The REMINDER

Growing UPWARD worshipping and praising | Growing INWARD becoming more like Christ | Growing OUTWARD sharing the good news

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God has not given up on you

During the month of October, most Reformed churches celebrate an exciting event known as the Reformation. At FPC, we celebrate with the recognition of our Presbyterian Scottish history and theology. The Reformation is, however, far more significant than just a celebratory service of worship. This is a time for all of us to be reminded of the ongoing reformation (transformation) that God is doing in each of our hearts and lives. This is a much needed process and one that continues throughout the life of a disciple of Jesus. I find this to be both comforting and challenging because I am always in need of transformation.

As I have reflected over the years about the reformation, I think about the transformation that took place in the Apostle Paul's own life. Speaking to the believers in Philippi, the Apostle Paul said, *"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.'" Phil. 1:6.*

Let me ask you, "Do you ever have a problem completing a task that you started?" Maybe it is a project you wanted to accomplish, a goal you wanted to achieve, a degree you started but never finished, a promise you made and never completed, a dream you had but thought you could never accomplish.

Not being able to see things through to completion is a character trait in which many of us could be found guilty! Aren't you glad that God always brings to completion that which He started?

When God looks at us, He sees not only our sins and shortcomings, He also sees people created in His image with incredible potential. And the wonderful news is that God is prepared to work with us for the rest of our lives, changing us as we allow Him access, to become more and more like His Son, Jesus. I believe that God has begun a masterpiece in each of our lives, and even though there are times when we may not feel like a masterpiece, we have this promise that what God has begun in us, He will bring to completion. We are all "works in progress" so to speak, so don't get discouraged and give up on those hopes and dreams, because God hasn't given up on you.

Thankfully, as followers of Christ, you and I are constantly in this process of being "reformed."

This month, let's celebrate the Reformation as more than just a festive service of worship with Scottish tartans and bagpipes, but as a reminder of God's grace and His ongoing work of transformation in each of our lives.

Happy Reformation!

A Thought or Two *Challenging You Toward Discipleship*

from the associate pastor

September was full of blessings!

Sunday school began in late August. Did you know that on average this fall we have 222 people in Sunday school regularly? The highpoint of Sunday school attendance this year was on August 21 with 256 in attendance. We have 21 classes every Sunday morning (11 children, 1 youth and 9 adult classes)! There are over 75 children, over 31 youth, and on average, 124 adults who regularly attend.

We also began a new season! **Wednesday nights** began with eating, fellowshipping and studying together again. There have been several new folk around on Wednesdays enjoying the studies in Apologetics, Islam and Christianity and Covenant and Kingdom. About 70 adults are enjoying these studies.

We want to track our **small groups** as well! So if you are involved in a small group that is in some sense a First Presbyterian small group, please speak up. We want to track, encourage and look for best practices for our small groups. Let me know if you have a group, who is in your group and what you are studying.

Our **Women's and Men's ministries** kicked off a new season. On September 13, the women kicked off nine groups with over 70 in attendance. The men had their first lunch with guest speaker Greg Thompson, and there were over 40 men in attendance on Sept. 19.

Greg Thompson speaks at the Men's Lunch.

Also in September, we were blessed to host the **City Convene conference**! Over ten First Pres folk attended this conference. It was attended by over 90 individuals from all over the city. Notable attendees were Representative Robert Williams of Darlington, Florence Council woman Teresa Ervin, city manager Drew Griffin and chief of police Alan Heidler.

Neddie Winters speaks about overcoming the race divide.

The issue that captured a great deal of attention in the conference was **racism**. It just so happened that as we met, the rioting was occurring in Charlotte. It was interesting to hear city officials say in the conference that 80% of the issues they face in the community are race related. The Church needs to intentionally work on this and seek to bring the Kingdom of God to bear on this cultural problem. The conference speaker Neddie Winters, of Mission Mississippi gave us one practical action step to implement in our lives to help overcome the race divide. He suggested that we create a lunch bunch of four people of mixed race and build relationships. Many in the conference have already begun to do this!

Finally, we had a great visit from our Haitian pastor friend, Actionnel Fleurisma, and his wife, Yolande. Chris Canfield, in conjunction with Actionnel's visit, organized a push to sponsor children at the school we support in Bayonnais, Haiti. As many as 15 new sponsors for children were garnered from this push and that translates into several thousands of dollars. Our congregation is generous! One last Haiti related note: our very own Gray Scott leaves on October 4th for several months to serve in Haiti teaching English to young Haitian women. Our relationship with OFCB (the church in Haiti we support and travel to annually) continues to grow. This year's trip to Haiti is February 21 - March 1. Join us.

I share these facts from our body with the intent that they become a challenge to you to a greater and deeper discipleship to our Lord! Blessings!

Chris

What is the Kirkin' O' the Tartan?

The History

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or tartans which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying the tartan.

The Legend

This act prompted the Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk or church. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against the tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

Will You Help these Homeless Families?

Next Family Promise is December 18-24

Family Promise is an Interfaith Hospitality Network that unites religious congregations to **assist homeless families**. In Florence, 13 host congregations provide accommodations and meals for 2-3 families (14 people) one-week quarterly.

We need more volunteers at First Presbyterian to: Prepare dinners, donate food, serve as hosts, laundry, set up/take down, activities, supplies, donations, etc. Please call me now if you know you can help this Christmas season. Thank you!

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you…" John 15:12

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Contact Coordinator
FPC Family Promise

Church Administration Matters

QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS First Presbyterian Church is blessed with many covenant partners who are extremely generous when it comes to giving of time, talent and treasure. In the next week to 10 days, quarterly contribution statements will be mailed to all covenant partners and others who contribute regularly to support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Our pastor, Dr. Jenkins, has reminded us on numerous occasions throughout the year that your financial support of First Presbyterian Church is about more than paying staff, maintaining buildings and keeping the lights on. Your financial gifts support local agencies such as Lighthouse Ministries, A Choice to M8KE, House of Hope, Family Promise, PADD and others. These agencies assist people in our community who are dealing with day to day issues such as assistance with utilities, homelessness, unplanned pregnancy, domestic violence, and more. Your contributions also support the work of missionaries serving in India, Africa, Haiti and other countries around the world. When you receive your contribution statement, I hope you will take time to review it. As you do, keep in mind that these statements are intended to remind, encourage and challenge each of us regarding the financial commitments made to support the many life-changing ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Thank you all for your continued generous support of the mission and ministry of our church.

THANK YOU LUKE POSTON
Luke is a member of Boy Scout Troop 477. As a requirement for his Eagle Scout award, Luke recently coordinated and completed several projects around the church campus. His projects included pressure washing several areas including the front steps of the sanctuary building and those leading up to the side of the narthex. Under Luke's leadership, members of troop 477 installed a bench on the church playground, trimmed low hanging branches and did a general clean-up of the natural area behind the church along Waters Road. These much needed projects will enhance the overall appearance of our church campus. Luke is the son of First Presbyterian Church covenant partners Jim and Nancy Poston. Great job, Luke!

OFFERING ENVELOPES
A growing number of our covenant partners are taking advantage of on-line giving. If you no longer wish to receive the envelopes by mail, please contact Gwen DuRant by phone or e-mail gdurant@florencefirst.org to have your name removed from the envelope service mailing list. Please note, we ***will*** continue to provide envelopes to those who wish to receive them.

Child Development Center News

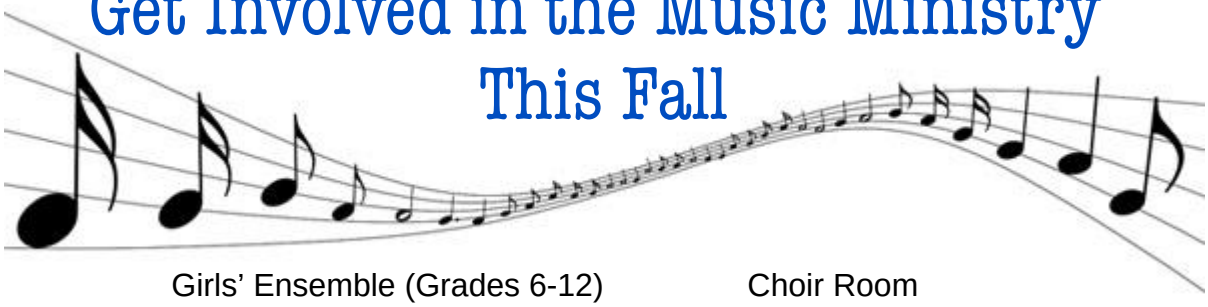
Fall is here and we are hoping for many days of cooler weather to play outside. This past week, we welcomed Mrs. Alexis Morris, the Children's Ministry Director here at First Presbyterian Church, who is providing a Bible Time each Wednesday for the older preschool classes, and Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music, who is introducing music on Tuesday mornings. We are grateful for these who are willing to help the young children at our center to learn and grow! Others of you have shown interest in volunteering to come help with classroom projects, read to the children or rock and love on babies. Thank you for your willingness to serve! We now have a "sign up" sheet available at the Receptionist desk in the Welcome Center. There is no obligation, but we are happy to have volunteers to love on these young children which God has entrusted in our care. Each volunteer will need to stay 30 minutes or an hour, depending on the need.

Please remember we are participating in the Harris Teeter, "Together in Education" program. All VIC card members may participate by registering at the checkout counter. *Please ask the cashier to link your VIC card to our school code, which is 3893* . A percentage of your purchase dollars for the HT brand purchases will be contributed to our school program. Each VIC card customer may sign up for up to five schools to receive their donation equally.

Thank you again for opening your doors to this ministry! To God be the Glory!

Beth

Get Involved in the Music Ministry This Fall



TBA	Girls' Ensemble (Grades 6-12)	Choir Room

Tuesdays

1:30 PM	Ladies' Ensemble	Choir Room

Wednesdays

5:00 PM	Chancel Handbells	Handbell Room
6:30 PM	Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)	Children's Choir Room
6:30 PM	Preschool Choir (3K-5K)	Children's Choir Room
6:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Bay Street Brassworks

October 23 at 11:00 AM

Bay Street Brassworks is a renowned brass quintet from Baltimore, Maryland. They will join us in worship on Sunday, October 23rd for the 11:00 AM worship service.

Want to Read Music?

Grades 2 and up

Mondays in October at 4:00 PM

Come join us!

Call Ann Rodgers Chandler for more information: 843-933-0136

Women in Ministry Monthly Groups

Come and join us for a wonderful time of Christian fellowship and Bible Study

Please call Emily McLean: 669-0907, if you are not already in a group.

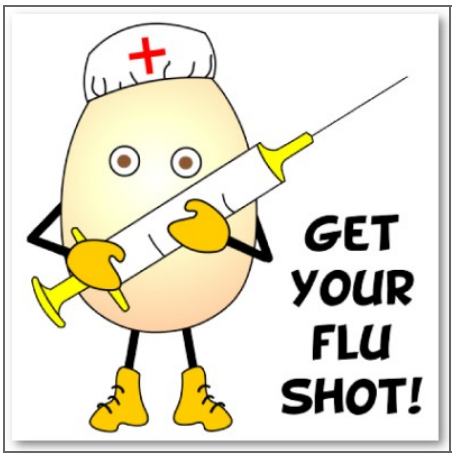
WiM Groups

Morning Glories	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**10:00 AM**	**Room 104**
Knock Out Roses	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**10:00 AM**	**Room 100**
Women of Grace	**Monthly**	**Oct. 13**	**6:30 PM**	**3002 Japonica Ln**
Posies & Petals	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**10:00 AM**	**Lawson-Rain Chapel**
Bread & Fish	**Monthly**	**Oct. 8**	**9:00 AM**	**Presbyterian Community**
Serenity	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**3:00 PM**	**Lawson-Rain Chapel**
Prayer Warriors	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**6:30 PM**	**Lawson-Rain Chapel**
Sonflowers	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**10:00 AM**	**929 Wrenwood Road**
Soul Sisters	**Monthly**	**Oct. 11**	**12:00 PM**	**Women's Only SS Room (Room 201)**

Thank you, Taiter!

Christina "Taiter" Garrett will be transitioning from youth ministry to college/young adult ministry at the beginning of October. Taiter has faithfully served the youth of First Pres for 11 years. She has given selflessly of her time and energy to help the youth who have come through the ministry to grow in their relationship with Christ. God has used her greatly to impact the lives, not just of the students, but parents and others in the church. We are very sad to see her go but very excited to see how God will use her to establish and grow a college/young adult ministry at First Pres. Please help us thank her for her many years of service to our youth and join us as we pray for her transition to this new ministry. Thanks, Taiter!

Have You Had Your Flu Shot?



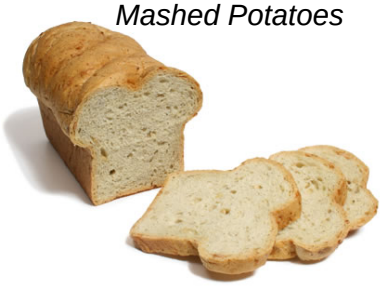
Flu Shot Clinic & Health Fair

Wednesday, October 12th
5:00-6:30 PM
$25.00

* Vaccine provided by Interim Health Care
* Free for Medicare part B with card
* Ages 5 years and older
* Free blood pressure and blood sugar screening

Wednesday Family Dinner

Oct. 5th	Oct. 12th	Oct. 19th	Oct. 26th
Team Leader	Team Leader	Team Leader	Team Leader
Mary Caroline Vaught	*Parking Lot Ministry*	*Dottie Handley*	*Philip Baugh*
Meat Loaf *Green Beans* *Mashed Potatoes*	*Pancakes* *Sausage/Bacon*	*Tacos* *Black Beans*	*BBQ* *Slaw* *Rolls*



Supper begins at 5:30 PM in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Adults $5 **Youth $5** **Children (under 12) $3** **Family Max $15**

October Birthdays

01	Lillian Kunz	06	Anna Lee Rhea	14	Danny Jones	22	Richard Granger
01	Tiffany Straus	07	Alex Lewis	14	Nancy Poston	22	Sarah Wheeler
02	Thatcher Jordan	07	Will Lewis	14	Lucas Morgan	23	Yong Shin
02	Sarah Dozier	07	Billy Patrick	14	Justin Green	23	Jennifer Ervin
02	Harriett Hindman	07	Lana Lehmans	15	Jan Bays	24	John Harrell
03	Andy Wise	08	Bruce Hubbs	15	Pat Tuttle	25	Zane Morris
03	Theressa Garris	09	Ann Collins Josey	15	Bob Silver	25	Quincy Kennedy
03	Parker Roycroft	09	Charlotte Tuttle	15	Carey Hindman	25	Bob McLean
03	James Whitehead	10	Cindy Collins	16	Henry Rose	25	Mona Zakhour
04	Kohl Duncan	11	Tena Rabon	16	John Hofler, Jr.	27	Jeannie Brodie
04	Elizabeth Stover	11	Laura Anne Hofler	18	David Frost	27	Caleb King
04	Marlene Pantos	11	Ruth Watts	18	Frances Jones	27	Richard Shurman
04	Roseanne Saunders	11	David Spivey	18	Anna Grace Hubbs	27	Stephen Thompson
04	Diane Rouse	11	Caleb Edwards	18	Christy Douglas	27	Barrett McRae
04	Wendell Jones	11	Bill Truman	18	Bailey Hylton	28	Travis Copeland
04	Caden McKay	12	Rod Arnold	18	Charley Hylton	28	Julie Thomas
04	Kayley Green	12	Carson Harwell	19	Alison Thompson	28	Alice Nickles
05	Jake Stokes	12	Barbara Green	19	Mike Purvis	29	Jayne Boswell
05	Shand Josey	12	Bryan Frost	19	Cooper Wallace	29	RJ Lee
05	Stan Lehmans	13	Lydia King	20	Edith Hicks	30	Christopher Warner
06	Blake Frew	13	Alicia Fischer	20	Leonard Hoogenboom	31	Randi Ryan
06	Ralph Bratcher	13	Vica Fuller	20	Christina Stewart	31	Anna Shurman
06	Erin Johnson	13	Jack Grimsley	22	Myrna Simmonds	31	Eliza Drayton Wilhoit
06	Hugh Ervin	14	Casey Taylor	22	James Genoble	31	Hugh Whitehead

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact Teresa Stewart at 662-2583 or tstewart@florencefirst.org so we can correct our records.

Staff Birthdays
4 Wanda Lasane
5 Brock Page

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift: Gift filled shoeboxes bring great joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world, and offer an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with hurting children. Shoebox gift suggestions, packaging instructions and labels are on a single sheet available at the reception desk or online at www.samaitanspurse.org. Please return filled and labeled shoeboxes to the reception area by **November 20**. Enclose a $7 donation (check) to help cover international shipping costs.

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Sunday, October 2, 2016
COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
5:30 PM MOVE Youth

Monday, October 3, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
4:00 PM Learn to Read Music: Choir Rm
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
9:30 AM WiM Coordinating Team Mtg: LR
11:00 AM WiM Bible Moderators Mtg: Rm 104
12:00 PM Keenager's Lunch: FH
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble: Choir Rm

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
5:00 PM Adult Handbells
5:30 PM Family Dinner: CLC
6:00 PM Elementary Program
6:00 PM Youth Program
6:15 PM 6th Grade Parent's Mtg: Rm 205
6:30 PM Preschool Program
6:30 PM Adult Electives
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 6, 2016
7:00 AM P3BC: Bazen's
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: CLC

Friday, October 7, 2016

Saturday, October 8, 2016
6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health Parking Lot
9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Presbyterian Community

Sunday, October 9, 2016
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM New Member's Class: FH
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
6:00 PM Youth P3DG

Monday, October 10, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
4:00 PM Learn to Read Music: Choir Rm
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, October 11, 2016
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
10:00 AM WiM: Sonflowers:929 Wrenwood Rd
10:00 AM WiM: Knockout Roses:Room100
10:00 AM WiM: Morning Glories: Rm 104
10:00 AM WiM: Posies & Petals: LR
12:00 PM WiM: Soul Sisters: Rm 201
12:00 PM Just for Women's Ministries: CLC
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble: Choir Rm
3:00 PM WiM: Serenity: LR
6:30 PM WiM: Prayer Warriors:LR
7:00 PM Just for Women's Ministries: CLC

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
5:00 PM Flu Shot Clinic: CLC
5:00 PM Adult Handbells
5:30 PM Family Dinner: CLC
6:00 PM Elementary Program
6:00 PM Youth Program
6:30 PM Preschool Program
6:30 PM Adult Electives
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 13, 2016
7:00 AM Jr/Sr Breakfast: Bazen's
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: CLC
6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace: 3002 Japonica Ln

Friday, October 14, 2016

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Sunday, October 16, 2016
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:00 PM Wholeness & Healing Service: Sanctuary
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
5:30 PM MOVE Youth

Monday, October 17, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
4:00 PM Learn to Read Music: Choir Rm
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
12:00 PM Men's Lunch: FH
12:00 PM Just for Women's Ministries: CLC
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble: Choir Rm
6:30 PM Board of Deacons: LR
7:00 PM Just for Women's Ministries: CLC

Wednesday, October 19, 2016
5:00 PM Adult Handbells
5:30 PM Family Dinner: CLC
6:00 PM Elementary Program
6:00 PM Youth Program
6:30 PM Preschool Program
6:30 PM Adult Electives
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 20, 2016
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: CLC

Friday, October 21, 2016 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Sunday, October 23, 2016
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
6:00 PM Youth P3DG

Monday, October 24, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
4:00 PM Learn to Read Music: Choir Rm
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
12:00 PM Just for Women's Ministries: CLC
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble: Choir Rm
7:00 PM Session: LR
7:00 PM Just for Women's Ministries: CLC

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
5:00 PM Adult Handbells
5:30 PM Family Dinner: CLC
6:00 PM Elementary Program
6:00 PM Youth Program
6:30 PM Preschool Program
6:30 PM Adult Electives
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 27, 2016
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: CLC

Friday, October 28, 2016

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Sunday, October 30, 2016 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
10:00 AM Reformation Combined Worship
11:15 AM Reformation Lunch
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
5:30 PM MOVE Youth

Monday, October 31, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
4:00 PM Learn to Read Music: Choir Rm
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

New Member's Class

Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian or would like additional information about the ministries of our church, please join us for this informal time of fellowship.

Remember In Prayer This Month

Extended Care

ELMCROFT
Betty Greer

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY
Shirley Cruickshank
Hannah Barringer
Julian Price

Heritage Home
Malcolm Rogers

LAUREL GARDENS
Joy Tedder

Homebound

Cora Long
Linda Foxworth
Brooks Barringer

Sick & Recovering

Delores Galloway
Rosanne Saunders
Genie Lee
Carol Commander
Lillian Kunz
Jimmy Green
Carolyn Holland

Special Requests

Pam Hoogenboom

ELDERS
Richie Wilhoit
Bruce Hubbs

DEACONS
George Beshere
Jammie Harris

MISSIONARIES
Ken & Karen Buckner
Actionnel Fleurisma

WOMEN IN MINISTRY
Lyllian Scott
Nancy Thompson

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
Lana Lehmans
Amy Brown

STAFF
Teresa Stewart
Gwen DuRant

HOUSEHOLDS

- Dr. & Mrs. Rhett & Virginia Spencer, Rhett
- Mr. & Mrs. David & Stephanie Spivey
- Mr. & Mrs. Rufus & Anna Spivey
- Mrs. Melba Sprague
- Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Melanie Sprenger, Madison
- Mr. & Mrs. Porter & Connie Stewart
- Ms. Teresa Stewart, Andrew & Christina
- Mr. & Mrs. Jake & Lori Stokes, Kate & Samuel
- Mr. & Mrs. Johnny & Robin Stoupenos

Do you have a relative or friend whom you would like to honor? *Sign up to place memorial flowers in the sanctuary! Please contact Genia Tyson (genia_tyson@hotmail.com OR 665-0295) or Melba Whitesides (669-8209). Please leave your name, phone #, and the date you wish to reserve.*

Memorials

Herbert Ames
George Cruickshank
Susan Dusenbury
Mrs. Bob McCord
Donna Teague
Bob van Witzenburg

Sympathy

Family of George Cruickshank
Family of Herbert Ames
Linda Lawson - loss of sister

Wholeness and Healing Service

Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

This special service is an opportunity to gather for healing prayer and Communion. Anyone who would like to come forward for private prayer is invited to receive anointing with oil and the laying on of hands with the pastors and elders.

"*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them*."
Matthew 18:20.

Keenagers Luncheon

October 4th
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Presentation on Ghana

Shared by Dr. Jenkins

It's the beginning of the season for our Keenagers Luncheons and we are excited to be back! Come enjoy a great lunch of pork tenderloin, brown rice, green beans, roll and apple pie.
We have great programs planned this season so please invite a guest!

Keenagers is a luncheon gathering of retired men and women that meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a $6 lunch and program.

Parking Lot Ministry

Saturday, October 8th

First Presbyterian will be serving the Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast the 2nd Saturday of each month. If you would like to help, please contact Donnie Wheeler at jwheeler007@sc.rr.com.

Scouting Ministry Update

Our October outing will include camping and a visit to one of the Bishopville haunted houses. The scouts will also start preparing for back-packing on the foothills trail in November.

Parents of College Students

Please send your students' addresses to Laura Anne Hofler as soon as possible: lahofler@gmail.com. The Women in Ministry want to do something special for them

The Presbyterian Community Report

September has come and gone. We are looking forward to leaf changes and perfect days to sit on the porch and gossip in some of the most wonderful rocking chairs. They even have "fanny pillows" for ideal comfort. We have what was called in our yesterday years, recess. It is time for residents to play dominoes, checkers, hopscotch, trivia and kickball. One activity that we can't play is spin- the- bottle. Reason: Our ratio of women to men is about 9-1. It is no problem getting ladies, but we have yet to find more than one man who has the stamina to be so outnumbered.

One of the most fun things this month was our celebration of the Darlington 500 Race. We had time trials in our golf carts with residents sitting on the porch and cheering on their favorite drivers. This was a contest and everyone was given $500 worth of paper Monopoly money and a chance to bet on the winner. The winner got a pound of jelly beans and a carton of beef jerky. Here is where Ineeda Mann stepped in. For the last several years Bill Timberlake has come in last. In fact, sometimes he looked like he was going backwards. His nickname for his cart is "Turtle Bill". However, this year he won because of Ineeda Mann. At our car inspection after the race, our security staff discovered every car had low tire pressure except Bill's. Since Ineeda Mann had placed her $500 of paper money on Bill, she won both prizes. However, she didn't pass the lie detector test and had to forfeit the jelly beans. No one else wanted the beef jerky. So for a week, she looked like she had a big chew in her mouth.

-Tom Kellam, Foreign Correspondent

Kids @ 1st Children's Ministry

Below is the parent assistant schedule. Please check to see where you are currently listed. This includes the children who have just started 3K. Be sure to come with your child the first time they come to Children in Worship.

DATE	SERVICE	
	8:30	11:00
2-Oct	Temple	Dozier
9-Oct	Thompson	Genoble
16-Oct	Amelia A.	Hanna
23-Oct	Watkins	Hylton
30-Oct	*Reformation Sunday- One Service* Brand	

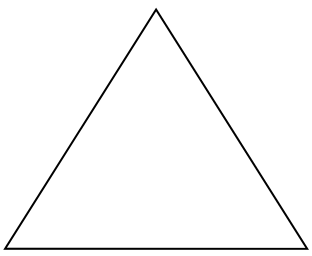
Trick or Treat at the Presbyterian Community

Wednesday, October 26th

Children in grades 1st-4th grades will be going to the PC to trick or treat with the residents.
The bus leaves the CLC parking lot *promptly* at 6:00 pm and will return by 7:45 pm.

Please have your children arrive ready to go and with a goodie bag. Dinner is available at 5:30pm.

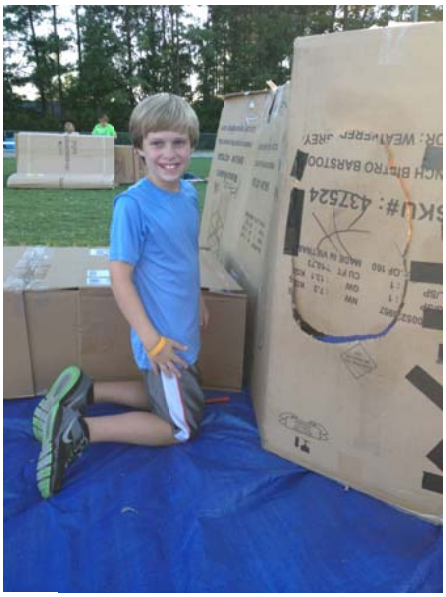
God the Father wants us to be like Him and to act like Him. He even gave us someone to copy! Jesus showed us what God the Father is like, how to live with God and how to do the things that He wants. As we copy and follow Jesus, we get to know God and find out what He is like. Then we can learn to be like Him, live with Him and do the things He wants. This is called obedience.



Covenant is the word which describes our relationship with God first, and then everyone else. It is the word that describes God's forever promise to act consistent to His nature towards His creation. As a good, loving and fair God He acts in a good, loving and fair way towards us.

From "Discipleship Toolbox" by 3DMinistry

On September 24th, five 6th graders and two adults participated in this community wide event hosted by South Florence High School. CBC raises money and awareness for the Family Promise program.



Zane Morris, Carter Hardee, Lucas Morgan, Floyd Goodstein, Ford Scott.

Helping Florence Flourish

Helping Florence Flourish (HFF) continues to work toward our goal of seeking a visible demonstration of the unity of the body of Christ to bless Florence.

Our City Convene Conference was a great success!

Learn more about Helping Florence Flourish by visiting the website at http://helpingflorenceflourish.org/

Haiti Mission Trip 2017

February 21– March 1

We will once again visit our friends in Bayonnais, Haiti to help them with different projects around the school and town. This is an annual mission trip led by Rev. Chris Handley. If you are interested in finding out more or want to go, please email sjones@florencefirst.org.

Help Change A Life in Bayonnais, Haiti: We are striving to support more children within our mission partnership with OFCB ministries in Bayonnais, Haiti in the coming weeks. Please consider sponsoring a child or multiple children for $40/month per child to help send the children to school, pay teaching staff, pay for uniforms and school supplies, provide food for the children and their families and help Change Their Life! Visit World of God ministries website for more information and/or choose a child or children to sponsor and start making a difference in the lives of so many who need so much. Instructions below. Please prayerfully consider helping the children of Bayonnais, Haiti with your sponsorship!

1. Visit www.worldofgod.org
2. Go to “Select A Student” in menu bar
3. In top right select “Haiti” under “View by Country”
4. Select your Child(ren) you wish to sponsor
5. Fill out the online form and online payment details.
6. CHANGE A LIFE!

First Pres Youth

The high school and middle school ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC

Sunday School
October 2, 9, 16, 23
9:45 - 10:45 am
Light breakfast served

MOVE
October 2, 16, 30
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Dinner provided
Bible study and games

P3

P3BC on Thursday
October 6
7:00 - 7:45 am
We meet for breakfast, devotion, and prayer

Senior/Junior Breakfast
October 13
7:00 - 7:45 am
Bazens Restaurant

412 on Wednesday
October 5, 12, 19, 26
6:00 - 7:30 pm

P3DG
October 9, 23
6:00 - 7:30 pm

2016 Fall Retreat
Our 2016 Fall Retreat will be Nov. 4th-6th. We will travel to LookUp Lodge to enjoy an impactful, faith growing weekend. Students will participate in fun, community building games and hear Christ-centered teaching. The cost is $125/student. If you have multiples children going, the cost is $115/student. Deadline for sign up is October 17th.

West Florence Football Pregame Meal
On October 28th, FPC youth will host the West Florence football players and coaches for their pregame meal. The team will meet at FPC at 4:00 and the youth will help serve their pregame meal. This is a great opportunity to serve in our community.

P3DG
P3DG is the name of our Sunday night small groups. Every other Sunday we will divide into 4 groups (MS boys, MS girls, HS boys, HS girls). Each group will meet at a diiferent host home. We will have food, fellowship, and a small Biblically based study in each group.

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