

# ***THE WINDOW***

***First Presbyterian Church***

***Hendersonville, TN***

***August 2023***



Dear Friends,

Do you have a favorite quote? Here are some famous ones.

- If you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else, Booker T. Washington
  - Tough times never last, but tough people do, Robert H. Schuller
  - Believe you can and you're halfway there, Theodore Roosevelt
  - Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving, Albert Einstein
  - You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream, C.S. Lewis
  - Gentlemen, this is a football, Vince Lombardi
- I am just standing here with my teeth in my mouth, Don Davis (my dad, but I am pretty sure it did not originate with him. And these days, his teeth are not always in his mouth!)

Starting in August, I will be preaching through the book of Philippians. This wonderful book written by Paul includes prayers, encouragements, personal insights, motivational thoughts, and an early hymn. It covers the basics to Christianity, while acknowledging the challenges of living in a secular society. These early Christians were living in a city dominated by Roman culture and religion. Paul met the Christians in this city while traveling (Acts 16:6-40). Lydia and the jailor became friends with Paul. You will remember the jailor. This is the story of Paul and Silas singing hymns while in prison. An earthquake opened the jail doors but no one escaped. The jailor and his family were converted to Christianity and baptized. This is where the Philippian church begins.

There are several famous quotes that come from Paul's letter to the Philippian church. Here are a few.

- I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy.
- I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
- This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge.
- For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.
- Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel.
- Look not only at your own interests, but also the interests of others.
- I press on to win the prize of the heavenly call in Christ Jesus.
- Rejoice in the Lord, always.
- Don't worry about anything, but in everything pray with thanksgiving.
- And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours in Christ Jesus.

My favorite quote since my high school days is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." God gives us the strength to face all of life's challenges. Mental, physical, and spiritual health difficulties are not too big when Jesus is our strength. Are you struggling with relationships, job, financial, growing older, and the uncertainty and complexities of life?

God's strength is what you need. Every day we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

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As we step into the fall, we welcome Linda back from her heart surgery. Believe me, she was missed! Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped forward to help with answering the phone, coordinating volunteers (Freda Blackwell), organizing the bulletin (Diane Swan), writing bills and checks (Drew Covington), and much more.

We also welcome back the choir, praise band, and bell choir. The Session and committees are back to full stride. We are looking forward to a wonderful fall. If you have not be actively involved in worship, fellowship, and service, this is a wonderful time to step back into church involvement. There is a place for everyone. Come join us as we serve Christ through our service to others.

Love and Prayers, *Michael*

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### The Theology of Hymns

The Church's One Foundation was written by Samuel Stone in 1866. At the time it was written, the Church of England was in the middle of a controversy over liberal and conservative views of the Bible. This hymn was based on the 9<sup>th</sup> article of the Apostle's Creed, "I believe in the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of the saints."

The hymn begins with the universal confession, Jesus is Lord. The church is the new creation through Baptism (water) and reading and preaching from the Bible (word). Jesus Christ bought the church with his blood, dying on the cross. Stone refers to the other sacrament that proclaims salvation in the second stanza (holy food meaning communion). He mentions schisms and heresy. He ends the hymn reminding people that unity is found in humility. Throughout the ages, Jesus Christ is the one foundation that unites all Christian denominations.

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**Reading Through the Bible in a Year:** This year there will be daily Bible readings in each monthly newsletter. By this time next year, you will have read through the whole Bible. There will be 4-6 readings each day, except for the weekends. The weekends can be used to catch up or reflect on what was read the previous week. The Old Testament readings are chronological.

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| August 1  | Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; 2 Tim 1          | August 20 | Reflection                              |
| August 2  | Eccl 4-6; Psalm 125; 2 Tim 2                 | August 21 | 2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chron 21; Matt 6         |
| August 3  | Eccl 7-9; Psalm 46; 2 Tim 3                  | August 22 | 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 49; Matt 7          |
| August 4  | Eccl 10-12; 2 Tim 4                          | August 23 | 2 Chr 22-23; 2 Kings 11; Ps 131; Matt 8 |
| August 5  | Reflection                                   | August 24 | 2 Chr 24; 2 Kings 12; Psalm 50; Matt 9  |
| August 6  | Reflection                                   | August 25 | Joel; Matt 10                           |
| August 7  | 1 Kings 12; 2 Chron 10-11; Titus 1           | August 26 | Reflection                              |
| August 8  | 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chron 12; Psalm 47; Titus 2 | August 27 | Reflection                              |
| August 9  | 1 Kings 15; 2 Chron 13-14; Titus 3           | August 28 | Jonah; Matt 11                          |
| August 10 | 2 Chron 15-16; 1 Kings 16; Philemon          | August 29 | 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 25; Ps 53; Matt 12 |
| August 11 | 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude               | August 30 | Amos 1-3; Matt 13                       |
| August 12 | Reflection                                   | August 31 | Amos 4-6; Psalm 55; Matt 14             |
| August 13 | Reflection                                   |           |   |
| August 14 | 1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chron 17; Psalm 129; Matt 1 |           |   |
| August 15 | 1 Kings 22; 2 Chron 18; Matt 2               |           |   |
| August 16 | 2 Chron 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Psalm 20; Matt 3   |           |   |
| August 17 | 2 Kings 2-3; Psalm 48; Matt 4                |           |   |
| August 18 | 2 Kings 4-6; Matt 5                          |           |   |
| August 19 | Reflection                                   |           |   |

# Mission of the Month - Monroe Harding



## Monroe Harding

Homes • Healing • Opportunities

During the Month of August, the Missions Committee is asking for the congregation’s donations for the Monroe Harding project, which is a non-profit based in Nashville that helps children and young adults who are in, or transitioning out of state custody (foster care). This project helps young adults who have turned 18 and aged out of the Foster Care System....and, have lost some of the support they had as minors. Many of these young adults struggle to finish high school, go to college, keep a job, or even find stable housing. Monroe Harding does provide some housing, as well as, an educational program, employment assistance, and financial literacy programs to help these young adults reach their goals. Many show up at their building for programming and haven't had a meal. They have a pantry to send home a bag of canned food with them. So as one of our Mission Projects, below is a list of food/hygiene items that are needed to help those served by the Monroe Harding Project. You may leave your donations in the wooden bin at the side door of the church. Thanks in advance for your donations to this mission project,

### Food Items:

- Microwave popcorn
- Non-perishable fruit cups (any variety)
- Small Individual Cereal Boxes
- Multigrain bars
- Pop Tarts
- Non-perishable milk
- Peanut butter Crackers
- Variety individual snack packs (lunch box style items like crackers, chips, fruit snacks, cookies, etc.)
- Microwave Non-perishable food items ( Spaghetti noodles/sauce or mac n cheese)

### Hygiene Products:

- Bathing—shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap, body wash
- Feminine products—Tampons, Pads
- Deodorant, razors, shaving products, lotion, chapstick
- African American hair care products

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We had a wonderful trip to Harlan, KY. Twelve of us traveled in four vehicles to work on two people's homes. It was challenging, fun, and successful. There will be more photos in the next newsletter.



Robert's team with Jimmy



Ethan's team with Travis and Connie



A.S.P. Team 2023

# Missions: Feeding our neighbors, both near and far, I

## Rise Against Hunger 2023

On Saturday, July 8th, 55 volunteers gathered in Martin Hall for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Rise Against Hunger event. We worked together to fill meal bags with rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamins. After filling, each bag was carefully weighed and then heat sealed. Bags were then packed into boxes and will be shipped to partner organizations around the world. Our hands were the last to touch the meals before they reach their destination. Our meals are typically sent to partner organizations, such as school feeding programs, in Haiti or Nicaragua. We packed an entire pallet of meals this year - nearly 15,000 meals! Thank you for your generous donations and volunteer efforts to make this year's event a success.



# has long been a mission of First Presbyterian Church

## Matthew 25 Ministry

Volunteers have also been helping feed our community a little closer to home. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, a small group of volunteers travel to Glencliff Presbyterian Church to help with the Nueva Vida Food Project (formerly Matthew 25 Food Project). Nueva Vida partners with Second Harvest, Nourish Food Band, and the USDA to distribute commodity food to families. Each Saturday, we serve 60-80 families and provide a full grocery cart of food to feed a family of 4-5 for a week. If you would like to participate, contact Evelyn Kemp.



Evelyn Kemp and Jean Getter



Joseph Ottevaere and Joseph Dye



Linda Ballenger



Evelyn Kemp and Joseph Dye

# Outdoor Worship



First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot



Pastor Michael



Ariana Brew, Tonya Elkins, Thaddeus Brew



Fellowship Meal –Outdoor Dining



Mike & Kelly Estep,  
Janice Yearout



Karen Baylor, Joseph Ottevaere,  
Billy Dye



Gary & Mitzi Head



Tony Williams, Andrew Getter



Morgan Lind, Ariana Brew



Kevin Suhr, Pastor Michael

For the next several months, Michael will be preaching a series on the Book of Philippians. The Thursday Zoom Bible study will also be on Philippians.



**SERMON SCHEDULE**

- August 6—Waterfalls of Love, Philippians 1:1-11
- August 13—Guest Preacher, Warner Durnell
- August 20—In Life and in Death we belong to God, Philippians 1:21-30
- August 27—The Secret of Unity, Philippians 2:1-11

**Thru June 2023**

Revenue \$ 133,058.98  
 Expenses \$ 176,645.65  
 Shortfall \$- 43,586.67

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# How Well Do You Know Our Session Members?

We asked each Session member—What is your favorite food?

1. Michael Davis
2. Steve Martin
3. Jean Getter
4. Mike Estep
5. Missie Colson
6. Phyllis Klym
7. Joseph Ottevaere
8. Diane Swan
9. Stan Campbell
10. Paul Decker
11. Amy Bish
12. John Martin
13. Jack Kurtzman

**Answers**

- a. Cookies (all)
- b. Coffee
- c. Turkey
- d. Grilled Tuna/Salmon
- e. Peanut Butter Anything
- f. Spaghetti
- g. Steal Cut Oatmeal
- h. Turkey
- i. Shrimp
- j. Beans & Rice
- k. Salmon
- l. Hamburger
- m. Chocolate Chip Cookies

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The Thursday zoom Bible study will start up on August 17 at 11:00 A. M. We will be following the Philippian sermon series on Sundays. Each week you will be sent a link to join the study and discussion. Each Bible study is designed individually so you can join any Thursday discussion.

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**Where: First Presbyterian Church**  
**When: Wednesday, August 2nd**  
**11:00—4:00 p.m.**  
**Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS**  
**or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:**  
**HendersonvilleCM**  
**to schedule an appointment**

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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**Sara Webne, *Nursery Attendant***

**Carolyn McCoy, *P.D.S. Director***

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**How well do you know your Session Members?**

**Answers: 1. e 2. j 3. c 4. m 5. b 6. i 7. k 8. a 9. d**

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**Sunday School—9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service—10:00 a.m.**



## **AUGUST Birthdays**

- 2 - Eva Dye  
Missie Colson
- 4 - Brenda Hubbell
- 5 - Jimmy Tarbutton
- 6 - Nancy Hunt
- 7 - Camden Pettit
- 12 - Drew Watson
- 14 - Mitzi Head  
Sheppard Watson
- 15 - Linda Ballenger
- 20 - Hartley Scott  
Kaylie Parrotta
- 23 - Lauren Duke Woods
- 25 - Tony Williams
- 28 - Ariana Brew