



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter – December '19 / January '20

A word from Pastor Ryan,

For Advent, we are breaking off from our series in the book of Daniel to look at the first two chapters of Luke, which provide the most detailed account we have of the events surrounding Christ's birth. I hope this will serve you as a weekly "deep breath" in the midst of an especially chaotic season. I hope by our time together you will be enchanted again by the glory and beauty of Jesus and the miracle that is his dawning, his advent. We will finish up Daniel in the New Year before we return again to the New Testament for a new sermon series.

Also, the New Year will bring a significant change in the structure of our Shepherding Groups that I want you to be aware of. With the desire that all church members be represented by an elder actively serving on the Session, we plan to dissolve our current shepherding groups and reassign members among active elders. Now all active elders (and these only) will have responsibility for a Shepherding Group. In the likely event that you are assigned a new Shepherding Elder, know that this need not be the end of your unique relationship with your former Elder—it is an addition, rather than a subtraction!

"Our vision is to live and share the ministry of reconciliation in Clarksdale, in Mississippi, and around the world." (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

I hope many of you will consider giving a week of your time March 8 - 14 (Spring Break week) to serve on a team from FPC going to Dalton, GA (30 min. south of Chattanooga). We will serve with Reclaiming Hope Ministries in its mission to build and repair homes for the handicapped, elderly, and destitute. The ministry is closely connected to a sister PCA church in Dalton and has extensive experience hosting mission groups like ours. You may consider such a trip out of your comfort zone, but I would encourage you to pray about whether the Lord might be calling you to step out in just that way. All who are reasonably physically able are invited to join our team, regardless of age (although participants must be at least 15 years old).

Let me say as always that I am thankful to be called to be a servant of Christ among you for your good and growth in him. I pray my ministry will have that effect.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ryan

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 08 – Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec. 15 – Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Luke 1:57-80

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 – (5PM) Mark Webb
Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-21

Sunday, Dec. 29 – Mark Webb
Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40

JANUARY

Sunday, Jan. 05 – Mark Webb
Sermon Text: Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, Jan. 12 – Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 11:1-35
Communion

Sunday, Jan. 19 – Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 11:36-12:4

Sunday, Jan. 26 – Mark Webb
Sermon Text: Daniel 12:5-13



The Dawning
Luke's Advent

Connect

Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2020

Friday (6-8:30PM) & Saturday (8:30-11:30AM)

contact Pastor Ryan for info or to sign up

**A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY FOR THOSE
CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP AT FPC-CLARKSDALE**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Watkins Fyfe, V	12/01
Cyndi Larson	12/01
Patsy Maclin	12/02
Howard Hood	12/04
Nancy Vincent	12/04
Mark Webb	12/05
Dina Wilson	12/13
Alice Foster	12/27
Mavis Walhood	12/28
Cole Jackson	12/28

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

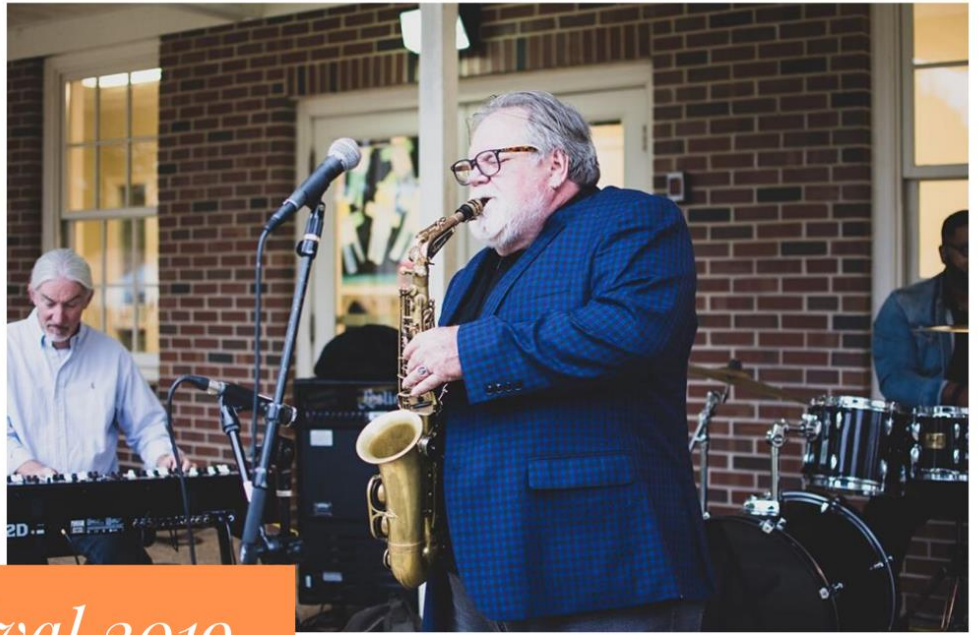
Johnny Larson	1/07
Matthew Sewell	1/07
Elizabeth Carr	1/08
Elaine Weiss	1/08
Mary Myers Parks	1/08
Ginger Falls	1/10
Leslie Dunn Dean	1/11
Kenny Clark Duff	1/12
Kendall Myrick	1/15

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Sunday School - 9:45 Worship – 11:00 Communion</p>	<p>2 WIC Council Meeting @ 9:30</p>	<p>3 Deacons' Meeting 5:30 pm.</p>	<p>4 Women's Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven</p>	<p>6 Care Station – 8:45 Emily Cooper Lois McMurchy</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Sunday School - 9:45 Worship – 11:00 Children & Youth Committee 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m. Session Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>11 Young Women's Study 10:30 am PDS Christmas Program Matinee 1:00 pm Oakhurst Baptist Women's Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven PDS Christmas Program 7:00 p.m. @ Oakhurst Baptist</p>	<p>13 Care Station – 8:45 Need Volunteers!</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11:00 3rd Sundays Youth Night 6PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m</p>	<p>18 LIVE NATIVITY 5:30-8:00 PM Women's Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven</p>	<p>20 Care Station - 8:45 Carolyn Davis</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Sunday School - 9:45 Worship – 11:00</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm Care Station Closed Thru Jan 1. Reopen Jan 2.</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Care Station Closed Thru Jan 1. Reopen Jan 2.</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Sunday School-9:45 Worship – 11:00</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m</p>				

JANUARY

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Fall Festival 2019



MNA ShortTerm Missions

high impact | crosscultural | flexible | convenient | affordable

church planting assistance | mercy ministries | internships | outreach



DALTON, GA MISSION TRIP 2020

Rebuilding Hope

DATE: Spring Break, March 8-14

WHO: All 15 yrs. and up. We need skilled workers, but also anyone willing to learn how to do light construction. Also, we will be cooking our own food, so we'll need volunteers to do that.

WHAT: Serving with Rebuilding Hope Ministries in its long-term work building and repairing homes for the handicapped, elderly, and destitute. (More info on right.)

COST: \$150 (includes all food)

BEDS: Rebuilding Hope provides a mission house that has 40 beds, showers, a kitchen, and living areas, so we won't be roughing it too hard!

ABOUT

Rebuilding Hope is a non-profit ministry seeking to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus by meeting the physical needs of those around us. We work with local churches and invite distant churches to join us in our work of repairing homes and rebuilding hope.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Dalton is often called the Carpet Capital of the World due to the large number of flooring manufactures in the city. Dalton is located in the northwest corner of Georgia, about 20 miles south of the Tennessee border. The city and surrounding area has a high Hispanic population (around 40%). Due to the current economic situation we also have one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Grace Presbyterian Church developed a vision for reaching Dalton and surrounding areas. A key aspect of this vision is to bring in mission teams to work in the local community. We began hosting mission teams in the summer of 2007 and the ministry has been growing steadily ever since. We have a growing Hispanic ministry in the church, a new medical ministry, and the ongoing work of the construction ministry. We encourage you to partner with us in these ministries and spread the gospel in Dalton and the surrounding area. You will find the work tiring but very rewarding. We always have projects under way and take teams any time of year.

THE WORK

For construction teams, we are repairing and building homes for the elderly, handicapped, and destitute. There is a great need for skilled laborers in everything from framing to roofing to the licensed trades. But if your team does not have skilled laborers we can still use you. We perform all aspects of home construction so there's always a place for everyone to fit in.



YOU ARE INVITED! // 5-6PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLARKSDALE

Live Nativity



FPC **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18th**
Clarksdale 900 W. 2ND ST. 5:30-7:30 PM



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900 West Second Street
Clarksdale, MS 38614