



WEEKLY NEWS

First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
20 N. Dixie Ave, Cookeville TN, 38501 931-526-4424



Join Us at the March
Second Sunday lunch for the
INAUGURAL
Chili
**COOK
OFF**



SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

The First Presbyterian Church
Inaugural Chili Cook Off Competition
will be held in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following church service.
The competition will be judged by all
of those in attendance



FREE TO ENTER &
FREE TO TASTE



For more information:
Ann Hayes
(931) 310-9984

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Last chance! Our final sitting for pictures to be taken with the talented Ben Marsee, will be March 23, before and after worship service.

You can also choose to provide your own photo. Contact Amy at office@firstprescookeville.org or 526-4424, Wed-Fri 9am-3pm for instructions.

IMPORTANT: Draft version now available for everyone to review/confirm/update their information. Look for the 3 ring binder, in the Sanctuary with this phone picture.

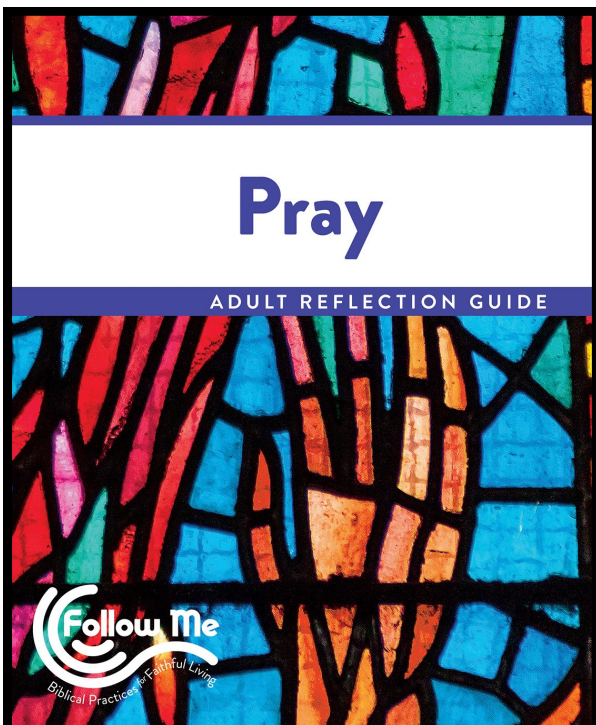


FAITHFUL LIVING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We started a new study called *Pray*. Prayer is a practice for followers of Jesus, and for many, one of the most difficult to grasp. It seems like prayer should be simple, but we worry about how we are praying and we wonder if anyone is really listening.

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:45am, in the Fellowship Hall, to learn more about the practice of prayer.

Nursery is available.



Faithful Fix-It Fiesta

Church work day

March 29th

9am-2pm

All ability levels needed.

We will be cleaning, fixing & organizing.





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight savings time begins March 9. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

Get Your Baskets Ready!

MONTREAT FUNDRAISER



SPA DAY



GET WELL SOON



COOKIE BAKING



STARBUCKS ESSENTIALS



CAR CLEANING KIT



CROCKPOT COOKING

PLEASE DONATE A BASKET FOR THE AUCTION BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH.

Holy Week



April 13
11am

Palm Sunday
FPC Sanctuary

April 14-18
Noon-1

Community Holy Week
Services

First Cumberland
Presbyterian Church

April 17
6 PM

Maundy Thursday
FPC Sanctuary

April 18
6 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae
Service

FPC Fellowship Hall

April 20
6:30 AM

Annual Easter Sunrise
Service

FPC Lawn

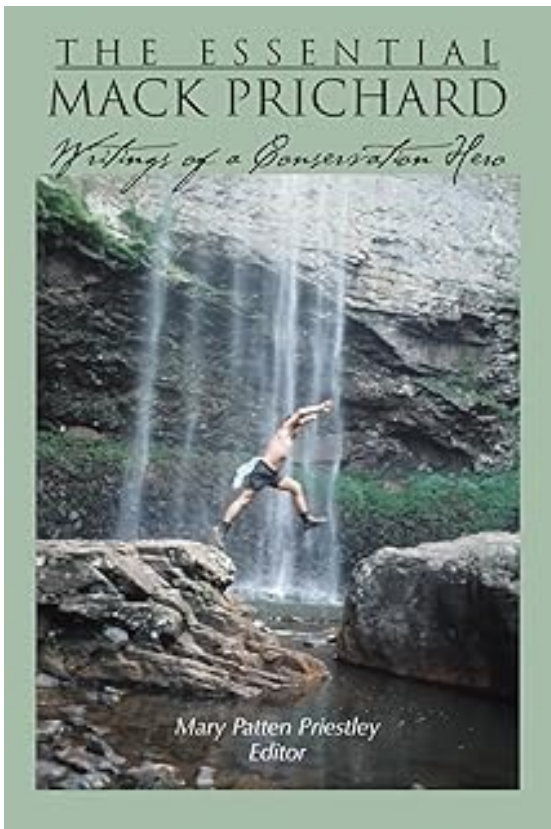
9:30 AM

Easter Breakfast
& Crafts

FPC Fellowship Hall

11 AM

Easter Worship Service
FPC Sanctuary



The Religion & Culture Class

9:30am in room #6 and Zoom

We are wrapping up the study of Faith and Action with inspiration from "The Essential Mack Prichard: Writings of a Conservation Hero " edited by Mary Priestley. Dave Pelren will lead us to consider what 'take home' messages we found in this book.

All are invited: The weekly sessions held 9:30-10:30 am in Classroom 6 and by [ZOOM](#).

Clean Earth:

Recycle **only Lithium and Rechargeable Batteries** at Church

Bring your dead **lithium and rechargeable batteries** in a ziplock bag to prevent toddlers from tasting them!

Lithium and rechargeable batteries have mercury in them!

Please leave these in the blue bucket near the office entrance at church.

Put **dead alkaline** batteries in **your trash** at home. They do not contain mercury.

See the differences in this photo?

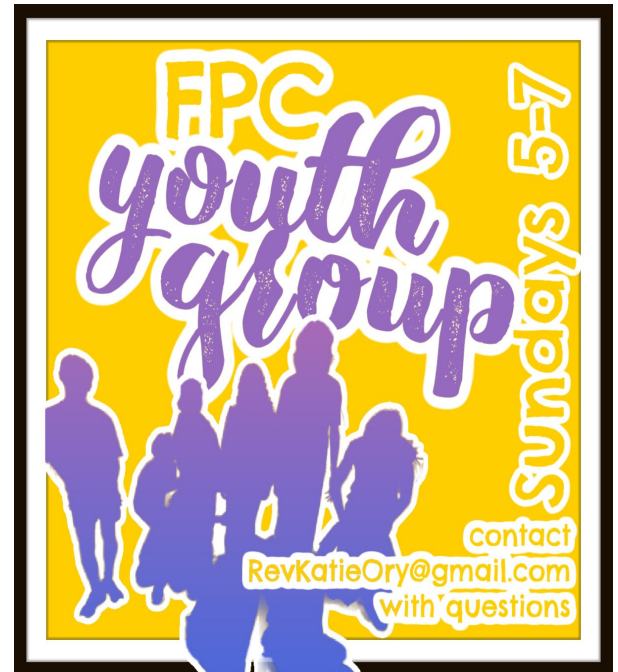
Questions? Ask Diane Glasgow Email diane-glasgow1@gmail.com. Text or call 931-260-9350



Please remember:



Church nursery is a service provided for children ages 0-5. Older children (6+) should remain with their families if children's church is not available. This ensures a safe, calm environment for our babies and toddlers. Children of all ages are always welcome in the sanctuary!



Enjoying each other's company while rooting on the TN Tech Women's Basketball Team as they won the regular season OVC championship!
Missing from the picture: Kelly the photographer, some little boys making sure the steps were in good working order & Erica and Taylor Scott!

Meal Train for Ms. Amber (SoulSong)

Ms. Amber will be having hip replacement surgery on March 5th and will be missing multiple weeks of work during her recovery. Mr. Connor (Ms. Amber's son) will be filling in during this time, so meals can also be brought to the church on SoulSong days for him to bring home after work.

We wish Ms. Amber a speedy recovery!

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/7zzzw2>



Got Mission Suggestions?

Please contact Dee Tompkins 931-510-5626 or email deetompkins3@gmail.com
or Diane Glasgow 931-260-9350 or dianeglasgow1@gmail.com

1. Do you have a new mission project idea? Yes / No What?
2. How can we improve missions?
3. Do you have any concerns or feedback? Yes / No What are they?
4. What is your contact info? (Optional)
Name & Phone #
Email



Newsletter, Website & Bulletin Deadline

*Please submit your announcements, newsletter, bulletin and/or website articles, flower dedications, etc., by the **end of the day on Wednesdays.** Thank you!*



Enjoy this new BBC segment on Lesotho: [Link](#)

Learn more from the Associated Press: [Link](#)

STAFF

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....**Pastor**
The Rev. Katie Ory.....**Director of Children & Youth Ministry**
Paul Thurmond..... **Director of Music**
Amy Ainsley.....**Administrative Assistant**
Virginia Fillers.....**SoulSong Coordinator**

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ELDERS

2025 Dina Smith, Rick Woods
2026 Cade Arnold, Josh Dore
2027 Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins

DEACONS

2025 Ginny Butler, Chris McCormick, Erica Scott
2026 Michelle Dore, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
2027 Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley
Wiley

Clerk of Session: Donna Simpson, Interim

Prayer Requests

IN OUR PRAYERS: Amy Ainsley's mom, Gladys; Chet Butler; Justin Cavness and his family as they grieve the death of his grandfather, Larry Tucker; Michelle Dore's mom, Carol; Ted Hayes' Sister-in-Law, Peggy; Chelsea Holland's step-father, Stacy and their family; **The Koci family**; David Koci's brother as he seeks employment; Amber Lewis; Mark Ledbetter; **Jill Marsee's friend, Will and his family as they grieve the death of his father**; Miranda and baby Oliver; **Jaden Mullins' mom**; **John Ory as he recovers from surgery**; Lee Pate; Eliseo Rios; Bob See; The Steakley family; Stacey Trent's aunt and her uncle, Lester; Jill Tubbs' father, Michael as he recovers from surgery; Jennette Volpe; Amy Woods' friend, Susie who is experiencing health and related challenges; Federal employees; Families of Jerr-Whitson students and their community



SANSOM, Sidonie	03/02	WEIDNER, Heidemarie	03/17
WINSCOTT, Mary	03/06	PELREN, Alana	03/19
SAMON, Matthew	03/08	BURGESS, Willa	03/24
DORE, Jensen	03/12	PATE, Pam	03/24
NEIL, Richard	03/12	BUTLER, Ginny	03/25
TRENT, Stacey	03/17	SCOTT, Erica	03/27

Stewardship Update

Your commitment to our church's ministries and missions helps us to share the love of God with our community and the world. Thank you everyone for supporting our church with your time, talent, and contributions.

01/01/25—01/31/25

Income	\$71,477.68
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>-\$45,605.75</u>
Difference	\$25,871.93*