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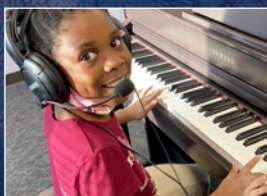


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The Journey to Yes

HOW GOD BROUGHT A PASTOR AND CHURCH TOGETHER

As told by Nicole Pugh and Allison Biggs, PNC members

As **Rev. Cameron Beaty** and his family begin settling into life in Tulsa, a new chapter in the life of First Presbyterian Church is underway.

Looking back, what at times felt like an uncertain pastor search now reveals a remarkable story of God's quiet faithfulness. Along the way, a congregation and a pastor learned, step by step, to be patient and follow God's leading.

Throughout the search, the Pastor Nominating Committee shared one conviction: God had already called the next Senior Pastor. Their task was to prayerfully discern whom He was preparing.

The May 17, 2026 Festival Sunday brought the joyful conclusion that members witnessed firsthand as Rev. Beaty preached and the congregation voted to approve his nomination. The story leading to that moment, however, unfolded through months of prayer, patience and unexpected turns.

It Began With Prayer

Although the work of a Pastor Nominating Committee may resemble a hiring process from the outside, those who served on First Church's PNC experienced it as a deeply spiritual journey. Before discussing candidates, the committee immersed itself in prayer and the Mission Study Report, considering who God had shaped First Church to be and where He was leading the congregation.

"We kept returning to the Mission Study," one member recalled. "It described our church, our spiritual gifts, and where we believed God was calling us to grow."

One prayer, repeated often throughout the process, became a guiding principle: "Lord, give us indifference to anything except Your will."

The committee sought God's direction together, and members describe an unusual sense of unity that carried them through every stage of the search.

As they began to observe Cameron's ministry firsthand, they found themselves asking, "Is this the pastor God is preparing for First Church?"



Pastor Nominating Committee Members include Joel Donohue, Gary Johnson, Patrick Kirunda, Ben Peterson, Nicole Pugh, Kate Swan, Jacob Thompson, Amy Tingleaf, John Frame and Allison Biggs.

The First Conversation

The committee first reached out to Rev. Cameron Beaty in September 2025, just as Peak Street Church was entering a significant season of its own. Conversations began in earnest later that fall.

From the beginning, Cameron was gracious, engaged—and honest. He wasn't looking to leave his church.

His reluctance revealed something the committee deeply admired. They discovered a

pastor who loved his congregation, cared deeply for the people entrusted to him and approached the possibility of leaving with great seriousness.

"The loyalty he showed to his congregation told us something important," one member shared. "If he loved his church that deeply, we believed he would one day love First Presbyterian with that same commitment."

As the search continued, other candidates appeared promising, but each path gradually closed. Only later did the committee recognize how consistently their attention had been drawn back to Cameron.



“From the beginning it was clear that Cameron’s heart for the Lord and for shepherding His flock was genuine and, honestly, special.

–Kate Swan, PNC member

The Waiting

By early 2026, the committee invited Cameron and his wife, Emily, to Tulsa for a confidential visit. They toured the city, met with PNC members and discreetly attended Sunday worship.

During a private tour of the church, Cameron walked into the Sanctuary for the first time in awe.

“This is one of the most beautiful sanctuaries I’ve ever seen.”

He made his way past the communion table and stood behind the pulpit. The moment became deeply personal as he considered the responsibility of one day preaching God’s Word and shepherding the people of First Church.

After returning to Dallas, Cameron continued praying, fasting and seeking counsel from trusted mentors.

Then, without fanfare, he made another trip to Tulsa. He came to the church early one weekday morning. Alone in the silent Sanctuary, he prayed.

That quiet visit became one of many moments of discernment as Cameron continued seeking clarity about the path ahead.

An Unexpected Turn

After weeks of prayer and discernment, Cameron shared that he wasn’t prepared to accept the call.

For the committee, it was a difficult moment.

Even in their disappointment, they sensed the journey was not over. The committee remained united in its conviction and continued praying for clarity.

“We still believe God is leading us to you,” they told Cameron. His hesitation reflected the deep love he had for the congregation he had faithfully served. Leaving Peak Street would mean leaving people he knew well, relationships he cherished and a ministry in which he had invested deeply.

During a lunch between the Pugh and Beaty families, the conversation naturally turned to the search. Respecting Cameron’s decision while continuing to pray for God’s direction, Nicole asked whether he knew of other pastors the committee might contact about the senior pastor position. As he reflected on the question, she sensed that his earlier answer carried less finality than before. She left the conversation with a quiet impression that God might still be at work.

Only later did Nicole learn that she wasn’t alone. Unbeknownst to her, other members of the Pastor Nominating Committee had also remained in contact with Cameron in their own conversations. Independently, they shared the same conviction—that the Lord might not be finished writing the story and that the path forward was still unfolding.

Cameron continued praying, fasting and seeking counsel from trusted mentors. One mentor encouraged him to trust that God would faithfully care for Peak Street as he continued discerning where he was being called to serve next.

During another visit over Palm Sunday weekend, the Beatys continued discovering the life of First Church. They were especially drawn to its multi-generational community, where children, students, young families and longtime members worship and serve together.

As Rev. Beaty and his family became more familiar with the church, it became easier to imagine themselves in Tulsa.

Gradually, something began to change.

They could envision Cameron shepherding the congregation and their family becoming part of a church community that would love, encourage and nurture them in the years ahead.

“We’re not simply looking for the best candidate. We’re praying that the best candidate will also recognize First Church as the place God is calling them.”

– PNC Chair Joel Donohue

The week following Easter, the PNC gathered for a video call with Cameron. This time, the news was different.

He was ready to say yes.

The months of prayer, waiting and discernment had brought the committee and the Beaty family to the same place.



“It wasn’t long after meeting Cameron that we recognized we had been led to him for a reason. I cannot wait to watch how the Lord moves in and through First Church as Cameron moves forward in his role as senior pastor! The Lord is at work, to Him be the glory!”

–Kate Swan, PNC member

“Reverend Beaty immediately stood out for his relational and thoughtful approach to ministry. His genuine care extends far beyond the pulpit, and his dedicated pastoral care will undoubtedly continue to foster a deeply connected, loving FPC family.”

–Amy Tingleaf, PNC member

What the Beatys Saw in First Church

While the Pastor Nominating Committee was getting to know Cameron, Cameron and Emily were also discovering First Church.

They found a congregation whose values felt familiar: a love for God and His Word, a strong multi-generational community, mature spiritual leadership, warm hospitality and a desire to serve the city with creativity and purpose.

Cameron’s own call to ministry was shaped in a Presbyterian congregation much like First Church. His years serving center-city churches also deepened his commitment to making disciples who seek the good of their neighbors. In First Church, the Beatys saw a congregation with a rich legacy and an exciting future.

As they spent more time in Tulsa, they also began to imagine their family here. They experienced the warmth of the congregation and saw a church community where Wells, Charlotte and Lewis could be loved, encouraged and nurtured.

“Our hearts are aligned with yours on what it means to be a strong, multi-generational church seeking to make fully devoted followers of Jesus who are inwardly strong and outwardly focused,” Cameron wrote.

For the Beatys, the call to First Church became both a ministry calling and an invitation to become part of a new church family.

The Story Continues

Now the story moves from searching and discernment to welcome and new beginnings.

The Beatys are arriving in Tulsa. Boxes are being unpacked. New streets and schools are becoming familiar. New friendships are forming.

As Cameron prepares to begin his ministry at First Church, the congregation has a role in this next chapter, too.





Works of HeART Ministry

FIRST CHURCH MEMBERS SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

By Sandy Curtis and Cindy Johnson

WORKS OF HEART MISSION STATEMENT

To share God's love through creative expression, fostering hope, dignity and community for individuals experiencing homelessness.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

— Ephesians 4:32



What happens when paint, paper and a listening ear come together?

Twice each month at the Tulsa Day Center, a room fills with color, conversation and creativity as artists gather for Works of HeART. The studio buzzes with activity as participants create paintings, collages, tie-dyed shirts, jewelry and other projects while enjoying music, coffee, refreshments and fellowship.

But something deeper than art alone is happening.

Volunteers provide a welcoming space stocked with supplies and encouragement, allowing each artist the freedom to create and express themselves. There is no formal class or required skill level. Instead, the studio becomes a place where creativity, conversation and connection flourish.

Many of the artists choose themes that reflect their faith, often incorporating favorite Bible verses and expressions of God's presence in their lives. Families occasionally create together as well. Parents have been known to make bracelets for their children, small but meaningful reminders of love and connection.

For many participants, the impact extends far beyond the finished artwork. Artists often arrive carrying the weight of difficult circumstances, but leave feeling encouraged, uplifted and valued. Throughout the two-hour session, volunteers move through the room offering support, sharing stories, laughter, prayer and friendship. Over time, relationships are formed and trust grows.

More Than Art

Works of HeART is not really about making art.

At its heart, it is about the artists themselves — helping men, women and families experiencing homelessness encounter dignity, community and the love of God. The program creates space for people to be seen, heard and valued.

And the blessing flows both ways.

Again and again, volunteers find themselves inspired by the faith, perseverance and resilience of the artists they meet. What begins as an opportunity to serve often becomes a powerful reminder of God's work in every person's life.

As friendships develop, one truth becomes increasingly clear: the artists are not defined by their circumstances. Like all of us, they desire friendship, belonging, shelter, purpose and hope. They are treated with the dignity and respect every child of God deserves.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." — Ephesians 4:32



Meet Johnny

One day, a man named Johnny walked into Works of HeART after hearing a simple invitation: "Come make some art."

While others hesitated, Johnny picked up the paints and immediately began creating.

A self-taught artist, Johnny never learned traditional painting techniques. He simply painted the way that felt natural to him—standing with the canvas in one hand and a brush in the other, turning the canvas as inspiration struck. Rules mattered less than expression.

For Johnny, painting became more than a hobby. "When I paint," Johnny says, "it makes my mind feel good." During that time, the worries of homelessness faded into the background as colors, textures and imagination took their place.

Works of HeART volunteer Tim Clement, a First Church member and owner of Masterwork Gallery in downtown Tulsa, recognized Johnny's passion for painting. Their shared love of art soon grew into a friendship, and Johnny would often stop by Tim's gallery to visit and paint. Tim supplied canvases, brushes and paints, giving Johnny opportunities to continue creating beyond the Day Center.



Tim Clement

As Johnny's confidence and artistic style continued to grow, Tim purchased one of his paintings and proudly displayed it in the gallery. Before long, the piece caught the attention of another First Church member who was gathering artwork for a United Way silent auction. Tim donated Johnny's painting, and it was purchased to help raise funds for community programs—including programs that serve people experiencing homelessness.

What began with a simple invitation to "come make some art" became far more than an art project. It became a friendship, an opportunity for creativity, and ultimately a way for Johnny's own artwork to bless others. It's a beautiful reminder that God often works through ordinary acts of kindness in extraordinary ways.



Works of HeART at a Glance

Meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Tulsa Day Center.

No artistic experience required. Volunteers simply need a willingness to share God's love and build relationships.

Interested in serving?

If you would like to make new friends, encourage others through creativity and share God's love in a meaningful way, we invite you to learn more about joining the Works of HeART volunteer team.

Contact Sandy Curtis at (918) 289-9453 or Cindy Johnson at (918) 625-7199.





Masterwork Turns Nine!

MINISTRY IS GROWING ARTISTS, GROWING DISCIPLES

by Jenette McEntire and Elizabeth Massey

Nine years ago, Masterwork Academy set out with a simple but ambitious mission: to cultivate in children a love for Jesus through mastery in the arts.

Since welcoming its first students in 2017, the ministry has grown from a two-day after-school program into a five-day ministry serving between 10-15% of Anderson Elementary's population each year with instruction in visual art, music, dance, theatre, Bible study and physical fitness.

Along the way, God has consistently challenged the Masterwork team to dream bigger as they've witnessed God using Masterwork to shape the lives of hundreds of children and their families.

Growth has rarely come in a straight line. During the COVID shutdown, teachers delivered weekly care packages filled with art supplies, snacks, devotionals and everything students needed to continue learning from home. In Fall 2020, when TPS was still closed, Masterwork expanded from noon-3 p.m. to provide afternoon academic support before students transitioned into arts instruction.

Some big dreams gradually became realities. Music added a piano lab, ukuleles, and recorders, the annual Masterwork Showcase gave students an opportunity to share their work with family and friends, and the now-familiar purple bus helped provide dependable transportation for students each day.

Looking back over nine years, it's easy to see God's fingerprints all over Masterwork.



"Masterwork Academy is the Christ-centered, loving, and supportive place students can learn to be vulnerable, to fail, and push through the difficult work of growth."

—Jenette McEntire, Masterwork Academy Executive Director



Masterwork's mission: to cultivate in children a love for Jesus through mastery in the arts.

Opportunities That Shape a Lifetime

Masterwork doesn't simply teach art—it opens doors. Students have exhibited artwork at Crystal Bridges, performed with the Tulsa Ballet, shared their gifts through public performances, and grown in confidence through their artistic training. These are opportunities many might never have experienced without Masterwork's investment in their lives.

Each accomplishment points to something even greater: children discovering they are deeply loved by God and uniquely created to reflect His creativity.

Every afternoon, students gather and recite Ephesians 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..."

Those words have become more than a theme verse. They have become a reminder that every child who walks through Masterwork's doors is loved by God, gifted with purpose, and being shaped, through Christ, into the person He created them to be.

More Than a Memory Verse

One of Jenette's favorite memories comes from the spring of 2019. As she checked in students after school, she noticed a young boy in tears after being hurt by unkind words from classmates. Before Jenette could respond, his younger sister stepped in.

"Don't listen to them! What they said isn't true! Tell me what you are," she insisted.

The boy quietly replied, "I don't know."

She asked again, "Tell me what you are!"

He looked up, sniffled one more time, and answered, "I'm a masterwork."

For the Masterwork staff, it was a beautiful reminder that the truth of Ephesians 2:10 had become more than a memory verse—it had become part of the children's identity.

You can be a part of the art!

Encourage students in a specific studio or age group. All you need is time between 2:30-4:45 p.m. and a heart for kids. Email create@masterworkacademy.org or call Laura Voth at 918-954-1103.

What does a typical day at Masterwork Academy look like?

2:30 p.m. – Welcome & Masterwork Meet-Up

Students arrive, enjoy a healthy snack, gather for prayer, recite Ephesians 2:10, discuss the week's character trait, and encourage one another with "shout-outs."

3:00 p.m. – Arts Instruction Begins

Students head to their assigned studios, rotating through visual art, music, dance, and theatre in one-week blocks designed to help them grow in each artistic discipline.

One day each week – Bible + Faith & Fitness

Students also participate in Bible study and Faith & Fitness, building both spiritual foundations and healthy habits alongside their artistic training.

4:30 p.m. – Snack & Fellowship

Before the day ends, students gather for another snack and time together with friends and mentors.

4:45 p.m. – Ride Home

Students board the purple Masterwork bus to return to school for afternoon pick-up, ending another day of creativity, encouragement, and growth.



"Art is my life. When I was a child, I used to watch Bob Ross on TV. Being at Masterwork helps me sharpen my skills, get better at what I'm doing and opens more doors and opportunities for me."

—Damareon, Masterwork student



Summer missions in action

This summer, members of First Church served in Kenya, Ireland, Arkansas and throughout Tulsa, strengthening ministry partnerships, serving local communities and sharing the love of Christ through practical acts of service.

KENYA Witu Church

Church construction

Rev. Wambugu Gachungi returned to Witu, Kenya, where First Church has partnered with the local community for many years. Following the completion of the church building, the congregation has continued to grow, with 40 to 60 children attending Sunday School each week.

This summer's project focused on constructing classrooms for the church's children's ministry. Until now, children gathered outdoors after worship, often in difficult weather conditions. The new classrooms will provide a dedicated space for teaching and discipleship for years to come.

During his visit, Rev. Wambugu worked alongside the local construction team, encouraged church leaders and spent time with the congregation. The church serves a predominantly Muslim region where many believers travel long distances to worship, and leaders continue to look toward opportunities to plant churches in neighboring communities.

First Church also plans to continue supporting the Witu partnership through a collection of clothing, shoes, school supplies, laptops and other needed items to be shipped later this year.

IRELAND Discovery Church

Ministry partnership

Eric and Laurel Baird returned to Ireland, where they previously served as missionaries, continuing First Church's growing partnership with Discovery Church. This trip centered primarily in Clifden, where they supported a small but active church plant—the only church in the area outside the Catholic and Church of Ireland traditions.

Eric and Laurel led worship and preached, joined daily prayer meetings and Wednesday fellowship gatherings, and spent time encouraging members in their homes. The congregation includes refugees from Africa and Ukraine, some facing difficult circumstances. Their visit also provided support and encouragement for the church-planting couple who founded the Clifden congregation and have endured a difficult season of cancer treatments and family loss.

First Church summer teams have now served with Discovery congregations in Galway, Clifden and Tuam. The relationship continues to grow, with hopes for future teams traveling in both directions and another First Church trip already being planned.

ARKANSAS Community Ministry Partners

Serving • Building • Growing



First Church high school students spent a week in Little Rock, Arkansas, serving local ministries while growing together in faith and friendship on the **Exodus Summer Mission Trip**.

The group partnered with organizations including Our House, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Heifer International, St. Francis House, Park Hill Presbyterian Church and Park Hill Christian Church. Students prepared and served meals, organized donations and clothing closets, landscaped, painted, maintained trails, cleaned barns, harvested gardens, repaired equipment, supported food pantries and completed many other service projects.

Each day also included worship, Bible study, personal devotional time, small groups and fellowship. The students enjoyed hiking Pinnacle Mountain and spending time together at Beaverfork Lake. The week concluded with gratitude for the opportunity to serve others, to grow closer as a group and to witness God's work throughout the Little Rock community.



Exodus summer mission trip participants

TULSA Serving Our Community

Serving • Encouraging • Connecting



More than 40 fifth- through eighth-grade students, accompanied by eight adult leaders, spent a week serving throughout Tulsa during the annual **Pathfinders Summer Mission Trip**.

Based at the Powerhouse, the group partnered with organizations including the Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank, Iron Gate, Abbey Gardens and several First Church members. Students worked hard each day, serving with enthusiasm and encouraging the organizations they visited. Leaders at each ministry commented on the students' strong work ethic and positive attitudes.

Evenings were filled with recreation, worship, Bible teaching and small-group discussions, creating opportunities for students to grow in their faith as they built lasting friendships. Church leaders also expressed gratitude for the many parents and volunteers whose prayers, financial support, meals and time helped make the week possible.



Pathfinders summer mission trip participants



Celebrating God's Faithfulness

GABBY'S STORY: WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

By Lea & Paul Mungai

In 2015, our lives were forever changed with the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Gabriella. She came into the world small and fragile, yet deeply loved.

Like every parent, we dreamed of the simple joys—the first smile, the first steps, the first holidays at home.

But very quickly, our journey took a different path.

Soon after her birth, we learned she was facing a complex and life-threatening condition affecting her digestive system. Her body could not properly absorb the nutrition she needed to survive, leading to a long season of intensive medical care.

She depended on total parenteral nutrition (TPN), feeding tubes, and multiple surgical interventions, including a colostomy and cecostomy. Hospital stays became our normal, and the uncertainty of each day weighed heavily on our hearts.

We were told words no parent is ever prepared to hear—that she might not survive, and if she did, her life would likely be defined by ongoing medical dependence and severe limitations.

The future we had imagined seemed to slip further and further away.

But God...

In the midst of that reality, we held on to something greater.

We turned to God—our Father, our Sustainer, our Healer.

When the world spoke “impossible,” we chose to believe His promises. We covered our daughter in prayer, lifting her name before the Lord again and again.

We trusted that while doctors had knowledge, God had the final say.

The Power of Community

We did not walk this journey alone.

Our church family at Tulsa International Fellowship (TIF) became the hands and feet of Jesus in ways we will never forget. They showed up—babysitting when we were stretched thin, cleaning when we had no strength, delivering meals during overwhelming days, visiting us in the hospital, and surrounding us with constant love and prayer.

The support of our loyal friends carried us through some of our darkest moments. We are forever grateful.

A Miracle Unfolding

Step by step, year by year, we witnessed God's faithfulness.

Today, our daughter is no longer dependent on TPN or tube feeds.

She no longer requires a colostomy, cecostomy, or medical port.

What once sustained her survival is no longer needed.

She is not just surviving—she is thriving. She is walking, talking, learning, and growing into a joyful, brilliant young girl.

What was once uncertain has become a living testimony of God's miraculous power.

Keep praying.
Keep believing.

“With God, all things are possible.”

— Matthew 19:26

A Celebration of Faithfulness

As she turned eleven, we did not simply celebrate a birthday—we celebrated the goodness and faithfulness of God.

This journey, spanning nearly a decade, has taught us endurance, deepened our faith, and revealed the power of unwavering prayer.

For Anyone Still Waiting

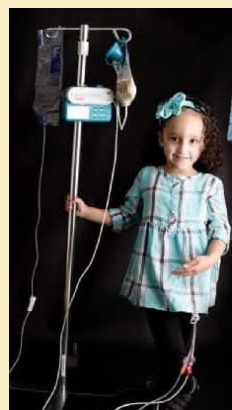
To anyone in our TIF and First Church family walking through uncertainty, waiting, or pain—be encouraged:

God is present in the waiting.

His timing is perfect, even when it feels delayed. What seems impossible is never beyond His reach. Hold on. Keep praying.

Keep believing. “With God, all things are possible.”

— Matthew 19:26



History on the Walls

HISTORY & ARCHIVES PREPARES A NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT



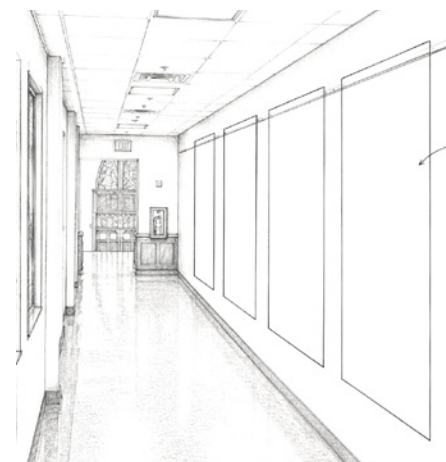
History & Archives team: Bill Hellen, Mary Anne Marberry, Vicky Wilcoxsen, Carolyn Neely and Ronda Falkensten.

Preserving our story

Behind the scenes, First Church's History & Archives team preserves more than 140 years of church history—a collection that also holds important pieces of Tulsa's early story.

Soon, their work will come to the walls with a new permanent exhibit in the hallway between the Atrium and the Narthex.

Phase 1, to be unveiled this fall, covers 1845-1940, Reverend Loughridge's missionary work through Dr. Charles W. Kerr's ministry. Phase 2 will cover 1941-2026, including the ministry of Dr. Edmund F. Miller through the call of Reverend Cameron Beaty.



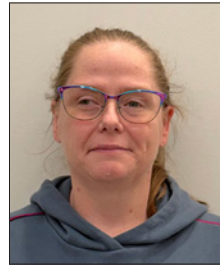
The exhibit will occupy the hallway from the Atrium to the Narthex.



One of the new History Wall exhibit panels.

Parish Register

New members May 2026 class

			
Andrea Craddock	Trinity Crain	Susan Grant	Grace Littrell
			
Sarah Littrell	Angel Melendez	Patrick Ndungu	Redempta Oburu
			
Natalie Sullivan	Blair Williams	Bob Williams	

The sacrament of baptism

Louis Lawrence McAfee, son of **Kelsey and Matthew McAfee**, was baptized on April 12.

Imani Ndunge Matee, daughter of **Purity and Paul Matee**, was baptized on April 19.

Wade Roger Wilson was baptized on May 10.

Alistair J. Wilson, son of **Wade and Amanda Wilson**, was baptized on May 10.

Margaret Eliana Grigg, daughter of **Jared & Madeline Grigg**, was baptized on June 21.

Gracie Littrell was baptized on June 28.

Liam August Stember, son of **Courtaney and Austin Stember**, was baptized on July 7.

With gratitude for the resurrection:

Pat Brown, a member since 1989, died on April 29.

Anne McCune, a member since 1970, died on May 22.

Mickey M. Jednacz, a member since 2006, died on May 31.

Jerry Steen, a member since 1993, died on June 4.

Sally McCoy, a member since 2008, died on June 5.

Kay Robinson Blue, a member since 2017, died on June 13.

Mary Carolyn Mitchell, a member since June 1951, died on July 18.

Allen Faries, a member since November 2025, died on July 25.

New here? Here's how to get connected at First Church.



First Connections

As we seek to grow our church and welcome new faces, First Connections creates opportunities for meaningful conversation and connection. After the 11 a.m. worship services, come to Miller Library to get coffee, build relationships and help create a welcoming environment for everyone.

Visitors: Come to First Connections to meet others, ask questions and begin building relationships.

Members: this is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to live out hospitality. Bring visitors you met in worship to meet others and get connected. You can help visitors feel seen, known and genuinely welcomed into the life of our church.



Membership Classes

Interested in becoming a covenant member? Our membership classes, led by facilitators and pastors, help you learn about the church, how you can become involved, and provide resources and support to help you grow in your faith at First Church. Classes are held quarterly.

Questions? Contact Director of New Member Outreach Emma Myatt for more information at 918-857-5652.



Thank You

In 2004, the Foundation Trustees established the Legacy Society to recognize individuals who wished to support the Foundation through a gift of at least \$1,000. What began quietly has grown steadily over the past 22 years and now includes more than 220 active members.

As the Trustees continue to strengthen the Foundation for future generations, they have chosen to recognize those whose lifetime gifts or estate commitments total \$25,000 or more with a one-of-a-kind work of art. After nearly two years of planning, former Trustee Chair Holbrook Lawson partnered with a local artist whose handcrafted glass and metal pieces beautifully reflect both faith and craftsmanship.

Whether you are a member of the Legacy Society, have a leaf on the Foundation recognition wall, have contributed through the Birthday Club, or have made a gift of any size to First Church's Foundation—thank you. Your generosity is helping sustain the ministries of First Church for generations to come.

To learn more about the Foundation or the Legacy Society, please contact **Katie Williams**, Foundation Director, at 918-292-9063.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser... Every branch that bears fruit, He prunes, so that it may bear more fruit."

– John 15:1–2



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Tidings: The Holy Spirit at work in and through the members of the First Presbyterian Church

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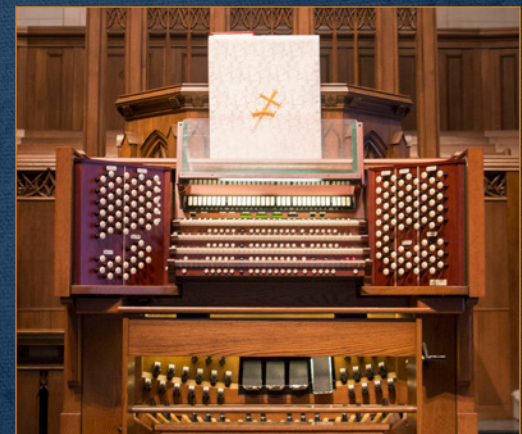
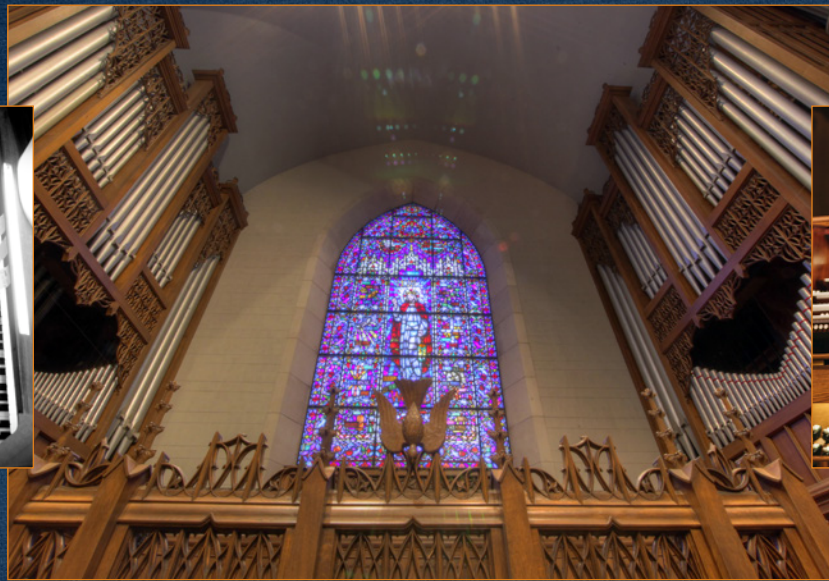
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