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# PRESBYTERIAN TIDINGS

## “THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY”

**APRIL 2023** We often reaffirm our faith by saying the Apostles’ Creed. Among its affirmations is the statement, “I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting” (Apostles’ Creed). Now, when we say that we believe in resurrection of the body, we are not talking about the resurrection of Christ’s body (although we *do* affirm our faith in Christ’s bodily resurrection). Rather, we are expressing our Christian hope in our own bodily resurrection. We are affirming our faith that God will raise the bodies of all those who are reconciled to God through Christ.

Many Christians become concerned about this Christian affirmation. Are we saying that God will resuscitate dead, decaying bodies—bodies which have long since decomposed and returned to the dust of the earth? Will God revive us in the very physical bodies with which we originally died? Will God resurrect us into the same physical bodies which will once again decay and perish as they did before? To these questions, we must say “No.” We believe that a resurrected body is quite different from the one which we have in this life. The apostle Paul speaks of the resurrected body as a spiritual body.

*What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.* (1 Cor. 15:35-37, 42-44)

Now, there are two things which Paul is saying here. First, a spiritual body is *spiritual*—it is not physical. Whereas a physical body is perishable (that is, prone to death and decay), a spiritual body is imperishable—it cannot degenerate or die. Thus, the resurrection of a *spiritual* body means a resurrection to eternal life.

Second, a spiritual body is a *body*—a distinct human being. For the ancient Greeks, human beings were souls who were contained in bodies—human beings were actually souls whose bodies were incidental and dispensable. But, for Paul, human beings were living bodies—having a body is significant and indispensable to being human. A body distinguishes a person from the rest of God’s creation—a body makes someone a distinct person. A body is what makes someone a “self.” Thus, when one is raised from death to a spiritual *body*, that one is raised, not as someone different, but as one’s own self. Indeed, to be reconciled to God—to be returned to a righteous relationship with Him through Christ—is to be raised as oneself for the sake of that righteous relationship. (After all, if you are not yourself in the resurrection, then with whom

**ELDERS** CLASS OF

Bill Mitchell	2023
Courtney Lawrenz	2023
Beth Underwood	2023
David Deaton	2024
James Exline	2024
Bonnie Gray	2024
Eric Everett	2025
David Jett	2025
Jennifer Wilke-Deaton	2025

**DEACONS** CLASS OF

Chris Campbell	2023
Marti Exline	2023
Jill Hissom	2023
Linda Adams	2024
Donna Cox	2024
Lynn Shearon	2024
Sue Reeves	2025
Julie Stanley	2025
Gene Wolf	2025



### Nursery Attendant Wanted

**First Presbyterian Church of Richmond  
is seeking part time nursery  
attendants for Sunday worship.**

Applicants must be 18 and pass a criminal background check.  
Hours are 9:30-12:30 on Sundays.  
Extra hours available occasionally for special services.  
Pay is \$15 per hour.

Contact Joel Stanley  
☎ 859-623-5323 ext. 211

330 West Main Street Richmond, KY

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does God have this reconciled relationship?)

Perhaps our understanding of the Christian hope in the resurrection is best expressed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ Himself. Of Christ, the letter to the Ephesians says that “He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything” (Ephesians 1:18b). Although we may not now comprehend the true nature of Christ’s resurrection, nor the full nature of spiritual bodies, we believe that our resurrection will be like the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He [Christ] is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is. (1 John 3:1-2)*



*Mark Pitts*  
*Raymond and Jennifer Duncan*

**In memory of:**  
*Calvin and Maxine Britton*  
**Given by:**  
*Lynn Shearon*

**In loving memory of:**  
*Randall Shew*  
**Given by:**  
*His family*

**In memory of:**  
*George and Joyce Hall*  
**Given by:**  
*The Wolf Family*

**In memory of:**  
*Joe and Betty Wolf*  
**Given by:**  
*The Wolf Family*

**In honor of:**  
*The Chancel Choir*  
**Given by:**  
*Joyce Wolf*

**In memory of:**  
*William R. Young, Jr.*  
**Given by:**  
*Judy, Steve, and Betsy*



- 3 Austin Adkins
- 4 Matthew Guerra
- 7 Melody Mitchell
- 11 Phyllis Deaton
- Ralph Thompson
- 15 Betsy Ney Shackelford
- 19 Helen Martin
- 20 Lindsay Baechtold
- Chris Campbell
- 22 Elliot Orttenger
- 24 Cindy Glass
- 26 Ainsley Waterbury
- 29 Serena Florell
- 30 Donna Cox



- 1 Piper Lawrenz
- 7 Rebecca Proudfoot
- 10 Alison Underwood
- 15 Wayne Bowlin
- 18 Joyce Wolf
- 22 Sandee Bonar
- 23 Olivia Florell
- 24 Thomas Crump
- 29 Jeanie Logue
- 31 Emily Shaw





**In memory of:**  
*Dale Patrick*  
*Steven R. Patrick*  
**Given by:**  
*Kay Patrick*

**In memory of:**  
*Charles Reeves*  
*Amy and Paul Jett*  
**Given by:**  
*Sue Reeves and family*

**In memory of:**  
*Jane Richardson*  
**Given by:**  
*Kenneth Richardson*

**In memory of our parents:**  
*Edith Cross, Allie Roberts*  
*Lawrence and Ermal Thompson*  
**Given by:**  
*John and Jean Roberts*

**In memory of:**  
*Jean's sister and brother-in-law*  
*Shirley and Bud Lawrence*  
*Jean's brother, Dr. Larry Thompson*  
**Given by:**  
*John and Jean Roberts*

**In memory of:**  
*John D. Rowlett*  
*Mary Anne Rowlett*  
*Debra Rowlett King*  
**Given by:**  
*John Rowlett*

**In memory of:**  
*Adrian Reece*  
**Given by:**  
*Lynn Shearon*

**In memory of:**  
*Forrest Shearon*  
**Given by:**  
*Lynn Shearon*



**Evening Women's Circle**

**Tuesday, April 11**  
**6:30**

We will finish discussing our book from chapter 6 to the end: **See You: How Love Opens Our Eyes to Invisible People.**

If you have not read the book, please attend anyway. We will be discussing homelessness.

**Rebecca Esther Circle**

Tuesday, April 18  
 10:30 a.m.  
 in the parlor

*All women are invited*  
**To the PW Spring Gathering**  
**April 15, 2023**  
*at the Danville Presbyterian Church*

**NEW ADDRESS:**

***Don & Sandy Dickson***  
***3025 Chesborough Blvd.***  
***Apt. 307***  
***Rock Hill, SC 29732***

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***in your directory.***



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for believing in second chances! Your caring gift of \$664.40 will make a difference, and we sincerely appreciate your help. From day one, First Presbyterian Church has been one of Liberty Place's guardian angels. Please know that we are all so grateful for everything that you have done and continue to do to help the clients reach their goal of recovery.

The past 3 years have been difficult. However, the clients persevered and kept moving forward as they battled this devastating disease and remained safe from Covid-19. It is a relief that the hardships of covid have decreased and life is returning to normal.

Thank you for supporting the clients as they walk this challenging road to recovery. We are better because of you!

Best Wishes,  
 Jeri S. Allison  
 Business Administrator  
 Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women



**Easter Morning  
Sunday, April 9  
6:45 am**

**First Presbyterian Church  
on the front lawn**



**In memory of:**  
our grandparents, Jack and Lolly Hissom  
**Given by:**  
Kendrick Kenny and Jessica Kenny Graham

**In memory of:**  
Amy and Paul Jett, Stephen Jett,  
Genie Jett, and Mary Carr Smith  
**Given by:**  
Lucy, Wyatt and Ainsley Waterbury and David Jett

**In memory of:**  
our Mom/Grams, Pam Lawrenz  
**Given by:**  
Tracy, Carter, Shelby and Tucker Lamb and  
Brett, Courtney and Piper Lawrenz

**In honor of:**  
our Dad/Gramps, Dale Lawrenz  
**Given by:**  
Tracy, Carter, Shelby and Tucker Lamb and  
Brett, Courtney and Piper Lawrenz

**In memory of:**  
my beloved wife, Pam,  
and my parents, Arnold and Greta Lawrenz  
**Given by:**  
Dale Lawrenz

**In memory of:**  
our parents  
**Given by:**  
Bill and Winnie Mitchell  
**In memory of:**  
Our daughter, Lindsay Mitchell  
**Given by:**  
Mark and Melody Mitchell

**In memory of:**  
Our parents  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nelson  
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Nunnelley  
**Given by:**  
Ken and Lucie Nelson



Monday—Friday  
April 3-7 at noon  
First United Methodist Church

**February 2023 Love Fund Summary**

<u>Category</u>	<u># of families served</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Utilities	23	\$3,104.63
Rent	15	\$2,527
Hotel	1	\$280.72
Save A Lot bill (food vouchers)	26	\$986.42
Gas	13	\$375
Car Towing	1	\$150
Family Dollar Cupboard supplies		\$179.15
Love Cupboard Pantry assisted	15	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,602.92</b>

**47 Unique Families served (includes 22 children)**



**In memory of my sister:**

*Carol Chapman*

**Given by:**

*Marcia Florell*

**In memory of:**

*James and Charlotte Gorman*

**Given by:**

*Carol and Dave Woolverton*

**In loving memory of:**

*My parents, Jerry and Mary Gray*

**Given by:**

*Bonnie Gray*

**In memory of my son:**

*Staff Sergeant Brenton Thomas Gray*

**Given by:**

*Randall Gray*

**In honor of**

*our granddaughters:*

*Natalie, Catherine, and Arevia*

**Given by**

*John and Phyllis Gump*

**In loving memory of:**

*My wife, Joy Hager*

**Given by:**

*Paul Hager*

**In honor of my children:**

*Julie Love and Ed Hager*

**Given by:**

*Paul Hager*

**In honor of my grandchildren:**

*Cameron and Eliza Love*

**Given by:**

*Paul Hager*

**In memory of:**

*Our parents, Jack and Lolly Hissom*

**Given by:**

*Jill Hissom and Jamie Kenny*

As we continue our series of newsletter articles on the different types of spiritual disciplines, this month we turn our attention to the discipline of study. In my own personal Bible study I have been working my way through the book of Acts. Acts covers the days of the early church and traces Paul's missionary journeys around the world. Recorded in this book is the story of Paul and Silas' journey to Berea (Acts 17:10-15). No, not THAT Berea. There was a verse in that passage that I thought was appropriate for this article. That particular verse reads "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:12). This verse stood out to me because it seemed like it was a ringing endorsement for the spiritual discipline of study.

The first response of the Berean Jews to the earth shattering notion that the Messiah had come was to hit the books. They looked to the scriptures and tried to discern if what Paul was saying could possibly be the truth or not. They weren't going to simply accept the things that Paul had to say, but they weren't going to dismiss his arguments because they made them uncomfortable or went against the traditional interpretation of scripture either. They were going to look to the scriptures, seek guidance from God and draw their own conclusions on the matter. This is a textbook example of how the spiritual discipline of study works. It is the seeking out of God's divine truth through the revelation of God that is the Holy Scriptures and it is a process that is both personal and ongoing.

It is personal, because no one else can do it for you. This happens more than you might think. In the realm of spiritual or theological matters, we are more likely to accept the opinions of people we respect or people that we think are smart than we are to head to the scriptures and cultivate the truth for ourselves. It's just easier to do it this way, to let others do our grunt work so to speak. They can give us the footnotes and we can go from there. Isn't that what pastors are for?

The problem with this approach is that the richness of scripture comes from the interaction between the word of God and our own personal lives. Relying solely on the works of others as the source of your studies is like trying to learn math by looking only at the answers and not the steps that led up to them. It's the process that's important.

The discipline of study is also an ongoing process. It is ongoing because we can never fully know God's truth. We can't know God's truth fully, but still we turn to the scriptures and we study in the hopes that we might get to know God better. This is what the Jews of Berea did, and they came to know God more fully in the form of Jesus Christ as a result.

I know that, as spring breaks and summer vacations are just around the corner, the notion that we should all spend more time in study might not be a popular one, but study is an integral part of a healthy relationship with God and so I would encourage you to make some time for it and see what benefits it yields. We have a good variety of Sunday school classes geared towards helping you do just that.

## Prayer Breakfast



Youth Prayer breakfasts are weekly at Purdy's (on Big Hill, not the one Downtown) on Tuesdays at 6:45 am. Transportation to school can be arranged ahead of time if needed.



Donations of snacks and wrapped Easter candy are being accepted! Please place all donations in the REFRIGERATOR in the original kitchen. (Due to ants that are currently being dealt with, please don't leave any food out.)

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT  
SNACKS  
AND  
CANDY!!**

**In memory of:**  
*Winfred Campbell*

**Given by:**  
*Curtis and Wendy Christian  
and the Winfred Campbell Family*

**In loving memory of our parents:**  
*Everette and Martha Carrico  
Edward and Louise Hays*

**Given by:**  
*Bill and Nancy Carrico*



**In memory of:**  
*William and Marcia Coleman*

**Given by:**  
*David Coleman, Beth Underwood, Ian Walker  
Alison Underwood and Lydia Coleman*

**In memory of:**  
*Our Loved Ones*

**Given by:**  
*Sandy Connor*

**In memory of:**  
*Bert Cox*

**Given by:**  
*Donna Cox*

**In honor of:**  
*Our three great-grandchildren  
Leah, Olive, and Ira*

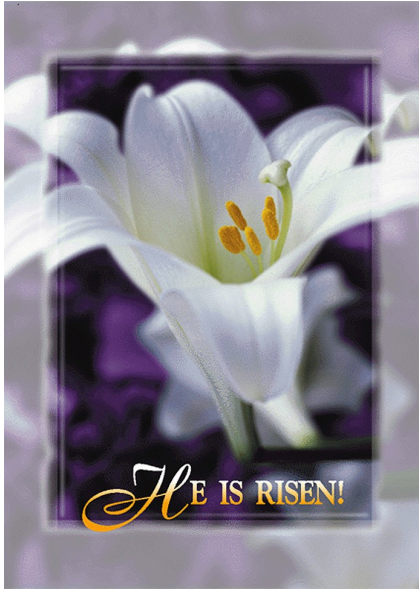
**Given by:**  
*Fred and Jeanie Crump*

**In memory of :**  
*Ruth Marie Hossman and Janice Jones*

**Given by:**  
*The Deaton family*

**In memory of:**  
*William and Elizabeth Arbuckle  
Matthew Arbuckle Hundley*

**Given by:**  
*Jim and Martha Exline*



## 2023 Easter Lily Memorials And Honorariums

**In memory of:**  
*Gilmer Boley*

**Given by:**  
*Jean Boley, Becky Elam & Marianne Airhart*

**In memory of our parents:**  
*Dorothy and Bill Church*  
*Mary Lou and Glenn Bonar*

**Given by:**  
*Bruce and Sandee Bonar*

**In memory of:**  
*My husband, Donald*

**Given by:**  
*Nancy Brubaker*

**In memory of:**  
*My husband, Bert*

**Given by:**  
*Chris Campbell*

**In memory of:**  
*Harold and Dorothy Collier*  
*Andy and Eleanor Campbell*

**Given by:**  
*Chris Campbell*

## YOUTH GROUP!

### Confirmation

Our confirmation class for 2023 has been meeting after church on Sundays to prepare for membership. We have 4 students going through the confirmation process. They are Shelby Lamb, Tucker Lamb, Tim Duncan and Ava Stanley. If you could keep them in your prayers as they take this next step on their faith journey by learning about church membership and history, writing their statements of faith and wrestling with some pretty heavy topics, it would be appreciated.



### Montreat

We have a group going to Maryville, TN for Middle School Montreat this summer. It's still not too late to sign up, if you'd like to come along! Last year was a blast!

**July 19-23, 2023!!**

**MISSION.....a body of people sent**

REMINDERS FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday**. Those of you who are filling the fish banks with coins should bring them with you to church that day. The ushers will have cardboard boxes for you to place them in as you enter the sanctuary and pick up your bulletin that day. Some of our youth will be bringing the fish banks forward during the offering. If you want to bring the banks in to the church before April 2<sup>nd</sup>, be sure to take them to the church office or give them to a staff member so that they can be secured. The ushers will have a cardboard box in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to bring in their bank a week earlier than the April 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

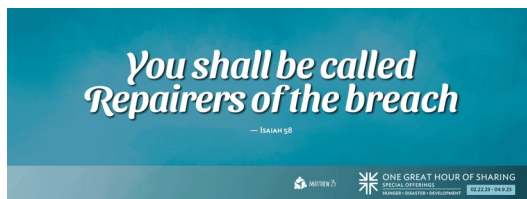
In addition to these fish banks there will be special envelopes in the pew holders for you to use for other donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This is one of two special offerings we take each year which goes entirely to our national organization for the purpose of relief from natural disasters and from the hunger faced by millions of our sisters and brothers around the world. Thank you for the generosity and kindness you have in your hearts for those who suffer from circumstances out of their control.

We are now **collecting diapers** for those families living at the **New Liberty Family Shelter**. Please place your donations in the box marked "DIAPERS" on the pew at the back of the old fellowship hall next to the Love Fund box. This is the same shelter we help at Christmas with our Giving Tree Project. We noticed that five of the six families currently living at the Family Shelter have babies needing diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. It is the hope of the Missions Committee that our church can serve the needs of those living at this shelter throughout the year and not only at Christmas time. Those of us who do not normally buy diapers may be surprised at what they cost and will readily see why donating diapers to the shelter will free up money for other essentials like food. This will be an on-going mission project so please donate diapers whenever you can. The babies and their families thank you.

Diapers Needed!



**REMEMBER THAT WE SERVE OUR LORD WHEN WE CARE ABOUT THOSE WHO NEED OUR HELP.**



April is all about:

*Flowers*  
*Sunshine*  
*Rain and*  
*Easter!*



We will also start going outside hopefully to our new playground!



**Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary TEA**



The Women's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army would like to invite you back to our annual spring tea "Fruit of the Spirits" Saturday, April 29, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church at 2:00 PM. Our entertainment will be the choral group Les Jongleurs. Wear your spring hat and enjoy browsing the Silent Auction items and gift baskets along with delicious food on a beautiful spring day.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased from any Auxiliary member or Doris at 859-625-4474.

Melody Mitchell  
Auxiliary member

**News Brief from Session**

- We will celebrate the confirmation of Ava Stanley, Shelby and Tucker Lamb, and Timothy Duncan on Easter Sunday.
- Pledge giving down in January.
- A church "needs assessment" led by Peggy Hinds will be conducted. Church members are encouraged to participate with group discussions and written surveys.
- Plans are underway to add AED devices at church and to provide CPR training to church members.
- Individuals are needed to train and drive the new church bus.

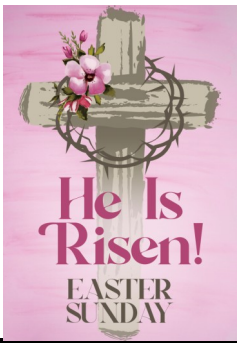


Clerk of Session  
Melody Mitchell



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>One Great Hour Offering</i> <i>Easter Egg Hunt 2:00</i> Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	3 Bible Study 10:30	4 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-noon</i> <i>Mission mtg. 7:00</i>	5 Bible Study 6:30 pm	6 7:00 pm  <b>Maundy Thursday SERVICE</b>	7  Good Friday	8
<b>HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT FIRST METHODIST NOON EACH DAY</b>						
9 <b>EASTER</b> <i>Sunrise Svc 6:45</i> <i>Sunday School 9:45</i> <i>Worship 11:00 am</i> 	10 Bible Study 10:30	11 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-noon</i> <i>Youth prayer b'fast 6:45 am</i> <i>Evening Circle 6:30</i>	12 <i>Church wide Potluck/game night 6:00 pm</i>	13 <i>Needle Arts Fellowship 11:30-1:30</i>	14	15
16 <b>Communion</b> <i>Sunday School 9:45</i> <i>Worship 11:00 am</i> 	17 Bible Study 10:30	18 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-noon</i> <i>Youth prayer b'fast 6:45 am</i> <i>Pres. Women 10:30 am</i> <i>Preschool/CE mtg. 4:30</i> <i>Budget/finance mtg. 7:00</i>	19 Bible Study 6:30 pm	20	21	22  <i>Earth Day</i>
23 <i>Sunday School 9:45 am</i> <i>Worship 11:00 am</i>	24 Bible Study 10:30	25 <i>Youth prayer b'fast 6:45 am</i> <i>Tuesday Crew 9-noon</i> <i>Session mtg. 7:00</i>	26 <i>Welcome Wednesday 6:00 pm</i>	27	28	29 <i>Salvation Army Tea 2:00 pm</i>
30 <i>Sunday School 9:45 am</i> <i>Worship 11:00 am</i>						