



## January 11, 2015 - Ordination and Installation of Elders



This Sunday, we will ordain and install 10 elders in the class of 2017 and install one elder to a one year term in the Class of 2015 to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Carol Brown, who moved with her husband, Tom, to Florida. Elders to be ordained and installed include: Allen Crowell, Don DeMaria, Madie Fishetti and Joy Holloway. Previously ordained and to be installed: Jerris Hayes, Diane Hudgins, Denise LaBoon (one year) Mike Morris, Jerry Rogers, Ella Stewart and Jimmy Williamson.

The sermon on Sunday is from the 1 Corinthians 12 text where Paul talks about the “gifts of the Holy Spirit” and how through the Spirit God has called individuals to serve, some as teachers, some as ministers and some as elders. The sermon will focus on the Corinthian text and the ordination questions that the new elders will be asked in the service of ordination and installation. See you in church Sunday.

## January 18 - On the Move with Jesus

As we all begin a new year we have decisions to make about what we might do and where we might go in the new year. Shall I continue on the same track as last year, or do I try something new? Should I try an early vacation this year? Where should I go to open new territory in my business? How about advertising on the internet, would that work for my business? How about my spiritual life? Should I study the Bible this year or pray more?

All kinds of questions face us at the beginning of a new year. Questions faced Jesus as well. Where should he go next to preach? The passage in John’s gospel (John 1:43-51) begins, “The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.” Can you see Jesus asking himself the question, “Where shall I go next? Maybe I had better head back to the Galilee.” How utterly human of Jesus to have to sort out his own decisions. Does that surprise you? He also decides who he will take with him to the Galilee. Come to church on the 18th, and find out what Jesus was up to?

Dr. W. Glenn Doak, *Pastor*

## Called Congregational Meeting, January 18

We will have a called Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, January 18 to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nomination Committee and to vote on their recommendation for Associate Pastor. You will receive a brochure in the mail prior to the 18th with detailed information about the candidate and family.

There is an opportunity to meet the candidate and family on Saturday, January 17th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. The candidate is currently serving in a called pastoral position and will not inform that congregation of a new call until First Presbyterian votes and issues a call. This is a normal procedure for those serving in a called position.

## Church Basketball League

Church basketball is right around the corner, starting again mid-January. All games are at Tuckston UMC. Any church members interested in playing may contact Dan Trier at dantrier@hotmail.com.

## Athens Area Emergency Food Bank

On Monday, January 5, we donated 199 food items to the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank. Thank you for your donations!

## Fall 2015 Weekday School Registration

Weekday School registration for Fall 2015 begins on January 13 at 9:00 a.m. Current students, their siblings and church members have priority through Friday, January 16. Call our director, Elaine Johnson, for a tour or more information at 706-206-8180. The Weekday School serves infants beginning at three months through pre-K and early fives.

## Youth Ministry Notes

In Sunday School this week, we talked about regret. On sheets of blank paper, we recorded those feelings, experiences, and hurts that we wanted to leave behind. We said a prayer, and then literally shredded them in the paper shredder. Goodbye 2014, Hello 2015! Turning to the story of Jesus healing the paralytic as a reminder that through Him, change is always possible, we wrote down our hopes for this year. As a group, we shared these resolutions, big and small, as a way to support each other in reaching our goals. Today, I invite you to pray for our amazing group, lifting up a few of their hopes: *I will grow closer to God. I will be a better friend. I will have more patience. I will find wisdom and perseverance in making decisions about my future. I will try new things, and not be afraid. I will do more service for others.*

## Men's Fellowship

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be on Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Hilltop Grille on Atlanta Highway. To RSVP or for more information, you may contact Chuck Roberts at chuckrobertsii@yahoo.com. Also, a big thank you to everyone who showed up at last month's Fellowship. Through everyone's generosity, we were able to donate \$250 to the Presbyterian Student Center. Thanks to all, and see you on the 15th!

## Elected Elder for Class of 2015 - Denise LaBoon

Denise LaBoon joined First Presbyterian Church in 1993. She has served on the flower committee for 21 years and is the January chair. She has also served as an Elder, an elementary church school teacher, a teacher and chair of VBS, a covenant partner for confirmation, a member of nominations, and on the Christian Educator search committee. Born and raised in High Point, NC, Denise graduated from East Carolina University's school of Nursing and worked as a cardiac nurse for 28 years. She now works at ARMC in Pulmonary Rehab. Denise is married to Jimbo LaBoon, III, and they have two daughters, Caroline and Emily.



### Wednesday@First Schedule

Wednesday@First begins on January 14, 2015.

**3:00-5:30 p.m.**

Bridge Group, Room 302

**3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Pearls 101, Room 301 \*Jan. 14 only

**3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Pearls 102, Room 301

\*Jan. 21-Feb. 4 (limited to 8 people)

Origami 101 & Beyond, Room 301

\*March 4 and 11

Making Japanese Paper Dolls, Room 301

\*March 18 and 25

**4:00-5:45 p.m.**

Knit for Kids & More, Parlor

**4:30-5:15 p.m.**

Gentle Yoga, Room 310

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

*A Grief Observed* by C.S. Lewis led by John Kipp and Carol Bachman,  
Moses Waddel Room

Athens Tutorial Program, Children's Ministry Suite

Scribes, Staff Conference Room

Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* led by Ron Bogue, Room 308

**5:00-5:30 p.m.**

Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary

**5:00-5:45 p.m.**

Children's Choirs, Music Suite

**5:45-6:15 p.m.**

Wednesday@First Dinner, Fellowship Hall

**6:30-7:15 p.m.**

1-2-3 Parenting Magic led by Elaine Johnson, Room 310

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

*The Passion Narratives* led by Dr. Doak, Moses Waddel Room

Chancel Choir, Room 202

## Happy Birthday to:



*Happy Birthday*

**Jan. 11** Will Corry, Randy Heath, Emory Lewis, David Magrino, Joan Pinson, Carolin Purser

**Jan. 12**

Dallas DuBose, Brooking DuPriest, Madie Fischetti

**Jan. 13** Anna Bell, Ethel Chaffin, Lachlan Morris, Joshua Simpson, Dan Trier

**Jan. 14** Drew Dekle, Jennings Middendorf, Stephanie Wilson

**Jan. 15** Logan Bono

**Jan. 16** John Bennewitz, Michael Coenen, Jim McDonald, John Stone

**Jan. 17** Whitney Goodstone, Carlton Segrest

**Jan. 18** Cole Borders, Sean Borders, Debbie Gaskill, Madison Smith

**Jan. 19** Randy Dudley, Molly Popham, Caryl Woosley

**Jan. 20** Ruby Hodgson, Cash Morris, Dianne Wilson

**Jan. 21** Kathy Compton, J.C. Mullis, Sue Ellen Patterson, Beth Shackelford

**Jan. 22** Andrew Doornbos, Beau Hodgson, Sue Marion, Mel Sawyer

**Jan. 23** Jerry Rogers, Jim Wilfong

**Jan. 24** Mary McCormack, Paige Oelke

## Music Notes by John Coble

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” We have just concluded the season of Christmas. It is unlikely that many will take notice of Epiphany, even though it is part of the overall Christmas portion of the liturgical year. The day of Epiphany, January 6, is when we traditionally celebrate the visit of the Magi bringing gifts to the newborn “King.”

In the season of Epiphany, the celebration continues of God coming to live among us, sharing both joy and suffering. In the words of one of my favorite hymns: “And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness” (from Once in Royal David’s City). God came to live with us, to share our joy and our suffering, because both exist, and always will, in our lives. Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus, and he suffered himself, though he was undeserving. He also ate, drank, and celebrated with his friends.

In life, there are unavoidable times of darkness, and as in this dark season of year we crave light, we should remember and celebrate that the Light of the World is always with us.

## MLK Day of Service

Each year, thousands of people around the country honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in a national day of service on MLK Day. On Monday, January 19th, we’d like to invite FPC members and friends to serve together. There will be a table in the Atrium this Sunday with more information about the day, or visit <http://communityconnection211.org/about-handson/for-volunteers/mlk-day-of-service/>.

**Indoor:** Volunteer at Project Safe Thrift Store (995 Hawthorne Avenue in Bell’s Plaza Shopping Center) from 9am to noon, helping to organize and sort donations. Contact: Kitty Donnan ([kittydavedonnan@gmail.com](mailto:kittydavedonnan@gmail.com))

**Outdoor:** There will be a citywide Kick Off Event at Lay Park (297 Hoyt St) from 9-10am, with a time for fellowship, entertainment and coffee. We will then drive over to Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery (530 4th Street) to help care for this historic African American cemetery including limb, debris and invasive species removal. Contact: Kim Ness ([kness@firstpresathens.org](mailto:kness@firstpresathens.org)).



## Flower Dedications

In January 2015, the following dates are available to dedicate flowers for Sunday morning worship: **January 18 and February 1, 8, 15 and 22.** The cost for two arrangements is \$100. Please contact Lucy Bell at [lbell@firstpresathens.org](mailto:lbell@firstpresathens.org) to schedule a date.

## Our Church Family

### Out of the Hospital:

- Betty Shuford

### Sympathy:

- To Mia Nobbie on the death of her father, Steve Nobbie, in Athens on December 22.
- To Charlotte Chromiak on the death of her father, Tom Ross, on January 3 in Athens.
- To Betsy Arrington-Tsao on the death of her brother-in-law and Evan Tsao on the death of his uncle and Celeste Arrington on the death of her step son-in-law, Tom Ross.

## Elder On-Call:

**The elder on call** is Diane Adams. You may contact Diane, January 7-15, at 706-255-9200. The elder on-call is available if there is an emergency that requires support.

## Bible Readings

- Jan. 11** Isaiah 40:1-11
- Jan. 12** Ephesians 1:1-14
- Jan. 13** Mark 1:14-28
- Jan. 14** Isaiah 41:1-16
- Jan. 15** Ephesians 2:11-22
- Jan. 16** Mark 2:13-22
- Jan. 17** Isaiah 43:1-13
- Jan. 18** Hebrews 6:17-7:10
- Jan. 19** Mark 3:7-19a
- Jan. 20** Isaiah 44:9-20
- Jan. 21** Ephesians 5:1-14
- Jan. 22** Mark 4:21-34
- Jan. 23** Isaiah 45:18-25
- Jan. 24** Ephesians 6:10-24



**Sunday, January 11**

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Celebration Singers, Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship, The PIT
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Parent/Youth Ski Trip Meeting, The PIT

**Monday, January 12**

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 1, home of DeDe Guest, 160 Wickersham Dr.
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

**Tuesday, January 13**

- 10:00 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

**Wednesday, January 14**

- 9:30 a.m. Circle 7, Bride's Room/Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 3:30 p.m. Wednesday@First programs begin
- 5:00 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Suite

**Thursday, January 15**

- 11:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, home of Josephine Paine, 640 Riverview Rd.
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Caller's Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship, Hilltop Grille, 2310 W. Broad St.

**Saturday, January 17**

- 10:00 a.m. "Meet and Greet" Associate Pastor Nominee and Family, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 18**

- 12:00 p.m. Called Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

**Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Holiday, church offices closed**

- 7:00 a.m. MLK Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 p.m. MLK Day of Service

**Tuesday, January 20**

- 9:00 a.m. PTPs Archaeological Presentation, Moses Waddel Room
- 10:00 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

**Sundays**  
*at First Presbyterian*

**Sunday, January 11**

**Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Dr. Doak preaching,**

***What About Those Ordination Questions?***

**Sunday, January 18**

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***Where Shall I Go Next?***

**January 11 & 18**

**Sunday School** for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

**Children's Church** Children, ages 4 through grade 2, may leave worship service with Misse Mallino for activities in the Children's Ministry Suite.

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