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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.

Worship services
are available live online!
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2024 GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

at First Presbyterian Church

Schedule of Events:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Youth project with Curt Moore and James Boyd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 5:30 P.M., TAYLOR HALL

Supper with Pamela McGinty speaking.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30 P.M.

Children in Taylor Hall with Pamela McGinty and College Students.
Adults in the Sanctuary with David Thomae preaching.
James & Cheri Boyd, Curt Moore, and David & Jan Thomae will give
missionary reports during the service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9:30 A.M.

*The following missionaries will address children's, youth,
and adult classes during Sunday school.*

Children in Taylor Hall with Dale Ellison and Esdras Vasquez.
Youth in Mac Hall with James Boyd and Curt Moore.
Adults in Currie Hall 206 with Pamela McGinty.
Adults in Sanctuary with David and Jan Thomae.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 10:45 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

Rev. Clint Wilcke will be our guest preacher for morning and evening services.

Dale Ellison will give a missionary report during the evening service.

David & Jan Thomae will speak to the children in 4 Corners Café.



Rev. Clint Wilcke serves as ministry coordinator for the Mid-South Church Planting Network, responsible for identifying, placing, and training church planters in our region. He has been in gospel ministry for over 20 years, including seven years as Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Southern Miss. Clint recently accepted a call to become Associate Pastor for Care and Missions at Christ Presbyterian Church in Oxford.



Coby and Pamela McGinty have served in campus ministry at University of Cape Town, South Africa since 2007. They minister together, building churches through evangelism, teaching Bible studies, discipling students, providing life skills training and developing campus ministry leaders across Southern Africa. In addition, Pamela has co-founded Biblical Counselling Africa, bringing CCEF counselling training to nations all across Africa, and co-chairs SALT, the MTW Africa women's ministry.



Jim and Cheri Boyd felt called to help those impacted by disasters starting in 2005 and officially started *Rebuilding Hope* in 2007. Prior to this, Jim worked for 14 years as an electrical engineer in the

nuclear field but always felt a pull toward missions. They have been married for 32 years, living in Dalton, Georgia for 17 of those years. They have two married daughters, another daughter in college, and a son still at home.



Curt Moore works in leadership with Mission to North America (MNA) and is responsible for placing short-term church teams with twenty-five word and deed ministries throughout the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Curt and his wife, Kelly, live in Orlando, Florida.



David and Jan Thomae are involved in Member Care at Mission to the World (MTW). The Thomaes have 35 years of service with MTW in Kenya, Nigeria, England, and now back in the US.



Dale and Susan Ellison serve with Peru Mission and have been supported by our church since 2007. The Ellisons are based in Trujillo, and Dale is Finance Director for the ministry, which emphasizes

church planting in northern Peru.



Esdras Vasquez and his wife, Megan, serve alongside the Ellisons at Peru Mission. Esdras is the head pastor at Cristo Rey Church in Trujillo.



FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE

Rev. Darwin Jordan

We are studying Hebrews 11 on Sunday mornings. It is called “The Faith Chapter,” like 1 Corinthians 15 is called “The Resurrection Chapter” and 1 Corinthians 13 is called “The Love Chapter.” And speaking of “love”, there is interesting and vital interface between faith and love in Scripture.

Take Galatians 5:6. There Paul writes, “In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love,” or as the NIV has it, “faith expressing itself through love.” We can conclude that if your faith is strong your love will be strong - true love that is “patient, kind”, that “does not boast...is not arrogant or rude...does not insist on its own way...is not irritable or resentful” (1 Corinthians 13:4-5).

Sadly, it is possible for any of us to hold what we think are the strongest convictions about the truths of Scripture, yet we can be rude, impatient, arrogant, resentful and irritable people. Strong convictions or not, this is not the the faith Scripture talks about, faith that expresses itself in the love of 1 Corinthians 13.

Faith at its heart is convinced of the saving love of God in Christ Jesus. Faith is convinced of its own need of that saving, forgiving love. Faith is helpless and desperate, humbly and gladly clinging to Jesus Christ for salvation. You can see that out of the matrix of such faith will begin to flow a growing humility and kindness to others. Our strong conviction about God’s goodness manifests itself in our growing goodness.

So, though we will be in the “faith” chapter, we will constantly connect it to the “love” chapter. And to bring our other chapter in, we must realize that no faith or love would be at all possible without the “resurrection” chapter. Just sayin’...

THE PRISCILLA AND AQUILA ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

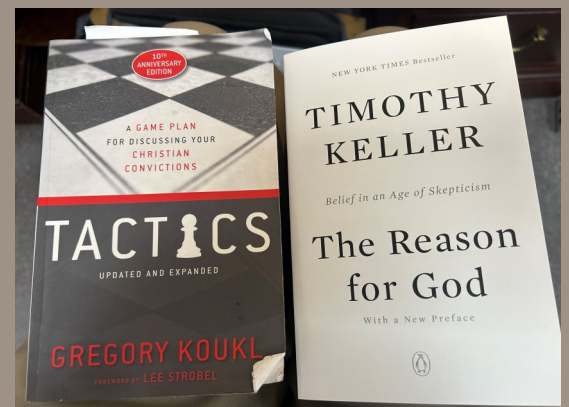
A new Sunday School Class for adults primarily in their 30s and 40s has begun in Currie Hall 207.

Knox and Debra Baird are leading this class.

The class is starting the study with the book, “The Reason For God, Belief In An Age Of Skepticism” by Timothy Keller, followed by the book, “Tactics, A Game Plan For Discussing Your Christian Convictions” by Greg Koukl.

The class will be discussion based.

For more information, call or see Knox.



AGAINST THE FLOW RETREAT

March 1-3, 2024

Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center, Florence



Speaker: Rev. Jeff Jordan
RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College

Cost: \$125 (register by February 3)

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

General Fund Receipts in 2023	\$1,930,845
Expenses in 2023	<u>1,892,730</u>
Net income	\$38,115
Mortgage balance at 12/31/2023:	\$419,754

*We thank the Lord for providing so graciously for
First Presbyterian Church through our member families!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18	Observance of the Lord's Supper during Morning Worship Service
February 20	Senior Adult Luncheon with Dr. JP Culpepper
February 21, 24-25	FPC Missions Conference
March 1-3	AGAINST THE FLOW Student Ministry Retreat at Twin Lakes Camp