Donations can be brought to the church office
or dropped off at the pantry location listed below.

Open 9:00AM to 12:00PM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
715 E. Corsicana St.
Athens, Texas 75751
hendersoncofp@gmail.com
903-677-1600



MDO NEWS

It is that time of year again!

Mother's Day Out will have
SHARING BOXES located in the
Children's Building & in the Church
to collect canned food and/or
non-perishable items to be given
to the local Food Pantry.

**We will deliver the boxes on
Tuesday, December 12th.**

Please contact Brenda Tarter
if you have any questions
at 903-681-0769.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

When: December 17th at 1:30PM

All are welcome to join as we will be singing at 4 local care facilities this year.

Please meet in the church parking lot at 1:30pm and please contact Lolly Smith with any questions.



A Festival of
Nine

Lessons & Carols



Presented by
First Presbyterian Church
and
St. Matthias Episcopal Church



Saturday, December 30th at 6:00PM

First Presbyterian Church, Athens

405 E. Corsicana Street

Athens, TX 75751

903-675-3530


11.26.2023 HANGING OF THE GREENS



DECEMBER 2023 ACTIVITIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Sunday, December 17th: FPC Athens Children & Middle School Youth will be singing during both worship services. Additionally, they will be having a Christmas Party that afternoon. Parents will be notified with further details about the party.					1	2 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
3 1st Sunday of Advent & Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:30am Children's Music Class (CB- 3rd Sunday) 9:30am MS Sunday School (YH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)	4 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	5 4:30pm Worship Committee Mtg. 6:30pm Men for Him (FH) CC/Missions will not meet in December	6 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC) Christian ED Committee will not meet in December Sally Soup will not meet in December!	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC)	8	9 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
10 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) Bells will be playing during service. 1:30pm Chancel Choir	11 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB) Poinsettia Sign-Up Deadline.	12 MDO to deliver canned goods to food pantry. 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	13 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC) 6:15pm Session Mtg (FHC)	14 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC)	15	16 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH) 7:00pm Christmas Program
*17 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:30am MS Sunday School (YH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir 1:30pm Christmas Caroling at Local Nursing Homes	18 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	19 5-7pm Christmas Open House @ the home of Woody & Donna Meredith. 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	20 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC)	21 1st Day of Winter 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC) LIA Meal Items Due by 2:00pm 	22 LIA Meal Served	23 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
24 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm Communion will be served.	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed! 	26 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	27 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC)	28 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC) 10:00am Casa Staff Meeting (FH) Not Meeting in December	29	30 6:00pm Lessons & Carols
31 1st Sunday of Christmas & New Year's Eve 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed! 	PW - Presbyterian Women CFB - Cain Family Building FH - Fellowship Hall FHC - Fellowship Hall Classroom CB - Children's Building YH - Youth House CR - Conference Room FC - Friendship Classroom UC - Upstairs Classroom				

December Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>We would like to wish the following congregation members a very Happy Birthday.</p>					1 Jo Ann Johnson	2
3	4 Rev. Diana Hartman Jolene Taylor John Youngblood	5 Fred Davies Earl Locke	6	7	8 Colleen Spurlock	9 Andrea Copeland
10 Judy Locke	11 Dan Morrison	12	13 Alexis Lassiter	14	15 Sam Hurley Leslie Jones Adron Neill	16
17 McKenna Jones	18 Gary Espy	19 Jim Bickle Sr. Bobbie Fain	20 Spencer Skelton	21	22	23
24 / 31 12/24 Emilli Morrison Susan Underkofler	25	26	27	28	29	30



12/04 Steve & Sofia Yarbrough
 12/10 Kevin & Melanie Endsley
 12/12 Will & B.J. Davies
 12/19 Ronnie & Cindy Babcock
 12/23 Hank & Janet Skelton
 12/28 Elliott & Ann Boyles



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located at: 405 East Corsicana Street

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DECEMBER 2023 COMMUNIQUE

Get our Communique Newsletter delivered to your Inbox!

- Visit www.fpcathens.com and select Church Communique from the menu bar.

* Simply fill out the form. Remember to check your email spam folder if you didn't receive an email.

Join Us On Sundays **Contemporary Worship at** **8:30am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School at 9:45am
see newsletter for locations or
visit the church website.

Traditional Worship at
11:00am in the Sanctuary

Child Care-Children's Building
(For both services & Sunday School)

Pastor

Rev. Woody Meredith
woody@fpcathens.com

Director of Music
Janis Capelle

Organist & Bell Choir Leader
Mamie Downing

Music Leader
Kara Davis

Business Manager
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION [FOR JANUARY 2024](#)

Next Deadline: January 21st

Email announcements, articles,
information, etc. to
secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com

We Are
*A family of
Disciples, touched
by God's grace,
called to share
Christ through
Worship, Ministry
& Outreach.*