

July at First Presbyterian Bentonville



Sunday Worship

10:15 am in person and
online

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(answered Monday -
Friday 8am - 4pm)

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Website

www.fpcbentonville.org
(church calendar found
under My FPC)

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm

Each week, the FPC Food
Pantry sets up Fridays at
9am, and is open
Saturdays from 9-11am



Here's What's Happening

July 3

Church office and My Friends and Me closed for
Independence Day observance

July 4

NO FOOD PANTRY

July 5-10

Youth at Ferncliff

July 5

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship with the Lord's Supper, 10:15 am

Hot Dogs immediately following worship

July 9

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Bible Study, 9:30 am

Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am

July 12

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship with the Welcoming of New Members, 10:15 am

Church-wide Pool Party, Melvin Ford Aquatic Center, 5:15 pm

July 15-19

Jr. High Youth at Montreat

July 19

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Food Truck with Vera Lloyd, immediately following worship

Deacon Meeting, 11:30 am

July 20

Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 pm

July 23

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Bible Study, 9:30 am

J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth), 11 am

July 25

FPC Helping Hands Work Day, 12 pm - 4 pm

July 26

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship with guest preacher Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi, 10:15 am

Splash Pad and Picnic, 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Youth at Sacred Shakes, 2:00 pm

July 29-30

Wildlife Camp

Hot Dogs after worship, Sunday, July 5



HOT DOG

Celebrate 250 years

**JOIN US IMMEDIATELY AFTER
WORSHIP FOR HOT DOGS IN THE
WELCOME CENTER**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BENTONVILLE**



The church Nominating Committee is seeking your input!

In the coming weeks, the Nominating Committee will be discerning and praying about who God may be calling to serve in the next class of Elders and Deacons, as well as other leadership positions.



They are seeking the congregation's input for suggestions of church members who may be called to serve in these capacities. The church officers will serve 3 year terms in the Class of 2029 (beginning in January of 2027), except in the case of youth, who serve a one year term. If you feel called to serve in any of these roles, it would be appropriate to submit your own name.

Elders serve together as our congregation's governing body, called the Session. Elders exercise leadership, spiritual discernment, and have responsibilities for the overall life and ministry of the church.

Deacons serve together in ministries of care and compassion. They demonstrate the love of Christ in caring for those in times of need or distress.

In addition to Elders and Deacons, we will also be nominating individuals to the Columbarium/Cemetery Committee; Endowment Committee; Church Forward Committee (formerly Long Range Planning), and the 2027 Nominating Committee.

Please take a moment and prayerfully reflect on your suggestions of those who might serve in these leadership roles. You may send your suggestions to the moderator of the Nominating Committee, Hunter Breshears, hunter.breshears@gmail.com, along with a brief description of why you think that person might be called to serve in that way. We also have forms available on the usher table in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your prayerful input into the Spirit-led nominating process of calling the next class of Elders, Deacons and other leaders! The Nominating Committee will prayerfully consider your suggestions, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide them.

Deadline for the committee to receive suggestions from the congregation: July 19.

New officers will be elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting on September 13, to begin service in January of 2027.

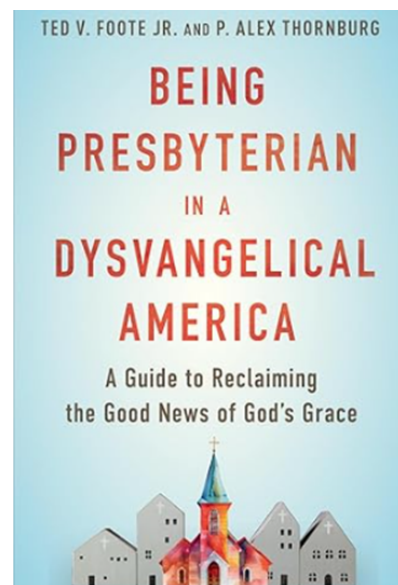
2026 Nominating Committee:

Moderator Hunter Breshears; at large: Jeanne Boehmler; Stephanie Throop; Lynn Monroe; PW (Presbyterian Women): Ila Blackketter-Wolfe; Deacon: Marty Verdoorn; Youth: Evan Adams

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am in the church Library All are welcome

The Adult Sunday School class will continue their discussion series on the new book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg. As Christianity is increasingly distorted in public arenas, this book encourages us to get re-grounded and honor our true faith. From the book description: "It is impossible to ignore the many loud voices who claim to speak for God with the absolute certainty and divisive rhetoric that has become the playbook for Christian nationalism. To help readers counter this overwhelming narrative, Foote and Thornburg provide an accessible, faithful alternative rooted in the core Presbyterian convictions of grace, community, humility, and ongoing reform. This is the message to speak loudly in our time: not one of fear and exclusion, but a living, evolving faith that proclaims the wide welcome of God's grace."



Participant books are available in the church office, or you may obtain your own. All are welcome!

Men's Fellowship Group

Gather with us on Thursday, July 9, at 9:30 am in the church library. Enjoy lively stories, discussions, and prayers. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. All are welcome.



Church-Wide Pool Party!
Sunday, July 12, 5:15 pm - 7 pm



POOL PARTY

JULY 12TH

5:15-7PM

MELVIN FORD AQUATIC CENTER

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A
FREE EVENING OF SWIMMING WITH THE
POOL RESERVED JUST FOR OUR GROUP.

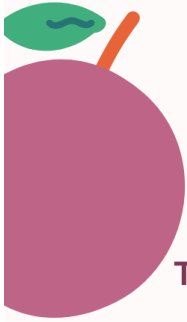
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FRIEND!

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ASKED TO BE
PRESENT WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH UNDER 18.

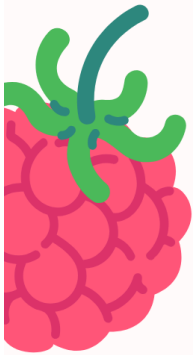
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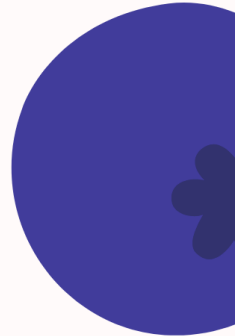
CHILDREN'S CHURCH



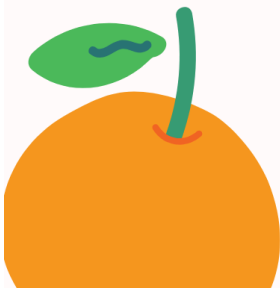
THIS SUMMER WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN GALATIANS 5: 22-23. EACH WEEK WE WILL FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT FRUIT.



JULY 5- NO CC
JULY 12- PATIENCE
JULY 19- KINDNESS
JULY 26- GENTLENESS



CHILDREN'S CHURCH TAKES PLACE ON MOST SUNDAY MORNINGS DIRECTLY AFTER THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-2ND GRADE. THIS TIME INCLUDES AN ACTIVITY, STORYTIME, AND SNACK. CHILDREN'S CHURCH DOES NOT MEET ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS, SO THAT CHILDREN CAN FULLY PARTICIPATE IN OUR COMMUNION SERVICE.



**Vera Lloyd Mission Tour Sunday, July 19,
immediately following worship**



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MISSION

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FPC BENTONVILLE - JULY 19TH

LEARN MORE ABOUT US

The Vera Lloyd Mission Tour brings the story of Vera Lloyd directly to churches across the region, sharing how God is transforming the lives of children and families through this ministry. Through powerful stories, ministry updates, and opportunities to get involved, attendees will see firsthand the impact their support makes. Join us to learn how your church can partner with Vera Lloyd to bring hope and change lives.

LUNCH PROVIDED ⚡ RIGHT AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE

PARTNER WITH US ⚡ MAKE A DIFFERENCE ⚡ CHANGE LIVES

FOR MORE INFO MAIL CHRISKENNON@VERALLOYD.ORG

www.VeraLloyd.org/MissionTour

Splash Pad and Picnic Days



Splash pad and picnic days

July 26th 11:30-1PM

Families are invited to join us for a picnic lunch (provided) at the Crystal Bridges splash pad directly after church.

Summer Youth Group



YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR



JULY 5-10TH	FERNCLIFF CAMP	
JULY 12TH	POOL PARTY	5:15-7PM
JULY 15-19TH	MONTREAT MIDDLE	
JULY 26TH	SACRED SHAKES	2:00-3:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH GROUP AND EVENTS IS IN
OUR WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP E-BLAST. TO BE ADDED TO THIS LIST,
EMAIL KFLOOD@FPCBENTONVILLE.ORG.

Evening Prayer Service - Monday, July 20 6:30 pm

Join us for an evening vesper-style prayer service in our Sanctuary on Monday, July 20 at 6:30 pm. We will sing, read scripture, and lift up the prayer needs of our lives, our community, and our world. This casual service will last approximately 30 minutes and is open to all ages as well as to the community.



Hymn Request Sunday, August 9



During the summer, we would love to receive your hymn requests! We will combine these into a "hymn-sing" as part of our regular worship service on August 9 (this is also "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday). We'll try to sing at least one verse of the hymns that are suggested. If you would like to make a request, you can put a note

in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary. Let us "make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

J.O.Y. GROUP

**Next gathering: Thursday, July 23 at 11:00am,
in the church library**

J.O.Y Group, or Just Older Youth (roughly retirement age and older), is a lunch gathering on the 4th Thursday of each month. Of course, people of any age are always welcome. You are invited to bring a dish to share, enjoy great fellowship, and experience some type of program. Questions, contact Jeanne Boehmler at 479-366-5904.

Our program will be presented by Olivia Tyler, with the NWA Airport.



Church Workday at Helping Hands Saturday, July 25

Mark your calendar for our Church Workday at Bentonville Helping Hands on Saturday, July 25! Volunteers can serve for a two-hour shift or stay all day from 10:00-4:00—whatever works best with your schedule. There are a variety of ways to help, including:

- Unloading donations
- Stocking new merchandise on the sales floor
- Working the register
- Assisting customers

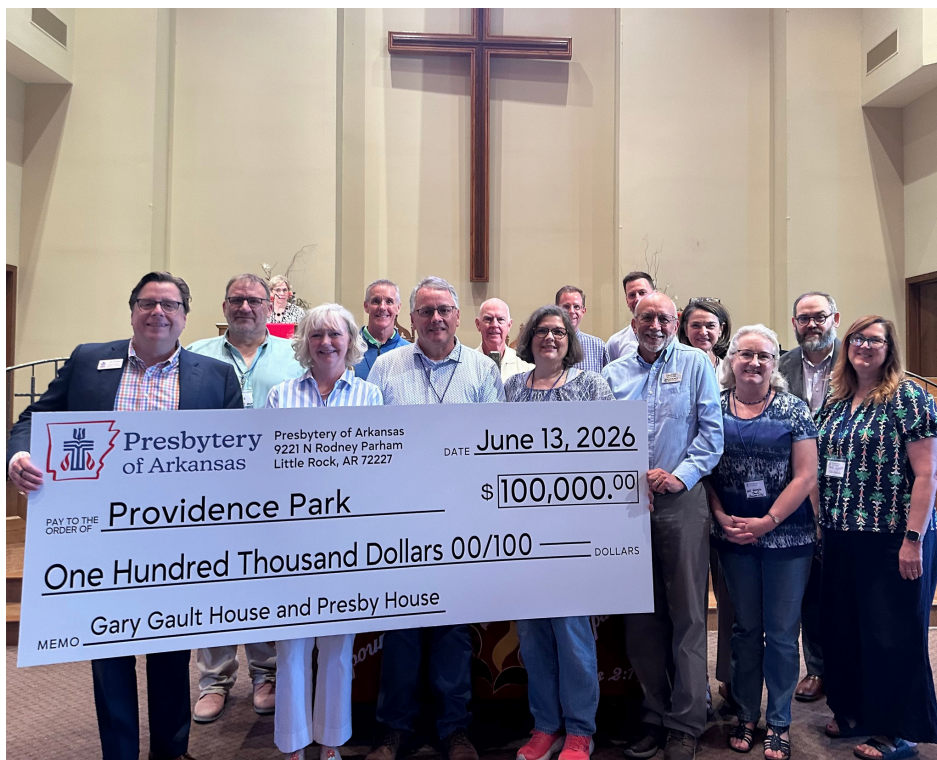
Whether you've volunteered before or this will be your first time, there's a place for everyone to serve. And it's even more fun when you're among friends from the church!

Our church has enjoyed a longstanding partnership with Helping Hands, supporting its mission of meeting practical needs in our community while sharing Christ's love through compassionate service. Over the years, our members have faithfully volunteered their time, helping the ministry provide affordable clothing and household goods while generating resources to assist local families in need. This workday is another opportunity to continue that tradition of serving our neighbors together.

We hope you'll join us on July 25 as we make a difference in our community—one act of service at a time. Sign up today in the welcome center!

Providing Shelter in the Name of Jesus Christ

As the Presbytery of Arkansas gathered on June 13 for its 162nd Stated meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Conway, our congregation was recognized, along with three other contributing churches, for our financial support of Providence Park. Providence Park is a micro-house project underway in Little Rock designed to help long-term homeless people gain stability. It is modeled after a very successful program in Austin, Texas. A few months ago, the Mission Committee of our church voted to put some of our mission dollars toward the Presbytery's effort to help with the development. Each micro-house costs \$50,000. This \$100,000 check means that two of those dwellings will be paid for by the Presbytery of Arkansas, with one of the homes named "Presby House." This is possible because of the support of the churches, individual contributions, and a gift from the Gary Gault Foundation. What a joy that our church is able to partner in lifting up "the least of these" in this way! The first phase of the project includes 100 micro-homes, with many already completed. To learn more about Providence Park, click [here](#).



Kids Wild Life Camp

WILD LIFE CAMP

July 29th and 30th

A faith, fun, and service focused day
camp for rising K-6th graders

Wednesday Schedule

9:00AM-Check-In
9:30AM- Morning Worship
10:00AM- Splash Pad Trip
11:30AM- Lunch
12:00PM- Chill Time
12:30PM- Service Project
1:30PM- Tie Dye
2:30PM-Afternoon Worship
3:00PM: Pick-Up

Thursday Schedule

9:00AM- Check-In
9:30AM- Morning Worship
10:00AM-Scavenger Hunt
11:30AM- Lunch
12:00PM- Chill Time
12:30PM- Service Project
1:30PM- Painting
2:30PM- Afternoon Worship
3:00PM- Pick-Up

Register Here By
July 15th :



Stewardship & Finance Update

Operating Budget Snapshot through May

Giving & Other Revenue: **\$367,042**

Expenses: **\$377,652**

In June, Stewardship & Finance reviewed the May financial results and completed the six-month budget review with Session. Overall, the 2026 operating budget is tracking better than originally budgeted, and we expect operating cash to remain manageable through the end of the year.

Because the church entered the year with operating cash reserves, we have been able to continue supporting ministry and staffing during an important season of transition. Current projections are better than the original budget, but we still expect expenses to exceed income by year-end unless giving continues to grow. As we fill key staff positions and look ahead to 2027, we also expect expenses to continue increasing. For that reason, increased giving will be important and necessary as we plan for the year ahead.

Your generous giving supports worship, staff, pastoral care, children and youth ministry, mission, music, building operations, insurance, the Food Pantry, My Friends & Me, and the day-to-day work that allows ministry to happen

Looking ahead, **Stewardship & Finance is beginning the annual stewardship season earlier this year. The campaign will begin September 1**, which gives us more time as a congregation to communicate clearly, plan faithfully, and reflect on how we can each support the work of the church.

We are grateful for the generosity that has carried FPC through seasons of transition and growth. As we look ahead, we hope each household will prayerfully consider how they can support the ongoing ministry of the church through regular and increased giving.

Ways to Give

We are deeply grateful for everyone who already gives regularly, or supports the church in other ways including time and talents. If you would like to make an additional gift, begin giving, or adjust your recurring giving, contributions may be made by cash or check during worship or mailed to the church office. You may also give online by visiting fpcbentonville.org/giving.

With Gratitude,

Finance & Stewardship Committee

Steve Rogers, David Atwood, Trevor Dane, Cie Cochran, Hunter Breshears, Bob Boehmler, Lance De la Rosa

High School Youth at Montreat June 13th - 20th



The Presbytery of Arkansas sponsored a trip for high school youth to attend the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, from June 13th-20th. This year's theme was "Wonder and Wonder." The group explored stories of God walking alongside people as they wondered and wandered in their faith. They enjoyed spending time with each other and with nature. They creek walked, rock-hopped, hiked, and encountered exciting wildlife. It is always a joy to walk alongside youth in their faith. However, this group of high schoolers made it even more enjoyable because of how intentionally inclusive they were with each other. We are thankful for another year of this conference and all of the friendships we made along the way.

In July we look forward to sending a group of children and youth to camp at Ferncliff July 5-10th and to Montreat Middle School Conference July 15-19th.



Save the Date - FPC Night at the Amazeum

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BENTONVILLE

Sunday August 2, 2026
6-7:30 pm

FREE NIGHT AT THE AMAZEUM

Invite your friends!

Please RSVP to the church office with
your family name and # attending.

Call the church at 479-273-5450

or email

administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.



Save the Date - Ice Cream Social

Please join us immediately
following worship for an

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY
AUGUST 9, 2026



Providing Hope

You can be a part of the vital ministry of our church's Emergency Response Fund in several ways:

- Support the ERF (Emergency Response Fund) of the church through direct contributions to that fund. This is a non-budgeted fund, dependent upon designated donations.
- Donate gift cards to the church for fast food restaurants or Walmart/Harps/etc., (small amounts, please, \$25 dollars or less each). We give these to individuals and families who stop by the church in crisis situations. It's amazing how much difference that makes to them.

As unexpected needs arise in our church family and community, God continues to work through the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for your support.



[CLICK HERE TO GIVE NOW](#)

If you are a church member in need of assistance, please contact Pastor Georgia on a confidential basis, gseonor@fpcbentonville.org.

For other requests, please
contact the church office, 479-273-5450
administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org

We thank you and appreciate the collaborative effort that goes into publishing our monthly newsletter. We could not do it without your contribution. If you have an article, announcement, or image you would like included in our next monthly newsletter, please send your submission to Amanda Hayes via email to: administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org by July 24, 2026.

Again, we appreciate the support of all members of our congregation in every ministry.

Thank you,
FPC Staff

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OUR MISSION

Trusting, Growing, Caring and Serving Together In the Name of Jesus Christ

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to help people come to:

- 1) **Trust** in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives;
- 2) **Grow** and mature in their understanding and experience of that faith;
- 3) **Care** for one another, allowing Christ's love to live in them as we journey through the "mountains" and "valleys" of life; and
- 4) **Serve** the needs of "the least of these", our brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ.