



THE CHURCH MOUSE

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As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him.
~ Matthew 9:9

"Follow Me." These seem easy enough words. Not all the time. Waiting for my doctor's appointment one morning an impatient nurse came to the waiting room and called my name. I gathered up my stuff, and turned to follow her, but she was gone, the swinging door was swiftly closing on its hydraulic hinges. I hurried through and caught only a glimpse of her sensible shoes as she turned a corner speeding down the hall without me. I quickened my pace and soon was lost in the honey-combed hallways between exam rooms. Finally, when I could not find her, I returned to the receptionist's desk and told them that I'd lost my guide; and I will tell you that that nurse was not best pleased when she had to come back out to escort me to the right room. Apparently it was not that urgent after all; the doctor took more than an hour and a quarter to come in to see me.



Following is not always easy. The Lord Jesus Christ calls us to follow Him, and although His patience is much more than this nurse's was, He sometimes calls us to difficult places, like a pandemic, or violence in our communities, revisiting and rehashing old ethnic wounds, re-thinking how we do church in this time. Our Covid isolation had the bitter side effect of limiting our sources of information mostly to what we could see on screens, and these sources tend to exacerbate fear and rage, rather than giving resources for help in these times. But still Jesus calls us to follow Him, and there is great hope in our Christ. Now we are transitioning back into regular church ministry and mission, and because of our session, our staff, and the willing service of our volunteer servers, we have added exciting ministries to our work: connecting people through live streaming our worship and zoom Bible studies and Sunday School, as well as virtual meeting options, and email newsletters.

As we see times change, the command to follow Christ does not change. The good news, the great news is that we are guaranteed the same things that the first disciples were guaranteed: Jesus will be with us, present in good times and challenging times; Jesus will guide us and teach us all the time; we need only to pray to God, walk in obedience, read the Bible and connect with other disciples. Jesus will show us, even in weird and difficult times, how to love each other, reach out to each other, reach out to others with His extraordinary eternal love. And as He leads, we must follow, follow, follow all the way.

In the bond of Christ,

Pastor Elizabeth Stone
B.S., M.Div.



CIRCLE NEWS

Come and enjoy the out of doors with the Betsy Bradley Circle on Monday, June 5 for a picnic beginning at 5 pm. Bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

The Linda Sharron Circle will meet Monday, June 5, at 6:30 at the church fellowship hall. This will be a pot-luck meeting. Hazel is planning to bring hot dogs and buns. Please let her know if you are going to come so she can plan accordingly. Doris will have the lesson.

Horizons 2023-2024 Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women Summer Bible Study/ Fellowship will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 9:30 am until 3 pm at Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We will be making a mission trip to Buckhorn on Friday, 06/23/2023. We will be in front of the church from 8:00 am – 9:00 am if you have items you would like to donate. We may need additional volunteer vehicles and drivers depending on the type and quantity of donations.

BIBLE STUDY

Join the member led church-wide Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. **Darrel** leads the discussion which will be focusing on the book of Mark. Here's the Zoom address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82346112262>.



GATHERING PLACE MISSIONS CONTINUE TO NEED OUR HELP

Betsy has announced our Second Sunday Supplies will be Sunday, June 11. There will be containers in the Narthex for supplies for the Gathering Place Mission for Homeless Men and The Gathering Place Mission for Homeless Women and Children—both on Bourbon Street.

ONGOING NEEDS:

Paper goods - large and small plates, bowls, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels (These items are the main ones that our church has approved to supply.) Also needed are hygiene goods and clothing.



AMEN House

People Serving People

Amen House Wish List Items for June

- Boxed Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Personal Care Items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, shampoo)
- Heavy Duty Grocery Bags (Click list bags)

Please place your items in the AMEN House box in the narthex

LIVE WIRES

Eleven Live Wires will be going to see "The Music Man" at Woodford Theatre on Sunday afternoon, June 11. Participants may bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the church library before carpooling to Versailles for the 2 pm performance. Volunteer drivers are needed.

YOU TUBE

Our Sunday worship service is transmitted via YouTube and is listed as **First Presbyterian Church Georgetown, KY**. Many thanks to Lisa and Gary, for operating the sound system and for making it all happen.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Blessings of Music in Worship

Our Church has long been blessed with the remarkable talents of musicians and singers supporting our worship services. During Nina Belle's absence, Betsy has courageously stepped forward to accompany our choir on the piano. We have also arranged for some guest musicians to play for coming Sundays. Our thanks go out to Betsy, and our prayers continue for Roger's recovery and Nina Belle's return.

Liturgists Needed

Please consider volunteering to serve as Liturgist. There is a Liturgist sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Church offices.

Adult Sunday School Classes

We now offer two Adult Sunday School Classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Adult I meets in the Church library and uses current books by Christian writers to discuss how modern issues impact our faith journeys. It is currently using the book *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. This book, written by a former investigative reporter and attorney, examines the available Christ. This class is also open to virtual participation via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88041635485>.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in what is always a lively discussion. New students would find it easy to jump into the study at any time.

Adult II meets in the downstairs classroom and is a more Bible focused class. Darrel leads the class. Given Darrel's amazing level of Bible knowledge, the class is bound to be a wonderful exploration of topics from the scriptures. The class is currently looking at the journey of the Israelites from captivity to establishment of a Jewish nation in the Old Testament. New students are always welcome.

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