



## WELCOME GEOFFREY JOYNT TO THE 1ST PRES STAFF

1st Pres is extremely fortunate to have on staff, Geoffrey Joynt, as our full-time kitchen coordinator. Geoffrey, 1st Pres member for almost four years, recently resigned his head chef position at Erlanger so that he could serve our church and expand our outreach opportunities.

## NEW CURRICULUM FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Ministry kicks-off a whole new year of Sunday School featuring new curriculum, *The Gospel Project*. We're in need of nursery volunteers, back-ups for our Sunday School teachers (on as-needed basis), and check-in station volunteers. Also for Sundays, we need Children's Church volunteers during the 2<sup>nd</sup> service hour. Additionally, we're in need of 2-3 volunteers to help with teaching and assisting for The Pilgrim's Progress on Wednesday nights starting August 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for pouring into the future of Christ's Church by serving in Children's Ministry. Please contact the front desk for more info or Misha Sisco directly.



## FREE COLLEGE UNDERGRAD LUNCH

**TODAY, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

College undergrads! Join us after the late worship services in the Coffee Lounge (outside the Fellowship Hall) for a free home-cooked lunch and conversation. Hosted by Cindy and Larry Schlabach.



## SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS



This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year 1st Pres will be an official drop-off location for SOS. Boxes are placed throughout the church until August 30<sup>th</sup>. All NEW Shoes and Socks are accepted for boys and girls up to age 18 (preferably sneakers). Again this year, I took advantage of clearance sales throughout the year, so if you would like to make a monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is 500 pairs of shoes! If questions call Cynthia Goldston 423-316-7746.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Did you know that First Presbyterian has many Congregational Care Ministries available? If you or someone you know has had a new baby or is ill or hospitalized or could use prayer, a meal, a pastor's visit, a call, flowers, or a card, let us know by calling the office, 267-1206, any time day or night. Pastor Chris Ehlers heads up this team and would also love to have you join us in serving in any of these ministries.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

**Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres  
9 AM-1 PM (8 AM check-in and on-site registration)**

1st Presbyterian has issued an invitation to all churches in the Chattanooga area, to send members to participate in speaker Laura Warner Gilmer's workshop on *How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way* and *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief*. The event is FREE for members of 1st Pres; otherwise, \$15/person, or \$50/congregation (four or more).

1st Pres members can register in the Connector. Others visit [www.stephenministry.org/workshop](http://www.stephenministry.org/workshop) or call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600.

**MIDWEEK** is an opportunity to break from your usual week night routine and join our church family for a refreshing evening of fellowship and spiritual formation.

Join us for **dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:15** with families and friends gathering at a table together to share a meal. After supper there are programs for Children (infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade), including Children's Choir and lessons in Pilgrim's Progress, Youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade), Adults Electives (*The Christian in Complete Armor Pt. 1*, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, *Christian Parenting in the Modern World*, and a First Pres Membership Class), Adult Choir, and Rapha.



For more information, please visit [www.1stpresbyterian.com/grow](http://www.1stpresbyterian.com/grow).



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Please join us for the annual 1st Pres **Women's Kickoff TODAY, Sunday, Aug. 25!** We'll share some light breakfast treats from 9:45 am - 10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come learn more about the exciting year ahead and how you can be involved!

Please join us for our first-ever 1st **Tuesday All Together** gathering of women on **Tuesday, Sept. 3**, featuring guest speaker Julie Baumgardner, president and CEO of First Things First. We will discuss some of today's cultural trends, how to approach them biblically, and how to talk about them with others. The same program will be available from 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and from 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Each session will include a meal for \$5 per person. Free childcare (infants - 5 years old) and a homeschool room will be available for both sessions. Please register online for meals and childcare by Monday, Sept. 2 at [1stpresbyterian.com/women](http://1stpresbyterian.com/women) or by calling the church office.

## WORLD MISSIONS

*All nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. —Psalm 86:9*

### Pray for the Nations

We particularly remember in prayer our mission partners who minister to the people of Hong Kong, India, and Venezuela during these times of turmoil.



## NEW WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE FEATURES

**October 13-16, 2019**

Many new events are scheduled for the 68<sup>th</sup> World Missions Conference including:

- Sunday Morning Services in Both Worship Venues
- Special Sunday Evening Youth Event
- Table Talk in the Coffee Lounge Area
- Evening Meetings in Homes across the City
- Women's Luncheon
- Men's Breakfast
- Conference Lunch at Heritage Landing

We hope you will enjoy these gatherings!

## NEW MISSION PARTNERS ANNOUNCED

World Missions is pleased to announce the following new partners who will be introduced at conference: Nate & Nikki Bonham (Colombia), Malc Clark & Pete Evans (United Kingdom), and Aaron Herrera (Mexico).

## HOME MEETINGS

The World Missions Conference will offer home meetings featuring our mission partners on the evenings of October 14 and 15. Hosts are still needed for the North Chattanooga and East Brainerd/Ooltewah areas of Chattanooga. If you live in either of these areas and would enjoy hosting a fun gathering with our mission partners and fellow church members, please contact World Missions.