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Take Time to Recharge

“Then Jesus said, ‘Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.’ He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat” (Mark 6:31, NLT). Can you relate? Especially during the holidays, we’re “coming and going” so much that we often run out of steam.

As an introvert, I learned an important lesson while navigating a busy graduation season for my son. I was happy to host a celebration for family and friends, but about 20 minutes into the party, fatigue clouded my spirit. My social battery was empty and desperately needed charging.

I sought out my cousin — who “gets” me — and admitted I needed a break. He kindly replied, “Then go into another room and just be. We’ve got things covered.” I was heard and assured that it was okay to press pause. Even Jesus and his disciples sought privacy and rest.

In what ways do you need a break today? Even if you’re an extrovert, how can you care for your whole self during the holiday rush? Pay attention and give yourself permission to proactively recharge your battery.

—Janna Firestone

PNC Statement

The Pastor Nominating Committee is working hard to determine and secure the perfect fit to lead our humble church. To provide our wonderful congregation with the best spiritual guide possible is a daunting task that we do not take lightly. We apologize that there has not been an update from the PNC regarding the progress of the search. The reason for this is that little has changed until recently.

Frustratingly, as soon as we completed our Ministry Discernment Profile and submitted it to the Arkansas Presbytery for approval, we were informed that an entirely new platform for connecting churches with available ministers would be put into use by the end of that month. In response, we met again to adjust our MDP to fit the new platform and had it resubmitted to the Arkansas Presbytery in time for the launch. Unfortunately, things have moved slowly since then. Our MDP sat idle for a while waiting on signatures before being officially posted and then we’ve had to watch as this new platform struggles to get off the ground. As with most fledglings, it has been a clumsy start.

Luckily, we got some help from friends of this church in the way sharing our MDP on their social media platforms. Still, we are left feeling that we have not yet turned every stone in the search for our next installed pastor. As a result, we have decided to extend the application deadline to entertain more applicants. To make this possible Reverend Elizabeth Gabbard Brinegar has graciously agreed to extend her current interim contract by an additional six months. We on the PNC are very thankful to Elizabeth for her flexibility and devotion to supporting First Presbyterian Church of Batesville during this transitional period. We are also thankful to the members of this church for your patience and your trust in us to best represent our church in this process.

Regards,

Clark Baker
PNC Chair

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- 11/04 Julie Grace
- 11/09 Jeff Roper
- 11/10 Rob Grace
- 11/12 John Douglas Miller
- 11/13 Matt Rueter
- 11/13 Chuck Jones
- 11/13 Sarah Jones
- 11/15 Kathy Whittenton
- 11/16 Kristie Pope
- 11/21 Deborah Stroud
- 11/24 Avery Moore
- 11/26 Danny Yeager
- 11/27 John Malin
- 11/29 Fonzie Geary, III

Angel Tree Program and Santas for Seniors

Angel Tree

Each year, families rely on the Angel Tree program to help give their kids a Christmas they otherwise are unable to give them. Children between the ages of 2 and 10 make out a Christmas list, and hope that someone will pick their name and bless them with some new clothes, or toys. Will you be the family that picks out an angel or two to bless?

Angels will be available for pick up in a variety of ways this year. You can stop by the church office, or the Narthex to pick out an angel, or call/email the church and Kathy would be happy to help you choose an angel or two. Gifts will be due back to the church early December. Please watch the bulletin and your email for more information, or contact the church office with any questions you might have.

If helping to deliver the presents to the United Way is something you would be interested in, please watch for more information in December.

Santas for Seniors

We will partner again with White River Area Agency on Aging to provide several seniors a chance to receive gifts that they may otherwise not receive. Seniors will be available the same time as Angels.



Officer Nominations

It's the time of year again where we begin to look towards what the next year in our church will look like. This includes the group of members who are in charge of our church. Officer for the church accept the responsibility for the oversight and leadership over the church, so we need very capable people in these positions.

If you have a desire to serve your church in a leadership roll, or know someone who would do well as a Deacon or Elder, or be a part of the Day School board, please submit that person's name by emailing the church office, or give Kathy a call and she will take your nomination over the phone.

I will praise
the name
of God

with a song, and will
magnify him

with
Thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30, NKJV

Presbyterian Day School

Breakfast With Santa!

Presbyterian Day School will be hosting it's annual fundraiser – Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, December 2nd, from 8:00—11:00 a.m.! Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each from any current day school family, the teachers, or the church office.

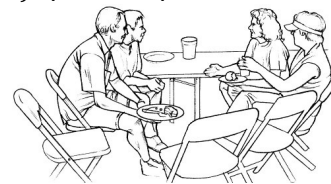
Your ticket includes breakfast and a photo with Santa! You also get access to the bake sale and silent auction, which always has some amazing gifts available! Buy your tickets ahead of time, or you can purchase them at the door to Fellowship Hall!



Would you like to help PDS? The Day school would welcome any donations in the form of snacks, supplies and scholarship donations. Please check with Ms. Alyson or Ms. Laura if you would like to donate snacks or supplies. Any scholarship donations may be brought to the church office.



Join us for Fellowship Lunch after worship on Sunday, **November 12th** in Fellowship Hall! *This month we will have an Old Fashioned Pot Luck! Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. If your dish needs to be kept warm, bring it in an oven-proof pan, and we will keep it in the warmer.* Turkey and dressing will be provided. Come share some great conversation with your church family and enjoy a tasty lunch.



Drink from a can? Pull the tab and bring it to church! Drop your can tabs in the jar in the Narthex to help the local V.F.W. support the Ronald McDonald House and Children's Hospital! Tabs can also be dropped off in the office.



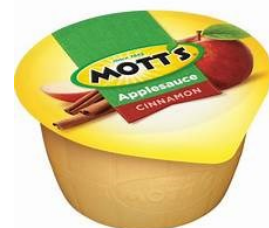
Your Donation Can Spread Joy

Your Outreach Committee needs your help to be a blessing to local charities. Drop your donations off at the church and they will be delivered to an agency with a specific need for that item.

This Month's Item:

Applesauce cups and fruit cups

(These will be donated to Lyon College's food pantry that helps students.)



BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTION

Here's something to get you thinking! If you don't know the answer, try phoning a church friend! Let this be a way to start a conversation and check up on each other!

In Revelations 22, what is the curse in verses 18-19?

The monthly trivia question is bought to you by your FPC Deacons!

Kramer Celebrates 100th Birthday in Texas

By: Craig Ogilvie

Ura Fae Kramer became a Presbyterian when she was ten years old. That was 90 years ago. She observed her 100th birthday on August 28, at the home of her daughter, Kathy, in Austin, Texas.



Ura Fae was born to Marshal E. and Ura (McCulloh) Burks in 1923. She graduated from Desha High School and Arkansas College (Lyon); plus, she holds a Master's Degree in counseling from Arkansas State University. She has been a member of First Presbyterian since April 21, 1946. A year later, on May 16, 1947, she married J.B. Kramer.

Ura Fae has served this church in many capacities. She taught Sunday School and Bible school, served as DCE and director of Vacation Church School. She has served on the pulpit committee, trustee and is an ordained elder. In 1991, Ura Fae was presented a Life Membership Award by the state Women of the Church organization. She has served as president, council member, and circle chairman.

Happy Birthday, Ura Fae. *(We miss you in Batesville!)*

Stewardship Campaign

Pledge cards are being mailed out soon. Please fill out your pledge card and return it to the church by December 15th. There are multiple ways you can return your pledge card! You can drop by the office during the week and turn it in, mail it to the church, call Kathy and let her know your 2024 pledge, or drop her an email at firstpresbatesville@gmail.com!

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your timely response. Remember, the lights and heat can stay on, and we can serve others, because of you and your faithfulness!

This year we are including an updated Time and Talent Survey with the pledge cards. Please take the time to prayerfully consider how you might be able to help your church. Surveys can be returned with your pledge card, or in the offering basket.

CURRENT ELDERS:

Class of 2023
J.R. Baker
Jesse Friert
Kathy Lanier
Bob Stroud

Class of 2024
Debra Bell
Wil Moore
Shelly Moser
Mollie Grace

Class of 2025
Gerri Coleman
Price Holmes III
Carlene Lewis
Ceil Smith

CURRENT DEACONS:

Class of 2023
Fonzie Geary
Jeremy Weaver
Carolyn Reed
Larry Whipple

Class of 2024
Betty Adams
James Anderson
Justin Clark
LeAnn Holmes

Class of 2025
Wesley Beal
Melissa Qualls
Sam Smith
Janet Wood

Preaching and Worship Schedule

November 5—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 & Matthew 23:1-12

Hymns: Here in This Place; My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout; Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Liturgist: Chuck Jones



November 12—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Psalm 78:1-7 & Matthew 25:1-13

Hymns: Morning Has Broken; When Peace Like a River; Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Liturgist: Kathy Lanier

November 19—25th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Lodge

Text: Psalm 123 & Matthew 25:14-30

Hymns: We Gather Together; God Whose Giving Knows No Ending; Come, Thou Fount

Liturgist: Andrea Weaver

November 26—Christ the King Sunday

Text: Psalm 100 & Matthew 25:31-46

Hymns: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!; For the Fruit of All Creation; Crown Him with Many Crowns

Liturgist: Barry Gehm

A Thanksgiving Prayer

For what I have received may the Lord make me truly thankful. And more truly for what I have not received.

—Storm Jameson

Pastoral Care



PLEASE REMEMBER these members and friends of First Presbyterian Church in your prayers.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Dr. Mark Williams (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Pam Barnett (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Barbara Paulson (*friend of Gerri Coleman*); Linda Richardson (*aunt of Karen Lange*); Mike O'Connor (*cousin of Kathy Altom*); Daniel Neal (*friend of Zack Mobley*); Randy Friend (*uncle of Elizabeth Brinegar*); Laurie Martin (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Zach Miller (*son-in-law of Price and LeAnn Holmes*); Cathy Childress (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Charlie Robuck (*grandson of Jo Cudd*); Debbie Mason (*niece of Carlene Lewis*); Paul & Susan (Critz) Guthrie (*friend of the congregation*); Marjorie Seasholtz (*friend of Kathy Whittenton*); Don Weatherman (*friend of the congregation*); Captain Christian Cummings, USAF (*nephew of Price & LeAnn Holmes*); Gerald Bass (*friend of Carlene Lewis*); Roger Blackmore (*friend of James & Camille Anderson*); Todd & Nancy Phillips (*sister & nephew of Camille Anderson*); Eloise Kikkert (*granddaughter of Don & Lynn Weatherman*); Jim & Diane Campbell (*brother & sister-in-law of Lenora Baldwin*); Betty Howard (*friend of Kathy Whittenton*); Nick Slagle (*nephew of Ceil Smith*); Susan Anselm (*sister of Jo Gehm*).

Please Pray for...



IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS, we remember to pray for these ministries:

Nov. 5	Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals	First, Arkadelphia
Nov. 12	Campus Ministries	Hospital Chaplains & Counselors
Nov. 19	Church Nursery Workers	First, Rogers
Nov. 26	First, Harrison	Westminster, Hot Springs

Mid Week Bible Study

For Advent, we will be going through the book "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Brueggemann. If you are interested in joining us for this study, and would like a copy of the book for \$10, please contact the church office to order your copy.

