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A LETTER FROM THE CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY

To the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Dalton:

This letter is to let you know that Cherokee Presbytery has appointed a Response Team to work with the congregation following your Session's request for dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA). This team is charged by the presbytery with the task of determining the issues involved in the Session's request, to explore the possibility of reconciliation and continued ministry with Cherokee Presbytery and the PCUSA, and if reconciliation is not possible, to determine if there is a viable continuing PCUSA congregation.

The Response Team will be meeting with the ministers of the church and the Session as well as reading the Session minutes for the last three years in order to understand the matters at hand.

After this the Response Team will have one or more plenary "listening sessions" with members of the church. The dates for those sessions will be announced as soon as possible.

In addition the Response Team will be offering two separate "listening sessions" where individuals may speak privately to the Team. Each person wishing to attend these sessions will have 15 minutes to share with the Team their thoughts, desires and concerns. The dates of those sessions will be established as soon as possible and the location of the sign-up sheets will be announced publically in worship so that all are given equal access to the time slots.

The Response Team would also welcome any feedback members wish to give via email. That feedback may be sent to daltonresponseteam@gmail.com.

Please know that our prayers and concern are with you as we navigate this process.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Cherokee Presbytery FPC Dalton Response Team:

Rev. Susan Reggin, Pastor, Cohutta First Presbyterian

Rev. Ted Smith, Pastor, Cartersville First Presbyterian

Mr. Chris Townley, Elder, Chickamauga Presbyterian

RESPONSE TEAM LISTENING SESSIONS

The Cherokee Presbytery Response Team, assigned to assess the request of the Session of FPC Dalton for dismissal from the PCUSA, will hold listening sessions on **Thursday, June 7 and Monday, June 11 at 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. These sessions are plenary open meetings. Opportunity for individuals to meet with the Response Team privately will come at a later date. Any and all persons wishing to have their voices heard are welcome at these meetings.

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THE FOLLOWING OFFICER/
CONGREGATION EDUCATION AND
INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE BEING
SCHEDULED, DETAILS TO BE
WORKED OUT:

OFFICERS:

Sunday, June 3 following 10:30am worship service- meet with *inactive elders* and *active deacons*. Format, at this time, will be a majority and minority report with time for questions and answers.

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30pm- Stated Meeting of Session

CONGREGATION:

Meetings with members of the congregation to give information and time for questions and answers:

Sunday, June 10, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 13, 6:30pm

Sunday, June 17, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30pm

Thank you for making note of these for your attention and attendance.

Respectfully,
Palmer Griffin, Clerk of Session

WINSHAPE CAMP

WinShape Camps for Communities is a day camp that provides a professionally trained staff to create the most fun and meaningful camp for completed 1st through 6th graders in town. WinShape Camps for Communities partners with local churches and *Chick-fil-A* operators to provide an exciting camp experience for campers right in their own community! Whether your kids like soccer or science, there is something for

everyone. WinShape Camps for Communities combines sports, recreation, arts, Bible study, and worship into one unforgettable week.

Who– Kids who have completed grades 1-6

When– July 9-13, 2012

Where– Christian Heritage School in Dalton

Visit winshapecamps.org to register your child!

Registrations are taken up until the day camp starts.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY: THE FRIENDSHIPS OF WOMEN

Join us for this Bible study for women of all ages based on the book *The Friendships of Women* by noted author and speaker Dee Brestin! You may recognize her name; she spoke at our women's event back in March.

There will be childcare for younger ones and games for elementary aged children led by our youth! Make plans now to attend and invite a friend. Study books are available in the church office for \$10.

**Mondays, 10:00-11:30am
Adult Commons
Begins June 11**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMER CLASS UPDATE
Children's Sunday School: Preschool and Elementary classes will be combined as follows beginning June 3:
Pre-K– room 150
Lower Elem. (K-3)- room 203
Upper Elem. (4, 5)- room 201

Children's Church:
There will not be Children's Church during the 10:30 worship service this summer. Instead of leaving the

sanctuary following the Moment for Children, children are asked to return to the pews to sit with their parents. There are *Activity Packets for Young Disciples* available in the back of the sanctuary; you may pick one up for your child to use, but please return them at the end of the service for future use by other children.

Adult Sunday School:
Faith Alive– room 207, taught by *Betty Jo Wilson*; studying Nehemiah and exploring the themes of restoration, renewal, regeneration, rebuilding, redemption, and resurrecting.

Cornerstone Class– room 206, taught by *Jamie Jones, Nancy Hyatt, Mike O'Neill*; exploring Biblical passages and timely themes using the TouchPoint Bible as a guide.

Men's Class– *Scout Hut*; taught by *Murray Lumpkin and San Dover*; studying the Gospel of Mark over the summer.

Pilgrim Presbyterians– *the Chapel*, taught by *Walter Jones*; Will continue to weave the weekly lectionary passages in with current events in the church and community. PLEASE NOTE THEIR NEW LOCATION.

DALTON SATURDAY SACKS

Our first year of providing Saturday Sacks has come to an end and was extremely successful!!

Along with First Methodist Church, we provided 200 students at Park Creek Elementary and City Park Elementary with a Saturday Sack containing chili, red beans and rice, 2 granola bars, 2 packs of crackers or a similar item, and a fruit cup, every Friday during the school year. Thanks to the donations we received from individuals and a grant we received from the food bank and

Walmart, we were also able to provide toothbrushes for the kids as well as a few treats!

We would not have been able to accomplish this feat without the great help of volunteers who diligently picked up the food to be packed, helped pack the sacks once a month, and delivered the sacks to the schools. Without these volunteers and the generous donations, these food insecure students would not have had the extra food to help them make it through the weekend. The time and money you gave made a child's life brighter and

fought hunger in our community.

I hope that everyone will join us in August when we start serving children in the community again.

Thank you for making a difference in our community and the Kingdom of God by joining the fight against hunger.

Nicole Errickson

FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary Chancel in memory or honor of a loved one or friend, please contact Linda Hornbuckle and she will help you choose and schedule a date.

PRAYER TIP

Scripture:

"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Reflection:

Prayer is vital for the success of the preaching of the Word; it creates an atmosphere favorable for the Word to accomplish its purpose.

Prayer:

Dear Lord God, help us to prepare the ground with our prayers, so Your Word will take root in people's hearts and produce a great harvest. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

A group meets in the Sanctuary Tuesdays at noon to pray for our church. Please join us!

WELCOME VISITORS

The Evangelism Committee has come up with a new way to make visitors to First Pres feel welcome. Please help us look around and, if you see any first-time visitors, direct them to the Welcome table in the Narthex. There they will receive a coffee tumbler with the First Pres logo on it! Inside the tumbler we'll have information about the church and a "Why Jesus?"

booklet. We hope this will be a successful way to acknowledge our visitors and give them the resources they need to discover more about our church family.

THE RECREATION PLACE

WALK THROUGH GEORGIA

We are kicking off a new incentive program at the Rec Place! Walk Through Georgia is a fun way for you to record how much walking you're doing at our track, or out around town. Our goal is for you to walk 355 miles (the distance from TN/GA line to GA/FL line) by December 1st, which averages out to about 1.5 miles a day.

We'll provide you with the resources you need to record your daily mileage, and keep a running tab of it. We want to see how far your feet are moving and congratulate you along the way as you reach each important Georgia landmark! Not only will you be reaching goals and staying active, but you'll also be learning stuff about the great state of Georgia!

See Heather Lyles or the Rec Place staff if you have questions. Let's get walking!

UNDER THE OAK

Please keep our Middle and High School students in your prayers as they go off to camps this summer:

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:

The Great Escape

June 17-22

Lee University

Featuring *Theater Off the Cuff*, speaker/comedian Kenn Kington, and worship leader Brett Younkers!

Facebook page:

facebook.com/TGE.LEE.2

the
**great
ESCAPE**

HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Fun in the Son

July 15-20

Jekyll Island, GA

Featuring speakers Ben Glenn and Duffy Robbins, and worship leader Kristian Stanfill!

Facebook page:

facebook.com/FITS.JEKYLL

For more information about what *The Great Escape* and *Fun in the Son* are all about, visit ycmhome.org.

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A LOOK AHEAD

June

7- Cherokee Presbytery
Listening Team; 7pm

10- Informational Meeting for
the Congregation; 6:30pm

11- *Friendships of Women*
inter-generational Bible study
begins, 10-11:30am

11- Cherokee Presbytery
Listening Team; 7pm

13- Informational Meeting for
Congregation- 6:30pm

17- Father's Day

17- Informational Meeting for
Congregation- 6:30pm

17-22- Middle School youth to
The Great Escape

20- Informational Meeting for
Congregation- 6:30pm

JULY

1- No 8:30 worship and no
Sunday School; one service
only at 10:30

4- Independence Day; church
office, CDC, Rec Place closed

9-13- WinShape Camps for
Communities at CHS

15-20- High School youth to
Fun in the Sun

JUNE

Elders at the Door:
Jeane Jones and Nancy Zelinsky

Deacons at the Door:
6/3- Doug Garmany,
Michael Wise
6/10- Fran Lewis,
Mike & Clara Clark
6/17- Hollie Bryant,
Sarah Fields
6/24- Jess Hansen,
Sharon Whitehead