

To Gather as God's People;  
To Grow in Faith, Love and Service;  
And to Go into the World as Disciples  
Sharing God's Love.

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## EASTER PRAYER

Oh Lord, You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Please help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



## Men's Fellowship



## Lenten Season

Several church members have participated in the Lenten readings this year and we are very thankful for their willingness to do so. A special thank you to them and Pierre along with the Worship Committee for preparing the Sanctuary for this special season of reflection on what Christ has done for us! Also a very special thank you to the Choir, the Music Director, Dr. Dan Dykema, and the Organist, Dr. Elizabeth Davis for the special choral piece in March.



"Prends ta croix et suis moi"  
Matthieu 16:24





# WELCOME

## New Members

Randy, Jennifer,  
Brooke & Bryce Bailey

Reminder

### Committee Meetings

April 2nd - 6:15pm

(Unless other arrangements have been made.)



first thursday  
**Ladies' Luncheon**  
 Java Primo  
 April 3th - 11:30am



Please join us for  
**Ladies' Circle**  
 APRIL 8TH - 2:00PM  
 Paula Boaz's  
 4-10 Hazel Circle  
 Magnolia, Ark.

# LET IT BEGIN

**BIG DADDY WEAVE, BEN FULLER & MEGAN WOODS**

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS THRILLED TO INVITE YOU TO AN UPLIFTING WORSHIP AND PRAISE EVENT FILLED WITH INSPIRING MUSIC. COME AND WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH SONGS OF PRAISE!

**EL DORADO, AR**  
FIRST FINANCIAL MUSIC HALL

**2 APRIL 2025**  
6:30 OPEN - 7 PM START



PLEASE CONTACT TRAVIS ARNOLD OR THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

## Maundy Thursday

April 17th, 2025

Service 6:00 pm




**MAY NEWSLETTER  
 CONTENT DEADLINE**  
 April 18th

**REGISTER TODAY**

VBS  
JUNE 9-12  
8:45-11:45

**EGYPT**  
Joseph's Journey  
from prison to palace

CONTACT KATHERINE  
FOR VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES

[www.myvbs.org/fpcmag/](http://www.myvbs.org/fpcmag/)

**\$654**

was collected and given to Gideon's International from FPC to purchase Bibles!

**Thank you all for your donations!**

MY WORD...SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID  
Isaiah 55:11

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASS OFFERINGS 10:00 AM**

Start your day with 1st Fellowship Breakfast at 9:15!

LADIES-THE BOOK OF JOSHUA-CHRISTINE DURHAM  
LIBRARY CLASS-RYAN PHILLIPS  
SESSION CLASS-STEVE FORD  
YOUTH CLASS-CHOIR SUITE-FAITH FOUNDATIONS  
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May the abundance of the love of Christ fill all the days of your life!

4/1	Dan Dykema	4/3	Brooke Bailey
4/3	Bubba Smith	4/4	Anna Trexler
4/8	Georgia Newton	4/10	Dalene Baer
4/10	Doug Taylor	4/29	Todd Connelley
4/29	Joey Owen		

**CALL for VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in serving as the liturgist or head usher/greeter, please sign up! Sign up lists are located in the narthex. We are always looking for more that are willing to serve in these capacities! If you have any questions, please contact the church office!

	Liturgist	Head Usher/Greeter
4/6	Doug Green	Yulissa Arnold
4/13	Linda Anders	Bowen Phillips
4/17 Maundy Thurs.		Martine Boumtje
4/20 Easter	Ashley Hagaman	Sue Joyce
4/27	Mike McNeill	Kathy Gean

**Deacon on Duty:** Drew Moore (870) 904-2372  
**April Meal Assignments:** Fellowship Committee

**Communion Preparers**

4/6: Martine  
4/17: Sue

**Communion Servers**

4/6: Sue, Cathy, Chris, Travis  
4/17: Sue, Martine, Paula B.

**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas**  
**The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session**  
**Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, met for its monthly Stated meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

The following members were present: Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Travis Arnold, Elder and Clerk Dr. Paula Boaz, Elder Dr. Martine Bountje, Elder Cathy Downs, Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Chris White, Pastor Ray Durham, and Youth Director Katherine Phillips.

Call to order: Pastor Ray Durham called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:34 p.m.

Pastor Durham announced that the previous Sunday morning, February 23, the Bailey family met with Session members, requested membership, were appropriately questioned and voted into full church membership.

Devotional: Elder Martine Bountje gave a devotional emphasizing that the Church is the Bride of Christ. Church members are “brides” and Christ takes care of us.

Youth and Family Ministries Director’s Report: Director Katherine Phillips reported the Youth Conference she attended in Tennessee was excellent and provided good training sessions. Katherine is starting a new media campaign “Right Now Media”. Youth are doing well, with 15 in Kids Club on Wednesdays and around 30 in the older group. She has plans for VBS with the theme “Joseph-From Prison to Palace”.

Treasurer’s Report: Elder and Treasurer Kathy Gean presented the financial reports for review. She informed Session that she had moved the Uhrich Pastoral account into the Sweep Account. Following review, the financials were accepted as information.

Approval of January Minutes: The January Minutes were reviewed. Elder Sue Joyce moved to approve, Elder Ashley Hagaman seconded, and Session voted unanimously.

Correspondence and Requests: none

**Committee Reports:**

Administrative - Elder Chris White brought up some issues about the new custodian services. Following discussion, Chris will speak to him to correct some deficiencies. There have been some issues with Wi-Fi and internet services. The Bensberg company made a \$7,000 proposal for upgrading and maintaining the system which the committee recommended. Greg Jetton has been on a monthly retainer which will be cancelled.

Christian Education - Elder Jodie Arnold reported that the new Sunday morning schedule is going well with attendance increasing weekly. The committee is looking for someone to do music with the Youth. Jodie reports that Women’s Ministry, Ladies’ Circle, Young Women’s Bible Class, Sunday Adult classes, and Wednesday night group are all growing in attendance.

Fellowship – Elder Ashley Hagaman thanked Anita Moore for doing the bulk of the Committee work during the month. She stated that the food pantries need more food to be well stocked. The committee will probably have a church potluck to celebrate Brooke Bailey’s school graduation.

Mission and Evangelism-The committee prepared and served their regular meal for the Southern Christian and planned the menus for the March shut-ins and first Wednesday church meal. The Committee will also be collecting for Undie Sunday in March and delivering cleaning supplies to The CALL families.

Worship-Elder Dr. Dan Dykema reported that the committee met and planned all things related to the Lenten season, including Ash Wednesday service and communion.

Young Adult Outreach – Elder Travis Arnold announced that his committee includes himself, his wife Yulissa, Grant Baker, and Matthew DeSeguirant. They have discussed organizing and coming events.

**New Business:**

- a. The Youth group will help pack clothing for Cameroon.
- b. Elder Martine Bountje announced that the roof is on the new medical clinic in Cameroon.
- c. The EPC Gulf-South meeting will be in Meridian, Mississippi. Drs. Pierre Bountje, Martine Bountje, and Ray Durham plan to attend.
- d. There was general discussion on organizing a committee of volunteers to visit shut-in and nursing home members.

Old Business: none

There being no Further Business, Rev Durham closed the meeting with Prayer at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Paula Boaz, Clerk of Session





# Youth Director Report



We are halfway through the semester! There is so much going on this Lent season. Keep an eye out on the calendar for all the events happening in April! I am so proud of my Kid's Club Kids and the Youth Kids; they helped fold, pack, wrap and tape 11 boxes of clothes that were shipped to Cameroon. The Boumtjes will distribute these clothes on their return this summer. I have started a Sunday Class for the youth. We are working our way through a 3-part series, Faith Foundations. I will be having a quick VBS meeting for volunteers right after church on April 7.



Kid's Club Kids help PIE by packing pantry items for Magnolia Schools.



Kid's Club Kids serving at The Stewpot in March.



Grayson was inducted into Mu Alpha Theta.



We love to celebrate our FPC Kids & Youth and are so very proud of all of their achievements!

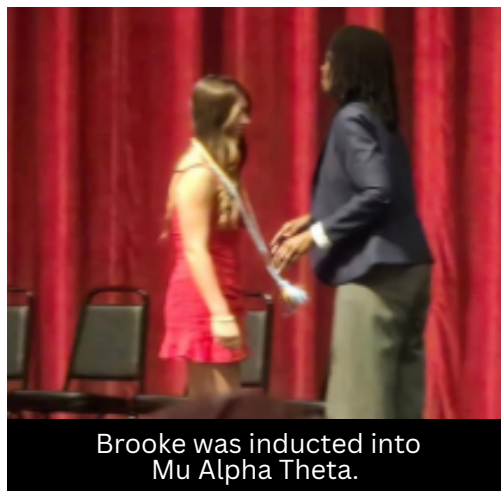
**We are proud of you!!!**



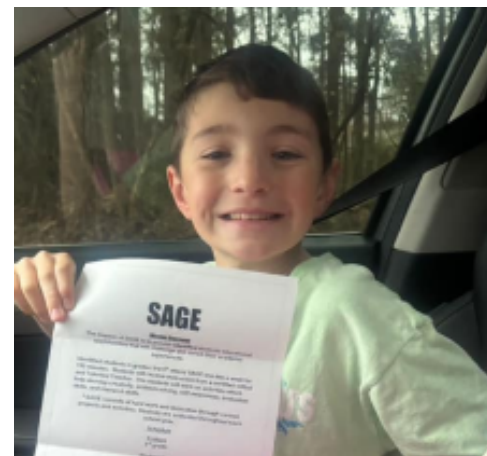
Christian was inducted into Mu Alpha Theta.



Bowen & Clara were recently selected as Students of the Month!



Brooke was inducted into Mu Alpha Theta.



Bowen made SAGE.



# Cameroon Mission

A special thanks to all those that have donated clothes for the Cameroon mission over the last year! In March several members as well as the Kid's Club Kids and Youth helped box and prepare the clothing to be shipped to Cameroon! The clothes should arrive in Cameroon by this summer during Pierre and Martine's time there. If you are spring cleaning this month, remember we accept gently used, lightweight clothing for our Cameroon Mission.



Congratulations to Travis Arnold for being selected as Columbia County Chamber's Young Professional of the Year! We are so proud of you and thankful for everything you do for our church and community!



**GUY NJEWEL  
MEMORIAL CLINIC**



*Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic*

The Guy Njewel Memorial Clinic is making great progress! The Boumtjes plan on traveling back to Cameroon this summer to oversee the completion of the clinic! Anyone wishing to donate in support of this mission may do so by contacting the church office or by making a gift online through First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia's website. Please designate the gift to the GUY NJEWEL MEMORIAL CLINIC. This clinic will be such a blessing to the area and such a wonderful way to honor Guy's legacy while spreading Christ's love.



### Fund Progress

Goal.....\$130,000  
Raised.....\$113,084  
Remaining..... \$16,916

87%  
Funded

As of March 2011





# April 2025

*Hosanna!*  
Blessed is  
He who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:15am - First Fellowship 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Bible Class 10:45am - Worship Service</p>	<p>7 Stewpot Youth</p>	<p>1 Dan Dykema</p> <p>8 Ladies' Circle Paula Boaz's 2:00 pm Stewpot Presbyterian Ladies Georgia Newton</p>	<p>2 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner 6:15pm - Children's Class, Youth Class, Committee Mtgs</p> <p>9 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Youth Dinner 6:15pm - Children's Class, Youth Class</p>	<p>3 1st Thursday Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am Java Primo Brooke Bailey Bubba Smith</p> <p>10 Dalene Baer Doug Taylor</p>	<p>4 Anna Trexler</p> <p>11 GOOD Friday Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12</p>
<p>9:15am - First Fellowship 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Bible Class 10:45am - Worship Service</p> <p>PALM Sunday</p>	<p>14 Ryan &amp; Katherine Phillips</p>	<p>15 Southern Christian Mission</p>	<p>16 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Youth Dinner 6:15pm - Children's Class, Youth Class</p> <p>23 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Youth Dinner 6:15pm - Children's Class, Youth Class</p>	<p>17 MAUNDY Wednesday Service - 6:00pm</p> <p>24</p>	<p>18</p> <p>25</p>	<p>19</p> <p>26</p>
<p>9:15am - First Fellowship 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Bible Class 10:45am - Worship Service</p> <p>EASTER Sunday</p>	<p>21 Marc &amp; Mandy Headrick</p>	<p>22 Session Meeting 6:00 pm Todd Connelly Joey Owen</p>	<p>30 3:30pm - Kid's Club 5:30pm - Youth Dinner 6:00pm - Game Night &amp; Birthday Celebration</p>	<p>27 9:15am - First Fellowship 9:30am - Corporate Prayer 10:00am - Bible Class 10:45am - Worship Service</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP



## *Sundays:*

9:15 am - FIRST FELLOWSHIP

10:00 am - BIBLE CLASSES

10:45 am - WORSHIP

## *Wednesdays:*

3:30 PM - KID'S CLUB

5:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP DINNER

6:15 PM - CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES



IN OUR

## THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO THE PRAYER  
LIST TO [FPCMAGNOLIA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FPCMAGNOLIA@GMAIL.COM)

Paul Ainsworth, Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Gene Bentley, Cave City Community, David Chenoweth, Kim Cleveland, Todd Coles and Family, Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Sharon Ford, Local Foster Families, Mike Jones, Rochelle McMahan, Jeff Miller, Heather Hanson Moore, John & Betty Morgan, Georgia Newton, Donnie Pressor and Family, Linda Selman, Ella Lou Smith, Kalli Smith, Dudley Talbot, Doug Taylor, Anna Trexler, Daisy Uhrich, Alicia Watson, Margo Weiser, Roger Wyrick.



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