



# SteepleTalk

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## Member Care Volunteer for April

Judy Leonard

## Deacon of Month/ Visiting Deacons

Becky Burris  
Bob Frye

## Steepletalk Deadline

April 25th

## Circle Meeting

April 1st at 9:45 a.m.

*From the Pastor...*

This month's article for the newsletter is an attempt to bring the congregation up to date on the activities and progress of the New Building Committee. Some people may feel that nothing is being done, but that is not true. The committee has been working very hard to bring the very best plan to the congregation for approval.

We have had several meetings with our new architect and are excited about the progress we are making. The new plans will include a modern area for our children's Sunday school program. It will be designed to better fit with the new Rotation style of Sunday school programs planned by our Associate Pastor. This will include a "Gathering Area" with four new classrooms surrounding the area. It will have access to an outside learning area.

There are plans for a new heating and air-conditioning room that will service the entire building. We are considering the possibility of Geo-Thermo Plan. New large restrooms with shower facilities will be added. There are plans to enlarge the kitchen space, add more storage areas, remodel the nursery, chapel, create a new choir room, add new multipurpose center with two connecting adult Sunday school classes and new offices for staff and administration.

It is our hope to have drawings and an artist rendition of what all of this will look like to present to you very soon. Please continue to pray for the committee. We want the very best for the future of our church. I know it seems to be taking a long time, but great progress is being made.

Blessings,  
Dr. Cheetham

*Thank you*

A huge thank you to all who helped on clean up day, March 22nd. The church yard looked beautiful for Easter Sunday. Again, thank you to:

Scott Abernathy  
Sue Abernathy  
Brenda Barnes  
Madelyn Barnes  
Phillip Barnes

Glen Brosius  
Charles Carrier  
John Cheetham  
Richard Hartwell  
Elaine Hawkins  
Ken Hawkins

Mimi Hurd  
Olivia Hurd  
Richard Pellerin  
Ray Perrin  
Deborah Sanders

## ***From the Associate Pastor.....***

I want you all to think back to when you went to church in your early years as a child and as an older youth. Who were the people that were around you? What did you do with your friends? Were there any adults around? I know I can think of many stories that involve many people that were my age, but one of the most influential people in my life at that time was shockingly some of the adults of the church that were not my parents. They were people who were probably at least 25 years older than me and had nothing in common with me. However, for some reason I knew they cared and that I could count on them for so many things, simply because they were always present in my life. In fact I actually called one of these adults last night to ask them for their advice on something, and it was like nothing had changed. She immediately made it known that she cared about what was going on in my life. She asked me how things were going at my new job, how my family was, and we seemed to talk for almost an hour about life. I am now 27 years old and she is now into her mid 60's, but there was still a caring relationship between us that was formed over twenty years ago because she made an effort to be a part of my life.

In Seminary I learned a technical term for this type of ministry, it is called a "***Ministry of Presence.***" I believe that a *Ministry of Presence* is the foundation of Youth Ministry. If children and youth do not have different adults' presence to get to know and relate to, how will they learn and explore in a faithful environment. Most studies show that if children and youth do not have lasting caring relationships with adults at the church now, when they become adults they have no reason to feel connected to the church they grew up in. My challenge for all of you is to find ways to volunteer your time, or even commit time getting to know different young people at our church. You might not believe it, but children and youth at this church want to get to know the adults. They want to have adults to look up too. We are still looking for Sunday School teachers to touch their lives on Sunday mornings. We are also looking for adults to become a part of our youth fellowship group so the children and youth can experience a *Ministry of Presence*. My goal for this church is that a child who is now 8 years old will be able in 20 years to call on an adult at this church other than their parents and feel that someone cares for them and loves them. *Ministry of Presence* can change the life of young people forever. How are you going to be present for the children and youth of this church?

Grace and Peace,  
Nick Reed

## **New Members**

We welcome the newest members of our congregation who joined on March 16th: Renee Beaumont as an affiliate member and George and Helen Payne by letter of transfer.

## **Spiritual Renewal**

Spiritual renewal services will be held May 18 through 20. The Reverend Jonathan Watson will be the speaker each evening. He has been the pastor of Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church as well as churches in McMinnville, Smithville, and Jackson. There will also be special music from our Chancel Choir and Praise Team.

## **Fruit, Juice & Donuts**

I have found that this is a great way to socialize on Sunday morning. A good cup of coffee or juice with a donut or a piece of non-denominational coffee cake puts a smile on anyone's face. Help keep us smiling by signing up to supply juice/fruit or donuts for the 8:45 morning service. If you have any questions, please see me; I'm the guy with the smile on my face and the crumbs on my shirt.

- Richard Hartwell

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir  
presents

### ***"Requiem"***

A choral work by John Rutter

Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

*Reception following in Fellowship Hall*

\*donations can be made to the  
**Frances Sellars and Bascom Cooksey  
Memorial Scholarship Fund**

For more information, please call  
the church office at (615) 444-1360

## Nursery Volunteers

Each Sunday, we need volunteers to help in the Nursery. There will be a sign-up sheet on the door of the Nursery if you are interested in helping on a particular Sunday. For more information, please call the church office.

## Baptism

Charles Aaron Taylor Chasse, son of Charles and Erin Chasse, was presented for infant baptism on Sunday, March 30. He is the grandson of Robin Taylor and Bruce Taylor.

## Session Highlights from the March 9th Meeting

- The following were welcomed into the fellowship of F.P.C.: George and Helen Payne--by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian, Nashville; Renee Beaumont--affiliate member from Second Presbyterian, Chattanooga..
- Christine McDonald was added to the Christian Education Committee, and Terry McDonald will serve on the Worship Committee.
- Clean-up for Sunday School rooms will be April 5, at 9:30 a.m.
- The Session approved the personnel policies as presented by the Personnel Committee.
- The following Session members will serve as mentors for the seven (7) members of the Confirmation Class:  
Ken Hawkins (Dillon Cassetty)  
Pat Bone (Madelyn Barnes)  
Dot Jenkins (Olivia Hurd)  
Mark Sanders (Sam Hurd)  
Richard Hartwell (Andrew Mofield)  
Richard Pellerin (Ian White)  
Roy Wauford (Travis Carroll)
- The Session ratified the charges for use of the facilities for weddings.
- Contributions for the month of February totaled \$14,606.30. The balance, as of February 29, 2008, was \$23,057.90

## Lectionary Readings

April 6	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35
April 13	Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10
April 20	Acts 7: 55-60 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14
April 27	Acts 17: 22-31 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21

## Bible Quiz

The Gospels tell us that after Jesus died, his body was placed in a rich man's tomb. This man wasn't a disciple but apparently believed in Jesus and followed his message. He came from a small town not in existence today. What was the man's name, and what was his hometown?

- A. Joseph of Arimathea
- B. Aristarchus from Thessalonica
- C. Ariel of Moab

## Vacation Bible School

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help. Please contact Nick to sign up.

## Be Part of the Worship Service

Yes, you can be part of the service by being a reader of the scriptures for either the 8:45 or the 11:00 o'clock service. The scripture readings are sent to you so there is plenty of time to read over them. This really gets you thinking about how the text will be used in the sermon. Let's share the word of GOD with others and sign-up today. Please see Dr. Cheetham, Nick Reed, or Richard Hartwell if you are interested.

## Talent Show

The church talent show is coming Wednesday, April 2. There is still time to sign-up in the office if you wish to participate.

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday Youth Fellowship</u>	1	2	3	4	5
8:45 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 am Church School	4:45 pm Elementary 5:45 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Youth	9:45 am Morning Circle 4:00 pm Knitting Group	5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp		
6  <b>Communion</b>	7  9:00 am Sewing Group	8  9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group	9  5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	10  9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	11	12
13  7:15 pm Session	14  9:00 am Sewing Group	15  9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group	16  5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	17  9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	18	19
20  5:00 pm Deacon's	21  9:00 am Sewing Group	22  9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group	23  5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	24  9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	25  <b>Steepletalk Deadline</b>	26
27  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4 Cents a Meal</div>	28  9:00 am Sewing Group	29  9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group	30  5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir			Bible Quiz Answer:  <b>A</b>

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