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# Church Ministries and Volunteer Opportunities

**The vision of First Presbyterian Church is to be a city center church  
compelled by Christ's love to make disciples in our homes, city,  
and the world.**

**The purpose of First Presbyterian Church is to:  
Glorify the Triune God,  
Edify the church family for godly living, and  
Testify to the world about the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Note: As the Church enters spring and summer of 2021, many of the COVID 19 restrictions of 2020 are being loosened, and we hope will before long be lifted. Since the situation remains fluid, bear in mind that some ministries may still be operating on revised schedules. If you are interested in participating in a particular ministry, reach out to that ministry's contact person as listed in this directory, to find out how that ministry is working under the current restrictions.**

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## **First Presbyterian Church Ministries Volunteer Opportunities – Spring 2021**

**Camp Vesper Point:** Vesper Point is a beautiful summer camp and retreat center located on 100+ acres beside the beautiful Chickamauga Lake. A Chattanooga tradition since 1954, it became a summer home for campers and staff who love the outdoors and seek an authentic relationship with Christ. The cornerstone of each summer are staff who exemplify Christ and share their testimonies each evening during Vespers, while overlooking the lake. Water skiing, swimming, bouldering, the Hoe Down, and all sorts of adventures are stepping-stones for creating a Gospel centered community where campers and staff can flourish in the outdoors and grow in grace. Volunteer opportunities: volunteer workdays, equipment donations, and prayer.

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### **Children and Youth Ministry Team**

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**Children's Ministries:** Children's Ministry focuses on discipling our children ages infant through 5th grade. Our vision is to help kids See Jesus, Savor Jesus, and Share Jesus to the end that God would be glorified in Chattanooga and to the ends of the earth. Children's Ministry includes regular, ongoing ministries such as Sunday School, the Worship Bags Ministry (resources provided to children during early and late service services), Wednesday night Zoom meetings for PreK-5th graders, the Bible Memory Work Ministry for 2-year-olds through 5th graders, as well as special events like Operation Christmas Child, Mission Vision (missions conference for children during the church's missions conference) and Vacation Bible School (VBS) which is an opportunity to reach our children and their families as well as unchurched children and their families. Volunteer opportunities for each of the above ministries are currently available.

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For Operation Christmas Child contact:

Sharon Underdown, [sharon\\_underdown@wycliffe.org](mailto:sharon_underdown@wycliffe.org)

**Youth Department (MS/HS):** The Youth Ministry of First Presbyterian seeks to make disciples of Christ, teaching and leading students to develop a personal, transformative faith in response to the Lord's calling in their lives. Through small groups, Sunday teaching, worship, retreats, mission trips, events, and one-on-one mentorship, Youth Ministry at First Pres fosters a gospel-centered, authentic community of servants of Christ. We long for a Scripture-saturated culture in which students can be vulnerable with others as they seek to know the Lord and live a life in light of eternity. Volunteer opportunities: Sunday School teaching, weekly Youth Group, small group Bible studies, retreats & conferences.

Zach Mashburn, [zach@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:zach@1stpresbyterian.com)

Janie Boals, [janie@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:janie@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Pray for Me:** One Hundred Years is a family of ministries committed to serving the church by helping every generation bring the Greatness of God to each emerging generation. The Pray-for-Me campaign is our newest ministry to accomplish this vision. The PFMC gives every young person connected to the church a team of 3 adult Prayer Champions from 3 different generations to pray for them for a year. Passing on a sustainable faith begins with prayer. You can make a difference in the life of a young person by becoming a Prayer Champion today!

Tony Souder, [tony@theyouthnetwork.org](mailto:tony@theyouthnetwork.org)

**Church Care Ministry Team:** Church members interested in volunteering in any of the ministries described below may contact the leader of that ministry or the pastor who heads up the Team:

Chris Ehlers, [chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Assimilation:** Assimilation is the process by which a person visits the church, desires to join, completes the Inquirer's Class, meets with an Elder, is accepted into membership, and is then enfolded into the life of the church in a comprehensive way. During the process, inquirers are encouraged to use

some simple assessment tools that help them identify their spiritual gifts and areas of ministry they are passionate about. They are encouraged to worship regularly, join a Sunday School class and/or a small group and get involved in a ministry. Church members who volunteer to help with Assimilation can help administer the spiritual gifts tools, assist with the Inquirer's Class, or come alongside new members as they get "plugged in."

Chris Ehlers, [chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Congregational Care:** Congregational Care is a large umbrella of opportunities to serve our members, and especially our senior adults at First Presbyterian. Our Honor Roll lists about 100 members who are unable to attend worship or other activities regularly. Volunteers keep in touch through phone calls, notes and visits. Annual deliveries of small cakes and poinsettias during holidays help to remind the recipients that they are remembered. A special focus on widows and widowers culminates in an annual luncheon highlighted by the choir and many helpers. Volunteers can also serve by participating in Monday morning prayer group and receiving and using the church prayer email.

Chris Ehlers, [ChrisEhlers@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:ChrisEhlers@1stpresbyterian.com)

Teresa North, [northh@comcast.net](mailto:northh@comcast.net)

Priscilla George, [csps@epbfi.com](mailto:csps@epbfi.com)

**Bereavement Meals:** As an extension of Care and Concern within the church, this committee was formed for the purpose of serving a meal for the family of a deceased church member following his/her funeral or memorial service. Several teams, headed by a leader and co-leader, rotate their opportunities for service. Generally, any volunteer will only be called upon to serve a meal at every 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> funeral.

Marilyn Boxell, [msboxell@epbfi.com](mailto:msboxell@epbfi.com)

**Card-E-Ology:** The Card-E-Ology ministry makes free cards in several categories for First Presbyterian members and friends to use to encourage others. We are dedicated to sending our God's Holy Word in every card we make. We create cards and also repurpose donated cards. Cards are made for the general population, for other ministries in the church (such as, Care and Concern and the Children's Ministry), and for visiting missionaries. This is a volunteer ministry, and anyone who can sort, cut, fold, and/or glue and design is welcome to join us. We would love to have more workers, as we stay busy with the 3000+

cards we make each year. We meet most Fridays!

Jean Hawkins, [jenetics7@gmail.com](mailto:jenetics7@gmail.com)

Sharon Rorex, [srorex@gmail.com](mailto:srorex@gmail.com)

**Cards:** Individuals designated for the month take time to send notes and cards to Honor Roll / Honored Friends and Seniors who are celebrating a birthday. Volunteers also send notes to new parents, new members, those who have recently lost a loved one, and those who are marking the first year after the passing of a spouse, child or parent.

Joan Moore, [jocamo388@gmail.com](mailto:jocamo388@gmail.com)

Sue Sawrie, [suesawrie@gmail.com](mailto:suesawrie@gmail.com)

**Care and Concern visits:** Care and Concern is the visitation ministry at First Pres where volunteers offer encouragement to our homebound members by visiting them in their homes and bringing small gifts.

Priscilla George, [csps@epbfi.com](mailto:csps@epbfi.com)

Don Elkins, [donelkins@epbfi.com](mailto:donelkins@epbfi.com)

Gigi Gross, [gggross@epbfi.com](mailto:gggross@epbfi.com)

**Honor Roll:** First Presbyterian's honor roll consists of members who are home bound or need assistance getting around (Honored Friends). Volunteers are needed to encourage our honor roll members by delivering Easter cakes and Christmas gifts, sending cards, making calls, and paying visits to members' homes.

Mary Coleman, [mcoleman0718@yahoo.com](mailto:mcoleman0718@yahoo.com)

**TLC - Touching Lives for Christ:** Volunteer to be part of the committee in your neighborhood which takes a meal to someone who is ill, has been hospitalized, had a baby, or experienced a death in the family.

C.C. Edwards, [ccgedwards@comcast.net](mailto:ccgedwards@comcast.net)

Teresa North, [north@comcast.net](mailto:north@comcast.net)

Ann Walldorf, [acwalldorf@gmail.com](mailto:acwalldorf@gmail.com)

**New Babies Ministry:** This ministry coordinates communication of a baby's birth throughout the church so that different ministries and

church personnel can do their part in ministering and serving the baby and family.

Mary Haberkorn, [mary.haberkorn@gmail.com](mailto:mary.haberkorn@gmail.com)

**Widows/Widowers Ministry:** The widows and widowers outreach team seeks to serve our church community by periodically planning luncheons and outings for our widowed members. We also send cards and make phone calls of encouragement.

Ann Walldorf, [acwalldorf@gmail.com](mailto:acwalldorf@gmail.com)

**Coffee-Coke Fellowship:** A time for fellowship following the 10:55 Sunday worship services. [COVID 19 restrictions put this ministry on hold. Stay tuned for an announcement of when it will recommence and exactly what form it will take.]

Leslie Cory, [lesliecory@comcast.net](mailto:lesliecory@comcast.net)

**Daily Hospital/sick/bereaved prayer list:** A daily email list of anyone in the hospital, prayer requests, newly bereaved, new additions, and military associated with First Pres.

[Office@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:Office@1stpresbyterian.com)

**E-prayer list:** Receive up-to-the-minute prayer requests from church members, their families and friends, via email.

Gigi Gross, [gggross@epbfi.com](mailto:gggross@epbfi.com)

**Flower Ministry: Flower Ministry:** The floral arrangements in the Sanctuary each Sunday during worship services are generously donated by our members. When the flowers are no longer needed in the Sanctuary, volunteers meet, take the flowers apart, and arrange them into smaller bouquets for those in the hospital, nursing homes, etc. Volunteers are needed to donate and to deliver flowers.

Connie Crawford, [missconnie2u@epbfi.com](mailto:missconnie2u@epbfi.com)

Gigi Gross, [gggross@epbfi.com](mailto:gggross@epbfi.com)

**Golf Cart Ministry:** The golf cart ministry, administered by the Deacons, provides transportation to attendees in need of help getting from a church parking lot to the church entrance, between both early and late church

services. We like to have enough volunteer cart drivers to allow each volunteer to serve only 2 Sundays each year.

Rick Collins, [recollins@epbfi.com](mailto:recollins@epbfi.com)

**Greeters:** Each Sunday, volunteers stand at the Connector, the black and white foyer, and the Douglas Street doors (in addition to the main nursery door) to greet everyone who enters the building. The greeters offer a bulletin or other information as well as a friendly smile and warm welcome to First Pres. These volunteers are the face of the church and make the “first impression.” A minimum of 4 volunteers are needed each week.

Marilyn Boxell, [msboxell@epbfi.com](mailto:msboxell@epbfi.com)

**IAWL (It’s A Wonderful Life):** A ministry that serves the senior adult members and friends of our church. The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from September to May. Each gathering begins with a time of fellowship, followed by the meeting itself which includes a devotional, prayer, special program, and a hot lunch afterwards. The cost of the lunch is \$6.00. In addition, there is also a day bus trip in the fall and spring. A newsletter for this group is printed 5 times a year. For more information contact

David Cooper, [cannon55@epbfi.com](mailto:cannon55@epbfi.com)

**Phone prayer chain:** A long time mission for some of First Presbyterian’s women to call other women members to join them in prayer for serious medical needs of any church member.

Mary Katherine Pace, [perazzi@comcast.net](mailto:perazzi@comcast.net)

**Stephen Ministry:** A lay caring ministry of the Church: Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community experiencing challenges in life—grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. To learn how to become a Stephen Minister—or to receive care from one—Contact a pastor or Stephen Leader.

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## Support Groups:

**Beatitude Living:** A Christian Women's 12 Step Program Committed to Recovery. Some of the needs addressed include perfectionism, control, codependency, eating disorders, or coping with the addictions of a family member or friend. Tuesdays 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM, Room 404.

Nancy Mills 423-266-5007, [nmills322@aol.com](mailto:nmills322@aol.com)

Gail Pinchak 423-605-1740, [gailpinchak@yahoo.com](mailto:gailpinchak@yahoo.com)

**Caregivers Support Group:** The Caregiver's Support Ministry gives encouragement to those who are caring for loved ones. Volunteers are needed to call, write, and/or visit caregivers.

Marcia Christian, [mjchris9@gmail.com](mailto:mjchris9@gmail.com)

**Griefshare:** Griefshare's goal is to provide help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. It is a support group that, when active, meets weekly and consists of a video seminar, a workbook and group discussion led by a facilitator. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your journey through grief.

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## **Deacons:** *An elected office*

(Chairman) Jasper Reynolds, [jasper@liftmediagroup.com](mailto:jasper@liftmediagroup.com)

(Vice-Chair) Patrick Frees, [frees47@gmail.com](mailto:frees47@gmail.com)

(Secretary) Bob Jackson, [bojengr@epbfi.com](mailto:bojengr@epbfi.com)

(Treasurer) David Gaither, [dgaither@scoreintl.org](mailto:dgaither@scoreintl.org)

(Past Chairman) Dale Rardin, [DaleRardin10@gmail.com](mailto:DaleRardin10@gmail.com)

## Deacon Committees and Teams:

**Facilities Team:** Concerned with the state and condition of Church facilities and property, planning for ministry uses of the facilities, its maintenance and general upkeep. The Committee prioritizes and presents needs as part of the budget process and identifies any situations which require immediate action to the Diaconate. When

required and as necessary, the Committee plays an important role in the development and monitoring of a facilities long term master plan, ongoing maintenance plan, and building or renovation projects.

Mitch Everhart, [mitcheverhart@gmail.com](mailto:mitcheverhart@gmail.com)

**Communication Committee:** This is an “open committee,” welcoming any member who would like to work to enhance the Church’s communications both inside and outside the Church.

Mitch Everhart, [mitcheverhart@gmail.com](mailto:mitcheverhart@gmail.com)

**Budget Committee:** Responsible for developing, preparing and implementing the annual operating budget known as the Deacon's Budget. This is done in conjunction with church staff and lay ministry leaders of the various departments and ministries of FPC. The Committee will present the new Budget to the Finance Committee, then to the Board of Deacons and the Session, and then introduce the new year's budget to the Congregation in March.

James Woods, [jamesawoods@me.com](mailto:jamesawoods@me.com)

**Mercy & Compassion:** The Mercy and Compassion Team is in charge of benevolence to church members and walk ins. Member assistance is led by the shepherds who present requests to the team on a case by case basis. Walk-ins are served through the Rapha program, a relationship focused ministry that seeks to walk alongside our neighbors in need through a weekly meal and Scripture based educational classes in the areas of relationships, finances, and work. Volunteer Opportunities: Co-leader in weekly Rapha classes, ally/mentor to participants, managing the Attire for Hire store, walk-in appointments, and more!

John Parkhurst, [japarkhurst@gmail.com](mailto:japarkhurst@gmail.com)

**Finance Committee:** Oversees all financial activities of the Church to include oversight of gifts, financial policies, reports, financial documents and practices. The Committee also reviews all church audits, church receipts, disbursements, accounts that are unaudited and receives and reviews requests for money not previously approved. The Finance Committee is the first line of approval for the annual Deacons Budget.

John Henegar, [johnhenegarcpa@gmail.com](mailto:johnhenegarcpa@gmail.com)

**Ministry Support Team:** All available Deacons, both active and inactive, are requested to serve on Usher Duty. A head usher is assigned for each service.

The chairman and his co-chairman will arrange for all to serve on a rotation basis so that enough ushers are on duty for every worship service. Deacons will also be assigned for requested helps with church related ministry functions, funerals, musical programs and other special services at during the year.

David Barrett, [mrdavidlbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:mrdavidlbarrett@gmail.com)

**Security Team:** Develops and implements security, communication and emergency protocols to be followed during services and other events held at the church. Concerns that this team plans for would include fire, medical emergency, disasters and other various ways that might present a threat of bodily harm to the membership while worshiping in the facilities. This committee assigns and staffs deacons and other members at large as required for church services and other events as needed.

Josh Green, [joshuapgreene@gmail.com](mailto:joshuapgreene@gmail.com)

**Leadership Development Team:** Identifying, vetting and nominating qualified candidates for election to the office of Deacon. The team also evaluates elements of the Diaconate's culture and structure that may be speaking the "wrong" message to the next generation of young leaders, potentially hurting recruiting and retention, and makes proposals to the Diaconate accordingly. The committee is made up of all Diaconate committee chairs/team leaders plus 3 at-large members selected by the Diaconate Chairman.

Patrick Frees, [frees47@gmail.com](mailto:frees47@gmail.com)

**Discipleship Ministry Team:** Church members interested in volunteering in any of the ministries described below may contact the leader of that ministry or the pastor who heads up the Team:

Pastor Mike Haberkorn, [mike@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:mike@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Adult Sunday school:** Joining others in fellowship, Bible study, discussion and prayer is a great way to grow in faith but also to establish close relationships with fellow believers. There are many classes covering a range of topics and groups for all adults from college age through seniors. Volunteer opportunities: teaching, hospitality.

Don Holwerda, [don@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:don@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Note: If you are interested in attending one of the classes listed below, check on the church website, or with the teacher or Don Holwerda to find out whether the class is meeting in person at the Church, online via Zoom (or both), or is in hiatus (\*). Before you attend the first time, check to confirm the meeting room, as Covid restrictions have resulted in some changes.**

**“Choir Sunday Devotions”** – \*Temporarily on hold during COVID.  
**“Chapter by Chapter”** – George Clark & Brad Gruner; Tower Room 804  
**“Fellowship Class”** – Don Bostick; Tower Room 211  
**“Welcome All”** – Travis Hutchinson; Tower Room 301  
**“International Students”** – Andy Fischer, Tower Room 803 (\*re-start June)  
**“Joy of Learning”** – Steve and Sue Sawrie; Tower Room 258  
**“Link Class”** – Bruce Cory; Tower Room 303  
**“McCallie/Anderson/Clyatt Class”** – Sam Clyatt; Chapel (\*re-start fall)  
**“Prayer Committee”** – Bill Hartshorn, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
**“Redeemed by the Word”** – Jerry Stauffer; Fellowship Hall  
**“Rocking Chair Class”** – Dr. Frank Eldridge; Tower Room 302  
**“Young Families Class”** – Ryan & Heather Ewalt, Mike Haberkorn; Room 210

**In addition to these regularly meeting classes, the Adult Sunday School Department occasionally offers studies on specific topics that meet for a season and then disband. These studies are advertised on the church web site.**

**History and Church Archives:** The Archives for the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga is the physical repository of the historical documents and artifacts pertaining to the church from its founding in 1840. Worship services and ministries are documented and organized chronologically. Special attention focuses on gathering weekly worship service bulletins and announcement sheets. These contain the heart of the record of occasions in our church for worship, education, fellowship and service. Special seasonal activities to record include those of Camp Vesper Point, Missions Conferences, and other special gatherings. There are numerous sources for additional contributions that are considered for inclusion. Volunteers meet weekly to maintain these records.

Harriett Berman, [bermans@epbfi.com](mailto:bermans@epbfi.com)

**Library:** The library contains a rich collection of books and media resources acquired to support church ministry. Opportunities for service include cataloging and shelving books, assisting with book selection, making book recommendations, and encouraging patrons. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, contact,

Don Holwerda, [don@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:don@1stpresbyterian.com)

### **Men's Ministry**

**Becoming a Spiritual Reproducer** is a small group video-based training series for mature Christians to learn how to become a disciplemaker. There are seven sessions in the series which include a "Disciplemaker's Story", an Instructional video, and homework for each session.

Lee Atchley, [leeatchley7@gmail.com](mailto:leeatchley7@gmail.com)

Mike Lapihuska, [mlapihuska@cbmc.com](mailto:mlapihuska@cbmc.com)

**Father's Ministry:** Do you want to be a better father, a better man, need accountability in your life, live a life of intentionality directed at those you love most; your family? Most men naturally want to be better fathers, better husbands, better men. FATHERS is a relationship building, accountability providing, thought provoking program designed to provide practical, simple, doable steps to becoming that better father, husband and man. For all fathers who aren't in heaven. This ministry meets weekly, but was suspended during Covid. Plans are to re-start in the fall of 2021.

Mike Kramer, [mkramer@setrustco.com](mailto:mkramer@setrustco.com)

**Midweek Ministry:** Midweek is our large fellowship gathering on Wednesday nights intended to encourage, equip, and empower our church family to reflect the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to one another and beyond through diverse ministry opportunities and teaching for all ages. From mercy ministry to student ministry to adult equipping seminars and more, there is something for everyone! Volunteer opportunities: collecting money, serving line, helping with the various ministries that meet that night. [Stay tuned for announcements on when and how activities will proceed as COVID restrictions are lifted.]

Mike Haberkorn, [mike@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:mike@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Small Groups:** Small Groups are about relationships: growing in our relationship with God and deepening our relationships with others. Within these small groups, men and women can experience fellowship with others as they practice applying the gospel to their lives. Composed of 5-12 people, small groups meet in various places throughout Chattanooga. All groups are led by trained leaders from our congregation, who receive oversight and support from our pastoral staff. Each small group determines how often it will meet, but groups typically meet two to four times a month. A small group meeting generally consists of worship, Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Many groups will participate in service projects or social events as well. To learn how to become involved with a small group, contact Mike Haberkorn. Volunteer opportunities include hosting or leading a small group.

Mike Haberkorn, [mike@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:mike@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Life on Life Groups:** The Journey is a gospel-centered resource for discipleship, designed to help a disciple maker develop mature and equipped followers of Christ, who will be able to do the same with others. The curriculum is broken out into three years (Red, Blue, or Green) that are available for individual purchase. Your involvement in a Journey Group will result in you working through an intentional plan for spiritual growth, maturing in your spiritual life, and being equipped to share these principles with others. Your Journey Group will meet regularly in weekly meetings, and Journey Group members are asked to commit to one year at a time. Volunteer opportunities include leading or co-leading a Journey Group.

Mike Haberkorn, [mike@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:mike@1stpresbyterian.com)

### **Women's Ministries:**

Sue Sawrie, [suesawrie@gmail.com](mailto:suesawrie@gmail.com)

Susan Whitacre, [whitacre.susan@gmail.com](mailto:whitacre.susan@gmail.com)

Melissa Guinn, [melissamguinn@gmail.com](mailto:melissamguinn@gmail.com)

### **Bible Studies:\***

Grace and Peace. Weekly, Tuesdays at 9:45 AM, 10<sup>th</sup> Fl Tower.

Katie Dowlen, [skdowlen@epbfi.com](mailto:skdowlen@epbfi.com)

Generations. Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:45 AM, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower/Zoom and 7:30PM on Zoom

Melissa Guinn, [melissamguinn@gmail.com](mailto:melissamguinn@gmail.com)

Precept. Weekly, Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, Nell Davis Classroom.

Mimi Willis, [mimi2@mindspring.com](mailto:mimi2@mindspring.com)

Women of the Covenant. Weekly, Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower

Sandy Hartley, [lorshartley@comcast.net](mailto:lorshartley@comcast.net)

Bonded in Fellowship. Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:45 PM, Fellowship Lounge

Norma Cate, [nrcate48@epbfi.com](mailto:nrcate48@epbfi.com)

ONE. Second and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, Small groups meet at 5:30 or 7:30, with large group lesson at 6:30 PM, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower/Zoom/Home

Mary Haberkorn, [mary.haberkorn@gmail.com](mailto:mary.haberkorn@gmail.com)

**\*All meetings are subject to change – please contact the Bible study leader for updates.**

**Mom2Mom:** A mentoring ministry for mothers of young children. Monthly, 4th Friday at 10am, 10th Floor Tower.

Angie House, [angela.nail@yahoo.com](mailto:angela.nail@yahoo.com)

**Monday Morning Prayer Group:** Prayer for our church family and missionaries. Weekly, Monday at 10:00 AM, Session Room.

Faith Cochran, [\(423\) 894-5742](tel:(423)894-5742)

**Titus 2 Discipleship Groups:** A ministry of intentional discipleship based on the mandate in Titus 2:3-5 of older women teaching younger women to think biblically and live covenantally. An older woman possessing faith and spiritual maturity enters into a nurturing relationship with younger women in order to encourage and equip them to live for God's glory. These groups of about four to six younger women meet periodically with one or two older women. If interested, please contact Sandy Hartley.

Sandy Hartley, [lorshartley@comcast.net](mailto:lorshartley@comcast.net)

**Outreach Ministry Team and Outreach Partnership:** Working to grow congregational involvement in spreading the Gospel. Church members interested in volunteering in any of the ministries described below may contact the leader of that ministry or the leader of the Outreach Ministry Team:

Lauch McKinnon, [lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net](mailto:lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net)

**Channels of Love** (Thanksgiving baskets): Channels of Love is a ministry to people and families affected by HIV/AIDS. First Pres members have been giving food baskets at Thanksgiving to their clients for close to 15 years now. Some of our members have led their weekly Bible studies and serve in their office.

Mark Jenkins, [markjenkins50@hotmail.com](mailto:markjenkins50@hotmail.com)

**College Outreach Committee:** First Pres seeks to minister to college students through meeting practical needs (hospitality, discipleship, etc.) and supporting existing campus ministries (RUF and others). We welcome your ideas for new ways to communicate Christ's love to students! If you are interested in volunteering to work with college students, contact:

Mike Haberkorn, [mike@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:mike@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Good News Clubs:** The Good News Club at Orchard Knob Elementary is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in which trained volunteers meet with children to present an exciting Bible lesson with songs and other fun activities. Each club includes a clear presentation of the Gospel and an opportunity for children to trust Jesus as their Savior. Members can volunteer by being on the Prayer Team, the Club Team, or the Snack Team.

Nancy Hill, [hills1113@comcast.net](mailto:hills1113@comcast.net)

**Kids Hope USA:** Kids Hope is a children's ministry that represents a "church/school" partnership. Volunteer mentors from 1st Pres. Church are trained and paired with disadvantaged students at Orchard Knob Elem. Mentors invest one hour a week, during the school day, to encourage and help change the trajectory of a child's life. We are also seeking dedicated prayer partners to be behind-the-scenes support persons for each mentoring relationship. For more information, contact:

Lauch McKinnon, [lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net](mailto:lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net)

**Outreach Funding (Home Missions):** The purpose of the Outreach Funding Committee is to further enable the ministry of First Pres and its membership by providing funds to support ministry activities which reflect obedience to the Scriptures and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Chattanooga area, in the East Tennessee/North Georgia region, and elsewhere within the United States of America.

Lauch McKinnon, [lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net](mailto:lauch-mckinnon@comcast.net)



**Prison Ministry Committee:** The Prison Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry where volunteers walk alongside individuals who are incarcerated. Volunteers are needed to help address the spiritual needs of prisoners by caring for and discipling them, and facilitating their return to families, the Christian community, and society.

Steve Schwieger, [stephen.schwieger@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.schwieger@gmail.com)

**Metanoia Prison Ministries:** The PCA's prison ministry is headquartered here at First Pres. One thing it offers is correspondence courses to prisoners by matching them with church members as graders and encouragers. Join more than 20 First Pres members doing this good work!

Mark Casson, [mcasson@pcanet.org](mailto:mcasson@pcanet.org)

**Prison Ministries (Walker State Prison):** First Pres raises and trains male mentors for ministry at Walker State Prison. More than 100 mentors disciple twice monthly in two-hour one-on-one sessions. Mentors are needed for the 80-90 prisoners on the waiting list.

Alan Bonderud, [arbonderud@gmail.com](mailto:arbonderud@gmail.com)

Doug Craven, [dccraven@comcast.net](mailto:dccraven@comcast.net)

**Women's Prison Ministry at The Next Door:** First Pres serves prisoners at The Next Door on Moccasin Bend, a pre-release facility for women leaving State Prison. Opportunities are available to women in our congregation to mentor residents and to join in select group activities there.

Leslie Cory, [lesliecory@comcast.net](mailto:lesliecory@comcast.net)

**Rapha** is ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga that seeks to build relationships with our neighbors in need. While conventional mercy ministry relies on financial handouts, Rapha invites our neighbors in need into healing relationships with a loving church family.

Shad Guinn, [sguinn@unitedenertech.com](mailto:sguinn@unitedenertech.com)

Wednesday nights:

Fellowship Dinner 5:30-6:15

Classes: 6:15-7:30

Rapha offers three different educational courses. Note: If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Adams at [Pam@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:Pam@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Faith & Works** - focuses on the gifts that God has given and why He created work. Participants will create a resume, create and present a life map, create a 60 second commercial for potential employers, and so much more.

**Faith and Finances-** focuses on discussions about how we spend, manage, and save our money in a way that honors God, guards us against emergencies, and allows us to provide for our families. Participants will role play, set short-term and long-term savings goals, and create a custom monthly spending plan.

**Faith and Relationships-** Discussion focuses on our relationships with God and interpersonal relationships with each other, for example marriage and childrearing.

With a dedicated team of classroom facilitators, prayer warriors and lay mentors, Rapha is equipping the congregation to grow as a more welcoming church home for our neighbors in need. Rapha needs more volunteers like you!

**Sacred Road Mission Trip (Yakama, WA):** church team trip to White Swan, Washington to join our home missions team on the reservation, sharing the love of Jesus by repairing homes, working and playing with children during Kids Club, interacting with adults during Bible lessons and informal activities.  
David Hempy, [dhempy@sphereone.net](mailto:dhempy@sphereone.net)

**Samaritan Road:** (Suspended during COVID, evaluating how best to re-start.) Historically, members meet on Fridays at First Pres for prayer at 9:00 and then drive as a group to the Salvation Army on McCallie Avenue. They then provide music, devotion, and breakfast for approximately 60 individuals. Salvation Army's case workers also send screened referrals for consideration of financial assistance. Ministry includes sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, encouragement, friendship, counseling, and prayer. We pray that the Lord of the Harvest will raise up additional workers.

Hugh Huffaker, [hhuffaker@mcgriffinsurance.com](mailto:hhuffaker@mcgriffinsurance.com)

Tom Norman, [tomnorman840@comcast.net](mailto:tomnorman840@comcast.net)

**Volunteers in Medicine:** VIM Chattanooga is a faith based free health clinic for qualified adults. Our employees coordinate more than 100 volunteers monthly including doctors, nurses, lab techs and clerical such as registration, and computer and phone work.

Ron Jobe, [rjobe55@gmail.com](mailto:rjobe55@gmail.com)

**Website & technology:** Media & Technology Ministry provides First Pres members with the following:

- Access to Sermon Audio and/or Video anytime at [1stpresbyterian.com](http://1stpresbyterian.com). Click on Sermons.
- For CDs and DVDs, please contact Seth Pangle, 648-7934 or [seth@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:seth@1stpresbyterian.com).
- Radio broadcast at 11am on 102.3 FM. Or listen online at [www.wgow.com](http://www.wgow.com).
- Operation of equipment such as Soundboards, slideshows, or cameras.
- Help members with technology instruction such as laptops, mobile phones, wifi, etc.

Mitch Everhart, [mitcheverhart@gmail.com](mailto:mitcheverhart@gmail.com)

Seth Pangle, [seth@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:seth@1stpresbyterian.com)

**Partnership III, Church Growth Partnership:** Working to grow our congregation to better reflect the Chattanooga community. Church members interested in volunteering with this ministry should contact:

Mike Kramer, [mkramer@setrustcom.com](mailto:mkramer@setrustcom.com)

**Session (the Church's governing body of Elders; Church Elder is an *elected office*)**

Standing committees, ministry teams, and commissions: Advisory Committee, Camp Vesper Point (CVP) Ministry Team, Church Growth Ministry Team, Church Impact Ministry Team, Church Care Ministry Team, Church Discipleship Ministry Team, Communion Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Prayer Committee, Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee, Standing Judicial Commission, World Missions Ministry Team, and Worship and Music Ministry Team.

Mike Alston, Clerk of Session, [michael.alston@huschblackwell.com](mailto:michael.alston@huschblackwell.com)

### **World Missions:**

World Missions is the foreign missions arm of First Presbyterian Church tasked with making disciples in the **world**—facilitated through the targeted selection and funding of missionaries, indigenous church planters, short-term teams, and projects that promote the establishment, growth, and maturation of indigenous-led churches and movements in strategic global cities.

Sandy Pierce, [spierce@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:spierce@1stpresbyterian.com)

Mike Kramer, [mkramer@setrustcom.com](mailto:mkramer@setrustcom.com)

World Missions offers a variety of ways to volunteer one's time and talents that include service on the following committees: World Missions, World Relief and Development, Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet, First Friends, and Prayer Team. Additional ways to serve include providing hospitality to visiting missionaries, participating on a short-term mission trip, and volunteering for events and jobs during the annual World Missions Conference held in October.

**First Friends:** A team of caring First Pres. Friends of all ages who unconditionally befriend and love international college students and scholars while they study locally. We offer Bible studies, conversational English classes, recreational activities, parties, concerts, sports/games, shared meals, and a listening ear. Join us to serve our Lord by taking care of His young "strangers in a strange land." If you can smile and be a friend, you're totally qualified to volunteer. Join First Friends to serve Our Lord and stay for the love and fun.

Ashton Freeman, [ashtonjfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:ashtonjfreeman@gmail.com)

Charlene Hatmaker, [charmtw@hotmail.com](mailto:charmtw@hotmail.com)

Karen Payne, [karenkpayne@comcast.net](mailto:karenkpayne@comcast.net)

**Missionary Closet:** The Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet provides quality, up-to-date clothing, accessories, and luggage to missionaries supported by First Pres and Lookout Mountain Pres. Volunteers are needed monthly to sort and display donations and to assist during the World Missions Conference in October. Volunteers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 9-11 am on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Tower building.

Diane Denham, [dianelook@comcast.net](mailto:dianelook@comcast.net)

Priscilla George, [csps@epbfi.com](mailto:csps@epbfi.com)

**Mission Vision:** Children's Missions Conference held in conjunction with the annual World Missions Conference  
Sandy Pierce, [spierce@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:spierce@1stpresbyterian.com)  
Misha Sisco, [misha@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:misha@1stpresbyterian.com)

### **Music and Worship Ministry:**

#### **Music and Worship Ministry Team**

Steve Hawkins, Elder and Chairman, [shawkins@epbfi.com](mailto:shawkins@epbfi.com)  
Mike Haberkorn, Assistant Pastor, Discipleship, Children and Youth  
West Breedlove, Director of Worship  
Darrin Hasservoort, Interim Choral Director  
Susan Whitacre, Music Assistant, Instrumental Coordinator

#### **Music Staff:**

West Breedlove, Director of Worship, [west@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:west@1stpresbyterian.com)  
Darrin Hasservoort, Interim Choral Director  
Aubrey Joynt, Music Assistant  
Susan Whitacre, Music Assistant, Instrumental Coordinator  
Sigrid Luther, Pianist  
Judy Glass, Organist

#### **Music Ministry –**

Our mission: As a ministry of music, our goal is God: to delight in him and help others do the same through the great hymns of the faith and the fresh, doctrinally rich songs of our day (Col 3:16, Eph 5:19). As a ministry our aim is to help the Church extol the greatness, wonder, beauty, and perfections of our God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through the finished work of Jesus Christ. Volunteer Opportunities: Adult choir, Instrumental Ensemble, audio techs, vocalists, worship band musicians (guitar, bass, keyboard, percussion).

**Notes to volunteers and ministry leaders:**

- (1) If you want to volunteer and are having trouble connecting with a ministry leader, contact Leslie Cory ([lesliecory@comcast.net](mailto:lesliecory@comcast.net) or (423) 304-9674), or Jessica Bayless (Communications and Community Coordination, [Jessica@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:Jessica@1stpresbyterian.com)).**
- (2) If your ministry is listed in this directory and you need to make changes, please contact the church office ([office@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:office@1stpresbyterian.com) or 267-1206).**