



ANCHOR LINKS

OCTOBER 2021



My friends in Christ,

The cicadas have finished singing the sun to rise and set, or some may say their ear-piercing cacophony of noise to start and end the day. Now it is the busy birds singing forth the sun later each day and the melody of crickets playing to the arriving darkness earlier and earlier each day. All of us go about our daily business and leisure, as well as our Sunday worship and rest, thankful for the cooling breeze of arrived Fall in the changing of the seasons. The season has thankfully changed, but Sunday worship focused on the Gospel of Mark pushes forward into chapter 10 for the first four Sundays of the month. Chapter 10 of Mark continues to address the question, “What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?” It is a question we, as Christians, must deliberate over so that we may live faithful Christian lives because that is who we Christians are as we follow Jesus: disciples of Jesus.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, what does divorce, marriage, and children mean to me? The Pharisees tested Jesus on this question of whether it was legal to divorce one’s wife by quoting Moses’ allowing a man to write a certificate of dismissal. Jesus referred the Pharisees to the creation story and the purpose of marriage. Next the disciples stopped children from coming to Jesus, who was angry that they did so. Jesus said, “Do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” (10:14b) A third conflict comes on the second Sunday where there was the rich man who came to Jesus and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” The rich man had kept all the commandments faithfully. Jesus loved him and looked him in the eye and said, “You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” (10:21) The rich man could not. His possessions owned him. On the third Sunday we will encounter once again the desire to be great, for James and John to have a seat at the right and left hand of Jesus in glory. Jesus had to tell them again that “whoever wishes to be great among you must be slave of all.” And then he appropriately used himself as the example: “For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (10:45) On the fourth Sunday, the blindness of the disciples is represented by blind Bartimaeus, who by the end of the story is healed and can see. As we go through October, may we along with the disciples begin to see more clearly who this Jesus is as the Christ (Messiah) and follow more nearly him as his disciples.

May the peace and joy of our Lord be with you,
Jim



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mission

Monday, Oct. 11 - 5:30pm

Property

Monday, Oct. 4 - 5:00pm

Faith & Devlmp

Tuesday, Oct. 5 - 6:00pm

Worship & Music

Thursday, Oct. 7th - 5:30pm

Pastoral Care

Tuesday, Oct. 19 - 10:00am

Session

Monday, Oct. 18 - 5:30pm

October 3 Rob Marsh
 October 3 Madeline Payne Marsh
 October 4 Raelyn Carter Blanton
 October 4 Gwyneth Segroves
 October 4 David Parsons
 October 5 Phillip Edwards
 October 6 Henry T. DeWitt Windham
 October 7 Andy Canady
 October 7 Brooke Anne Farrar
 October 7 Dan Townes
 October 8 Jacob Flannagan
 October 11 Nina Bryce Cobb
 October 12 Ed Neese
 October 12 Ruth Ellen Watson
 October 13 Nate Gervais
 October 14 Carolyn Matusek
 October 14 LeaAnne Windham
 October 15 Jermiah Thomas
 October 19 Pat Thomas
 October 22 Toby Haynes
 October 23 Drew Turner
 October 26 Keesha Ridner
 October 27 Simon Strasser
 October 28 Hazel Hall



October 11th

Channing & Kersten Anderson
 25 Years Together

October 19th

Ryan & Nikki Turner
 25 Years Together

October 23rd

Kyle & Ashley Segroves

October 29th

Bailey & Trena Little
 62 Years Together



Book Club

October 29th meeting at 10am
 at Never Rest Park

They will be discussing:

Once Upon A River By: Diane Setterfield

MISSION

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We as a congregation are frequently asked to give over and above our regular pledges each year. There is One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter, Joy Gift at Christmas, Backpack program at Spring Break and Christmas Break of Bedford County Schools, Five Cents a Meal quarterly, food for Good Sam monthly to name most of the regular ones. There are also occasions that arise such as natural disaster to which we are asked to respond.

During 2020-2021 to date the following has been collected:

Joy Gift for 2020 = \$171

Presbyterian catalog = \$905 given in honor of Elaine Holcombe. (This money was used to purchase items to assist folks in developing countries make a living.)

One Great Hour of Sharing for 2021 = \$358

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for

Waverly flood = \$1505

**Thank you to all who
gave to these causes.**



A big shout out and thank you to everyone who has helped prepare, pack and distribute the Soup Kitchen breakfast bags in August's and September

Soup Kitchen Saturdays

The first two Soup Kitchen Breakfast events which FPC completed have received mixed reviews depending on whether you're a "glass half full or a glass half empty" person. The first month we prepared 60 bags and ended up taking 17 left over bags to Tony Rice Center. The second month we prepared half as many bags and gave all away to folks at the soup kitchen site. Popular wisdom among those who are seasoned soup kitchen workers and observers is that this is a project that will take time to gain the trust of the recipients so we will carry out our commitment to provide breakfast the second Saturday of the month through December. There are now two other groups covering two other Saturdays. Thanks to members who have helped prepare, pack and distribute the breakfast bags in August's and September. Cooking will begin around 7:30am on October 9th, in our church kitchen with bags ready for distribution at 9:00am.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A special thank you to Kayce Watson and Tina Graves from Kid Link Community Services who came to speak at our Women of the Church luncheon in September about foster care and ways churches can become involved. Their program was very informative and inspirational. Information about Kid Link Community Services can be found on the table in the back hallway of the church.



We will be taking up our Thank Offering at this circle meeting. Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more. Information about the Thank Offering is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.



Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule your appointment today!



Site: Shelbyville Community



Address: First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brittain St, Shelbyville, TN, 37160



Room Name: Fellowship Hall



Date: Wed Oct 27, 2021



Time: 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM



Please join us in giving a pint. We hope that if you are able you make an appointment to give.



If you are unable to give, you can still help us by spreading the word to your friends and family.



Thank you for all of your support.



Night Circle

Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 P.M. in the Russell Classroom.

We will be studying Chapter 8 in I Am: Discovering Who Jesus Is.

We will also be discussing ideas for a new book to study.

Hope to see you in October.

Butter Braid Sale for
youth is coming up...
starts on October 22nd
concludes on Nov. 5th

Prayer List

Jackie Bane (Member)

Patti Jo Bennett (Sister of Jim Sepull)

Wayne Bomar, Jr. (Stepson of Adrian Bomar)

Mary Channell (Linda Anderton's mother)

Ken Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)

Evelyn Davidson (Member)

Family of Frank Douglas

(Friend of Terry & Ginny Saylor)

Pat Edmiston (Friend of Christy Jensen)

Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Gracie Perryman

(Friend of Brooke Anne & Blue Jay Farrar)

Family of Kelly Dyan Reed (Dana Edwards' sister)

Jim Sepull (Member)

Stephen Stone (Nephew of Aaron Crafton)

Family of Chris Sullivan

(Marylyn Caperton's 2nd cousin)

Warner Family

(Friends of Brooke Anne & Blue Jay Farrar)

Sheila Withers (Friend of Shirley Luscinski)

Those in Military Service

LT Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

*Those who are serving abroad
and at home.*



Trunk or Treat

If you are able please bring in candy or monetary donations. October 3rd we are collecting Mini Snickers bars. October 10th we are collecting Reese's Peanut Butter Cups OR monetary donation and Cindy will shop for the candy.

We need your trunk, if you are willing to volunteer please let Cindy or Chenel know or there will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

October 31st 5:00pm-6:30pm



Did you miss Sunday School last week? Don't worry and please don't stay home. You will be able to jump right in. Come join us for donuts and study at 9am.

In Loving Memory of

Sue VonEsh
For Backpack Fund
The Sain Family

Don Johnson
For Backpack Fund
The Sain Family

Will Warner
For Backpack Fund
The Sain Family

Don Vannatta
For Backpack Fund
The Sain Family

Kelly Dyan Reed
For Backpack Fund
The Sain Family

The "Meet and Greet" 's have been a great gift to us. We have truly enjoyed meeting everyone at each gathering of friends. Thank you all for joining up with one of the groups to share stimulating table fellowship, delicious food, and scrumptious desserts. Your being a part of these gatherings has helped us get to know all of you better much more quickly. A special thanks to everyone who has hosted the "Meet and Greet" 's. If you have not been able to join one of the groups, please know that Denise and I love to eat out (dutch, of course!) and share fellowship with you, too.



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

Blood Drive

October 27, 2021
10:00am – 2:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

600 N. Brittain St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Please join us in giving a pint.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org







SERVERS FOR OCTOBER

Date	Ushers/Greeter	Hall Monitor	A Time for Young Christians	Nursery
Oct. 3	Roy Turner & Lisa Turner	John Marsh	Pastor Jim	Pat Thomas
Oct. 10	Brenda Skelton & Charlotte Williams	Lisa Turner	Connie Crafton	Katherine Marsh
Oct. 17	Pat Marsh & Rob Marsh	Richard Smith	Connie Crafton	Mary Marsh
Oct. 24	Melanie Hamilton & Margaret Smith	Marylyn Caperton	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Oct. 31	Marylyn Caperton & Nancy June Brandon	Rob Marsh	Kate Canady	Lisa Turner

October

2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 World Communion Sunday	4	5 Property 5pm Faith & Dvlpmt 6pm	6	7 Worship & Music 5:30pm	8	9 Soup Kitchen Breakfast Prep 7:30am Handout 9am
10	11 Mission 5:30pm	12	13	14	15	16 World Food Day
17	18 Session 5:30pm	19 Pastoral Care 10am	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Blood Drive 10am-2pm	28	29 Book Club Never Rest Park 10am	30
31 Trunk or Treat 5pm-6pm Reformation Sunday						

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Teresa Phillips
Parents' Day Out Director

*Session minutes are available in the
church office for any member of the
congregation to review.*



SESSION

LeaAnne Windham, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Rob Marsh, Leo Skelton,
Margaret Smith,
LeaAnne Windham

Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

Kathy Smith

Class 2022

Pat Thomas

Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

Holy Communion Preparation

October 3

Adrian Bomar & Pat Thomas

November 7

Frieda Bone & Susan Spears

December 5

Karisa Matusek

December 24

Pat Thompson

