

August 20, 2024

**Report of the August SFPC Stated Session Meeting.**

SFPC's Session held its stated meeting on Sunday, August 18, 2024. Rev. Terry Lester served as Moderator, and Elders Beth Avent, Lindsey Kimbleton, Bill Kirkland, Rob Moore, Joseph Schmidt, George Seay, Jennifer Grisham, and Mary Elizabeth Stivers attended the meeting. Jennifer Grisham opened the meeting with prayer, and the following actions were taken at the meeting.

Due to Carolyn Harilson's passing on August 1, 2024, the Session thanked the Lord for her life, and she was removed from SFPC's active roll. Carolyn was born on May 31, 1932, and became a member of SFPC on October 19, 2014. She had retired from a career as an executive/legal secretary. Carolyn was also a gifted writer, authoring 7 fiction and non-fiction books. Please remember her son, Gregory Chisolm, in your prayers.

SFPC's financial reports were reviewed, and these reports reflect that SFPC is operating in fiscal compliance with the approved Budget. At the recommendation of the Outreach Committee chaired by Beth Avent and Alice De Lambre, a motion unanimously passed authorizing Outreach to distribute (from the committee's budget) \$250 to PRIDE, \$1,000 to Focus on Race Relations (FORR) and \$500 to support the upcoming 9/22/24 "Coming Home to South Frankfort Presbyterian Church Service." At a second recommendation of Outreach, a motion was unanimously passed authorizing \$8,500 from the 2023 Endowment Fund distribution to be used to allocate \$2,500 to Hope For Tomorrow, \$2,500 to Simon House, \$2,500 to Fresh Start (formerly the Womens' Shelter) and \$1,000 to Yes Arts. Because this \$8,500 comes from the Endowment Fund distribution, a second vote is required on this item. Beth Avent reported that SFPC's distribution of \$6,600 from the Outreach budget to ROSM had been made, and that ROSM certainly appreciated the donation.

Rev. Terry Lester's service as SFPC's Interim Pastor will end the last Sunday in October. He has done an absolutely fantastic job ministering to our congregation, but he and Jan are now ready to fully enjoy retirement. Accordingly, Carol Banks, Chair of the Worship Committee, has arranged for pastors to lead us in worship each Sunday through the end of December. Mary Elizabeth Stivers, chair of the Fellowship Committee, reported that the committee is planning a luncheon in Rev. Lester's honor on October 27, 2024. Fellowship is also planning a lunch to be provided immediately after the 9/22/24 "Coming Home to South Frankfort Presbyterian Church Service." Finally, Fellowship's motion that \$550 from the 2023 Endowment Fund distribution be used to purchase books and pay for snacks and drinks for an Adult/Child Book Club was approved the required second time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief report, which shows that through its members, SFPC continues to strive to be a living testimony to God's love, grace and mercy.

**Rob Moore**, Clerk of Session

"Sow a thought, and you reap an Act; Sow an Act, and you reap a Habit; Sow a Habit and you reap a Character; Sow a Character and you reap a Destiny" Samuel Smiles



**SAVED BY GRACE**

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

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**Living Out Grace**

Talk is cheap, especially when it comes to biblical concepts such as grace. How can people grasp the meaning of unmerited favor unless they experience it firsthand?

That happened to Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul, in 2 Samuel 9. After his father was killed in battle, the disabled Mephibosheth hid in fear. Why? In Old Testament times, a new king killed the previous ruler's bloodline. But David, keeping a promise he'd made to his friend Jonathan, showed Mephibosheth "the kindness of God" (v. 3). Imagine the impact that had on Mephibosheth's life.

By contrast, failing to live into God's grace and failing to give it out to others leads to many struggles, according to pastor David Seamands. "We read, we hear, we believe a good theology of grace," he wrote, but "that's not the way we live. The good news of the Gospel of grace has not penetrated the level of our emotions." Instead, may we make a point each day to treat others with God's kindness and mercy.



**Meetings and Activities**

**Tuesday, August 20**

12:00 ... **The Lunch Bunch**, Beaumont Inn, Harrodsburg  
 6:00 ... South Frankfort Neighborhood Association Mtg., First Corinthians Baptist Church, History of S. Frankfort by Russ Hatter & election of board members, [www.southfrankfort.org](http://www.southfrankfort.org)

**Wednesday, August 21**

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, August 25**

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult SS classes  
 10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes  
 11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service Rev. Terry Lester  
 12:00 ... Deacons' Meeting, Fowler Room There is **NO** Fellowship Lunch this week.  
 6:00 ... Youth Group

**Monday, August 26** *All newsletter articles & items are due by noon. Thanks.*

2:00 ... Bridge  
 4:30 ... Knitting

**Wednesday, August 28**

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 1**

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult SS classes  
 10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes  
 11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service Rev. Terry Lester  
 6:00 ... Youth Group

**September 2** *Labor Day, The church office is closed.*

**September 3** *Circles 2 & 3 begin.*

12:00 ... Circle 3, Home of Carolyn Underwood, not at the church  
 5:30 ... Circle 2, Home of Jackie Hensley

**Upcoming Events**

**September 7** *Time and Talent Fundraiser*  
 Church Women United Program, Frankfort First Pres.  
 10:30, Theme: *Juvenile Justice*  
 Pres. Women 21st Annual Prayer Service, Pewee Valley Pres.  
**September 22** *Coming Home to SFPC Church Service and Lunch*

**Worship Sunday**

Attendance: **Aug. 18, 2024**  
 SFPC in person Worship: **64**  
**Join us Sundays- 11:00 a.m., also online service.**  
 During our livestreaming time, you can go to

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C5lbfKanCM> or to  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch/videos/2374137839449590>

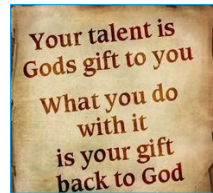
The next week, you may go to [www.sfpc.org](http://www.sfpc.org), the church's website and choose "Videos."

**If not in the service please consider**

**donating one of two ways:**  
 1. Mail a check to: South Frankfort Presbyterian Church 224 Steele Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.  
 2. Click the **green "Give Now"** button on our website at [sfpc.org](http://sfpc.org). You can start and manage your account, and even set up repeating donations.  
**Aug. 18, 2024**  
**Offering: \$3479.00**


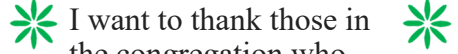

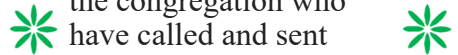

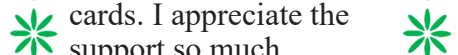

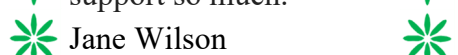





**Prayer List**

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| Sondra Massie             | Glenda Harned                  |
| Haylee Mucci              | Shirley Blackwell              |
| Gerry Jones               | Tammy Stanley                  |
| Lilly Ann Brooks          | Mattie Baker Scott             |
| Helen Taulbee             | Dottie Herzel                  |
| Mary Griffey              | Jim Jackson                    |
| Glen Carter               | Emily Barclay                  |
| Mark Tucker               | Larry Register                 |
| <b>Jason Shaw</b>         | David Halbert                  |
| Ann Shirley Brooks        | Jane Wilson                    |
| People with Covid         | Larry Ruffra                   |
| <b>Brooke Christopher</b> | <b>Family of Marae Mallard</b> |



**Time and Talent Fundraiser**  
**September 7, 10-2** SFPC Fellowship Hall

If you haven't signed up for what you would like to offer, there is a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary or call Susan, 502-226-0906.  
 We already have a wide variety of skills and talents that were listed in last week's newsletter. Check it out! You may also find last week's newsletter on the [www.sfpc.org](http://www.sfpc.org) website.  
 If you want tennis lessons, offered by Rob Moore, let him know, but his email was incorrect in Susan's article last week. His email is [rclfmrkft1@gmail.com](mailto:rclfmrkft1@gmail.com).

  
 I want to thank those in   
 the congregation who   
 have called and sent   
 cards. I appreciate the   
 support so much.   
 Jane Wilson   


**Presbyterian Women's 21st Annual Prayer Service**

Commemorating 9/11  
 Saturday, September 7 10:30 Fellowship, 11:00 Service  
 Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church 119 Central Ave. Pewee Valley, KY  
 Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Veda Pendleton Donations to benefit Briargate Pres. Church's "Welcome Table". All are welcome to attend.



**Church Women United** invites all ladies to attend a community-wide FORUM on Juvenile Justice on **Sept. 7**. The program will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 416 West Main Street, Frankfort.  
**Fellowship & refreshments - 10AM**  
**Program - 10:30AM - 12PM.**  
 The goals are to learn the causes and issues our children, families and adults are experiencing and to learn what solutions our churches, civic organizations and local governments are providing and could provide. The **FORUM** consists of: Whitney Allison, Director of Student Affairs of Franklin County Schools; Vicki Reed, Retired Commissioner of Juvenile Justice; Amelia Berry, Franklin County Health Department; and Amy Tolliver, Church Women United Chair for Action and Global Concerns. Please join us.  
 An offering will be received for the National CWU movement to promote peace, justice and reconciliation.



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| <b>Aug. 4</b> Kim Erbeck        | <b>Aug. 21</b> Chris Talley         |
| <b>Aug. 5</b> Caroline Brady    | <b>Aug. 22</b> Brooke Christopher   |
| <b>Aug. 5</b> Sean Jarboe       | <b>Aug. 22</b> Caitlin Griffey      |
| <b>Aug. 7</b> Natalie Looney    | <b>Aug. 22</b> Katherine Rash       |
| <b>Aug. 9</b> O'Mara Tolliver   | <b>Aug. 23</b> Bill Powers          |
| <b>Aug. 11</b> Jackman Donnelly | <b>Aug. 23</b> Emmy Toliver         |
| <b>Aug. 11</b> Brent Sweger     | <b>Aug. 23</b> Judy Turner          |
| <b>Aug. 15</b> Kristen Bellamy  | <b>Aug. 27</b> Liam Breech          |
| <b>Aug. 16</b> Glenda Harned    | <b>Aug. 28</b> Karen Mucci          |
| <b>Aug. 16</b> Mark Overstreet  | <b>Aug. 28</b> Ella Stumbo          |
| <b>Aug. 17</b> Jonah Fern       | <b>Aug. 31</b> Jim Baker            |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Bill Catlett     | <b>Aug. 31</b> Brianne Mack-Bingham |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Dianne Doss      | <b>Aug. 31</b> Marty Schmidt        |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Robert Rhodes    | <b>Happy Birthday!!</b>             |