

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

### 1ST PRES CELEBRATES THE ADDITION OF:

**Ellen Greer Allred**, born on September 16<sup>th</sup> to Rachel & Brent Allred and big brother Davis. 1st Pres grandparents are Doug & Kate Dyer.

**Anna June Templeton**, born on September 17<sup>th</sup> to Madison & John Templeton and big brothers Harvey and Whit.



### COVID COMMISSION REPORT

Greetings, church family!

As a church family and community, we continue to battle Covid together. The best way to lower your risk and help others is to 1) get vaccinated, 2) stay home if you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of illness, and 3) if you test positive, inform the community health department so they can begin background tracing.

The most common spread of the virus is through air-borne transmission. The Commission strongly urges and highly recommends the wearing of masks when indoors or in close quarters, wash hands frequently, stay spaced when possible, stay home if you feel sick or experience any respiratory symptoms and get vaccinated. If you have been exposed, or in close contact with a positive case or someone symptomatic, you should seek testing 5 days after the exposure. (Close contact is being exposed for 15 minutes or more cumulative time in 24 hours).

The Commission is constantly studying the data, trends and research. Our goal is to offer as many ministry opportunities as possible with the lowest possible risk to the congregation. We are thankful for the medical expertise on our team, for your patience and prayers as we move along, and for the protection and grace shown to us by our Sovereign God.

### SUNDAY AT 1ST PRES

Sunday School is available for all ages from 9:45-10:45. Both the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary services are held at 11AM. The [livestream option](#) is available at 11AM (sanctuary only), and services are recorded.

**For a paperless bulletin**, text to 423-888-0345:

**FELLOWSHIP** for the Fellowship Hall bulletin

**BULLETIN** for the Sanctuary bulletin

The bulletin is also available in the [1st Pres app](#) and [1st Pres calendar](#).

### THE SESSION REPORT

The elders and deacons met in a “joint meeting” this past Monday evening in the place of the regular Session meeting for September. The agenda was limited to hearing from our Senior Pastor sharing his vision for the church over the next several years and the path to follow in getting us there. This was a “broad brush” look with details to be worked out through Ministry Teams, committees, and the officers. These are exciting times for 1st Pres and there will be many opportunities for volunteers to help.



### IRONMAN RACE THIS SUNDAY!

Reminder, coming to and leaving from church this week may be interrupted a bit by the Ironman race this weekend. Road closures and re-routes can be accessed [HERE](#) or at <https://www.ironman.com/im-chattanooga-supporters> (look for spectator guide).



### WORLD MISSIONS

#### World Missions Conference: October 10-13

Our 70<sup>th</sup> conference, “Our Faithful God,” begins in two weeks! Speaker Scotty Smith and 12 missionaries will be featured. The Family Missions Fest offers barbecue and a jazz quartet. Monday and Tuesday evening home meetings and Tuesday afternoon coffees are on tap. The women meet on Tuesday morning followed by a lunch for all. Wednesday evening offers dinner, Mission Vision for kids, and the final event in which Gabe will speak and missionaries honored. After that, we’ll celebrate with a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake! For the complete conference schedule, go to [www.fpccworldmissions.com](http://www.fpccworldmissions.com). Please note that registration is required for some events.



### BEATITUDE LIVING

Our Christian Woman’s 12-Step recovery program meets on **Tuesdays from noon - 1pm in Tower 404**. 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](mailto:nmills322@aol.com), or Gail Pinchak, [gailpinchak@yahoo.com](mailto:gailpinchak@yahoo.com).





## HEARING CENTER

If you suffer from a hearing loss and have difficulty hearing the message from the pulpit, we provide listening devices during the service(s). These devices work wonderfully and are available at the front doors or in the Black/White foyer. Ask for help on how to use them and enjoy listening to the messages from the Lord. Bring a friend who also may have a hearing loss.



## 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](mailto:cehlers@1stpresbyterian.com).

*"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:26-27*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES KIDS

Please [sign-up](#) for our weekly 1st Pres Kids emails!



**Attention 4th-5th grade parents:** a Communicants Class is starting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Misha, [misha@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:misha@1stpresbyterian.com), for more info!

**Join us on Sunday!** The Nursery is open all morning. Sunday School for Nursery-5<sup>th</sup> grade will take our children from Genesis-1 Kings this year. Children's Church for children 4-years-old-1<sup>st</sup> grade is available in the PreK-K department during the worship services. A parent/guardian must walk children down to check-in next to the elevator and then the PreK-K department. Your children are invited to Midweek which will feature a Sunday School recap, fun, and fellowship! For even more info, contact [Misha](#).

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



### PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH!

Many of our youth are participating in a retreat this weekend. Please pray for a safe, fun time together with hearts open to truths from God's Word that will enrich our students' lives and draw us all closer to Jesus.

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