The REMINDER

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

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Generosity

When you study scripture, you quickly discover that **generosity** is a word that clearly describes God's attitude and behavior toward His people. Every page of the Bible shares how God continues to bless, care for, and provide for His people. This happens even during times when God's people were, shall we say, less than deserving of His blessings. Of course, God's ultimate act of generosity was demonstrated for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. John 3:16 reminds us that,"God so loved the world He gave…" And God continues to give so we might be blessed.

But our blessings from God come with the express purpose of enabling us to be a blessing to others. In Gen. 12:2-3, God says to Abraham,

"I will bless you…

so that you will be a blessing…

and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

I, personally, find this passage to be a life transforming Word of God. We are blessed, not to see how "rich" we can become; but we are blessed "so that we can be a blessing!"

David Blaine is well-known for his "street magic." He has a card trick where he opens a deck of cards and has a passerby pick a card from the deck. After the choice is made, he throws the deck of cards at a plate glass window of a shop facing the street. The fifty two cards scatter everywhere except, of course, the card that was chosen which is stuck to the window. When asked to peel the card off the window, the person discovers the card isn't on the outside, it is on the inside. How did he throw fifty-two cards from the outside and one, the chosen card, stuck to the inside? People shake their heads with surprise and disbelief.

God's blessings often come to us by way of great surprise. God manages to do the unexpected, even in our lives, and the truth is, sometimes it takes our breath away. I think God wants us to be His agents of surprise as we seek to share our blessings in the Kingdom of God. During the month of November, we will be thinking about what it means to be "generous" in the eyes of God. Over the past several years our church has been blessed by your generosity. We have built new buildings and begun new programs all the while continuing to maintain the missions and ministries of our church. I believe it pleases God to know that His people have shared their wealth, their gifts and their talents to further the work of His Church. May we never forget that First Presbyterian is HIS church and we are here to do HIS mission and to be faithful to HIS calling.

As you begin to think and pray about your financial support for the ministries of our church, I remind you that our ministries only grow with your generosity. I came across Prov. 11:24-25 the other day that jumped off the page at me. It says, "*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." (ESV)*

May your life be lived with GENEROSITY!

God Bless,

Commitment Sunday

November 20, 2016

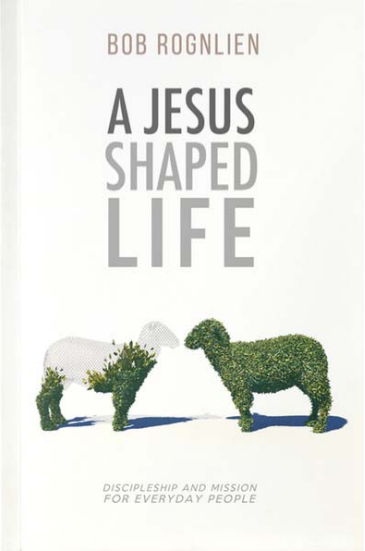
Expanding Our Ministry Through Generosity

A Thought or Two *Challenging You Toward Discipleship*

from the associate pastor

What Shape is My Life Meant to Be?

Life is full! Life is short! Life is difficult! Life is fun! Life is sad! How would you finish that statement? Life is…! God is working all the time no matter how life is coming at us. And he invites us to listen for him all the time, and then join him in His work. My challenge is growing toward a deep sense of how much he loves me. Then, in turn, being motivated by that love and living life valuing what He values. Life is… being shaped by Jesus and his life. I am reading a book by that name, *A Jesus Shaped Life* by Bob Rognlien. Rognlien's book sets the stage for a conversation about what currently is shaping your life and then describes how your life looks when it is shaped by Jesus.



Our Presbytery Ministry Ordination Team (PMOT) is reading *A Jesus Shaped Life* with our candidates for ministry. The book is about discipleship and the PMOT believes that everyone in ministry needs to have clear sense of what it means to make a disciple. In most cases, seminary doesn't give you a clear sense of how disciples are made. We are meeting by means of video conferencing with eight candidates for ministry, (who are all over SC, GA) to grapple with these thoughts.

The first question that comes from the reading is, "What is shaping your life?" Rognlien writes, "Whenever we watch television, read a magazine, or surf the internet, we're bombarded with explicit and subliminal messages about the shape our life should take…Subtle forces all around us shape the goals and direction of our lives, often without our realizing it. We are all molded by messages we have received that define "success." The treatment we received from peers and role models tells us who we are and what we should be doing with our lives… Sooner or later each of us has to come to the place where we challenge these forces that seek to conform us to their own image. We have to ask a deeper question: **What shape is my life meant to be?** This question must ultimately lead us beyond ourselves, and even the world we live in, to the one who designed us and called us into being." (p. 2)

I commend this book to you **and challenge you to consider Jesus's Life**, because "Jesus claimed to be the living template for the life we are meant to live."

I mention a couple of opportunities in closing that are before us due to Hurricane Matthew. If you feel so inclined to help with tree removal in our community, there is an ongoing need. The City of Florence has a list of our neighbors' homes that will not have the means to remove those trees. The city requests that volunteer groups jump in and help. First Pres folk have helped two homes thus far. Also, be aware that if you're concerned for folks in our region effected by flooding or wind damage, and you want to make a donation through First Presbyterian, we can forward those gifts onto World Renew (http://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services).

Chris

Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, December 6th starting at 10:00 AM

The annual Hanging of the Greens, sponsored by Women in Ministry, will take place on Tuesday, December 6. Everyone is invited to participate in this special time as we prepare the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Savior. **Please come for 30 minutes or an hour to help**– any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Please call Cille Scott: 803-606-0123 or Holly Campbell: 843-637-9351 to volunteer to help.

Music Ministry

The Elementary Children's choir will sing on Sunday, November 13th during our 11:00 AM worship service. Come support our children.

Handbell Concert

Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 PM

Ring in the Advent season with our talented Chancel Handbell Choir! This is a First Presbyterian tradition rich with Christmas melodies from around the globe and you will be sure to end the evening in the Christmas spirit!

Thanks to this wonderfully musical group: Leslie Aberli, Curt Boswell, Meredith Banner, Donna Grubb, Margaret Hobson, Lisa Jernigan, Margaret Jones, Cynthia Knudsen, Lee Nunn, Lalla Saleeby, Scarlett Shamblin, Genia Tyson, Sheldon Withrow and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.

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!

Janet Brand 843-665-6980, Contact Coordinator FPC Family Promise

Christmas Greenery

As we prepare to decorate our sanctuary for Advent Season, consider sponsoring our Christmas Greenery to honor loved ones or in memory of loved ones passed. The form below is needed so that an acknowledgement of your gift can be included in the church bulletin on Christmas Eve.

In honor/memory of: _____ Given by: _____
(circle one)

The cost is $12 per designated name or couple and should accompany your order.
Amount included $____. **Return this form to the church office by Friday, December 16th.**

Thank you for sharing in the season!

Acknowledgements will be printed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletins.

Church Administration Matters

Expanding Our Ministry Through Generosity

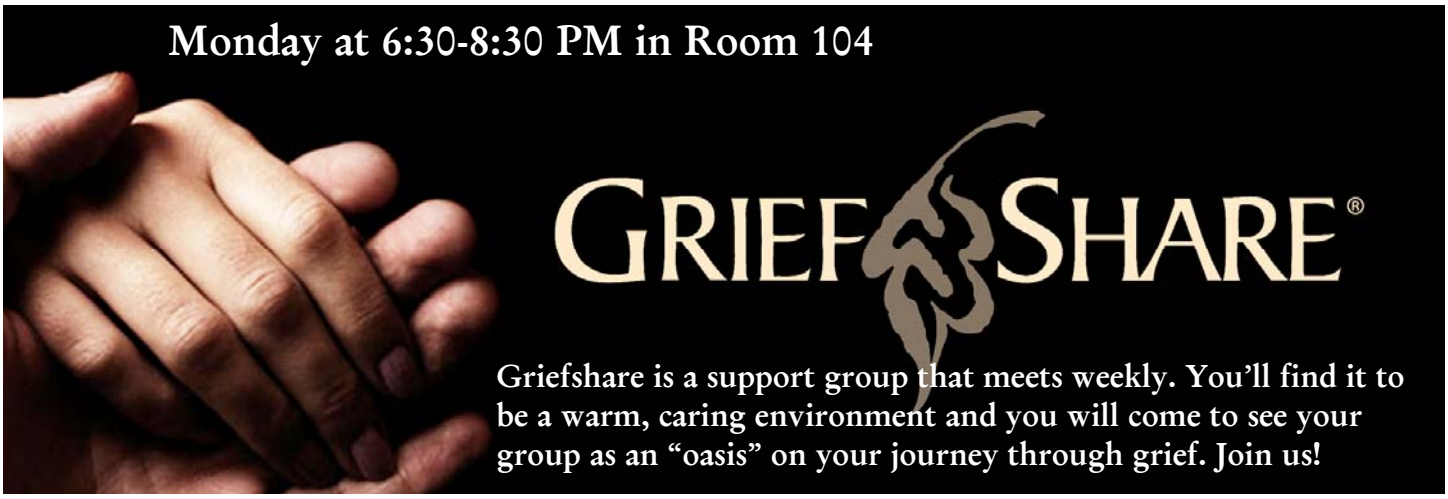
I continue to marvel at the spirit of generosity that I see from the covenant partners of First Presbyterian Church. In addition to financial support of the life changing ministries here at First Presbyterian Church, many of you are also extremely generous with your time and talent. Covenant partners volunteer time to visit our homebound. Others invest their time in the lives of our children and young people as teachers and leaders in our children and youth ministries. We are blessed with many musically talented people who share that talent through our music ministry. Countless others work "behind the scenes" taking care of "odd jobs" often with little or no recognition. Still others volunteer outside the "four walls" of the church with organizations such as Family Promise, House of Hope, Manna House and the Parking Lot Mission. God has truly blessed and continues to bless First Presbyterian Church.

Earlier this year, I introduced the phrase ***Ministry Action Plan*** as an alternative to the "Church Budget". The phrase is based on the premise that the church leadership (staff, elders, deacons and others) implement plans for ministry to our members, our community and around the world. Those ministries have a cost associated with them. Funding for the ministries come from the contributions of our covenant partners and others who support the ministries of the church. Research shows that people, particularly young adults, are more energized about contributing to a church's Ministry Action Plan than they are when asked to "give to the budget". The term Ministry Action implies involvement in life changing work, which is what God has called us to be and do.

As we move into the final quarter or 2016, our staff and ministry leaders have begun the *2017 Ministry Action Plan* process. During the month of November we will be emphasizing stewardship as it pertains to annual giving to support the ongoing ministry of First Presbyterian Church. The Enabling Unit has chosen ***"Expanding our Ministry Through Generosity"*** as the theme for this year's emphasis. Over the next few weeks all covenant partners will receive a letter highlighting the importance of continued, faithful financial support of the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. You will also receive a pledge card that will allow you to estimate your giving in support of the 2017 Ministry Action Plan. Additionally, there will be an on-line pledge card on the church website www.florencefirst.org.

Because **God has blessed us,** we want and need to continually look for ways that **we can bless others** (our covenant partners, our community and the world). Your pledge is important to the planning process for the coming year. Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 20 when all covenant partners will be encouraged to turn in pledge cards as part of our morning worship services. I invite and encourage each of you to consider your stewardship of time, talent and treasure as it relates to the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generosity ***and*** faithful support.

Don



Child Development Center News

Greetings from the Child Development Center! Autumn is in the air and the children are enjoying being outside and participating in lots of fall activities and making fall crafts.

In early November, the two older preschool classes will be hosting a Thanksgiving Feast for their parents and grandparents, complete with a smaller version of Indians and pilgrims! The children will be making "stone" soup and helping with other more traditional foods for the feast. Mrs. Sasha Hall, who is teaching art three mornings a week, is helping the children make their costumes and table decorations. This will be a fun event for the teachers, the children and their families.

Our Regional Specialist from the SC Childcare Licensing Agency was here last week for a technical visit and will return on November 8th to do our final inspection to complete Plan "B" of our licensing procedure. At that time she will inspect all of our CDC Staff records and all children's records. She will once again check our facility for any deficiencies and then when everything is approved we will receive our official SC Childcare state license! This is an exciting time as all of our hard work is finally paying off!

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out at the center in November, may do so by signing up at the receptionist desk at the Welcome Center. We are happy to have an extra set of hands and welcome your participation.

Thank you, again, for your vision to minister to our community through the Child Development Center here at First Presbyterian. It is exciting to be a part of this active ministry that is providing a safe, Christian environment where young children can learn and grow!

Beth

2017 Congregational Art Show

Got art?? Calling all interested (and willing!) artists in our congregation to participate in the First Presbyterian Art Show scheduled for January 2017. All media (watercolor, oil, photography, textiles, etc) and all ages are encouraged to submit original works. Prospectus/application available in the Welcome Center.

Deadline to sign up: January 2.
Opening Reception: January 11, 5:30-7:30 PM
Exhibit Dates: January 11– February 1

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**	**Nov. 8**	**10:00 AM**	**Room 104**
Knock Out Roses	**Monthly**	**Nov. 8**	**10:00 AM**	**Room 100**
Women of Grace	**Monthly**	**Nov. 10**	**6:30 PM**	**3002 Japonica Ln**
Posies & Petals	**Monthly**	**Nov. 8**	**10:00 AM**	**Presbyterian Community**
Bread & Fish	**Monthly**	**Nov. 12**	**9:00 AM**	**Call Jan Green**
Serenity	**Monthly**	**Nov. 8**	**3:00 PM**	**Lawson-Rain Chapel**
Prayer Warriors	**Monthly**	**Nov. 8**	**6:30 PM**	**Lawson-Rain Chapel**
Sonflowers	**Monthly**	**Nov. 8**	**10:00 AM**	**TBA**
Soul Sisters	**Monthly**	**Nov. 8**	**12:00 PM**	**Women's Only SS Room (Room 201)**

DUE November 20th: 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.

Family Movie Night

Wednesday, Dec. 7th
Dinner 5:15 PM
Movie 5:30 PM

We will enjoy a cookout and movie on the lawn. Bring your lawn chairs, beach chairs, and blankets and enjoy hotdogs & chips as we watch a family movie together (An alternate children's movie will be provided inside). Dinner will start at 5:15 and the movie will start promptly at 5:30. All children 5th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. Nursery provided for infants and toddlers.

Upcoming Wednesday Nights

November 30: Advent Handbell Concert
December 7: Family Movie Night
December 14: Living Nativity
December 21: Caroling

Wednesday Family Dinner

Nov. 2nd	Nov. 9th	Nov. 16th	Nov. 23rd	Nov. 30th
Team Leader *Jeremy Williams*	Team Leader *Shannon Watt*	Team Leader *Philip Baugh*	Happy Thanksgiving!	Team Leader *Mary Caroline Vaught*
Potato Bar Chicken Nuggets Slaw	*Chicken Pot Pie*	*Pork Loin/Pineapple Green Beans Brown Rice*	No Wednesday Night Activities	*Chili Salad Bar*

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

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

November Birthdays

01	Cathy Bazen
02	Marian Howard
02	Lalla Saleeby
02	Lisa Jernigan
02	Cameryn Brand
03	Wendy Paul
03	Sue Shin
03	Barron Ervin
03	Alan Thomas
03	Natalie Monjarrez
04	Margaret Baroody
04	Rhett Hughes
04	Wesley Snow
05	Carolyn Holland
05	Patrick Hunt
05	Henley Thompson
06	Stephen Christian
06	Delores Galloway
06	Rocky Pearce
06	Liam Brand
07	Nancy Moore
07	Emily Jackson
08	Billy Houck
08	Brandon Hylton
08	Landon Watkins
08	Susie McLellan
09	Ginny Casstevens
09	Ansley Sanderson
09	Cheryl DeGraw
09	Joe Blanton
10	Jane Matthews
10	Gresham Hindman
10	Ivan Morris
11	Janie Ray
11	Michael Hawkins
11	Wells McBride
12	Wes McCall
12	Mary Frances Moore
12	Pat Patton
13	Paul Welch
13	Joanna Refvem
14	Dave Banner
14	Paige Alexander
15	Fran Curtis
16	Jane Shurman
16	Brooke Alvey
16	Lisa Westmoreland
17	Doug Smith
17	Ella Rawlinson
18	Brian Kim
18	Margaret Baroody
18	Carrigan Spearman
18	Wesley Player
18	Clara Leach
20	Duncan Tyson
20	Rick Hoefer
21	Charlie Bazen
22	Rainey Josey
22	Sheila Cockfield
22	Hannah King
22	Curt Boswell
24	Maggie McNeil
24	Connie Stewart
24	Matthew Braswell
25	Alexis Morris
25	Ann Cash
25	Mary Ann Nash
25	Amy McKay
25	Kate Stokes
27	Walt Johnson
28	Anna Spivey
28	Tom Pantos
29	Maymie Lou Spearman
30	Ruth Montgomery
30	Macy Turner
30	Jane Slagle
30	Drew Knudsen
30	Chris Scott

Staff Birthdays
22 Sidney Ruff
25 Alexis Morris
27 Don Hebert

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

ZANE THOMAS MILES
BORN SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
SON OF ROBERT & SUSIE MILES

New Birth

Tuesday, November 1, 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, November 2, 2016
7:00 AM P3BC: Bazen's
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, November 3, 2016
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: LR

Friday, November 4, 2016
BUS: Youth

Saturday, November 5, 2016
6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health Parking Lot
9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Presbyterian Community

Sunday, November 6, 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
6:00 PM Youth P3DG

Monday, November 7, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm
7:00 PM CityWide Prayer Gathering: Effingham Pres.

Tuesday, November 8, 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:TBA
10:00 AM WiM: Knockout Roses:Room100
10:00 AM WiM: Morning Glories: Rm 104
10:00 AM WiM: Posies & Petals: Presbyterian Comm.
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, November 9, 2016
7:00 AM Jr/Sr Breakfast: Bazen's
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, November 10, 2016
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
11:30 AM CDC Thanksgiving Feast: FH
6:00 PM Track Club Banquet: CLC
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: LR
6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace: 3002 Japonica Ln

Friday, November 11, 2016

Saturday, November 12, 2016
6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health Parking Lot
9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Call Jan Green

Sunday, November 13, 2016
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
5:00 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal (6th graders)
5:30 PM MOVE Youth

Monday, November 14, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, November 15, 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 Just for Women's Ministries: CLC

Wednesday, November 16, 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, November 17, 2016
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
4:30 PM Impact Children's Theater: CLC
6:30 PM Community Bible Study: LR
BUS: Keenagers

Friday, November 18, 2016
5:00 PM Impact Children's Theater: CLC
BUS: Youth

Saturday, November 19, 2016
1:00 PM Impact Children's Theater: CLC

Sunday, November 20, 2016 **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
5:00 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal (6th graders)

Monday, November 21, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, November 22, 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
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble: Choir Rm
6:30 PM Board of Deacons: LR

Wednesday, November 23, 2016
No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, November 24, 2016 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 25, 2016
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Sunday, November 27, 2016 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC

Monday, November 28, 2016
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group
6:30 PM GriefShare Room 104
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Rm

Tuesday, November 29, 2016
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble: Choir Rm
7:00 PM Session: LR

Wednesday, November 30, 2016
5:00 PM Adult Handbells
5:30 PM Family Dinner: CLC
6:30 PM Handbell Concert: Sanctuary
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Youth Basketball League

Girls & Boys ages 6-17. Sign up NOW! All Practices are held at First Presbyterian Church in the CLC. All games are played at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Practices begin in November. Games will begin the week of November 28. $35 per player due before the first game. Sign up in the Welcome Center or on The City.

Teams
8 & Under
10 & Under
12 & Under
14 & Under
17 & Under

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
Jimmy Green
Steve Grady
Maggie Reece

Special Requests

Pam Hoogenboom

ELDERS
Bill Refvem
Alva Whitehead

DEACONS
Jan Green
Rob Hall

MISSIONARIES
David & Susan Rice
Roger & Joy Gulick

WOMEN IN MINISTRY
Jeannie Brodie
Ginger Owen

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
Gayden Taylor
Ryon & Lendi Watkins

STAFF
Stephanie Jones
Ron Echols

HOUSEHOLDS

- Mr. & Mrs. Doug and Elizabeth Stover
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy & Tiffany Straus, Andi Rae
- Mr. & Mrs. George & Bonnie Stuber
- Mrs. Ginger Sullivan
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Peggy Swearingen, Cory & Kyle
- Dr. & Mrs. Casey & Peggy Taylor
- Mrs. Joy Tedder
- Mr. & Mrs. Tallon & Meg Temple, John Wyatt & Stirling
- Mr. & Mrs. Alan & Julie Thomas
- Ms. Nancy Thompson
- Ms. Shawn Thompson

Honorariums

Jimmy, Nancy, Wit & Luke Poston

Memorials

Paul Allen
Herbert Ames
George Cruickshank
Susan Dusenbury
Donna Teague
Bob van Witzenburg

Sympathy

Family of Lillian Kunz
Berta Allen, Loss of son
Julian Price, Loss of sister
Carol Commander, Loss of mother

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.

Keenagers Luncheon

November 1st
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Music Ensemble

Come enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving Lunch lunch of turkey and dressing, vegetables and dessert.

Our program this month is a music ensemble performance so make plans to be there and 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, November 12th

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

Backpacking on the foothills trail is our November outing. Our scouts will also be tying balloons in the kids zone at the Pecan festival.

Parents of College Students

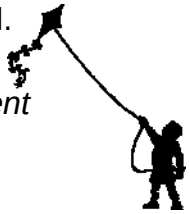
Please send your students' addresses to Laura Anne Hofler as soon as possible: lahofler@gmail.com. The Women in Ministry want to do something special for them

The Presbyterian Community Report

"The north wind shall blow and what shall we residents of the Presbyterian Community do?" Well we didn't need to do anything. Everything was done for us by our wonderful staff. We didn't miss a meal. The cottage residents are not on our generator system- they live just like town folks, and we were out of electricity for 16 hours. Clariann and I were back in our grandparents' days with candles and lamps and no TV- giving us full memories of their homes that had no electricity.

They moved our cars when the water got up halfway on the hub caps; our pond overflowed and no grass was seen on the front campus. We lost about 12 huge pine trees that didn't fall on any structures. As residents, we realize that at our age and where we live- we are blessed. We had special Sunday chapel giving thanks to God for watching over us. The sermon was on Joy. The point made was: that under all circumstances, look for the sunshine that is always above the stormy clouds.

Of course, Ineeda Mann had an episode. Many times, a resident would tell her to "Go fly a kite." She doesn't know what that statement means- she takes it literally. She has tried many times to fly a kite but never got it off the ground. Determined this time to try it in 45 mph winds, the kite took off and she went with it- landing 25 feet up on a tree limb. The fire department rescued her with a ladder. The first words she said were, "I hope Mark, Luke and John don't come after Matthew." Fellow residents took pity on her losing her kite, so we took up a collection and she bought a new kite at Dollar General.



-Tom Kellam, Foreign Correspondent

Kids @ 1st Children's Ministry

DATE	11:00 SERVICE
6 Nov	Jones, Stephen
13 Nov	Lewis
20 Nov	McBride
27 Nov	Naylor
4 Dec	Prince
11 Dec	Whitehead
18 Dec	Banner

Our Children in Worship ministry time is where children 3K– 1st grade can encounter God. Parents are needed at the 11:00 service. Please check to see where you are currently listed. If you change dates with someone, please let the office know OR change it online at the church website. If your child does not attend anymore and you wish for your name be removed from the list, also contact the office.

Parent's Morning Out Children's Gift Making Workshop

(Ages 3K– 5th grade)

Saturday, December 3rd

10am– 1pm

- **PLEASE register your child**/ children on the City or by calling the office. We want to have enough material without being wasteful.
- Lunch Provided

Shepherds are needed to move children from one craft station to another. Please let Alexis know if you are available.

Living Nativity Rehearsals

6TH GRADE ONLY

Sunday Nov. 13th at 5:00 pm
Sunday Nov. 20th at 5:00 pm
Sunday Dec. 4th at 4pm

ALL CHILDREN

Sunday Dec. 11th at 3:30pm Cast Only
4:00 pm Angel Choir

Sunday School Offering for November
Goes to Thornwell Children's home.
This ministry has been helping children and their families since 1875!

Help your child fill their turkey with quarters. Please turn in banks to the Sunday school rooms by November 27th.

Oh give Thanks to the Lord for he is Good. *Psalm 107:1*

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.

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.

Sponsor a Student 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
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27
9:45 - 10:45 am
Light breakfast served

MOVE
November 13
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Dinner provided
Bible study and games

P3DG
November 6
6:00 - 7:30 pm

P3BC on Wednesday
November 2
7:00 - 7:45 am
We meet for breakfast, devotion, and prayer

Senior/Junior Breakfast
November 9
7:00 - 7:45 am
Bazens Restaurant

412 on Wednesday
November 2, 9, 16, 30
6:00 - 7:30 pm

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2016 Fall Retreat
Our 2016 Fall Retreat will be Nov. 18th-20th. 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 multiple children going, the cost is $110/student.

City Wide Prayer
On November 7th, FPC youth will travel to Effingham Presbyterian Church to participate in the City Wide Prayer initiative. The event takes place at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for our youth to grow in their understanding and dependency on prayer. They will get to see youth and adults from other churches and denominations spend time in prayer for the church and community. Please contact Brock if your child can attend.

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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Sunday, November 6th

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