MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 PM
Worship with Communion at 6:30 PM
Special Prelude at 6:20 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27
Resurrection Celebration at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Both services feature Adult Choir and Orchestra.
Special Music at 10:30 AM:
“Behold Christ”
Adult Choir, Orchestra, Soloists

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—Hebrews 13:3 NKJV

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**Editor's note:** Each month *Glad Tidings* is featuring an article from one of our pastoral staff or ministry directors. This issue’s featured guest writer is Mark Casson. Mark is a husband, father, author, and FPCC ruling elder who also happens to have spent half of his adult life in prison. He now directs prison ministries.

**How Are You Remembering?**

*Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.*  —Hebrews 13:3 NKJV

My name is Mark Casson. I serve as Executive Director of Metanoia* Prison Ministries and Director of Prison Ministry for the PCA’s Mission to North America (MNA). In February 2013, we relocated here because of my strong desire to help First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga (FPCC) start a new mentor ministry at Walker State Faith and Character-based Prison. FPCC graciously provided Metanoia an office on the first floor of the Tower Building, so stop by and visit. FPCC Member Alan Bonderud is Metanoia’s Board President and serves as MNA’s Assistant Director of Prison Ministry.

I am responsible for three areas of prison ministry nationwide: correspondence, mentoring, and reintegration, the largest of which is the correspondence ministry. We’ve matched volunteer church members with more than 800 prisoners, one-on-one. When a student completes a Bible study lesson, it is mailed to our facilitator, who then mails it to the volunteer discipler, who grades the lesson and sends it on to the prisoner with an encouraging letter and the next lesson. Metanoia provides the lessons, answer keys, postage, and envelopes. It takes about 60 minutes per month of a volunteer’s time, yet it has such powerful impact on prisoners, many of whom have no other outside contact.

Metanoia also promotes mentoring in prisons. The opportunity to facilitate a substantial new mentor ministry at Walker State surfaced in 2012. Launched by FPCC and Metanoia, it has grown to 110 men from 37 churches. We have about 100 prisoners on a waiting list to be paired with mentors. Georgia prison officials have asked Metanoia to launch mentoring throughout the state. Providentially, FPCC subsequently branched out to launch a women’s mentor ministry at The Next Door, a transitional facility on Moccasin Bend.

Metanoia’s reintegration ministry helps students and mentees contact prospective church homes prior to release. The most important thing a prisoner can do—like the rest of us—is to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). I often get calls from churches asking how they can get involved either in prison ministry in general or in reintegration ministry. We help them become welcoming churches to ex-felons, as FPCC is now.

It should come as no surprise to you that FPCC leads the way in each ministry area. Only two other churches in the nation have more volunteers in Metanoia’s correspondence ministry. No other prison in the U.S. has such a robust “life-on-life” mentor ministry as Walker State, and FPCC leads the way with 27 mentors. The choir of FPCC, under Kelly Stultz’s leadership, has performed choral worship services in the prison eight times. All of our pastors have gone to the prison, and three have preached there. Our men teach courses, offer services, and lead programs there. Our women support ministry activities at The Next Door. Last year FPCC launched a Prison Ministry Committee to assist our pastors, deacons, and elders in all aspects of prison ministry and to engage with returning prisoners, of which I am one who has been welcomed and loved into this FPCC family.

My friends, are you remembering the prisoners as though you are chained with them? If you are not, and you would like to be involved, please join us. You can send me an e-mail to join our prayer team. You can become one of our Corresponding Disciplers (please note that this is a ministry that a family can do together). If you have the time, we would love for you to join us at Walker State Prison as a mentor, or, if you are female, we can introduce you to ministry at The Next Door. Please consider joining our prison ministry committee. For more information, feel free to stop by my office, e-mail me at mcasson@pcanet.org, or call me at 423-267-1206, ext. 150.

*Metanoia* is the Greek word for repentance. Thayer’s Greek Lexicon defines it as “a change of mind: as it appears in one who repents of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done, especially the change of mind of those who have begun to abhor their errors and misdeeds, and have determined to enter upon a better course of life, so that it embraces both a recognition of sin and sorrow for it and hearty amendment, the tokens and effects of which are good deeds.” We chose this as the name of our ministry because it signifies turning from a life of sin to a life that is lived for the glory of God.

-- http://pcamna.org/metanoia-ministries/
MOPS 2015-2016: “A Fierce Flourishing”
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Nell Davis Room

| March 2    | MOPS Craft Time                  |
| March 16   | Eyes to See: Vulnerability       |

For information about MOPS, check out mops.org (for MOPS International) and www.facebook.com/MopsAtFirstPresChattanooga (for MOPS@First Pres), or contact coordinator Allison Pettit at allisonpettit@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed!
To volunteer to help in the nursery with children from infants to 3 years, contact Dana Lail at 648-7903.

Indoor Picnic & Hoedown
Friday, March 4, 6:30 PM
FPCC Student Center

First Friends will be hosting its annual indoor picnic for neighboring international college students, followed by our long-awaited line dancing event led by Jason Rorex. All church members are invited to join in the fun and be a part of welcoming these students into our community! We will have a catered dinner with chicken and all the fixin’s, and we ask that church members bring a fruit or dessert, if possible. If you have any questions, contact Karen Payne at karenkpayne@comcast.net.

Retirement Dinner for Wycliffe Missionary
Sharon Underdown
Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Sharon is retiring after 21 years teaching missionary children at Ukarumpa International Primary School in Papua New Guinea. All FPC members and friends of Sharon are invited. Contact the church office by Sunday, March 6, to make your reservation. Cost TBA.

Matthew Smith with Indelible Grace
Free Concert
Friday, April 8
7:00 PM
FPCC Sanctuary

MATTHEW SMITH is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter who writes brand new music to centuries-old hymn texts. He is a founding member of the Indelible Grace community, whose work has drawn acclaim across denominational lines and is used in churches around the world. Born out of a college ministry, the reimagined hymns have found wide acceptance both among college students and the church at large, joining people who desire to honor tradition with those who want a modern musical approach.
**Milestones Along the Road**

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As a result of input group sessions followed by a survey during January and February, we have information from more than 300 members. We have heard thousands of ideas, suggestions, critiques, and dreams. It is both energizing and challenging. All input will be categorized, analyzed, and recorded. You will see many of your ideas during the Drill Down Session. This is when the hard work begins. Great ideas need strong leadership, vision, and many hands to come to fruition.

The single factor holding the process together is prayer. We pray for God’s vision, leadership, and authorship of the task ahead of us. Please pray for unity and clarity.

1. **January – Kick-Off:** Communicate to our church what, why, how, and when
2. **January through March – Input Groups:** All members and regular attenders, including children in sixth grade or higher, are encouraged to participate in an input group. Each participant will provide his/her thoughts on what is great about our church, what are its challenges, and what our church would look like in his/her wildest dreams.
3. **April – Leadership Review:** Church leadership will prayerfully consider all the input provided and review it through the lens of Scripture and church doctrine. The input will then be winnowed down to a list of topics or themes for further consideration.
4. **Spring – Drill Down Sessions:** The entire church will have an opportunity to provide more detailed feedback and ideas around the specific topics or themes selected by church leadership.
5. **Summer – Leadership Review:** Again church leadership will prayerfully consider all feedback and ideas provided and review it through the lens of Scripture and church doctrine. At this point, they will begin to shape more specifically the vision for our church.
6. **Fall – Vision Presentation:** The Session will present the vision for our church.
7. **January – Roadmap Presentation:** Church leadership will present the Roadmap for how we get from where we are today to where we believe we are called to be.

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**Camp Vesper Point Summer 2016**


Middler Camps are for rising 3rd – 7th grades.
Pioneer Camps are for rising 6th – 10th grades.

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Cost is $525, which includes room and board, canteen snacks, camp theme T-shirt, cabin photo, and all activities except for water ski activities. Register online at [www.vesperpoint.org](http://www.vesperpoint.org).
CHILDREN’S GIFT

The Children’s Gift will be collected again in March. This gift is given to local ministries such as Bethel Bible Village, Bethany Christian Services, and Choices Pregnancy Resource Center. Envelopes will be provided at women’s meetings and studies. Checks should be made to First Presbyterian Church with “Children’s Gift” on the memo line. Gifts may also be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

– Sandy Hartley, lorshartley@comcast.net or 842-9381

2016 PCA Women’s Conferences
TRANSFORMED
Chicago | Los Angeles | Birmingham | Philadelphia | Toronto | Charlotte | Dallas

We invite all women (ages 14, 40, or 104!) to join us at one of seven 2016 regional women’s conferences as we seek to be TRANSFORMED by studying Romans 11:33-12:2 together. Each conference will feature a keynote speaker, worship, workshops, and other opportunities to connect. Early registration will be $75. Find details on all conferences at www.pcadm.org/transformed2016/ and save the date for one that works for you! Nancy Guthrie is the keynote speaker at the ones closest to us:

April 8–9 in Chicago • September 9–10 in Birmingham • October 28–29 in Charlotte

FPC Women

BEHOLD

When: April 16
10:30 - Noon
Cost: $10
Reserve a spot:
fpcwomen@gmail.com
Reservation deadline:
April 13
Where: green spaces
63 East Main Street

cultivating a lifestyle of contentment

Come gather with our women in the morning on April 16 at a fun and unique venue in the heart of Chattanooga! We’ll hear from Liz Edrington, a women’s counselor with a Master of Arts in Counseling from Reformed Theological Seminary. She will delve into the wisdom of “believing our God” instead of focusing our hearts on lesser loves. A panel of our own women will also share their insights into what it means to cultivate a lifestyle of contentment on an everyday basis. Don’t miss the chance to take a coffee break, taste a variety of homemade pies (from our very own at FPC), and share this spiritually refreshing time with old and new friends. And just for fun, we’re throwing in door prizes from local businesses and artisans! Spaces are limited, so reserve your place at the table today by e-mailing fpcwomen@gmail.com. See you there!

February 8, Valentine’s Luncheon
Allison & Nelson Pettit shared their love story.

Saying Goodbye to Karin Clumpner

as she prepares to move to Washington state.
We thank Karin for her years of faithful service, including Circle Bible Study, First Friends, and the Adult Choir. We will miss her wonderful smile!
WOMEN’S CIRCLE STUDY
Study 8 in Women of the Old Testament
on I Samuel 25:2-44
“Abigail: A Level-Headed Woman”
Monday Morning Circles meet on Monday, March 14,
at 10:30 AM with Luncheon at NOON.
Evening Circle meets on Tuesday, March 15.

FLOWER ARRANGING & DELIVERY
March 6: Precept Bible Study
March 13, 20, 27: Women in the Covenant Bible Study
Help arrange and deliver flowers after the 10:55 service. All volunteers are welcome! For more information, contact Connie Crawford at 265-1091 or Gigi Gross at gggross@epbfi.com.

NEW MEMBERS
Nigel & Kathleen Brown (37405)
& Liam Pinson
John & Lauren Healy (37405)
Frank & Linda Hobart (37403)
Rodger & Peggy Jenkins (37343)
& Mackenzie Smith
Geoffrey & Aubrey Joynt (37415)
Mark McCommon (37415)
Creed & Staci Taylor (37377)

NEW NON-COMMUNING MEMBERS
Luke Taylor, son of Creed & Staci Taylor
Virginia Pass Wells, daughter of Beau & Beth Wells

It’s a Wonderful Life!
Senior Adult Fellowship
Thursday, March 10, 10:30 AM
“B.B.” Bell, Retired Four-Star U.S. Army General

This month we welcome “B.B.” Bell to IAWL. After retiring from the Army in 2008, he now speaks frequently on matters relating to national security. Come and join us as we hear him talk about current world events.

Our day begins with fellowship at 10:30 AM followed by the program at 11:00 AM and a delicious lunch at a cost of $6. Please contact Janette Barnes (706-820-9029) or Rosa Wrenn (423-886-6349) for reservations.

HONOR ROLL BIRTHDAYS
March 1    Dot Sertel  (Circle 3)
           Life Care of Hixson
           5798 Hixson Homeplace, #233-A
           Hixson, TN 37343

March 4    Donna Durand  (Circle 3)
           Lenbrook Senior Living, #305
           3747 Peachtree Rd., NE
           Atlanta, GA 30319

March 16   Nancy Tatum  (Circle 1)
           Hickory Valley Retirement Center
           6705 Ballard Drive, #266
           Chattanooga, TN 37421

March 21   Lora Canter  (Circle 1)
           4796 Rose Briar Lane
           Ooltewah, TN 37363
           1907 Belleau Village Lane
           Chattanooga, TN 37421

March 24   Dot Banks  (Circle 1)
           204 Young Road
           Ringgold, GA 30736

March 26   Millie Gilley  (Circle 2)
           304 Gilley Lane
           Chickamauga, GA 30707

March 27   Ben Jackson
           The Terrace
           1005 Mountain Creek Road, #308
           Chattanooga, TN 37405

April 2    Sue Shipp  (Circle 1)
           PO Box 658
           Collegedale, TN 37315
           Life Care of Collegedale, #107
           9210 Apison Pike
           Collegedale, TN 37315

April 6    Sue Harrison  (Circle 3)
           Life Care of Hixson
           5798 Hixson Homeplace, #204
           Hixson, TN 37343
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FROM OUR LIBRARY: Two Books on Doctrine, Grace, and Life

**Five Points: Towards a Deeper Experience of God's Grace** by John Piper

“Grace is the heart of God to do you good when you deserve it least.” In this slim little book, John Piper graciously and gently reveals the deep truths of the five points of Calvinism. He approaches Calvinism not as a system to defend but as teachings that emerge from the Bible and provide a pathway to a deeper experience of God's grace.

“These Five Points are about how Christians come into being and how we are kept forever by God’s grace.
- It reaches back into times past when we were freely chosen.
- It reaches forward into the future when we will be safe and happy forever.
- It reaches down into the mysteries of the work of Christ, purchasing the gift of faith for all God’s children.
- And it reaches into the human soul, glimpsing the mysteries of the Spirit’s work as He conquers all of our rebellion and makes us willing captives of King Jesus.”

--- back cover

**How Should I Live in This World?** by R. C. Sproul

Who wouldn’t want to sit at the feet of R. C. Sproul and ask him about the perplexing ethical questions of life? This booklet won’t answer all your life questions but will provide you with a framework for sorting out ethical dilemmas with a Biblical mindset. He argues that the Bible is the “supreme source of ethical guidance. It does not contain a ‘Thou shalt . . .’ or a ‘Thou shalt not . . .’ for every situation, but it provides ethical principles.”

This tiny book on ethical principles deals with issues such as legalism, materialism, abortion, crime, punishment, and war. As part of the Crucial Questions series of booklets, Sproul has shared his wisdom, deep scriptural knowledge, and practical application for life’s biggest issues.