

FPC NEWSLETTER

Responding to God's grace through worship, study, and service.

OCTOBER 2025



Upcoming Events

October 5
Mission Trip Commissioning

October 8
No WNL

October 13
Prayer Shawl

October 14
Presbyterian Women;
Adults 55+ Lunch

October 18
Fall Festival

October 19
Inquirer Gathering; Vanderbilt
Trombone Ensemble Concert

October 23-26
Mountain Top Mission Trip

October 26
Session Meeting

Each Week:
Sunday Morning Worship at
10:15 AM and Sunday School
& Wonder Hour at 9 AM.

Join us!



Saturday, October 18

4:30 PM Trunk or Treat

5:00 PM BBQ Dinner

6:00 PM Lilo & Stitch Movie

Bring your blankets and camp chairs for
the outdoor movie!

First Presbyterian Church
101 Legends Club Lane



We are looking forward to our annual Fall Festival Saturday, October 18, a partnership with FPC Franklin and the Hard Bargain Association!

We will begin at 4:30 PM with Trunk or Treat, followed by a BBQ dinner at 5 PM and a movie at 6 PM. Bring your blankets and camp chairs for the Lilo & Stitch outdoor movie.

We need many volunteers to help make this wonderful community event a success!

[Sign up](#) to volunteer and/or decorate a trunk!

Contact [Verna Rydlund](#) with questions.

Basic Essentials Collection



We have donated 544 lbs so far! Thank you to Sue and Fred Banner for continuing to deliver items to GraceWorks on a regular basis.

Highlighted item for October: Room In The Inn needs donations of socks. White tube socks or diabetic socks are appreciated, but new socks of any size or type are an incredible gift to this community.

Leave donations at the Basic Essentials cart
and we will get them delivered!

STAFF REFLECTION

ANNE KEENER, COMMISSIONED PASTOR



“May we, to whom much has been given, open our hearts and pay attention to where God is leading us to generously respond to God’s grace with gratitude.” This was the last sentence of the sermon I preached yesterday, and it is still on my heart as I sit on my back porch this morning writing the article.

Fall is usually a season filled with gratitude for me. I love the anticipation of the leaves turning to brilliant autumn colors and the temperatures dropping so I can enjoy more porch time. Each fall I find myself giving thanks to God for living where we experience all four seasons. September and October also fill my heart with gratitude for my family and friends since many of them celebrate birthdays which encourages me to pause and give thank for each of them and all those in my life who remind me of God’s love.

This fall I had the opportunity to pause and give thanks for the church where I grew up as I wrote and shared the Charge to the Congregation during the Installation Service for Stephanie Boaz who has been called as the Associate Pastor focusing on Pastoral and Congregational Care at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville. I didn’t expect the flood of emotions that came as I sat in the sanctuary preparing to step into the pulpit of the church that nurtured me from birth through marriage and charge them to care for their pastor who shares a similar call as I do here.

It was my role to encourage the congregation to love and support Stephanie. While writing the charge, I reflected on all the ways you, the congregation of FPC Franklin, have loved and supported me. As I wrote each new sentence suggesting a different way in which they can support her, I thought of specific people in our congregation who have supported me in those same ways which filled me with gratitude.

I am grateful to serve Christ alongside each of you and this wonderful staff, and I am honored to hear your stories and support you in times of joy and sorrow. In this same spirit of love and gratitude, I also want to offer you the congregation of FPC Franklin some of the same words I offered the congregation of WPC during the charge.

“It is your call, as the body of Christ, to care for one another along with your pastor. One of the best ways to support her is for each of you to find your own way to respond to God’s grace through the ministries of the church.”

This brings me back to the sermon message through which I pray God will speak to each of you. May we, to whom much has been given, open our hearts and pay attention to where God is leading us to generously respond to God’s grace with gratitude.

Gratefully,

Anne

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday NIGHT LIVE



Join us for food and fellowship each
Wednesday at 6 PM.

Reserve your meal today!

Suggested pricing: \$10 per adult/youth, \$5 per child,
\$25 family/max.

October 1

Basic Christian Doctrine by Shirley Guthrie - Eddie Bellis

October 8

NO WNL due to WCS Fall Break

October 15

Putin's Russia and the war on Ukraine - Phillip Otts

October 22

Global Mission Presentation - The Outreach Foundation - Elizabeth Carter

October 29

Transition Team Presentation of the Mission Study & Vision

Adults 55+

LUNCH AT 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 14
Carrabba's Cool Springs
(533 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin)



Monday, November 17
The Franklin Chop House
(1101 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin)



No signup. Just show up for food and fellowship.

2025 Women's Retreat
NaCoMe Camp and Retreat Center

November 14-16

Theme: Prayerful Meditation
Speaker: Shannon Horn Truss



2025 FPC Women's NaCoMe Retreat

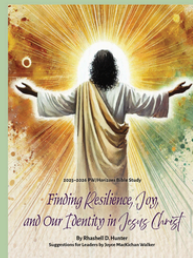
Join us November 14-16, 2025, for a weekend of community, prayer, and reflection at NaCoMe. Spiritual Director Shannon Horn Truss will guide us through prayer times focusing on God's generosity and love through scripture, poetry, and art. Options include the full weekend (\$200) or partial attendance (\$50-\$100). A \$25 deposit is due by October 28 to secure your spot.

Questions? Contact [Katie England](#)

[Register & Pay Here](#)

[More Information](#)

*Presbyterian Women
meet the second
Tuesday of each month
at 9:45 AM in the Parlor.*



Sisters in Spirit

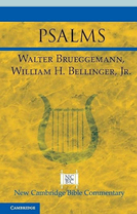
Fridays
10:00 AM
Church Parlor

Women of any age are welcome to join us.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays
7:30 AM
Church Parlor

Men of any age are welcome to join us.



Adults 55+

Wednesday, November 5 @ 11 AM

Barr Conference Room

Francie Logan from Always Best Care Senior Services
"Hearing vs. Understanding in Seniors with Hearing Loss"
Soup and salad lunch provided

Thursday, December 4 @ 11 AM

Barr Conference Room

Diane and Roger Fender speak on their quest to visit all
US National Parks
Box lunch provided for \$10

[Sign up on the FPC website](#)

YOUTH NEWS

3

MISSION & OUTREACH

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT FPC?



JOINS US FOR OUR INQUIRER GATHERING

OCTOBER 19
9:00 AM
IN THE PARLOR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PDA Emergency Clean Up Buckets
Saturday, November 1
9:00 AM Wilson Hall



FPC INTERGENERATIONAL
SERVICE IN HOPE



FPC INTERGENERATIONAL
SERVICE IN HOPE



November 6 at 6:30 PM

St. Augustine's Chapel on Vanderbilt's campus

FPC Tradition!

**Help prepare, serve and share dinner and worship with
Belmont and Vandy students**

A favorite FPC tradition! We will prepare, serve, and share dinner and worship with Belmont and Vanderbilt students at St. Augustine's Chapel.

This year is especially meaningful as our own Mary Sellers Shaw is now UKirk Campus Minister.

You can help by preparing food to send or by joining us on campus. Email cmccall@comcast.net or sign up on the Connection Card to get connected.

HARD BARGAIN
ASSOCIATION



ROARING TWENTIETH Annual Celebration Dinner

Friday, October 24, 2025

Embassy Suites Cool Springs
820 Crescent Centre Dr, Franklin, TN 37067

6 PM Silent Auction
Cocktail Hour

7 PM Catered Dinner
Hard Bargain Stories

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a table at Hard Bargain Association's "Roaring Twentieth" Celebration Dinner on Friday, October 25. If you'd like to attend, contact [Verna Rydlund](#).

BOY SCOUT TROOP 135

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

**KIDS
4 AND
UNDER
FREE**



**ADULTS/
KIDS 5+
DONATION
\$13.00**

**SAT., NOV. 8, 2025
7:00-10:30 AM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(NEXT TO LEGENDS GOLF COURSE)
MACK HATCHER BYPASS & FRANKLIN RD.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP

DINNER FOR 8



Thank you to all our Dinner for 8 hosts and participants. It was another fun event where we deepened connections around the table.

MEAL MINISTRY

Provide a meal to bless members during illness, loss, or the joy of a new birth or adoption. Meals are delivered as a sign of God's love.

Our Meal Ministry is a wonderful way to respond to God's grace. When needs arise, an email is sent to the list of people who have volunteered to be part of this ministry with the date and location of a meal need. If you are able and willing to provide that meal, then you simply sign up on the TakeThemAMeal website that we use. Many choose to also deliver the meal, but if needed, you can request someone else deliver. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, contact Ann Crim 615-293-2993 or Tammy Love 615-472-6634. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering serving in this way.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
1-2:30 PM
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

Come join us on the second Monday of the month in the church parlor from 1-2:30 PM. Whether an experienced knitter/crocheter or a beginner who wants to learn, all are welcome. For more information, contact [Karen Hanson](#).

THANKS TO ALL WHO
HELPED WITH
THE SWEET
POTATO DROP



WORSHIP & MUSIC



Our pipe organ, Casavant Opus 3938 (2020) will celebrate its Fifth Birthday in October. On Reformation Sunday there will be an extended postlude to honor both the donors of the instrument and its creation by Casavant Frères Limitée, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada.



VANDERBILT TROMBONE ENSEMBLE

with special guest **Bone Therapy**

3PM | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of FRANKLIN



101 Legends Club Way, Franklin TN fpcfranklin.org



Midweek Rehearsals
Each week on Wednesday:
Carillon Handbell Choir (5:15 PM)
WNL Meal (6:00 PM)
Chancel Choir (6:45 PM)



Would you like to join us to sing for Lessons & Carols...feel free to join us for the first portion of our WED gathering! Join us for a day...the week...a special event...or even longer! Contact Michael in the Music Office on how you can "join your musical tithe with ours!"

OCTOBER 5

John 4:5-42
Jiggle the Wire
EDDIE BELLIS

OCTOBER 12

Luke 17:11-19
Giving Thanks
EDDIE BELLIS

SUNDAYS



OCTOBER 19

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Stewardship's Toughest Question
EDDIE BELLIS

OCTOBER 26

Philippians 2:5-11
Reformation Sunday
FESTIVAL OF BANNERS

CELEBRATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flower Dedications

Thank you to all who have donated the worship flowers in 2025 and thank you in advance for all who will donate them in 2026.

The worship flowers are an important part of worship as they remind us of the beauty of God's creation and are then rearranged into smaller vases and delivered to members as a reminder of God's love and the love of their church family. The signups are now open and are first come first serve on dates, so sign up today.

Recent Deaths

The FPC family extends prayers and sympathy to all those who are grieving.

We are especially in prayer for the family of **Kate Devaney** upon the death of her brother Stephen Devaney on August 12, for **Kathy Nappier** upon the death of her son, Andy Nappier on September 23 and for the family of **Mary Lou Wilson** upon her death on September 25.

Thank You



The Habitat for Humanity Williamson – Maury team offers a sincere thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your recent donation. Thanks for caring for our neighbors. Future home owners are able to purchase an affordable home in our community, positively changing the lives of their families today and for generations to come.



Thank you for giving to breast cancer recovery in action. Your generosity enables women going through the long journey of cancer to have community support, education and empowerment.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you to David Bell for rebuilding our Little Library located on the path between our parking lot and the Iron Horse apartments. Please use this free library to both give and receive.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
101 LEGENDS CLUB LANE
FRANKLIN, TN 37069

PHONE: (615) 794-5114
www.fpcfranklin.org

Return Service Requested

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:15 AM
SUNDAY WONDER HOUR: 9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 9 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Fridays

CHURCH STAFF

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Catherine Olson, Director of Operations
Marie Hayman, Accountant
Kate Lasseter, Nursery Coordinator
Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING



Marie Hayman
Hours: 9AM-3PM
M, W, Th

Giving Options: Mail a check to the church or give online
at fpcfranklin.org/giving.

Thank you for all the ways your generosity, in response to
God's grace, strengthens the ministry and mission
of this congregation.

Church Financial Information

	January Actual	January Budget	March-Jan. Actual	March-Jan. Budget
Income	76,589.47	77,892.00	910,525.04	936,016.00
Fixed Expenses	55,151.34	60,665.00	667,693.20	686,269.00
Other Expenses	13,005.20	21,825.00	211,596.03	239,699.00
Profit/(Loss)	8,432.93	(4,598.00)	31,235.81	10,048.00