



Celebrating our 150th
Anniversary by:

PRAISING GOD,

REFLECTING ON OUR PAST,

**REDEDICATING OUR-
SELVES TO CHRIST, AND**

**SPREADING THE LOVE OF
JESUS IN OUR CHURCH,
COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND**

First Presbyterian Church *Trivia*

Watch the newsletter for answers

- Who are the 11 charter members that founded the church in 1869 and where are their names?
- What is the Bible verse on the outside of the church?
- For whom is the Wood Chapel named?
- Name at least three individuals who grew up at First Presbyterian and are currently serving as missionaries.
- When was our current sanctuary organ installed?
- Where is St. Innocent School located? How much does it cost to provide one meal for a child?

On **April 23rd, 1869**, a faithful band of worshipers resolved to organize a Presbyterian church at this place in what was known as Johnson's Depot in what would become the corner of Boone and Main Streets in Johnson City.

Mark your calendar

On **April 28th, 2019**, we will celebrate this anniversary by joining for worship and fellowship with our guest pastor, Dr. William Wood, son of Dr. Ferguson and Mary Wood who served as pastor from 1946 until 1976.

What is Your 150?

2019 will be a year dedicated to growing our faith, celebrating our history, and building our future. Based upon input from the congregation, we are planning events, activities, publications, and media to support our celebration. If you are a new member, a seasoned member, or anywhere in between we want you to be involved and excited about our church, growing your faith, and reaching out to others both near and far.

Watch the newsletters, bulletins, and website for more details about each of the events and opportunities to be involved. Pray for our church and your participation as you answer the question “What is my 150?” How will you grow spiritually, share the gospel, honor the past, and build the future?

Sharing the Gospel

- * Kick off a college ministry in the fall by reaching out to local college students.

Growing Spiritually

- * Publish anniversary edition of Lenten Devotional Guides in both written and digital format. Utilize devotions from past and new devotions. Reach out to congregation to provide a devotion.
- * Provide a series of topical services related to our spiritual life. Invite guest speakers with special ties to First Presbyterian Church including individuals who have gone into ministry and missions, former teachers, pastors, other church leaders and community partners.
- * Music events such as recital series, special hymn or anthem written for the anniversary.
- * November homecoming service with invitations to former members and the community.

Honoring the Past

- * Create an oral history with video interviews conducted by our youth.
- * Update the church history book last completed in 1994, review and organize church archives.
- * Create displays, bulletin inserts, and website postings of church photos, significant historical events, and previous sermons.
- * Connect with Sesquicentennial activities of City of Johnson City

Building the Future

- * Participate in preparing meals with Rise Against Hunger
- * 150 volunteer challenge, encourage members to commit to volunteering in church or other community programs .
- * Determine a focus project, such as improving Fellowship Junction.
- * Create a Time Capsule to be opened in 2044.