

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We come again to 1 John to hear him asking us questions that are meant to probe our spiritual condition. This morning's question is a bit different — whereas the previous questions had to do with our ethics (how we live), this morning's question has to do with our doctrine (what we believe). But we must not think that doctrine, and especially doctrine about Jesus, has to do with our heads; nor should we think that this is an unimportant concern. Rather, our question this morning — “who is Jesus to you?” — asks a question that goes deep into our hearts and raises fundamental questions about whom or what we trust.

This question sets the context for our worship. That's because our God looks on the one who trusts in him — not on those who are strong or fast or smart, but those who trust in the God who has come in Jesus Christ. As we hear his Word, confess our sins, receive his pardon, sing his praise, taste his bread and cup, pray our prayers — we find sustaining, strengthening grace that forms us into Christ's own image. May God grant that this Jesus — Savior, helper, Lord, friend — meet you today as you worship him!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or member on your aisle. Our Welcome Center greeters are also eager to assist you or answer your questions. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, October 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

We also live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 services at ipcmemphis.org. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on our website.

As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Thiman

Arron Powell, Tenor Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 9:23-24

The Minister: Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord." Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

No. 4
(stanzas 1-5)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Mit Freuden Zart

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Creator, Judge of all the earth and Father of all who trust in you; with heavy hearts, we confess that we have fallen short of your glory by our words, thoughts, and actions. We have not and cannot live up to the demands of your holy law. All of us, like wayward sheep, have gone astray; we have turned from you and gone our own way. As a result, you have laid on Jesus all of our sins. Forgive us for our rebellion, our hard hearts, and our apathy toward our sin and toward our Savior. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Cleanse us with your blood, which you shed for us. Through Jesus Christ we pray, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. — *Romans 3:23-25*

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Lauda Anima” (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven)

Andrews

John Chase, Director

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. *Amen.*

THE SERMON

1 John 2:18-27 (*pew Bible pages 1021-1022*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Questions for Assurance: Studies in John's Letters

"Who Is Jesus to You?"

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. The spirit of antichrist

A. Denial

B. Departure

C. Deception

2. The Spirit's anointing

A. Calling

B. Commitment

C. Confidence

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Arron Powell, Violin William Fernandez, Guitar

Words: John Newton, 1779

Music: Alexander Reinagle



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2. It makes the wound-ed spir - it whole and
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build my
4. Je - sus, my Shep-herd, Broth - er, Friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes his sor - row, heals
calms the trou- bled breast; 'tis man - na to the hun-
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er fail - ing trea-
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way,



his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.
- gry soul, and to the wear - y rest.
- s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace.
my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

No. 498

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

THE POSTLUDE

“Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Thou Art”

Dupré



EVENING PRAISE

THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN
Six O' clock

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Congregation: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Minister: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Congregation: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:

All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Let Your Kingdom Come"

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer
"God's Cause"

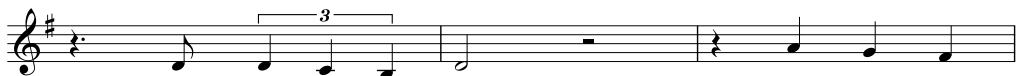
Music and Words: Bob Kauflin



1. Your glo - rious cause, O God, en - gag - es our
2. Give us your strength, O God, and cour - age to



hearts. May Je - sus Christ be known
speak. Per - form your won - drous deeds



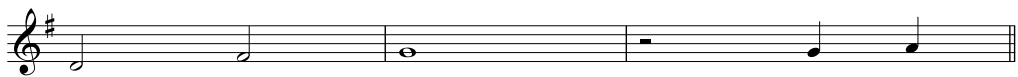
wher - ev - er we are. We ask not
through those who are weak. Lord, use us



for our - selves, but for your re - nown.
as you want, what - ev - er the test.



The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your
By grace we'll preach your gos - pel till our



king - dom come." Let your
dy - ing breath.



king - dom come, let your will be done



so that ev - ery - one might know your Name.



Let your song be heard

ev - ery - where on earth till your
sove - reign work on earth is done.
Let your king - dom come.

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Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for three lines of lyrics. The music is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'ev - ery - where on earth till your'. The second line corresponds to 'sove - reign work on earth is done.'. The third line corresponds to 'Let your king - dom come.'. The third line of music ends with a double bar line and a fermata, with the number '3' written above it, indicating a triplet or a specific ending. The lyrics are hyphenated across words.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Rodgers and Wyse



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther faith - ful - ly



deem - er and Friend; who would have thought that a
 long to em - brace; you of - fer hope when our
 lov - ing your own; here in our weak - ness you



Lamb could res - cue the souls of men.
 hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
 find us fall - ing be - fore your throne.



Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
 Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.



You are the one that we praise, you are the one we a - dore.



You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Please greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

SONG OF PRAISE

“Mercy Speaks by Jesus’ Blood”

Words: Gadsby

Music: Webb, McCracken



1. Mer - cy speaks by Je - sus' blood; hear and sing,
 2. Je - sus' blood speaks loud and sweet; here all De -
 3. Peace of con - science, peace with God, we ob - tain



ye sons of God; just-ice sat - is - fied in - deed;
 - i - ty can meet, and, with-out a jar - ring voice,
 through Je - sus' blood; Je - sus' blood speaks sol - id rest;



Christ has full a - tone-ment made.
 wel - come Zi - on to re - joice,
 we be - lieve, and we are blest.



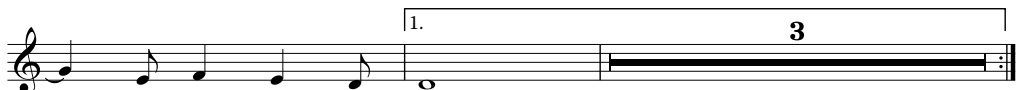
Wel-come Zi - on to re - joice, "All her debts
 We be - lieve, and we are blest.



were cast on me, and she must and shall go free.



All her debts were cast on me, And she must



and shall go free."



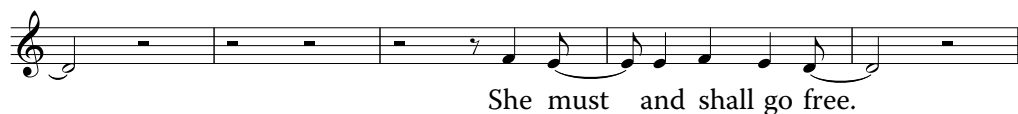
Should the law a-against her roar, Je - sus' blood



still speaks with power, "All her debts



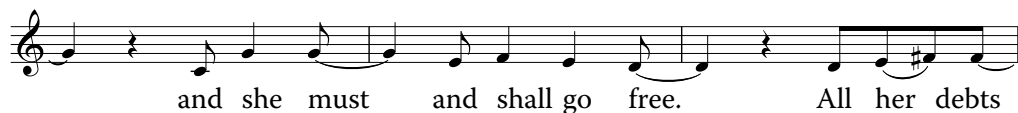
were cast on me, and she must and shall go free."



She must and shall go free.



2
All her debts were cast on me,



and she must and shall go free. All her debts



were cast on me, and she must



1. and shall go free. 2. All her debts free.



And she must and shall go free.



And she must and shall go free."

SONG OF PRAISE

“By Thy Mercy”

Words: Cummins

Music: Thompson



1. Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry,
 3. When temp - ta - tion sore - ly press - es,
 5. In the wear - y hours of sick - ness,



bend from heav'n thy gra - cious ear; while our wait - ing
 in the day of Sa - tan's pow'r, in our times of
 in the times of grief and pain, when we feel our



souls a - dore thee, friend of help - less sin - ners, hear.
 deep dis - tress - es, in each dark and try - ing hour.
 mor - tal weak - ness, when all hu - man help is vain.



2. From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness, from the hard -'ning
 4. When the world a - round is smil - ing, in the time of
 6. In the sol - emn hour of dy - ing, in the aw - ful



pow'r of sin, from all mal - ice and un - kind - ness
 wealth and ease, earth - ly joys our hearts be - guil - ing,
 judg - ment day, may our souls, on thee re - ly - ing,



from the pride that lurks with - in.
 in the day of health and peace.
 find thee still our Rock and Stay.



By thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord;

by thy mer-cy, O de-liv-er us, good
 Lord, good Lord. ^{1.2.} Lord. ^{3.} By thy
 mer-cy, O de-liv-er us, good
 Lord; by thy mer-cy, O de-
 liv-er us, good Lord, good Lord.

GRACE MOMENT

Mr. Dan Butler
Advance Memphis

SONG OF PREPARATION "Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

Words: John Berridge

Music: Matthew Perryman Jones



1. Je - sus, cast a look on me,
2. All that feeds my bu - sy pride,
3. *Make me like a lit - tle child,*
4. Lean - ing on thy lov - ing breast,
5. In this pos - ture let me live,



give me sweet sim - pli - ci - ty,
cast it ev - er - more a - side,
of my strength and wis - dom spoiled,
where a wea - ry soul can rest
and ho - san - nas dai - ly give.



make me poor and keep me low,
bid my will to thine sub - mit,
see - ing on - ly in thy sight,
feel - ing well the peace of God,
In this tem - per let me die,



seek - ing on - ly thee to know.
lay me hum - bly at thy feet.
walk - ing on - ly in thy light.
flow - ing from his pre - cious blood.
and ho - san - nas ev - er cry!

Children (K-5th) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:3 (*pew Bible page 61*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

The Way of Life: The 10 Commandments for Today
“Love, Grace, and the First Commandment”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century

Slane



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. *Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;*
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BENEDICTION



THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to

Sunshine McKinnon on the death of her husband, Don, on August 8;
and to the family of Jamie Cahill who died on August 11;
and to the family of Betsy Stone who died on August 25.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service and Communion
8:30 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Communion
11:00 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
4:30 p.m.	Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Praise Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Children migrate to Four Corners from Sunday Evening Praise



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool – <i>First floor, rooms divided by age</i>	1st grade — Room 216	4th/5th grade — Room 201
Kindergarten — Room 209	2nd grade — Room 215	Junior High — Room 155
	3rd grade — Room 217	Senior High — Room 254

YOUNG ADULTS

College (Zach Hood) | Room 125
Browning Community (20s-30s) | Room 220-222

MIDDLE ADULTS

Tenent Community (30s-40s) | Fellowship Hall South
Jones Community (40s-50s) | Fellowship Hall North

MATURE ADULTS

Norton Community (50s-60s) | Chapel
Malone Community (60s+) | Room 237
The Westminster Class (Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson) | Room 233
Line by Line Class (Rankin Fowlkes) | Room 132

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 4

5:30 p.m.	Dinner Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	DivorceCare Room 233
6:15 p.m.	BLAST! Romper Room (K - 5 th grade)
6:15 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group Jr. High Room
6:15 p.m.	Grace Groups
6:30 p.m.	Pre-Elementary Choir
6:30 p.m.	Large Group Study: <i>New Testament Survey</i> Chapel
7:10 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group Sr. High Room
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

NEW LARGE GROUP STUDY
New Testament Survey
 Beginning September 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel
 This Wednesday: Overview of the New Testament, led by Dr. Sean Lucas



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
GRACE GROUPS**
 Questions? Contact Parker Tenent,
ptenent@ipcmemphis.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 Tuesdays, beginning September 10
 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 Details at ipcmemphis.org

JR. HIGH CHOIR SKI DAY
Saturday, September 7
 Horseshoe Lake

BLAST!
 Building Lives Around Sound Truth
 Grades K-5 | Wednesday Nights at IPC
 Register at ipcmemphis.org.

**IN THE WORD:
BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES**
led by Dr. Sean Lucas
 Thursdays | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

SR. HIGH CHOIR
Beginning Sunday, September 8

DIVORCECARE

Find help. Discover hope. Experience healing.

If you know someone who is experiencing the crisis of divorce, please recommend IPC's DivorceCare support group that begins on Wednesday evening, September 4. DivorceCare is an outreach ministry providing Christian resources for healing, recovery, and support, in a warm and encouraging environment. IPC's DivorceCare meets weekly through the fall in Room 233 from 6:00–7:30 p.m.

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NORTON COMMUNITY (50s-60s)

Transforming Your Grief | Fall-Mini Series

10:00 a.m. | Chapel

September 8 — What Happens to the Body at Death?

September 15 — What Are the Stages of Our Grief?

September 22 — How the Gospel Transforms Our Grief

“Pot Sovereign”

September 15 | 12:30-2:30 p.m. | Home of Sally and Ed Norton (4735 Normandy Lane)

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CALLING ALL KNITTERS, CROCHETERS AND WANNABES!

The IPC Knitting/Crocheting Ministry will resume on Thursdays, beginning September 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in Room 233. All knitters and crocheters are welcome, as well as those who would like to learn — we will teach you! For more information, contact Susan Strong, susansstrong@bellsouth.net

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TECH-SENSIBLE TRAINING SEMINAR

For Parents and Grandparents

IPC will offer a Tech-Sensible Parenting seminar for parents and grandparents of students in grades 4-12 on Thursday night, September 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. You'll learn about technology's life-shaping role for children and teens, some “danger zones,” and how to engage kids with technology in positive, Christ-centered ways. We'll also have take-home resources. The event is free, and dinner is provided, but registration is required.

Childcare is also available for ages 0-5, but you must reserve it by September 5.

For event registration and childcare, visit ipcmemphis.org.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

September 8 | Immediately following Sunday Evening Praise | Fellowship Hall

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SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 29

Fall Festival and Church Picnic
immediately after the 11:00 worship service

Wendell Kimbrough Concert
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m.
*Come and join a group of men who meet faithfully for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Hall.
Enjoy a good, hot breakfast for \$3.00.*

Women's Prayer Time | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day Holiday | September 2 | Church Office and Bookstore Closed

99 Balloons rEcess Resumes | September 6

Jr. High Choir Ski Day | September 7 | Horseshoe Lake

Jr. and Sr. High Whitestation Elementary Work Day | September 21 | 9:00 a.m.-noon

Sr. High Goes to 901 FC Game | October 19 | 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Jr. High Guys Paintball Event | October 26 | 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Battlefront (Shelby Farms)

Jr. High Girls Brunch and Craft | October 26 | 10:00 a.m.-noon

Community Reformation Service | October 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Second Presbyterian



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