

The REMINDER

Growing UPWARD

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Growing INWARD

becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD

sharing the good news



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A Thought or Two Challenging You Toward Discipleship

Engage youth to sustain faith-filled lives

Our summer season is drawing to a close, and we have had some wonderful time watching God move among us. I hope you have had some times noticing God's work recently. Our summer started with a women's video-driven Bible Study on Hosea by Jennifer Rothschild. These women have watched the love the prophet Hosea had for his wife, Gomer, who was anything but faithful to him. There were about 30 to 40 women (Covenant Partners and guests) participating. Then, we sent off Bill and Jill Cain in good fashion as Joe McLean organized, with the help of our fellowship unit, a tribute and blessing luncheon. We are still very thankful for the Cain's presence with us.

Then Winshape Camp came to town and 150 children/youth from all over Florence descended on campus. The Lord used that time to draw our Florence community together and draw children into His Kingdom. Then Mission Camp and Fun in the Son and Vacation Bible School filled June and July. Each of these moments were opportunities for our young people to be challenged toward a life of discipleship with Jesus.

Two Sundays ago we had a special time in our sanctuary as our youth led us in worship. Cameryn Brand and Mary Catherine Rawlinson shared how the Lord had been at work in their lives. Haley Davis, Powers Rogers, Kate Stokes, and Seth Crawford all led us in different aspects of the service (and the praise team was made up of many young people). There was a poignant moment at the end of the service, where our officers came forward with our children and youth. The adults prayed for the young people so that the Lord would draw them to Him and they would love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

I shared with those assembled on "Youth Sunday" a statistical reality I want us to improve as a congregation. Statistically, 50 percent of children who grow up in a church walk away from the church/faith in the years that follow graduation from high school. Some of those return after a hiatus, but many never do!

There is other data that is encouraging that comes against that reality. It is observed that young people who have relationships with adults other than their parents during

those formative years are much more likely to stick with faith as they move into adulthood. Let it be said that parents have the most significant impact on the faith development of their children. Therefore, Alexis, Brock, and I want to encourage all of us to "adopt" one or two or three children from our congregation and build relationships with them. We want you to engage them in conversation regularly. Ask them about themselves. Celebrate their birthdays and significant moments in their lives. Pray for them and even with them. This will most likely change the course of eternity.

We will work to give you opportunities that give you a sense of who our young people are. They make up about a third of our congregation, which is a blessing in and of itself. And then we will work into the life of our congregation "connect moments" so that you will be able to build relationships with our children. God is working in the lives of our young people already and is calling us to love them in His name. Be challenged to a life of discipleship!

Chris

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On the Cover: More than a hundred children participated in Vacation Bible School the last week of July.

Park Avenue construction continues

The City of Florence is continuing the installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalks along the east side of Park Avenue. When completed, the project will connect Cherokee Road and Palmetto Street with sidewalks.

In the coming weeks, construction crews will begin the process of grading the area and setting forms in place for the pouring of concrete for the gutters and framing the sidewalks in front of First Presbyterian Church. As this project moves toward completion, it is important for our covenant partners who park in front of the church along Park Avenue on Sunday morning to be aware that on-street parking in front of the church along Park Avenue will no longer be available. We have plenty of on-campus parking and ample handicap accessible parking in the lot behind the Sanctuary adjacent to the Jenkins Fellowship Hall.

It is important to note that First Presbyterian Church will benefit from this improvement project in that it will address the longstanding drainage issues at our driveway entrances. As construction continues, please observe all signs in the area. Again, this is a City of Florence project and subject to their oversight and jurisdiction. Thanks for your cooperation. Also, please watch for more information regarding changes in parking regulations along Park Avenue and on campus in the coming weeks.

Facts & Figures

By now, all covenant partners should have received quarterly contribution statements reflecting individual giving through the first 6 months of 2018. In order to carry out the Ministry Action Plan set forth by our pastors, program staff and the various ministry units of the Session, we need to receive contributions of approximately \$31,400 per week. The chart below

Average Weekly Need	\$31,400
Year-to-Date Average Weekly Giving	\$27,972
Average Weekly Giving - Surplus/ (Deficit) - YTD	(\$3,428)
Total Ministry Action Plan Receipts Year to Date	\$839,165
Firm Foundation Receipts to Date	\$425,839



Construction continues for the sidewalk on Park Avenue in front the church.

shows a snapshot of our collective giving for the first six months of 2018. I also have included a line showing gifts received for our Firm Foundation Debt Retirement campaign.

As the chart shows, our average weekly giving is running below the average weekly amount needed. The good news is that we are current with our support of all of our missionaries and local benevolent agencies. Our pastors, program staff and other ministry leaders are doing a great job working within the constraints of the ministry action plan they developed for 2018. Additionally, we are making steady progress in paying off the remaining debt on our building.

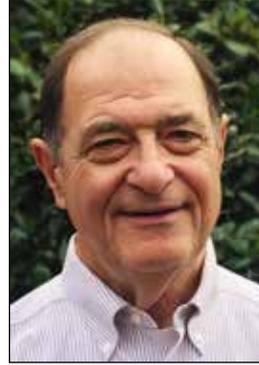
As you are making plans for end of summer trips and activities and are looking ahead to the fall and back-to-school, let me encourage you to include continued financial support of the ministries and mission of First Presbyterian Church in your plans. One way that you can do this is through online giving, which allows you to support the ministries of our church even when you are away. To learn more about the online giving option, visit our website www.florencefirst.org and click on the online giving link at the top right corner of the home page.

Christians are justified by faith

The two theological words that describe our journey in life with the Lord and Christ are justification and sanctification. Justification is the birth of our faith in the plan of God to redeem humanity. Through our repentance we begin to trust God. Justification is the beginning of our trust in Jesus as the Christ and Savior of all humanity. Justification becomes personal when we place our lives in our trust of God. Sanctification comes from the word Sanctus, which means to make holy. As we live our lives trusting God, following Jesus, and living in the Holy Spirit we become closer to the purpose of God.

In Galatians chapter 3, Paul makes a case for the doctrine called justification by faith. The father of nations, Abraham, is used as an example of a person who is justified by his faith rather than by his obedience. His is a delicate balance in the history of faith as spoken of in the Bible. What comes first in a person who wishes to be in right relationship (justified) with God: faith or obedience to God's will? According to Galatians, Abraham first trusted that God was real and had called him to follow God's will and direction. The Law that defined how a person was to obey God's will was not given until the life of Moses 800 years after Abraham. The Galatians had reversed the balance according to a false gospel Paul preached against: "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel (Galatians 1:6)."

The opponents of Paul in his missionary work to the Gentiles can be called Judaizers. These preachers wanted new converts to give allegiance to obeying the Jewish Law and obeying Christ. Paul believes that trusting in the work of Jesus Christ takes primary rule in a person's life and obeying the Law is a secondary way of obedience to God. Several scholars believe that God speaking in the Old Testament never intended for



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salvation to depend on the Law. The people who have changed the Christian faith over the centuries, including Paul, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Barth and Wright, see their revelations hardened into doctrine and rules causing the truth of justification by faith to be lost. It is important for modern Christians to push back from doctrine and find the true meaning of the revolutionary Word of God. The doctrine of the church needs to be evaluated by a person's own reading of Scripture. Paul understands that faith as a gift of God's Spirit in Christ comes before obedience to the Law: "The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard (Galatians 3:2)?"

The basic nature of God to love and call for obedience through the Gospel of justification by faith was active in Abraham: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you (Galatians 3:8).'" Scripture for Paul is the Old Testament. This is a radical statement to make in the first century as Christianity began. Paul changed the world. This Gospel of being put right with God is life-changing. We put our past behind us and move forward seeking to obey but knowing the love and forgiveness of God in Christ creates a new start each day. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and it is not your own doing; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)."



Worship Services

Worship Services: During August, there will be a couple guest preachers, including Jim Braswell, M. Div., and Rev. Dr. Cody Watson of Frontier Fellowship. On August 19, we will resume the two services: the 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service and the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.



Get involved in Music Ministry



Tuesdays

1:30 p.m. Ladies' Ensemble (Ladies of all ages)

4 p.m. Girls' Ensemble (Sixth grade and older)

Wednesdays

5 p.m. Chancel Handbell Choir

TBD Preschool Choir

TBD Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

If you're interested in joining the music ministry, please call Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music, at the church office, 843-662-2583.

WiM fellowship returns in September

I'm excited about WiM getting back together in September to fellowship; grow in the Lord together, getting to know new members, and serving the Lord together. Please take time and pray for the WiM.

Our aim is to strengthen our relationship with God and each other. Through prayer, Bible study, and fellowship, let us be nurtured and empowered to be His light to our families, our church, and in the world. I'm looking forward to spending time with all of you ladies and being able to serve you.

We are working on our directory, so if there have been any name, address, phone number, or email changes, please let Teresa know (tstewart@florencefirst.org). (We really want your cell phone number, if possible.)



And if your schedule has changed or you just want to try a different circle, just let me know. We have days and times to meet your needs.

Friends are always welcome, and it is our desire that all women would be a part of WiM at First Pres. If you would like to be a part, please let me know through text, email, or a phone call. Please, please come join us, there is a place for you.

Patricia Hubbs
zazoo@sc.rr.com
 843-230-5657

Flowers in the Sanctuary



Do you have a friend or relative you would like to honor? Sign up to place memorial flowers in the Sanctuary by contacting Genia Tyson (genia_tyson@hotmail.com or 843-665-0295) or Melba Whitesides (843-669-8209). Please leave your name, number, and date you wish to reserve.





Summer days a joy with themed camps at CDC

Greetings! We are experiencing the lazy, hazy days of summer here at the Child Development Center.

The past two months our preschool classes were transformed in to summer preschool-themed camps. The children and their teachers have enjoyed a more relaxed day “camping” experience. Some of our favorite camps were: “Don’t Bug Me” Camp, “Eric Carle” Camp, “Green Thumb Gardening” Camp, and “Ocean” Camp. The CDC Staff has appreciated the laid back summer schedule as a fun alternate to their normal, more structured preschool year. A highlight of our summer was Vacation Bible School held at First Presbyterian Church. Our teachers taught the same VBS material in our classrooms, as the church volunteers did for the other children. A good time was had by all! Hats off to Mrs. Alexis Morris, who coordinated it and graciously included our CDC children!



We celebrated Independence Day with our annual “CDC” Patriotic Parade on July 3. The children and staff arrived that morning in their red, white, and blue apparel. Some of the classes made patriotic hats to complete their outfits. It was steamy hot that day, so we lined up our parade of decorated tricycles and buggies in the CDC hallway, turned on our “John Philip Sousa Marches” and away we went! We were cheered on by the First Presbyterian Church Staff who stood outside of their office doors to wave and cheer us on. It was a short parade but certainly an enjoyable one.

Helping her were Mrs. Carol Fleenor and Mrs. Betsy Olsen. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work! It was amazing to see the “Robots on Parade” displayed in the hallway following the week long camp. Their main structure was made of recycled cardboard and a collage of other items for facial features, etc. This camp offered a variety of art experiences to encourage creativity and to help the young artists stretch their imaginations!

Our second annual, CDC-sponsored, “Art Smart” Camp, was a success in early July. Kudos to Mrs. Sasha Hall, our CDC Art Teacher and Camp Director.

As summer draws to an end, I hope you have made wonderful memories with the children in your life. It seems there is never enough time to do the things that matter the most.

Blessings,
Beth



August

BIRTHDAYS

August 1

Kendall Brand
Ella Naylor

August 2

Caden Bulliner
Michael Frost
Kathy Grace
Rhett Spencer Jr.
Wallace Vaught Jr.

August 4

Jane Ames
Casey Coker
Bob O'Harra

August 5

Rob Hall
Joseph Koenig
Amelia Page

August 6

Jake McKay
Jerry Neal

August 7

Tabatha Davis

August 8

Sandra Anderson
Rufus Bratton Jr.
Brittany Reames
Peggy Swearingen

August 9

Chris Canfield
Donna Crockett
Catherine Ervin
Lena Foxworth
Jennie O'Bryan
Mary Caroline Vaught

August 10

Caulder Christian
Lincoln Emert

August 11

Mary Everette Matthews
Amy Williams

August 12

Carol Crom
Marshall Campbell
Donna Green
Scott Ham

August 13

Sherrill Fussell
Andrew Halus

August 14

Ellen Fails
Anna Fast
Jim Moore
Taylor Knudsen

August 15

John Shurman
Tamara Hoefler
Mary Louise McIntyre

August 16

Janet Brand
Joey Hall

August 17

Henry Johnson
Frank Lee Jr.
Jay Reece
Emmett Straus
Brian Wallace

August 18

Evans Holland
Stuart Snow Sr.

August 19

Carson Munn

August 20

Charissa Canfield
Dan Hicks Sr.
Pam Hoogenboom
Betsy Johnson
Phil Moore
Jeff Singletary

August 21

Jon Draeger
Charlie Ervin
Mary Jane Holland
Gregg Jones III
Wit Poston

August 22

Catherine Canfield
Kent Caudle

August 23

Charlie Grace IV
Cindy Johnson

August 24

Martha Dusenbury
Brett Green
Sarah Ella Hardee
Ellen Grace Marechal
Porter Stewart

August 25

Lane Gilpin
Patti Hubbs
Ronnie Welch

August 26

Sallyann Frost
Andi Rae Straus
Phyllis Williams

August 27

Dakota Hawkins

August 28

Carolyn Caudle
Betsy Harris
Tom Kellam
Heather Taylor
Ryon Watkins

August 29

Rod Jernigan
Virginia Spencer

August 30

Tillman Johnson
Bill Refvem
Lyllian Scott

August 31

O'Neill Edwards





August Events



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 9:30 AM Summer Women's Bible Study (Book of Hosea)
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Summer Women's Bible Study (Book of Hosea)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community
- 12:00 PM Leadership Luncheon
- 7:00 PM College fellowship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM MOVE (Youth)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 6:00 PM Youth Small Groups
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:00 AM P3BC (Youth)
- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community
- 7:00 PM College Fellowship

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health Parking Lot

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM MOVE (Youth)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM WinShape Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:00 PM Called Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:00 AM P3BC (Youth)
- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM MOVE (Youth)



MONDAY, AUGUST 20

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 6:30 PM Boy Scout Court of Honor: CLC
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 4:00 PM East Florence Mission (Youth)
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacons

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 6:00 PM Fellowship of Teachers: JFH
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM MOVE (Youth)
- 5:30 PM Sixth-graders Pool Party

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

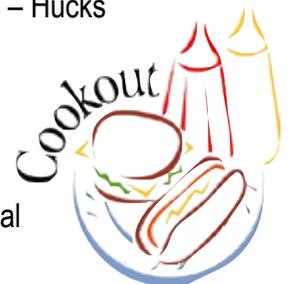
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Price Classroom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 10:00 AM JFW Prayer Meeting: JFH
- 4:00 PM East Florence Mission (Youth)
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 5:30 PM Church Cookout
- 6:00 PM Youth Small Groups
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal



THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- 7:00 AM P3BC (Youth)
- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community

God's Work in our Community



Parking Lot Mission

Started in 1994 to fill a community weekend need, the Parking Lot Mission in Florence begins with a devotional at 7 a.m. on Saturdays in the HopeHealth parking lot. Hot breakfast is served afterward with food donated from various churches, families, and people in Florence.

Additionally, individuals and groups distribute food, personal items, household goods, and clothing. Through weekly fellowship, connections help identify other life needs, including housing, employment, health, and spiritual.

God's Work Around the World

Cody Watson with Frontier Fellowship

The Rev. Dr. Cody Watson works as Associate Director with Frontier Fellowship, where he “spends the majority of his time focused on India, Nepal and Bangladesh. His ministry promotes the strategies of Disciple Making Movements and Oral Bible Storying, and he’s an advocate and instructor for the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course.” He and his wife, Talulah, live in Birmingham, Ala.

SAVE THE DATE: Rev. Dr. Cody Watson will be preaching Aug. 19 at First Presbyterian.



- Relief from the intense heat.

Prayer requests from Watson include:

- Rajesh (Church Planter Coach) who was hospitalized recently after being involved in a bus accident near Varanasi.
- Subhas, Sara, and Lydia, who were arrested following a church service, which was raided by police. The home church is closed now. They were released from jail but the court case is pending. They are being persecuted for their faith and have been hiding in a friend’s guest house. Their children have had to change schools and their house is for sale. The women’s ministry is also affected because Sara is in charge of it. They need some financial support for renting a house.

Watson shares some good news: in the last week of May over 689 full-time workers from New Life Mission Church and other ministries handed out over 1,348,954 Gospel tracts. Over 282,434 have responded and want to learn more about Jesus. They expect to have 2,000 baptisms this fall.

Frontier Fellowship is “deeply rooted in our rich legacy and continuing to look toward the frontier where the Good News of Jesus has yet to find expression.” For more information, visit frontierfellowship.com/our-story/.

Remember in Prayer

Extended Care

Heritage Home
Malcolm Rogers

Heritage at Lowman
Mac King

Homebound
Linda Foxworth
Pam Hoogenboom
George Richardson

Methodist Manor
Marie Jordan

Pee Dee Gardens
Joy Tedder

Presbyterian Community
Hannah Barringer
Ann Cash
Lois Jinks
Aaron Leland

Sympathy

Family of Delores Galloway
Kathy Griffin, loss of her father
Family of Elizabeth Stover
Bonnie Stuber, loss of her mother
Nigel Watt, loss of his brother

Households

Nancy Harwell
Bobby and Judy Henegar
Chris and Margaret Hobson
Rick and Tamara Hoefer
Jack and Laura Anne Hofler, John, Ford, Hayes
Evans and Mary Jane Holland
Mike and Jean Lavespere, Bern, Brooks
Cathy Lee, Margaret, RJ

Expecting Families

Derek and Melanie Hemmingsen

Memorials

Paul Barnes
Delores Galloway
Dickie Hursey
Dale Rowe Nunn
Julian Price
Elizabeth Stover
Richard Watt

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Sick & Recovering

Madeline Brice
Jack Cagle
Chuck Dennis
Grace DuBose
Linda Foxworth
Brandon Frost
Tag Gandy
Dora Hewitt
Carolyn Holland
Billy Houck
Rainey Josey
Robert Miles
Joan Beth Page
Mike Page
Mary Catherine Rawlinson
Lyllian Scott
Orien (Butch) Turner
Martha Tyson

Elders

Eddie McRae
Whit Player

Deacons

Susan Snow
Ryon Watkins

Mission

Frontier Fellowship

Women in Ministry

Patti Hubbs
Jessica Sanyi

Sunday School Teachers

Sasha Hall
Bill Revfem

Staff

Ron Echols
Sidney Ruff
Pastor Nominating Committee



Backpacking Scouts return from Wyoming

Twenty Scouts and leaders just returned from their Wyoming backpacking trip lead by Hunter Morgan.

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout, Campbell Frost. His Eagle project involved raising funds, purchasing, and installing new items for the McLeod Children's hospital recreation room.

Monday night Scout meetings start back on August 20 for interested sixth- through 12th-graders.



Volunteer CORNER

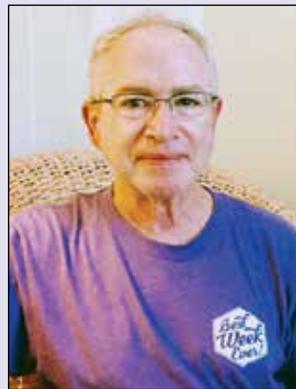
RONNIE WELCH

What are your favorite books? Biblically, the Psalms and Matthew, also books by Pat Conroy, Lee Child, and Grisham.

What is one spiritual tradition you have in your life or family? We have always attended the Christmas Eve service, even when we took a "leave" from First Pres and were involved in music ministries elsewhere in Florence.

Tell us about your family: My parents are deceased, my brother and sister live here and my oldest son, Aaron, lives here with his wife, Chrissy, and our granddaughter, Miriam. My youngest son, Shafer, lives in Snowmass, Colorado, with his wife, Ali. My wife, Frances, and I have been married for 43 years.

What do you like to do in your free time? Since I'm retired, I have plenty of free time and enjoy walking each morning, riding my bike, yard work, and fishing on the river. I used to play tennis at least three times a week. Recently, tried fly fishing in Colorado. Hooking a big rainbow trout is addictive, just ask my fish guide son in Colorado.



How do you see God moving at First Pres?

First Pres has consistently provided opportunity for me to grow in my faith. I have served as an elder, Sunday School teacher, the music ministry, and now get to volunteer with the church and work with the Good News Club. A group of elders/members at First Pres were very involved with my Christian mentoring when I was a new believer. First Pres, in my opinion, carries the gospel message outside the doors of the building and into the community. The structural resources are continually used by others to strengthen the body of Christ and give a place to meet for Christian development. It's amazing to see God's work in the church and the sustainability of the church's mission: Growing Upward, Growing Inward, and Growing Outward.

Ronnie Welch and his wife, Frances, joined First Presbyterian Church in 1975. He's been a volunteer for a year with the church office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School was held the last week in July and a hundred children attended. The theme, Friend of Jesus, focused on Jesus calling us to be his friend and his disciples, John 15:35.



Join us at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 29 for our church cookout. There'll be inflatables, games, face-painting, great fellowship, and good food. Everyone's welcome to invite a friend, and anyone can showcase his or her talent. Contact the church office to register.

SAVE THE DATE: The sixth-grade pool party and potluck will be held at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the home of Kathy and Allen Griffin.





Church News

Good News Club seeks donations, volunteers

From the bottom of our hearts, the Royall family “Thanks You” for reaching out and caring for our students during the 2017-18 school year. You wrapped your loving arms around our students by providing filled book bags, school supplies, and wonderful volunteers and leaders of “The Good News Club.” The ripple effect of local mission work touched many lives throughout the Florence community. Your generosity and kindness was greatly appreciated.

Back to School is upon us for the 2018-19 year. School supplies and book bags are again needed. Volunteers for “Good News Club” also are needed. Please pick up a supply list from the Welcome Center or give Alexis your name to volunteer on Thursday afternoons for an hour. Working with the students will be a blessing for you as well as them. Your love and support brings smiles to children.

Conference for men to be held

A community-wide men’s conference Back 2 Basics will be held on August 24-25 at Calvary Baptist and is open to all denominations. The goal of the conference is for God to be glorified and for men to be challenged to practice the basics of the Christian faith.

The conference is for all men and male students entering high school. Register at www.calvarycares.com/back2basics-registration/. Cost is \$10.

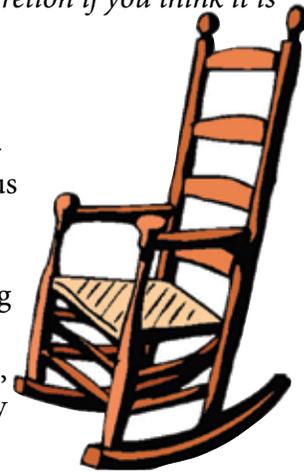
Jobs for Life CORE training opportunity

To combat poverty and unemployment at the local level, the Jobs for Life Florence network offers a deeper model that is always looking for Employer Partners, Community Partners, Students, and Church Partnerships to be a part of the growing network. There is a Jobs for Life CORE training opportunity on Sept. 28 and 29 in Florence. To register, visit www.jobsforlife.org/events.

Reminiscing with Rockin’ Rollers

T Editor’s note: Many readers of this publication question Kellam’s truthfulness in the article. The editor leaves it to your discretion if you think it is fake news.

June was a great month, as all months are, here at the Presbyterian Community. Our campus is full of bird houses and bird feeders. We enjoy watching them catch each other in spring and April, build their nest in May, hatch their babies in June, spread their wings and fly away from their nest forever.



THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY REPORT

We relive a lot of these memories sitting on our front porch, 12 rocking chairs. We call ourselves the Rockin’ Rollers. (We rock and then roll our walkers back to our rooms.)

I had an interesting special experience rocking and rolling next to Ineeda on the porch. A recent handsome widower has just arrived. Ineeda called him over and said, “You look just like my third husband.” He asked, “How many times have you been married?” She said two times. He took off at his top speed.

Ineeda also shared with me about her first marriage. She described their wedding and showed me a picture of them at their altar. She had a ball cap on backwards, pigtails tied under her chin, a wedding dress made from Red Band flour sack, a kudzu corsage and Brogans with white socks. Her dad gave her away and he looked good beside her with his bib overalls and a shotgun in his hand. Ineeda was disappointed when our administrator told her she had to take it off her door and save it for Halloween.

Till next month, keep rocking and rolling.

– Tom Kellam, Foreign Correspondent

First Pres Youth P3

The high school and middle school ministry of First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School

August 19, 26
10 - 10:55 a.m.

MOVE

August 5, 12, 19, 26
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

East Florence Mission

August 21, 28
4 - 4:45 p.m.

P3BC on Thursday

August 9, 16, 30
7 - 7:45 a.m.
We meet for breakfast,
devotion, and prayer.

Youth small groups

August 8, 29
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner and Bible study



Dodgeball Tournament

We will play in the Florence Area Dodgeball Tournament from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, August 19. The tournament will be held at Central UMC.

Back to School Bash

On Sunday, August 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., we will participate in a Back to School Bash hosted at St. John's Church. There will be food, "Crud Day" activities, and biblical teaching. Please try to join us and bring a friend.

Tentative Deep Sea Fishing Excursion

We are tentatively planning a deep sea fishing trip the week of August 6. Stay tuned for more details.

Help4Kids Florence Food Drive

The youth will help collect donations for Help4Kids Florence on Saturday, August 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The collection site is the KJ's on Ebenezer Road. Meet at KJ's at 9:45 a.m.





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