

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**JULY 1, 2026**

## PRAYERS

Warren Brown family  
Jeanette George  
Dusty Parker  
John Swofford

## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

As we celebrate our nation's freedom, let us give thanks to God for our blessings and remember that true freedom is found in His love. May we continue to serve one another with gratitude and grace.

## VBS SUCCESS

Vacation Bible School was a great success! The children and the adults had so much fun learning about Bible heroes, singing new songs, playing games with Kevin Cartee and the Camp Fellowship staff, making crafts, and eating supper together each night. Our mission project was "Pennies for Prison Bibles," and we raised \$298.49! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this a wonderful experience for the children. We are so excited, we already have next year planned! Mark your calendars, June 20-June 23, 2027, 5:00-7:00 PM.

## TWELVE ORDINARY MEN BOOK STUDY

It's not too late to join! We meet on Wednesday's at 3:00 PM - Mary Fortune

## LUNCH BUNCH

Mark your calendars for August 25, 2026- All are welcome!

## PLAYGROUND AREA

Thanks to a generous gift from a member of our congregation that got the ball rolling, our Session has approved going forward with an upgrade of our playground area. This will involve replacing the current wooden Ark structure with a multi-slide and climbing unit appropriate for ages 2 to 12, adding a basketball goal and some refurbishing to our swing set. A number of people have already expressed their intention to donate towards this project, and we think others may want to as well. If any of our congregation would like to make a donation, please forward your check (with "Playground" in the memo line) to our Church Office and to the attention of Mike Ellison. Scott Holland, Property Committee Chairman.

## FOOD BANK

Our food bank is currently in need of nonperishable items such as canned vegetables, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, and boxed meals. Please donate your goods in the blue wagon by the church office. Thank you for helping us serve!

## UPDATES

BOOK STUDY

VBS SUCCESS

PLAYGROUND  
AREA

RED, WHITE &  
BLUE POP UP  
EVENT

FOOD BANK

LUNCH  
BUNCH

# CHURCH CALENDAR

**JUNE-JULY** No Handbell/Choir Practice

**JULY 3** Office Closed

**JULY 5** 10:00 Worship  
Donuts after Service  
6:00-7:00 Children's Pop-Up Event

**JULY 7** 10:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

**JULY 8** 3:00 Twelve Ordinary Men Book Study

**JULY 12** 8:30 CE Committee  
10:00 Worship  
Donuts after Service

**JULY 14** 10:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

**JULY 15** 3:00 Twelve Ordinary Men Book Study

**JULY 19** 10:00 Worship  
Donuts after Service

**JULY 21** 10:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

**JULY 22** 3:00 Twelve Ordinary Men Book Study

**JULY 26** 10:00 Worship  
Donuts after Service

**JULY 28** 10:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

**AUGUST 2** 10:00 Worship  
Donuts after Service

**AUGUST 4** 10:00 Threads of Fellowship

**AUGUST 5** 3:00 Twelve Ordinary Men Book Study

**AUGUST 9** 8:30 CE Committee  
10:00 Worship  
Donuts after Service

**AUGUST 11** 10:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Threads of Fellowship



July 12: Bill & Patty Craine

July 19: William & Marion Crawford

July 26: Candy Croxton

August 2: Edie Davis

August 9: Margaret & Trey Davis



children's pop-up event

Children, ages 3 through rising fifth grade are invited to our Red, White and Blue Celebration on Sunday, July 5th, 6:00 until 7:00 pm in Hunter Hall. We will have games, crafts, bubbles and ice cream. Our youth are invited to come help make this a fun event for the younger kids. Everyone is encouraged to wear their red, white and blue.



You can now give online to First Pres by using this QR code. Scan the image with your phone or click on link to give safely and securely.



USHERS: Please verify you are available to serve on your scheduled date. Additional volunteers are needed as well. Contact Rick for details. 864-923-4377

July 5, 2026	July 12, 2026	July 19, 2026	July 26, 2026
<u>Acts</u>	<u>Romans</u>	<u>Corinthians</u>	<u>Galatians</u>
Byron Parker*	Bill Childers*	Rick Thompson*	Rick Thompson*
Gail Parker	Amanda Childers	Charles Milan	Lewis Matthews
Erskine Thomason	Jimmy Todd	Diane Milan	Ray Sizemore
Tony Bailey	Susan Todd	Sloan Mahon	Donna Williams