

First Facts

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To the Witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ at the First Presbyterian Church of Cape,

This is a precious time between our celebration of Easter and Pentecost. This year the dates for these two important dates on our liturgical calendar are April 5 for Easter and May 25 for Pentecost. If my counting is correct, that is a short time of only eight weeks. So much happened in those original eight weeks after Jesus' resurrection.

The birth pangs of the Christian church were taking place. Things were never going to be the same. The disciples were vacillating between amazing joy and utter disbelief. Confusion was the order of the day. Peter, in exasperation said, "I'm going fishing," heading back to what he knew. Others were holding secret meetings in Jerusalem stealthily hidden from the Roman and Jewish authorities and north all the way to the Capernaum, a small fishing village along the Sea of Galilee.

Scripture tells us of several post-resurrection appearances by Jesus. The Gospels are the historic record of the day and outlines Jesus' appearances to more than 500 followers. These physical encounters were not by accident and were serendipitous to the birth process of the Church. So what lesson can we surmise from those post-resurrection encounters to help the 21st century be faithful to God?

GOD IS IN CHARGE! The life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ was by God's design and not by us. We sometimes confuse our role in the church. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. We are members of the Body of Christ, bound together by the Holy Spirit. As scripture in I Corinthians, each of us is an important part of that spiritual body. Some are the hands of the Church, offering a hand of aid and encouragement to others; some are the arms of the Church aiding the hands to reach out to the community and world; some are the feet of the Church, sending the Church into the areas of need and crisis of our community and world. When Christ is the Head of the Church, the Body responds to the leading of the Head. It is not the Body's decision where to go and what to do, unless there are serious issues of non-compliance. God was in charge of Christ's post-resurrection appearances and He is charge of where the Body of Christ goes and appears today.

The life and ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Cape is led by Jesus Christ. He is the Head of the Church now and forever. Our responsibility is to perfect our listening to Him and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit as we continue and/or develop new ministries for our community and world. How we embrace others and how we articulate God's Love is our legacy. It is my hope in all that we do, others will no longer see us doing these Good Works, but will see the very face of God.

It took the disciples a few minutes to recognize the physical presence of Christ on the sea shore. It was Christ himself cooking breakfast for them as they came close to shore. He was providing nourishment for them, physically and spiritually. Christ will provide us the nourishment, whatever that might be, in our faithful walk in the footsteps of Christ. Let's us be fed with the nourishment that God provides.

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Peace,

Pastor Kim's committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

The elected Ruler Elders, other church members and our ministry staff are willing to be available to you when that time in life comes and you need a spiritual prayer partner. The Christian Outreach Committee also is available to assist at anytime. (We also are forming two new women's fellowship circles. These new fellowship groups will provide wonderful support through prayer and Bible study. See the article in this edition of *First Facts*.)

If you would like to be 'on call' for spiritual assistance to others, please contact the church office and/or Nancy Bray of the Christian Outreach Committee. Let's make sure no one 'falls through the cracks' of our prayerful care of one another.

In His Grace, Pastor Kim

Worship Attendance

April 5	162
April 12	84
April 19	63

Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2015

Year to Date Income	\$56,509
Year to Date Expenses	\$67,803
Expenses Greater than Income	\$11,294

Investments	
Permanent Endowment	\$250,000
Restricted Investments	55,194
General Fund Savings	63,518
Presbyterian Investment	136,071

For a more complete financial picture, you can attend the Finance Committee Meeting, Session Meeting, or contact our Treasurer, Jean Cairns at 573-803-0085

Daytime Circle

The Daytime Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the home of Ruth Needle, 2542 Jonquil Lane at 11 a.m. This is our annual "end-of-season" salad luncheon. Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad to serve 8. Drinks, rolls and dessert will be furnished. Call Ruth at 334-4515 to let her know you can come. The discussion will be on Lesson Four beginning on page 30 of our study book, PSALMS. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you. Remember that each month we collect personal care items for the challenged teenagers at Central High School and you may bring your contribution at that time.

Afternoon Circle

The Afternoon Circle will meet at the home of Jean Cairns at 1526 Bertling, on Thursday, May 7, at 1 p.m. Ruth Pautler will lead the study on Psalm 42. Please RSVP to the hostess at 803-0085.

Evening Circle

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, May 4, at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Becky Nelson, 2137 Yorktown Drive. They will be studying Psalm 139. Please RSVP to the hostess at 415.517.9444.

Adult and Youth Sunday School

NURSERY: Our nursery is open from 9 a.m. on Sunday morning through our worship service, for children birth through kindergarten. Children will be escorted upstairs from the nursery to the worship service for the “Kids’ Message” and then will return to the nursery. In the nursery they may participate in a brief Sunday School lesson and activity. Children are welcome to join their parents for the worship service at any time. **Parents come to the nursery after worship to pick up their children.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: The “Early Grades Sunday School” Class, for children kindergarten through second grade, will study lessons based on stories from The Old Testament. The “Upper Grades Sunday School Class”, for children third grade and above, will continue their study of Jesus and His Ministry. Both classes will meet in their classrooms upstairs following the “Kids’ Message” in worship. The teachers of these classes will bring the children to the Narthex after the worship service is concluded.

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship - 10:30 a.m.

New Member Class Announced

Pastor Kim will be teaching our New Member Class beginning Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m. in the Church Library. Each Sunday morning through May 24, Pentecost, the new member class will meet to discuss our faith journeys and discover how God continues to work miracles today. The class members will be publicly received into membership during worship on Pentecost Sunday during worship.

Current church members are welcome to come to any of the classes to meet the new members and share your faith stories as well.

May Meal-A-Month

Jar of peanut butter

Jar of jelly or jam

2 cans of fruit of choice



Gather, Share and Eat & Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Come join us on May 17 as the Fellowship and Christian Education committees team together to express how much we appreciate our Sunday School teachers. Watch the bulletin for the menu. We hope you will come and show your support of our Sunday school teachers.

Flowers for Worship

Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone’s birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say “Thanks, God!” Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.

Memorials

*“Death is not extinguishing the light. It is turning out the lamp because the dawn has come.”
Rabindranath Tagore, a Bengali poet*

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Ed Kaiser Jr, from Evelyn Stover

Betty Sitter, from Will Bahn

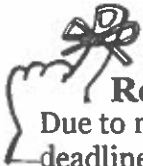
Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the home of Jean Cairns, 1526 Bertling at 7 p.m. The discussion will be on the book, "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt. Please call Jean at 803-0085 to let her know you can attend. The June selection is "The Third Hill North of Town" by Noah Bly and the hostess for that evening will be Sharon Metcalfe.



Boy Scout Troop 4 Rummage Sale

The Boy Scouts will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9 from 7 a.m. - noon at the Activities Building. They are working to make money for their summer activities. If you have any items you overlooked for the church sale, the scouts would be happy to accept them and pick them up.



Reminder of Deadline Change

Due to recent changes in our postal service, the deadline for submitting information to appear in First Facts has been moved to the **20th** of the month. All mail goes to St. Louis to be processed and bulk mail sometimes takes several days to arrive. From now on, First Facts will be mailed well before the end of the month. Turn in all communications to the church office or email the info to Donna Pikey at rpikey@charter.net.

Heifer Project Celebrated

First Presbyterian Church of Cape contributed over \$700 to Heifer Project International at the end of 2014. We have already collected close to \$200 for 2015. Our contributions supply live animals to needy villages who in turn share future live offspring with other villages. The legacy of our contributions will provide nourishment for countless generations to come! Thank you for your contributions.



*Watch your thoughts...
For they become Words*

*Watch your words...
For they become Action*

*Watch your actions...
For they become Habits*

*Watch your habits...
For they become Character*

*Watch your character...
For it becomes your Destiny*

From the Session

At the stated April 15, 2015 meeting of the Session, the Elders did the following:

1. The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session held on March 18, 2015 were approved.
2. Received the committee reports.
3. Discussed the April 11th (very) successful Rummage Sale. To date, we have collected \$3,357.
8. Next meeting is May 20, 2015.

First Presbyterian Rummage Sale • April 11, 2015



Looking for a treasure? Thanks to donations from the congregation, there were two large rooms overflowing with goodies!



Hungry? Hamburgers and hotdogs were prepared by our own Presbyterian barbeque team. Delicious!!!



Sing or dance? Gina set up her sound system/ karaoke outside which provided much entertainment. Thank you, Gina!



Many thanks to our volunteers from SEMO University and our own Boy Scout Troop 4. Both groups were wonderful help!

The Mission Committee is proud to announce that the Rummage Sale made \$3,357. This will be distributed to both the Amen Center in Delta and HOPE House in Jackson. Mission is so grateful for the response from the congregation. The donations and volunteer help far surpassed our expectations. It was three days of long hours, hard work and **lots** of fellowship and fun. Thank you!

**EASTER LILIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY
IN MEMORY OF**

Jack and Dixie Himmelberger, her parents, from Bob & Donna Pikey

Lynn Gerard, from his family

Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Rueseler, her parents, Ruth Knot

Charles Knot, her husband, & **Barbara Knot Head**, her daughter, from Ruth Knot

Lorna E Mueller, from Thomas Mueller & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Harlan J Mueller, from Thomas Mueller & Family

Our Parents, from Don & Shirley Gibson

Warren Rowland, our brother-in-law, from Pete & Peg Hirschburg

Mary Lou & Paul Bray, my parents, from Nancy Bray

Janet, his wife, from Leland Shivelbine

Father & Mother, from Leland Shivelbine

Fred Henry, his father, from Daryl Henry

Dwayne Henry, his brother, from Daryl Henry

Rudie W. Slaughter, my husband, from his wife, Joan Spencer Slaughter

Austin & Martha Cairns, her parents, from Jean Cairns

Bill Needle, from Ruth Needle & Family

Ed Calvin, from Barbara, Jennifer, Greg and Whitney

Mildred Thomas, from Gina Thomas

Wesley & Leona Manuel & Ida & Jack Perry, from Oliver & Caroline Manuel

Harry and Wanda Hecht, from Harvey and Lea Hecht

Byrl and Cleda Jarrett, from Harvey and Lea Hecht

Clifford Sullivan, from Shirley, Mike, & Robbie

Vince Rueseler, from Kitty Rueseler

David S. Metcalfe, from Sharon Metcalfe family

Charles, Mark, & Sam Hopkins, from Dixie Hopkins

IN HONOR OF

Our Children, from Ruth & Paul Pautler

Rev. Kim & Rebecca Nelson, from Judy Rueseler

Dr. Peter Durow & his family, from Judy Rueseler

Sarah & Greg Hopkins, from Dixie Hopkins



MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

The Session hopes you will use this Prayer Calendar as we daily pray for each other and some of the mission concerns of our church.

1 ST Virginia Goodwin (birthday)	16 TH Ethiopia
2 ND Madge Ridings (birthday)	17 TH Bob Smith (birthday)
3 RD Togo	18 TH Kenya
4 TH Africa	19 TH Paul Farris (birthday)
5 TH Ghana	20 TH Dixie Hopkins (birthday)
6 TH Will & Janna Bahn (anniversary)	21 ST Sarah Ross (birthday)
7 TH Joan Morgan (birthday) Pastor Kim Nelson (birthday)	22 ND 1001 Worshiping Communities
8 TH Nigeria	23 RD Presbyterian Heritage
9 TH Niger	24 TH Donna Pikey (birthday) Jack & Juanita Wyant (anniversary)
10 TH Cory Knapp (birthday) Paul & Ruby Rice (anniversary)	25 TH Alex Miller (birthday)
11 TH Cameroon	26 TH Cory & Rachel Knapp (anniversary)
12 TH Equatorial Guinea	27 TH Zambia
13 TH Republic of South Sudan	28 TH Don Gibson (birthday)
14 TH Republic of the Sudan	29 TH Malawi
15 TH Jean Kaiser (birthday)	30 TH Mozambique
	31 ST Jonah Durow (birthday)

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

Grant, O Lord, that the refreshing life springs of your Spirit will flow through us to others. Open our eyes to see your love at work in all peoples and places. In your name, we pray. Amen.

May 2015

Monthly Planner

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Sunday Service of Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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