

SECOND EDITION

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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



On Second Thought...

I recently read an interesting article that started me thinking about how we should live our lives in light of the Resurrection. This article said that Esther Lederer, one of the writers who wrote as Ann Landers and who received over 10,000 letters a week at the height of her popularity, was once asked what was the most common problem she was asked to deal with. She replied, “Without a doubt – fear.” I have to say that as a pastor, I understand where she is coming from. The majority of people I visit in hospitals and in homes, in my office and over lunch, in texts and in emails, are dealing with some type of fear. The article went on to state that a recent university study of 500 people identified 7,000 different fears; that’s an average of 14 fears per person!

There are many consequences of living with fear. Living with fear can be devastating and paralyzing. It can cause us to withdraw from our friends and our family. It can keep us from creating new relationships and experiencing new adventures in life. Living with fear causes us to “play it safe” through life. Perhaps this is why the most often repeated phrase in Scripture, appearing 366 times – one for each day of the year plus one for Leap Year! – is the same phrase spoken to the Shepherds in the fields at Jesus’ birth and the Women at the Tomb at Jesus’ Resurrection – “Do not be afraid!”

What really caught my attention in the article, though, was the author related living life in fear to the game of golf; he called it “laying up.” For those of you not familiar with golf, “laying up” refers to a strategy that seeks to produce more predictable results on the course. Imagine there are 250 yards from the ball to the green, but in between the two there is a large pond. If a golfer wants to make sure that the ball doesn’t go in the water, that golfer will not try to hit it to the green but will hit a shorter shot instead, laying up in front of the pond. I did this very thing on the 1st hole at Willow Creek this past Monday morning when I was playing a post-Holy Week round with John Henley. It led to a par – a good score for me. Unfortunately, a few holes later, feeling that I was sufficiently warmed up and hitting the ball well, I chose not to lay up on a tee shot that demanded 250 yards to clear a creek running through the fairway. I ended up making a double bogey – not a good score for anybody! So while laying up might prove the better strategy on the golf course, as Easter people it is not a

good strategy for the Christian life.

After Jesus’ crucifixion and death, the disciples were afraid. They had lived with Jesus for three years, witnessing amazing things, but on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday they locked themselves behind closed doors in the upper room, in fear of what might happen to them if they were identified as followers of Jesus. That’s what fear does; it causes us to cower behind locked doors, living in our own self-imposed prisons, playing it safe when we should be taking risks for the One who took the Ultimate Risk for us.

Jesus knows our human frailty, however, so the resurrected Lord came into that locked room with the disciples and said, “Peace be with you!” After showing them his hands and feet he said again, “Peace be with you!” and then he told them he was sending them out into the world.

Jesus wants to come into our locked rooms, as well. He wants us to have peace, not fear. He wants us to go out into the world and take risks for his sake, not play it safe by “laying up” all of our lives. Jesus promises in Matthew that he will be with us for all time, so we don’t need to live in fear. As children of the resurrection we live in the knowledge that Jesus is ALIVE and that he gives us the Holy Spirit to walk with us on our journey. Trust in God frees us from our prisons of fear and goes with us into the world. It frees us from our “locked rooms” so that we may live the unburdened lives that God intends for us to live.

2 Timothy 1:7 says, “God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.” Learn this passage, commit it to memory, and carry it with you for encouragement in times of fear. And remember, there is no place that you will go that God has not already gone ahead of you, preparing the way.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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OUR VISION FOR WORSHIP AT SECOND

At a recent afternoon workshop, the Session of 2nd Pres met together to discuss our vision for the worship life of Second Presbyterian Church. We then spent two months praying about and refining this vision and officially adopted the following statement at the April session meeting. We are excited about the direction and purpose this vision will give to our expression and experience of God present in the world and in our lives. This vision will shape the design of and guide our decisions regarding Worship @ 2nd for years to come as we seek to faithfully and imaginatively respond to God's grace in Jesus Christ, both formally and informally, through our worship and praise for years to come. Please take the time to read and reflect on this vision and pray on how you might join in "joyfully ascribing all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God" through worship at Second Presbyterian Church.

Worship at Second Presbyterian Church

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world. – Book of Order, W-1.1001

Worship at Second Presbyterian Church exists to bring glory and praise to God, giving people the opportunity to experience God's presence and allowing them to respond to what God is doing in their lives and in the world.

Our vision for the worship life of Second Presbyterian Church is to:

Engage those who desire to deepen their relationship with God with the love and grace of God, experienced through creative and interactive worship;

Enjoy the benefit of gathering together as God's people in community to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives;

Encourage people to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus through challenging, relevant, and applicable teaching of Scripture;

Equip followers of Christ to serve others and to share the love, grace, and transforming message of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

To accomplish this vision, we believe that worship should be a joyful celebration of the people of God, bringing glory and praise to the Lord through:

- the use of a variety of musical styles, from classical to modern;
- the utilization of a wide assortment of musical instruments, played by musicians of varying levels and skills as an offering to God;
- the incorporation of various artistic expressions in worship, from drama to dance, that reflect the different ways people engage with God's Word and are awakened to God's presence;
- the participation and inclusion of all God's people, especially in the music ministry of the congregation, without regard to ability;
- the regular incorporation of children in a manner that affirms their value in the community of faith and in the Body of Christ;
- the understanding that true worship happens when all of God's people have the chance to engage and encounter God's presence through worship that is accessible, meaningful, and expands our consciousness of the reality and grace of God.

COMING IN JUNE – DISCOVER YOUR S.H.A.P.E.



Ever wondered why certain things excite and energize you while other things drain you and fill you with dread?

Ever noticed that there are some people that you work with easily and others that push your buttons?

We are all created by God as unique individuals with different gifts, passions, abilities, behavior patterns, experiences, and interests. We are complex people and need time and a thoughtful process to truly discover ourselves. Discovering our S.H.A.P.E. can provide us with insights into how we have been equipped for discipleship to serve Christ in the world.

Beginning **June 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** Pastor Tim will help us explore and discover our **S**piritual Gifts, **H**earth, **A**bilities, **P**ersonal Behavior, and **E**xperiences so that we can understand just how God has designed us to function in the church, our family, our workplace, and in the world. The class will go through July 2nd and is a wonderful opportunity to discover who you were created to be and how you were created to serve!

MINISTRY TEAMS AT SECOND

The ministry of this congregation, as in most Presbyterian congregations, is carried out by the faithful work of various ministry teams assigned to oversee particular areas of the congregation's life. The dedicated men and women who serve on these teams are the ones who make ministry happen at Second Presbyterian Church. If you aren't already serving on a ministry team and would be interested in using your gifts in service, we invite you to contact one of the people listed below. Also, if you have an idea for a new ministry that Second might be called to or a thought or concern about a particular ministry in which we are already engaged, use the following list to discern to whom you might go to let us know.

The Ministry Team Facilitators for 2017-2018 are as follows:

Worship: Dana Hendrix & Doug Matthews

Mission & Outreach: Donna Matlock & Clara Hardin

Congregational Care & Ministry: Kim Elrod

Evangelism, Church Growth & Member Assimilation: Tim Wright & Jimmy Cheek

Facilities: Dick Dodson

Christian Education: Ed Batts

Budget & Finance: Mancil Milligan

Personnel: Lisa Henley

Endowment: Tim Wright

Nominating: Dick Dodson

Preschool Board: Cleston Jones

CONGRATULATIONS **GRADS** CLASS OF 2017

Second Presbyterian Church is proud of our graduates.

GRADUATES! GRADUATES!

Our congregation is celebrating the graduations of three high school students and two college students.

Our high school graduates are **Lindsay Casey**, **Natalie Pruitt**, and **Redmond Sweitzer**. Tote bags will be available in the church office in which to put cards of best wishes and any other gift that you may wish. Books are there to sign.

Parker Dodson is graduating a year early from Middle Tennessee State University. A basket will be available in the office to leave cards of congratulations.

Our Youth Intern **Christina Gore** is graduating from University of Tennessee. Christina has done an outstanding job for our youth. In addition to cards of congratulations, love gifts are also appropriate. Look for her basket in the office.



LINDSAY CASEY

Lindsay has been part of the 2nd Pres family since she was around six months old. She and her mom were baptized together when Lindsay was a year old. Lindsay actively participated in a variety of youth programs at 2nd Pres, primarily during her elementary and middle school years. She has also been involved with Young Life sporadically throughout high school.

She attended Sequoyah Elementary, Bearden Middle and is about to graduate from Bearden High School. Lindsay has enjoyed participating in gymnastics, soccer and in most recent years, cheerleading. She was on a competitive cheer team for a year and cheered throughout middle school and high school for two years. She plans to cheer for The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this Fall.

NATALIE PRUITT

Natalie Pruitt is graduating from Bearden High School. She ran cross-country and track for Bearden and was MVP of the girl's cross-country team this year. She is in Key Club, the National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society.

She has been able to put her love of photography to use as co-editor of the yearbook, and can't go a day without an ICEE! She will be attending Ole Miss in the fall, where she plans on majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications.



REDMOND SWEITZER

Redmond Kreis Sweitzer is graduating from West High School Class of 2017. He is graduating with a 4.1 GPA. He is considering attending The University of TN or Florida State University but is currently undecided. Redmond plans to major in Business/Entrepreneurship.

"We are all very proud of you!" - Nan Sweitzer, mother, Sunny Sweitzer, sister, Kreis and Nancy Weigel, Grandparents, Dr. E.E, Overton and Holly Overton, Great-Grandparents(deceased members) father, Doug Sweitzer and his German Shepard Odin.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

PARKER DODSON



My name is Parker James Dodson and I am 21 years old (baptized in 1996). Local family members include my parents, Dick and Lauren Dodson, my grandmother Elsie Dodson, and my brother Taylor Dodson.

I have been a lifelong member here at Second Presbyterian Church. Currently, I attend Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in Music Business, and am set to graduate this August. Progressing through the church's various stages has been an educational, enriching experience. I started in the children's wing -- I remember most notably the Orff program where we would rehearse musical pieces every Wednesday night to then perform on a given Sunday. In middle school I moved into the youth organization. There, I connected with multiple youth pastors, each who lent unique guidance along my journey. During my time we took on several volunteer projects in Knoxville and across the U.S., with jobs ranging from feeding the homeless to construction and landscaping. We also attended a yearly summer camp, "Great Escape", in Ocala, Florida.

Chiefly, these experiences taught me to think with a sense of community and social awareness. Now I will take these lessons with me as I transition out of college and into the world. I will be starting at a job at AC Entertainment when I return this May.



CHRISTINA GORE

Christina Gore will be graduating from the University of Tennessee on May 12th of this year. Christina is from Franklin, Tennessee where she attended Franklin High School before moving to Knoxville to become a Volunteer. She will be graduating summa cum laude from the Haslam College of Business where she majored in economics and minored in environmental studies.

Over the past year, Christina has been serving as our Youth Ministries Coordinator at Second Presbyterian Church. Next year she will be attending Ohio State in order to get a PhD in Environmental Economics.

Pentecost Offering

The offering will be received **Sunday, June 4th.**

Receiving this Offerings allows Presbyterians to invest in faith formation of one of the church's greatest resources - our youth - and join in ministries that address the needs of at-risk children and encourage, grow, and support our young people.



40% Congregational Initiatives with Young People

Retained by the congregation for investment in local programs focused on children at risk, and development of youth and young adults.



25% Serving Communities (Young Adult Volunteers)

Volunteer programs that bring young adults together in fellowship, worship, and service throughout the world.



25% Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries)

Ministries that guide youth in their walk with Christ and inspire those called to accompany them.



10% Child Advocacy

Advocacy that protects and education that nurtures our children and youth in mind, body, and spirit

THE HIGH AWARD 5

This month's High Five Award is a High SIX! **Julia Cantrell, Ileen Cheek, Dana Hendrix, Margaret Sullivan, Kathy Thomas, and Margaret Walther** were responsible for the Lenten and Easter decorations this past month. Julia provided the cloths that went on the crosses. Dana procured all of our stones for the Journey of Stones (ask her where!) and lovingly washed all of

them prior to use. All six of these wonderful ladies, under the steady direction of Ileen Cheek, prepared the Flowering Cross and the Easter lilies which made our sanctuary so alive with color on Easter morning. If you would like to help out next year - or for Christmas, for that matter - please let Dana or Ileen know of your interest. Thanks, ladies, for making this a beautiful Lent and Easter. Here's a great big HIGH SIX...er...FIVE!



Time is running out to reserve a seat
For lunch (\$10) and
“Spring Concert”
Presented by
The Singing Seniors
From O’Connor Sr. Citizens Center
On
May 9th at 11:30.

Event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Please make your reservation by May 3rd
Contact Liz Peebles: enp3613@gmail.com;
Phone: 247-4503 or 660-9597 (cell)



Organ Recital

Organ Recital at New Providence Presbyterian in Maryville

Our organist, Brenda Goslee, will be one of the players on the American Guild of Organists Recital on Monday, May 1, at 7:30 PM at New Providence Presbyterian Church, 703 W. Broadway Avenue, in Maryville. The program is free and open to the public.

Other area organists include: Karl Jacob (Immaculate Conception Catholic Church), Rob Lunch (Our Lady of Fatima CC), Freddie Brabson (Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and Tennessee Theatre Organist), and Tami Newsom (Farragut Presbyterian Church).



Churchwide Baby Shower!

There will be a churchwide baby shower Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to come!

We will be honoring mothers-to-be Beth Robertson and Francesca Harker, who are both expecting baby girls! If you or someone you know in our church community would like to be honored at the shower, please contact Kim Elrod at lkimelrod@gmail.com or (865) 591-1710.

Discovering Scotland

May 14-22, 2018

Have you ever wanted to explore the beautiful Scotland scenery or learn more about your faith's heritage? If so, Scotland is for you! All are invited on a tour arranged by Westminster Presbyterian Church and led by Mary Boyd. For pricing, the itinerary, and more information please see the flyers in the Atrium or contact Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com To get the early booking prices, you must submit a deposit by May 28.

It's going to be a trip of a lifetime! Don't miss it!



JOY SINGERS CONCERT SCHEDULE

The Joy Singers are presently meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10 am. Senior adults are welcome to come and sing. We will be going to nursing and retirement homes during the month of May. Please join us!

“Songs of the Spirit”

Tuesday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home
9910 Coward Mill Road
Knoxville, TN 37914
865.862.8100

Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Hills of Knoxville (Chapel)
4611 Asheville Hwy.
Knoxville, TN 37914
865.329.3292

Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Renaissance Terrace Assisted Living
215 Bearden Place
Knoxville, TN 37917
865.544.1710

Tuesday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m.

Oakwood Senior Living
232 E. Churchwell Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37917
865.540.6243

MAY LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, May 2nd at 11:30 a.m. Captain Robbie Lawson of the Knoxville Police Department will speak on drugs, theft, and alcohol problems.

AND NEXT MONTH IN JUNE...

Please join us for Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, June 6 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Red Lobster, 8040 Kingston Pike, for a social time. Order your own meal!

2ND READERS

When? Wednesday, May 17

Where? Janet Vail's home

Time? 12:00 noon

Title: *Hillbilly Elegy*

Author: JD Vance

Leader: Liz Peebles

When? Wednesday, June 21

Where? TBA

Time? 3:45p.m.

Title: TBA

Author: TBA

Leader: Margaret

VISITORS

Cara Hunter
Mary Hooker
Kevin Michaels
Rion Steele
Cheryl Ragsdale
Jack & Kathy Gotchen
Bruce, Renie & Marie Carroll
Charlene Cotton
Carter DePoy
Tracy Horton
Kim Hudgens
Syd & Bonnie Murray
Henry Naff
Elizabeth Hamilton
Ben & Val Sharp
Francesca Harker
Alysa Hoffer
Nancy Rust
Charlee Cecil
Carter DePoy
Melissa Peters

PASTOR TIM'S NEW ADDRESS:

**1629 Winding Ridge Trail
Knoxville, TN 37922**

BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Foster 5/01
Max Jones 5/01
Paul Sexauer 5/01
Barbara Reynolds 5/03
Evelyn Tarwater 5/03
Marty McLean 5/05
Bill Miller 5/06
Gregg Pruitt 5/07
Cleston Jones 5/11
Redmond Sweitzer 5/13
Bart Smythe 5/14
Joe Beals 5/15
Tuesday Reynolds 5/15
Ellen Rochelle 5/15
Sandy Burnett 5/19
Laurie Curtis 5/19
Brice Gilmer 5/19
Holly Grimm 5/23
Neal Henley 5/24
Duane Grieve 5/25
Jack Luther Cantrell 5/27
Margaret Sullivan 5/28
William Pruitt 5/30
Leslie Matthews 5/31
Jennica Ullrich 5/31

LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:

MAY 24TH



Clergy Conference

Training for Faith Communities

(Clergy & Lay Providers)



Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Lighthouse Event Center- Knoxville, TN

6800 Baum Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

Registration opens 8am / Welcome 8:30am / Lunch/Workshop Ends 1pm



Dementia: The Church Ministry and the Changing Brain with Dr. Oliveira, Ph.D., Clinical & Medical Psychologist - Dr. Oliveira received his degree in clinical psychology from The University of Tennessee and did his internship in medical psychology at Duke University Medical Center. He served as the clinical director of Covenant Health Senior Services. Dr. Oliveira authored the book "Living With Old Age".



A Path Revealed: *How Hope, Love, and Joy Found us Deep in a Maze Called Alzheimer's*
Carlen Maddux - In 1997 Carlen Maddux's wife, Martha, received a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. With his training, career, and instincts as a journalist and editor, the only way he knows how to share their intimate journey with Alzheimer's is through his journalistic style. Theirs is a story filled with spiritual breakthroughs, fears, failures, heart-warming encounters, and thought-provoking revelations. Join him as he share how even in the darkest moments their journey is one of hope.



Anticipatory Grief: William Blevins, Ph.D. The Blevins Institute for Spirituality and Mental Health- William L. Blevins, professor emeritus of Counseling, has served on the Carson Newman University faculty for 46 years, retiring as Chair of the Graduate Counseling Program in 2011. He holds an MDiv from Southern Baptist Seminary, a PhD from New Orleans Baptist Seminary, an EdS from the University of Tennessee, and has done post-graduate work at Oxford University in England. He is a LMFT and LPC.



Special Lunch Speaker
Kerry Howland
Former Lady Vol. Asst. Academic Director



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Signature _____

Advance registration required. Seating is limited. Fee includes materials, lunch and refreshments. Registrations accepted online, by mail, fax or phone. Email Linda.Johnson@Tnalz.org for more information or to register.

L.O.V.E.S.

Loving Outreach Visitation to Elderly and Shut-Ins

By: Jan Barber, Minister of Visitation

I recently participated in an Older Adult Ministry course at Columbia Theological Seminary. It was a wonderful time where I gained a lot of information and made new friends from all over the country. One of my classmates shared the above acronym with me. It describes perfectly what I am attempting to do here at Second Pres.

While at Columbia, the classroom course covered such topics as Alcohol and Depression, Nutrition for the Aging, Mental Health, Finding the right Living Situation, The Positive Effects of Physical Activity, How to Talk to your Doctor, Social Support, and Complimentary and Alternative Medicine. It was a wide range of topics and we only scratched the surface. But discovering the multitude of resources available was exciting and I am glad to share.

So to apply this to my work, I begin by remembering L.O.V.E.S. By checking in, visiting, sending cards and making phone calls, I am making connections. Everyone benefits from conversation and companionship and here at 2nd we have a fabulous group of folks who quietly go about building relationships, keeping up with their friends and neighbors, and sharing a moment or two with someone who may be unable to come and go easily. This is an important and valuable ministry and I give my heartfelt thanks to these quiet Angels.

Spreading joy is a side benefit to making these contacts. Little do we know how much our few moments of time spent can actually bring joy to others. And I have the added bonus of getting to deliver flowers and brighten up an otherwise ordinary day. The Joy I receive from the bright smiles and warm hugs leaves me humbled.

So now I am asking for your help. Please share any concerns you may have about one of your friends or neighbors who attends 2nd Pres. Or if you personally need information, a visit or help finding resources, please touch base with me. I may not have a quick answer, but I can stop by, do research, make phone calls, and generally help work through the maze created by today's technology.

In closing let me offer this other piece of wonderful advice that came from another classmate. May we all Bloom Where We Are Planted. Some of us can make visits, some can share a meal, some can offer a ride, some can make a phone call and some can offer a prayer. Wherever we are in our own situation, there is something to be done and if our only offering today is a prayer, remember what a wonderful benefit that is to whoever is the recipient of this most holy gift.

Thank you for this opportunity and for your trust in me in this important work.

Romans 12:15 – Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Rev. Anderson Resigns As Pastor

Co-Chairs, Arvilee and Helen Grant

In 1829 Second Presbyterian Church's growing congregation said farewell to Rev. Isaac Anderson who had resigned as pastor in order to spend more time at New Providence Presbyterian Church and his teaching responsibilities in his academy and in his newly established Southern and Western Theological Seminary in Maryville, Tennessee. We cannot close this first chapter of Second Presbyterian Church's journey of faith, however, without sharing with the reader two true stories involving Rev. Anderson.

The first story comes from Anderson's earliest days as a young Presbyterian preacher in Knox County serving his first churches—Washington Presbyterian Church and Lebanon Presbyterian Church. While he pastored these two small churches, he farmed, taught in and administered his Union Academy on his farm in Grassy Valley and often spent one week a month traveling on a 150-mile circuit in neighboring counties where there were very few churches (and fewer preachers) to witness to the many new settlers arriving on the East Tennessee frontier.

This story is recorded in Rev. John J. Robinson's *Memoir of Rev. Isaac Anderson, DD.* According to Robinson, Rev. Anderson loved to tell this story of his circuit riding days, and we include it here just as it was recorded by Rev. Robinson.

We have often heard Dr. Anderson recite the following story, which, while it reveals the rude, uncultivated manners of the people, as well as the

painful destitution of the means of grace in the region of country through which he traveled and preached, is illustrative also of the self-denying endurance, the earnest zeal, the deep compassion of the missionary himself.

He had an appointment to preach in a neighborhood which he had never visited, and where he was an entire stranger. As he approached the house where he was to preach, the woods "appeared alive with men, women, and children, horses and mules." "The ends of the earth seemed to have come together." His quick eye, however, detected, in the midst of the vast crowd about the door, one of the largest men he had ever seen—a strong, savage-looking man, of herculean dimensions, and withal a Dutchman, by name, Mosier. As he caught a view of this son of Anak, he said to himself, "If you are a good man, well; if not, woe be to this community!" Unintimidated by the savage bearing and uncouth presence of his audience, he preached to them "boldly, in the name of the Lord Jesus."

After the service, Mosier approached and accosted him, "I wish, to pe sure, you'd breach in my neighborhood."

"Have you a house to preach in?"

"No; but I puild you von house."

The appointment to preach in the Dutchman's neighborhood was made, and on the set day the preacher came. True to his promise, Mosier had erected a house of worship—of logs, of course.

The interior accommodations of seats and pulpit were also of poles from the banks of the Clinch. A large and motley crowd awaited the preacher's coming; and although it was the Sabbath, the men had brought with them their guns and shot pouches. The preacher passed into the house and ascended the pulpit—the people crowded around the house and peeped through the interstices. He arose and addressed them, inviting them to come in, explaining to them what he was going to do. A few entered the house, but the openings between the logs were still lined with curious eyes. He repeated the invitation. Others came in, emboldened by the example of those who had first entered, and conciliated by the kind yet solemn and decided manner of the preacher. But they absolutely refused to occupy the “log-sittings,” preferring to crouch on their haunches upon the dirt floor. A few still remained outside, but could not be induced to enter the house. One man stood at the door, holding his horse, offering the apology that his “beast was in the habit of slipping the bridle.” And here under these novel circumstances, many a poor soul doubtless heard, for the first time, of a Saviour and the way of life. Here, too, was sown the seed the fruits of which the great Harvest Day alone can reveal.

The second story is included in the book, *By Faith Endowed; The Story of Maryville College, 1819–1994*. At the time that Rev. Anderson was involved with the organization of Second Presbyterian Church in 1818, he was well aware of the desperate shortages of trained clergy on the frontier and was making use of all his contacts in an effort to recruit more

pastors and those who were seeking training in the ministry. This story describes one of the very few young men to answer Anderson's first recruitment efforts.

Toward dusk on the last day of June 1818 sixteen-year-old Eli Sawtell untied a handkerchief at the end of a stick and laid down his library—a small Bible, Watt's hymnbook, and Baxter's “Saint's Rest.” Four months earlier this young bootmaker's apprentice had heard the call of Abraham's God through His spokesman, the Reverend Eli Smith. The fiery preacher had “set the town of Hollis, New Hampshire, ablaze on the subject of pious young men, who had little or no means, going to Tennessee for an education.” Six had responded to the call—three “for sure.” But after parents had consulted maps and realized the dangers of the rugged terrain, swollen rivers, Indians, and rattlesnakes, weeping mothers had dissuaded all but Eli from the enterprise. “Like Job's messenger, [he] alone was left to bear tidings to Isaac Anderson.”

After walking seven weeks, Eli had arrived at his destination. Through the generosity of friends made along the way, the \$14.60 garnered to cover emergencies had grown to ten times that amount, though he “neither begged, worked, nor stole.” He felt fulfilled. He was “entering the promised land.”

In the distance the setting sun was casting its brilliant colors over the blue and mauve mountains on either side of the promontory where he stood. Below him along the route he had come were the pure waters of Pistol Creek, which he had just

forded. At every few rods, on either side, new springs burst forth. Scattered on and around the peninsula was the village of Maryville with its fifty houses and 250 inhabitants. Across the creek, slightly to the east, he could see the palisades of Fort Craig, the bulwark against Indian raids only a few years before and the ultimate reason for locating the town here.

To the north, in a flat wooded area on the creek bank, was the old Campground that Eli would come to know well. This would be the location of many a revival during which “its old woods were prayed over and watered with the tears of God’s people.” Behind him on the tableland lay the center of the settlement. There stood the log jail, the log court-house, and farther on, at the corner of Main and Cemetery Streets, the New Providence Presbyterian Church, made of logs covered with rived boards. Eli, awed by the setting of this “mountain gem,” exclaimed, “This is the place for me!” Making his way along the creek bank toward the center of the village, he began looking for the log home of Dr. Isaac Anderson, pastor of the New Providence Presbyterian Church.

These two stories serve to remind us of some of the many challenges that the Reformed Presbyterian denomination faced when a few Scots-Irish Presbyterian ministers chose to settle and spend their lives in ministry on the isolated southern Appalachian frontier in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was the

beginning of a long history of Christian service of witnessing for the Lord, advocacy for the poor and sick, support for educational efforts, leadership for human rights, and mission outreach. Second Presbyterian Church congregations have been privileged through the years to be a part of that legacy! [Ed. notes. Anderson rode horseback to Philadelphia and to Princeton in his personal effort to urge new seminary graduates to come to East Tennessee, but because of his failure to attract them, he determined to establish his own seminary. On October 19, 1819, the Synod of Tennessee approved the plan for the Southern and Western Theological Seminary. Anderson faced many financial and theological issues through the years, but this school, according to estimates from old college records, produced at least “250 graduates, approximately 120 of them ministers.” The seminary closed in 1861, but the school continues today as Maryville College.]

Rev. Eli Sawtell, the young man from New Hampshire who walked the Great Wagon Road to reach Rev. Anderson in Maryville in 1818, became a part of the seminary’s first class and eventually became a successful financial agent for Maryville College.]

Sources: By Faith Endowed; The Story of Maryville College, 1819–1994, by Carolyn L. Blair and Arda S. Walker, 1994. Memoir of Rev. Isaac Anderson, DD., by Rev. John J. Robinson, 1860.

Highlights from the March Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on February 21, 2017
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the transfer of Ben and Megan Brooks to Grace Presbyterian Church and Chris and Heidi Shuler to Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the formation of a Scholarship fund in the name of Second Presbyterian Church in commemoration of its 200th anniversary and in recognition of the church's long history in support of education.
- Approved \$600 to assist the Lunch Bunch in renting a bus/van to go to Gatlinburg.

Highlights from the April 26 Called Session Meeting

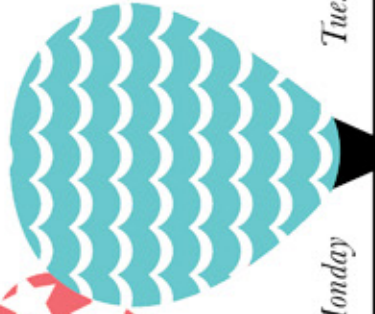
- Received into membership Confirmation Class Members Lindsey Casey, Max Jones, Natalie Pruitt and Will Pruitt and new members Bonnie Beals, Jeff and Kathy Duggan, and Bill and Cheryl Ragsdale.

Highlights from the April Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on March 21, 2017
- Examined Incoming Officers: Deacons John Matlock, Kathy Thomas and Margaret Walther and Elders Clara Hardin, Jimmy Cheek and Doug Mathews. The examinations were upheld.
- Approved the Session Leadership on Church Committees.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the transfer of Sarah Doyle to Grace Presbyterian Church.
- Adopted the Vision for Worship at Second Presbyterian Church.
- Held a Service of Thanksgiving for the Session Class of 2017 Kim Elrod, Mancil Milligan and Neal Peebles.

Church Financial Report

	Jan-March 2017 Actual	Jan-March 2017 Budget	2017 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$161,646	\$136,708	\$546,832
Non-pledged Offerings	\$17,566	\$7,500	\$30,000
Preschool	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$32,000
Other	\$26,125	\$26,731	\$106,924
TOTAL GIVING	\$213,337	\$178,939	\$715,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$158,787	\$178,939	\$715,756
NET	\$54,550	\$0	\$0



2017

MAY

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p> <p>Fellowship Time 10:30</p> <p>Worship 11:00</p> <p>Food & Friends 12:00</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>Men's BSF 5:30</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Joy Singers 10:00</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11:30</p> <p>Facilitates team 5:00</p> <p>Line Dancing 5:00</p> <p>Ministry Team meetings 6:00</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Email Blast Submissions Due</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>PET brown bag lunch 12:00</p> <p>Wed. Night Dinner 5:30</p> <p>David Goslee's Class 6:00</p> <p>Women's CG 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Ringers 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Choir 6:45</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>CCR&R Training 11:30</p> <p>TIPS 3:00</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p> <p>Fellowship Time 10:30</p> <p>Worship 11:00</p> <p>Food & Friends 12:00</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>Men's BSF 5:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PW Board meeting 9:30</p> <p>PW Circles 10:15</p> <p>PW Lunch 11:30</p> <p>Deacon's meeting 6:00</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Email Blast Submissions Due</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>Wed. Night Dinner 5:30</p> <p>David Goslee's Class 6:00</p> <p>Women's CG 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Ringers 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Choir 6:45</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Baby Shower in parlor 2:00</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p> <p>Fellowship Time 10:30</p> <p>Worship 11:00</p> <p>Food & Friends 12:00</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>The Cross Ministry</p> <p>Board meeting 4:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Joy Singers Rehearsal 10:00</p> <p>Preschool board meeting 12:00</p> <p>Line Dancing 5:00</p> <p>Session meeting 6:00</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Email Blast Submissions Due</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>2nd Readers 3:45</p> <p>Wed. Night Dinner 5:30</p> <p>David Goslee's Class 6:00</p> <p>Women's CG 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Ringers 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Choir 6:45</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p> <p>Fellowship Time 10:30</p> <p>Worship 11:00</p> <p>Food & Friends 12:00</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fish Pantry 9:00</p> <p>Line Dancing 5:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Email Blast Submissions Due</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>David Goslee's Class 6:00</p> <p>Women's CG 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Ringers 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Choir 6:45</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p> <p>Fellowship Time 10:30</p> <p>Worship 11:00</p> <p>Food & Friends 12:00</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Line Dancing 5:00</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Email Blast Submissions Due</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00</p> <p>David Goslee's Class 6:00</p> <p>Women's CG 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Ringers 6:00</p> <p>Chancel Choir 6:45</p>		<p>Church office closed</p>	



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Clara Hardin
Doug Matthews

Rev. Tim Reynolds,
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"Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."
PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

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2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler
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Angela Jones
Lily Wu

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Margaret Walther

Cleston Jones, Moderator
Sandra Butler, Clerk

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."
PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0201

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