

First Presbyterian Church  
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## MIDWEEK MESSENGER

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**January 25, 2012**

### **Dr. G. Notes: 2012 Nominating Committee**

At its January Stated Meeting, the Session elected Barbara Peck, Keith Fraser and Hazel Thompson to be the sessional members of First Florence's **2012 Nominating Committee**. Barbara Peck was elected to serve as Moderator of the committee.

This is information you need to know as we approach our February 5<sup>th</sup>, Annual Congregational Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, we will elect (4) four at-large members from the congregation to serve with Barbara, Keith and Hazel as our 2012 Nominating Committee. In terms of church polity, this is certainly one of the most important committees in the church, because, annually, it is a representative committee of which more than half its members are nominated and elected by you, the congregation!

Nominations of those to be considered for election to the Nominating Committee will be made from the floor of the congregation. I am writing to give you this information, and to ask you to be in prayerful consideration of anyone whose name you might wish to enter into nomination at the February 5<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. If you make a nomination from the floor, the person you nominate must be a member of the church, and you must consult with

**Dr. Richard T. Gillespie, Pastor**

them as to their willingness to serve. This is to insure that there are no surprises! ☺

As a "dyed in the wool" Presbyterian, I continue to be grateful for the system of governance we have inherited from the generations before us, beginning with brother John Calvin, who understood that the Church of Jesus Christ is built up, and is to be governed by, the people of God, people like you and me, ...people from all walks of life who serve because Jesus called: "Come! Follow me!"...and we responded. The truth remains, as the Apostle Paul so well stated:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and  
individually members of it!  
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

Once again, we are given that opportunity to live out the unity that is ours in Jesus Christ!

Blessings to all, Dr. G.

**[Our Visitors on Sunday, January 22](#)**

[Ann Moran](#)

[Jim and Brenda Lawhern](#)



**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2012  
HAS BEEN POSTED  
IN THE HALL  
NEAR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

# PW NEWS



## WELL WOMEN PROJECT

The Well Women Project was established in 2008 with a \$25,000 Thank Offering grant from Presbyterian Women PCUSA. It was formed as part of the Community Health and Dental Clinic, as an initiative to serve women ages 41-64 who are not covered by Medicare or health insurance, and to detect illnesses frequently encountered by low income women. With a focus on wellness and good nutrition, several thousand women have had screenings that would not have been possible without this program.

Our PW and Mission and Service Committee wrote and obtained the grant for the project and members of our Presbyterian Women have volunteered many hours since 2008 to work at the clinic, the annual Women's Health Fair, and Walk-a-thon.

Congratulations to the Community Health and Dental Clinic, which has been selected twice by the Office of Women's Health of the National Health Service to receive \$2,500 for the Well Women Project. They were the only organization in Alabama to be selected to receive money. The National Health Service was impressed with the partnerships the clinic has forged with First Presbyterian Church, YMCA, Lauderdale County Extension Office, TVA, and others. All of us take pride in what has been accomplished by this PW Thank Offering grant in our community.

The Well Woman Project will again hold the Women's Health Fair in May, along with the Women's Walking Challenge. Each participant of the Challenge will set a goal for herself (i.e. one mile per day). On Tuesday, June 26, participants will turn in their walking logs, compare notes, and celebrate their success with an event in our Fellowship Hall. Women who do not participate are invited to this final event. Mark your calendars!

## SAFE PLACE DONATIONS

Safe Place is looking for donations of personal items for women and toys and games for children. If you would like to make a donation, please call PW member June Helton at 256-764-7461.

## COME SEE COLUMBIA DAY

Please remember to consider touring Columbia Theological Seminary on "Come See Columbia Day" Thursday, April 19.

NEXT WEEK'S PW FEATURE:

The Help Center

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie, Pastor

## JANUARY USHERS

Judith Bourne

Bob Hurt

Dave Marbury

Libba Sherrod

## READER

Dick Peck

## FLOWERS

D. Carter, C. Fraser,

N. Marbury, R. Pitts

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper/Vespers

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Noon-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry

by: Trinity Episcopal

Team Leaders: Jim and Susie Robinson

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Noon-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry

by: Trinity Episcopal

Team Leader: Bert Bock



**This Sunday, January 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Tennessee Valley Art Center**

**511 N. Water Street, Tuscumbia**

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

*Lord, open unto me...*

*... light for my darkness.*

*...courage for my fear.*

*...hope for my despair.*

*...peace for my turmoil.*

*...joy for my sorrow.*

*...strength for my weakness.*

*...wisdom for my confusion.*

*...forgiveness for my sins.*

*...love for my hates.*

*...thy Self for my self.*

*Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.*

- Howard Thurman (1900-1981)

## **PRAYER LIST**

### HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Irving Rudolph	ECM Hospital
Dr. Will Doss	Merrill Gardens
Helen White	Green Oaks Inn
Margaret Fleming	Columbia Cottages
Dr. John and Evelyn Carter	Merrill Gardens
Mary Hatfield	Merrill Gardens
Charline Megar	Merrill Gardens
Sarah Leonard	Wellington Place
Dr. John Nofzinger	Wellington Place
Emmy Lesch	Belmont Village
Mary Holland	Glenwood Healthcare

### HOME

Florence Duncan  
Jean Paxton  
Freddie Tyree  
Dean Jones  
Bob Henning

### RELATIVES

Mildred Pflueger, mother of Richard Pflueger  
Gary Wilkinson and family in the death of  
his uncle, William Palin  
Ann Moran, mother of Morris Cracraft  
Kurt Henning, son of Maureen and Bob Henning  
Mike Worley, brother-in-law of Rhonda Tyree  
Keely Allen, niece of the Cracrafts  
Henry Tyree, Jr.

### FRIENDS

Nancy Perrit, friend of Lynn Johnson  
Rod Townsley, friend of Martha Anne and  
Henry Lee Parker  
Libby Glascock McDaniel, friend of Martha Barton  
Corporal Brian Felber  
Sandy Young, friend of Irene and Robert Potts  
David Howell, acquaintance of Jean Paxton  
Tyler Calhoun, friend of Don Boggan

Beverly Barry Frazier, friend of Susie and Jim  
Robinson  
Debbie Bradford, friend of June Helton  
Benjamin Coe Masters, friend of Don Boggan  
Dr. Tom Meredith, friend of Dr. Robert Potts  
Pat Summitt, friend of Martha Anne and  
Henry Lee Parker  
Shirley Thornton, friend of Nancy Burrows  
Paige Cunningham, infant daughter of friends  
of the Williams family  
Morris Anderson, friend of Neil Money  
Nita Miller, friend of June Helton  
Donnie Akers, friend of June and Don Helton  
Betty Brown, friend of Jan Schroeder  
Amanda Segrest, friend of Ken and Landis Williams  
Deloris Jones, friend of Ann Craig

### MILITARY

CPT Barry Crosby	Travis AFB, CA
CPT Brad McGee	El Paso, TX
CPT William Gillespie	Ft. Stewart, GA

**DO YOU HAVE A VEHICLE THAT YOU WISH TO SELL? Our custodian, Jerome Thompson, is interested in purchasing a good, used car or truck. Please contact the church office if you have a vehicle for sale.**

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 8	Mission and Service Committee
February 9	Congregational Care Committee
February 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Century Agape Meal
February 13	PW meet at Merrill Gardens
February 14	Worship Committee and Stewardship Committee
February 18	Stated Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery at St. Andrew, Decatur
February 21	Men's Breakfast Gathering
February 28	Stated Meeting of the Session

## **COMMITTEE MODERATORS AND VICE MODERATORS FOR 2012**

Christian Education	Bert Bock Jan Schroeder
Congregational Care	Joni Willingham Greg Pitts
Mission and Service	Barbara Peck Jim Robinson
Stewardship	Patrick Smith Billy Hargett
Worship	Hazel Thompson Keith Fraser