

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Class

8:30 a.m.

*Worship Service**

9:30 a.m.

Children's Church

9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)

**Childcare provided*

Wednesday

LOGOS

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

February 2018

From Pastor Matthew D. Froeschle

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Your leadership team, the Session, is embarking upon a process of discernment and visioning this year. We are seeking feedback from members with regard to what things are central to our identity, what we do well, and how we might improve and adapt in the future to better serve Christ and community.

THREE WORDS

As I think in very general terms about what Jesus desires for ALL believers, three words come to mind: Discipleship, Evangelism, and Mission. They get to the core of what following Jesus is all about.

DISCIPLESHIP

Who are the friends with whom you can speak openly and honestly about life and faith? Who are the people that not only encourage you to grow closer to Jesus, but are also enjoyable for you to spend time with? It's time to make a point to meet with those people weekly. They need you to encourage them, and you need them to challenge you. That is what Jesus modeled and practiced.

Discipleship happens inside - but mostly outside the church building. Every Monday I meet with three or four other fellow believers and we share the good, the bad, and the ugly of life as we seek to know Jesus better and obey God. This type of meeting offers refreshment, challenge, and accountability. We all need it. We are fooling ourselves if we think we can go it alone. Jesus certainly didn't invite us into isolation. He welcomed us into community. It can get really lonely out there.

EVANGELISM

Admittedly, this is a scary word that can conjure up any number of images - both good and bad. But at its core, evangelism is simply sharing good news. And we have good news to share - God is love! But where and how shall we share the faith that means so much to us? It is God's desire that love increase - but how can folks know of God's love and grace if we don't testify to it? We are to share with great respect and sensitivity, of course. After all, this isn't about forcing anyone to believe exactly as we believe - it is shining and inviting. We don't have all the answers, but we do have a relationship with Jesus. Shouldn't we introduce our best friend to others?

I'm not good at this. I'm timid. But I want to get better. I don't want to be obnoxious, but neither do I want to live my whole life and not share the good news that transforms and redeems me. I want to be motivated by love, not fear. It's time to tell the story, not out of duty or in order to "fix" other people - but for the joy of it!

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Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming to help those in need.
Food may be left in Narthex.

February: Crackers

MISSION

Our mission is to serve others. We are to do what Jesus told us to do - acts of love with no strings attached. We have been instructed by our Lord Jesus to minister unto others with great humility - and especially honor those who are overlooked. All of us are missionaries. What does the mission field look like? Where are the opportunities here in Mattoon to use our unique gifts and talents in service of others?

I can be way too selfish and isolated. It's high time to give back. I serve in Rotary, but I could do so much more to help other people and spend time outside of my living room. What about you?

Anyway - I was simply reflecting on the core values of the church. Along with the Session, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and dreams and ideas for the future. Jesus is doing great things - and new things. He is very much alive. May His body - the church - also thrive. May we embrace our core mission and the gospel we have received. May we discover the unique ways in which we can contribute to the Kingdom - in concert with all other believers.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Matthew



The Sweethearts Spaghetti Dinner will be on Saturday, February 17, in the Fellowship Hall at 1st Presbyterian Church. Please sign up in the Narthex so you can join us for this wonderful event. The Middle School and High School Youth Group will be putting this event on for all of you. They will be your servers for the night as they wait on you hand and foot. There is no cost to you, but we would accept a donation to go towards future activities for the kids to attend. Our serving times are at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please sign up for the time that you are most interested in and as well as how many people will be with you.

We Need Your Card Tables!!! If you would like to donate a card table to the Sweethearts Spaghetti Dinner, please have it to the church no later than Friday, February 16th. Make sure that your name is on the bottom of the table, so we know who it belongs to. You can set it in the Narthex or take it into the Fellowship Hall and set it on the stage. You will be able to retrieve your table on Sunday, February 18. We promise no card tables will be harmed in this event. – Toby

Breakfast

Ash Wednesday, February 14th All Church Breakfast join us in the Fellowship hall for a full breakfast at 6:50 a.m. followed by a short Ash Wednesday service. We will have you on your way by 7:30 a.m. Donations of \$2.00 per person.



A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

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 F Y P C F M P C X W I S Q M W I S
 G Z S D I N S D A X L T R N X L T

A R J Q C C S B F K Y X H L Q B Y I
 E S M R F G T C I L A Y J M R D A L
 I T P S I K U D L M C Z L N S F C O

JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)



What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.

Bible Quiz

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

ANGELS
 death LIFE depth
 present HEIGHT
 FUTURE demons

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."

February EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 1

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Mission Stitchers 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

B & G Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle 7:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

All church breakfast 6:50 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Sweetheart Dinner
5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 19



Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 20

PEO 9:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
PEO 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 26

Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

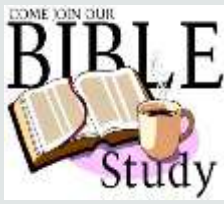
Wednesday, Feb. 28

LOGOS 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Faith Step

Make a list of "good" things you can do for others. Ask Jesus to produce His goodness through you, wherever you go.





The Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 3

Steve Ball

Feb. 4

Jerry Parker
Lon Miller
Jenna Maulding
Kelsey Smitley

Feb. 5

Michelle Glenn

Feb. 7

Karen Huffmaster
Andrew Montgomery

Feb. 9

Barclay Mills

Feb. 13

Roberta McRoberts

Feb. 17

Tom Oakley

Feb. 18

Elizabeth Froeschle

Feb. 25

Debra Grierson

Feb. 27

Sharon Keller

Prayer Request

Continued prayers

For those having treatments for medical conditions:

Barb Allen
Mavis Bagby
Jean Beard
Kathy Beaver
Earl Bennett
Joan Dickens
Evelyn Furry
Ralph Glenn
Jo & Harlan Heller
Jeremiah Parker
Betty Martin
Bob Miller
Elnor Oliver
Dan Spitz
Roger Sorensen
Betty Podeschi

For all those who are serving in Armed Forces, including:

Matt Gathmann
Kyle & Kelly Martin
Hunter S. McRoberts



Snow Alert

Winter Weather Hotline... If you happen to find a winter wonderland on Sunday morning and are concerned or wondering if there will be church services.... our contact person is **Paul Daily** or tune in to **WMCI 101.3** on the radio.

Paul will be in contact with Rev. Froeschle and a determination will be made regarding the weather and our services.

Paul's numbers are:
234-9667 or 232-9667



Valentine Smile

On Valentine's Day we think of those Who make our lives worthwhile, those gracious, friendly people who

We think of with a smile.

I am fortunate to know you,
That's why I want to say, To a rare and special person
Happy Valentine's Day!



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Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jan Cornell 1601 Stinson. Jan will also have devotions and lead the Bible Study. Please read chapter 2 in your study book "Cloud of Witnesses". If you have any questions, please call Alice Jeisy at 644-2625 or Elsie Carter at 235-6589.

Kemmerer Village News



Box Tops

Thank you for all the Box Tops, they are a great way of giving to the Kemmerer Village School. Keep them coming.



Coke Rewards

The Coca Cola Give program will donate from 5 to 30 cents for your Coca Cola rewards codes. These Codes can be under the lids of bottles, or inside the 12-pack and cases of any Coke product. Just go to <https://us.cocacola.com/give/>, choose Kemmerer Village as your school, and enter your codes to help our children and support our school. Every cent counts!



Team Up to Tackle Hunger and Poverty. The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place on February 4th here at 1st Presbyterian Church. Please donate a can of soup or \$\$\$\$. Youth Group will be collecting cans or donations outside of the sanctuary of the church. All proceeds will go directly to the Mattoon Food Center. Let's fill up those soup pans!!!!



Ash Wednesday is the seventh Wednesday before Easter and the first day of Lent, on which many Christians receive a mark of ashes on the forehead as a token of penitence and mortality.

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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Return Service Requested

