

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

1ST PRES CELEBRATES THE ADDITION OF:

Jesse Lewis Morgan, born April 22 into the family of Tremale & Molly Morgan and big sister Ella. 1st Pres grandparents are Pete IV & Beth Austin; great-grandparents are Pete III & Linda Austin.



COVID COMMISSION REPORT

The Covid Commission meets weekly to assess the scientific data, review all the CDC guidelines and recommendations, read through the Health Department statistics, and discuss the best and safest responses without political bias to achieve our primary goals of keeping our congregation safe and assist our community in slowing and stopping the spread of Covid. We continue to add more ministry opportunities, especially with small groups and Sunday school classes.

This week, because more folks are being vaccinated and meeting outdoors, we are making masks optional for the outdoor, 9:00 AM service. Out of an abundance of caution, we will still require masks when indoors, including at the 11:00 Sanctuary service. Both services are being [livestreamed](#) and recorded. As always, these arrangements and openings will be reviewed by the Commission again next week. Thank you for your cooperation with the difficult decisions being made.

For the details and expectations during worship services, please refer to the [church website](#).



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED

The Session has scheduled a **Congregational Meeting** for **Sunday, May 16**, for the purpose of electing our new Senior Pastor. There are three segments to the meeting: Votes may be cast at the 9:00 AM Outdoor service, at the 11:00 Sanctuary service and from 10:00-11:00 online. Directions for the online voting were sent earlier this week via email for those who cannot attend or prefer voting from home.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY INFO



Women in the **Tennessee Valley Presbytery** (if you're a female member of 1st Pres that includes you) are invited to a half day retreat on **May 15 from 9a - 2p at beautiful Camp Vesper Point**. We will learn how we are raised and hinged together and are growing and walking together as women of the Covenant. Monday, May 10, is the deadline to [REGISTER](#).

WELCOME DR. FLUHRER & FAMILY

The Pulpit Search Committee along with the 1st Pres Congregation welcomes senior pastor candidate Dr. Gabe Fluhrer and family. Dr. Fluhrer will be preaching at both the 9am and 11am worship services. A light refreshment reception will follow each service so that you will have the opportunity to say hello and make them feel welcome.



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!S COMIN' BACK

With widespread proliferation of COVID shots and recent easing of restrictions, **It's a Wonderful Life!** is springing back into action for the closing month of a very awkward year.



On **Thursday, May 13**, pianist Carman Wolf and singer/songleader Richard Lockery will present lively music, Jokester Lauch McKinnon will make us laugh, and new board member and prayer leader Phyllis Holwerda will give a prayer update and devotion. We'll enjoy our typical May picnic fare of fried chicken, 'tater salad, slaw and 'nanner puddin' for only **\$6 per person**. And it will be on a plate, not in a box!

A time of fellowship begins at **10:30** and the **program kicks off at 11 am**. We'll sit four to a table with masks required only when moving around. **Please call Rosa Wrenn with your reservation (423-443-7573) by end of day, Monday, May 10**. We are limited to the first 40 people, so make that call!

WORLD MISSIONS

The next **GLOBAL CONNECT** will be held on **Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30pm**—live from Birmingham, England featuring Andy Weatherley. Andy will speak on the topic, *Everyone Needs a Coach*. Andy is a trainer and coach for church planters serving with the UK Partnership—like our partners Pete Evans and Malc Clark who planted Trinity Church Manchester, England last year. Please join Andy as he engagingly coaches us up in the gospel! [Register](#) now for this event.



You may also register for GLOBAL CONNECT at the following:

1. www.fpccworldmissions.com
2. Church APP
3. Text GLOBAL to 423-888-0551



VESPER POINT WORK DAY

A work day for Camp Vesper Point is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15**. Summer Camp starts in early June so this may be our last chance to help camp get ready for the summer. Details of the day are:

- Start at 8:30.
- Bring a sack lunch.
- Meet back at the Dining Hall for lunch at noon. Camp will provide drinks.
- Work continues after lunch. We will wrap up by 3:00.
- Different types of work activities are planned. There will be things for everyone to do.
- Come for fellowship, work, and fun!

Please contact Mark Hill by phone, text or email at 423-322-6676 or hills1113@comcast.net if you plan to come or for more information.



BEATITUDE LIVING

Our Christian Woman's 12-Step recovery program meets on **Tuesdays from noon - 1pm in Tower 404**. Social distancing and other health safety measures are practiced.

Some of the needs addressed include perfectionism, control, codependency, eating disorders, or coping with the addictions of a family member or friend. For information, please contact Nancy Mills, nmills322@aol.com, or Gail Pinchak, gailpinchak@yahoo.com.

RAPHA FELLOWSHIP



Rapha Fellowship is meeting in-person and on Zoom. Please join us for Biblical life skills learning and a delicious fellowship dinner with your neighbors in need on **Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Coffee Lounge**. We discuss a variety of topics on God's design for finances, employment, and relationships. To RSVP for in-person fellowship, Zoom link, or to get information on Rapha, contact Pam Adams, pam@1stpresbyterian.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



The 1st Pres Congregational Care Ministry is here for you! If you or someone you know has had a new baby or is ill or hospitalized or could use prayer, a meal, a pastor's visit, a call, flowers, or a card, let us know by calling the church office, 267-1206, any time day or night. Are you interested in being a part of this ministry? Contact Pastor Chris Ehlers, cehlers@1stpresbyterian.com. *1 Cor. 12:26-27*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



In-person, zoom, and hybrid Adult Sunday School classes are available. Check out who's meeting where on the 1st Pres [website](#).

1ST PRES KIDS

Reserve a spot for your Nursery-age child in the all new staff and volunteer-led Nursery (available for either worship service and Sunday School)! Register [HERE!](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist in the care of Nursery children each week. [SELECT](#) your volunteer time and date. Thank you!

HEY PARENTS!

Registrations for **Children's Church** [PreK (4-years-old by August 15, 2020) through 1st grade], **Nursery, and In-Person Sunday School**, as well as important details, are available in the 1st Pres Kids [weekly email](#). [Sign up](#) today! For even more info, contact [Misha](#).

NOTE: Registration closes for Sunday Nursery and Children's Ministry on Fridays at 12pm. If you'd like to join us but couldn't register, please contact [Misha](#).

Parents of 5th graders: Please RSVP to [Misha](#) for this Sunday's 5th grade graduation during the Sunday School hour.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

1st Pres Youth Summer Happenings!



June 4-6 High School Summer Retreat to the Great Smoky Mountains.

July 19-21 Middle School Summer Retreat at the Atlanta Lake House.

Sign up to receive the [Youth weekly email](#) and follow us on instagram, [@1stpresyouthchatt](#), for information about Retreat registrations, Youth Sunday Large Group, Bible studies, and plans for summer activities. Questions? Ask Janie@1stpresbyterian.com or Zach@1stpresbyterian.com.

HEARING CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



We are developing the Hearing Center for the hard-of-hearing and late-deafened church members and visitors. ***We want to make it possible for everyone to hear the Word of God*** by providing assistive listening devices in all the services. Interested in joining the committee. Please contact don@1stpresbyterian.com.