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# The MESSENGER

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## A publication of First Presbyterian Church Brownsville



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

“Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). So, it is with great joy that I tell you that the leadership of our church has a vision for our future! On Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 22 of us met for a planning/visioning retreat, and the Holy Spirit was working in us and through us on that beautiful morning.

This process began one year ago at the leadership retreat, and in September Greg Emery led us in a Sunday seminar to form four (4) Study Groups to facilitate the process. These groups have met since November; and on Saturday, they reported the suggestions they have to create a culture in our congregation of Christians with servant hearts who have the courage to follow Jesus Christ into Brownsville/Haywood County to witness to the transforming love of Christ.

*How do we reach the unchurched?* We have identified some systematic ways to go about this, as well as realizing part of it is building relationships with anyone we encounter and being willing to invite them to a small group, a fellowship event, or a service endeavor.

*How might Sunday mornings be more welcoming to new people and people who are not so familiar with church?* We have taken a fresh look at “greeting and meeting”, extending our fine hospitality, making time for visitors and making changes in the sanctuary and worship service to strengthen the ties that bring us together.

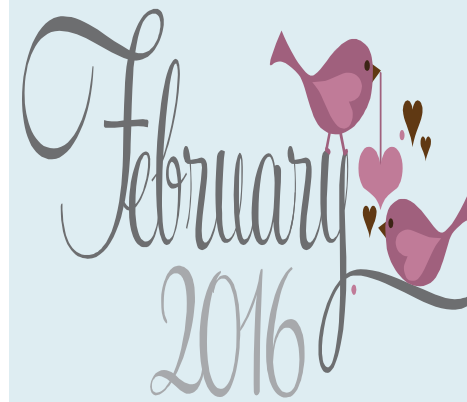
*What might we learn from other revitalized and growing churches?* This group visited Northside Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Fellowship Church in Jackson, and studied many others. They learned how Christ had become the true focus of these churches, inspiring members to go out into the community in service, rather than retaining an inward focus.

*And, what local missions or ministries could we form that would begin the process of touching lives in Brownsville?* The group enthusiastically discussed several possibilities, including the launch of a community-wide mentoring program in the local schools where there is now a great void, encouraging volunteerism at the Boys & Girls Club, forming a group to assist the elderly and families with household repairs, and creating a language exchange with Spanish speaking adults, where they learn English and we learn some Spanish to better support our cistern mission in Mexico.

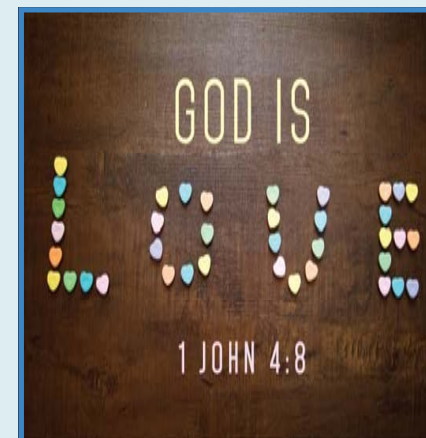
The time is upon us . . . we are ready . . . “This is It!” (remember the Kenny Loggins song?) . . . we are called by Jesus . . . YOU are called by Jesus . . . together to reach out in love, with compassion and courage to spread the Good News to our neighbors.

We look forward to having you attend one or both information sessions on the next two Sundays: February 14 and 21, from 9:30 to 10:15 in our fellowship hall.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Anne*



**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30AM**



# BUDGET REPORT

**Total Giving Year To Date for 2016:**

**\$17,696.00**

**Total Giving for the month of January 2016:**

**\$17,696.00**



The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm, closed for Lunch from 12pm to 1pm.

Rev. Anne Emery will be in the office from 9am- 12pm Tuesday through Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with the pastor please call 731-772-2893.

[1stpresville@kyn.twcbc.com](mailto:1stpresville@kyn.twcbc.com)

## Liturgist Schedule

**February 7th**

*Nick Nichols*

**February 14th**

*John King*

**February 21st**

*Tom Bridgewater*

**February 28th**

*Leslie Stoots*

Thank you for your commitment to our worship. If you are unable to serve as liturgist on the date you are scheduled, please call Marilyn Kipley at 901-381-2110 (day) or 731-432-0312 (night/weekend), as soon as possible.

**March 6th**

*Michelle Brasfield*

**March 13th Blended Service**

*Tom Bridgewater*

**March 20th Palm Sunday**

*Dale Green*

**March 27th Easter Sunday**

*Allen King*

## GREAT BANQUET

**Men's Weekend**

April 21-24, 2016

**Women's Weekend**

April 28-May 1, 2016

For more information or to sign-up contact Dr. Robert Rooks



## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Please join us in celebration of Black History Month presented by the Presbytery of the Mid-South and the Greater Memphis Area Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus on Sunday February 28, 2016 at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church 1005 East Shelby Drive, Memphis TN 38116 at 3:00 pm. The Speaker will be Reverend Carla Meisterman, Pastor of Balmoral Presbyterian Church.

## Gifts to the Church



**In Memory of Beverly White**

By: Mary Louise Gillespie  
Dr. Donald & Mrs. Vicki Spencer  
Govan & Susan Hornor  
Brownsville Veterinary Clinic  
Michael & Martha Gay  
William & Mary Chase  
Steve & Lynn Prussia  
Kenneth & Christina Webb  
Ronnie & Sherri Richards

*In Memory of...*

**In Memory of**

**Donna Dyer Leigh**  
By: Michael & Martha Gay  
Betty Boyd  
Ronnie & Sherri Richards  
Roscoe & Dale Green

**In Honor of**

**Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mascolo's 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
By: Hal & Denita Jarratt

# February 2016

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| 7<br><i>Holy Communion</i> | 8   | 9  | 10<br><br><b>Ash Wednesday Service</b><br>at 6pm<br>in the Sanctuary | 11   | 12 | 13<br><b>Presbytery Meeting</b><br>at 9:30am<br>at Balmoral Presbyterian Church |            |    |    |    |    |    |            |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 21<br>                     | 22<br>  | 23<br><b>John Knox Fellowship</b><br>at 7pm<br>First Presbyterian Church<br>Somerville | 24   | 25<br><b>Deacon Meeting</b><br>at 6pm  | 26 | 27  |            |    |    |    |    |    |            |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Please contact the church office with any events or birthdays that you would like to add to the calendar.



- 1 – Dolores Combs
- 1 – Stewart Gillespie
- 2 – Mari McClanahan
- 3 – Leslie McCool
- 4 – John Cunningham
- 11 – Edward McClanahan
- 13 – Linda Bridgewater
- 14 – Rebecca Pearson

- 14 – Nick Korn
- 15 – Michael Gay
- 15 – Brooks Smith
- 16 – Juanita Williams
- 16 – Lindsay Smith
- 17 – Grace Mulligan
- 21 – Peter Mascolo
- 22 – Reed Brasfield



**Sunday School Class**

9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service**

10:30 a.m.

**Choir Practice**  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**Men's Study Lunch**

Thursdays at Noon

For more information call the church office at 772-2893.

- 25 – Abby Nichols
- 28 – Katherine Finan