



**NEW ADDITIONS TO 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES:**

In case you missed these joyous announcements during the holiday season, we are delighted to welcome these babies to the 1st Pres family!

- **Anderson James Snyder**, son of Lauren and Joe Snyder, December 10
- **Charles Edward Frame**, son of Caroline and Ryan Frame, December 17
- **Avery Grace Taylor**, daughter of Creed and Staci Taylor, December 28

**CHANGE HAPPENS, BUT NOT WITHOUT NOTICE AND THANKS**

**Ammi Rebne** began working at 1st Pres as the secretary to World Missions before taking on the task of Administrative Assistant at Camp Vesper Point for the past decade or more. Ammi has been an important part of the 1st Pres family and we will miss her as she joins a family business. Our thanks to her! Sarah Estler, our present receptionist will be taking over Ammi’s responsibilities at CVP.

**Walt and Cindy Goldston** have led the “Shoes for Orphan Souls” for the past several years, but felt the time is right for others to help in that area while they have picked up other responsibilities at the church. Thank you to the Goldstons for their faithful service in providing shoes for orphans.

For nearly 20 years **Dr. and Mrs. John Boxell** have decorated the church for the Christmas holidays. When the decorations came down this year it brought an end to their generosity of time in helping us celebrate Christmas with all the trimmings around the church. A heart-felt “thank you” is extended to this couple who always made 1st Pres beautiful and special for the holidays.

**Dr. Barry Heywood** has served as the head usher for 17 years. He was called upon to supply ushers for every worship service as well as all special events (weddings, funerals, programs, concerts, seminars, etc.). He is now “passing the torch” to younger deacons to fill the void. “Thank you” for such dependable service as the ambassador at our front door.

While singling out a few who are “retiring” or moving on, we also want to thank all of the many others who volunteer at 1st Pres to advance the Kingdom of God and making our church so special. Look for the next “Opportunities to Volunteer” brochure coming out soon to see where you might fit. “Thank you” to our Sunday school teachers, choir members, committee members, officers, ministry leaders, instrumentalists, substitutes, prayer partners and even those who volunteer “under the radar” who assist in quiet ways known only to the Lord.

**1ST PRES SMALL GROUPS**



Small Groups are about relationships: growing in our relationship with God and deepening our relationships with others. Within these small groups, men and women can experience fellowship with others as they practice applying the gospel to their lives. If you are interested in starting or joining a small group, please sign up at [1stpresbyterian.com/grow/](http://1stpresbyterian.com/grow/) or email [smallgroups@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:smallgroups@1stpresbyterian.com).

**WORSHIP ARTS**

**ALL MEN’S CHOIR JANUARY 26**

*(while many of our ladies are on retreat)*

Please join our choir men and fill up the loft with glorious praise of our Lord, Sunday morning, January 26! Rehearsal for men’s selections is during the Wednesday, January 22, 6:20 pm choir rehearsal, and Sunday, the 26th at 9:45 am in the choir room.

**ALL LADIES CHOIR ON FEBRUARY 2**

Ladies, you don’t want to miss this opportunity to sing our ‘Spiritual Song of the month’ - “Lord of the Small” with our choir ladies. It will be a special morning of worship/music leading, so come fill up the loft with beautiful singing for our beautiful Jesus. The ladies will rehearse during the January 29, Wednesday, 6:20pm choir rehearsal, and on the 2nd at 9:45 am in the choir room.

**WOMEN’S RETREAT - NEW SINGLE-DAY OPTION**

We are looking forward to a wonderful retreat next weekend, January 24 - 26!

We’ve heard from several women who can’t stay overnight, but still want to participate in some way. To help meet this need, we’ve decided to offer a single-day option on Saturday, January 25 for \$75. This fee covers breakfast and dinner (everyone is on their own for lunch) and attendance at the morning and evening sessions. Arrival and departure timing is up to you - the price will not be reduced for missed meals or sessions. If you are interested in the single-day option, please contact Cary Ballard at [cqballard@gmail.com](mailto:cqballard@gmail.com) to confirm your registration and learn details about the day’s schedule.

**WORLD MISSIONS**

With the utmost praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, World Missions announces that its financial year (January–December) ended in the black. We are extremely grateful to our members and friends who contributed so generously and sacrificially to the foreign missions arm of our church. Your continued prayers and support for the ministry are coveted as we begin a new year facilitating church planting movements and church maturation in strategic global cities.



**Guidelines for Giving to the Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet**

1. Clothing and accessories must have been purchased within the past 5 years.
2. Clothing and accessories must be clean—either on hangers or neatly folded in NON food bags (please no carryout food or grocery bags).
3. Shoes must be new and purchased within the past 5 years.
4. Luggage must be lightweight, rolling and purchased within the past 7 years.
5. With large donations (i.e., entire closets or estates), please consider a local charity thrift store that has the capacity and manpower to process large quantities.

*Items most needed are children’s clothing and luggage that is lightweight and on wheels. Donations will be accepted through February 28. Thank you very much for your support of this ministry which provides for the practical needs of our missionary family.*

**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.

