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**USHER LIST  
October 2010**

- Oct. 3      **Eric Buchanan**  
              **Meg Buchanan**  
              **Sandi Hall**  
              **Scott Hall**
- Oct. 10     **Bill Archer**  
              **Benny Daigle**  
              **Richard Merriman**  
              **Patty Waline**
- Oct. 17     **Clancy Henley**  
              **Ron Kurth**  
              **Jean Kurth**  
              **Nancy Tanner**
- Oct. 24     **Meg Buchanan**  
              **Don Rollens**  
              **Ron Sellers**  
              **Greg Underwood**
- Oct. 31     **Donna Gallagher**  
              **Kevin Gallagher**  
              **Joe Spencer**  
              **John Spencer**

**Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship
- 5:00pm-7:00pm.—Combined  
Middle School and High School  
Aftershock Youth Meetings

**Wednesday**

- 5:30 p.m.—Children’s Choir
- 6:00 p.m.—Church Supper
- 6:30 p.m.—Bible Buddies
- 7:30 p.m.—Choir Practice

**Office Hours**

- Monday thru Friday
- 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Dates to Remember**

- **Wed. Sept. 29**—Wednesday night Programs Bible Buddies, Choir, Adult Bible Study lead by Rev. Joe Tanner
- **Oct. 1-3**—Middle School retreat at Camp John Knox
- **Oct. 9**—Presbyterian Women of East TN Retreat at New Hope in Chattanooga
- **Oct. 12**—Evening Circle at 7:00 PM
- **Oct. 14**—Morning Circle at 10:30 AM at the home of Polly Whitsitt
- **Oct. 17**—Mission Luncheon after Worship
- **Oct. 17**—Movie Night at 5:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 17**—Deadline to Register for HS Retreat at John Knox
- **Oct. 18**—Session Mtg. at 6:30 PM
- **Oct. 24**—Pumpkin carving event at 4:00
- **Oct. 30-31**—High School Retreat at Camp John Knox
- **Sun.-Nov. 17**—Mission Luncheon after worship

**MISSION:**  
“To know Christ,  
and to make Him known.”

# First Presbyterian Church



## Weekly Children's Ministries!

### Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School

Taught by Rhonda Merriman on Sunday mornings @ 9:30am

Their new Bible Study is all about learning the 23rd Psalm



### Nursery

Taught by: Sarah Lenkiewicz,

Sarah Cross, and Rebecca McGrath

Available every Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening and upon request.

Our Nursery is a safe and loving Christian environment for your children.

Also we believe you are never too young to start learning about God's word so there is a Sunday School for our nursery age children as well!

### Bible Buddies

Wednesday Night 6:30pm-7:00pm

This Children's ministry is designed for smaller churches and combined ages learning! Bible Buddies invites children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade for a fun time of fellowship surrounded by the teaching of God's word. Activities include crafts, games, and movie time. This ministry is located in the upstairs Education Building.



## Weekly Youth Ministries

### Aftershock Youth Group

New Time

Both Middle and High School Aftershocks will meet every Sunday @ 5:00pm-7:00pm in the youth room.

They also participate in many extracurricular events such as rafting, lock-ins, Presbytery Retreats and events, Christian concerts, mission projects, discipleship programs, and group building activities, just to name a few!

**Sunday School**-Taught by: Robin McChesney and David and Christina Melton on Sunday Mornings @ 9:30am located in the youth room.

### New Video Study: "Gospel Journey"

- Challenge teens to understand their own beliefs
- Motivate and train teens for outreach
- Equip your teens to engage their friends in intentional spiritual conversations and be prepared to answer hard questions

## High School Retreat!

High School Youth Retreat @

Camp John Knox

All HS Youth Invited!

**Date:** October 30th @ 4:00pm to

October 31st @ 2:00pm

**Deadline to Register:** October 17th

(Forms available on Youth Bulletin Board)

**Cost:** to be announced (scholarships are available)



## October Celebrations

### Birthdays



Jeanie Cloud	Oct. 1
Randy Sellers	Oct. 2
Ron Sellers	Oct. 2
Eddie Caylor	Oct. 4
Josh Melton	Oct. 6
Rhonda Merriman	Oct. 8
Rachel Merriman	Oct. 9
Greg Underwood	Oct. 9
Ted Smith	Oct. 9
Cele Curtis	Oct. 9
Hank Smith	Oct. 11
Jordan Pierce	Oct. 11
Will Daigle	Oct. 15
Evan Archer	Oct. 19
Jane Strange	Oct. 20
Becky Merriman	Oct. 21
Paula Hendrix	Oct. 22
Tommy Hendrix	Oct. 23
Laura Caylor	Oct. 24
Paul Cate	Oct. 27
Ruth Reisch	Oct. 30
Benjamin Sellers	Oct. 31
Carolyn Carroll	Oct. 31

### Anniversaries



Tommy and Paula Hendrix	Oct. 3
Ed and Tab Lawman	Oct. 4
Harry and Ruth Reisch	Oct. 4
Benny and Sandy Daigle	Oct. 19

### Lectionary Readings

Lectionary Reading for  
Oct. 3, 2010

#### **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lam 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Ps. 137;  
2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:5-10

Lectionary Reading for  
Oct. 10, 2010

#### **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12;  
2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Lectionary Reading for  
Oct. 17, 2010

#### **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104;  
2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Lectionary Reading for  
Oct. 24, 2010

#### **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65;  
2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Lectionary Reading for  
Oct. 31, 2010

#### **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Hab. 1:14, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144;  
2 Thess. 1:1-1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

#### **“Thank You from Shannon Jones”**

My family and I want to thank all of you for your kindness during the loss of my sister. Your prayers, cards and love helped get me through this difficult time. I consider all of you as part of my family, and words can never express the love I have for First Presbyterian Church.

May God Bless you all.

Shannon

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

The Bible tells us that there are three kinds of people. The natural person: one who has not received Christ. "But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to them, and they cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised." (I Corinthians 2:1-4) This person directs their life by self. Self or Ego is on the throne of their life. All decisions and actions are decided by the ego or self and Christ is outside the life. Now, many natural persons are very good persons and can do many good deeds, however, they are not Christians. Christ has never been invited into their lives and Christ is not on the throne of their lives. Have you really invited Christ into your life? Is Christ on the throne of your life? Examine yourself, does your attitude, actions, and speech reflect Christ who is within you? Do you know Christ as evidenced by your attitudes, actions and speech? Or, are your decisions and actions really based on your own decisions and desires. Do you seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God? Is church a vital part of your Christian walk? How you answer these questions is important. You see, it is possible to call Jesus "Lord" and still not know him!

The spiritual person: one who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. "But the person who is spiritual appraises all things." (I Corinthians 2:15) Now, this does not mean this person is perfect. It does mean that they consciously strive to place Christ on the throne of their lives. "What would Christ do...what would Christ say...in the decisions of life...in my relationships?" In this person self or ego seeks to yield to Christ in every way. Interests are directed by Christ and the Word of God. Church is not a place to be entertained or noticed, but a place of worship and service. This person is interested in ministry to others regardless of the cost. This person knows that forgiveness, mercy and love are daily aspects of their Christian walk. Are you a spiritual person?

The carnal person: one who has received Christ, but trusts their own efforts and intellect. Christ is in the life, but self or ego are on the throne. Christ is dethroned and not allowed to direct the life. Interests are directed by self, by what pleases self or agrees with self. Often this person is very critical of others because they are not responding to them in the manner that they expect. Sometimes this person will have an addiction or sin that they will not give up to God. Church is an add on when it is convenient, or when a special event is taking place. They come to be served, not to serve. Again, this might be a very nice person, but Christ is not directing their lives. Are you a carnal person?

"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual persons, but as to carnal persons, as to babes in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still carnal. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking as mere persons?" (I Corinthians 3:1-3)

The Corinthian church was full of all three of these persons. It was a very gifted church. And yet, it was full of strife, controversy, a lack of forgiveness, apathy, disunity, a critical spirit and many other ailments. Paul wrote to them so that they might be healed, forgiven and learn to love one another. (see I Corinthians 13) He wrote to them so that they would place Christ on the throne of their lives not self or ego. I wonder, what would he say in a letter written to us...to you? The Bible says: "those



**Wednesday Night  
Bible Services**

## Pumpkin Carving Event

**October 24th**

**Begins @ 4:00pm**

**Please pre-register!**



### CHURCH SUPPERS.....ALSO KNOWN AS C.O.W.

Have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. Supper will be a covered dish, with some Wednesdays dedicated to special dishes. These special occasions will be announced ahead of time. Joe Spencer and Ed McClintock will be formulating a procedure for blessing and guiding the street people who attend. They will be explaining this to them and they will be encouraged to stay for the Bible Study. Topics such as evangelism and a survey of the Old Testament are being planned.

This year the Bowdle Study Series will not be offered. We appreciate his gifts and ministry to us for the past 23 years. Don will continue to fill the pulpit on occasions when the pastor is absent. So, mark your calendar and come to C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays) It is a moving time of fellowship!