

The REMINDER

Growing UPWARD
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD
sharing the good news



OCTOBER 2019

Remember to whom you belong

Dear friends,

When Abraham left Ur of the Chaldeans, he left behind what was familiar so that he could go to the land that God would show him (Genesis 12:1). A sense of God’s providential hand guided him, even though it seems the call was “light on the details.” If Abraham had tried to work out everything and figure out the entire journey before he began, he would have been anxious, impatient, and he never would have entered the Promised Land. He would not have been the father of our faith. Instead, he went not knowing the route, but knowing to whom he belonged.

Being a disciple of Jesus is – and always has been – a question of identity. God looks at us through those baptismal waters of forgiveness and tells us who we are: “You are my child whom I love.” This is the starting point. And this is how we live whether in times of abundance or times of testing: remembering that we are made new in Jesus.

Whenever our paths take a turn ... we are open to what new thing God is doing in our life because we are secure in Him.

When the New Testament speaks of discipleship; it is never frantic about “numbers,” or seeking our own way – it speaks about continually living into that new identity of who we are in Christ (Ephesians 4-5). That is when we follow in the footsteps of our father Abraham. And whenever our path takes a turn – like thanking God for Alexis’ ministry among us, or celebrating an installation – we are open to what new thing God is doing in our life because we are secure in Him. The problem is that in our busyness and brokenness, it is easy to forget who we are and slip back into our patterns of pain. In the next sermon series, we will explore how the path of being a disciple of Jesus is rooted in our True Identity as Children of God as we follow our call.

On a related note, the Evans are still looking to the Lord to see how our family’s path will unfold in the coming months. It seems that we will close on a house in mid-October, and then do some renovations before we move in November. We are still lifting up Mary Lee’s mom, Peggy (Corbin Scheu) during her chemo. Phase #1 of her treatment is winding down, and then the second and final series with a different chemotherapy treatment will begin. Thank you for your concern and prayers.

Even though our transition is still unfolding, we are thankful for being on this journey. Our hearts are full.

Peace,
Darryl

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ON THE COVER
Dr. Darryl Evans was installed as the 16th Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 15. The red garments worn during the service represent the Holy Spirit.

A Thought or Two Challenging You Toward Discipleship

Thank you, Alexis, for your ministry

What a joy it has been for us over the last almost 10 years to be blessed by the faithful service of Alexis Morris. She has indeed faithfully given herself to her call to minister to the children of First Presbyterian! Oblige me as I reflect on Alexis and her years of ministry with us!

God works in mysterious ways because we were searching for someone to fill our vacant children's ministry director position and "it just so happened" that Susan Jenkins (our former lead pastor's wife) knew Alexis at Royall. Alexis was serving as a teacher's aide at the time. Conversations happened and that led to Alexis' interview and her history with us began.

She has led at least 8 confirmation retreats taking our sixth-graders on an adventure to Look Up Lodge in the Upstate to prepare 125 confirmands to make their profession of faith. This event was the climax of the confirmand season as she had recruited and partnered mentors with confirmands for a season of life on life ministry. This season always ended with the Confirmand Banquet when these children make their profession of faith. Every family that has had a child come through this season knows this is one of the most special events in the life of our church.

She has organized our "Children in Worship" ministry on Sundays and our children's Sunday School team for these years, making sure



From left: Susan Snow, Jayne Boswell, Chris Handley, and Alexis Morris pose during the 2019 ECO National Conference in Colorado.

they had training and curriculum to teach and "preach" the Word. She has done the same on Wednesdays. And on countless occasions she had stepped into teach when a teacher had to be absent on short notice.

Her heart for ministry is seen in how she organized an annual fourth- and fifth-grader lock-in that mingled lots of fun with opportunities for service. Our Kids Mission Camp was her brainchild, where she recruited several other area churches to come together to take our children into different ministry opportunities and pack thousands of meals for hungry people in our community. She also began a Racial Bridging event called Time2PEEP that meets on occasional Sunday

afternoons. Our children meet during this time with the racially diverse congregation of The Assembly church and enjoy fellowship and meals together.

There is not enough space to mention all of the energy and intellect she spent on these years of ministry. Alexis means "defender of the world" or "helper," and our Alexis has defended our children's hearts' relentlessly. Her heart has been to bring children the gospel. And she has indeed. Thank you, Alexis, for sharing your heart for the Lord with us and challenging us all to a deeper life of discipleship to Him!

Chris

Email scam targets worshippers

Technology has many benefits, unfortunately there are those who have chosen to use, or misuse it, for illegal activities. Recently, several of our covenant partners received an email that appeared to be from our pastor. It was not. **It was a scam. First Presbyterian Church and our staff will never ask you, by email or telephone, to purchase gift cards or to provide your personal financial information.** The “gift card scam” is elaborate and has been around for a while. I want to share additional information regarding this scam and what you can do if you or someone you know is victimized by it or similar scams. The information comes from the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information website (www.consumer.ftc.gov):

“We’re seeing a new spin on gift card scams. This time, scammers are pretending to be a pastor, rabbi, priest, imam, or bishop. They’re asking worshippers for gift card contributions for a worthy cause. Appeals are often made by email, but we’ve heard people are also getting texts and phone calls, too.

The bogus emails often include the name of the local pastor and a legitimate looking email address. But a closer look should raise some red flags. For example:

- 1 - the email address isn’t the one normally used by the church.**
- 2 - The message may begin with a simple “Hi,” but doesn’t include a recipient’s name.**
- 3 - There may also be spelling errors, including the pastor’s name.**

The impostor asks you to buy a popular gift card — frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon — and then asks for the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once that’s done, the scammer and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

If you or someone you know paid a scammer with a gift card, report it as soon as possible. Call the card company and tell them the gift card was used in a scam. Here is contact information for some of the gift card companies that scammers use most often. Then, tell the FTC about it at ftc.gov/complaint. Your reports may help law

enforcement agencies launch investigations that could stop imposters and other fraudsters in their tracks.” (Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC) (<https://bit.ly/2muAdou>)

NOTE: If you receive an email like the one described above, simply delete it. Replying to the email lets the scammer know that the email address is valid and you will begin receiving additional email scams. Don’t be a victim!

Stewardship Season

October and November are the months that our staff and leadership begin the budget planning process for the coming year. It is also the time that we emphasize stewardship and generosity regarding our annual Ministry Action Plan. Tithing provides a regular reminder of your dependence on God. In good times, tithing helps you remember that God is the source of all blessings, and it allows you to demonstrate your gratitude for His care. In hard times, tithing motivates you to remember God’s faithfulness, and it enables you to demonstrate trust in God to provide for all of your needs. Please begin to prepare your hearts and minds as to how you will respond to God’s faithfulness and blessings as we move into our stewardship season.

Quarterly Contribution Statements

In the coming weeks, covenant partners will receive quarterly contribution statements for 2019 (July-September)). Your contribution statements are intended to serve as a reminder of the commitment to faithfully support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Gwen DuRant, 843-662-2583 or email gduyant@florencefirst.org. Thank you for your faithful support, both financially and with your time and talent, of First Presbyterian Church.



Spiritual people and spiritual gifts

The three chapters of I Corinthians that deal with worship and Christian living are written in response to the concerns expressed in the Corinthian letter to Paul. Chapters 12 and 13 provide the foundation for the behavior at worship outlined in Chapter 14. These chapters are some of the most important and beautifully written in Paul's letters.

Paul is seeking to bring the disorderly and self-centered worship behavior of the Corinthians under control so that the entire body of believers might be strengthened. Paul's responses to the Corinthian letter are prefaced by the term "now concerning." "Now concerning spiritual gifts" begins Chapter 12. A distinction needs to be made between "spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1)" and "gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4)." Spiritual gifts could be translated as spiritual persons. A translation interpreter must make the distinction between spiritual gifts, things, or persons (pneumatika) and gifts (charismata). I have met people who would not claim to believe Jesus is the Messiah and Son of the LORD God, but who would claim to be a spiritual person. I usually assume they mean they have a good knowledge of other religions and are seeking to be an ethical person. These are the kind of people Paul is speaking of as cultural spiritual people, as a Buddhist priest is spiritual. The Corinthians could be those who considered Jesus as a great teacher, but did not consider him to be the Son of the Living God. To follow Jesus is to believe Jesus is the Messiah and Son of the Living God and to have the Holy Spirit of God lead one's life.

In 1 Corinthians 12:4, Paul uses gifts for the first time and is a translation of charismata. Paul says, "I do not want you to be uninformed (1 Corinthians 12:1)," which means the gift used in worship is not to



REV. MIKE FLEENOR'S BLOG

<https://onepastorsponderings.wordpress.com/>

build up the speaker but to build up the community of faith. There is a danger to skip over the importance of Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 12:2: "You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak." The better translation for pagan is Gentile. The Corinthians are no longer idol-worshipping Greeks but are engrafted into the people of God. Paul develops this idea more completely in Romans, but his intentions are to put together in the LORD'S plan both Gentiles and Jews who believe the promised Jewish Messiah or Christ is Jesus of Nazareth. What is spiritual in modern culture covers a wide range of beliefs. Paul desires to convince his listeners that only the Holy Spirit can convict a person to confess: "Jesus is Lord." This simple confession remains to this day the criterion which separates the work of the Holy Spirit from the work of deceiving spirits. When a person confesses "Jesus is Lord" then we must understand the meaning of Lord as Jesus is the Messiah or in the Greek language, Christ. To say Jesus is Lord is to confess Jesus is the Messiah or Christ. In a dysfunctional world in which women and men consider themselves autonomous and powerful without regard to the Lordship of Jesus Christ; the church calls forth respect for the LORD, the Christ, and all humans as creatures of God. "Jesus is Lord" is the unifying statement for all Christians who live in the Spirit.



GriefShare meets weekly from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 104. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.



Women in Ministry Monthly Groups

Women in Ministry's aim is to strengthen our relationship with God and build each other up in the body of Christ.

If you are not involved in a circle, please, join in for Christian fellowship and Bible study. We have a place for you!



Bread and Fish	October 12	9 a.m.	Call Jan Green
Joyful Hearts	October 8	10 a.m.	Room 100
Morning Mercies	October 14	10:30 a.m.	Pilgrim Class
Posies and Petals	October 8	10 a.m.	Lawson-Rain Chapel
Prayer Warriors	October 8	6:30 p.m.	Lawson-Rain Chapel
SonFlowers	October 8	10 a.m.	2056 Wren Creek Court
Soul Sisters	October 8	noon	Price Classroom
Serenity	October 8	3 p.m.	Lawson-Rain Chapel
Women of Grace	October 14	6:30 p.m.	3002 Japonica Lane
Women of Valor	October 9	6:30 p.m.	Room 202

Family Night Dinners

Family Night Dinners are held at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the school year. Dinner is \$5 per person, and families cap at \$20. Following the meal, at 6:30 p.m., activities are available for all ages.

- For October, the planned* meals are:
- October 2: Hot dogs and corn dogs with baked beans, chips, slaw and banana pudding
- October 9: Baked chicken, green beans, carrots, biscuits and dessert
- October 16: Chicken fajitas and dessert
- October 23: Pancake dinner

*Menus are subject to change.



EURASIA TRIO

Eurasia Trio will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, in the Sanctuary. Eurasia Trio is: violinist Dr. Qiao Chen Solomon (China), cellist Dr. Martin Gueorguiev (Bulgaria), and pianist Dr. Paolo Gualdi (Italy). Join us for an evening of moving music with this incredibly talented trio.

Gualdi said the most interesting piece in the program is probably the seldom-performed Clara Schumann's Trio in G minor, Op. 17. This year is the 200th celebration of her birth. Clara was the wife of the famous Romantic composer Robert Schumann, and she was a very famous pianist at the time, managing a career as performer, composer and mother of eight children. It not only is a special occasion to hear this rarely presented work, but also interesting to hear such a masterwork from a woman composer whose career was curtailed because of her family responsibilities. "It's a wonderful opportunity to have them at our church for our community," said Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music.



QIAO CHEN SOLOMON, VIOLIN
MARTIN GUEORGUIEV, CELLO
PAOLO ANDRÉ GUALDI, PIANO

GET INVOLVED IN MUSIC MINISTRY

MONDAYS

In October, Director of Music Ann Rodgers Chandler will have piano classes for children in first through fifth grade at 4 p.m. on Mondays starting October 7. Contact her at 843-662-2583.

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
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



If you're interested in joining the music ministry, contact Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music, at 843-662-2583 or achandler@florencefirst.org.

Fun in learning



A new batch of 4-year-olds planted some winter veggies, mums, and herbs in mid-September. Let the fun begin!

The preschool children enjoyed seeing a fire truck and meeting some area fireman during our preschool theme, "Community Helpers." The children were intrigued by the fire truck and enjoyed getting inside to take a closer look!





October

BIRTHDAYS


October 1

Tiffany Straus

October 2Sarah Dozier
Harriett Hindman
Thatcher Jordan**October 3**Theresa Garris
Parker Roycroft
James Whitehead**October 4**Kohl Duncan
Kayley Green
Wendell Jones
Caden McKay
Marlene Pantos
Diane Rouse
Rosanne Saunders**October 5**Stan Lehmans
Shand Josey
Brock Page
Jake Stokes**October 6**Ralph Bratcher
Lane Dowdell
Hugh Ervin
Erin Johnson
Anna Lee Rhea**October 7**Lana Lehmans
Alex Lewis
Will Lewis
Billy Patrick**October 8**

Bruce Hubbs

October 9Ann Collins Josey
Barb Rosenlund
Charlotte Tuttle**October 10**

Patricia Fast

October 11Laura Anne Hofler
Tena Rabon
David Spivey
Bill Truman
Ruth Watts**October 12**Rod Arnold
Bryon Frost
Barbara Green
Carson Harwell**October 13**Grace Bostwick
Vica Fuller
Lydia King
Michael Pullmann**October 14**Bradford Campbell
Justin Green
Danny Jones
Lucas Morgan
Nancy Poston
Bob Silver
Casey Taylor**October 15**Jan Bays
Carey Hindman
Pat Tuttle**October 16**John Hofler
Henry Rose**October 18**Christy Douglas
David Frost
Anna Grace Hubbs
Bailey Hylton
Charley Hylton
Frances Jones
Chris Williams**October 19**Katherine Ryan
Alison Thompson
Cooper Wallace**October 20**Hank Henderson
Leonard Hoogenboom
Edith Hicks
Christina Stewart**October 22**James Genoble
Richard Granger
Elizabeth Lee
Myrna Simmonds
Sarah Wheeler**October 23**

Yong Shin

October 24

John Harrell

October 25Quincy Kennedy
Bob McLean
Zane Morris
John Pennstrom
Mona Zakhour**October 26**

Jay McLaurin

October 27Jeannie Brodie
Caleb King
Richard Shurman
Stephen Thompson**October 28**Travis Copeland
Julie Thomas**October 29**Jayne Boswell
RJ Lee**October 30**Teresa James
Christopher Warner**October 31**Randi Ryan
Anna Shurman
Hugh Whitehead
Eliza Wilhoit



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 9:30 AM WiM Coordinating Team Meeting: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 11:00 AM Bible Moderators Meeting: Pilgrim
- 12:00 PM JFW Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM Keenagers: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 4:00 PM East Florence Mission (Youth)
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:00 PM Men's Choral Society Rehearsal: JFH
- 7:30 PM Eurasia Trio concert: Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM Family Night Dinner: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Wednesday night programs
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM 412 (Youth Program)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community
- 9:30 AM Women's Small Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 Communion Sunday

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 12:45 PM Discipleship Coaching: Discovery Class
- 5:15 PM Stretch Your Faith: JFH
- 6:00 PM Jobs for Life: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Room 104
- 6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace: 3002 Japonica Lane
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting: Scout Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast: JFH
- 9:15 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 10:00 AM WiM Posies & Petals: Lawson-Rain
- 10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Room 100
- 10:00 AM SonFlowers: 2058 Wren Creek Court
- 12:00 PM JFW Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Class
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: Lawson-Rain
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:30 PM WiM Prayer Warriors: Lawson-Rain
- 7:00 PM Men's Choral Society Rehearsal



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM Family Night Dinner: JFH
- 6:30 PM Wednesday night programs
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM WiM Women of Valor: Room 202
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community
- 9:30 AM Women's Small Group

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: HopeHealth parking lot
- 9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Call Jan Green

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 10:30 AM WiM Morning Mercies: Pilgrim
- 12:45 PM Discipleship Coaching: Discovery Class
- 5:15 PM Stretch Your Faith: JFH
- 6:00 PM Jobs for Life: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Room 104
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting: Scout Room

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 12:00 PM JFW Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacons: Pilgrim
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:00 PM Men's Choral Society Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM Family Night Dinner: JFH
- 6:30 PM Wednesday night programs
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 10:00 AM Aglow International: Lawson-Rain
- 3:00 PM Brenda Ham Caudle Memorial Service: JFH
- 4:00 PM Respite Night: CLC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 12:45 PM Discipleship Coaching: Discovery Class
- 5:15 PM Stretch Your Faith: JFH
- 6:00 PM Jobs for Life: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Room 104
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting: Scout Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 12:00 PM JFW Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:30 PM Session: Pilgrim
- 7:00 PM Men's Choral Society Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM Family Night Dinner: JFH
- 6:30 PM Wednesday night programs
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 4:00 PM Presbytery Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7:30 AM Presbytery Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Presbytery Meeting, Worship, Speaker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 Reformation Sunday

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship with Kirkin' O' the Tartans
- 4:30 PM Volleyball
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 12:45 PM Discipleship Coaching: Discovery Class
- 5:15 PM Stretch Your Faith: JFH
- 6:00 PM Jobs for Life: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Room 104
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting: Scout Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 12:00 PM JFW Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:00 PM Men's Choral Society Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM Family Night Dinner: JFH
- 6:30 PM Wednesday night programs
- 6:45 PM Children's Trick-or-Treating
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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



Remember in Prayer

Extended Care

Heritage at Lowman

Mac King

Heritage

George Richardson

Methodist Manor

Madeline Brice

Joyce Floyd

Marie Jordan

Presbyterian Community

Hannah Barringer

Ann Cash

Aaron Leland

Tom and Clariann Kellam

Sympathy

Bob and Betsy Olsen, loss of their son

Households

Berta Allen

Joyce Floyd

Helen Foster

Steve and Robin Halus, Andrew, Jack and Paulina

Jon and Erin Lewis, Stone, Will and Alex

Brandon and Brittany Matthews

Erik and Laura Marechal

Clara Maxwell

Expectant Families

Steven and Caroline Toniolo

James and Erin Johnson

Landis and Hannah Lane

Baptisms

James Whittington Dozier

Mary Tiller Rabon

Hunter Scott

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER



Sick & Recovering

Berta Allen

Thom Anderson

Jonathan Bankhead

Madeline Brice

Jack Cagle

Barbara Covington

Chuck Dennis

Theresa Echols

Brandon Frost

Kit Fulmer

Tom Gasque

Jimmy Green

Carolyn Holland

Rainey Josey

Adele Kassab

Tom Kellam

Jim Moore

Ginger Owen

Mike Page

Peggy Corbin Scheu

Elders

Janet Brand

Susan Snow

Deacons

Danny Jones

Chuck Dennis

Mission

FCA

Tim and Annette Gulick

Women in Ministry

Genia Tyson

Mary Kirkpatrick

Sunday School Teachers

Emily Jordan

Karen Jordan

Staff

Don Hebert

Mike Fleenor

God's Work in our Community

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives ... one heart at a time.



**FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN
ATHLETES**

Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sport to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on

servicing local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel.

God's Work Around the World

Tim and Annette Gulick

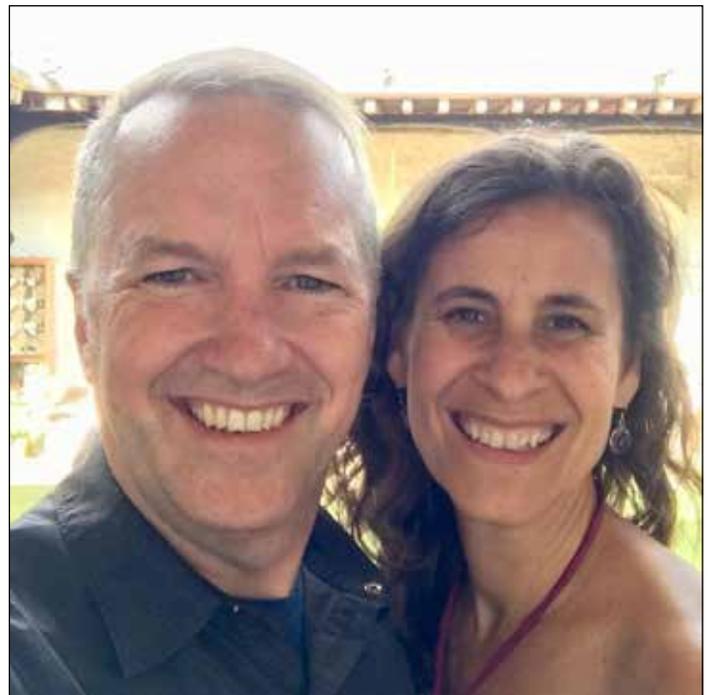
After working as the summer youth interns at First Presbyterian Church in the 1990s and finishing seminary, Tim and Annette Gulick joined the mission organization, One Challenge International. Since 1996, Annette and Tim have focused on providing youth ministry training and materials.

The Spanish-language website they started 20 years ago — www.ParaLideres.org — currently has free youth ministry resources. On average, 10,000 people a day use that website.

Their most recent trip was to Mexico. On this trip they worked in four locations in Mexico, including Chiapas, a southern state that borders Guatemala. "Overall it was great to reconnect with Mexico. After living there for 10 years (1996-2006), this was the first time we spent a good chunk of time there and reconnected with the people, the culture, and our colleagues."

Mexico by bullet points:

- Days spent in Mexico: 23
- Seminars and conferences: 4
- Total hours of training: 84
- People trained: 163
- Former students and staff from Youth Ministry Institute visited: 3
- Mexican colleagues we had a chance to host: 9



Practical prayer needs for missionaries include:

- Well-being (health, safety, and encouragement) of all family members (Psalm 5:11)
- Strong personal walk with God (Deuteronomy 10:12)
- Ability to speak accurately and boldly (Colossians 4:3-4)
- Strength in the "inner man"; hearts to be encouraged and strengthened (Ephesians 3:16)



Church News

Keenagers kicks off with October luncheon

Keenagers will begin its season with a noon lunch on Tuesday, October 1, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Please join us in what's sure to be a memorable occasion that will also fill your heart and soul.

Dominoes to be taught after Keenagers

Dominoes will be taught and played after the Keenager meeting for anyone interested. We will play Chicken Foot or Mexican Train, majority rules. Jan Green will lead the game. We hope to have enough interest to make this an ongoing activity!

Compassion Committee seeks volunteers

Women in Ministry (WiM) is seeking volunteers to assist in serving the needs of covenant partners during the death of immediate family members. If you are interested in helping provide food for families who have suffered a loss please contact the committee coordinators: Pam Morgan (pmorgan7310@gmail.com, 843-229-3507) or Maddelle Christian (madbryce@hotmail.com, 843-992-8153).

Family Promise starting back this month

Family Promise will start back October 6-13 at Florence Presbyterian Church! Its mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community- and church-based response. Contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com, or George Beshere, gabflosc@aol.com, for more information and to volunteer.

Stretch Your Faith class for all levels

Stretch Your Faith fitness class for all levels begins at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays in the fellowship hall. There is no fee for this class, and it is open to the community.

Session approves Columbarium

At the September meeting, the Session approved the construction of the Columbarium Memory Garden at First Presbyterian Church.

For the past 20 years, many Covenant Partners have given much thought, prayer and planning to finally bring to reality a columbarium at First Presbyterian Church.

The Columbarium Memory Garden offers our covenant partners a beautiful, convenient and affordable option for end-of-life planning.

The Columbarium Memory Garden will be located on the north side of the sanctuary and will provide 80 double niches arranged in 2 modules around a central In Memoriam panel. The In Memoriam panel provides a means for Covenant Partners to memorialize members of their family who have been laid to rest elsewhere.

Construction will begin before the end of this year and should be completed by March 2020.

Contact Don Hebert, dhebert@florencefirst.org or 843-662-2583, for additional information or to reserve a niche in the Columbarium.

Thank you for the hospitality

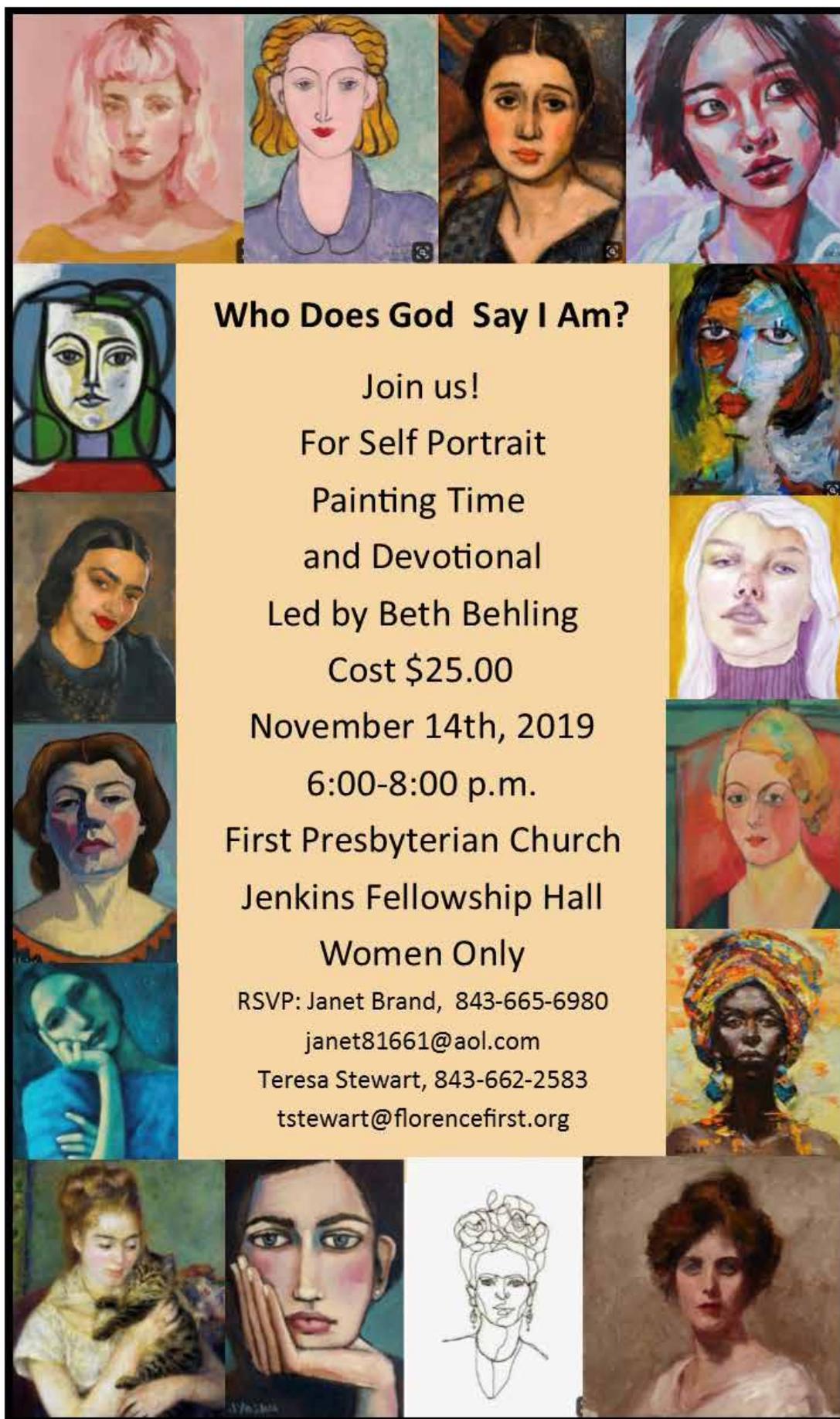
Many thanks for the hospitality and fellowship extended to us by First Presbyterian! Your friendliness was contagious and your obvious delight in Darryl and his family warmed our hearts! Please know we will always treasure our visit to Florence as a highlight of our year. Our blessings to the Evans family and your Congregation as this wonderful journey begins.

From your "new" Washington, N.C. friends,
Alice McClure
P.S. Go Tigers!

Scouting Ministry update

Our Scouts will be helping with the build a bed service project and camping at the Whiteheads in October. Congratulations to our newest Eagle scouts: Nicholas Olsen and Arthur Siegel. We have over 40 boys meeting every Monday night from 7 to 8 p.m. in our Scout meeting room.

— To submit a brief for publication in *The Reminder*, please contact Kim Brauss, kbrauss@florencefirst.org or 843-662-2583.



Who Does God Say I Am?

Join us!
 For Self Portrait
 Painting Time
 and Devotional
 Led by Beth Behling
 Cost \$25.00
 November 14th, 2019
 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 First Presbyterian Church
 Jenkins Fellowship Hall
 Women Only

RSVP: Janet Brand, 843-665-6980
 janet81661@aol.com
 Teresa Stewart, 843-662-2583
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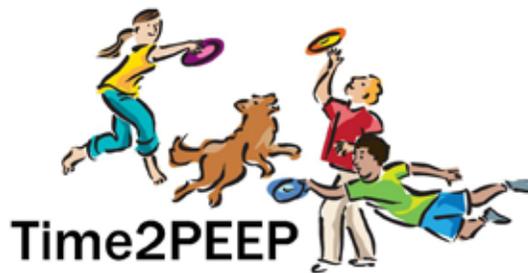
Leaders are needed for October Children's Church during 9 a.m. service.

The Children's Ministry has a new Children's Church curriculum called Dwell. Dwell invites kids to live into God's story of creation, fall, redemption and restoration. And it encourages kids to live out of God's story every day as they respond to God's call.

If you have a passion for teaching children about Jesus, or feel the Lord leading you to help with this ministry, please contact Caroline Genoble at carolinegenoble@gmail.com or 843-992-7972.



- 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Elementary and Pre-school (3K-5K) have a special time of music, learning, and fun. All gather in the fellowship hall and move from there.
- Sixth-grade continues their study of the Catechism. Meeting in the Sunday School room.
- Childcare offered for children under 3K beginning at 6:15 p.m.



Play Eat Encourage Pray

Time2PEEP: October 20 after worship

*Grades 1-6 from First Presbyterian & The Assembly
October 20 after 11 a.m. worship*

Meet in the Welcome Center to ride the bus or meet us at The Assembly.

Games, fellowship, food, and prayer.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

Pick up at The Assembly at 1:45 or at First Presbyterian at 2 p.m.

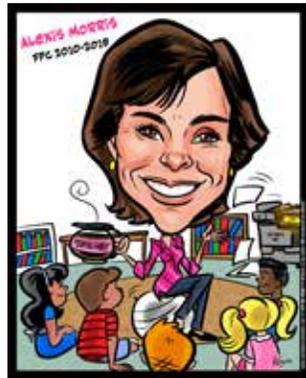


Trick-or-Treat at Presbyterian Community Wednesday, October 30

Children in first through fifth grades will be going to the Presbyterian Community to go trick-or-treating.

- The bus will leave the CLC parking lot promptly at 6 p.m. and return at 7:45 p.m.
- Please have your children arrive ready to go with a goodie bag. Friendly costumes only.
- Pizza will be served for the kids at the Presbyterian Community.
- Please RSVP to the church office, 843-662-2583, by October 27.
- Two parents are needed to go with us on the bus.

Thank you, Mrs. Alexis



Help equip children to handle today's challenges

Associate Pastor's note: This column addresses challenges Christian parents face. Brock Page and I (Chris Handley) will share the responsibility of giving parents a nugget to help and challenge.

By Brock Page

Youth Ministry Director

In our culture today, children and youth are becoming more and more dependent on “entertainment” to find joy and fulfillment. This is largely because of the rise of smartphones, which allows instant access to any form of entertainment they desire, and the proliferation of social media, which reinforces the “value” of the empty entertainment by showing that their friends are engaging in the same things. As the culture pushes this “entertainment” driven focus on youth and continues to encourage the importance of “taking care of self above all,” the serious call from scripture to “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10) and “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Matt.16:24) begins to fade. As the Church and as Christians, God implores us to call all people, especially youth, to learn to bow before the King of Kings in reverence and submission and heed the command to follow Him seriously.

Brian H. Crosby has written a book titled, “Giving Up Gimmicks, Reclaiming Youth Ministry From An Entertainment Culture,” that directly addresses this issue. Although the book focuses specifically on



youth ministry, the concepts can be applied broadly in the realm of the Christian church. In the foreword, Harry L. Reeder III recalls the lives of four young (like teenage young) Hebrew boys that lived during the sixth century B.C. Their reasigned Gentile names were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Most of us are familiar with the stories of these young men: They were ripped from their homeland and taken into captivity by the Babylonian empire, where they were subjected to an assimilation process to establish them as subjects of the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. The first six chapters of Daniel detail their courageous yet thoughtful and faithful commitment both to their God and His glory. They were committed to their God in worship and witness. Their faithfulness culminated in a refusal to bow to and worship the king, for which they were sentenced to be cast into a fiery furnace. We know the rest – not only did they not die; they were not even singed. Their commitment to their Lord penetrated a pagan nation and lead to the conversion of the king.

About that account of the four Hebrew youths, Reeder writes, “Without wanting to become too controversial, I would like to ask another question: Aren’t our covenant children who are heading into

today’s institutions of learning also being challenged by a pagan, secular world and life view that denies the claims of Christianity – sometimes intellectually and many times with mockery – and seeks to transform the way they have been taught to think and live in their homes and churches?” He continues, “I am convinced the answer to how our covenant youth will respond to the inevitable challenges of atheistic secularism and neo-paganism will normally be determined by what has already been invested in their lives. This gospel evangelism and disciple-making will enable them to face what the evil one intends to be a life catastrophe and transform it into a moment of growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ our Lord.”

What Reeder is asking is, “Are our youth and children being equipped to handle the challenges that today’s self-centered and entertainment driven culture is confronting them with?” That equipping involves a high view of their sin along with a high view of the grace and mercy of God available for that sin through Jesus Christ. The high view of those two realities will move them to a seriousness about their faith and discipleship. Our children deserve no less than our (parents/adults) commitment to exhort them toward those realities. “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

— Email Brock Page at bpage@flor-encefirst.org.

Youth Ministry News



Middle school youth pool party

Youth Schedule

- Sunday School: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 10-10:50 a.m., Light breakfast, Fellowship, Lesson
- Small group: Oct. 6, 20 / 5:30-7 p.m. / Dinner, Lesson
- MOVE: Oct. 13, 27 / 5:30-7:30 p.m. / Dinner, Lesson, Games
- 412 on Wednesdays: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer
- East Florence Mission: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 4-5 p.m.

Worship Event with Sean McDowell at GroundZero

- On October 13, we will attend a youth worship event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at GroundZero in Myrtle Beach. GroundZero is a Christian youth venue that seeks to bring Christ-centered teaching and events to our area churches and groups. The featured speaker on the 13th is Sean McDowell, a gifted Christian communicator and teacher. We will leave at 4 p.m. October 13 from First Presbyterian Church and return by 10 p.m. that night. We will eat at the venue so please bring \$15 to cover that cost. The event itself is free. We also need other adults to help chaperone. Please contact Brock at bpage@florencefirst.org if interested.

Fall Retreat 2019

- Our annual fall retreat this year is November 15-17 at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, N.C. We will leave at 4 p.m. Friday, November 15, and return at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 17. The cost is about \$60 + food. The deadline for signup is October 7.

Help! My Teen Doesn't Want To Attend Church

- Last month, I shared an excerpt from an article that considered how to encourage youth to “want” to attend church by employing the three Es – Empathize, Explain, and Exhort. We start by looking at the first “E” — Empathize: “Proverbs 12:18 says, ‘There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.’ Instead of shutting your teen down, investigate. Why doesn’t your teenager want to go to church? Ask them. Set aside a time to listen to their concerns. When they share, empathize and help them process their feelings or find workable solutions. Even if you love your church, there are likely plenty of Sundays you wake up and aren’t in the mood to go. Maybe you’re overly tired and would rather sleep in. Perhaps someone hurt your feelings and you’d rather avoid them. Or maybe you need a day to catch up on chores. Instead of shaming your teen for their normal temptation, help them understand what to do with it. Teach them to recognize temptation and then deny it in favor of faithful commitment to the body of Christ.” Next month, we will look at the next “E” — Explain. Until then, I pray your teen would be engaged in church and youth.



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Covenant Partner Magnetic Name Badges



Order Form

Consider getting a name badge to be easily recognized and remembered. It's a useful tool to facilitate conversation. The name badge form is also available in the Welcome Center or online in Realm. A badge costs \$7.

Please return this form to the Church Office with your check made payable to First Presbyterian.
Name (exactly the way it should appear on your badge)

Please use another form for more than one name.
Number of badges: _____
Amount enclosed: _____

