



The Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church

March 2016

Bannerline

Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community equipping all persons to joyfully serve Jesus Christ.

You are invited!



Join us in worship as Rev. Ross Reddick is installed as Teaching Elder of Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church.

When: Sunday, March 6, 3:30pm

Where: Sanctuary, Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Opportunities During Lent

As always, there are many opportunities to study and reflect at Spanish Fort Presbyterian as the season of Lent moves toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, this year celebrated on March 27th. Please consider these activities as we seek to focus on the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection in our individual lives and to our responsibility to be agents of His redeeming love in the world today.



Palm Sunday - March 20th
8:30- Chapel/11:00am - Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday - March 24th 6:30 pm - Sanctuary

Good Friday - March 25th 6:30 pm - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - March 27th
8:30am - Chapel/11:00am - Sanctuary

Pastor: *Rev. Ross Reddick*

Director of Discipleship, and Christian Education: *Carrys Sasser*

Children's Ministries Director: *Lauren Woodson*

Youth Director: *Lori Sawyer*

Director of Music: *Dr. Allanda Small-Campbell*

Preschool Director: *Laura Roberts*

Prayer List

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Travis Mitchell who died on February 29, 2016. There will be a memorial service at SFPC on Monday, March 7 at 1:00 pm.

To the Dukes Family on the death of Natalie's Step-Father, Tom Sanders, on January 31, 2016



Please pray for the following members and friends of our congregation:

CHURCH MEMBERS:

Bill Burdick
Robbie Fischrupp
Jack Foil
Bob Geist
Margaret Guenther
Maria Heppner,
Charles Hoequist
Helen Kelly
Linda Lewis
Walter McRae
Wade Reeves
Scott Sasser
Olivia Scroggie
Don Skinner
Bert Tuggle
Judi

CHURCH FRIENDS:

Polly Barnhill,
Laura Bartell,
Faye Blackburn,
Jerry Brevick
Chuck Brevik,
Ann Canerossi
Margie Chavers,
Stella Chronas
Phyllis Anne Creel,
Heather Daniels,
Ed Douglas,
Donald Driskell,
Esther Everlee,
David Facer
Pat Farris,
Debbie Fountain,
Becky Hall,
Tina Hamm,
Michele Hanson,
Henry Harvey,
John Randall Howard,
Tommy Hughes,
Klark Huxen
Bob Jones,

Jane King,
Ashley Knight,
Jerry Krueger,
Bonnie Lawhon,
Ed Lakeman,
Whitney Lawery
Augie LeClaire,
Alice Lewis,
Ron Lukat,
Ansley Mangus,
Wilma Loyd Mansfield,
Leslie McCraney
Susan McDonald,
Betty McLendon,
Jamie Milam
Corey Miller,
Bill Moody,
Joe Moore,
Everett Morgan,
Stacy Morton,
Shelly Nightingale,
Ben Palk,
Michael Parris
Jeff Penn,
Morgan Perrin,
Lloyd Pitts,

Chad Plant,
Donald Pontius
Laverne Seitz,
Jonathan Smith,
Lester and Sandy Smith,
Mackenzie Smith,
Terry Smith,
Vieva Steele,
Hayden Stinnett
Joey Summers,
Peggy and Bill Thieman,
Shirley Thomas,
Cissy Thompson,
Jay Treadwell
Gloria Walker,
Gerald Walding,
Charles Walton,
Beth Watts
Lisa, Mike & Mandy White,
Tandy White,
Dodie Whitehead,
George Williams,
Rhonda Willis,
Kim Yelverton,
John York

Please contact Laurie at the Church Office to add or remove names from the prayer list.

Please keep our college students in your prayers this school year:

Andrew Conniff, & Gilandr  Oosthuysen: USA; Briana Burdick, Holly Dendy, Taylor Dendy & Ryan Olson: Alabama; Hollis Chapman, Jack Legge & Josh Nobles: So. Miss; Abby Legge: Mississippi State; Blake Sullivan: Rochester Inst. Tech; Faulkner State: Xavier Heppner

We also wish to remember in prayer our President, all of our national leaders, and all those serving in our military, especially those members and friends of our congregation now serving overseas:

Morgan Campbell
Josh Carlisle
Jon Clouse
Gus Debritto
Adam Erickson
Peter Erickson

Josh Godwin
Tamer Hassan
Michael Hatch
Karen Hubley
Christopher Jones
Bill Kock

Wes McCleave
Derek Mockel
Travis Obenhuber
Brian Randall
David Sanders
Dillan Schaniel

Lt. Cmdr. Carl Stamper
Evan Thomas
Tim Thomas
Justin Tyree

From Rev. Ross Reddick

Easter Hope

It's really easy to skip ahead, especially with Easter on the horizon. It's the most important day in the church year, the most important day for the Christian faith. We yearn so much for the story of the resurrection—the defeat of death, glory of the risen Christ. And although I'm always thinking about Easter Sunday a few weeks in advance of the actual day, I try my best to walk the road of Holy Week and live in the darkness and uncertainty of these days.

But, by the time you read this, Easter will be nearly here, and so now is the right time to shift our reflection to what it means to live in the light of Christ's resurrection life.

I always wonder what people mean when they say "Happy Easter!" – especially when Easter isn't quite here yet. Are we sending greetings of Christ's resurrection or just the coming of spring? Are we ready to celebrate a new and changed world transformed by this new life or just anxious to sit down to another big holiday meal? Are we really ready for God's reign to be confirmed in the world, or are we distracted by bunnies and eggs filled with candy?

When you get down to it, Easter is the biggest celebration of the year for us in the church. The one we know as Savior and Lord was dead and now lives again. The tomb once sealed is open and empty. God's power and love have prevailed again – but this time they have overcome death, the one thing that threatened to overshadow God's presence. It is a day worthy of celebration, and so we remember it each and every week as we gather on the day of resurrection to worship.

Easter calls us to a new way of life. God has overcome all the powers of evil and death and has begun to reveal the new creation in our midst. With God's resurrection life in Jesus Christ before us, we too are called to a new way of life, to live out the love we witnessed over the course of Lent that culminated in the cross. It is more than a "happy Easter" – these are days that show us how to live a new way of life in the world!

So, in these fifty days of Easter, between now and Pentecost, I encourage you to live out this new resurrection life by taking up something new. Find a new hobby that enriches your life. Get to know a neighbor better. Recommit to worshiping regularly. Join a Sunday school class. Volunteer to serve on a ministry team of the session. Live in the love of the cross and the light of the resurrection. May all these Easter days of resurrection life be filled with joy for you and yours.

Good News Class Easter Baskets

The Easter fun begins! Let's bless our Good News Sunday School class with Easter Baskets! We need the "fixin's" to make 10 baskets. Please bring in small toys, small stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, and candy, etc. The Good News class participants truly have childlike faith and would love any fun Easter item.

Please drop them off at the church by Maundy Thursday, March 24th. Please drop off the items at the Welcome Center in the Narthex

THE SEARCH IS ON!!!

Mission Ministry Team is looking for Co-Host Coordinators for Family Promise. Jim and Lana Lemons have been serving as Host Coordinators for this important ministry of our church for the last three years and need either a couple or two people to serve as Co-Host Coordinators when they are unavailable due to travel or health issues.

The next time we serve as Host Church is in May and the Lemons will be out of town during this period.

Training for this position will be provided at the church.

All those interested in serving as Co-Host Coordinators, please contact Lucy Summerford, Chair of the Mission Ministry Team, or Jim or Lana Lemons.

The Christian Education Ministry team invites you to join our 2016

Grain Game!

It is a Bible Literacy, team building game that will help you spend your Wednesday Nights focused on God and community.

It starts April 6th, 2016 and lasts for six weeks

In a small group of five you will focus on:

Trinity, Original Sin, Justification, Grace, Sanctification and Christian Disciplines.

There will be points awarded for –

- meeting together
- memorization and vocabulary
 - art
 - action
 - Q&A section
- SUPER CHALLENGE PLINKO BOARD

Sign up for the games by April 3rd, 2016!

There will be complete, easy to follow instructions for each week! You choose, as a team and individuals, how involved you want to be.

Each week you will meet with your team at the group gathering time where you will submit your points for the week to a judge. At that same group gathering time your group will meet to decide on the next week's projects.

Sign up as an individual that will be placed on a team or sign up as an already formed team.

Youth Sunday is March 13, 2016.

Both services will be led by the youth and Communion will be served by Intinction.

March Lectionary

- Mar 6 Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 5:1-3, 11b-32
Mar 13 Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
Mar 20 Passion/*Palm Sunday* ~Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isa.50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
Mar 21 Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 36:5-11; Heb. 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Mar 22 Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 71:1-14; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
Mar 23 Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 70; Heb. 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
Mar 24 *Mauudy Thursday* ~ Exod. 12:1-4(5-10)11-14; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Mar 25 *Good Friday* ~ Isa. 52:13 – 53:12; Ps. 22; Heb. 10:16-25 or Heb. 4:14 – 16; 5:7-9; John 18:1 – 19:42
Mar 26 *Great Vigil of Easter* ~ Gen. 1:1 – 2:4a; Ps. 136:1-9, 23-26; Gen. 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Ps. 46;
Gen. 22:1-18; Ps. 16; Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-31; Exod. 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isa. 55:1-11; Isa. 12:2-6;
Prov. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6; Ps. 19; Ezek. 36:24-28; Ps. 42 & 43; Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 143; Zeph. 3:14-20; Ps. 98;
Rom. 6:3-11; Ps.114; Luke 24:1-12
Mar 27 *Resurrection of the Lord/Easter* ~ Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Samford Turner is Retiring as Presbytery Executive

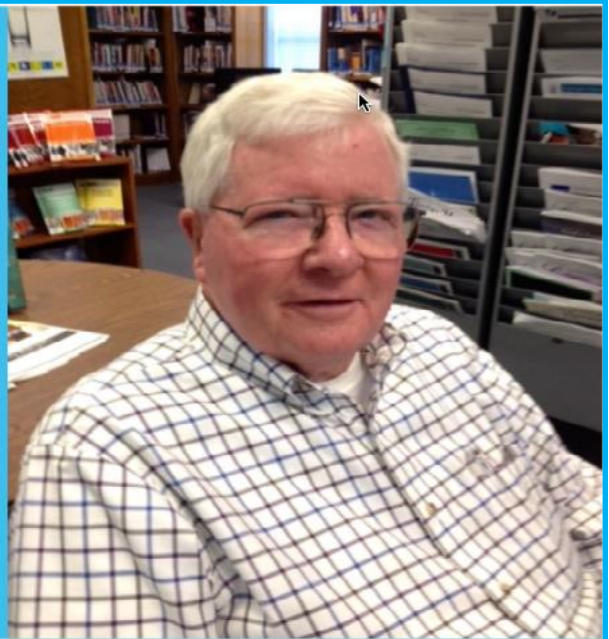
You are Invited to a
Drop-In Party!

*Come help us celebrate his years of
work and the new chapters ahead!*

March 10, 2016, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Baytreat, 18249 Scenic Highway 98,
Fairhope

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres provided
Bring your own beverage

Please RSVP by March 1
to First Presbyterian Church, Gulf Shores
(251) 968-7720
gsfpcusa@gulftel.com



The Kingdom Kids had a wonderful time
delivering a rose and a handmade Valentine to our
Westminster church members! The kids delivered each one
with a smile full of love! This was a great service project to
show our church members how much they are loved! A
special Thank you to Stuart LaGroue for helping transport
the children and guiding the children through Westminster.





March

- 1-Mar Boller, Tommy
Eurgil, Isabella
Bridgforth, Patricia
- 4-Mar Dukes, Rylee
- 5-Mar Swan, Donald
- 6-Mar Rigas, Iola
- 9-Mar Woodson, Ella
- 10-Mar Halley, Harry
- 11-Mar Atkins, Sabra
- 12-Mar Walthall, Carolyn
- 13-Mar Smith, Emily
- 14-Mar Oosthuysen, Joey
- 16-Mar Huddleston, Jean
- 17-Mar Westerfield, Edythe
Osborn, Laura
Geiger, Richard
Geiger, Glenn
- 19-Mar LaGroue, William
- 21-Mar Dukes, Cole
- 22-Mar Pinkston, Dominic
- 24-Mar Bean, Douglas
Nobles, Joshua
- 25-Mar Marshall, Myers
- 26-Mar Yokel, Ames
Dukes, Lilah
- 27-Mar Walthall, Dr. Julian
- 28-Mar Boller, Allie
Young, Cynthia
Threadgill, Quinton
- 30-Mar Lemons, Jim

March College Ministry News

Happy Birthday (3/24) to Josh Nobles who is a senior majoring in Music Education at the University of Southern Mississippi. Mail greetings to: 8 Eagles Trail Apt 414D Hattiesburg MS 39402

Our Valentine gift boxes were greatly appreciated. One student even took to Facebook showing her pleasure on receiving our mailing. Another college student emailed - "Thank you for all you do with the college care packages. I am so grateful and always look forward to the goodies and devotions. It is very comforting to know I still have a church family at home even when I am miles away."

George Barna who heads The Barna Group, a market research firm specializing in studying the religious beliefs and behavior of Americans, estimates 8 million adults in their twenties have left the church in the past decade.

SFPC's Christian Care Committee stays connected with our college students, helping them navigate through their post-high school years. Thank you for your support in donations and prayers for these young men and women. Names of our college students are listed each week in the Sunday bulletin.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, emails, food, prayers, and love Scott and I have received over the past couple of months. We have been blessed to have such a caring church family to show us support during this time. It has been overwhelming and humbling to receive God's love in such a life changing way.

Thank you! Sasser Family

The staff of SFPC is available to assist you.
Office hours are 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday.

- The pastor, Ross Reddick, is in his study at the church Monday—Thursday; Normally he is off on Fridays.
- The Director of Christian Education and Discipleship, Carry Sasser, is in the office part -time Monday - Thursday.
- The Children's Ministries Director, Lauren Woodson, is in the office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9:00am-1:00pm.
- The Youth Director, Lori Sawyer, is in the office Tuesday mornings 10:00am - 1:00pm.
- The Director of Music, Allanda Small-Campbell, is in the music wing Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm; Tuesdays 10:00 am—1:00 pm and Wednesday evenings.

Guatemala here we come!

Two of our Sr. High Youth will be traveling to Guatemala this summer. Lilah Dukes and Nicole Nobles have been preparing for this adventure for the past 18 months. As members of our South Al. Presbytery's Teens 4 Christ, they have been exploring their faith and developing leadership skills to share the Word of God, teach Bible studies, lead fellowship and to be a part of missions in our communities and in the world. This is a great opportunity for them and for our church family. We all can help both of these young ladies with prayers, and financial support by contributing to the cost of their trip.

If you would like to help, please send contributions to :

South Alabama Presbytery/Guatemala,
PO Drawer 2157

Daphne, AL 36526

with Lilah/Nicole in the note.

Please send by May 1, 2016.

PW Evening Circle

Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading lesson 5 and serving light refreshments. Come join us for study and fellowship!

Gwen, Martha, Addy

March and April Mission Project Tab Top Challenge for Ronald McDonald House (Mobile).

Youth, Kingdom Kids and Adult Challenge to see who can collect the most tab tops for the Ronald McDonald home. There will be 3 large jugs that will be located in the Narthex on Sunday 11:00 service, and in the Fellowship Hall for Wed. nights and 8:30 service on Sunday mornings. Everyone can participate.

Habitat for Humanity

Your Mission MT is endeavoring to present a mission topic or opportunity to the congregation each month. This month, we have chosen Habitat for Humanity. Several years ago, the Baldwin County Churches in the Presbytery were able to donate sufficient funds to build a Habitat home every other year for several homes. Times have changed with Presbyterians no longer able to do so, but Habitat is still building homes. So, our Mission Team wants to see if we can build a roster of willing Habitat workers from our congregation to be called upon to work on selected days, or on your own, or with a partner(s). There are so many opportunities to schedule working with a particular project such that SS classes, older youth, small groups can put in a day during the week or weekends. Often someone just needs to say "let's get together and go work," so your Mission Team plans to fulfill that function throughout the year.

We will have a sign up board posted in the church narthex (or give your info to church office) to let you give us your information and whether you can work as a builder or food preparer or both. You will then begin to receive information about upcoming opportunities for service to this fine Christian Ministry. Let us rekindle our support to this ministry and remember fondly the significant devotion by many of our members, especially the late Lee Heppner.

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THE SESSION

Class of 2016

Charles M. "Chip" Curry
Richard G. Geiger, Sr.
Shelly B LaGroue
Jonathan E. Nobles
James "Scott" Sasser
Jim D. Young

Class of 2017

Douglas K. Bean
Adaline G. Halley
Joyce I. Mudrak
Charles H. Parris
Emily Smith
Lucy C. Summerford

Class of 2018

Steven P. Dukes
Diane F. Edkins
Stacy J. Legge
William W. "Pete" O'Neal, Jr.
Joyce L. Pannone
Melissa G. White

*Information for the newsletter may be emailed directly to the Editor, Richard Geiger at:
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Return Service Requested



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