

Glad Tidings

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Romans 10.15

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Glad Tidings is a publication of the Women In the Church, First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga. The newsletter committee solicits articles, photographs, and information. Please see the calendar page for the deadline for submitting articles for the next issue and for contact information.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

– Romans 12.12 ESV

...maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

– Ephesians 4.3-6 ESV

...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

– Ephesians 6.18 ESV

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

– I Thessalonians
5.16-18 ESV



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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing of his glorious name! Tell the world how wonderful he is. All the earth shall worship you and sing of your glory.

– Psalm 66.1-2, 4 (TLB)

Dear Friends,

We must only look around to be reminded of all of God's blessings—the colorful leaves, the blue sky, and the sweet faces of our women (see page 3). I am thankful for all our women! Special thanks go to the ladies who shared their Thanksgiving table decorations and family traditions at the women's brunch on November 3.

Have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Mary

APPRECIATION RECEPTION FOR THE MILTONS

Sunday, December 9 • 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

We will honor our beloved pastor, Dr. Mike Milton, his wife Mae, and son John Michael after the second service on December 9. **NOTES AND CARDS** expressing our appreciation to Dr. Milton and his family should be sent to the church office by Wednesday, December 5, and will be given to the Miltons on the 9th.

Let us all support the Miltons with our love and prayers as they move to North Carolina, where Dr. Milton will serve as president and professor of practical theology at Reformed Theological Seminary/Charlotte. Mail may be addressed: c/o RTS/Charlotte, 2101 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC 28226-6399.

Faces
of
W&E



Left to right from top:

1. Charlotte Blocker, Marie Turner, Ardy Soules
2. Deb Gruner, Joann Hellmann 3. Debbie Wallace
4. Norma Cate, Jay Dunn, Sally Koehn 5. Maddin McCallie
6. Beth Brumley, Cathy Reynolds 7. Marcia Christian, Susie Fisher, Connie Crawford
8. Lenette Glass, Diane Cropp 9. Gigi Gross, Carolyn Parkhurst, Betsy Silberman
10. Martha Chisholm, Teresa North, Brenda Galbraith [Not pictured: Tables by Sue Mason & Jay Dunn]

*“A Season of Glorias
and Hallelujahs”*

**Two Christmas Concerts, December 1 & 2
6:30 PM, FPCC Sanctuary**

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship Christ the King on the first weekend of December! Our choir will be joined by North Shore Fellowship choir members and the Tabernacle Praise Orchestra to praise Emmanuel using a variety of musical styles. Two concerts will be held in our own Sanctuary on Saturday and Sunday evenings, December 1 and 2. Another option is to attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 29, also at 6:30 PM. A reception will follow the Sunday concert.

The concerts are free of charge, but you WILL NEED A TICKET, available at the church office before 4:00 PM on Friday, November 30. Doors will open one hour before each concert.

King's
Kids



**“The Christmas Present”
Sunday, December 9, 6:15 PM**

The King's Kids will present a Christmas mini-musical on Sunday evening, December 9, in our Sanctuary. “The Christmas Present” is a worship musical including Scripture, speaking parts, songs, and Christmas carols. Plan now to come worship Christ and support our covenant children.



Christmas Giving



PCA Christmas Gift

First Presbyterian joins a worthy denominational tradition by contributing to the PCA Christmas Gift. This special offering is given for PCA retired pastors, church workers, and their families.

– Wendy Halvorson (886-1546)

Children’s Christmas Tree Fund

Would you like to support some wonderful children’s ministries such as Bethel Bible Village, AAA Women’s Services, and Bethany Christian Services? You have an opportunity to help meet the needs of countless children by contributing to the Children’s Christmas Tree Fund, which will be split among these ministries. As a sign of each gift, an ornament will be placed on the tree in the Fellowship Lounge. You may choose to have your name on the ornament or “for God’s Glory” if you prefer to remain anonymous. Let’s fill up our tree!

– Susan Holt (886-3267), Cherie Brown (886-6741)

How to contribute:

Envelopes for both gifts will be provided at the December WIC meetings and studies. Make separate checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church WIC” with “Children’s Christmas Tree” or “PCA Christmas Gift” on the memo line. Gifts may also be sent to the church office with envelopes so marked. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY

Christmas is the perfect time to honor a Sunday School teacher, pastor, or friend with a donation to the church library. Contact Susan Clyatt at 855-5531 (W) or Cathy Barker at cebarker1@comcast.net.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your generosity will bring joy to many young children all over the world. Thank you for filling about 275 boxes this year. Please pray for those who receive them to understand and embrace the good news of the gift of Jesus Christ!



2nd Monday Luncheon Programs



ALL WOMEN are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 10:40 AM on December 10 and January 14 for lunch (\$4) and a program. For reservations, Day Circle members should go through their Circle leaders, and others should call the church office (267-1206) by noon on the Wednesday prior to each meeting (December 5, January 9).

“Christmas Favorites by Mel”

Monday, December 10

Our December “Tasters’ Luncheon” features two treats: favorite Christmas foods and Mel Madaris singing his favorite Christmas melodies. Born into a talented musical family, Mel made his singing debut by winning a talent contest at age 3! He went on to sing in churches, choirs, schools, and community, and he became the lead singer of his family’s gospel quartet. As a young adult, he sang with Sweetwater to “open” for Ray Charles, Bill Anderson, and Jerry Clower. Under the direction of Glenn Draper, he has been heard around the world on FPCC’s television ministry and has toured extensively. Mel has written over half of his repertoire and currently has two CD projects. He has a degree in business administration from UGa and is owner and President of ImproveAmerica, Inc. He and his wife Paulina have two children and one granddaughter.

Tina Harr: “Losing is Winning”

Monday, January 14

Has it ever occurred to you that losses can be translated into gains? We will hear how this became true for our guest speaker, Tina Harr, the Director of Program Services for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga. This is Tina’s 30th year with the YMCA, first in her native Florida and then over 25 years here. She has worked to develop the North Georgia and Hamilton YMCA as well as sports programs, childcare, day camps, aquatics, and teen programs for Chattanooga, and her favorite, the YMCA Youth Leadership. Now she also trains staff, works with staff on standards and operation, AND is the “Staff Reindeer” for the YMCA Christmas Market! Tina is married to John and has a son who is a freshman who plays football for UTC. Tina’s life stories will encourage you to see life’s losses in a different light.



NEW WEEKLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES FOR THE NEW YEAR



FIRESIDE

The Pursuit of Holiness by Jerry Bridges

Tuesdays, January 8 – March 25

Dinner, 5:45 PM, Nell Davis Room

Study & Discussion, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

The Bible exhorts us to pursue a life of holiness. But what does that look like in everyday life? How do we live holy lives? Together we will discover what we should rely on God to do—and what we should accept as our own responsibility—in this pursuit of a holy life. (Cost for book and study guide TBA.). Contact Jay Dunn at jdunn119@bellsouth.net or 886-7647.

PRECEPT

Isaiah

Tuesdays, January 8 – April 8

9:00 – 11:30 AM, Tower 402

It has been a long time coming, but the Isaiah study is finally ready! I am sure you all have looked forward to studying this awesome book, and now is your opportunity. The first course is 13 weeks long, January 8 through April 8, at a cost of \$25. We plan to study the second portion of Isaiah next fall, September 9 through December 2 (11 weeks). Bring a good friend and join us. Contact Billie Campbell at 894-4251 or Linda Austin at 267-8063.

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WOMEN OF THE COVENANT

Heirs of the Covenant

Tuesday mornings, January 8 – March 25

10:00 AM – 12 NOON, Tower 802

Evening Class may be offered*

This topical Bible study takes a practical look at our relationship with the Lord and with others in our church family. We will study the covenant of grace and how we exercise the privileges and responsibilities of covenant living. As members of a covenant church family, we take vows to help nurture children to grow in the Lord throughout their lives. Regardless of your role in God's Kingdom—mother, grandmother, Sunday School teacher, or any other woman in the church—here is motivation to leave a legacy of faith for the next generation and to live for Christ today in your home, church, and community. We will have 9 meetings, skipping the weeks when Monday Circles meet. The cost is \$15.00. Contact Lynn Jones at 517-0190 or Sandy Hartley at 842-9381. *If you are interested in an evening class, please contact Lynn.

MONTHLY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

The study of Nehemiah continues on 2nd Monday mornings or 3rd Tuesday evenings. Please contact Margie Richardson at 886-3061.

Dec. '07/Jan. '08

2008 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

“The Big Picture: Our Purpose, Our Privilege”
February 28 – March 1, 2008
Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center

Do you want to understand how we can minister as women, among women, and for women in our churches? Bible Study leaders, local WIC leaders, and PresWIC leaders from all PCA churches are invited to attend this conference designed to equip leaders and to train them to train others. Speakers include Roy Taylor, Alan Johnson, and Susan Hunt, in addition to a number of workshop leaders. You'll also enjoy fellowship and worship with sisters from all over the country!

Registration deadline is February 11, but you'll save money by registering before January 21. For more information go to www.ppacep.org/wic or contact Lynn Jones (517-0190) or Sandy Hartley (842-9381).

Fall PresWIC Retreat
October 19 – 20, 2007
Fall Creek Falls
State Park



L: Speaker Barbara Baker • R: Kate Treick leads worship.



Sandy Hartley & Lynn Jones (3rd & 4th are installed on PresWIC Council..



From left: Margie Richardson, Esther Starcher, Liz Werner, Kate Treick, Lynn Jones, Jeanne Bostick, Sandy Hartley, Carolyn Parkhurst (behind Sandy)

FPCC ladies in attendance

[Not pictured: Libby & Gabby Claborn, Lisa Fischer, Shirley & Charlotte Grant]

SPECIAL EVENTS



LUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, January 20

12:15 PM, Nell Davis Room



Please come share the fellowship and friendship that is part of the Lunch Bunch tradition. Immediately after the second Sunday service, we will gather in the Nell Davis Room for delicious food (\$6.00) and a challenging testimony. Please sign up in the Connector or call Bonny Clark at 827-5536. We look forward to seeing you!



FPCC WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Date: March 28 – 29, 2008

Place: Lake Guntersville State Park, Alabama

Theme: "Playing with a Purpose:

Exploring Spiritual Connections through Creativity"

Speaker: Andi Ashworth of

Christ Community Church in Franklin, TN

Contact: Susan Whitacre, 503-9636

Watch for more information!



Girls' Night Out Country & Western Night

Friday, February 29, 6:00 PM

FPCC Fellowship Hall



Grab a friend and join us for a casual, relaxing evening with dinner, music, and a time of testimonies. Our very talented Kate Treick will lead us in a time of praise and worship through music. Then we look forward to hearing testimonies from Heather Harwood and Liz Werner. What a great time to get to know the hearts of our newest pastors' wives!

Sign-up will be in the Connector every Sunday in February. The cost is \$5.00, and our menu will be soup and salad.

– Sarah Parker, 886-4737

It's a Wonderful Life!

Senior Adult Fellowship

*Our social time begins at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, the program starts at 11:00 AM, and lunch (\$4) follows. For reservations, please call Susan Doubleday (423-821-5682) or Janette Barnes (706-820-9029). Please note that the January meeting is on the **second** Thursday of the month, January 10.*

Thursday, December 6, at 10:30 AM
Celebrating Christ's Birth
Music by the Reeve Family

The renowned and talented Reeve family includes Lawrence and Sara and their daughters Janet Reeve and Jane Hasemann. Lawrence and Janet sing, while Sara (the former Sara Cooley, from a prominent family of musicians), plays the piano, and Jane plays the violin. Each member of this musical family began by performing in church. Both individually and as a group, they have performed at a wide range of venues from concerts in the park to theater productions. Janet studied theatre in New York City and performed there, and Sara has performed for President Gerald Ford! The Reeves enjoy sharing hymns, gospel music, and spirituals, and we look forward to celebrating Christmas with them.

Thursday, January 10, at 10:30 AM
"Brazil: Contrasts in Ministries"
Sally Koehn & Ardy Soules

Sally and Ed Koehn spent 33 years living with the Apalai Indians in the Amazon Rain Forest of Northern Brazil. FPCC was part of their support team with Wycliffe Bible Translators, so many will remember the excitement of presenting the Apalai with Bibles in their own language. While the Koehns were in the jungle, Ardy and Frank Soules ministered in Crato, a town of 40,000 in the interior of the country. Their ministries included helping Brazilian pastors, leading evangelistic meetings, working with businessmen, and serving as dorm parents. Come hear two of our own share from their very different missionary experiences, and check out Ardy's recently published autobiography (see page 11 below).



IAWL On The Road Again

The Creation Museum

Trip being planned for Spring 2008



“The controversy surrounding the opening of a northern Kentucky’s museum that teaches the biblical story of creation hasn’t hurt it at the box office. The Creation Museum, located in Petersburg, hosted its 100,000th visitor by late July, less than two months after it opened. Packed with high-tech exhibits designed by an acclaimed theme-park artist, it features animatronic dinosaurs and a huge wooden ark. The museum also contains fossils, hung in large glass cases, which are seen as a tour is conducted through Old Testament History.”

This is the description of our next major destination when we hit the road again in the spring (in April, we hope). Stops in Kentucky and possibly Southern Ohio will make this a fun and educational trip. If you think you may be interested, please contact Lenette Glass at lenette37343@comcast.net or 870-3977. Watch for more information in the coming months.

Heritage of Faithfulness

A Legacy of Love

A new book by Ardy Soules



With the help of her six children and many letters, Ardy has recounted a story of God’s faithfulness and of the Soules’ desire that “all who come behind us find us faithful” (Steve Green). You’ll learn how God brought Frank and Ardy together across 3000 miles; led them from California to the northeast, midwest, Chattanooga, and to Brazil for four terms as missionaries. You’ll enjoy her vivid accounts of her younger years, of having 3 children in 3 years, of the challenges of everyday life in Brazil with 6 children, and finally how God prepared her for continued ministry with international students as a widow.

Ardy’s book will be available at the January 10 IAWL meeting, at the online Book Store at www.1stpresbyterian.com, and in our Media Resource Center, or you may contact Ardy at 624-6925 or ardysoules@bellsouth.net.

DIVORCE *Care* PROGRAM BEGINS AGAIN JANUARY 15

DivorceCare will be offered on Tuesday evenings from *January 15 to April 8* from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, in Room 803 on the 8th floor of the Tower Bldg. There is no charge, although participants may purchase a Participant's Workbook for \$20. DivorceCare has helped thousands of people find healing through a solidly biblical program consisting of a weekly support group and seminar. The seminar component consists of 13 video seminars featuring 32 renowned experts on divorce and recovering, including Kay Arthur, Larry Burkett, Tony Evans, David Seamands, and H. Norman Wright. In addition to the video seminar, DivorceCare offers an opportunity to become part of a small support group of people who are also experiencing separation and divorce. Participants meet others who understand what they are going through and are able to offer encouragement. The information presented in the video seminar is discussed in the support group. For additional information and to register for the course, contact Dan Webb or Jane Holladay (below) or the church office (267-1206). You may also want to check out the DivorceCare website at <http://www.divorcecare.com/>.

– Dan Webb, 425-4760 or Dan-Webb@utc.edu

– Jane Holladay, 624-6838 or jane.holladay@yahoo.com

Youth "Kitchen General" Needed

The Youth Ministry is seeking a volunteer to oversee the Student Center kitchen and coordinate weekly youth dinners. Those gifted in the areas of administration, hospitality, and stewardship are encouraged to consider serving the body in this way. Please contact Russ Hightower (648-7916), Geoff McDowell (648-7941) or Christa Mullins (cmullins@1stpresbyterian.com).

Camp Vesper Point 2008

Applications for 2008 will be available after January 1 at www.vesperpoint.org or from the church office, and FPCC members will have priority until January 15. Staff applications are available now. There will be sessions for families and for 7 year olds through rising 10th graders. The schedule and other details may be found on the web or by contacting cvp@1stpresbyterian.com or 648-7936.



DECEMBER AND JANUARY

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY: **December:** Study Session 3 on Nehemiah 3. **January:** Study Session 4 on Nehemiah 4.

FLOWER ARRANGING & DELIVERY: **December: Circle #6** (Janet Moon – 266-2484 & Teeny Lassiter – 825-1155)

January: Women of the Covenant (Anna Dennett – 875-3087 & Caroline Bickel – 266-1516)

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S PRAYER TIME: **December: Precept** **January: Circle #3**



HONOR ROLL BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 8 **Anne Lillie** (Circle 18)
St. Barnabas Apartments
300 West 6th Street, #7A
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Dec. 29 **Anne Gibson** (Circle 5)
Dogwood Forest, #509
7400 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Jan. 25 **Marie Humphreys** (Circle 1)
The Gardens at Royal Oaks
1212 Broadrick Drive, #2116
Dalton, GA 30720

Dec. 10 **Grace Eaves** (Circle 4)
4926 Dayton Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Jan. 1 **Sybil Hatmaker** (Circle 7)
1718 Greenhills Drive
Hixson, TN 37343

Jan. 27 **Geneva Sparks** (Circle 3)
5310 Clemons Road, #134
Chattanooga, TN 37412

Dec. 13 **Paula Murrin** (Circle 6)
314 Cool Springs Blvd., #314
Franklin, TN 37067

Jan. 4 **Mazie Cory** (Circle 7)
814 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Jan. 29 **Betty Green** (Circle 2)
Life Care Center of East Ridge
1500 Fincher Avenue, #335A
Chattanooga, TN 37412

Dec. 22 **Helen McRee** (Circle 6)
6412 Brookmeade Circle
Hixson, TN 37343

Jan. 5 **George Grant**
4830 Woodland Circle
Hixson, TN 37343

See page 16 for New Members.

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR



Each Monday	Women's Prayer Time	10:00 AM	Session Room
	Exception – December 10 & January 14	9:30 AM	
Each Tuesday	Precept beginning January 8	10:00 AM	Tower 402
	Women of the Covenant	10:00 AM	Room 802
	Last meeting December 4, new class starts January 8		
	Beatitude Living	12:00 NOON	Tower 404
	DivorceCare	7:00 PM	Tower 803
	Last meeting December 4, new session starts January 15		
	Fireside Bible Study	5:45 PM	Nell Davis Room
	Last meeting December 11, new class starts January 8		
Each Wednesday	Family Fellowship Dinner	5:45 PM	Fellowship Hall
	Worship	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Exceptions – December 19 & 26, January 2 & 9 – No dinner or worship		
Each Thursday	RUF at UTC	8:00 PM	FPCC Student Center
	Exceptions – No meetings in December; meetings resume on January 10.		
Each 2nd & 4th Fri.	Card-E-ology	10:00 AM	Tower 802
PLEASE NOTE:	Church Offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, & January 1.		
	There will be no evening worship on Sundays, December 23 & 30.		
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 1 & 2	Christmas Concerts	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, December 3	Circle Leaders	10:15 AM	Tower 258
	Circle Bible Teachers	11:15 AM	Tower 404
Thursday, Dec. 6	It's a Wonderful Life!	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Dec. 9	Reception for the Miltons	12:15 PM	Fellowship Hall
	King's Kids Program	6:15 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, Dec. 10	Day Circle Meetings	10:15 AM	
	Women's Luncheon & Program	11:40 AM	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 18	Evening Circle & Dinner Meeting	6:00 PM	Nell Davis Room
Monday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Jan. 2	DEADLINE for February issue of <i>Glad Tidings</i>		
Thursday, Jan. 10	It's a Wonderful Life!	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Monday, Jan. 7	Circle Leaders	10:15 AM	Tower 258
	Circle Bible Teachers	11:15 AM	Tower 404
Monday, Jan. 14	Day Circle Meetings	10:15 AM	
	Women's Luncheon & Program	11:40 AM	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 15	Evening Circle & Dinner Meeting	6:00 PM	Nell Davis Room
Sunday, Jan. 20	Lunch Bunch	12:15 PM	Nell Davis Room

COMING EVENTS

February 6	WIC Full Board Meeting	10:00 AM	
Feb. 28 – March 1	Women's Leadership Training Conference		Atlanta
February 29	Girls' Night Out	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
March 28 – 29	FPCC Spring Women's Retreat		Lake Guntersville State Park

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