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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!
livestream.com/fpc-tv
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STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

by Laura Gunnufsen

The FPC Student Ministry is excited about two special events in April!

Our **Youth Cake Auction** is a time-honored tradition! This is our annual fundraiser for our student ministry and you don't want to miss it! Last year, we raised approximately \$19,000 from the Youth Cake Auction which went directly to RYM youth conference, our Fall Timber Creek retreat, Spring "Against the Flow" retreat, and providing transportation for each event. Thank you so much for your help in making this happen!

This year's event is Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Mac Hall. The proceeds from the auction go towards assisting our students in attending conferences and retreats, as well as transportation costs.

We are also excited to honor our **graduating seniors!** Please join us in celebrating their achievements on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Mac Hall.

Ford Benton
Jack Boyd
Lily Bonner
Katherine Jackson
Eliza Kate Kosko

Sterling Dews
Taylor Griffin
Carter Grenn
Jack Jones
Meg Middleton

Dews Jussely
Betsy Karnes
Savannah Kittler
Maggie Rouse

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

by *Becky Boone*

Are you aware of the work of the **Women's Ministry** at First Presbyterian Church? Did you know that all women who are members of FPC over the age of 21 are already members of the Women's Ministry? Did you know that the Women's Ministry has been a part of our church since the beginning?

The purpose of the Presbyterian Church in America's Women's Ministry is "that every woman know Christ personally and be committed to extending His Kingdom in her life, home, church, community and throughout the world."

The Women's Ministry offers hospitality through serving funeral meals, hosting receptions and special events, leading small group Bible studies, and promoting fellowship among women in the church. All projects and Bible studies are approved by and under the sanction of the Session of our church.

We invite and encourage all women to become active in our ministry! Our council meets the first Tuesday of every month, and each of you is invited to attend.

Each year we have a fall fellowship, a Christmas luncheon, and a spring fellowship. In past springs we have had Scripture Dinners, Spring Teas, and a Wedding Reception with our youth modeling vintage clothing.

Please mark your calendars for this year's spring fellowship, a **Homecoming** event, on **Wednesday, May 8th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Invitations will go out soon, and childcare will be provided.

The Women's Ministry extends each lady – young and old - a heartfelt invitation to be a part of our ministry. Please contact me at 601-270-5716 or bboone@tmhcpas.com if you have any questions.



*Pictured above:
Theda Ruff and Patty Hall*



*Pictured above:
Becky Boone, Kate Jakab, Sandra Norris,
Mary Abraham, Caroline Grubbs, and Suzan Newman*



*Pictured below:
Ashley Longmire, Amanda Farris, Laura Gunnufsen,
Kelly Locastro, and Haley Morgan*

SEASONS OF THE SOUTHERN SOUL

Melissa and William Cain have been members of our church for the past 10 years. During that time, Melissa has become well known to our people for her delicious home cooked meals!

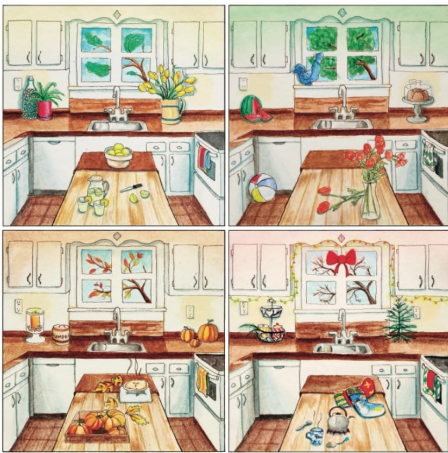


“I have loved to cook and create in the kitchen for as long as I can remember.” After perfecting her recipe for biscuits, she says of William, “I think my Big Guy fell in love with my biscuits first!”

With the encouragement of her family and friends, in 2021 Melissa published a compilation of recipes that reflect the seasons of life. She says, “Our lives are made up of seasons. Actual seasons, as well as seasons we go through. When I want to show love to someone, I cook for them.”

Her book is dedicated to her mother and grandmothers, of whom she said, “You taught me how to cook, and how to love others through my cooking.”

Edited by their daughter, Amanda, and tastefully illustrated by Nicole Herring, Seasons of the Southern Soul is available in hardback and Kindle editions at Amazon.com.



Seasons of the Southern Soul

Melissa Cain
Illustrated by Nicole Herring

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Psalm 104:14-15

FPC SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

Inquirers Class
Friday, April 12
and Saturday, April 13

Youth Cake Auction
Wednesday, April 17,
5:30 p.m., Mac Hall

Fellowship Groups Meet
Sunday, April 21
(no p.m. service)

Senior Recognition Dinner
Wednesday, April 24,
5:30 p.m., Mac Hall

MAY

Children's Ministry Rally Night
Sunday, May 5,
6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Women's Ministry Homecoming
Wednesday, May 8,
5:30 p.m., Taylor Hall

Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 12
during Morning Worship

FPC Spring Picnic
Sunday, May 19
(no p.m. service)

JUNE

Vacation Bible School
June 3-7

PCA General Assembly
June 10-14, Richmond, VA

Rebuilding Hope Mission Trip
June 22-29, Dalton, GA

Junior High RYM Conference
June 24-28, Panama City Beach, FL

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
as of February 29

General Fund gifts this year	\$213,142
General Fund gifts last year	<u>234,653</u>
Net income/loss	(21,511)
Number of donors	153
Line of credit balance	\$296,930

INQUIRER'S CLASS APRIL 12-13

For those interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, a weekend Inquirer's Class is scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 12-13.

Please contact Pastor Darwin or another member of our ministry staff if you would like more information.



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We are grateful for **Pastor Josh Adair's** loving care for our people during his time as our Minister of Discipleship! Josh has accepted a call to a position on staff at First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, and he and Samantha and their children will be relocating this spring.

A reception in honor of the Adairs was held on March 24.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
II Timothy 2:15