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SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT FPC

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

The morning worship service
is available live online!
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YOUR ULTIMATE LIST

Kathy Young, Director of Children's Ministries

I have a confession to make. I'm a list-maker. Each Monday begins with a list. The list contains everything that must be done before the next week, big or small. Some weeks I find that the list grows faster than I can add my coveted check marks. The goal, of course, is to see every single line marked with that perfect check. I even have a system for marking work in progress, until completed. I also keep lists of other tasks which have not yet been assigned a timeframe. Those lists feature things like drawers to clean, notes to send, gifts to purchase, as well as trips to plan, recipes to try, life goals, and endearing quotes or scripture passages. I've even been thinking of beginning a list of questions that pop into my head, which are often unusual and random. Those who know me well know of this penchant (let's not call it obsession) with lists. It's one of the things that makes me tick.

But while I love the way my lists help me remember and stay focused, I can also feel tied to the lists in ways which aren't helpful. If I think more about the checkmark than the child (or adult) who needs my attention, I'm not fulfilling my purpose. The list is supposed to be a tool, controlled by me, not the other way around.

My friends, particularly those who are parenting growing children, do you feel this way? Do you feel that your life is one long stream of incomplete lists? Honestly, your list should probably be incomplete! Parenting is unpredictable and requires the kind of loving attention which isn't directed by the lines of tasks you "need" to get done. When my first child was born,

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTIES!

Lacretta Shurden and Debera Shaw

*Thanks to all for your support of
Operation Christmas Child!*

We are about to add the third
phase of our ministry to our ongoing
phases 1/2:

Phase 1—Pray

Phase 2—Prepare

Phase 3—Pack

PACKING PARTY dates are set for
November 10-13 in Mac Hall:

Friday—10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday—2-6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

We are also accepting contributions
for postage to ship the boxes (\$10 per
box), with a goal of filling 800-1,000
boxes. **Please make your check
payable to “First Presbyterian
Church” and designate for
Operation Christmas Child postage.**

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT
THE PARTY!!!



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I felt overwhelmed. I was drowning in my undone list of tasks. A former favorite teacher asked my mom how I was adjusting to motherhood, and the honest answer elicited one of the most comforting, loving pieces of advice that I clung to the whole time my children were growing. Mrs. Stephens said for me to remember that my job was to love my baby, keep him fed and clean, and nothing else. The basics were to be my priority. Love, food, and basic hygiene. That's all. If the house got cleaned or dinner got cooked, great. But my list had been shortened to what mattered most.

You are busy. I know you are. I see you. I hear you. I'm sure that sometimes you would like to have a personal assistant just to manage your days. And we're approaching the holidays. Your list grows longer. It happens to us all. I want to hug you and encourage you to remember the main things. What matters most is the love that blankets your family. This loving care is the first and most important way that you point them to Jesus. Please don't get distracted by the lists, the sports, the appointments, the laundry, the homework, and the many other "to-dos" in your life. I'm not saying to ignore all those things, just please keep your ultimate list short. Then the checkmarks on your lists can follow the basics—loving your children, while keeping them clean and fed. That's your priority. Remember that when you are deeply rooted in the Lord, he will sustain you and be your rest. All that you are. All that you do. All your lists are put into perspective when your eyes and heart remain on the Lord who loves. May His joy fill your heart and direct your lists!

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:7-8

Now, here is a list (only a tool) of upcoming opportunities for children and families.

1. November 1, 8, & 15 Wednesday nights. Talking to your kids about the Birds and Bees class
2. November 12. Children's packing party for *Operation Christmas Child*
3. December 3. White Gift Service
4. December 13. Nursery families meet at Lewis Lights
5. January 26-27. On the Rock retreat for 5th & 6th grades



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Children's Ministry

Teaching or helping with children during *Wonder Nights* (Wednesdays) and *4Corners Café* (Sundays) during the fall and spring; planning, serving, or providing food at *Vacation Bible School* during the first week in June
Contact: Kathy Young, kyoung@fpchattiesburg.org



College Ministry

Welcoming and offering hospitality to students through snacks, meals or hosting special events
Contact: Ashleigh Morgan, ashleigh_kammer@yahoo.com

Connections Ministry

Assisting with transportation or small group discipleship for students involved in *United Christian Ministries* after-school program
Contact: Bobby Blass, rlblass@gmail.com

Disaster Relief

Teams of volunteers providing supplies and relief following natural disasters
Contact: Knox Baird, knoxbaird@fpchattiesburg.org

Flower Guild

Responsible for arranging flowers in Sanctuary on Sundays and at special events
Contact: Caroline Grubbs, carolinegrubbs1@gmail.com

Food and Pantry Ministry

Organizing and distributing non-perishable food items for benefit of individuals and families needing assistance.
Contact: Kate Jakab, katherinjakab@comcast.net

Hope for Hattiesburg

Providing encouragement and support for teachers and staff at our partner school, *Grace Christian Elementary*
Contact: Molly Blass, mollyblass@gmail.com

Liberty Ministry Meal Program

Teams of volunteers preparing monthly meals for men involved in Liberty Ministry program at *Christian Services*
Contact: Melissa Cain, cainwm@gmail.com



Men's Ministry

Facilitating men's discipleship groups and assisting with planning of special events
Contact: Josh Adair, jadair@fpchattiesburg.org

Mercy Ministry

Assisting in meeting the needs of widows and single mothers within church and others who are disadvantaged in the community
Contact: Randy Martin, rdjmartin58@gmail.com

Missions Committee

Corresponding with missionaries who serve on church's behalf and planning of annual Missions Conference
Contact: Wyche McMullan, wcmullan49@gmail.com

Sanctuary Care

Preparing the Sanctuary for Sunday services
Contact: Kate Jakab, katherinjakab@comcast.net

Student Ministry

Chaperoning retreats and conferences; hosting or providing food for events; leading or assisting with small groups
Contact: Laura Gunnufsen, lgunnufsen@fpchattiesburg.org

Sundays at FPC Hattiesburg

Children's Ministry

Contact: Kathy Young, kyoung@fpchattiesburg.org

Choir

Contact: Jesse Noote, jessennoote@fpchattiesburg.org

Greeters

Contact: Arrington Rhett, ajrhett@fpchattiesburg.org

Sound Booth Technicians

Contact: Steve Murphey, steven.murphey@gmail.com

Ushers

Contact: Keith Reeves, keith.reeves@gapac.com

Women's Ministry

Offering hospitality through serving funeral meals, receptions and special events; leading small group Bible studies; promoting fellowship among women in the church

Contact: Becky Boone, bboone@tmhcpas.com

CHURCH PICNIC

A good time was had by all at the fall picnic on October 22!



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DEACON WORKDAY

Thank you to Christy Howell and our boys and men who spruced up the church landscape at the deacon workday in October!

