



THE CHURCH MOUSE

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Pastor's Corner

Depression. After the awesome contest on Mount Carmel when God sends fire down on Elijah's offering before the whole assembly of Israel, and 450 prophets of the false god Baal are defeated, Elijah is depressed. Elijah, of all people, after a great spiritual victory, is depressed. He mopes under a broom tree, and he just wants to die. After the angel of the LORD feeds Elijah twice and lets him nap twice, Elijah runs to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God, aka Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. And God asks, **"What are you doing here, Elijah?"** And Elijah says, **"I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life to take it away."** 1 Kings 19:9,10.

Isn't that how we all feel sometimes? That we work and work for God and the net results may be fantastic for a moment, but afterwards we ask: what good did it do? What permanent change has happened because we took a stand? We run to places that are our spiritual touchstones hoping to find comfort and encouragement. And we think we are all alone, striving to do God's work in a culture that is often hostile to the Gospel. But what does God say to Elijah? After giving him a new job, God tells Elijah, **"Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."** 1 Kings 19:18

At the American Association of Christian Counselors conference I gathered with seven thousand people focused on two things: how to be clinically excellent counselors, and being completely dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ in that profession. Pastors were invited – I wasn't the only pastor there – and it was so inspiring to stand with these people. Many of them are weary and spent because in their practices they carry the sorrows and burdens of others, working to bring healing to hurting people, families, and churches living in the crucible of modern life. In spite of it all, they worshipped. They prayed. Seven thousand people singing praises to God. Seven thousand people who wanted to continue doing the work of healing minds, hearts, souls, and bodies. Seven thousand people committed to learning how to do their jobs better. And after consuming tons of great teaching from competent professionals, we all returned home with the comfort and encouragement Elijah wanted, so we can do new tasks for God. Because in the end, we are not alone. There are thousands of people, in every walk of life, who love God passionately and want to serve Him in their families, their churches, and their communities.

My prayer is that First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown is a spiritual touchstone for all of us, a place where we encounter the living God, and meet with others who also love Him. I pray that in our worship we are fed and rested, comforted and encouraged, so we can take the hope of the Gospel to those in need, and bring them into this place as their spiritual home.

Blessings, Beth
Elizabeth Stone, B.S., M.Div.



Opryland Hotel in Nashville, site of
American Assoc. of Christian
Counselors Conference

Report from the Session

Session has taken the following actions:

- elected a Commissioner to the Presbytery of Transylvania stated meeting on 11/11/2023
- denied request of AMEN House to use the Annex during October and November
 - the next stated session meeting will be 10/18/2023 at 5:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

09/03/2023 : in sanctuary, 37

09/10/2023 : in sanctuary, 40

09/17/2023 : in sanctuary, 40

09/24/2023 : in sanctuary, 49

COMMUNION

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 10/01/2023 (World Communion Sunday).

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 11/05/2023.

NOTICE:

Session has called a congregational meeting for November 19, 2023 immediately following the 11:00 am worship service for the purposes of:

- hearing the report of the Nominating Committee
- electing two (2) elders for the class of 2025, three (3) congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee for 2024 and one (1) congregational representative to the Personnel Committee for 2024.

Bible Study

Join the member –led church-wide Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. The discussion will focus on the book of **Luke**. Here's the Zoom address:

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

YOU TUBE

Our Sunday worship service is transmitted via YouTube and is listed as [First Presbyterian Church Georgetown, KY](#).

MUSIC NOTES



We welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join the choir for practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:50. We finish at 8:00.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet at **9:30 am, Monday, October 2**. We'll discuss second lesson in the new Bible Study, in *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

The **NightCircle** will meet Monday, October 2 at 6:30 at the church in the room behind the sanctuary. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it.



GATHERING PLACE MISSIONS CONTINUE TO NEED OUR HELP
 Since the Church picnic is on the Second Sunday of October, our next collection will be the following Sunday, October 15. 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 personal care items and clothing.



Amen House Wish List Items for Thanksgiving Bags

Three ways you can support:

1. Monetary donations (please indicate Thanksgiving)
2. Donate item(s) listed below
3. Provide complete bag donations. Items should be put in doubled standard plastic grocery bags and securely knotted. Gift cards should be put in a separate envelope and dropped off with your completed bags at the AMEN House or in our church donation box in the narthex. Deadline is October 27.

Here's What You Can Donate:

- \$15 gift card to Walmart or Kroger for Turkey**
- 1 Corn (16 oz can)**
- 1 Green Beans (16 oz. can)**
- 1 pkg. Gravy Mix**
- 1 Fruit (16 oz. can)**
- 1 Cranberry Sauce (16 oz. can)**
- 1 Chicken or Vegetable Broth (16 oz. can)**
- 1 Stuffing Mix (box)**
- 1 Potato Mix (pouch)**
- 1 Corn Bread Mix (box)**
- 1 Dessert (Brownie Mix-Box)**

- Diapers/Baby Wipes
- Personal hygiene items (toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Heavy duty grocery bags (
- Canned Soup
- Potato Flakes
- Canned Tomatoes
- Dessert Mixes (Brownies, Cakes, etc.)

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Please come gather with your Church Family for our Annual Church Picnic on October 8, 2023. We will gather beginning at 10:30 a.m. and our outdoor worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m.

A picnic meal will follow worship.

Location: Shelter #1, Charles Brooking Park. This is the Scott County park that is also the Fairgrounds and near the intersection of Long Lick Pike and Cincinnati Road. Our Shelter is near parking, playgrounds, and restrooms. Picnic tables and benches are provided. Feel welcome to bring other seating if you would prefer to sit on the lawn around the shelter.

Picnic Details: The Worship Committee will provide barbeque sandwiches and bottled water.

Please bring either a dessert or chips to share.

You are also welcome to bring your own beverage.

This is certain to be a great day of worship, fun and fellowship. Should inclement weather interrupt our plans, we will move the venue inside to the Fellowship Hall.



CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

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. The group is currently studying the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren.

Young children are invited to have “children’s church” during worship service.

Recipe of the Month

Mexican Hot Pot (a thick spicy soup)

1 lb lean ground beef
 1 pkg taco seasoning mx
 1 3/4 c. thick and chunky salsa
 1 c. beef broth
 1/2 c. instant rice
 2 c. frozen mixed vegetables
 4 c. water

Brown beef in a large skillet or saucepan. Drain any remaining fat. Add seasoning mix, salsa, broth and 4 cups water. Bring to a boil. Stir in the rice. Cover and cook for about 6 minutes. Stir in vegetables and heat through. Serve with nacho chips. Serves 4-6. Enjoy!!

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