



- January 16** Dessert at the Manse 3-5 pm with Proctor and Ginger Chambless
- January 17** 175th Celebration
Conversation at 9:45 with Proctor Chambless
Worship Service with Proctor Chambless Preaching 11:00 am
Montreat Luncheon 12 noon
Worship Committee 12:45 pm
- January 18** Ladies Exercise 9:00 am
- January 19** Men's Bible Study 10:00 am
PALS Luncheon 12 noon
Session 6:30 pm
- January 20** Food Pantry 9-11 am
Bible Study 12 noon ----- M and M's 3-5 pm
Choir Practice 5:15 pm ----- JuBELLees 6:00 pm
Sr. Hi Youth Group 7:00 pm
- January 22** Ladies Exercise 9:00 am ----- Beginning Handbells 10:00 am
- January 23** Games Night 6:30 pm
- January 24** Coffee/Juice Fellowship Hall 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:45 am -----Worship 11:00 am
Reflections 5:00 pm
- January 25** Ladies Exercise 9:00 am
- January 26** Men's Bible Study 10:00 am
Evangelism & Fellowship Committee 6:30 pm
- January 27** Food Pantry 9-11:00 am ----- Bible Study 12 noon
Choir Practice 5:15 pm ----- JuBELLees 6:00 pm
Covered Dish Supper 6:30 pm
Sr. and Jr. Hi Youth 7:00 pm
- January 29** Church Office Closed
Ladies Exercise 9:00 am
Beginning Handbells 10:00 am
Disciplefest in Panama City
- January 30** Disciplefest and Presbytery in Panama City
- January 31** Coffee /Juice Fellowship Hall 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11:00 am
Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation 11:55 am
- February 1** Ladies Exercise 9:00 am
Circle 1 10:30 am Parlor ---- Circle II 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Good News Women 7:00 pm at Peggy Peacock
- February 2** Men's Bible Study 10:00 am
Christian Education Committee 5:00 pm
- February 3** Food Pantry 9-11:00 am ----- Bible Study 12:00 noon
M and M's 3-5:00 pm ----- Choir Practice 5:15 pm
JuBELLees 6:00 pm ----- Youth Group 7:00 pm
- February 4** Newsletter 1:00 pm
- February 5** Ladies Exercise 9:00 am

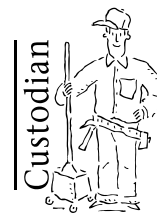
End of the Year Statements



Statements of personal giving to the First Presbyterian Church during 2009 will be mailed out by Monday, January 25. If you do not receive your statement, or if you have any questions about it, please call Valerie Marlow, our administrative assistant, at our church office (526-2430) or e-mail her at firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net.

Envelopes and Calendars

Calendars for 2010 from Louisville Theological Seminary and Undated Boxes of Church Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex and in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and in the church office during the week.



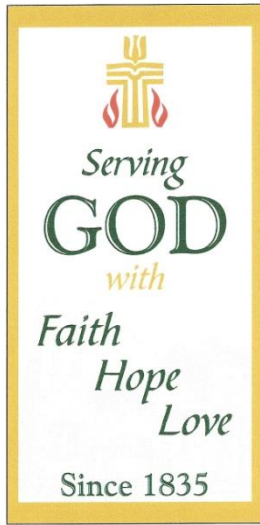
Ron Jones is New Church Custodian

We are happy to announce that Ron Jones began work on Monday, January 4, as our new church custodian. He will be working on a part-time basis with flexible hours to cover the work each week. Ron has been attending worship, the Sunday School Class in the parlor, and other church activities since last September. Appreciation is extended to Ron Goold for his service as our church custodian since October 2008. Ron will continue as a member of our Session.

Games Night on January 23

The monthly Games Night, will be held on Saturday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are invited to come join in the fun and bring a snack to share.





175th Anniversary Year Celebrations Continue Next Saturday and Sunday January 16 and 17

Former pastor, the Rev. Dr. R. Proctor Chambless, and his wife, Ginger, will be returning to Marianna to celebrate with us that weekend.

Events for the weekend will include:

Dessert and Visit with the Chambless family at the Manse 4380 River Forest Road (opposite the baseball fields at Chipola College) on Saturday from 3 -5 p.m.

Chat with Proctor Chambless from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday in the sanctuary.

Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday at which Proctor Chambless will be the preacher.

The service will also include music written for our Anniversary Year by Larry Nelson.

A **Montreat Luncheon** of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts will follow the service.

Proctor Chambless is a native of Americus, Georgia, and a graduate of University of Georgia. He received his Doctorate of Ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in 1977. Prior to coming to Marianna, Dr. Chambless served as the Associate Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Since his pastorate in Marianna, he has served as pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, the Middle and Oak Grove Presbyterian Churches in Tennessee, as well as serving as the Interim Presbytery Executive for North Alabama Presbytery. He currently serves as pastor of the Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Georgia.

Proctor and Ginger Chambless lived here with their children Jason and Kate from July 1982-August 1990. Dr. Chambless says, "My children's most formative years were spent in Marianna and they still consider it home. So much of what my children have become is a credit to our church family in Marianna, and for that Ginger and I will always be grateful." Jason and his wife have two children and live in Savannah, Georgia, where he is a civil engineer with Thomas and Hutton. Kate and her husband live in Cincinnati, Ohio with their two children. Her husband is an Emergency Room Doctor, and she is a substitute teacher, and busy mom and homemaker.

While pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Proctor was involved in the community through athletics and civic activities, including working with the JCARC Summer camps at Dogwood Acres, and at Cape Sand Blas.

Jesus Comes Home to Begin His Ministry

At our Worship Services on Sunday, January 24 and Sunday, January 31 we will be looking at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus in his home town of Nazareth, and the reaction of his friends and neighbors as this is recorded in Luke 4:14-30. These services will also include Paul's reflections on the Church and on God's Gift of Love in I Corinthians 12 and 13.



Circle Meetings on February 1

All ladies are invited to share in the fellowship and study at one, or more, of the Circle Meetings on Monday, February 1:

Circle 1 in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 4 p.m.

Good News Women's Circle at the home of Peggy Peacock, 4667 Meadowview Road at 7 p.m.



From the Pastor

Last Sunday as we received our Food Pantry offering, I expressed appreciation on behalf of our

Mission and Service Committee for the faithful support of each of you for this program during the past year. Separate articles in this newsletter highlight the reports which the Mission and Service Committee had reviewed at their meeting that morning.

At our Administration Committee this past Tuesday, the financial report, presented by Chuck Morgan, our Church Treasurer, was also most encouraging as it highlighted the way in which, in the midst of what was a difficult year for many people in our community, nation and world, we had been able, once again, to complete another year of service, without cutting back on any of our programs and activities, with more income than expenses. Additionally, of course, thanks to the good work of our Property and Operations Committee, we were able to put new roofs on all of our church facilities on Jefferson and Clinton Streets without a capital campaign, or the taking out of any additional loans!

Each of our Committees, of course, could highlight the excitement that they feel as they look back over the past year, and look forward to this New Year. Our Christian Education Committee has celebrated the increased attendance in our Sunday School, and other study programs. We have one of the largest groups of Senior Highs signed up to attend the Youth Conference at Montreat this June, that we have had in several years. For the first time in several years we have an active Junior High Group, as was evident at our Christmas pageant. What choir or congregation can claim to have sung so much music, especially written for them by their own choir director? While the transition of some of our staff has been difficult, we appreciate what Valerie Marlow and Ron Jones already are contributing to the life of our congregation. How many cards have been sent, and visits have been made, by members of our Evangelism and Fellowship Committee? How many churches spend a whole year and plan so many different activities to celebrate an Anniversary?

Like the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews (11:32), I could, of course, go on and on helping us to remember what we have been able to do as we have worked together as the Body of Christ in this place. As Paul reminds us (I Corinthians 12:12-31), all of this is only possible as we each play our part under the direction of the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ. May all that we do and say in 2010 bring honor and glory to Him.



Our Prayer Calendar: Harold Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), John Morrow (requested by Louise Hoy), Irby Owens (father of Terry Owens), Carl Davino (requested by Betty Blighton), the Rev. Matt Basford, Barbara Black (requested by Nancy McMullin),

Homebound Members and Friends:

Jackie Parramore
Virginia Schreiber
Jeanette Vickery
Jessie Stuart
Bonnie Peacock
Ilene Culpepper

Marianna Health & Rehabilitation Center:

Lottie Fite
Peggy Holmes

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Rosa Lee Mercer (aunt of
of Mary Schmidt)
Dina Garnatz and her sister,
Susie (requested by Jim
and Eileen Drew)
Margaret Seeberger (mother of
Hanni Daffin)
Inez Crawford (cousin of Frankie
Stewart)
Sharon Casey (requested by Kip
Blighton)
Christine Crews
Toni and Rex Nowell
Floye Brewton (requested by
Gina Stuart)

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:

Eloise Turner – Gainesville
Isabel Keaton – Tallahassee
Ruth Hinson – St. Mary's, Ga.
Bennie Fowler – Youngstown
Julia Holmes – Mobile, Ala.
Evelyn Coskey – Dowling Park

Serving in the Military:

Jake Vickery (Grandson of
Jeannette Vickery at
Ft. Benning, Ga.)
Wayne Busby
Joshua Lee Connor (nephew
of Gina Stuart, in Iraq)
Gordon Blighton (Brother of
Kip Blighton, in Afghanistan)

At the Courtyard Rehab. and Nursing Center:

Jean Morehouse
Raynell Morris (mother of
Don Morris)

At Chipola Pavilion:

James (Jack) Peacock



Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to Barry and Jennifer Stafford and family, in the death of his grandmother, Anita Parker, in Franklinton, Louisiana on January 3, 2010.



Thanks for Your Help

- To all who helped to take down our Advent and Christmas decorations around the church on Wednesday,

January 6.

- To all who all who helped so quickly to rearrange our fellowship hall on Sunday, January 10, when the heat was not working in the sanctuary.
- To Kip Blighton, and the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, for the improvements to our church kitchen. (We look forward to the completion of this work when Kip returns from “the frozen north!”)

Thanks to Retiring Elders

Appreciation is extended to Richard Hand, LuAnne Law, Tom Stadsklev and Scott Yant for their service for the past three years as members of our Church Session. These elders will concluded their term of service with the Ordination and Installation of our new elders on Sunday, January 3, 2010.



PALS Luncheon

The January PALS luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 12 noon. Reservations may be made by filling out one of the *Welcome* cards in the pew racks and placing it on the offering plate, or by calling the church office at 526-2430 or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net by 10 a.m. on Monday, January 18. The program will be on Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee, and the Westminster Retirement Communities sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Florida.



Thanks for All Of Your Support for Our Food Pantry Ministry in 2009

The page on special offerings in this newsletter gives a summary of our food pantry work during 2009. Your continued faithful support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. As you will see increased need in our community has been more than matched by increased giving by our congregation. In addition to the financial gifts we have had more people working as volunteers in this ministry over the past year

Volunteers in our Food Pantry on Wednesday morning for the next few weeks will be:

January 20: Marsha Rodgers, MaryAnn Gibbs, Hazel Nelson, and Jeff Allen

January 27: Ron Goold, Willie Mae Goold, and Jeff Allen

February 3: Jeff Allen, Ruthanne Allen, and Bud Wierman

If you would like to volunteer to help one Wednesday between 9 and 11 a.m., or to bag on Tuesdays, or with the Second Harvest food delivery two Mondays mornings a month, please contact Ruthanne Allen at 526-4174. If you can help shop, or bag groceries on Tuesday afternoons, please contact Valerie Marlow at the church office 526-2430.

Free bread, bagels, etc. are only available when someone can pick them up on Mondays or Tuesdays at the Second Harvest warehouse in Tallahassee. If you will be going to **Tallahassee** on any Monday or Tuesday, and can pick up bread for our food pantry, please call the church office and we can give you directions, as well as quantities that should be picked up.

Appreciation is extended to Susie Barber and her Culinary Arts Class at Marianna High School for their recent donation of food to our food pantry.

Food Pantry Item of the Month is: RICE

A Thank You Note

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the love and support of my church family, and especially Dr. Christopher, throughout my stay at Marianna Hospital, and Centre Pointe Rehab. in Tallahassee. The cards, phone calls, and especially the prayers meant so much, and were such encouragement to me. I am home now, and continue to covet your prayers. Thank You for “always being there for me.” *Ilene Culpepper*



Sunday School Classes for All Age Groups

Every Sunday morning there are Sunday School Classes for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Christian Education Committee hopes, at the beginning of this new year, you have found your place in one of our classes. In addition to classes for children and youth, we have two classes for Adults. During the next few weeks, these adult classes will be centered on the following themes and texts:

Adult I in the Parlor:

- January 17: Joint Meeting with Proctor Chambless in the sanctuary
- January 24: "Declared in Prayer," based on Matthew 11:25-30
- January 31: "Revealed in Rejection," based on Matthew 13:54-58

Adult II Upstairs in Room 4 will be looking at the Scriptures to be used in our Worship Services:

- January 17: Joint Meeting with Proctor Chambless in the sanctuary
- January 24: Luke 4:14-21; I Corinthians 12:12-31a
- January 31: Luke 4:21-30; I Corinthians 13:1-14:1a

Bible Study Continues Through February 3

The Pre-Lent Bible Study of the Book of Revelation will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday, through February 3. The same study will be offered each week, with a Men's Bible Study at 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, and for women and men at 12 noon on Wednesdays. For more information, please contact Rachel Christopher at 482-8118 or rachelc25w@embarqmail.com.

Birthday Recognition and Souper Bowl Presentation at Covered Dish Supper

At our covered dish supper on Wednesday, January 27 those with January birthdays will be recognized, and a presentation will be made, by our Junior High Youth Group, on the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will again be participating in this program of caring for the hungry on Superbowl Sunday, February 7. All of the support given to this program through our own church will be designated for our own food pantry.

Disciplefest and Presbytery Meeting

The Disciplefest Program of the Presbytery of Florida will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Panama City. In addition to the workshops on Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday morning and afternoon, a meeting will be held on Saturday of the Presbytery of Florida. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 20. This year the featured leader is the **Rev. Brian Clark**. Worship, fellowship, informative workshops, and Children's Track (Kindergarten-5th Grade) will be available. The Youth Track (Grades 6-12) "**Disciplefest: Seeing, Wanting, Doing.**" will include a lock-in. Childcare is also available throughout the weekend. Brochures and Registration Forms are available on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and also from the church office during the week. Information is also available at www.presbyteryofflorida.com. Financial assistance, up to the cost of the early bird special, is available from the Christian Education Committee. If you need financial assistance please contact the church office by Monday, January 18.

Church Travel Mugs Available

Our Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has recently designed and purchased Travel Mugs, complete with our church picture and 175th Anniversary logo, to distribute to new visitors to our congregation. Based on the response from those who have seen them they are making them available to the congregation for \$7.00 each; 2 for \$12.00 and 3 for \$18.00. Samples of the mugs are on the table in the narthex and on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. If you would like a mug please complete the form below and return it with your check to the church office (or put it on the offering plate), and a member of the committee will get your order to you.

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TRAVEL MUG ORDER FORM

Name _____

Quantity Purchased _____ Amount Paid _____

*Please attach cash or checks to the First Presbyterian Church
Cost is \$ 7.00 each; 2 for \$12.00 and 3 for \$18*



Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

The annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, Florida, Inc., will be held at the conclusion of our Worship Service on Sunday, January 31. (please note the change of date from the previous announcements)

The following items will be presented for approval based on the recommendations of the Session:

1. That the twelve (12) active elders on the Session form the Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the corporation for the year 2010, as required by the By-Laws of the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, and that these said directors be also recognized as the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna in accordance with the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *G-7.0401*.
2. The election of the Officers of the Corporation for 2010.
(The Session will present a proposed slate of officers from amongst the Board of Directors)
3. A report on the Church Finances for the year 2009
4. A report on the Church Budget for 2010 (see related item in this newsletter)
5. That the changes in the terms of call for Huw Christopher as pastor for the year 2010 be approved (these were will be mailed out with the financial statements by Tuesday, January 26)

If have any questions about this annual meeting, or any other aspect of our church's finances and committee works, please be in contact with any member of our Session. A list of the Session is included in this newsletter.



SUMMARY OF SPECIAL GIVING FIRSTPRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2009

OFFERINGS	DESCRIPTION	2009
Easter	One Great Hour of Sharing for Hunger Programs and Disaster Assistance	\$996.80
Pentecost	Ministry with Youth and Young Adults 40% of offering to StopOver House	\$268.40
Peace-Making	25% earmarked for Local National Guard Families	\$242.60
Thanksgiving	Thornwell Home and School for Children in Clinton, South Carolina	\$465.00
Christmas Joy	Programs of Board of Pensions & Support to Racial/Ethnic schools and colleges of PCUSA	\$609.00
ADDITIONAL CHURCHWIDE MISSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Valentine Medical Mission for Lauren Peacock – Supplies and Money ♥ Snacks for Habitat of Humanity Workers ♥ Projection Screen for Dogwood Acres ♥ Financial Gift for DeBary Church after the fire ♥ Projects and Collection of Supplies for Monroe House at Sunland ♥ Monthly Birthday Parties at Monroe House ♥ Financial Gift to Rev. Matuto Zola in South Africa <p><i>Plus projects sponsored by the Men and Women of the Church</i></p>	

FOOD PANTRY SUMMARY

Year	Offering	Amount Spent	Individuals Helped
2006	\$4,393	\$5,537	4376
2007	\$5,271	\$6,462	7019
2008	\$6,810	\$7,913	9169
2009	\$8,156	\$6,929	9763
<i>Plus contributions of food from Church Members</i>			



Session Adopts Budget for 2010

Based on the responses of financial commitments to God's work through the First Presbyterian Church in 2010, and the faithful giving of people during 2009, the Session at its December meeting adopted the following budget for the year. Further information on this budget, and on our 2009 church finances, will be given at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31.

	2009	2010
Administration Committee	145,053.00	145,833.00
Property and Operations Committee	33,100.00	33,500.00
Worship Committee	18,580.00	19,230.00
Christian Education Committee	13,250.00	13,750.00
Mission and Service Committee	12,518.00	13,018.00
Evangelism and Fellowship Committee	4,000.00	4,750.00
Stewardship Committee	500.00	200.00
Endowment Committee	300.00	100.00
Total	227,301.00	230,381.00

What Does the Church, the Body of Christ, Mean to You?

Everyone will have an opportunity to reflect on this question at our Time of Quiet Prayer and Reflection at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 24 in the parlor. The Scriptures on which the reflections will be based will be those used in the worship service that morning from I Corinthians 12:12-31a. Everyone present, who desires to do so, will have an opportunity to share his or her experiences from being part of this church and of churches in other places.



- Jan 17th Alyne Pitman
- Jan. 24th Pam Fuqua
- Jan 31st Bill & Susie Stevens



- Jan. 17 Kerri Loving
- Jan. 19 Amanda Yant
- Jan. 21 Gretchen Schultz
Helen Taylor
- Jan. 22 Ouida Morris
- Jan. 24 Hunter Daffin, Jr.
- Jan. 25 Anna Beth Milton
- Jan. 26 Doris Irwin
- Jan. 27 Louise Pumphrey
Lou Roberts III
- Jan. 29 Dale Eade
Janie Harmon
- Jan .30 Carolina Payne
- Jan. 31 Jean Morehouse
- Feb. 5 Julien Cumming



Elder of the Month

Ron Goold

ACTIVE ELDERS

- Kip Blighton 482-4661
- Ron Goold 482-8700
- Betty Jo Hatcher
569-2925
- Don Hunter 482-7565
- Joy Lewis 482-3801
- Marianne Lonsinger
526-2858
- Bryan Milton 526-7557
- John W. Milton 482-8963
- Debbie Moxley 272-7766
- Mary Bevis Schmidt
526-0092
- Barry Stafford 482-5025
- Bud Wierman 482-1083