

FOCUS

ONE FAMILY

February 8, 2017



Faithful Families *Rediscovering Prayer* **Beginning February 26**

A time for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and growing together in the faith as One Family. Children, parents, adults and more are invited to journey together on a six-week series, “Rediscovering Prayer,” on February 26 – April 2, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Classes are geared so that you can miss one or two and still stay connected and informed. Dinner will be served every evening at no cost, and a nursery will be available for the little ones. We want everyone to have the chance to participate.

CLASSES:

The Lord’s Prayer (Children K4 through 2nd grade and 3rd – 5th)

Teachers: Robbie Branham, Ashley Cheek, Kimberly White

Children will walk through the Lord’s Prayer together with adult leaders as their guide. This class will help them learn the prayer that Jesus taught us while diving deeper into its meaning.

Prayerful Parenting (Parents of children and youth)

Teachers: Missy Coulter, Micki Harritt

Ever feel like you need to slow down, pray and refocus on parenting? Let’s be honest. We are all imperfect parents doing the best we can. This class will be a book study mixed with discussion and prayerful practices. It will be a time to embrace our imperfections, to learn from one another, and to remember that we are perfectly loved by God no matter what.

A Primer on the History of Prayer (Adults of all ages)

Teacher: David Decker

Ever wonder how the practice of prayer has transformed throughout the ages? David Decker will lead you on a journey from early Jewish prayer practices, to the early Christians, the reformers, evangelicals and beyond. As we dive into the uniqueness of prayer over time, we will connect with and deepen our own prayer life.

NOTE: A nurse will be provided every Sunday evening. Dinner is provided every Sunday at no cost.

NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to cook Sunday evening meals February 26-April 2. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellen Blanding (803-773-7176 or mlbsrmeb@ftc-i.net).

“...but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” – Joshua 24:15

One of the reasons Ashley and I were drawn to First Presbyterian was your focus on the intergenerational family growing together in faith. This is hard to come by nowadays. Through my tenure in youth and family ministry, I’ve learned a lot. I’ve seen a host of families that are spread thin, overworked, and living on borrowed time. Family conversations are based much of the time on school, grades, sports, college, work, friends and the like. In the midst of the worries and demands of the world, we sometimes lose sight of the number one purpose the intergenerational family of faith was created. It was created to serve the Lord.



On Sunday, February 26, we are beginning a six-week journey together as One Family. We want to give our family – children, parents, grandparents, singles, youth, everyone – a time to recalibrate, break bread together, and grow in the faith. We’re calling it “Faithful Families.” For six weeks you are invited to slow down, refocus and spend time rediscovering *prayer*.

There will be a class for children, parents and adults. We will be rediscovering prayer together so that at home or over dinner with family and friends, you can continue the conversation. We have geared the classes so that you can miss one or two and still stay connected and informed. Our hope is that you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with God and our One Family. See more information above. Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact the office directly.

Sunday, February 12, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. ~ “Care and Prayer” (Parlor)
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Junior Usher Training (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Children’s Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary.
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship (Sanctuary)
“Abide in Love”
1 John 4:7-13 John 15:1-11
- Introit: The Children’s Choir will sing
My God is with Me by Mark Patterson.
- Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice
 by Antonio Vivaldi.
- 5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Bells (Fellowship Hall)

Youth will be going to the Blanding's farm for a bonfire/cookout. Meet at the West Building at 5:45 p.m. Youth should be picked up at 8:00 p.m. at 2185 Cory Drive.

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Dave McInnis, Jr., Dan Spencer

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Cary Coker

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (February 12-18)

Cary Coker

WORSHIP AT HOME

Liza Cooper, Ollie James

TELLER DUTY

Beth Jackson, Gus Blum

USHERS

Matt Blankenship, Carol Reese

JUNIOR USHERS

Mikayla Jenkins, Ellie Stutz

YOUTH LITURGIST

Gracyn Coker

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Anna Moorman

Nursery – Nancy Spivey

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Marilyn Jenkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 4:00 p.m. Discipleship Ministry Team Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting McLaurin Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86 West Building
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86 Scout Hut

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast..... Baker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Embrace Ministry Team Parlor

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast Baker’s Sweets
- 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Luncheon..... Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting .. McLaurin Room
- 5:00 p.m. Care and Support Ministry Team Parlor
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Class West Building

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Congregational Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 9:00 a.m. “Care and Prayer” Session Room
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
- Please note: There will be no Sunday School because of the Congregational Retreat.*

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JUNIOR USHER TRAINING

This Sunday, February 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, there will be training for all children in grades 1-7 who wish to serve as Junior Ushers. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, please contact Pastor Ashley to arrange a time to meet with her.



Parents, mark your calendars!

Children will sing during 10:30 worship this Sunday, February 12. They will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

At Home: Janet Kuhlmann,
 Charles Shaw

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Margaret Moses on the death of her sister, Sandra Brantner, who died February 1 in Nashville.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gabe and Mary Elizabeth (Wood) Gregory on the birth of a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, born February 1. Proud grandparents are Jimmy and Shirley Wood.

Names added to this list will be removed after three weeks unless there is a continued need or a request to remain on the list.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week beginning 01/29/2017

	Received		Budgeted
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Revenue			
**Contributions	\$40,736.55	\$77,713.55	\$109,030.43
*Other Sources	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$1,605.00</u>	<u>\$10,485.44</u>
	\$40,761.55	\$79,318.55	\$119,515.87
Disbursements	\$9,561.39	\$76,634.06	\$113,359.49
Surplus (Deficit)	\$31,200.16	\$2,684.49	\$6,156.38

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*

*** Includes \$27,500 pledges prepaid in 2016.*

The youth would like to thank all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. \$1063 was collected.