



Good News

First Presbyterian Church

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Just this past week, I read two stories about some of the many changes taking place in the world today. The first was the shocking story of the bankruptcy of British travel company and tour operator, ñThomas Cookò, a company in operation for 178 years, since 1841. The failure stranded nearly 600,000 people around the world, and will cost the British government nearly \$120 million, in the largest peacetime repatriation effort in modern history. The fact that a travel company has been around that long and could still collapse so completely is stunning to me.

The other news story I read was the coming destruction of the old *New Orleans Times-Picayune* clock-tower. While not as old as the Thomas Cook Co., it had stood for 51 years as a landmark of the city, and the site of countless award-winning photographs of the city, as after Katrina. The clock-tower is the last part of the old *Times-Picayune* building standing in the CBD. Hailed at the time as ñthe most modern newspaper facility in the worldò, the paper has long since been sold and merged with the *Baton Rouge Advocate*, and the facilities torn down to make way for a high-tech golfing facility.

As much as it stunned me that a company that existed for 178 years could collapse, the failure of the newspaper (and now destruction of their former facilities) that barely 15 years ago won numerous awards for its coverage of Katrina and the aftermath was similarly unimaginable. Itô's *another* reminder of how much about our world is changing. And of how so many things that we have known, and loved, and thought so permanent are disappearing, literally before our eyes. It always reminds me of

what Charles Darwin wrote: "It is not the strongest that survive, but those most able to adapt."

Which, of course, makes me wonder about our church and whether we will be able to adapt and survive, or whether we'll be like Thomas Cook Co. or the *Times-Picayune*. The Good News for us though is that we are the people of the resurrection – the idea of new life after death is the foundation of our belief. The question is whether we'll see that all that we need for that new life is already provided by God. It is now up to us to use those gifts that God has provided for us and begin reaching out to our friends and neighbors, before we have to begin a repatriation.

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THE MISSIONS CORNER



Community Christian Concern & Miramon Center (CCC) offers emergency basic need to families in Slidell, & Pearl River & the transitional men's facility.

CCC is located at 2515 Carey St.,
Slidell, LA 70458 Ph # 985-646-0357

We as a church family send: McDonald gift cards, food for families in need, and a monthly cash contribution to CCC.

There are bins located in either foyer if you wish to contribute non-perishable foods.

If you prefer to contribute cash or monies, simply note CCC or McDonald gift cards on your check/envelope.

Thank You to all who contribute to this worthy cause!
Thanks also to the many who attended the Wild Game and Seafood cookoff at Fritchie Park on September 28. Proceeds for this event help to support CCC and all that they do in the Slidell community.

On a side note, CCC has been holding it's monthly board meetings here in First Presbyterian Church's new meeting room next to the nursery. They are appreciative of this as the size of the room is a good fit and also well air-conditioned for comfort during this very hot summer.

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Romans 5: 1

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING **PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. Your local or mid-council portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering could be contributed toward to the Freedom Rising fund for African American males.

The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Our goal: \$450. Please give generously.

Thank you!

Donate now through October 6, 2019

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Help Serve our Lord by
Feeding the Hungry

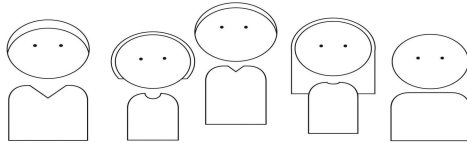
Saturday, October 5, 2019

9 a.m. till Noon.

@ Mount Olive

2457 2nd St, Slidell, LA 70458

MINISTRY NEWS



First Presbyterian Church Elders

WMMCCE

(Worship, Mission, Member Care, Christian Ed)

Jeff McDowell ('19)

Larry Gay ('20)

Wilma Dickey ('21)

Facilities and Finance

Laurie Clark ('19)

Glen Carson ('20)

Jim Veitch ('21)



October BIRTHDAYS

George Dussor 5th

Magda Angle 19th

Happy Birthday !!

From all of us here at FPC

*Missing a birthday? Please notify the church office ASAP.
Thank you.

WORSHIP PAGES



Accompanist: Kyle Cripps

Communion Prep: Margie Wood

Greeters: Magda Angle, Richard Dickey

Lay Leaders:

Oct 6 Wilma Dickey

Oct 13 Dawn Dussor

Oct 20 Jeff McDowell

Oct 27 Samantha Gossoo

Photographer: Jim Veitch

Snack Preparation: JoAnne Gay

Videographer/Webmaster: Glen Carson

Worship Audio Video: Larry Gay



October 6

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: Faith Enough

October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: More than Normal

October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: Bothering God

October 27

Joel 2:23-32

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: Two Sinners Praying

**BOLD indicates primary scripture passage*

CHRISTIAN NURTURE



***Brenda Veitch—health concerns**

Royce Cannon - recovering from back surgery

Sue Cartmill - health concerns

Family & Friends of Calvin Bohnet - on his passing

Joel Clifton (son of Bob & Helen) - health concerns

Henry Martinez (friend of Veitches) - health concerns

Jim Veitch - recovering from cataract surgery

Nancy Armond (friend of Dussor's) - recovering from surgery, both legs

Rene Toney (friend of Dussor's) - under hospice care

Joy Martinez (friend of Veitches) - health concerns

Charlie Gutridge (Jeff & Kathy's Grandson) - spinal muscular atrophy

Roy Casto (friend of Mrs. Glenys) - health concerns

Barbara Touns (Sue's Son-In-Law's Sister) - undergoing cancer treatment

Paula Gunn - at home

Harry Babirad (Shirley's brother-in-law) - cancer

Mitchel Glasgow (Marsha Carson's brother) - cancer

Shirley Sharpe - health concerns

Vivian Huntington - health concerns

Elwin Washburn (Brother of Vivian Huntington) parkinson's

Our Veterans, Our Military, Our First Responders, & Diplomatic Persons -

Serving around the world

*** Indicates new person or change in condition**

If you know someone who should be added to the prayer list, please let the office know.

PAYING TRIBUTE



On Sunday, October 20th, from 2 - 4 pm, and on Tuesday, October 22nd, from 5 - 7 pm, at the Biloxi Cemetery, 1166 Irish Hill Dr., Biloxi, MS 39530, there will be a cemetery tour honoring 10 people. Our very own, **Danny Holley**, will be one of the honorees. They hire actors to portray the individuals and tell the story of their lives and contributions. **This is a free tour. Refreshments will be served.** You may want to bring a folding chair as it will be 10 honorees at 12 minutes each (i.e. 2 hours).

CHURCH FINANCES



_____	Aug 2019	YTD 2019	Aug 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$ 7,271.89	\$ 62,312.13	\$ 7,972.36	\$ 107,373.81
Expenses	\$ 9,464.37	\$ 77,886.97	\$ 8,995.52	\$ 81,395.68
Surplus/ Deficit	(\$ 2,192.48)	(\$ 15,574.84)	(\$ 1,023.16)	\$ 25,978.13

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Fellowship Dinner



Join us on
Wednesday, October 16th
at 6 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
for our monthly Fellowship Dinner.

The menu for October's dinner is:
Vegetable and Meat Lasagna, Green Beans,
Salad, and Dessert.
Come and experience the delectable cuisine
prepared by our very own, Chef Jeff.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Roof Fund Update

As many of you know, we replaced the church's flat roof in May 2019 due to the numerous leaks developing despite the numerous patches. The new roof cost \$57K (fifty seven thousand dollars) and we hope to replenish our capital reserves over the next three years.

To date, we have raised \$7,725 13.5% of our goal, leaving \$49,275 still needed. That's 86.5% to go. Prayerfully consider what you can give in addition to your regular contribution.

If you wish to give to this fund, Simply note "roof" on your contribution check or envelope. Thanks to all those who have already contributed!



Strange Phobias

Ecclesiastes might say “For everything there is a season,” and October is the season of scares and frights. This focus on what frightens us is a custom that has traversed cultures across Europe since ancient times. And as there is a season for everything, there is also a phobia for everything. According to surveys, most people have at least one phobia, or obsessive fear. The most common is fear of speaking in public, followed by fear of spiders. But here are some more unusual phobias I’ve come across. I particularly like the “fear of the clergy.” Enjoy.

Nomophobia– Fear of inability to use your mobile phone

Ancraophobia or Anemophobia– Fear of wind

Spectrophobia– Fear of mirrors and one’s own reflection

Linonophobia– Fear of string

Ablutophobia– Fear of cleaning, washing, or bathing

Chorophobia– Fear of dancing, even alcohol cannot fix it

Arachibutyrophobia– Fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth

Allodoxaphobia– Fear of opinions

Optophobia– Fear of opening one’s eyes

Didaskaleinophobia– Fear of going to school

Hagiophobia– Fear of saintly images or holy things, churches, and clergy.

Phobophobia: Fear of having a phobia

Omphalophobia– Fear of belly buttons

Tuophobia– fear of cheese

Papaphobia– fear of the pope

Chaetophobia– Fear of hair

Caligynephobia– Fear of beautiful women

Kinemortophobia– Fear of zombies

Vestophobia– Fear of clothing

Aulophobia– Fear of flutes

HOLY HUMOR

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT
ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN
UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch & brings you in.

(John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

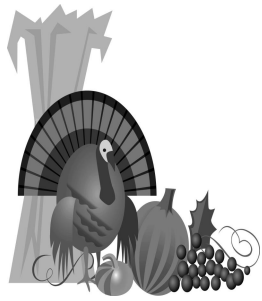
(Romans 6:6)

Then he carves you a new smiling face.

(Psalm 71:23)

And he puts his light inside you to shine for all the
world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Thanksgiving, which occurs on the fourth Thursday in November, is based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal.

The holiday feast dates back to November 1621, when the newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered at Plymouth for an autumn harvest celebration, an event regarded as America's first Thanksgiving.

But what was really on the menu at the famous banquet, and which of today's time-honored favorites didn't earn a place at the table until later in the holiday's 400-year history?

While no records exist of the exact bill of fare, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow noted in his journal that the colony's governor, [William Bradford](#), sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the three-day event. Wild—but not domestic—turkey was indeed plentiful in the region and a common food source for both English settlers and Native Americans. But it is just as likely that the fowling party returned with other birds we know the colonists regularly consumed, such as ducks, geese and swans. Instead of bread-based stuffing, herbs, onions or nuts might have been added to the birds for extra flavor.

Whatever the menu, we pray you will all have a blessed Thanks-

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but **especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.**

COMING ATTRACTIONS



DON'T SET

YOUR CLOCKS BACK

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3, so wait until that night to reset your clocks and join us for Sunday School!



Gift Card Promotion:

We have **\$25 gift cards** for **Southside Café, Texas Roadhouse, and Copeland's.**

We are selling them to anyone interested at a 20% discount i.e. **\$20/card, while supplies last.** **All proceeds will be put towards the roof fund.**

If you are interested, please notify the church office.

May we all set out to achieve the goal set before us from Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior!

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19-20

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1041 Ninth Street

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Service Times:

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Seeking Disciples—Always