



First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 26, 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON “POTTER AND CLAY MINISTRIES”

We are featuring one of our mission agencies in our newsletter each month. We want the congregation to be knowledgeable about our agencies to tell others what we are doing for the Lord!

Jordan Walker and Rebecca Gasson were born and raised in Brandon, Mississippi. After completing degrees in Elementary Education from Mississippi State and Ole Miss respectively, Jordan and Rebecca taught 3rd grade for two years before moving to Northwest Haiti in June of 2015. Together, they founded Potter and Clay Ministries in mid-2017 where they serve families across Northwest Haiti. The following is information about each program their ministry sponsors.



Potter & Clay Ministries provides **malnutrition treatment** to children from across Northwest Haiti. Through loving care and support, we strive not only to keep babies alive but help their families thrive. All of Potter & Clay's programs and staff work together to provide immediate assistance to malnourished children, as well as support their families in an effort to prevent relapse and provide hope for a brighter future. Children over 6 months are treated with ready-to-eat-therapeutic food called Medika Mamba, or peanut butter medicine. A \$70 box of Medika Mamba provides treatment for a child recovering from malnutrition.

Access to **clean water** is a problem that many families across the world face, which leads to many other health and financial problems. For just \$25, you can provide a family with a bucket filter kit that will provide clean drinking water for everyone in the household!

Formula: Potter & Clay Ministries' Formula Program provides weekly formula, well-checks with a nurse, and caregiver education to each family in our program. It takes \$60 per month to provide these services to each family.

Education is a key part of development for every child. Because there is no public education in Haiti, we strive to support families in our community through school sponsorship. It costs around \$115 to send a child to school for a year. For many families in Haiti, the cost of education is too much. At Potter & Clay Ministries, it's important to us that we provide healthy ingredients that can be found in everyday Haitian life. One way that we do that is through our **agriculture program**. Since the beginning of 2020, Potter & Clay Ministries has been developing our agriculture program which will help improve families' access to nutritious food as well as a way to generate income for their families.

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5, 2023

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed the night before!

THE LORD'S DAY

November 5—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m. Combined Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Scripture: Luke 9:18-27
Sermon: "Jesus Is Asking!"
1. Do You Say That I Am?
Dr. Andrew Chaney

Children's Sermon: Shannon Melton
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Lina Elfert
Children's Church: Anna and Walter Moses

November 12 — 24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship/Stewardship Dedication
Sermon Scripture: Mark 8:34-38
Sermon: "Jesus Is Asking?"
2. Why Do You Live For?
Dr. Andrew Chaney

Children's Sermon: Elder Jan Sturdivant
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Taylor Calhoun
Children's Church: Kitty and Drew Pinkston

November 19 — 25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27
Sermon: "Jesus Is Asking"
3. Why Are You Afraid?
Dr. Andrew Chaney

Children's Sermon: Elder Pat Gullede
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Chuck Conditt
Children's Church: Carling and Brett Canterbury

November 26 — Christ the King Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon Scripture: Luke 12:25-31
Sermon: "Jesus Is Asking"
4. Why Are You Anxious?
Dr. Andrew Chaney

Children's Sermon: Elder Jane Crump
Prayer of Dedication: Elder Jimmy Lott
Children's Church: Audra and Allen Ellis

November Ushers: Richard Beattie, Wanda Clark, Wade Litton, Drew Pinkston, Claire Smith, Ryan Strawbridge

November Hospital Visitation Elder:
Elder Dallas Baker

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

November 5 - 10:35 a.m. in the Church Parlor
Children who are in the 1st grade, or older children who have not participated before, may gather around the table to learn about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Dr. Andrew Chaney, with a view to receiving their first communion on November 5.

Welcome to Our New Administrative Assistant Denise Gardner

Denise moved from Georgia to Greenwood in 1973. She attended Mississippi Delta Community College where she received an Associate Degree in Nursing. She worked many years as a Registered Nurse, the majority of which were at Greenwood Leflore Hospital. She later attended Delta State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing Education. Denise began teaching nursing at Mississippi Delta Community College in 2004, and eventually became the Director of Nursing Education. She retired from MDCC in 2020.



Denise has a son, daughter, and three grandchildren. Her son, Paul, and his family live in Greenwood. Her daughter, Amanda, and her family live in Madison. Since retiring she has enjoyed spending time with family and traveling. She is looking forward to working for First Presbyterian Church.

Denise's first day in the office is Monday, November 6. She will work M-Th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED



The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Declan Roman Beattie and Annabelle Lea Beattie on Sunday, October 22. Pictured with them is their father, Josh Beattie, and their grandfather, Richard Beattie, who served as the assisting elder.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

October 2023

1. Approved Stated and Called Session Meeting Minutes.
2. Approved the 2024 Proposed Church Budget.
3. Approved the use of Shuler Hall by Laura Oakes for a youth birthday party on Nov. 11, 2-4 p.m.
4. Approved the use of the sanctuary for the Greenwood Chorale's Fall Concert on Monday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal will be the evening before.
5. Approved providing childcare during Youth Bible study on the nights when we are not having S.A.L.T. using childcare workers that have undergone the proper screening required by the church's policy. Funds for the workers will come from the Youth budget.
6. Approved the use of the Youth/Adult Mission Trip fund balance to purchase airline tickets for the Mission trip to Guatemala from March 10 through March 16, 2024.
7. Approved a payment of \$2,881.74 for the Mullin Property 2022 Real Estate Taxes. Real Estate taxes for this parcel are now exempt going forward.
8. Authorized Richard Oakes, as Clerk of Session, to enter into the previously approved Construction Contract with K. T. Builder for the Mullin Property Improvements.
9. Approved receiving a gift of \$1,500.00 from David and Allyn Camp designated for the You Matter Ministry.
10. Approved employing Denise Gardner as Administrative Assistant, at an annual salary of \$35,000 with benefits. She will work 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday with her first day of employment being November 6, 2023.
11. Approved Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, President of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS, to preach at the 25th Kirkin' O' the Tartans service on March 3, 2024.
12. Approved the presentation of a video at the Distinguished Speaker Conference to be held in October 2023 in Montreat.
13. Approved the expenditure of \$1,000 for the lecture series which will help sponsor the conference. The money will come from the Scott Fund.
14. To approve Laura and Todd Fincher attending the conference and presenting the video.
15. Approved reimbursing Laura and Todd Fincher for their flight expenses to attend the conference. Money coming from the Scott Fund.
16. Approved paying Richard Beattie \$1,500 from the Scott Fund for producing the video.

Classics at First

PRESENTS

Somerset Peede, *violinist*

Stefan Christie, *pianist*

IN A PROGRAM OF MUSIC BY FRANZ LISZT,
ROBERT SCHUMANN, HENRI VIEUXTEMPS,
LILI BOULANGER, AND GARTH KNOX



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

AT 7 P.M.

No admission fee

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FPC's concert series, Classics at First, is excited to present two young artists, Somerset Peede and Stefan Christie, in concert on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. Somerset and Stefan are both recent graduates of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England, where they each earned masters degrees in music.

Somerset Peede, was born in Flowood, MS, but was raised in Hillsboro, VA. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Vanderbilt University in 2022. She has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra in its annual Discovery showcase, as well in a workshop with Regents Opera Company. In 2024 she will pursue further education at the Sydney Conservatorium in Sydney, Australia.

Stefan Christie is from Darwin, Australia. Earning honors in his Australian Music Examination Board grade 8 at fifteen, Stefan pursued a musical career that took him to Melbourne in 2016. There he undertook a Bachelor of Music with Honors at the University of Melbourne. Recent highlights for him have included premiering Alex Groves' "Intertwined" at Milton Court, accompanying operatic singers, and performing varied chamber music works in London. Stefan is planning to pursue an advanced degree in 2024 once back in Sydney, Australia.

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

Advent Event - Sunday, December 3

Singing Christmas Tree - December 4

Chancel Choir Program - December 10

Children's Christmas Pageant - December 17



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Junior High and Senior High
November 15 Deadline



WEDNESDAY	1	SUNDAY	5
Bible Study		Sr High Trip	
WEDNESDAY	8	SUNDAY	12
Bible Study		Progressive Dinner	
WEDNESDAY	15	SUNDAY	19
Bible Study		No Youth	
WEDNESDAY	22	SUNDAY	26
No Bible Study		No Youth	
WEDNESDAY	29		
Worship Night @ IB			



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A Covenant Order of
Evangelical Presbyterians

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Q & A Stewardship Time Sunday, Nov. 5 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Session Room.</p>			<p>1 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Time Change 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am Communion Assgnt. 10:35 am Welcome to the Table 11:00 am Worship/Communion 1:00 pm Youth Mid-South Ice House Trip @ Olive Branch</p>	<p>6 10:30 am P.W. Coordinating Team 5:00 pm Youth Comm. 5:30 pm W & M Comm. 7:00 pm Classics at First Concert</p>	<p>7 5:30 pm FPK Board</p>	<p>8 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship/ Stewardship Sunday</p>	<p>13 12:00 pm PW Noon Circle 4:30 pm Christian Ed. Comm. 5:30 pm B & G Comm.</p>	<p>14 7:00 p.m. Greenwood Chorale Concert at FPC</p>	<p>15 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast 5:30 pm Administrative Comm.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service No PYF</p>	<p>20 5:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm Session</p>	<p>21 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>22 No Noon Bible Study 12:00 pm Church Office closes</p>	<p>23 Church Office Closed </p>	<p>24 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship No PYF</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 No Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 6:00 pm Chancel Choir TBA Youth Community Worship Night @ Locus Benedictus</p>	<p>30 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast</p>		



News from First Presbyterian Kindergarten

FPK had a wonderful Grandparent's Day Art Show. Much thanks to Beth Moses for helping us with our creations this year! We've also had a busy fall with Pumpkin Day, Trick or Treating in the "Big Room" and picking cotton and other crops on the playground. Thank you, Barrett Daugherty, for helping with this! Upcoming: Artplace, visiting the Greenwood Public Library and feasting with our parents for Thanksgiving.



Caroline Strawbridge.

FPK Director



Whitney visits with college students during October at Mississippi State University and University of Mississippi



First Presbyterian Church Annual Picnic at Meltons' homes on Robert E. Lee



