

First Presbyterian Church
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Service Time:
10:15 AM Worship Service

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MEET JEN EVANS

Since 1889 the First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville has had twenty-eight pastors who have served our congregation for at least one year. On July 24th, during our worship service, we approved the Terms of Call for our 29th pastor. Rev. Jen Kirby Evans has been selected by our Pastor Nominating Committee, approved by our Session, examined by the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky, and now approved by our congregation.

Jen, her husband Rich, and their two sons Trey and William have moved from Little Rock, Arkansas. Jen served as the Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adults, and Families with Young Children at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock from October 2017 until January of this year. Prior to that she was Director of Youth and Family Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC from 2012 until 2017, and Director of Mid-

dle School Ministries at FPC Charlotte from 2006 until 2012. Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock and First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte are both congregations of over 2000 members.

Jen graduated from Elon University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. She then graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2009 with a Master of Arts Degree in Christian Education and in 2017 with a Master of Divinity Degree. She served as a Pastoral Intern at FPC Charlotte from August 2016 until April 2017.

Jen is the creator of the "Parents Take Five Podcast" and has been the host of the podcast since 2019. Both she and Rich are active in leadership roles at the Montreat Conference Center. Rich is a Mental Health Therapist. He most recently had a private practice in Little

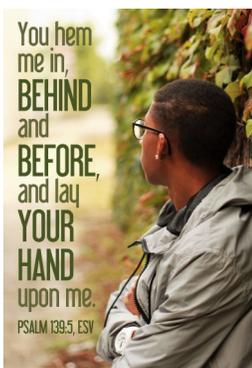


Rock. Trey is a rising seventh grader and William is a rising fourth grader. The Evans family will be living in our manse, so if you see a couple of handsome young men shooting baskets in the gym, be sure to introduce yourself to Trey and William.

Jen's first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 31st and there will be a potluck luncheon following the service to officially welcome the Evans family to The Best Town on Earth. Please pray for Jen and her family as they make this transition, and pray that God will continue to use our congregation as a light to this community and that our 30th pastor won't be needed until well into the future.

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He is intimately acquainted with all my ways" Psalm 139:3

Psalm 139 reflects David's prayerful meditation of God's omnipresence and omniscience. This is, perhaps, my favorite Psalm; it causes me to feel safe and special. Omnipresence means God is everywhere simultaneously. Omniscience means that God is all-knowing; His knowledge is unlimited.

"For you created my utmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (vs. 13) Nothing about us is accidental. We are crafted personally and purposefully. He

knows our words before we let them exit our mouths (vs. 4).

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (vs. 14) Every talent, gift, and occupation has a place in the kingdom of God. He is the potter and we are the clay. We each have a marked and distinguished plan and have been set aside for this commission.

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all of the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (vs. 16)

He has numbered our days, and nothing can change His plan for our lives. Whatever the Lord pleases, He does. One of the biggest tricks and deceptions of our enemy is to convince us that we are alone. "You have enclosed me behind and before...such knowledge is too wonderful for me." (vs. 5) Psalm 139 creates gratitude and praise, especially in times of hardship, injustice, and pain.

Loving Our Creator,
Danny Byrum

P.H.A.T!

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters, and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

(Revelation 21:8 NIV)

Today as I write this it is 56F at 7:00 a.m. The weather forecast is calling for hotter temps to return, and as you read this it will be August and, in some minds, “Hotter than Hades”. The expression “HTH” has always amused me. If hell is a burning lake of fire and brimstone (sulfur) that lake would be 832.28 F. The temperature of the equilibrium state of liquid sulfur and its vapor is 444.6C or 832.28F. Pretty hot.

Jerusalem’s ancient garbage dump—a place called Gehenna—was illustrative of the ceaseless agonies of hell. This dump was on the south side of Jerusalem. In Old Testament times, children were sacrificed to idols there. In Jesus’ day, it was a place burning with constant fires to consume waste. The material burned there included everything from household trash to animal carcasses to convicted criminals. Needless to say, the Jews considered Gehenna a cursed place of impurity and uncleanness.

The word translated “hell” in Mark 9:43 is the Greek word *Gehenna*, which comes from the Hebrew name for a place

called the “Valley of Hinnom.” Jesus uses this place to paint a vivid image of what hell is like. The Jewish people often associated the Valley of Hinnom with spiritual death. In Mark 9:48, when Jesus says, “Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched”, He is quoting from Isaiah 66:24: “They will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.” In both texts the word translated as “worm” literally means “maggot.” A maggot would have an obvious association with a dump like Gehenna where dead bodies are thrown; however, the maggot Christ speaks of “will not die.”

Taken at face value, this text is one of the most horrific descriptions of what hell is like. The thought of eternal torment, likened to maggots eating away at a rotting corpse, is undoubtedly ghastly. Hell is so awful that Christ said, “It’s better to cut off the hand that causes you to sin than to end up in hell.” (Matthew 5:30). Mark 9:48 does not mean that there are literal worms in hell or that there are worms that live forever; rather, Jesus is

teaching the fact of unending suffering in hell—the “worm” never stops causing torment. Notice that the worm is personal. Both Isaiah and Mark use the word “their” to identify the worm’s owner. The sources of torment are attached each to its own host. Some Bible scholars believe the “worm” refers to a man’s conscience. Those in hell, being completely cut off from God, exist with a guilty conscience that, like a persistent worm, gnaws away at its victim with a remorse that can never be mitigated. No matter what the word “worm” refers to, the most important thing to be gained from these words of Christ is that we should do everything in our power to escape the horrors of hell, and there is only one thing to that end—receiving Jesus as the Lord of our lives (John 3:16).

If you insist being Pretty Hot and Tasty, you can choose to go to hell. If not, the Alpha and the Omega gives the water of life to those who conquer the temptation of the deluder and accept the heritage of God as his son / daughter. Be wise, stay cool. I understand that Heaven has amazing “heir conditioning.”

Pastor Pete

CHURCH CLEAN UP—FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Saturday Morning Cleanup

On the 1st Saturday of each month we will meet at 7:00 AM for coffee and donuts.

We will walk around the church grounds, pick up, clean up, and pray over the building and grounds.

All are welcome!

For details or questions see Larry Wilson or Jim Howard

Building and Ground Committee

LETTER FROM FREDDIE

Dear friends and Supporters of PACS/HCAC,

We here at PACS are thinking about the youth and upcoming school year. Our goal is to help as many students as we can return to school with self-confidence and peace of mind. We are starting our Back to School Fundraising Program and your substantial contributions have been much appreciated. We are anticipating to assist approximately 500 students in Hopkins County with their back to school apparel and supplies. It is because of your compassionate heart and soul

that we have been able to help our youth in this capacity over the past 60 plus years.

You may mail your monetary donations to PO Box 427 or drop it off at our office on 130 E. Branch St., Madisonville KY 42431.

Thank you for your generosity!

Freddie Stafford, SCBG/Hopkins County Case Manager

“HELPING THE HELPERS” UPDATE

The MadCity Presby Hotel has been busy this summer. Guests have come from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Venice, Florida and all places in between to help with tornado recovery in Hopkins County. Since this is the 40th anniversary of the Walk to Emmaus/ Great Banquet at FPC, it is appropriate that we use the facilities with which God has blessed us to host volunteers coming to the area to help our neighbors. Although we have

not charged for our services, we have received several gifts from teams who have stayed with us. All guests have been appreciative of our facilities and our willingness to share them. It has been especially gratifying to be able to house several youth groups who have chosen Hopkins County for their summer mission trips. During the first week in August we will have 50 young men and women coming from all three presbyteries in Ken-

tucky to stay with us and work in Dawson Springs and Barnsley. Our congregation has always sought to reach out beyond our church walls, and this mission has given us yet another way to do so.



FINANCES AT A GLANCE—JUNE 2022

		YTD	
Income	\$11,472.33	YTD Income	\$129,630.38
Expense	<u>-\$30,773.31</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$130,769.20</u>
Net	-\$19,300.98	YTD Net	-\$1,138.82

Undesignated		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$7,577.68	Income	\$104,224.46
Expense	<u>-\$30,137.91</u>	Expense	<u>-\$117,109.98</u>
Net	-\$22,560.23	Net	-\$12,885.52

Designated		YTD Designated	
Income	\$3,894.65	Income	\$25,405.92
Expense	<u>-\$635.40</u>	Expense	<u>-\$13,659.22</u>
Net	\$3,259.25	Net	\$11,746.70

Operating Funds		
	Beginning Balance	\$160,456.16
	Ending Balance	\$139,474.55
	Investment Account	\$203,859.37



AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Craig Winstead	24th	David Brooks
2nd	Charlie & Lisa Evans (A)	26th	Cookie Porter
4th	Chaun Castleberry	28th	Kyle Gregory
	Garrett Evans		
10th	Russell Fischesl		
11th	Angie Lester		
19th	Shari Winstead		
21st	Lanna Arnold		

August 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 <i>6PM Session Mtg</i>	3	4	5	6 
7 <i>Communion SUNDAY</i>	8	9	10 	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>Ice Cream Sunday</i>	29 <i>6:00 PM GB Team Meetings Begin</i>	30	31 <i>5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study</i>			