



July 2025



Music for our Souls

“Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul.”

— Johann Sebastian Bach

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

— Hans Christian Andersen

**“O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”**

— Psalm 95

Music has the power to speak to us and through us in ways that words cannot. Sacred music feeds our souls and proclaims our praise and thanksgiving to God in powerful ways, ways that cannot be duplicated by mere words. For the month of July, we will be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall and singing our hearts out! Each Sunday, we will focus on a different kind of sacred music. We will not just sing beloved music in that genre. We will also grow and learn about the messages of faith the songs convey. The Sunday themes are: Favorites, Children’s Songs/Camp Songs, Southern Gospel, and Songs of the Reformation. Come prepared each week to sing and grow in faith and to share your favorites for the next week’s theme so that we can sing familiar, beloved songs every single Sunday.

Pastor Leigh



Please join us for summer worship in July at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have light refreshments beginning at 10:30 a.m. for a brief time of fellowship prior to worship beginning at 11:00 a.m. July 6 will be Communion by intinction, July 20 we will welcome some of our local mission partners to hear about their ministries in our community and how we can work with them, and August 3 will be "The Blessing of the Backpacks" prior to the new school year. We look forward to worshipping with you!

Prayer Group

We are a community who prays together! FPC is offering a new opportunity for communal prayer. Beginning July 7th, please join Phil Bridges as he leads a new prayer group on Monday evenings each week, 6 p.m. in Room 114 (next to the children's library). All are invited! Contact Phil Bridges for more information.

July Faith Development Dates

♦ **Sundays July 6, 13, 20, 27 - 10 a.m. - Room 114**

Sunday School for Adults (led by Phil Bridges)

Gospel of Matthew

The Cornerstone Sunday School Class will not meet in July.

♦ **Mondays July 7, 14, 21, 28 - 6 p.m. Room 114**

Prayer Group

♦ **Monday - Friday, July 7 - 11 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Vacation Bible School - *Road Trip: On the Go with God*

♦ **Tuesday, July 15 - 10:30 a.m. Cornerstone Room**

Book Study: *Bad Girls of the Bible, and What We Can Learn From Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs

♦ **Wednesday - Sunday - July 16 - 20**

Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College, Maryville, TN

Officer Nominating Committee

Our nominating committee is beginning to meet and pray about our officers for the coming years. Please pray for our congregation, our nominating committee and those whom God is calling to serve as our leaders. If you have any names you would like to submit for prayerful consideration by our Nominating Committee, please fill out the sheet that will be included in the bulletin in July or call the church office.



FALL RETREAT

The second annual Fall Spiritual Formation and Mission Retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19 at the **North Georgia Mission Lodge near Blue Ridge**. Everyone is welcome, including children age 6 and older if accompanied by an adult. Participants will engage in mission work and spiritual formation study, which will be

led by FPC's parish associate, the Rev. Maryellen Hittel. Participants may choose to spend Friday night, Friday and Saturday nights, or the day on Saturday only. The cost for those wishing to stay overnight is \$125/person (includes meals). Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, bring payments by the church office by September 17. Contact Jean Gilliland for more information.

From the Session:

At its stated monthly meeting on June 17, the Session:

1. Set a congregational meeting for June 29 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing an Officer Nominating Committee. Proposed Slate: Betty Dundee, Chair, Jennifer Nebergall, David Steinken, Grey Olson and Cat Klingbeil.
2. Approved the sacrament of baptism for Sophia Rose Keen to be administered August 31.
3. Scheduled an outside review of church finances and proposed this be done every three years thereafter pursuant to the requirements of the Book of Order.
4. Approved the practice of the passing of the peace for July worship services.
5. Welcomed new members William and Kharis Bramlett and set a special called meeting for June 29th at 10:15 a.m. in the Session room for the purpose of welcoming additional new members.



Grace Johnson represented FPC as liturgist for the worship service at the June meeting of the Cherokee Presbytery at Faith Presbyterian Church in the North Georgia Mountains. She did a beautiful job!



Celebrating the movement of the Spirit in this congregation!

We give thanks for the ways the Spirit is at work in and through this congregation as we celebrate the award this congregation received at the Presbytery meeting. On June 21st, our congregation received the 2025 Excellence in Ministry Award for Membership Growth!

Ladies Night Out at El Dorado

Thursday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for good food and fellowship. We will be dining at El Dorado, located at 910 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville. All ladies are welcome!

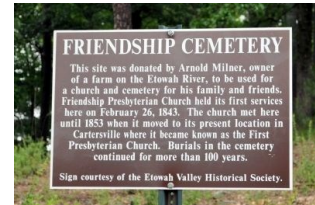


Mark your calendar for the next Men's Breakfast Sunday, August 3rd starting at 9 a.m., coffee ready at 8:30 a.m. Please join us on the first Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. This breakfast is a PERFECT opportunity to get to know other men of your church family. **RSVP to dwc1945@gmail.com**



The FPC Book Club meets next on July 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Our book club selection is Anna Johnston's The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife. This is a novel about Frederick Fife, who

was born with an extra helping of kindness in his heart. At age 82, he is down on his luck and on the brink of eviction. But his luck changes when he is mistaken for Bernard Greer, a missing resident at the local nursing home, and takes his place. Now Fred has food and shelter—as long as Bernard never turns up! Come join us; everyone is welcome!



Friendship Cemetery in Cartersville is where First Presbyterian Church first began. Since our church work day back in May, small groups have continued working up at the cemetery to clean headstones and clear weeds. Recently the marker for a WWII Veteran, Mr. Harry K. Banks, was uncovered and a flag flown at his headstone for Memorial Day. If you would like to see photos of the progress up at Friendship Cemetery or learn more, feel free to follow along on Instagram ([Click here](#)) or contact Elizabeth Watanabe.

**THE
HOPE DEALER
Gala and Variety
Show**
BECAUSE RECOVERY IS REAL

Bartow Recovery is hosting their first annual Gala on Saturday August 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Clarence Brown Center and the Mission committee invites you to be a part! If you are able to support this ministry with a contribution or by attending the event and sitting at a First Presbyterian Table, please call the church office or let Mission Chair Betty Dundee know.

**Do good things. Get cool sunglasses.
GIVE BLOOD.**

Blood Donation Center

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CARTERSVILLE

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

All donors will receive these cool goodr sunglasses.

For more information, to schedule an appointment, & to do RAPIDPASS, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville

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VBS at FPC, in partnership with Church of the Ascension

July 7-11, 9 a.m. until noon

Register at www.cartersvillepres.org

VBS is open to children 4 years old - 5th grade, and it is a time for kids to hear God's Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

VBS Volunteers Needed—Volunteers with all abilities are needed: teachers, snack coordinators, set builders, guides for our children, game leaders, decorators, etc.

There is a place for everyone at VBS!

If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Setup help needed: Sunday, July 6th after worship (lunch provided)

VBS Amazon Wishlist >> https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl_share



MONTREAT
CONFERENCE CENTER

Donations Needed & Write them Notes

- Support our youth going to Middle School Montreat July 16-20. We will graciously accept Ingles Gift Cards, checks (Montreat Meals in the memo line), or give online (<https://cartersvillepres.org/give/> note: Montreat). Please give your donation to Andrea or place in the offering plate.
- Pray for our youth and leaders going to Montreat.
- If you would like to write notes to our youth going to Montreat, please email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to get a list of the names of youth participating.

Share your Summer God Moments on Instagram



- Follow [FPCcartersville](https://www.instagram.com/FPCcartersville) on Instagram
- #FPCcartersville #SummerGodMoments
- Tag FPCcartersville when you experience God's presence this summer.
- Post photos that highlight the beauty of nature, moments of peace, family time, visiting another church, or encounters with friends or neighbors that feel divinely inspired. You can also share stories, reflections on scripture, or even posts about how God has been present in your daily life during the summer months.

Summer 2025

- VBS – July 7-11, 9 a.m. until noon
- Middle School Youth Montreat July 16-20
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** - Sunday, August 3 during worship. Invite a school friend to join us!





July Birthdays

2	Mark Bridges	28	Mike Ball
3	Tom Bowen	30	Janet Martin
3	William Klingbeil	30	Wyley Steed
5	Brian Purtymun	30	Trey Gaines
5	Jake Sullins	31	Rhonda Ireland
6	Pam Hughes		
8	Carolyn Noble		
9	Ben Jones		
10	John Cummings		
12	Katie Godfrey		
13	Frank Johnson		
13	Mary Gilreath		
14	Gary Boulter		
20	Terry Purdy		
20	David Benton		
25	Patti Scroggins		
25	Neal Miller		



In July Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Pastor Leigh Jones, Becca Englert (Preschool), Allie Garner (Preschool)

Officers: Becky Carr (Session), Keith Williamson (Diaconate)

Ministries: Worship Ministry

Families: July 1-7: Frank and Beth Weathersby, Ross and Charlotte Whatley, Olivia Whatley, Peggy White, LaRue Whitehead

July 8-14: Benton Williams, Keith Williamson, Hannah and Taylor Wilson (Jackson, Sam), Karla Wooton and Dylan Sanborn

July 15-21: Randy and Diane Wrinkle, John and Peggy Zierer, Abby Allen, Karen Anderson, Matt and Jessi Bailey (Sam, Judd)

July 22-31: Richard and Guill Bailey, Alice Baker, Mike and Cynthia Ball, Mary Barnes, Marc Beaubrun

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July Calendar

July 4 - Independence Day

Church Office Closed

July 6

12:00pm - VBS Set-up after Worship

July 7

6:00pm - Prayer Group/Room 114

July 7 - 11

Vacation Bible School Week 9:00 - Noon

July 9

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive till 7:00pm

July 13

Connections Ministries Pool Party for ages 20's-40's

Waterford lower pool

July 15

10:30am - Monthly Study - Bad Girls of the Bible

July 16 - 20

Middle School Montreat Trip

July 17

6:30pm - Ladies Night out at El Dorado

July 20

12:00pm - Mission Partners/Fellowship Hall

July 24

10:30am - FPC Book Club



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 7-11

9 A.M. UNTIL NOON