



THE NEWSLETTER

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TRUNK + TREAT!

10.26.16 | MIDWEEK | 6:00PM

RIPLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN CASE OF RAIN--GREGG CNTR

| IN THE WAY | REVEREND JODY HILL

Eli Manning is an NFL Football Quarterback for the New York Giants. He recently threw a late game interception against a rival team named the Washington Redskins. This ended any hopes for victory and his team lost the game. Following the contest Manning offered the following statement:

"Shane had a little inside breaking route and the guy undercut it and I didn't think he'd be able to get all the way underneath on it. Bad decision by me. Should've gone onto my next progression. Guy made a good play and it was unfortunate."

In Football jargon **the next progression** speaks of a Quarterback moving-on when they don't get what they want. This is an important guide for off-the-field challenges as well. Eli's ability to embrace **the next progression** defines his intangibles in life, as well as the game. The following are the **progression** of lessons I learned in his interview yesterday.

The first progression...

"The guy undercut it and I didn't think he'd be able to get all the way underneath on it. Bad decision by me."

This courageous statement is an indicator of how Eli doesn't make excuses. This type of leadership is so refreshing in our world in which everyone wants to blame someone else instead of working together to resolve a problem. **(James 5:16 Make this your common practice: Confess your faults to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed).**

The second progression...

"Should've gone onto my next progression."

I read a quote from former Falcon, Bengal and MSU Tight End, Reggie Kelly, talking about his business after retirement from football. *"We knew nothing about this business when we started, but I know a lot about working with the right team."* Reggie said. *"I see it like I saw the game: there is no loss. Either we win or we learn. When things haven't gone our way, we learn from it, grow from it and become wiser because of it. That information helps us with the next play."*

Eli said, *"I should've gone onto my next progression."* This was proof that he chose to learn from this mistake, instead of allowing the negative event to define him.

(Romans 5:3-4 We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope).

The third progression...

"Guy made a good play and it was unfortunate."

This shows how Eli respects the game and the opposing, even rival players. Musician Toby Mac said recently, "We don't have to agree on anything to be kind to one another." If more people embraced Eli's respect and civility for his fellow human, there would be much less hate in our world.

(Matthew 5:44-45 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven).

The final progression...

"Guy made a good play and it was unfortunate."

It was *unfortunate*. Wow! What a wonderful word: *unfortunate*. It's not the end of the world. Yes, it stinks right now. But in the great scheme of life this event truly should only be viewed as: simply *unfortunate*. The greater things in life are faith, family and friendships. These are the things that last - not football. How our loved ones view us, and how we impact them in the game of life, is what truly matters.

(1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love).

Thank You for these lessons on how to move on to *the next progression* in life, number 10!

In the Way,

Jody

Summary of the Stated Session Meeting

**Ripley Presbyterian
Church Stated Session
Meeting
August 07, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Reverend Jody Hill; Leon Bailey; Bobby Elliott; Benton Elliott; Robert Goolsby; Norris Howell; Ann Wigington and Lynn Hill.

Bobby Elliott called the meeting to order and made the motion to allow Reverend Jody Hill to moderate and conduct the Stated Session meeting of the Ripley Presbyterian Church. This motioned was approved by common consent.

Reverend Jody Hill opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's Report:

The August 7 agenda was examined and approved by common consent.

After examination by the members of the Session, Bobby Elliott made the motion to approve the June 12 stated meeting minutes of the Ripley Presbyterian Church Session. Norris Howell seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Steve Hill/Peru Ministry. Norris Howell made the motion to approve this ministry and include it in our "Minute for Missions" as a special offering opportunity, rather than a RPC budget item. Bobby Elliott

seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

- Gregg Center entry renovation update; Benton Elliott and Robert Goolsby reported that the design is complete and that Jeff Stokes (contractor) has recommended that the project be postponed until cooler weather.
- Update from the RPC Facilities Policy & Guidelines Committee: Lynn Hill requested the discussion be tabled until the September session meeting, being that the committee has not had the opportunity to meet.

New Business:

- Rev. Will Howie confirmed that he will come to RPC & speak about the ministry Living Waters of the World on August 21, 2016. The decision was made to schedule a special offering for LWW on August 28, 2016 (the following Sunday). RPC will provide a monetary gift to Rev. Howie in the amount of \$150.00 to compensate him for his time & travel expenses.
- Lynn Hill's request for 2 days of vacation time (Aug. 25 & Aug.

28) was approved. Dr. Charles Holland has agreed to fill in as the organist for Aug. 28.

- The additional offerings received totaling \$552.09 formerly designated toward the Unified Giving/St. Andrew Presbytery fund (after we met our goal) will be designated in the following manner: \$300.00 to UKirk of Ole Miss/Campus Ministry (Fall Semester Meal) \$252.09 toward the 2017 Unified Giving (St. Andrew Presbytery). The motion was made by Leon Bailey. Second by Ann Wigington-- unanimous approval.
- The request from B.J. Horton to borrow white tables for the Walnut Creek Homecoming (Aug. 14) was approved by common consent.
- Robert Goolsby made the motion to amend the 2016 RPC Budget to increase the Youth Fund by \$1,100 in order to fund the MidWeek meal for our youth. Benton Elliot seconded-- unanimous approval.
- Norris Howell submitted the yearly request to use the Old Sanctuary for the "Coats for Kids" ministry, as well as a request to offer the

use of the Old Sanctuary as a storage area for the charity "Together for Tippah". The motion was made by Leon Bailey to honor this request and seconded by Lynn Hill and unanimously approved. Norris also asked that we pray for our church's involvement in the partnership of these mission and that we meet the call to provide these children with what they need, both physically and spiritually.

2016 Committee Reports

Worship/L. Hill:

Buildings & Grounds/ N. Howell & L. Bailey:

Christian Education/ A. Wigington

Ann Wigington & Lynn Hill reported that the MidWeek program will begin Sept. 7 with a new schedule:
5:00 pm: Bible Study Grades 1-4 | Shea Scott, Elizabeth Elliott & Rhonda Brown
5:00 pm: Bible Study Grades 5-8 | Jody Hill & Kenny Hill
5:30 pm: Supper (all)
6:00 pm: Music & Worship Skills | Jennifer Huddleston & Lynn Hill
6:30 pm: Recreation | B.J. Horton & Benton Elliott

The Adult Bible Study will continue to meet at 6:00 pm with Jody Hill.

Congregational Care & Outreach/N. Howell & L. Hill

The committee has recommended & approved providing professional grief counseling for a member in need with private contributions.

Our next stated meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Bobby Elliott made the motion to adjourn. Norris Howell seconded; unanimously approved.

Rev. Jody Hill asked Robert Goolsby to close the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Hill
Clerk of the Session

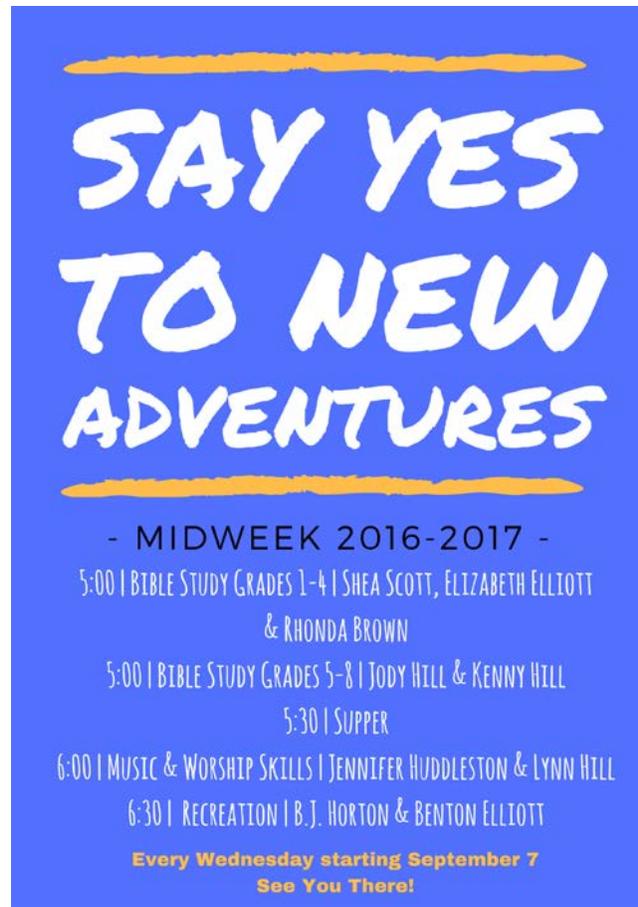
Worship & Christian Education, Etc.

WORSHIP HOURS

9:30 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE
STUDY | Beginning Sept.
7, 2016 **WEDNESDAYS @**
6:00 PM



**SAY YES
TO NEW
ADVENTURES**

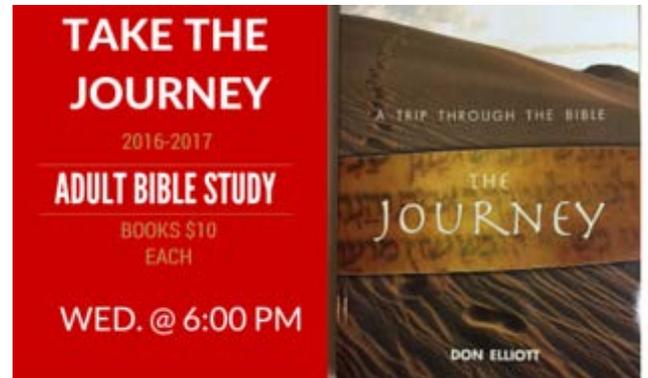
- MIDWEEK 2016-2017 -

5:00 | BIBLE STUDY GRADES 1-4 | SHEA SCOTT, ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
& RHONDA BROWN

5:00 | BIBLE STUDY GRADES 5-8 | JODY HILL & KENNY HILL
5:30 | SUPPER

6:00 | MUSIC & WORSHIP SKILLS | JENNIFER HUDDLESTON & LYNN HILL
6:30 | RECREATION | B.J. HORTON & BENTON ELLIOTT

Every Wednesday starting September 7
See You There!



**TAKE THE
JOURNEY**
2016-2017
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
BOOKS \$10
EACH
WED. @ 6:00 PM

A TRIP THROUGH THE BIBLE
**THE
JOURNEY**
DON ELLIOTT

**MIDWEEK | YOUTH | 2016-
2017
SEE YOU THERE!**



Nursery Volunteers Needed! (Now, isn't that some wonderful news?!)

If you are interested in volunteering for our nursery during worship service, please see the "sign-up" sheet in our Narthex & we will contact you with the schedule as soon as possible! We also encourage husband & wife teams to consider helping as well! **We will need two volunteers (excluding choir members) available every Sunday,** so please sign up if you feel this is your calling—thank you so much!

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PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The RPC/PW had a wonderful Bible study (9/12/16) led by Ann Wigington, and a very productive business meeting afterwards. We would like to encourage every woman in our congregation to get involved! Our Bible study is called "Who Is Jesus?" written by Judy Yates Siker, and provides a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is. As we study and learn, as we discuss our reactions and responses to these various portrayals of Jesus, the question that runs through the whole year's study is this: "Who do YOU say Jesus is?"

Our neighbors to the south in Louisiana have suffered great losses in the recent weeks. Ann Wigington & Jennifer Huddleston of our PW, purchased the items listed below and assisted our youth in preparing these 10+ hygiene kits that have been requested by the PDA. These will be taken & turned in at the next Presbytery meeting on October 11, 2016 which will be at Camp Hopewell and then transported to Ferncliff, just outside of Little Rock to the PDA warehouse so they can be ready and waiting for the next disaster. If you are interested in helping, the cost of each Hygiene Kit is between \$12 and \$15.

Each Kit is to include the following:

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 — washcloth
- 1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 — nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards; remove from package)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

- 1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 10 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added to international Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

And many thanks to these PW members who worked so hard to put the parlor "back together" after the renovation in the Education Building. Anne Elliott, Becky Gay, Shirley McClain & Ann Wigington spent Wednesday unpacking, cleaning, and hanging pictures and mirrors, and looks like its old self again—only better!

Also, the RPC/PW's "Flower Fund" is designated to provide & maintain the fresh floral arrangement each Sunday. If you would like to contribute toward this fund, please see chairperson Anne Elliot, or mark your contribution "RPC/PW Flower Fund", and place in the offering plate during the offertory.

We invite you to pick up your book and your RPC/PW Handbook (placed in the Narthex for your convenience!) and if you have not submitted your pledge for this year, please consider doing so. The more pledges we receive the more we can do in our ministry!

Peace & Grace,

Lynn Hill
RPC/PW Moderator

RPC/PW Circle Meetings: We meet the first Monday after the second Sunday of each month at 10 am in The Gregg Center.

PW Council for 2016-2017

Moderator Lynn Hill

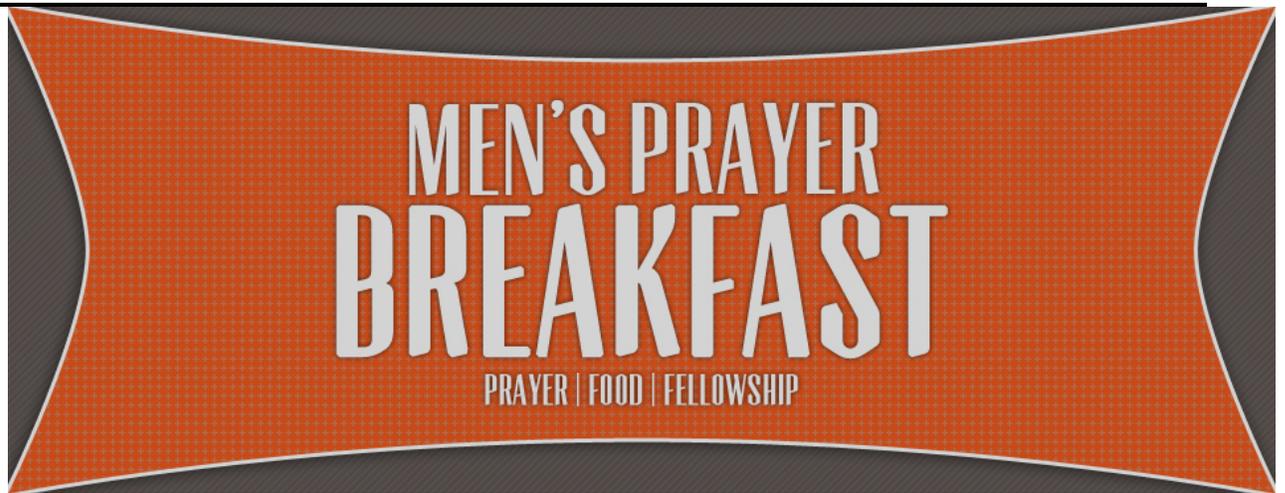
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RPC Men's Fellowship Breakfast & Devotion

Meets the first Sunday of every month

@ 8:30 am in the Gregg Center.

Lectionary Texts & Readers for September

10-2-2016

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Lamentations 3:19-26

FIRST LESSON: Becky Gay

2 Timothy 1:1-14

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON TITLE: F.A.I.T.H

10-23-2016

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 65:1-4

FIRST LESSON:

Luke 18:9-14

SECOND LESSON:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

SERMON TITLE:

10-9-2016

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 111:1,2,4,10

FIRST LESSON:

2 Timothy 2:8-15

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON TITLE:

"One Gave Praise"

10-30-2016

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Isaiah 1:10 & 18

FIRST LESSON: Rhonda Brown

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON TITLE:

"A Wee Little Man"

10-16-2016

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Luke 18:7-8

FIRST LESSON: Sharon Goolsby

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

SECOND LESSON:

Psalm 121

SERMON TITLE:

"My Help Comes from the Lord"

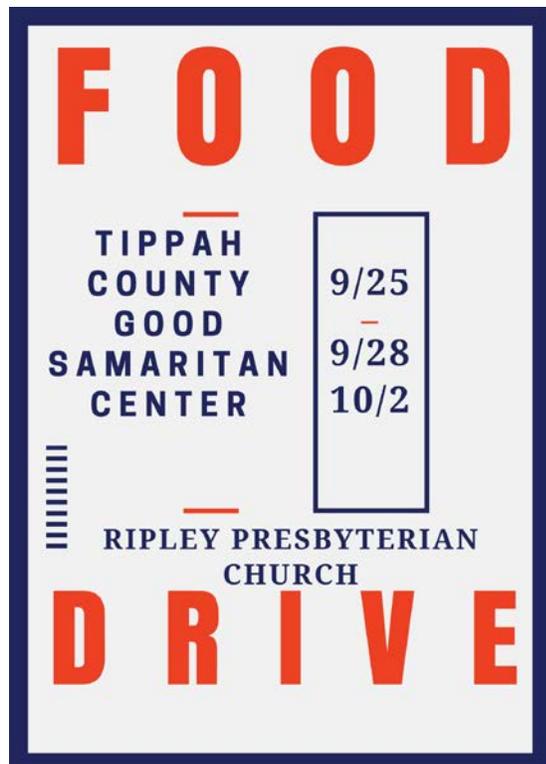


The RPC Choir practices the first Sunday of every month at 11:30 am (immediately following worship service). We would love you have you join us!

Choir Fund Update: To date, we have collected \$855.00 toward the purchase of new robes for our choir! Thank you so much for your generosity! Hopefully, we will be able to “suit up” in our new robes at the beginning of the Advent season!



Missions



RPC responded to an urgent call for help from the TCGSC—orders from the Food Bank were extremely slow in coming, and “Good Sam” was low on food. Response from the whole county was strong—food & funds were donated and transported to the TCGSC as soon as they were received. The effort continues to feed the hungry in Tippah County. Please show your continual support, either through RPC or privately.

Volunteers for TCGSC

The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center is always looking for volunteers.

Their hours are: **Mondays only**
9:30 am – 11:30 am
1:00 pm -3:00 pm
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Phone: 662-512-003



We are UKirk at Ole Miss: a student faith community of the Presbyterian Church (USA) serving the University of Mississippi. Our name means "University Church"--- "Kirk" is

an old Scots-English word for Church. We're by Presbyterians, but we're not just for Presbyterians.

We're a member of UKirk Ministries and partnership ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Oxford and St. Andrew Presbytery.

Join us for a free dinner,
followed by worship with
communion every Tuesday
Night a 6:00 PM at 302 South
11th Street in Oxford, just
behind the Lyric Theater.

This year's theme is "Come and See" and we'll be reading through the Gospel of Mark. Please join us!! Additionally, we are raising funds for our mission trip to Haiti by selling season

parking passes for all home Ole Miss football games! It costs \$350, and the parking is located at Tyler Ave. & S. 10th St. (FPC Oxford), less than a mile from the Grove. Contact ukirk.olemiss@gmail.com, if you are interested!



Rev. Wil Howie spoke to our congregation on Aug. 21 about the work of this ministry.

A special offering was held Aug. 28—we were able to contribute \$470.00 toward this ministry! Thanks to all for your generosity!



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

A Challenge from our Presbytery.....

The Presbytery of St. Andrew
A Mid-Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

THE BUCKET CHALLENGE BEGINS!

The Missions Committee of St. Andrew Presbytery is challenging all churches to support our neighbors in south Mississippi and Louisiana as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by bringing one or more Cleanup Buckets to the October Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. The items contained within each bucket are listed below and can be purchased for approximately \$75.00. **PDA has done their homework in determining amounts of each item and what will fit into the bucket, so please make note of proportions.**

All items brought to the October 11th meeting of presbytery at Camp Hopewell will be delivered to the PDA warehouse near Little Rock, AR for distribution.

Anyone that would like to prepare a bucket, please bring it to the church office by Sunday, Oct. 9, and Rev. Jody Hill, Ann Wigington & Lynn Hill (our delegates) will take them to the meeting. Rev. Jody Hill will also be bring the message at presbytery that day!

Accept the CHALLENGE and help our neighbors rebuild their lives!

CLEANUP BUCKET

- 1—5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid* (Can find these at Lowe's)
- 5—scouring pads
- 7—sponges, assorted sizes
- 1—scrub brush
- 1—pkg. cleaning towels (18 re-usable, like Easy Wipes)
- 1—box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1—liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol), 12oz.
- 1—bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn), 24-28 oz.
- 1—pkg. clothespins (48-50) & Clothesline (two 50 ft., or one 100 ft.)
- 5—dust masks
- 2 pair—latex gloves (like Playtex)
- 1 pair—work gloves
- 1—24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1—bottle insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion; NOT aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

*Some local fast-food restaurants are willing to give pickle buckets (or other 5-gallon buckets with re-sealable lids) or offer them for a small fee. These can be washed out and used for the cleanup buckets.





OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Jody Hill
- 7 Sharon Goolsby
- 11 Kate Bullock
- 14 Gerald Hill
- 16 Shea Scott
- 17 Ken & Rhonda Brown (1996)
- 18 Shirley & Lamon McClain(1997)
- 20 Deborah Steverson
- 23 Betty Holland
- 30 Ann Wigington

Memorials & Honorariums

To the Stained Glass Window Fund

In Memory of Robert Scott

By Richie Cousar

Save the Dates

Oct. 2 | Men's Breakfast

Oct. 2 | World Communion Sunday

Oct. 26 | "Trunk & Treat" @ 6 pm-7:30 pm (Set-up @ 5:30 pm)

Oct. 9 | Session Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Oct. 10 | RPC/PW Circle Meeting @ 10:00 am

Oct. 30 | "Cents-Ability" Offering

Oct. 11 | Presbytery Meeting 10 am @ Camp Hopewell, Oxford, MS (RPC Office closed)

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