



# THE FIRST WORD

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### In Tune with the Master

From Hope for Each Day

by Billy Graham

*You shall surround me with songs of deliverance — Psalm 32:7*

Out West an old sheepherder had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to one of the radio stations and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the tone “A.” The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the old fellow, and on the particular day the true tone of “A” was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music.

When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune—out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with the Master, we, too, will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music.

As this new year begins, ask God to help you tune your life every day to His Word, so you can bring harmony and joy to those around you.

Welcome,  
2020!

## REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS

**We are invited to read and reflect on these scripture passages  
as a part of our preparation for worship.**

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 5

Jeremiah 31: 7–14

Psalm 147: 12–20

Ephesians 1: 3–14

John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Sunday, January 19

Isaiah 49: 1–7

Psalm 40: 1–11

1 Corinthians 1: 1–9

John 1: 29–42

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60: 1–6

Psalm 72: 1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3: 1–12

Matthew 2: 1–12

Sunday, January 26

Isaiah 9: 1–4

Psalm 27: 1, 4–9

1 Corinthians 1: 10–18

Matthew 4: 12–23

Baptism of the Lord—January 12

Isaiah 42: 1–9

Psalm 29

Acts 10: 34–43

Matthew 3: 13–17

### DONATIONS - WRAPPING UP 2019



To be recorded for 2019, contributions must be in the church office by NOON, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> OR have a postmark of December 31<sup>st</sup> or before. **Any contribution received after that time will be recorded as a 2020 contribution regardless of the date of your check.** This is in accordance with IRS regulations.



There's still time to include your per capita donation in your 2019 giving. Per capita is a per member assessment that we pay to the Presbyterian Church (USA) each year to help fund the ministries of our presbytery, synod and general assembly. For 2019, the per capita amount is \$25.00 per member. If you have already made a donation for 2019, please know that your Session greatly appreciates your support.



**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - If you would like to have offering envelopes for the New Year, please pick-up a box of envelopes from the Information Center in the Mulberry Room. To ensure proper credit to your donations statement, please print your name on the envelope log sheet. You may also call the office at 633-2693 to request envelopes.

## FINANCE REPORT NOVEMBER 2019

In November, we collected \$8,822.80. On the expense side, we spent \$14,582.52. We spent a total of \$5,759.72 more than we collected. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

|                           | Last Month         | Year to Date        |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Pledges Received          | \$4,780.00         | \$111,976.72        |             |
| Kroger Gift Card          | \$0.00             | \$916.46            |             |
| From Savings              | \$0.00             | \$14,000.00         |             |
| Other Income              | \$4,042.80         | \$54,191.07         |             |
| Designated Funds          | \$650.00           | \$780.00            |             |
| Total Income              | \$9,472.80         | \$181,864.25        |             |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>   | <b>\$8,822.80</b>  | <b>\$181,084.25</b> |             |
| Personnel Expense         | \$12,760.79        | \$146,286.70        |             |
| Utilities                 | \$605.34           | \$17,538.86         |             |
| Building Maintenance      | \$601.11           | \$13,630.25         |             |
| Youth & Education         | \$65.00            | \$1,679.67          |             |
| Music                     | \$0.00             | \$150.00            |             |
| Office                    | \$419.81           | \$4,095.70          |             |
| Shared Mission            | \$0.00             | \$0.00              |             |
| Per Capita                | \$0.00             | \$3,875.00          |             |
| Other                     | \$130.47           | \$2,791.74          |             |
| Designated Expenses       | \$80.65            | \$1,588.88          |             |
| Total Expenses            | \$14,663.17        | \$191,636.80        |             |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$14,582.52</b> | <b>\$190,047.92</b> |             |
| Summary 2019              | Income             | Expense             | Difference  |
| December                  |                    |                     |             |
| November                  | \$8,822.80         | \$14,582.52         | -\$5,759.72 |
| October                   | \$16,043.13        | \$17,383.94         | -\$1,340.81 |
| September                 | \$25,806.00        | \$16,416.10         | \$9,389.90  |
| August                    | \$14,672.69        | \$19,682.10         | -\$5,009.41 |
| July                      | \$17,253.95        | \$14,712.00         | \$2,541.95  |
| June                      | \$14,473.45        | \$14,858.41         | -\$384.96   |
| May                       | \$12,397.00        | \$18,973.00         | -\$6,576.00 |
| April                     | \$19,513.35        | \$18,330.56         | \$1,182.79  |
| March                     | \$19,094.38        | \$19,673.23         | -\$578.85   |
| February                  | \$20,846.00        | \$18,836.19         | \$2,009.81  |
| January                   | \$11,061.50        | \$16,635.30         | -\$5,573.80 |

# Ways you can SERVE



## JANUARY 12 Remember Love Sunday

Funds collected on Love Sunday are used to help many individuals in the community needing assistance with utilities, prescriptions, school supplies, and more. Payments are made directly to the vendors, and cash is never given to an individual. Individuals may request assistance once in a 12-month period with a \$ limit per request. Make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it for **LOVE SUNDAY**.



JOIN US ON  
Wednesday, JANUARY 1  
Anytime between  
12:00 noon & 4:00 p.m.  
At the Serenity Center,  
98 7th Street



Help distribute food to 400+ Shelby County families.

Bring plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)

## Souper Bowl Sunday



**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

Whether you cheer for the AFC or the NFC, we can all be winners! The Outreach Committee has decided to support the Veteran's Village with your donations this year. Let's help stock their pantry with non-perishable household items such as:

Canned Soup  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Liquid Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Fabric Softener  
Disposable Razors

Watch for the conference boxes in which to place your items and stay tuned for an updated list of suggested items.



## AWAKE MINISTRY'S VETERANS VILLAGE UPDATE

### It's Happening!!!

As Project Coordinator, Carlen Pippin oversees the daily progress. While a great deal of progress has been made, this week produced visual progress which creates excitement. Sewer and waterlines in; footers are being poured. Thanks be to God!



Want to honor  
a loved one?  
Buy a brick!



Help pave the path... for only \$150!

This Christmas, we would like to give you an opportunity to honor a loved one, military or otherwise, by purchasing an engraved brick that will literally pave the path to the doorway of our heroes' homes at Veterans Village!

Engraving may include up to 18 characters per line (2 lines) each additional line is extra.

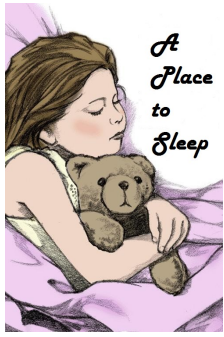
Please contact Marcia Mitchum at Awake Ministries:  
502-647-5555 ext.221 | [Marcia@awakeky.com](mailto:Marcia@awakeky.com)



\$150







## ***A Place to Sleep***

Since the last newsletter, we have provided beds to 295 children during 2019 for a grand total of 2,021. There are currently 13+ on the waiting list.

**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR: EVERYTHING! Our supporters and prayer warriors, our volunteers and donors.....every good and perfect gift from God!**

Allie Blair, daughter of Libby Nethery and step daughter of Keith Nethery, had a dream and made a dream come true for lots of children. She sang and offered her CD for sale at Centenary United Methodist Church, Shelbyville, with Libby (an A Place to Sleep Board Member) sharing about our ministry. The pouring out of love and donations raised \$4,330 which Allie donated to A Place to Sleep. Thank you, Allie! **Lead, child, LEAD!**



**Here are some ways you can continue to help  
A Place to Sleep  
without spending anything extra:**

[AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=astore-portal)

Support A Place to Sleep by shopping at AmazonSmile. Anytime you shop, AmazonSmile donates to A Place to Sleep!

Simply go to: [smile.Amazon.com/ch/83-2952455](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-2952455)

[Flipgive.com](https://www.flipgive.com/)

Download the Flipgive app, select A Place to Sleep to support, and shop at family favorites like Walmart, Starbucks, Sam's Club, Lowe's, Nike and more. You can also buy gift cards for restaurants, airlines, movies and many more. All you have to do is continue to buy the things you need. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to our nonprofit. (FYI—Once you join, eating at Cattleman's and Ditto's Grill automatically makes a donation!)





# A FEW OF A PLACE TO SLEEP'S FAVORITE THINGS



Organizations donating to help children! Thank you, Great Meadows Angus Association.



College students returning home to volunteer! Thank you, Hannah Renfro.



Local businesses helping out! Thanks for filling our shelves with sheets, Tracy Rogers Barnett & Coldwell Banker staff.



Family Resource Center staff delivering beds to their students! Thank you, Leesa Stivers & Molly Dentinger, for loving and helping our Eminence children.

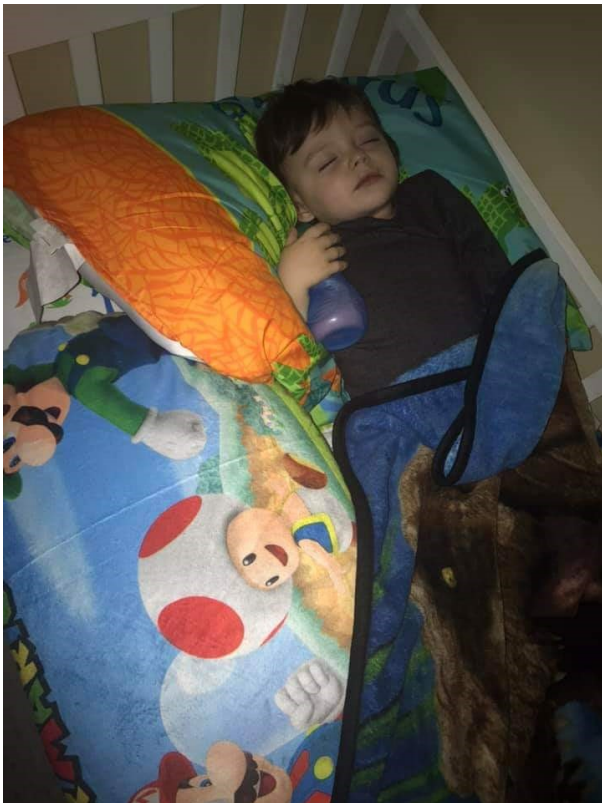


# SILENT NIGHT

Once again, Mortenson Family Dental West adopted an A Place to Sleep family and not only provided beds, but also clothing, gifts, even a Christmas tree for the children. Thank you to all the staff at the Stonecrest location. It really is A Wonderful Life!



## *Sleeping in Heavenly Peace*





## IT'S A WRAP

Thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, and ESPECIALLY to these two on the left, Susie & Boyd Phillips, our church was able to provide 50 food baskets (plus one walk in thanks to all the extra items donated.) The annual Christmas Food baskets have been a family favorite activity since, well, forever! Susie & Boyd put in a whole, whole lot of hours of planning and preparation so that folks like us can just walk in and make putting all of this together look like a piece a cake...Fruit Cake to be exact. Thank you, Boyd & Susie for never giving up on us. We are blessed to have your leadership and guidance.

Special thanks to Ann Kalmey for the wonderful photos.



Go out and preach the Gospel, using words if you have to.



















# Single Moms Shining

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO DO  
IT ALONE!

WORKSHOP FOR  
SINGLE MOMS  
As single mom.

you will find support in this  
new journey of healing,  
building your tribe, financial  
independence, and  
forgiveness after divorce or a  
break up. Find your passions  
and start dreaming again!

Centenary United Methodist Church  
January 8th-February 26th  
Wednesday nights  
Light snacks provided  
childcare provided during class

6:00-7:30

To sign up email:

[libbysearsnethery@shinebrightstrongone.com](mailto:libbysearsnethery@shinebrightstrongone.com)

or call: (502) 633-4510

Cost: \$25

*shine bright*  
STRONG ONE

LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE





### ***We give thanks to God for:***

All those celebrating birthdays, including Cody, William, Jim O'Malley, Andy Shepard and JR RoBards  
 All those who donated to and made our distribution of 50 Christmas Food Boxes possible  
 All those who made the Christmas Choir Concert possible  
 All those who planned and participated in the Advent Workshop  
 Cadence Collins and her Give A Kid Project providing pajamas and books to 69 children  
 College students being home  
 Everyone who rang the Salvation Army Bell on Christmas Eve  
 Gregg Neal gives thanks for all the prayers for Jason, Jessica & Hudson Won  
 Katie Hodge getting a lead roll in the Opera, Hansel & Gretel at Murray State Univ.  
 Levi Anderson who cleared the church's gutters of leaves  
 Luta & Jeremy Garbat Welch expecting a baby  
 Megan playing the flute  
 Shelby Luckenbill and her leading the youth Christmas Caroling  
 The gift of sunshine  
 The Lang Family expecting in June  
 The life & legacy of Joyce Dotson

### ***Since our last issue, we lift up the following in our prayers:***

Ann & Pete Gullett & Ann's Mother  
 Ben Farris  
 Boyd Phillips' friend, Jackie  
 Claire Reidy  
 Dottie Segretto  
 Family, Friends & Caregivers of Joyce Dotson  
 Frances Hall and her brother  
 Keith Nethery  
 LouAnn & Amy, daughter & grand daughter of Ann & Herb VonGruenigen  
 Mae & Hunter Hodge  
 Mary Ann Soergel  
 Our local homeless  
 Painted Stone Elementary teacher on bed rest with high risk pregnancy  
 Roger & Y Lan Tate and Family  
 Safe travels for all  
 The Magan Family  
 The Michael Gaines Family  
 Walt Reichart

### ***We continue to lift up:***

Creque Family  
 Jason, Jessica & Hudson Won  
 Lisa & Bill Beasey  
 Lucy & Charles Long  
 Marcia & Gary Mitchum  
 Nancy Pearce  
 The Garbat-Welch Family

### ***We pray for our military family & friends:***

Alaine Shepard, medic US Army, wife of Steve Shepard, daughter-in-law of Linda Shepard  
 Brandon Pettyjohn  
 Brandon Brouillet, father of Tyler Brouillet  
 Carmen Aragon Corum, sister of our childcare workers  
 Daniel Ehrichs, nephew of Joanne Burke  
 David Luebke  
 Frank Renner, US Navy, Leslee Bottorff's son  
 Gabriel Romeo, US Army, brother of our childcare workers  
 Hannah Riddle, US Air Force, granddaughter of Carlen & Jenny Pippin  
 Hunter Moore, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew  
 Jack Walters  
 Jared Bentley, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew  
 Jonathan Bowman  
 Ryan Donaldson, grandson of Joanne Burke  
 Seth LeMaster, US Marines, family of Lynn & Mark Whittaker  
 Spencer Goetzinger, US Army, husband of Bobbie Renner Goetzinger, son-in-law of Leslee Bottorff  
 Todd Dillon, US Army, friend of the Whittakers



*(If you have additional information regarding any of the folks listed above or have someone else to add to the list, please contact the church office.)*



|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Janet Yates       | 01/01 |
| Alex Green        | 01/04 |
| Zoe Kremer        | 01/04 |
| Luke Bortscheller | 01/07 |
| Amelia White      | 01/10 |
| Jason Collins     | 01/13 |
| Destiny Dodd      | 01/13 |
| Hope Kremer       | 01/13 |
| Al Cook           | 01/14 |
| Kathy Searcy      | 01/17 |
| Robert Sherrod    | 01/22 |
| Bill Powers       | 01/23 |
| Todd Dodd         | 01/29 |
| Mary Steinhilber  | 01/29 |
| Angela Gingerich  | 01/30 |
| Kennedy Gill      | 01/31 |

If you know of someone whose birthday or anniversary aren't included, please contact the church office so we can add their information to our records.



Todd & Kristy Hall—01/02

Sue & John Davis—01/08

IN LOVING



MEMORY



All women are invited to participate in our Evening Women's Bible Study Group held one Wednesday a month. The group determines which Wednesday based on schedules. Check with Ruth Welch for January's date.



*In the midst of our holiday celebrations, we also take some time to give thanks for the life of Joyce L. Dotson who left us on December 14, 2019. Joyce touched the lives of nearly every child in Shelby County as an elementary school teacher and also the many adults she worked with relentlessly in an effort to make our world a better place. From fighting political battles to fighting cancer, Joyce did it all with poise and grace. Thank you, Miss Dotson, for caring so much about everyone who crossed your path and for your leadership and devotion. May we carry on in a manner that will make you proud.*





| Sunday   | Monday                                  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>29</b><br>Uspiritus Fifth Sunday Offering<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  | <b>30</b>                               | <b>31</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>1</b><br>NEW YEAR'S DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>12:00 PM</b> Food Distribution at Serenity Center | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  | <b>4</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  |
| <b>5</b><br>HOLY COMMUNION<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting   | <b>6</b>                                | <b>7</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  | <b>8</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> PW Morning Bible Study  | <b>9</b><br><b>10:30 AM</b> FPC serves lunch at God's Kitchen | <b>10</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>11</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting |
| <b>12</b><br>LOVE SUNDAY<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Outreach Ministry Meeting<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>13</b>                               | <b>14</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>15</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> Newsletter articles due  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>18</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting |
| <b>19</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  | <b>20</b><br>Martin Luther King Jr. Day | <b>21</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>25</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting |
| <b>26</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  | <b>27</b>                               | <b>28</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists<br><b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting | <b>1</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting  |

## Updated Church Directories Now Available

If you'd like the latest copy of the church directory, please contact Donna Wilson in the church office (502-633-2693 or 1pchurch@bellsouth.net) and let her know which format you would like (electronic or printed).

Please update your director with the following:

**Hubie and Libby Pollett**  
**4300 Frankfort Road**  
**Shelbyville, Ky 40065**

Please review your information in the latest edition of the directory and let us know of any corrections or additions that need to be made.