



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church  
Mountain Home, Arkansas

## AUGUST 2024



Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

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Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday– Thursday

### An Emotional Life Preserver

**Author Nicole Whitacre, writing at [DesiringGod.com](http://DesiringGod.com), acknowledges that even Christ-followers are prone to “emotional rip currents.” Although emotions are good because God created them, sin has corrupted our feelings.**

**“Though sin would drown us in a sea of wretched feelings, we have been rescued,” Whitacre shares. Christ can redeem our sin-plagued emotions when we think on God’s truths and make godly decisions, she says. Then those transformed emotions help us honor Jesus and serve other people.**

**“Love for Christ motivates us (John 14:15), joy in God strengthens us (Nehemiah 8:10) and zeal for God’s word consumes us (Psalm 119:139),” concludes Whitacre. “Our emotional life — once rife with dangerous rip currents — can come alive with godly feelings that propel us forward in Christlike character.”**

# Special Dates in **AUGUST**

## Birthdays

03-Ian Ruegsegger  
05-Marilyn Wheat  
10-Ralph Gillespie  
12-Eleanore Wheeler  
18-Wana Thacker  
23-Fred Ruegsegger  
26-Don Crapnell

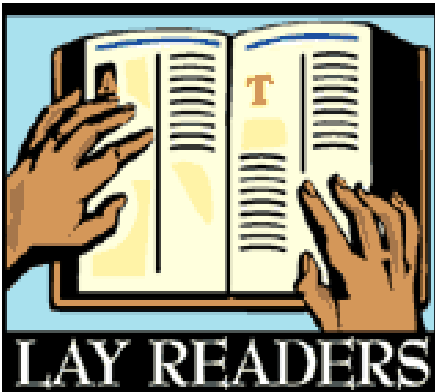


## Anniversaries

03-T.J. & Linda Lawson  
28-James & Nancy Priest



## *Serving in Worship*



### August Lay Readers

04-Ellen J  
11-Mary S  
18-Mary S  
25-Nancy P

### August Fellowship

Don't forget to volunteer to host fellowship by signing up on the bulletin board on the way to the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for August currently hanging on the board.

### August Ushers

04-Marilyn W  
11-Karen G  
18-Ellen J  
25-Loweta R

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **JUNE SESSION UPDATE**

The Session met on 14 June 2024 with all elders in attendance; Rev. Stewart Smith, moderator. Session met to discuss the financial changes with our Texas Presbytery Fund and personnel issues. A copy of the approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the mailroom.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

## **JULY DEACONS UPDATE**

The Deacons did not have a scheduled meeting in July and will not have one in August. The Deacons will continue to stay in touch by telephone or called meeting as necessary. Our thanks to the amazing Missions Committee for the July 14 picnic and sing-along. The balance in the Deacons Fund is \$2,359.18. Prayers and best wishes to our church members, families, and friends. Be with us in all our tomorrows.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

[Christians] do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, or else they are not Christian. They live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love. Through faith they are caught up beyond themselves into God; likewise, through love they fall down beneath themselves into the neighbor — remaining nevertheless always in God and God's love.

—Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*

## **Treasurer's Report as of JUNE 28, 2024**

Donations/Deposits	\$ 3,454.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 6,744.46
Bank Balance	\$ 45,236.98

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer



# MISSIONS HEADLINES

**The Mission Committee is currently collecting boxes and bags of cereal to be given to the Food Pantry. Please consider picking up an extra box while you are shopping this month.**

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at 1:00 pm.**



**Mary Smith– Moderator**



## **Women of the Church**

Mary Smith presented lesson four on June 11 at 1 pm. "Christmas, A Time to be Born and a Time to Die." Marty Hasty was hostess. NO meetings during July and August. Meetings resume on September 10 at 1pm with lesson five learning all about Epiphany. Lesson leader will be Kim Terrell and Hostess is Ellen Jordan. Come enjoy fellowship like no other! Bring a friend.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Terrell

### **Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas**

**August 04-Trinity, Little Rock (Members: 355 Est:1987)**

**Spring River, Hardy (Members:34 Est:1960)**

**August 11-First, Bentonville (Members:583 Est:1846)**

**Westminster, Little Rock (Members:16 Est:1889)**

**August 18-First, Conway (Members:241 Est:1892)**

**First, Prairie Grove (Members:79 Est:1903)**

**August 25-First, Morrilton (Members:167 Est:1887)**

**First, Springdale (Members:323 Est:1950)**



**"May God give you peace with yourselves; may he give you good will towards all your friends, your enemies and your neighbors; and may he give you grace to give glory to God in the highest."**

**—Charles H. Spurgeon**

# ***SCRIPTURES FOR AUGUST 2024***

**Sunday August 04**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15    Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16        John 6:24-35

**Sunday August 11**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:4-8        Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2    John 6:35, 41-51

**Sunday August 18**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 9:1-6        Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20    John 6:51-58

**Sunday August 25**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18    Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20        John 6:56-69

**“If you can’t pay it back, pay it forward.”**

**—Catherine Ryan Hyde**

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.  
(Complementary)



# AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2	3
					Office Closed	
4 Communion 	5	6	7 Missions meet at 1 pm	8	9	10
					Office Closed	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Office Closed	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					Office Closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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