



136th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
Friday and Saturday, October 6-7, 2017
Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church
Forrest City, Arkansas

HOST INFORMATION

Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church

402 East Dillard Avenue
Forrest City, Arkansas
72335



September 1, 2017

Welcome all Commissioners and Attendees!

Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church and our fellow churches of eastern Arkansas welcome you to the 136th Presbytery meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas October 6-7, 2017. Forrest City has been home to the Presbyterian church since 1874 and located at the corner of Dillard and North Washington since 1924. As Jesus told his followers in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." We are truly blessed by each and every one of you who has chosen to gather together doing God's work!

The information attached provides details for directions, lodging, restaurants, meal reservations and a church map so you may make your stay in Forrest City a pleasant one. Please note that we have secured a group rate at the Holiday Inn Express, but it will expire on September 15th. There are several activities taking place in our area that weekend, so we recommend make your reservations early!

We will be serving a delicious lunch for \$8.00 on Saturday. If chicken spaghetti and sides are not your cup of tea, many of the restaurants serve a quick bite. There will be an added bonus of food trucks a mere 3 blocks away during the annual Downtown Music and Arts Festival. If you have an opportunity, stick around as the music is scheduled to start around 2 pm and play until 8:30 pm.

Prayers for safe travels, and we look forward to our time together!

Blessings to you and yours,

Kim Danehower
Clerk of the Session

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Directions to Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church 402 Dillard St., Forrest City, Arkansas

From points West and North of Interstate 40 (east of Forrest City)

1. Make your way to Interstate 40.
2. Head west on I40 toward Memphis (90 miles from Little Rock)
3. Exit 241A to Forrest City
4. Head south on Highway 1B (aka N. Washington St.)
5. At the 5th stoplight, turn left on Dillard. Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Dillard and North Washington (Hwy 1B).
6. Parking is located on the southeast side of church, the Dollar General store parking lot, or on the streets on the north, east or south sides.

From points East and Northeast of Forrest City

1. Make way to Interstate 40.
2. Head east on I40 toward Little Rock
3. Exit 241A to Forrest City, (Highway 1B South).
4. Head south on Highway 1B (aka N. Washington St.)
5. At the 5th stoplight, turn left on Dillard. Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Dillard and North Washington (Hwy 1).
6. Parking is located on the southeast side of church or in the Dollar General store parking lot, or on the street on the north, east or south sides.

If attending the pre-Presbytery Workshop, the meeting is located at Woodruff Electric Community Room, 3201 Highway 1 North

1. Follow above steps 1,2 of above directions
2. Exit 239 towards Wynne, AR
3. Building is at the cross street of Highway 1 N and Eldridge Road.
4. Turn left at Eldridge Road, building is to your right.

To return to North Washington Street (Highway 1B)

From the Woodruff Electric building, head east on Eldridge Road. The road will wind by Holiday Inn Express and turn right at the stop light (North Washington Street).

Meal Reservation Form for Presbytery Meeting October 7th

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Forrest City, AR 72335

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Reservation deadline is Monday, October 2nd. You may make your reservation by mail, e-mail, telephone or fax.

Church Name

Street Address

City & Zip:

Office Phone Number

E-mail

Please list names of individuals requesting meal tickets:

Lunch will be chicken spaghetti, green side, bread and dessert, with tea or water beverage. Please indicate if a vegetarian option is required.

Make checks payable to GMPC. Your tickets may be picked up at registration.

Saturday lunch _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____ Total

Saturday Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

RESTAURANTS IN FORREST CITY

Delta Q
1112 N. Washington St. (Hwy 1)
BBQ, casual dining, quick bite \$

Mallards Grill
520 E. Broadway Ave. (Hwy 70)
Steaks, ribs, catfish \$\$

Moctezuma Grill
737 N. Washington St. (Hwy 1)
Mexican, quick \$

Don Jose
200 Holiday Dr.
Mexican, quick \$

Andrey
2214 N. Washington St.
Mexican and pizza \$

Arkansas Best Seafood Kitchen
2305 N. Washington
American, Seafood, Cajun \$

The Ole Sawmill Café
2299 N. Washington St.
American \$\$

Ho Ho Chinese Restaurant
110 Barrow Hill Rd.
Chinese, American, Southern \$

Mike's Paradise BBQ & Grill
1320 N. Division St.
American, BBQ, Fast Food \$

Waffle House
2340 N. Washington St.
American, Breakfast \$

Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen
100 Holiday Dr.
Fast Food, Kitchen \$

Pizza Hut
2023 N. Washington St.
Pizza, fast Italian \$

KFC
2007 N. Washington St.
Fast Food, American/Southern \$

Wendy's
3302 N. Washington St.
Fast Food, American \$

Taco Bell
2055 N. Washington St.
Fast Food, Mexican \$

Burger King
2400 N. Washington St.
Fast Food, American

Subway
2334 N. Washington St.
Fast Food, Sandwiches, Salads \$

Sonic Drive-In
900 N. Washington St.
Fast Food, American \$

Forrest Donuts
2306 N. Washington St.
Donuts, pastries, breakfast sandwiches \$

Shiple Do-Nuts
603 N Washington St
Donuts, pastries, breakfast sandwiches \$

Food trucks will be located about 2 blocks south of the church on Saturday October 7th during the Forrest City Music and Arts Festival.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS, FORREST CITY, AR
October 6-7, 2017 Presbytery of Arkansas Meeting

Comfort Inn and Suites 320 Holiday Drive, Forrest City, AR (870) 633-2300 (870) 633-2301
GM.AR182@choicehotels.com

Type of Room	No. of Rooms available	Group Rate for Single / Double Occupancy	Add'l People In room Cost
2 Queen Beds No Smoking, Handicap, Suite	1	\$139.98	\$10
1 King Bed, No Smoking, Suite	10	\$99.00	10
2 Queen Beds, No Smoking, Suite	10	\$112.00	10
2 Queen Beds, No Smoking, Suite	1	\$139.98	10

This rate is good until September 30th and if rooms are available. This includes complementary breakfast. Please cancel any group room reservations by 4 PM local hotel time on the day of arrival to avoid a cancellation penalty.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
220 Eldridge Rd Forrest City, AR 72335 (870)-633-3700

Type of Room	No. of Rooms available	Group Rate for Single / Double Occupancy	Add'l People In room Cost
King standard	20	\$110.99	No cost
Queen standard	20	\$110.99	No cost

Reservations not picked up by September 15th 2017, will be released. This date will be referred to as the cut-off date. While the hotel cannot guarantee space and/or rate availability, it will certainly make every effort to accommodate any late requests. When the group block is filled prior to the cut-off date, any additional room requests will be negotiated on space/rate availability. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** A 48-hour cancellation by 6pm prior to the arrival date is required to avoid a 1-nights late cancellation fee. **CHECK IN/CHECK OUT TIME:** 3pm check-in, 11am check-out.

Hampton Inn
300 Holiday Drive, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, USA (870)-630-9000

Type of Room	No. of Rooms available	Rate for Single / Double Occupancy
King standard	As available	\$128-\$154
Queen standard	As available	\$136-\$161
King w/ Sofa bed	As available	\$136-\$169
King deluxe room	As available	\$140-\$174

We were unable to secure a special rate at the Hampton Inn. To secure the best price available please go to http://www3.hilton.com/en_US/hi/search/findhotels/results.htm?view=LIST

ADDITIONAL HOTELS

Days Inn (3.1/5 Expedia rating)

200 Holiday Drive, Forrest City, AR 72335

870.633.6300 from \$70 on Expedia

Breakfast included; free WiFi; outdoor pool; pets \$20 per night

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/forrest-city-arkansas/days-inn-forrest-city/overview?CID=LC:DI::GGL:RIO:National:41851&iata=00065402>

Red Roof Inn (2.6/5 Expedia rating)

2333 N. Washington Street, Forrest City, AR 72335

937.505.5967 from \$70 on Expedia

WiFi, pets stay free

<https://www.redroof.com/property/ar/ForrestCity/RR1905>

Econo Lodge (3.5/5 Expedia rating)

310 Barrow Hill Road, Forrest City, AR 72335

870.455.8000 from \$59 on Expedia

<https://www.choicehotels.com/arkansas/forrest-city/econo-lodge-hotels/ar271?source=gyxt>

Super 8 (3.5/5 Expedia rating)

I-40 @Hwy 1 NE Exit 241B, Forrest City, AR 72335

870.633.0888 from \$52 on Expedia

Breakfast included, free WiFi, pet friendly, restaurant

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/forrest-city-arkansas/super-8-forrest-city-ar/overview?CID=LC:SE::GGL:RIO:National:08933&iata=00065402#>

Mapping Congregational Transformation, Aligning with Your Purpose as a Congregation is the topic of the next Pre-Presbytery Workshop

Woodruff Electric Community Room, 3201 Highway 1 North

In this second workshop on developing skills for thriving in change, we will be considering how understanding your purpose as a congregation can be a helpful resource in navigating change. This is a stand-alone workshop and does not require that you have attended previous workshops on Thriving in Change. The workshop is sponsored by the Future of the Church Ministry Area. There is no cost for the workshop, held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, and dinner will be provided for workshop participants.

Rev. Michael Vinson, Presbytery Resource for Mission Discernment, is the workshop leader for the series. Michael has been engaged by the Presbytery to assist Presbytery in a number of ways: working to help bridge the work between committees during the Presbytery's reorganization process, identify needs for ministry, helping committees identify ways to live into their mission as well as identify and help address issues important to the church and the Presbytery during rapidly changing times. Michael brings his skills in leadership and organizational development, along with the perspective of being a long-standing member of the Presbytery, a combination that ensures that the workshops are pertinent to Presbytery at this time.

We will explore the relationship of purpose in knowing what next steps to take in navigating change. Being able to answer the question "why are we here?" is a good anchoring point for discerning next steps in ministry. Understanding the purpose of the congregation also helps determine the kind of leadership necessary to accomplish the purpose and helps to develop a vision for where you expect the congregation to be in the future. Even if you already have a clearly articulated purpose for your congregation, in this workshop you will learn new ways of working with purpose in order to discern next steps in ministry in ways that increase engagement and support the congregation in working to transition to next steps in ministry.

The tools and processes you will learn in this 4-hour workshop are simple, easy to understand, and easy to use. The program that Michael bases his work on has as a guiding principle to keep it simple. The premise is that when the tools and processes used are simple, it is possible to handle complexity more simply.

This workshop would be for you:

- If you want to increase your skills in helping your church thrive in change:
- If you are concerned that enthusiasm is going down
- If you have noticed that there is growing negativity or lack of interest
- If you are seeking more willingness by members of your congregation
- If you are looking for ways to get "unstuck" and move forward in ministry
- If you are ready to get resolution on recurring issues
- If you are concerned about loss of membership and finances