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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

If you are like me, you can't believe it is March already. This year Easter is on March 31 so our planning and preparation for that joyous event is well underway. Activities of all kinds are being planned and a host of people are involved. It is during times like these that I find myself thinking about and appreciating the people around me.

You know, even with all the differences in churches these days, most have one thing in common: chairs or pews are all facing one direction. Yes, we should all be positioned to pay attention to the sermon, but we need to turn around and see the faces of our fellow worshippers. God gathers us so we can walk together on our journey of faith. We need each other in order to grow – to help and be helped.

During this Lenten season, as we are journeying to the cross and then to the empty tomb, take time to notice and appreciate the people God has put in your life. The Christian life is at its richest when shared day in and day out. Prayerfully ask the Lord to help you make meaningful, lasting connections with your sisters and brothers in Him.

Pastor Woody



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Welcome to FPC-Athens



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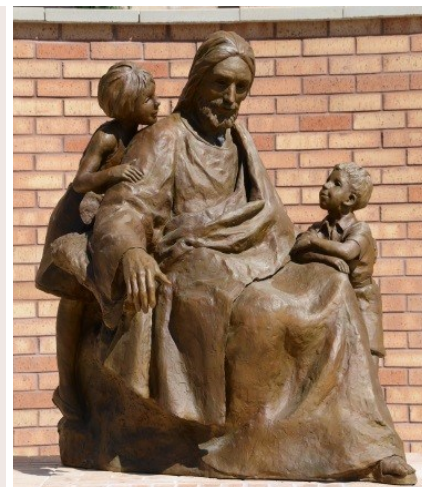


FPC - Athens is a warm, nurturing, supportive and inclusive church family of deeply committed disciples who are excited about following Christ out into the world through our extensive mission and ministry programs. Founded in 1855, FPC Athens is steeped in the nearly 500 year old Reformed Tradition, and yet our leadership team is always actively seeking God's spirit to lead us as we minister to God's people in new and creative ways.

The church's active congregation participates in both local and worldwide ministries, such as the Athens Soup Kitchen and Agape Quilts. Additionally, the church grounds host many groups throughout the week, including Mother's Day Out, a twice-a-week children's ministry that has been held here for 30 years and Love In Action, a monthly lunch for the homeless prepared by our church members. We also support Presbyterian Church USA missionaries in South Korea.

If you are looking to actively engage in meaningful, spirit-filled worship, hands-on volunteering, life-changing mission work, a powerful music ministry, intergenerational programs, and life-giving fellowship, the FPC family is the home for you. We offer a variety of mission and ministry opportunities, thoughtful Christian education for all ages, two different styles of worship, programs for families, youth and children, attentive childcare during worship and events, and a loving, inclusive atmosphere where all are welcomed!

If you have questions about what it means to be a Presbyterian, are seeking a new church home, or just want more information, please contact our church office at 903-675-3530.



Mission Statement:

A family of disciples touched by God's grace, called to share Christ through worship, ministry, and outreach.

We strive to live out our Mission Statement by providing worship and Christian Education experiences that allow for personal spiritual growth. As equipped disciples we then go into the world to model Christ's love to others.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US
BY VISITING WWW.FPCATHENS.COM

We would love to have you be a part of this loving and joy-filled family of God.

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US!

FPC ATHENS OFFERS IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES
AS WELL AS RECORDED SERVICES THAT ARE POSTED
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

COMMUNION IS SERVED THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

JOIN US AT 8:30AM EVERY
SUNDAY MORNING IN OUR
FELLOWSHIP HALL, AS WE
WORSHIP CHRIST JESUS IN A
MORE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
9:45AM-10:30AM

3RD SUNDAY: CHILDREN'S
MUSIC CLASS AT 9:30AM IN
OUR CHILDREN'S BUILDING.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

JOIN US AT 11:00AM EVERY
SUNDAY MORNING IN OUR
SANCTUARY LOCATED IN THE
MAIN CHURCH BUILDING.



First Presbyterian Church Prayer List: February 28, 2024

Sharon Chasey, Bob & Dolores Herrington, Burt Lively, Roberta Ferris, Sharron Clark, Carol McNatt, Sandy Perkins, Mike Babler, Bill Breedlove, Jan Capelle

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 Sue Nelson

Family of Luke Howard

Family of Lee Parrish

Family of Nita McGilvray

Cecilia Bowles and family

Family of Ann Perkins

Family of Toni Garrett

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, Margaret Moore (friends of Sandy Perkins)

Jan Suhr, Brandon Monkerud (friends of Susan Sparkman)

John Baggett (friend of Ann & Elliott Boyles)

Jessica Rodriguez, Olan & Maryanne Timmons (friends of Eric & Kara Davis)

Nation of Israel

Hailey Durran (friend of Susie House)

Sue Dover (Melanie Whatley's Mother)

Luis Chavez (brother-in-law of Jim & Karen Brack)

Denice Bailey (friend of Angela St. Valentine)

Susan Saxe (Elizabeth Van Orden's Mother)

Brother of Nikki DuBose

Jim Mouch (friend of many)

Vicki Grady, Randy Daniel, Janis Marshall

Those We Love in the Armed Forces

Si Robson, U.S. Army Ranger, Missouri

Those Away at School

Chloe Wright

Elaine Hendrickson

Madison Rhodes

Hannah Davis

Tate Elfarr

Toby Rhodes

Alex Elfarr

Olivia Whatley

Heidi Davis

Session Members and Where They Serve

Building and Grounds: Chairman-Rick Stroupe

Christian Education: Chairman-Kathryn Hendrickson

Communications: Chairman-Scott Cruce

Community Concerns/Missions: Chairman-Kara Davis/Claire Grant

Congregational Life: Chairman-Melanie Whatley

Caring Connections: Chairman-Joan King

Personnel: Chairman-Stephen Yarbrough

Stewardship: Chairman-Steven Smith

Witness: Chairman-Nancy Perryman

Worship: Chairman-Marcy Warren

Clerk of Session: Donna Ward



Easter Lilies
IN HONOR & IN MEMORY OF

Limited Amount Available this year...

Plant Size: 6" at \$9.99 ea.

Note: Please make checks out to FPC Athens.
Memo Line-Easter Lily.

**Deadline to Sign-Up:
Friday, March 15th, 2024**

A sign-up sheet is located in the
Church Office.

Plants will be delivered in
time for Palm Sunday & Holy Week.





Columbarium News

For many centuries, cemeteries were commonly found in churchyards, allowing churches to minister to the spiritual needs of their members. But there is a modern alternative which churches are offering their members: the Columbarium.

A Columbarium is a collection of niches designed to house urns inscribed with the person's names and dates of birth and death.

The principal benefit a Columbarium affords church members and their families is the opportunity to select their final resting place in the shadow of the church where their loved ones can visit and meditate at any time.

The Columbarium is part of First Presbyterian Church and functions under the authority of the Session.

A Columbarium Committee oversees operation of the Columbarium.

If you wish to discuss the purchase of a niche within the Columbarium, please contact the church office.

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.

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.



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 "The Great Disappearance: 31 Ways to be Rapture Ready" by Dr. David Jeremiah. 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 donnafostermeredith@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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & MORE

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

OH WHAT FUN!!!

**Congratulations,
we are so proud
of you!**



**Matthew and Michael Warren
won first and second place
trophies in the Boy Scout's
Pinewood Derby.**



**What a wonderful way
to share the love and
meaning of Valentine's Day
with others!**

**Our FPC-Athen's Sunday
School kiddos created hand-
made valentines to lift the
spirits of those who reside in
Oak Wood Place Assisted
Living. Way-to-go!**

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 at 9:30am.

Teachers:

Steve & Claire Grant and
Steven & Lolly Smith



**Come make a joyful noise unto the LORD
and we will have fun doing so!**

**Children of ALL ages are invited!
Every 3rd Sunday in our Children's Building
from 9:30-10:00am
Children's Sunday School Immediately Follows**

MUSIC CLASS FOR ALL AGES

We meet the 3rd Sunday
of each month in the
Children's Building at
9:30am.

Children of ALL ages are
welcome and invited!

Children's Sunday School
immediately follows.

Teacher:

Jan Capelle

IN THE SPOTLIGHT....

FPC Athens Agape Quilts Ministry



"AGAPE" MISSION PROJECT

(THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW!)

* FPC MEMBER, SOFIA YARBOROUGH, IS THE INSPIRATION AND PRIMARY MOTIVATION FOR BEGINNING THE "AGAPE QUILT & BEDROLL MINISTRY" AT OUR CHURCH

* SOFIA & HER STEVE CAME TO FPC FROM A LARGER CITY CONGREGATION WITH THE BEDROLL PATTERN, PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROGRAM, AND HER SIGNATURE ENTHUSIASM TO "SET A FIRE" UNDER OUR FEET, JUST ASKING US AT FIRST TO LISTEN, LEARN, AND PARTICIPATE IN A NEW, BUT IMPORTANT MINISTRY!

* WE WHO ATTENDED FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS AT THAT TIME, LISTENED TO HER PRESENTATION WITH OPEN HEARTS AND A WILLINGNESS TO GIVE IT A WHIRL

* A SMALL, BUT MIGHTY GROUP OF DEDICATED, TALENTED, & WILLING VOLUNTEERS THEN GATHERED WITH SOFIA TO "LEARN THE ROPES"

* THAT EARLY VOLUNTEER GROUP MADE SUPPLY LISTS, SECURED NEEDED SEWING MATERIALS, & PUT OUT A CALL FOR "CLEAN" QUILTS, BEDDING, MATTRESS PADS, BATTING FOR QUILTING, SEWING MATERIAL, AND MEN'S USED TIES; CLEAN & IN GOOD CONDITION

* SOON, MEMBER & NON-MEMBER DONATIONS ROLLED THROUGH THE DOORS OF THE CAIN FAMILY CENTER WHERE THE GROUP HAD SECURED LONG TABLES, CHAIRS, AND STORAGE BINS FOR THE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES. THE "AGAPE MINISTRY" WAS APTLY NAMED & GOING!

* EVENTUALLY, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE PERSONALLY DONATED SEWING MACHINES WERE INADEQUATE FOR THE JOB AT HAND, SO THE GROUP PUT OUT WORD ASKING THE DONATION OF TWO (2) COMMERCIAL SEWING MACHINES TO REPLACE THE SMALLER ONES....AND GOT THEM! SOFIA'S STEVE WAS SOON JOINED BY KEN LEMMON. GUY HELP? A DEFINITE PLUS!!!

* AT EACH STAGE, FROM START-UP TO PRESENT DAY, PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED IN UNIMAGINABLE WAYS FOR THE "AGAPE" VOLUNTEERS & "COMMUNITY HELPER FRIENDS".

* SOFIA CONTINUED TO GUIDE, DIRECT, INSTRUCT, AND MAKE SURE HER VOLUNTEERS WERE WELL FED A LUNCH EACH MONDAY FROM THE BEST KITCHEN FARE AROUND...HER OWN!

* TODAY, MEMBER VOLUNTEERS HAVE COME & GONE, BUT "AGAPE" MINISTRY IS ALIVE & WELL AT FPC-ATHENS! THE GROUP, POST-COVID, IS BACK UP AND RUNNING STRONG AS EVER!

* OVER THE PAST 5+ YEARS, EXCEPT DURING COVID, "AGAPE" HAS MADE & DISTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF BEDROLLS TO VARIOUS MINISTRIES IN OUR CITY, AREAWIDE, & TO "UNDER THE BRIDGE" MINISTRY IN TYLER. PLEASE DROP BY MONDAYS, 9-1:00, CAIN HOUSE & VISIT ANYTIME!

Our dedicated and hardworking volunteers: Steve & Sofia Yarbrough, Barbara Kimes, Sharon Harding, Sally Ayers, Ken Lemmon, Judy Willis, Jan Richardson, and Dale Ward.

When you walk into the Cain Family Building on Monday mornings, you are greeted by the hum of sewing machines and the laughter of the wonderful volunteers of this ministry.

Quilts are flying off of the tables and getting ready to be delivered to those who need them most.

However, to continue the work we do we are asking for your help as we are in great need of **Fabric Donations**.

Please see our wish list below and if you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Sofia Yarbrough at 720-936-5225 or sofiathegreek@gmail.com

Agape Quilts Wish List:

Quilts, bedspreads, blankets, and fleece throws.

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

Thank you so much, Sofia and her partners.

♥ Sofia

CHURCH MINISTRIES



Sally's Soup Ministry

Sally's Soup Ministry was born as a result of the love that one woman had for the people God had placed around her, Sally Jean Hawn Sparkman. Sally loved to cook and frequently made soups to take to those who were not feeling well, who had new babies at home, to make someone feel better or as a Christmas gift. She had several specialty recipes that were well received by all those she visited. She had a big, contagious laugh that could fill up a room. When she found something funny, there was no doubt about it!

In the shadow of a car accident that took her life in 2004, those that she had loved on and cared for during their times of need, began to talk about her 'gifts'.

Thus the idea was born to begin "Sally's Soup Ministry", to continue in her footsteps, by caring for those that need it.

Today there are many volunteers who prepare soup and other meals to be delivered to those who need them. It is just a small tribute to our friend, Sally, who taught us through her example, the power of the gift of hospitality.

If you are interested in being a part of the Sally's Soup Ministry, we meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Be ready for a time of fellowship, as we prepare soup for those who will need it.

Are you new to FPC-Athens? 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 contact Claire Grant at clairewgrant@aol.com or Steve Sparkman at srsparkman@yahoo.com

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 the homeless.

Delivery drivers, and others, are needed weekly.



Questions?

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

HC FOOD PANTRY



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
hendersoncfoodpantry@gmail.com
903-677-1600



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 at
the pantry location.

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 is typically sent out 2 weeks before hand with the list of items needed to prepare the meal.

Questions?

Email the church office at secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com

Volunteer

Don't forget... We are needing members in our congregation to prayerfully consider volunteering to prepare a meal quarterly with a team of your choosing.

Please consider helping, as this is an important mission in our church & community.

For more information, you may contact Kara Davis @ 903-203-2184.

If you would like to be added to our SignUpGenius meal distribution list, please contact the church office or email Kelly at secretaryfpcathens@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



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.



This collegiate ministry is located adjacent to Trinity Valley Community College, here in Athens, TX.

Volunteers are on campus weekly to connect with students by having lunch with them and offering a designated space where they can come with questions or just conversation.

Bible study is offered twice a month on Fridays, and final Fridays have a structured event which includes a meal.

If you would like to know more about this wonderful ministry or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jolene Taylor, our liaison to The Ark at 713-816-6830 or bobjolene1@gmail.com



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

CARE AND SUPPORT for
children & families in need.

With faithful support from individuals, churches and foundations, PCHAS serves nearly 4,500 children and families across three states every year.

As stewards of this trust and support, PCHAS follows these tenets of excellence to ensure families achieve self-sufficiency and children are placed into loving, permanent homes.

First Presbyterian Church-Athens provides school supplies for middle and high school students, Christmas presents to families located in the East Texas area as well as family baskets.

The family baskets contain games and activities to promote family togetherness.

Members also attend the PCHAS Annual Meeting located in Dallas during the month of November.

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



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 friendships 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.

Ladies Bible Study -Thursday Mornings at 9:30AM



We have started a NEW Bible Study:
When You Pray - A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible.

Workbooks are available to purchase on Amazon.com

If you are interested in joining us, we meet on Thursday mornings in the upstairs classroom in the main church building at 9:30AM.

You may also call or email Kim Scott at kscott7938@aol.com / 903-368-0338 if you have any questions.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing: Now-March 31st
Collection Dates: Palm Sunday, March 24 & Easter Sunday, March 31

Informational brochures will be included in Sunday's Bulletin along with envelopes on March 3rd.

Did you know that One Great Hour of Sharing is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year? Learn more about this offering and its impact by visiting their website at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>



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SAINT PATRICK'S FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Join Us!

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024
6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**Please RSVP with the church office by
Tuesday, March 19th.**

**Bring your favorite potluck food item
of your choice.**



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24-31, 2024

HOSANNA!

Palm Sunday

Worship with us!
Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship.

Maundy
Thursday

"Do this in Memory of Me"

Thursday, March 28, 2024
Service at 6:00PM

Today we remember God's great love for us. May this day bring new meaning.

Good Fridays

Friday, March 29, 2024
Service at 6:00PM

"HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN"

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024 | 8:30AM & 11 AM
BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY

9:45 AM EASTER BRUNCH
(FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM)
EASTER EGG HUNT
(HELD OUTSIDE-WEATHER PERMITTING)



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Please contact the church office with questions about our services.

JOIN OUR

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

9:45AM

Easter Egg Hunt will be held outside.
Weather Permitting:
The Egg Hunt will take place in the Children's Building or FH.

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Holy Week Service & Activity Calendars will be available in the church foyer.

EASTER

SUNDAY Brunch

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 2024

JOIN US AT 9:45AM
(DURING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR)
HELD IN THE FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM

March 2024

Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:00am-3:00pm MDO	2 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
3 3rd Sunday in Lent and Communion Sunday (Color: Purple) 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	4 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	5 9:00am-3:00pm MDO 4:30pm Worship Committee Mtg. (FC) 5:15pm CC/Missions Mtg. (FC) 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	6 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice 5:30pm Christian ED Committee Mtg. (FC) 6:00pm Sally's Soup	7 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC)	8 9:00am-3:00pm MDO	9 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH) <i>*Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.</i>
10 4th Sunday in Lent (Color: Purple) Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	11 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	12 9:00am-3:00pm MDO 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 9:00am-3:00pm MDO	16 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
17 5th Sunday in Lent (Color: Purple) St. Patrick's Day 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:30am Children's Music Class (CB) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	18 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	19 1st Day of Spring 9:00am-3:00pm MDO 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	20 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC) 6:00pm Family Night Supper (FH) <i>LIA Meal Items due to FPC- Athens by 12:00-noon.</i>	21 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC) 10:00am CASA Staff Mtg (FH)	22 9:00am-3:00pm MDO LIA Meal Served 11:00am—Henderson County Homeless Ministry.	23 9:00am Rebecca Project FH)
24 *Palm/Passion Sunday (Color: Red &/or Purple) 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	25 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	26 9:00am-3:00pm MDO 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	27 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC)	28 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (UC) 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 9:00am-3:00pm MDO 6:00pm Good Friday Service	30 9:00am Rebecca Project FH)
31 *Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Sunday (Color: White or Gold) 8:30am Worship Service (Sanc) 9:45am Easter Brunch (FC) & Easter Egg Hunt (outside) 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	<div> <div>FEBRUARY</div> <div>14</div> </div> <div>-</div> <div> <div>MARCH</div> <div>31</div> </div> <div> <p>*Special Offering-One Great Hour of Sharing:</p> <p>Informational brochures will be provided in the March 3rd Sunday Bulletin.</p> <p><i>Collection dates are Sunday, 3/24 & 3/31.</i></p> </div>					

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

March Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>We would like to wish the following congregation members a very Happy Birthday.</p>					1 Joan King Angela Lassiter	2
3	4	5	6 Amy Smith	7 Ed Gatlin Miles Gonzales Martha McSweeney	8	9
10 Ronnie Babcock	11	12 Rick Stroupe Sophie Wright	13	14 Ken Scott Melanie Whatley	15	16 Janis Capelle
17	18	19 Margaret Breedlove	20 Patrick Moore	21 Adam Lemmon Sue Murray	22	23
24 31 Lolly Smith	25	26	27 Eric Davis Rachel Scotchmer	28 Carolyn Brinkman Lennon Endsley Bill Poncik	29 Sharon Harding	30



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03/12

Les & Julie Funkhouser

03/16

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03/26

Terri & Harry Budow



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