

# THE REFORMATION

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## Second Edition

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On Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat at West View Elementary School from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you would like to decorate your vehicle and provide goodies for the children of Westview Elementary, sign up in the Atrium or let Sarah Morgan know.

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## On Second Thought...

Somehow the price of gasoline came up recently and our children were pretty shocked to find out that when Tuesday and I started driving, gasoline cost \$.50 per gallon. They couldn't imagine gas prices being that low. Truth is – I can't either anymore. Less than \$1.00 per gallon seems like a distant memory to many of us.

In recent years, gasoline prices have seen a good deal of fluctuation. The average person has become very aware of what economists have known for a while – the price of gasoline directly affects the cost of many other staples. A few years ago, when gas hit \$4.00 per gallon, people were quick to notice that the price of eggs doubled and the cost of a gallon of milk increased by 70%. Many organizations, especially trucking companies and those in the hospitality industry, began adding a “fuel surcharge” around this time. Interestingly, the price of gas is now around \$2.40, but that “fuel surcharge” has not disappeared, nor has it decreased. Funny how that happens.

Of course, things like milk & eggs are traditionally sold in fixed amounts, so it's easy to track the price of these goods over time. Some companies, however, have found a more subtle, less noticeable way to increase profits and pass cost increases along to the consumer *without* sticker shock. They decrease the *quantity* of the product while leaving the price the same. Coffee, for example, was sold in 1-pound containers for years. In the 1980's, however, coffee companies began reducing the size of their containers to 14 and 15 ounces while keeping the price the same. They have continued to reduce the size of their packages until today, when the standard amount for most packages of coffee is around 11 ounces. The price, however, has stayed relatively the same.

Other manufacturers have followed suit: diapers, ice cream, cereal, snack food, etc. Consumers say they feel the practice of decreasing the quantity while keeping the price the same is dishonest. Yet, surveys show that most of us do not change our purchasing habits in response to

this kind of manipulation the way we do to outright price increases. So the companies keep reducing the quantity. Until, that is, they introduce a “new, larger size” – which is really the original size – at a higher price. Then the consumer feels as if they are getting a better value, and the whole cycle starts all over again.

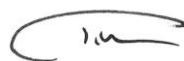
I bring this up because I have noticed these types of practices have influenced us in ways we aren't even aware of when it comes to our relationship with God and the church. We tend to see grace as a limited, finite product to be consumed – much like a pie. We might be satisfied with the piece we have, but we are worried that if more people show up then there will be less to go around and our slice will get smaller. So we keep quiet. We keep the Good News to ourselves.

*The Good News, however, is that God's economy is a completely different economy than the one we are used to.*

God's economy is one of abundance, not scarcity. The more people there are to share in God's grace, the more God's grace abounds. In fact, God says the more we offer grace to others, the more we receive ourselves. This is God's economy! It is one of abundance, generosity, and no hidden price increases. The question is – can we stop being consumers and learn to be people of *abundant joy and overwhelming generosity* in a world that believes in scarcity? Can we learn to be witnesses to a generous economy when the world says, “Get all you can for yourself”?

I truly hope so. Because I believe this is the calling of the church – to be people of *abundant joy and overwhelming generosity* who share the Good News of God's grace with as many people as possible. In a world where good news is often hard to come by, that's not nothing

Grace and peace...



## worship & celebration

# We Believe...

Exploring the  
Apostles Creed

### *We Believe* Sermon Series Continues in October

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| Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>We Believe...</i> The Holy Ghost<br>(John 20:19-22)                   |
| Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> | <i>We Believe...</i> The Church<br>(1 Cor 1 / Ex 19)                     |
| Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> | <i>We Believe...</i> Communion of Saints<br>(Gen 17:1-8 / Hebrews 11&12) |
| Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> | <i>We Believe...</i> Forgiveness of Sins<br>(Psalm 103 / Matt. 18:21-35) |
| Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <i>We Believe...</i> Resurrection & Life<br>Everlasting (1 Cor. 15:1-26) |

### *We Believe: The Apostles' Creed*

On Sunday mornings we are exploring Christianity's most basic beliefs as expressed in the Apostles' Creed. Although not actually written by the Apostles, the Creed reflects the theological struggles and formulations of the first century church. In a time when most people were illiterate and before the New Testament had been finalized, oral repetition of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, taught new Christians the basic beliefs of Christianity.

The schedule in September's *Second Edition* was incorrect. The corrected schedule is listed in the next column.

### *Second Sunday Worship - Evensong*

On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we will gather in the Chapel for *Evensong*, a sunset evening prayer service that combines elements of both *Vespers* and *Compline*. Popular in both Roman Catholic and liturgical Protestant traditions, *Evensong* is centered around Scripture readings and Psalm singing. *Vespers*, from the Latin *vesper* (meaning "evening") is a prayer service occurring at sunset. *Compline*, from the Latin *completorium* (meaning "completion") is the final church service of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. It is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace.

So that we may be true to the tradition of celebrating *Evensong* at sunset, the service will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday in October preceding October 31<sup>st</sup>, the anniversary of the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg in 1517, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation. For Presbyterians there are three important phases of the Reformation that influence and inform our Tradition: Luther's reforms in Germany in the early part of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, John Calvin's reforms in Switzerland in the middle of the century, and Knox's reforms in Scotland a number of years later. Calvin was influenced by and built upon Luther's work, and Knox did the same with Calvin a generation later.

On Reformation Sunday this year we are going to celebrate Martin Luther and his contribution to the Protestant Reformation. The worship service will be modeled after Luther's worship reforms and the liturgy that day will be taken from the German Reformed Church's Reformation Day celebration. This worship service will be nearly identical to what we would have experienced in a German Protestant church in the latter part of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We hope you join us on October 27<sup>th</sup> to celebrate this special day.



It is a tradition here at Second Presbyterian on the Sunday closest to All Saints Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) to read the names of those members who have joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses in the previous year. If you would like to remember someone who wasn't a member, please send Pastor Tim an email ([treynolds@2ndpres.org](mailto:treynolds@2ndpres.org)) and let him know. We will be reading the names on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> during worship.

# september

## Guests & Visitors

Susan Brackney  
Don Brickey  
Zach Burch & Ginny Williams  
Andrew Butler & Kirsty Bleye  
Chuck & Joan Conaway  
Alex Cooper & Ruthann Froberg  
Lindsey Cope & Elizabeth Seastrunk  
Carter DePoy  
Jimmy Gilmer  
Steve, Pamela, Emma & Megan Hines  
David Horne  
Findlay & Kim Hudgens  
Oliver & Katie Keene  
Jennifer Levy-Tatum  
Joyce Lisher  
Pam Maples  
Jack Marshall  
Sherianne McCoy  
Henry Naff  
Matthew Neff  
John & Andrea Nelson  
Tyler & Caroline Owens  
Kayla Phillips  
Betty Reynolds  
Steven Reynolds  
Diann Rinker  
Chad, Patricia & Evan Seaver  
Mary Anne Sheffield  
Trell Stroud  
Karen Vance  
Pat Wininger

# october birthdays

10/1

Cole Turner

10/3

Tammy Akers  
Geoff Duggan

10/4

John Butler  
Sandra Butler

10/5

Ed Batts  
Mark Turner

10/6

Taylor Dodson

10/7

Catherine Beals

10/8

Cheryl Ragsdale

10/10

John Kelley  
Theresa Stone

10/11

Lily Reynolds

10/16

Chuck Landis  
Emily Rose

10/25

Arlys Milligan  
Ann Wallace

10/28

Sunny Sweitzer

10/29

Bill Arant



Chuck Landis will be 100 years old on  
October 16<sup>th</sup>! His address is:

804 Shannondale Way  
Maryville, TN 37903

# discipleship

The Fall theme for our Church Family 'Round the Table intergenerational program is *God's Time*. We are focusing on the belief that the times and seasons of our lives belong to God. God created times and seasons to bring order out of chaos. God also creates times of opportunity, times when something new breaks into history and changes our lives. For Christians, the coming of Jesus is the most profound time of opportunity that God has given.

In September we started with the theme: *A Time for Everything*. On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will continue with *A Time for Creation*, a study based on Genesis 1:1-2:4.



Are you interested in uniting with this congregation? Know someone who is? Just want to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian? Then our Fall Discovery Class is for you! This class will be held in the Mary Chambers Room during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) beginning October 20<sup>th</sup> and will continue for 4 consecutive Sundays, concluding on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tim will lead discussions on Reformed Theology, Presbyterianism, and the history of Second Presbyterian Church. The class is open to anyone who would like to attend – current members, people wishing to join, those who are curious to find out more about us, or folks who just want to refresh their memories about Presbyterian history and theology. At the conclusion of the class people will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, if they so desire. A new member Sunday will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> for those wishing to unite in membership with Second Presbyterian Church.



## *Interested in Being Part of a Small Group?*

We want anyone who wishes to be part of a small group at Second Presbyterian Church to be able to do so.

A small group could be for discipleship, fellowship, service, mutual care, or some other focus. You may already have a group of people in mind, or you may want to be randomly assigned to a group.

The church is committed to resourcing groups as necessary so that everyone has a successful experience. Anyone interested in participating in a small group of some kind, is invited to come to one of our informational meetings on the following dates/times:

**Thursday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.**

We will meet in the Mary Chambers Room.



## NEW OFFERINGS IN THE LIBRARY

There are three new children's books given in honor of babies Kennen James Robertson, Carly-Eleise Tinly Grimm, and Owen Preston Wall: *My Name is Bob* by James Bowen; *Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas* by Jane O'Conner; and *Berenstain Bears Caring and Sharing Treasury* by Jan and Mike Berenstain.

Two books, both new editions, from Philip Yancey are: *The Question That Never Goes Away: Where is God When It Hurts?*; and a book, combined with Dr. Paul Brand's book *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, The Marvel of Bearing God's Image*.

From the Stephen Ministry organization comes a highly recommended book, *Cancer – What Now* by Dr. Kenneth Haugh.

In a lighter vein, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* is the poetry of Mr. Rogers. This book is just as uplifting for adults as for children.

Anne Lamont's new book is *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope*.

*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nubiel Qureshi is the winner of the Christian Book Award Medallion of Excellence. The foreword is by Lee Strobel.

Continuing with new arrivals is Anne Graham Lotz' *Wounded by God's People*. This is also in CD form. *Empty Arms* by Pam Vredevelt addresses the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or tubal pregnancy.

Finally, two books that deal with infant baptism: *It Takes A Church to Baptize* by Scot McKnight and *Children of Promise* by Robert Booth. If you come from a background that is unfamiliar with infant baptism then these books are for you.

# Youth news

The Second Presbyterian Student Ministry kicked off their First Sunday Fellowship in September with a pizza party at Holly and Justin Grimm's home. We had a great time eating, talking, and playing together.

The First Sunday Fellowship for the month of October will be some Halloween fun! Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet at the Cracker Barrel on Campbell Station Road at 6:30pm to carpool to Dead Man's Farm. The doors open at 7:00, haunted house opens at 7:30. Tickets are \$20. Join us if you dare...and bring friends!!



## **Presbyterian Women Begin Their Fall Program**

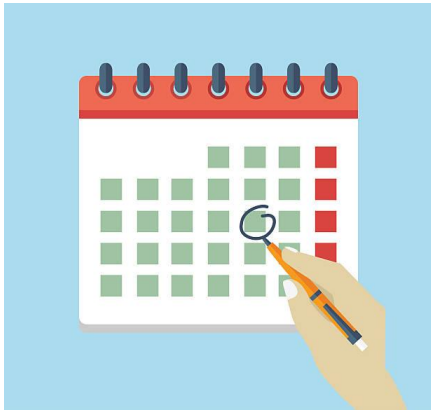
The Presbyterian Women of Second Presbyterian Church offers activities for all women in the church and visitors who wish to attend. There are four operating circles within the organization which meet monthly from August through June each year.

**The Mission Circle** will be making their annual trip to Sunset Gap Community Center located at Cosby, Tennessee, carpooling from the church on Thursday, October 17, departing at 9:30. Sunset Gap is a Christian based organization founded in 1899 and provides programs that contribute to the physical, social, economic and spiritual growth of the people of Cocke and Sevier Counties.

Charlotte Klieman (865-922-8453), circle chair, asks that those interested in going call for travel arrangements. The congregation is being asked to bring staples like cooking oil, self-rising flour and meal, canned meat, sugar, etc. to contribute to the Sunset Gap Food Pantry. Leave the donated items next to the atrium in provided boxes.

**The Arts and Crafts Circle and the Church Decorating Circle** are having joint monthly meetings in September and October to produce new Chrismon decorations for the church's Christmas tree. The two circles will be meeting upstairs in room 227. Contact Cheryl Ragsdale at 865-684-8999 or Ileen Cheek at 865-247-5258 for more information. The circles will meet at 10:00 the third Thursday each month.

**The Bible Study Circle** will be presenting its second lesson on the subject of the Ten Commandments for the year. The October lesson will study about the mid-life of Moses as a fugitive from Egypt, working in the Sinai Peninsula as a shepherd and encountering God directly in a burning bush which is never consumed. Study materials will be provided. The circle meets in the Mary Chambers Room each second Tuesday in the month from 10:00-11:00. All study materials will be provided. Come join us! Contact Helen Grant, 865-693-1980 for more information.



## *Hospice Discussion*

In honor of National Hospice Month, Second Presbyterian Church will host “A Frank Discussion of Hospice Care” with guest speakers from UT Hospice.

**Date:** Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** Free

**Who May Attend:** Anyone!



## *Aging with Dignity*

Pastor Tim will once again present this class, which is designed to help people of *all ages* think about the practical issues of aging, especially end of life issues. Topics will include: living wills, durable powers of attorney, who we want to make healthcare decisions for us when we can't, how to communicate our wishes to our loved ones, and funeral planning.

**Date:** Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Mary Chambers Room

**Cost:** Free

**Who May Attend:** Anyone! (Invite your friends!)



# LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall of Second Presbyterian Church. This will be a catered meal for \$10 per person. All are welcome!

This month we will travel to South America with Fran & Marty McLean. They will share photos and highlights from various trips they have made to Argentina.

For reservations, please call John Reynolds at 865.588.0085 or Marianne Thuesen at 865.253.7653.

*Christ invites,  
and our doors open  
to believers from  
all over the world,  
and from every  
time and place.*

*Christ invites,  
which makes  
for peace.*

## service & outreach

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be received  
on World Communion Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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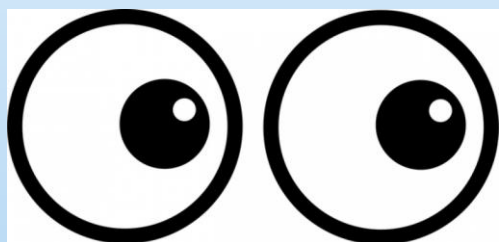
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## *200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Recipients*

Once again this year, our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Recipients for the 2019-2020 school year are *both* students at Maryville College!

**Grace Kidd** is a sophomore from Scott County, TN, majoring in Sociology. She is minoring in Economics and will graduate with her non-profit license. Grace is a Bonner Scholar at Maryville College.

**Paola Perez Gonzalez** is a sophomore from Knoxville, TN. She is majoring in Teaching English as a Second Language.

## September Session Highlights

- Received and reviewed the Ministry Unit Reports, Preschool Report, and Treasurer's Report
- Studied the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordination Vow regarding the Confessions and Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith
- Approved a recommendation from the Personnel Ministry Team to form a Pastoral Relations Committee to formalize a senior pastor performance evaluation process and facilitate a process for two-way communication between the senior pastor and church leaders

# stewardship

## AUGUST BUDGET REPORT

	August	YTD	Budget
Total Giving	\$34,189.16	\$480,068.24	\$713,087
Total Expenses	\$54,540.31	\$474,721.12	\$782,706
Excess/(Shortage)	(\$20,351.15)	\$5,347.12	(\$69,619)

### A Stewardship Moment

Second Presbyterian Church is a generous congregation. For each of the last four years we have ended the year with a surplus of giving, which has allowed us to build up the reserve fund, as well as bless others with extra gifts. In response to a God of abundant love and grace, this congregation truly lives grateful lives of *abundant joy and overflowing generosity*.

In the next few weeks you will receive the annual letter from the Stewardship Commitment Team asking you to once again support the mission and ministry of this congregation. Then, in November, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday.

Your overflowing generosity supports mission, both locally and globally, allowing us to reach out and help others who need to feel the love and grace of God. Your overflowing generosity supports the discipleship and youth programs at Second, so that we may

continue to grow in our walk with Jesus. Your overflowing generosity supports the music ministry of the congregation, allowing us to provide scholarships to UT students who lend their voices to our choir. Your overflowing generosity supports the work of the clergy and staff as we teach the Bible and walk alongside you in challenging times, strengthening and nurturing your faith. Your overflowing generosity allows us to adequately care for our aging facilities. Your overflowing generosity does all these things and so much more.

When you receive the card in the mail this month, I am asking you to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider how you might support the work of this congregation with your financial gift. If you have never made a pledge to the ministry and mission of the congregation before, I ask that you consider doing so for the first time. If you have faithfully supported the ministry and mission of this congregation, I ask that you consider increasing that gift slightly this year. Help us continue to witness to the *abundant joy and overflowing generosity* of our Lord, here in Knoxville and beyond.

- Pastor Tim



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##### CLASS OF 2020

Jimmy Cheek  
Clara Hardin  
Doug Matthews  
Margaret Walther

##### CLASS OF 2021

Monica Casey  
Betsy Foster  
John Henley  
Cleston Jones

##### CLASS OF 2022

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Margie Gill  
Patricia Kennedy  
Marty McLean

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##### Worship & Celebration

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