



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH *of* CHATTANOOGA

Church Ministries and Volunteer Opportunities

The vision of First Presbyterian Church is to be a city center church compelled by Christ's love to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.

The purpose of First Presbyterian Church is to:
Glorify the Triune God,
Edify the church family for godly living, and
Testify to the world about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Note: As fall 2020 begins and the church continues to operate under COVID 19 restrictions, many of the ministries have revised their operations, remaining engaged in ministry while at the same time protecting the vulnerable. If you are interested in participating in a particular ministry, reach out to the "contact" person listed for that ministry, to find out how that ministry is working under the current restrictions.

September 17, 2020 Update

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First Presbyterian Church Ministries Volunteer Opportunities – Fall 2020

Adult Enrichment Ministry Team: This team oversees most of the church ministries that impact the growth and edification of church members. This oversight includes Sunday School, small groups, visitation, congregational care, Stephen Ministers, Women's Ministry, widows, honor roll, strengthening families and many other ministries. Volunteers who have an interest in these areas are welcome.

Chris Ehlers, chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com

Adult Sunday school: Joining others in fellowship, Bible study, discussion and prayer is a great way to grow in faith but also to establish close relationships with fellow believers. There are many classes covering a range of topics and groups for all adults from college age through seniors. Volunteer opportunities: teaching, hospitality.

Don Holwerda, don@1stpresbyterian.com

"Bible 101" – Shad & Melissa Guinn & Rachel Laskowske; SS Room 209

"Choir Sunday Devotions" – Steve George; Choir Room *

"Chapter by Chapter" – George Clark & Brad Gruner; Tower Room 803

"Fellowship Class" – Don Bostick; SS Room 211

"Welcome All" – Travis Hutchinson; Tower Room 304 *

"International Students" – Andy and Lisa Fischer; Tower Room 803

"Joy of Learning" – Steve and Sue Sawrie; Tower Room 258 *

"Link Class" – Bruce Cory, Ron Kohlin; Tower Room 303 *

"McCallie/Anderson/Clyatt Class" – Sam Clyatt; Chapel

"Nuggets Class" – Tom Hays, Lenette Glass; Tower Room 402/3 *

"Prayer Committee" – Bill Hartshorn, 5th Floor Conference Room

"Redeemed by the Word" – Jerry Stauffer; SS Room 210 *

"Rocking Chair Class" – Dr. Frank Eldridge; Tower Room 302

"Young Couples' Class" – Ryan & Heather Ewalt; Tower Room 260

Note: As fall 2020 begins and COVID 19 restrictions remain in place, none of the Sunday School classes are meeting in person, but several are meeting on-line with Zoom (they are marked by *). If you are interested in joining a class, or teaching, contact Don Holwerda for the latest information.

Assimilation: Assimilation is the process by which a person visits the church, desires to join, goes through a joining process (Inquirer's Class and elder appt.) and is then enfolded into the life of the church in a comprehensive way. They take tools that help them identify their spiritual gifts and areas they are passionate about. They are encouraged to worship regularly, join a Sunday School class and/or a small group and get involved in a ministry. Those volunteering with Assimilation can help administer the

spiritual gifts tools, assist with the Inquirer's Class, or come alongside the new members as they get "plugged in."

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Church Life Partnership: Working to grow congregational engagement in the life of the Church.

Bruce Cory, b_cory@hotmail.com

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Chris Ehlers, chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com

Congregational Care: Congregational Care is a broad umbrella of opportunities to serve our members, and especially our senior adults at First Presbyterian. Our Honor Roll regularly lists about 100 members who are not able to regularly attend worship or other activities. Volunteers keep in touch through phone calls, notes and visits. Annual deliveries of small cakes and poinsettias during holidays help to remind the recipients that they are remembered. A special focus on widows and widowers culminates in an annual luncheon highlighted by the choir and many helpers. Musical accompaniment (piano, organ or guitar) is very much appreciated in the monthly communion-worship service that is held in the chapel of Alexian Village on Signal Mt. where many First Pres members are residents. Volunteers can also serve by participating in Monday morning prayer groups and receiving the church prayer email.

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Teresa North, northhh@comcast.net

Priscilla George, csps@epbfi.com

Bereavement Meals: As an extension of Care and Concern within the church, this committee was formed for the purpose of serving a meal for the family of a deceased church member following his/her funeral or memorial service. Several teams, headed by a leader and co-leader, rotate their opportunities for service. Generally, any volunteer will only be called upon to serve a meal at every 7th or 8th funeral.

Marilyn Boxell, msboxell@epbfi.com

Card-E-Ology: The Card-E-Ology ministry makes free cards in several categories for First Presbyterian members and friends to use to encourage others. We are dedicated to sending our God's Holy Word in every card we make. We create cards and also repurpose donated cards. Cards are made for the general population, for other ministries in the church (such as, Care and Concern and the Children's Ministry), and for visiting missionaries. This is a volunteer ministry, and anyone who can sort, cut, fold, and/or glue and design is welcome to join us. We would love to have more workers, as we stay busy with the 3000+ cards we make each year. We meet most Fridays!

Jean Hawkins, jenetics7@gmail.com

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Cards: Individuals designated for the month take time to send notes and cards to Honor Roll / Honored Friends and Seniors who are celebrating a birthday. Volunteers also send notes to new parents, new members, those who have recently lost a loved one, and those who are marking the first year after the passing of a spouse, child or parent.

Joan Moore, jocamo388@gmail.com

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Care and Concern visits: Care and Concern is the visitation ministry at First Pres where volunteers offer encouragement to our homebound members by visiting them in their homes and bringing small gifts.

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Gigi Gross, gggross@epbfi.com

Honor Roll: First Presbyterian's honor roll consists of members who are home bound or need assistance getting around (Honored Friends). Volunteers are needed to encourage our honor roll members by delivering Easter cakes and Christmas gifts, sending cards, making calls, and paying visits to members' homes.

Mary Coleman, mcoleman0718@yahoo.com

TLC - Touching Lives for Christ: Volunteer to be part of the committee in your neighborhood which takes a meal to someone who is ill, has been hospitalized, had a baby, or experienced a death in the family.

C.C. Edwards, ccgedwards@comcast.net

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Ann Walldorf, acwalldorf@gmail.com

New Babies Ministry: Coordinates communication of a baby's birth throughout the church so that different ministries and church personnel can do their part in ministering and serving the baby and family.

Mary Haberkorn, mary.haberkorn@gmail.com

Widows/Widowers Ministry: The widows and widowers outreach team seeks to serve our church community by periodically planning luncheons and outings for our widowed members. We also send cards and make phone calls of encouragement.

Ann Walldorf, acwalldorf@gmail.com

Coffee-Coke Fellowship: A time for fellowship following the 10:55 Sunday worship services. Held in the library / lounge ("coffee shop"). Volunteer opportunities to help

host and provide snacks (costs reimbursed by the Church). [This ministry has been suspended during COVID 19 restrictions. Stay tuned]

Leslie Cory, lesliecory@comcast.net

Daily Hospital/sick/bereaved prayer list: A daily email list of anyone in the hospital, prayer requests, newly bereaved, new additions, and military associated with First Pres.
Office@1stpresbyterian.com

E-prayer list: receive up-to-the-minute prayer requests from church members, their families and friends, via email.

Gigi Gross, gggross@epbfi.com

Father's Ministry: Do you want to be a better father, a better man, need accountability in your life, live a life of intentionality directed at those you love most; your family? Most men naturally want to be better fathers, better husbands, better men. FATHERS is a relationship building, accountability providing, thought provoking program designed to provide practical, simple, doable steps to becoming that better father, husband and man. For all fathers who aren't in heaven. Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 AM.

Mike Kramer, mkramer@setrustco.com

Flower Ministry: The floral arrangements in the Sanctuary each Sunday during worship services are generously donated by our members. After the 10:55 service, volunteers take the flowers apart and arrange them into smaller bouquets for those in the hospital, nursing homes, etc. Volunteers are needed to donate, arrange, and deliver flowers in the particular part of town they live in. A volunteer is also needed to work as the schedule assistant by contacting small groups, Bible studies, and Sunday school classes to help with the arranging and delivery of flowers. [During COVID 19 restrictions volunteers have been delivering flowers on Monday, rather than Sunday.]

Connie Crawford, missconnie2u@epbfi.com

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Golf Cart Ministry: The golf cart ministry, administered by the Deacons, provides transportation to attendees in need of help getting from a church parking lot to the church entrance, between both early and late church services. We like to have enough volunteer cart drivers to allow each volunteer to serve only 2 Sundays each year. [This ministry has been suspended during COVID 19 restrictions. Stay tuned]

Rick Collins, recollins@epbfi.com

Greeters: Each Sunday, volunteers stand at the Connector and Douglas Street doors (in addition to the main nursery door) to greet everyone who enters the building. The greeters offer a bulletin or other information as well as a friendly smile and warm welcome to First Pres. These volunteers are the face of the church and make the "first impression." A minimum of 4 volunteers are needed each week.

Marilyn Boxell, msboxell@epbfi.com

History and Church Archives: The Archives for the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga is the physical repository of the historical documents and artifacts pertaining to the church from its founding in 1840. Worship services and ministries are documented and organized chronologically. Special attention focuses on gathering weekly worship service bulletins and announcement sheets. These contain the heart of the record of occasions in our church for worship, education, fellowship and service. Special seasonal activities to record include those of Camp Vesper Point, Missions Conferences, and other special gatherings. There are numerous sources for additional contributions that are considered for inclusion. Volunteers meet weekly to maintain these records.

Harriett Berman, bermans@epbfi.com

IAWL (It's A Wonderful Life): A ministry that serves the senior adult members and friends of our church. The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from September to May. Each gathering begins with a time of fellowship, followed by the meeting itself which includes a devotional, prayer, special program, and a hot lunch afterwards. The cost of the lunch is \$6.00. In addition, there is also a day bus trip in the fall and spring. A newsletter for this group is printed 5 times a year. [IAWL activities have been modified under COVID 19 restrictions. Look for announcements.]

John and Martha Queen, martha.queen7@gmail.com

Library: The library contains a rich collection of books and media resources acquired to support church ministry. Opportunities for service include cataloging and shelving books, assisting with book selection, making book recommendations, and encouraging patrons.

Terry Stevenson Parsons, tersteve@epbfi.com

Midweek Ministry: Midweek is our large fellowship gathering on Wednesday nights intended to encourage, equip, and empower our church family to reflect the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to one another and beyond through diverse ministry opportunities and teaching for all ages. From mercy ministry to student ministry to adult equipping seminars and more, there is something for everyone! Volunteer opportunities: collecting money, serving line, helping with the various ministries that meet that night. [Regular operations of this ministry have been suspended during COVID 19 restrictions. Stay tuned for announcements on activities that will proceed....]

Mike Haberkorn, mike@1stpresbyterian.com

Phone prayer chain: A long time mission for some of First Presbyterian's women to call other women members to join them in prayer for serious medical needs of any church member.

Mary Katherine Pace, perazzi@comcast.net

Small Groups: Small Groups are about relationships: growing in our relationship with God and deepening our relationships with others. Within these small groups, men and women can experience fellowship with others as they practice applying the gospel to their lives. Composed of 5-12 people, small groups meet in various places throughout Chattanooga. All groups are led by trained leaders from our congregation, who receive oversight and support from our pastoral staff. Each small group determines how often it will meet, but groups typically meet two to four times a month. A small group meeting generally consists of worship, Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Many groups will participate in service projects or social events as well. To learn how to become involved with a small group contact Mike Haberkorn. Volunteer opportunities include hosting or leading a small group.

Mike Haberkorn, mike@1stpresbyterian.com

Life on Life Groups: The Journey is a gospel-centered resource for discipleship, designed to help a disciple maker develop mature and equipped followers of Christ, who will be able to do the same with others. The curriculum is broken out into three years (Red, Blue, or Green) that are available for individual purchase. Your involvement in a Journey Group will result in you working through an intentional plan for spiritual growth, maturing in your spiritual life, and being equipped to share these principles with others. Your Journey Group will meet regularly in weekly meetings, and Journey Group members are asked to commit to one year at a time. Volunteer opportunities include leading or co-leading a Journey Group.

Mike Haberkorn, mike@1stpresbyterian.com

Stephen Ministry: A lay caring ministry of the Church: Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community experiencing challenges in life—grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. To learn how to become a Stephen Minister—or to receive care from one—Contact a pastor or Stephen Leader.

Leslie Cory, lesliecory@comcast.net

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Support Groups:

Beatitude Living: A Christian Women's 12 Step Program Committed to Recovery. Some of the needs addressed include perfectionism, control, codependency, eating disorders, or coping with the addictions of a family member or friend. Tuesdays 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM, Room 404.

Nancy Mills 423-266-5007, nmills322@aol.com

Gail Pinchak 423-605-1740, gailpinchak@yahoo.com

Caregivers Support Group: The Caregiver's Support Ministry gives encouragement to those who are caring for loved ones. Volunteers are needed to call, write, and/or visit caregivers.

Marcia Christian, mjchris9@gmail.com

Griefshare: Griefshare's goal is to provide help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. It is a support group that, when active, meets weekly and consists of a video seminar, a workbook and group discussion lead by a facilitator. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your journey through grief.

Chris Ehlers, ChrisEhlers@1stpresbyterian.com

Women's Ministries:

Melissa Guinn, melissamguinn@gmail.com

Lynnette Alston, lynnettealston@gmail.com

Sue Sawrie, suesawrie@gmail.com

Please Note: All meetings are subject to change – please contact the leader for updates

Bible Studies:

Grace and Peace. Weekly, Tuesdays at 9:45 AM, 10th Floor Tower.

Martha Queen, martha.queen7@epbfi.com

Katie Dowlen, skdowlen@epbfi.com

Generations. Monthly, 3rd Tuesday at 9:45 AM, 8th Floor Tower/Zoom and 7:30PM on Zoom

Melissa Guinn, melissamguinn@gmail.com

Precept. Weekly, Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, Nell Davis Classroom.

Mimi Willis, mimi2@mindspring.com

Women of the Covenant. Weekly, Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, 4th Floor Tower.

Sandy Hartley, lorshartley@comcast.net

Bonded in Fellowship. Monthly, 3rd Tuesday at 5:45 PM, Fellowship Lounge.

Elizabeth Fossett, lfossett5@gmail.com

ONE. Second and 4th Tuesdays, Small groups meet at 5:30 or 7:30, with large group lesson at 6:30 PM, 10th Floor Tower/Zoom/Home

Charlene Hatmaker, charmtw@hotmail.com

Mom2Mom: A mentoring ministry for mothers of young children. Monthly, 4th Friday at 10am, 10th Floor Tower.

Angie House, angela.nail@yahoo.com

Monday Morning Prayer Group: Prayer for our church family and missionaries. Weekly, Monday at 10:00 AM, Session Room.

Faith Cochran, [\(423\) 894-5742](tel:(423)894-5742)

Square 1: A mentoring ministry for first-time mothers with infants (0-6 months). Weekly, for encouragement and prayer.

Meredith Clark, meredithpclark@gmail.com

Titus 2 Discipleship Groups: A ministry of intentional discipleship based on the mandate in Titus 2:3-5 of older women teaching younger women to think biblically and live covenantally. An older woman possessing faith and spiritual maturity enters into a nurturing relationship with younger women in order to encourage and equip them to live for God's glory. These groups of about four to six younger women meet periodically with one or two older women. If interested, please contact Sandy Hartley.

Sandy Hartley, lorshartley@comcast.net

Vesper Point: Vesper Point is a beautiful summer camp and retreat center located on 100+ acres beside the beautiful Chickamauga Lake. A Chattanooga tradition since 1954, it became a summer home for campers and staff who love the outdoors and seek an authentic relationship with Christ. The cornerstone of each summer are staff who exemplify Christ and share their testimonies each evening during Vespers, while overlooking the lake. Water skiing, swimming, bouldering, the Hoe Down, and all sorts of adventure are the stepping stones for creating a Gospel centered community where campers and staff can flourish in the outdoors and grow in grace. Volunteer opportunities: volunteer workdays, equipment donations, and prayer.

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Children and Youth Ministry Team

Mike Haberkorn, mike@1stpresbyterian.com

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Jessica Bayless, Jessica@1stpresbyterian.com

Zach Mashburn, zach@1stpresbyterian.com

Children's Ministries: Children's Ministry focuses on discipling our children ages infant through 5th grade. Our vision is to help kids See Jesus, Savor Jesus, and Share Jesus to the end that God would be glorified in Chattanooga and to the ends of the earth. Children's Ministry includes regular, ongoing ministries such as Sunday School (Virtual during the pandemic), the Worship Bags Ministry (resources provided to children during early and late service services), Wednesday night Zoom meetings for PreK-5th graders, the Bible Memory Work Ministry for 2-year-olds through 5th graders, as well as special events like Operation Christmas Child, Mission Vision (missions conference for children during the church's missions conference) and Vacation Bible School (VBS) which is an opportunity to reach our children and their families as well as unchurched children and

their families. Volunteer opportunities for each of the above ministries are currently available.

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For Nursery information contact:

Tracey Skillman, tracey@1stpresbyterian.com

Susan Becquet, susan@1stpresbyterian.com

For Operation Christmas Child contact:

Sharon Underdown, sharon_underdown@wycliffe.org

Youth Department (MS/HS): The Youth Ministry of First Presbyterian seeks to make disciples of Christ, teaching and leading students to develop a personal, transformative faith in response to the Lord's calling in their lives. Through small groups, Sunday teaching, worship, retreats, mission trips, events, and one-on-one mentorship, Youth Ministry at First Pres fosters a gospel-centered, authentic community of servants of Christ. We long for a Scripture-saturated culture in which students can be vulnerable with others as they seek to know the Lord and live a life in light of eternity. Volunteer opportunities: Sunday School teaching, weekly Youth Group, small group Bible studies, retreats & conferences.

Jessica Bayless, Jessica@1stpresbyterian.com

Zach Mashburn, zach@1stpresbyterian.com

Pray for Me: One Hundred Years is a family of ministries committed to serving the church by helping every generation bring the Greatness of God to each emerging generation. The Pray-for-Me campaign is our newest ministry to accomplish this vision. The PPMC gives every young person connected to the church a team of 3 adult Prayer Champions from 3 different generations to pray for them for a year. Passing on a sustainable faith begins with prayer. You can make a difference in the life of a young person by becoming a Prayer Champion today!

Tony Souder, tony@theyouthnetwork.org

Deacons: *An elected office*

(Chairman) Dale Rardin, DaleRardin10@gmail.com

Deacon Committees and Teams:

Kingdom Builders Task Force: Concerned with the state and condition of Church facilities and property, planning for ministry uses of the facilities, its maintenance and general upkeep. The Committee prioritizes and presents needs as part of the budget process and identifies any situations which require immediate action to the Diaconate. When required and as necessary, the Committee plays an important in the development and monitoring of a facilities long term master plan, ongoing

maintenance plan, and building or renovation projects.

Steve Neff, steven.neff@usdoj.gov

Communication Committee: This is an “open committee,” welcoming any member who would like to work to enhance the Church’s communications both inside and outside the Church.

Mitch Everhart, mitcheverhart@gmail.com

Budget Committee: Responsible for developing, preparing and implementing the annual operating budget known as the Deacon's Budget. This is done in conjunction with church staff and lay ministry leaders of the various departments and ministries of FPC. The Committee will present the new Budget to the Finance Committee, then to the Board of Deacons and the Session, and then introduce the new year's budget to the Congregation in March.

James Woods, jamesawoods@me.com

Don Holwerda, don@1stpresbyterian.com

Mercy & Compassion: The Mercy and Compassion Team is in charge of benevolence to church members and walk ins. Member assistance is led by the shepherds who present requests to the team on a case by case basis. Walk-ins are served through the Rapha program, a relationship focused ministry that seeks to walk alongside our neighbors in need through a weekly meal and Scripture based educational classes in the areas of relationships, finances, and work. Volunteer Opportunities: Co-leader in weekly Rapha classes, ally/mentor to participants, managing the Attire for Hire store, walk-in appointments, and more!

Patrick Frees, frees47@gmail.com

Finance Committee: Oversees all financial activities of the Church to include oversight of gifts, financial policies, reports, financial documents and practices. The Committee also reviews all church audits, church receipts, disbursements, accounts that are unaudited and receives and reviews requests for money not previously approved. The Finance Committee is the first line of approval for the annual Deacons Budget.

James Woods, jamesawoods@me.com

Ministry Support Team: All available Deacons, both active and inactive, are requested to serve on Usher Duty. A head usher is assigned for each service. The chairman and his co-chairman will arrange for all to serve on a rotation basis so that enough ushers are on duty for every worship service. Deacons will also be assigned for requested helps with church related ministry functions, funerals, musical programs and other special services at during the year.

David Barrett, mrdavidlbarrett@gmail.com

Security Team: Develops and implements security, communication and emergency protocols to be followed during services and other events held at the church. Concerns that this team plans for would include fire, medical emergency, disasters and other various ways that might present a threat of bodily harm to the membership while worshipping in the facilities. This committee assigns and staffs deacons and other members at large as required for church services and other events as needed.

Josh Green, joshuapgreene@gmail.com

Leadership Development Team: Identifying, vetting and nominating qualified candidates for election to the office of Deacon. The team also evaluates elements of the Diaconate's culture and structure that may be speaking the "wrong" message to the next generation of young leaders, potentially hurting recruiting and retention, and make proposals to the Diaconate accordingly. The committee is made up of all Diaconate committee chairs/team leaders plus 3 at-large members selected by the Diaconate Chairman.

Jasper Reynolds, jasper@liftmediagroup.com

Discipleship and Outreach Team: for volunteer opportunities contact

Lauch McKinnon, lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net

Building Spiritual Reproducers (Discipleship): Disciple making is not just a curriculum or program that teaches information, but it is receiving intimate counsel from someone who is mature in Christ. Building Spiritual Reproducers (BSR) is a 4-5 hour workshop (may be shared weekly) that teaches how to make disciples and casts a vision for disciples making disciples. This workshop is for mature Christians, those who have been disciplined** but have not yet disciplined another, or those disciplinators who want a "refresher" on the Great Commission. God has specifically chosen us to be His light, so that we might extend His love to His world. ** Recommended pre-requisite would be to be in a life on life discipling relationship one on one.

Lee Atchley, leeatchley7@gmail.com

Mike Lapihuska, mlapihuska@cbmc.com

Channels of Love (Thanksgiving baskets): Channels of Love is a ministry to people and families affected by HIV/AIDS. First Pres members have been giving food baskets at Thanksgiving to their clients for close to 15 years now. Some of our members have led their weekly Bible studies and serve in their office.

Mark Jenkins, markjenkins50@hotmail.com

College Outreach Committee: First Pres seeks to minister to college students through meeting practical needs (hospitality, discipleship, etc.) and supporting existing campus ministries (RUF and others). We welcome your ideas for new ways to communicate Christ's love to students!

Geoffrey Joynt, geoffrey@1stpresbyterian.com

Good News Clubs: The Good News Club at Orchard Knob Elementary is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in which trained volunteers meet with children to present an exciting Bible lesson with songs and other fun activities. Each club includes a clear presentation of the Gospel and an opportunity for children to trust Jesus as their Savior. Members can volunteer by being on the Prayer Team, the Club Team, or the Snack Team.

Nancy Hill, hills1113@comcast.net

Kids Hope USA: Kids Hope is a children's ministry that represents a "church/school" partnership. Volunteer mentors from 1st Pres. Church are trained and paired with disadvantaged students at Orchard Knob Elem. Mentors invest one hour a week, during the school day, to encourage and help change the trajectory of a child's life. We are also seeking dedicated prayer partners to be behind-the-scenes support persons for each mentoring relationship. For more information, contact:

Jamie Myers, KH Director, jamiewmyers@gmail.com

Outreach Funding (Home Missions): The purpose of the Outreach Funding Committee is to further enable the ministry of First Pres and its membership by providing funds to support ministry activities which reflect obedience to the Scriptures and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Chattanooga area, in the East Tennessee/North Georgia region, and elsewhere within the United States of America.

Lauch McKinnon, lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net

Outreach Partnership: Working to grow congregational involvement in spreading the Gospel.

Lauch McKinnon, lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net

Partnership III: Working to grow our congregation to better reflect the Chattanooga community.

Mike Kramer, mkramer@setrustcom.com

Prison Ministry Committee: The Prison Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry where volunteers walk alongside individuals who are incarcerated. Volunteers are needed to help address the spiritual needs of prisoners by caring for and discipling them, and facilitating their return to families, the Christian community, and society.

Steve Schwieger, stephen.schwieger@gmail.com

Metanoia Prison Ministries: The PCA's prison ministry is headquartered here at First Pres. One thing it offers is correspondence courses to prisoners by matching them with church members as graders and encouragers. Join more than 20 First Pres members doing this good work!

Mark Casson, mcasson@pcanet.org

Prison Ministries (Walker State Prison): First Pres raises and trains male mentors for ministry at Walker State Prison. More than 100 mentors disciple twice monthly in two-hour one-on-one sessions. Mentors are needed for the 80-90 prisoners on the waiting list.

Alan Bonderud, arbonderud@gmail.com

Doug Craven, dccraven@comcast.net

Women's Prison Ministry at The Next Door: First Pres serves prisoners at The Next Door on Moccasin Bend, a pre-release facility for women leaving State Prison. Opportunities are available to women in our congregation to mentor residents and to join in select group activities there.

Leslie Cory, lesliecory@comcast.net

Rapha is a Diaconate-led ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga that seeks to build relationships with our neighbors in need. While conventional mercy ministry relies on financial handouts, Rapha invites our neighbors in need into healing relationships with a loving church family.

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Patrick Frees, frees47@gmail.com

Shad Guinn, sguinn@unitedenertech.com

Wednesday nights, 6:15-7:30, Rapha offers three different educational courses:

Faith & Works - focuses on the gifts that God has given and why He created work. Participants will create a resume, create and present a life map, create a 60 second commercial for potential employers, and so much more.

Faith and Finances- focuses on discussions about how we spend, manage, and save our money in a way that honors God, guards us against emergencies, and allows us to provide for our families. Participants will role play, set short-term and long-term savings goals, and create a custom monthly spending plan.

Faith and Relationships- Discussion focuses on our relationships with God and interpersonal relationships with each other, for example marriage and childrearing.

Sundays at 9:45:

Bible 101 - This class presents the basics of the Christian faith and introduces participants to Jesus Christ and his beautiful plan of salvation. [Sunday School classes have been suspended during COVID 19 restrictions. Stay tuned]

With a dedicated team of classroom facilitators, prayer warriors and lay mentors, Rapha is equipping the congregation to grow as a more welcoming church home for our neighbors in need. Rapha needs more volunteers like you!

Sacred Road Mission Trip (Yakama, WA): church team trip to White Swan, Washington to join our home missions team on the reservation, sharing the love of Jesus by repairing homes, working and playing with children during Kids Club, interacting with adults during Bible lessons and informal activities.

David Hempy, dhempy@sphereone.net

Samaritan Road: Meet on Fridays at First Pres for prayer at 9:00 and then drive as a group to the Salvation Army on McCallie Avenue. We then provide music, devotion, and breakfast for approximately 60 individuals. Salvation Army's case workers send us five screened referrals for consideration of financial assistance. Ministry to these individuals includes sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, encouragement, friendship, counseling, and prayer. We pray that the Lord of the Harvest will raise up additional workers.

Hugh Huffaker, hhuffaker@mcgriffinsurance.com

Tom Norman, tomnorman840@comcast.net

Volunteers in Medicine: VIM Chattanooga is a faith based free health clinic for qualified adults. Our employees coordinate more than 100 volunteers monthly including doctors, nurses, lab techs and clerical such as registration, and computer and phone work.

Ron Jobe, rjobe55@gmail.com

Website & technology: Media & Technology Ministry provides First Pres members with the following:

- Access to Sermon Audio and/or Video anytime at 1stpresbyterian.com. Click on Sermons.
- For CDs and DVDs, please contact Seth Pangle, 648-7934 or seth@1stpresbyterian.com.
- Radio broadcast at 11am on 102.3 FM. Or listen online at www.wgow.com.
- Operation of equipment such as Soundboards, slideshows, or cameras.
- Help members with technology instruction such as laptops, mobile phones, wifi, etc.

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Session (the Church's governing body of Elders; Church Elder is an *elected office*)

Standing committees, ministry teams, and commissions: Advisory Committee, Camp Vesper Point (CVP) Ministry Team, Church Growth Ministry Team, Church Impact Ministry Team, Church Life and Care Ministry Team, Communion Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Prayer Committee, Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee, Standing Judicial Commission, World Missions Ministry Team, and Worship and Music Ministry Team.

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World Missions:

World Missions is the foreign missions arm of First Presbyterian Church tasked with making disciples in the **world**—facilitated through the targeted selection and funding of missionaries, indigenous church planters, short-term teams, and projects that promote the establishment, growth, and maturation of indigenous-led churches and movements in strategic global cities.

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World Missions offers a variety of ways to volunteer one's time and talents that include service on the following committees: World Missions, World Relief and Development, Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet, First Friends, and Prayer Team. Additional ways to serve include providing hospitality to visiting missionaries, participating on a short-term mission trip, and volunteering for events and jobs during the annual World Missions Conference held in October.

First Friends: A team of caring First Pres. Friends of all ages who unconditionally befriend and love international college students and scholars while they study locally. We offer Bible studies, conversational English classes, recreational activities, parties, concerts, sports/games, shared meals, and a listening ear. Join us to serve our Lord by taking care of His young "strangers in a strange land." If you can smile and be a friend, you're totally qualified to volunteer. Join First Friends to serve Our Lord and stay for the love and fun.

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Missionary Closet: The Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet provides quality, up-to-date clothing, accessories, and luggage to missionaries supported by First Pres and Lookout Mountain Pres. Volunteers are needed monthly to sort and display donations and to assist during the World Missions Conference in October. Volunteers meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11 am on the 6th floor of the Tower building.

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Mission Vision: Children's Missions Conference held in conjunction with the annual World Missions Conference

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Music and Worship Ministry:

Music and Worship Ministry Team

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Mike Haberkorn, Assistant Pastor, Discipleship, Children and Youth
 West Breedlove, Director of Worship
 Darrin Hasservoort, Interim Choral Director
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 Susan Whitacre, Music Assistant, Instrumental Coordinator
 Sigrid Luther, Pianist
 Judy Glass, Organist
 Sophie Johnson, Music Intern

Music Ministry –

Our mission: As a ministry of music, our goal is God: to delight in him and help others do the same through the great hymns of the faith and the fresh, doctrinally rich songs of our day (Col 3:16, Eph 5:19). As a ministry our aim is to help the Church extol the greatness, wonder, beauty, and perfections of our God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Volunteer Opportunities: Adult choir, Instrumental Ensemble, audio techs, vocalists, worship band musicians (guitar, bass, keyboard, percussion).

Notes to volunteers and ministry leaders:

- (1) If you want to volunteer and are having trouble connecting with a ministry leader, contact Leslie Cory for help making the connection (lesliecory@comcast.net or (423) 304-9674).
- (2) If your ministry is listed within and you need to make changes, please contact the church office (office@1stpresbyterian.com or 267-1206).