



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Monthly Newsletter

Greenwood, Mississippi

January 26, 2012



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012**  
**6:00 p.m. in Shuler Hall**

**Supper Provided**  
**Lots of Fun!!!**

**Host: Don Brock, Jr.**

*If he ever gives up the practice of law,  
he has a future in hosting game shows!*



**Contestants:**

*Zack and Claire Becker*  
*Barrett and Elizabeth (Pillow) Day*  
*Drew and Blair Hull*  
*Jimmy and Anna (Jennings) Nix*  
*Chris and Courtney Walker*

**Grand Prize: A Night at the Alluvian!**

### STATED MEETING of the Presbytery of St. Andrew

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

**First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, MS**

*“Councils of the church exist to help congregations and the church as a whole to be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ. They do so as they...provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard...[and] nurture a covenant community of disciples of Christ...”*

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Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian form of government and what's happening in the PC(USA) churches in north Mississippi? *Here's your chance!*

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of St. Andrew will take place at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. All are welcome to attend as registered guests. If you would like to stay for lunch, please call the church office to make a reservation. (\$8 per person)

### SCHEDULE

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Heritage Library</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

*Dr. Rusty Douglas, preacher*

*(The meeting will begin following worship.)*

<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Shuler Hall</b>
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*Presbyters and Registered Guests*

<b>1:15-1:30 pm</b>	<b>Meetings Resume</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourns</b>	

Thank you to the many volunteers who are working hard to make this event a smooth success. Thank you, especially, to the Presbyterian Women who are volunteering a great deal of time and talent in helping us show great hospitality as we host this event.

*Planning to come to the meeting? Consider carpooling with someone or parking a bit further away, so that we can accommodate our many visiting pastors and elders! Thanks!*

## THE LORD'S DAY

(If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement.)

February 5, 2012

5th Sunday after Epiphany - Souper Bowl of Caring

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48  
 Sermon: The Difficult Sayings of Jesus .....Dr. Rusty Douglas  
 4. "You Must Be Perfect"  
 Children's Sermon .....Betty Douglas  
 Prayer of Dedication ..... Deacon Beth Tackett  
 Greeters: ..... Leigh and Richard Macy  
 Memrie and Mark Kimmel  
 Children's Church ..... Allyn and David Camp

February 12, 2012

6th Sunday after Epiphany

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 Sermon: ..... Rev. Sydne Allen  
 Children's Sermon ..... TBA  
 Prayer of Dedication ..... Deacon Alan Carter  
 Greeters: ..... Megan and Andy Austin  
 Elizabeth and Floyd Melton, Jr.  
 Children's Church — Room 102 ..... Shannon and Moss Melton

February 19, 2012

Transfiguration Sunday / Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 Scripture: John 6:35-65  
 Sermon: The Difficult Sayings of Jesus .....Dr. Rusty Douglas  
 5. "Eating the Flesh and Drinking the Blood"  
 Children's Sermon ..... Rev. Sydne Allen  
 Prayer of Dedication ..... Deacon Laura Oakes  
 Greeters ..... Jan and Mike Sturdivant, Jr.  
 Magdalene Stewart and Susan Smith  
 Children's Church — Room 102 ..... Lizzie and Heston Powers

February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday Service - 5:30 p.m. - Church Parlor

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31  
 Sermon: The Difficult Sayings of Jesus  
 6. "Sell What You Have"  
 Dr. Rusty Douglas, preaching



February 26, 2012

First Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 Scripture: Luke 12:49-56  
 Sermon: The Difficult Sayings of Jesus .....Dr. Rusty Douglas  
 7. "Not Peace But a Sword"  
 Children's Sermon ..... Elder Pat Gullede  
 Prayer of Dedication ..... Deacon Jon Balthrop  
 Greeters ..... Karyn and Bill Burrus  
 Cathy and Sam Fonda  
 Children's Church — Room 102 ..... Kristin and Palmer Brock

### COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES

Sponsored by the Greenwood Ministerial Association  
 Beginning February 26, 2012 - 11:45 a.m.  
 (Location yet to be determined)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We rejoice with these families who have had new additions in recent weeks.

Lee and Shawn Hodges in the birth of their twins, *Michael Andrew* and *Cheney Leclere*, born on December 9, 2011.

Paul and Katherine (Walker) Fedric in the birth of their daughter, *Martha Faith Fedric*, born December 26, 2011. Proud grandparents are Bonnie and Johnny Walker.

Alston and Whitney (Kearney) Avritt in the birth of their son, *John Brewer Avritt*, born January 3, 2012. Proud grandmother is Kathy Kearney.



**"Blessings in the Beatitudes: Matthew 5:1-12"**  
**Presbyterian Women Study Day**  
**February 26, 2012**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Rev. Sydne Allen, Keynoter**

All women of the church and women in the Greenwood community are invited to attend the annual PW Study Day on Sunday afternoon, February 26th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Please join us for a time of fellowship, study, and reflection as together we explore the Beatitudes of Jesus in Matthew 5:1-12. Come, bring a friend, and discover the ways God blesses us through Jesus' life-giving words from the Sermon on the Mount!

There is no cost to attend and light refreshments will be served. Nursery care will be available for small children.

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of our congregation is extended to:

† The family of Harper Johnson who died on January 1, 2012.

† Stephen and Ashley Farmer and family in the death of his father, Dr. Guy Robert Farmer, Sr., on January 19, 2012.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Haven't been to Sunday school in a while? Please join us for some great teaching and discussion!

- **Children's Classes** are continuing to learn about the life of Jesus, using the "We Believe" curriculum.
- Over in the Shed, the **Youth** are still sparking their faith in the Old Testament; and soon discussion will be pretty "spicy" with the new "Spice Rack Email" curriculum!
- The **Journey** Sunday school class meets on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. In February, Dr. Douglas will be leading the class with four great lectures!
- On the 1st floor of the Education Building and in the Library, the **Partners in Faith Class** and the **Irvine Memorial Men's Class** are still working their way through the "Uniform Series" and digging deep into the work of God's Redemption in Jesus Christ.

**New Resources** -- please stop by the Resource table in the foyer of the Education Building to pick up a daily devotional, both for the Lenten season and anytime! Options for individuals, families, children, and caregivers are available. Please see me if you have questions.

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.** Consider participating in the community-wide Lenten lunches. Be on the lookout for more details!

**Do you love to run? Do you have a memory of Camp Hopewell?** If you said, "Yes" to either questions, consider registering for "**Run for Hope,**" Hopewell's annual **Half Marathon and 5K.** Register online at [www.oxfordrun4hope.com](http://www.oxfordrun4hope.com) or pickup a registration sheet from me.

*Rev. Sydne Allen*

RETREATS AT CAMP HOPEWELL

Junior High Retreat  
February 17-19

Senior High Retreat  
March 2-4

\$120 per person

(One-half paid by the church for members)  
See Rev. Travis Allen to register.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 2012

1. Approved Rev. Sydne Allen serving on the conference leadership staff for the Masanetta Springs Middle School Conference in Virginia, July 11-21, and also will be away for conference planning March 6-8.
2. Noted that Revs. Sydne and Travis Allen will be the keynote speakers for the presbytery senior high retreat at Camp Hopewell March 2-4.
3. Transferred some \$4,300 from the unspent Building and Grounds 2011 budget into the Building and Grounds' Restricted Fund for future use.
4. Noted that the church received a record \$153,000 in the month of December, and paid all benevolences that we owed. By the end of 2012 we will still owe some \$100,000 on our renovation/church property purchase debt.
5. Approved a Blessing Bag Campaign from the Youth Committee, to provide toiletry items to people in need at the Community Kitchen; noted that the Souper Bowl of Caring offering will be received by the youth on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5.
6. Approved Cathy Jennings as commissioner to presbytery when it meets here in Greenwood on Tuesday, February 7.
7. Noted that this year's Nominating Committee for Church officers will be composed of: Elders Jeff Lambdin, chair and Charles Peel, Deacon Lane Thompson, Nancy Tollison (PW), David Camp and Trish Rodgers (CE) and Mary Holly Lott (Youth).
8. Kindergarten class registration will be held during the week of February 13-17; open registration will be February 20-24.
9. A lighting issue in the balcony will be solved by adding a dimmer switch.
10. This Fall will mark the 10th anniversary of Larry Crawford's and Charles Covington's employment with the church.
11. Results for the Young Adult Survey should be compiled by the end of January.



**KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
for 2012-2013**

**February 13, 2012 for Ages 1-4**

*Contact Nancy Tollison at 453-1048 with questions.*

**(Don't forget to save Box Tops for Education!)**

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# YOUTH NEWS

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Junior High  
6:00 p.m.

Senior High  
7:00 p.m.

February 1 The Shed  
February 8 Douglas', 902 Robert E. Lee  
February 15 Goodman's, 404 E. Barton  
February 22 No Bible Study  
February 29 The James', 401 E. Park

## PYF SCHEDULE

Junior High  
5:00 p.m.

Dinner  
6:00 p.m.

Senior High  
6:30 p.m.

February 5th Super Bowl of Caring & Party  
*Combined at the Shed*  
February 12th NO PYF (Newlywed Game)  
February 19th NO PYF  
February 26th Relationships and Love



February 5th Extravagant Love - Rev. T. Allen  
3:00 p.m.  
February 12th Text Messaging &  
2:30 p.m. We've Got the Spirit - Rev. T. Allen  
February 19th Can You Hear Me Now? - Rev. S. Allen  
3:00 p.m.  
February 26th Grace and Gratitude - Rev. T. Allen  
3:00 p.m.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Pastor ..... Dr. Rusty Douglas  
Co-Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Sydne Allen  
Co-Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Travis Allen  
Director of Music ..... Rev. Ray Smithee  
Kindergarten Director ..... Nancy Tollison  
Office Manager ..... Cheryl Ewing  
Financial Secretary ..... Cheryl Ewing  
Bldg. & Grounds Supervisor ..... Larry Crawford  
Custodian ..... Charles Covington

Clerk of Session ..... Cathy Jennings  
Board of Deacons ..... Beverly Quinn  
Church Treasurer ..... Steve Lary  
Presbyterian Women ..... Lina Elfert  
Endowment Committee ..... Mike Sturdivant, Jr.  
Pastor Emeritus ..... Dr. David Freeman  
Missionaries ..... Dr. Peter Lim, China  
Rev. Amos Yam, Campeche, Mexico  
Rev. Ben Mathes, Rivers of the World

St. Andrew  
Presbytery

Synod of  
Living Waters



# February 2012

## First Presbyterian Church - Monthly Planner

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