

# The REMINDER

JUNE 2017

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Growing UPWARD  
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD  
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD  
sharing the good news

## Welcome Dr. Bill Cain as Interim Senior Pastor

The Session is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Bill Cain as our transitional pastor. Dr. Cain will start June 15, and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be **June 18**. He has agreed to stay on until the end of the year, longer if needed. He comes to us from Bethel Presbyterian Church (ECO) in Cornelius, NC, where he served as senior pastor from 2008 until his retirement in 2016. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Jill, for 43 years, and they have 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. He enjoys biking, hiking, running, racquetball, and golf as well as playing the guitar and reading.

**Please welcome Bill and Jill to the First Presbyterian Church family.**



## From the Associate: A Thought or Two...

I so enjoyed all the festivities surrounding Barry's retirement. We know how to have a good time! Jayne Boswell, Brandon Hylton, Chris Canfield, Shannon Watt, Mary Caroline Vaught and a host...and I mean a host of others- made our evening so special. Let me say, job well done! Isn't it so good to be able to celebrate like we were able to do? It is truly a blessing to be a part of this congregation.

### Missional Community

Looking forward into our near future we have opportunities to continue to build God's kingdom here and now. There is a two pronged opportunity that we call a "**Missional Community**" that begins **June 4th** following worship. The name "Missional Communities" emphasizes the two prongs:

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## Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee thanks you for your ongoing prayers as it continues to search for the person that God has already called as our next senior pastor / head of staff.



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# A Thought or Two *Challenging You Toward Discipleship*

from the associate pastor

Continued from front page:

The word "Community" captures the idea that a group of people are beginning to think of themselves as an extended family. This is achieved by regular gatherings of all ages for a fellowship meal, devotion and play; where children, youth and adults are interacting together. A community is made up of somewhere between 20 to 40 people, which is "small enough to share but large enough to dare." The intergenerational aspect of the community is its genius and poses a healthy challenge for us as we live into our baptismal vow to help one another raise our children in the faith.



The word "Missional" captures the idea that we are gathering with an eye to be outwardly focused on our neighborhoods, seeking to draw others into God's kingdom. There is a distinct tendency in most churches to be strong as it relates to our **upward** life with God (this would be worship and devotion); and strong as it relates to our **inward** life in our fellowship/relationships with one another. But most churches tend to be weak as it relates to being focused on reaching **outward** to the lost and expanding God's kingdom. A Missional Community will think and pray together about how to reach out and draw others toward the Lord.

So on June 4th after worship, those interested in "MC" should grab a cookie and lemonade then come for lunch in the Fellowship Hall as we begin to experience this new vehicle for discipleship. The team that is bringing this forward is Susan Snow, Alexis Morris, Dottie Handley, Mike Lavespere and myself. Please feel free to ask us any questions. Come join the fun.

In closing, let me say it is going to be a joy to have Bill Cain, and his wife Jill, with us during this time of transition as our transitional pastor. I have known Bill for some time as we worked together on the Christian Life Conference team at Montreat about a decade ago. We will enjoy having them both! God is good to provide for these days.

## ServeFLO is June 17-24!

Think about how you can be involved! This is an opportunity for us (the Church in Florence) to have a visible demonstration of the unity of the body of Christ to bless Florence. There are at least 10 to 15 churches participating currently. (Savannah Grove Baptist, New Life Assembly, New Life Church of Our Lord and Savior, Central Methodist, St. Luke Lutheran, First Baptist, College Park Baptist, Calvary Baptist, Hoffmeyer Road Baptist, Sandhurst, Lamb's Chapel, First Pres, just to name a few).

This "season of service" has many opportunities to bring a blessing. Janet Brand has planned a three mile "Roll" through downtown Florence to benefit the Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled (PADD) on June 17. Erik Marechal has a cookout planned for the Boys and Girls club on the 20th. Alexis Morris has a host of blessings planned that the Mission Camp children will bring through the week; culminating in the Feeding Florence meal packing event on Friday. Then on Saturday the 24th opportunity abounds as teams will fan out around Florence to serve. The Missional Community (mentioned above) will participate together. See a list of all that is going on during ServeFLO on the next page.

*Chris*

**Missional Community starts Sunday, June 4** with a potluck after worship. This group will meet together to praise God (Grow Upward), fellowship like a family, all ages, (Grow Inward), serve with a monthly mission focus (Grow Outward). In the fall, smaller groups will branch off with parenting leaders. We encourage you to join us!



## 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.

**GET INVOLVED! IT'S TIME TO SERVE!**

# SERVE FLO

**June 17-24, 2017**

**What would happen if our entire community  
came together to ServeFlo?**

Our strategy is city wide volunteerism with special projects that volunteers can sign up to help with. Churches, businesses and individuals will unite to help with and lead projects to visibly unify and bless Florence, SC.

**Register to help here: [bit.ly/serveflo](http://bit.ly/serveflo)  
or Visit [www.helpingflorenceflourish.org](http://www.helpingflorenceflourish.org)**

### Project & Event Opportunities

- ◆ Downtown Roll & Cycling Festival Volunteer: June 17
- ◆ LifeChangers: June 18-23
- ◆ VBS in the Park: June 19-21
- ◆ Red Cross Blood Drive: June 22
- ◆ Feeding Florence Meal Pack: June 23
- ◆ Prayer Walk/Drive: June 24
- ◆ Lighthouse Ministries Grounds Cleanup: June 24
- ◆ Briggs Elementary Grounds Beautification: June 24
- ◆ Williams Middle School Mobile Unit Step Repair: June 24
- ◆ Community Shelter Prayer Garden: June 24
- ◆ Sisters 4 the Future Shelf Building: June 24
- ◆ Run for Hope 5K: Volunteers and Runners: June 24
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club: Servers and Lunch with a Child: June 24
- ◆ Hygiene Bag Handout and Serve Breakfast to the Needy: June 25
- ◆ Tree & Brush Removal (**Project Leaders Still Needed!**)
- ◆ Graffiti Coverup (**Project Leader Still Needed**)

### Donations Needed

- ◆ Monetary (made out to HFF)
- ◆ Pine Straw
- ◆ Trash Bags
- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Park benches
- ◆ Gallon zip top bags
- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Baby Wipe packs
- ◆ Soap Bars
- ◆ Lip Balm
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Travel size items

# Church Administration Matters



**Columbarium and Memory Garden at First Presbyterian Church** – A columbarium is a structure for the respectful, perpetual placement of urns containing the cremated remains of the deceased. In late 2015, a team was formed to look into a columbarium and memory garden at First Presbyterian Church. The original team included Glenn Bell, Ginger Owen, Susan Bankson, and Greg Cleveland. George Beshere joined the team in late 2016. In 2015, Columbarium Planners, Inc. (CPI) was brought in as a consultant to provide expert advice regarding a columbarium at First Presbyterian Church. Columbarium Planners, Inc. provided a number of valuable services including recommendation of the optimal location for a columbarium on our campus as well as a design that is esthetically pleasing and complimentary of existing architecture. Additionally, CPI provided guidelines and other information necessary for the successful operation of a columbarium and memory garden at First Presbyterian Church. Since its formation, the Columbarium team has held numerous meetings to review and discuss the information provided by CPI. On May 23, 2017 the group made a presentation at the May Session meeting. Following the presentation, the Session gave its approval for the team to proceed with the marketing phase of the project. The marketing phase will include educational material

regarding a columbarium as well as an interest survey to help the Columbarium team determine the appropriate scale of the project. Over the course of the next several months you will hear more about the Columbarium and Memory Garden at First Presbyterian Church.

**Summer is officially here!** School is out! It is time for family vacations, trips, summer camp, sports camps and numerous other activities. Many of you have or will be travelling this summer. Your travels may take you away from church on Sunday. I want to remind you that the summer months are also active months for the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Summer means Vacation Bible School, Mission Camp, The Great Escape (Jr. High camp) and Fun in the Son (High School). Our missionaries depend on our continued support during the summer. Unfortunately, we see an upswing in requests for assistance with housing, food and utilities during the summer months. As you are planning your summer activities, I encourage you to remember your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church. One way you can do this is by signing up for on-line giving either through “The City” or on our website [www.florencefirst.org/giving](http://www.florencefirst.org/giving). Thank you for your continued faithful support of the ministries of our church.

## Covenant Partner Magnetic Name Badges \$7.00 Each

Do you have trouble remembering names? Do you want new members in our church to adjust easily by knowing who you are?

**Mary Anne Bradley**  
Covenant Partner

### Order Form

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)* \_\_\_\_\_

Number of badges \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Florence "DownTown Roll & Cycling Festival"



## Are you ready to Roll?!?!

### Family Friendly Downtown Roll & Cycling Festival

**Date:** Saturday, June 17, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Roll starts at 10:15 AM

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

A police and SAG escorted family cycling ride will begin at First Presbyterian Church (FPC) on Cherokee Road in Florence, travel through 3 miles of the **Florence Downtown area** and end back at a **Cycling Festival** at FPC where there will be food booths, games, raffles, and a children's fun route.

**We Need Volunteers! Register with ServeFlo to help! [www.helpingflorenceflourish.org](http://www.helpingflorenceflourish.org)**  
Please contact Janet Brand 843-665-6980 or Liz Moore 843-679-0063





# Child Development Center News

The weather is warmer now and the sunshine is so inviting each day. We recently wrapped up our 2016-2017, preschool year with our end of year program, titled, "Preschool Round-up." Nearly 200 parents, grandparents and other guests, joined in the fun to watch the preschool children gallop into the CLC on their blue jean stick horses. The program consisted of a variety of creative movement exercises, including square dancing, line dancing and parachute play. The children also entertained their guests by singing cowboy songs led by our 3/4K Lead Teacher, Mrs. Katie Charleston. During the evening, thirty-three children were awarded preschool award certificates. Special recognition was given to our three preschool graduates, who will attend 5K Kindergarten in the fall, Natalja Johnson, Amelia Smith and John Wyatt Temple.

Our staff has done an excellent job this year getting our preschool off to a solid foundation. We salute our wonderful Lead Preschool Teachers: Mrs. Katie Charleston, Mrs. Dawn Gerhard and Ms. Shurrie Timmons. Also, thanks to our very dependable, nurturing and supportive Preschool Teacher Assistants: Miss Elizabeth Hardaway, Miss Kelsey Kirby and Miss Shannon Easler.

We are also grateful to Mrs. Sasha Hall, our Art Instructor, who came three mornings a week to ensure that each child in our program had opportunities to expand their creativity using a variety of art techniques and forms. A big thank you to Mrs. Alexis Morris, Children's Director here at First Presbyterian. Mrs. Alexis has an awesome way of sharing the love of Jesus with children and she graciously shared this gift with each of our preschool classes this year on Wednesday mornings. We are also thankful for Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, who awesomely shared her passion for music with our preschool classes through a weekly Tuesday morning, age appropriate music class! The children in our 3/4K Class were introduced to basic Spanish words and sayings, thanks to Mrs. Susan Jenkins, who came periodically through the preschool year, to enlighten the children with her language skills. What a blessing these four women are!

As the calendar rolls over to June, it can only mean one thing....It's camping time! This summer, the children in our Toddler I Class through 3/4K age will be participating in various themed day-camping adventures. To add to the fun, each class has named their own camp. Toddler I children will be in the "Bumblebee" camping group, Toddler II children will attend "Grasshopper" Camp. Our 2K-B class will be Camp "Wan-Na-Go" and Camp "Firefly" will be for those children who are in the 2K-A class. Last but not least, our 3/4K class will be in the "Cannonball" Camp! Our official summer camping program will begin on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Various weeks in between will be jammed packed with lots of fun hands-on, camping activities and experiences. Additional designated days will be set aside for water play and other special summer activities.

**Don't forget to sign up your child for "Art Smart" Camp.** This school aged visual arts camp is designed for children who have completed first through fourth grades. The camp will be held in the CLC, Monday through Friday, July 24-28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm. There is a \$30.00 camp fee which will include a camp tee-shirt, field trip and all needed art supplies. Space is limited! Please register early.

If you haven't checked out our Facebook Page please do so, we are posting lots of pictures of the beautiful children that God has entrusted in our care each week day. This ministry is growing and we are blessed each day to spend time with these precious little ones. To God Be All Glory!

Blessings,

-Beth



**ART SMART CAMP**  
**July 24-28, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**  
 Completed 1st-4th Grades  
 Register by June 15th  
 Cost \$30

# June Birthdays



01 Emily McLean	13 Emily Hodges	16 Beverly Harrell	23 David Epps
01 Jim Dameron	13 Betsey Moore	17 Edmund Whitehead	24 David DuBose
01 Butch Turner	13 Anna Reames	17 Breeden DuBose	24 Robin Stoupenos
01 Donna Collins	13 Jon Lewis	17 Grace DuBose	25 Jason Grimsley
01 Melanie Sprenger	13 Thomas Ray	17 Hunter Morgan	25 Ida Whitehead
02 Jameson Draeger	13 Mary Tiller Rabon	18 Jo Lynn Bratcher	26 Alan Floyd
04 Bryan Harwell	14 Gray Scott	18 McKenzie Lehmans	26 Bryan Rabon
04 Courtney Emert	14 Hannah Carpenter	18 Collins McBride	27 Heather Draeger
06 Grayson Prince	14 Katherine Watts	19 Hunter Burch	27 Genia Tyson
06 Gerry Rosenlund	15 Marty Hucks	19 Gil Vassy	27 Weatherly Tiller
07 Marshall Benton	16 Eric Kim	19 Ansley Moore	27 Dawn Benton
08 Drew Caudle	16 Bobby Henegar	20 Betty Roessler	28 Richard Genoble
08 Jay Jones	16 Susan Snow	20 Lila McMillan	28 Johnny Stoupenos
08 George Beshere	16 Cathy Lee	20 Cammie Moree	28 Ellen Wilhoit
09 Mary Jernigan	16 Hunter Welch	22 Alaina Naylor	30 Sally Dameron
10 Caleb Meyer	16 Gordon Weatherford	22 Ashley Scott	30 Susan Perrou
10 Abigail Tuttle	16 Carter Hardee	23 Kitt Ellington	30 Tammy Moore
			30 Scarlett Cranford

*Did we miss your birthday? Please contact Teresa Stewart at 662-2583 or [tstewart@florencefirst.org](mailto:tstewart@florencefirst.org) so we can correct our records.*



## WiM June Combined Meeting June 13 at 6:30 PM

The Women in Ministry combined summer meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker is Patti Hubbs who will do a review of our Ephesians Bible Study and complete Lesson 10 of the study. Light dessert will be served.

# Baptism

MAY 14 AT 11:00AM

HATTIE KAYE SCOTT

BORN MARCH 5, 2017

DAUGHTER OF LUKE AND KATHRYN SCOTT

## 8 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Thursday, June 1, 2017

Track Club Banquet: CLC  
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community

### Friday, June 2, 2017

BUS: Boys Scouts

### Saturday, June 3, 2017

### Sunday, June 4, 2017

Communion Sunday  
10:00 AM Combined Worship Service  
11:00 AM Missional Community Potluck  
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC  
5:30 PM MOVE (Youth)

### Monday, June 5, 2017

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group  
2:30 PM Small Group: Price CR

### Tuesday, June 6, 2017

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel  
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:  
9:00 AM Jr/Sr Breakfast: Bazen's  
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group

### Wednesday, June 7, 2017

11:00 AM Senior day (Youth)  
6:00 PM 412 (Youth)  
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:00 AM P3BC (Youth)  
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community

### Friday, June 9, 2017

### Saturday, June 10, 2017

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

### Sunday, June 11, 2017

BUS: Youth The Great Escape  
10:00 AM Combined Worship Service  
11:00 AM Missional Community Potluck  
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC

### Monday, June 12, 2017

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group  
2:30 PM Small Group: Price CR

### Tuesday, June 13, 2017

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel  
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:  
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
3:30 PM Water Day (Children)  
6:30 PM WiM Summer Meeting

### Wednesday, June 14, 2017

5:00 PM Adult Handbells  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

### Thursday, June 15, 2017

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community

### Friday, June 16, 2017

### Saturday, June 17, 2017

**10:00 AM Downton Roll & Cycling Festival:  
(Pedal for PADD)**

# SERVEFLO

## JUNE 17-25

# Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, June 22, 1-6 pm in the Lawson Rain Chapel as part of ServeFLO.  
Please call the church office to sign up!

# GIVE BLOOD



American Red Cross

*You can make a difference.*

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Missional Community Potluck  
 4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC

**Monday, June 19, 2017**

BUS: Children  
 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group  
 2:30 PM Small Group: Price CR  
**5:30 PM VBS in the Park**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel  
 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:  
 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
**5:30 PM VBS in the Park**  
 6:30 PM Board of Deacons: LR

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

7:00 AM Jr/Sr Breakfast: Bazen's  
**5:30 PM VBS in the Park**  
 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM The 13 Bible Study (Youth)

**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community  
**1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive: LR**

**Friday, June 23, 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**12:00 PM Feeding Florence Meal Pack**

**Saturday, June 24, 2017**

**ServeFLO Main Service Day**  
**8:15 AM Serve FLO Rally downtown**  
 6:00 PM Respite Night: CLC, Scout Rm, FH, Rm 206

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

**7:00 AM Hygiene Bag Handout/Breakfast Colonial Inn**  
 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Missional Community Potluck  
 4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC  
 6:00 PM P3DG

**Monday, June 26, 2017**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group  
 2:30 PM Small Group: Price CR

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR Chapel  
 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast:  
 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Session: LR

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

BUS: Children  
 7:00 AM Jr/Sr Breakfast: Bazen's  
 12:15 PM HiWire (Children)  
 6:00 PM 412 (Youth)  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, June 29, 2017**

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

**3 PROJECT LEADERS  
 STILL NEEDED**

For ServeFLO Service Projects taking place on Saturday, June 24, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM.

Tree Removal Project  
 Brush Removal Project  
 Graffiti Cover Up Project

Call the church office if you can help!



# Remember In Prayer This Month

## Hospitals

Melba Sprague, Heritage  
Rosanne Saunders,  
Cedar Towers  
Charlie Caldwell, McLeod

## Extended Care

**ELMCROFT**  
Betty Greer  
**PRESBYTERIAN  
COMMUNITY**  
Hannah Barringer  
Julian Price  
**WILLOW TRACE**  
DeWitt Fincannon

## Sick & Recovering

**Heritage Home**  
Malcolm Rogers  
Joy Tedder  
**Homebound**  
Linda Foxworth  
Brooks Barringer  
Pam Hoogenboom

Genie Lee  
Jack Williams  
Glenn Odom  
Dewitt Fincannon  
Jimmy Green

### ELDERS

Hal Fuller  
Bruce Hubbs

### DEACONS

Jake Stokes  
David Spearman

### MISSIONARIES

Caleb & Louise King  
Cody & Tallulah Watson

### WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Kathy Hatfield  
Nancy Thompson

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Stephen & Alison Thompson  
Emily Whitehead

### STAFF

Stephanie Jones  
Ron Echols

### HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Marshall & Dawn Benton
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. George & Jeannie Beshere
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Martha Blanton
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Camp & Elizabeth Blanton, Emma & Eliza
- ♦ Mrs. Nancy Bostian
- ♦ Dr. & Mrs. Curt & Jayne Boswell
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Janet Brand, Carter, John, Kendall, Liam, Cameron
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Peggy Braswell, Matthew
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Ralph & Jo Lynn Bratcher
- ♦ Dr. Rufus Bratton
- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Rufus & Ashely Bratton, Williams & Sims



### 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](mailto:genia_tyson@hotmail.com) OR 665-0295) or Melba Whitesides (669-8209). Please leave your name, phone #, and the date you wish to reserve.

## Memorials

Lois Galloway

## Sympathy

Family of Conyers O'Bryan  
Mike Hawkins, loss of father

## Parking Lot Ministry

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

First Presbyterian will be serving the Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. If you would like to help, please contact Donnie Wheeler at [jjwheeler007@sc.rr.com](mailto:jjwheeler007@sc.rr.com).

## Scouting Ministry Update

Twenty scouts and leaders will spend a week at Camp Coker summer scout in June and another eleven will travel to New Mexico to backpack 65 miles in the rugged Rocky Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch. The scouts heading to Philmont will visit the Great Sand Dunes National Park on the way and go sandboarding and sledding on the dunes. They will also visit Pikes Peak and the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

## VBS Planning is Underway!

July 17-20, 2017 for 2K-5th Grade

There are many opportunities for youth and adults to serve during this fun-filled week!

Please contact Emily Jordan if you are interested in serving in some way! (843) 617-5452 or [emilydsjordan@gmail.com](mailto:emilydsjordan@gmail.com).

Be on the lookout for registration information to follow!

## Summer Combined

## Worship Schedule

# May 21-August 13

## 10:00 AM | No Sunday School



### 2017 Confirmation Class

L-R Carter Hardee, Lucas Morgan, Floyd Goodstein, Lucy Moore, Ella Warner, Ford Scott, Weaver Whitehead, Zane Morris



# Children's Ministry



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### Summer Children's Church

Beginning on May 28, children in 3K– 1st grade will have a different kind of learning time during worship. After the children's message, they will go to the 5K Sunday school room for a special time of learning how Jesus shows us the Kingdom of God. There will be stories, activities and music.

**Parents are needed** to lead the lessons taken from The Gospel Project curriculum. A link to the schedule is posted on the church website and will be emailed/texted to parents. *All parents are asked to participate. If you see a blank, we need a teacher. Please call or email Alexis to take that slot. Thank you!*

May 28– Amy Williams  
June 4– Casey Coker  
June 11– Hunter Burch  
June 18–  
June 25– Casey Coker  
July 2–

July 9– Casey Coker  
July 16– Holly Campbell  
July 23–  
July 30– Lisa Dozier  
August 6–  
August 13– Emily Whitehead

What's  
Up  
this  
Summer

**June 13 @ 3:30 –5 pm- Water Play Day for 3K– 2nd grade.** Have your kids wear their swim suit and bring a towel. We will be doing all kinds of water games on the playground.

**June 28 @ 12:15 pm– Lunch and Trip to HiWire for 3rd –5th.** Sign up by June 18 to save a seat on the bus. Once the bus is full, a parent will need to drive. Pizza lunch in Lawson Rain chapel, then depart. Arrival back at First Pres by 6pm. Cost \$25. Fill out waiver online at [plexhiwire.com](http://plexhiwire.com)

**July 17-20 @ 9am—Holy Power VBS.** Register online.

**July 24 @ 7:45 am- Riverbanks Zoo.** 2nd grade and younger. Children 5K-2nd grade can ride the bus without a parent attending. Space on the bus is limited. Once the bus is full, parents will need to drive. We will picnic at the Zoo so pack a lunch. Drinks provided. Cost \$16. Sign up by July 20<sup>th</sup>.



**VBS**  
**July 17– 20, 2017**

- \* Mark your calendars and invite your friends to learn more about Jesus' power.
- \* There are VBS Tribes for completed 2K–5th grade. Parents of preschoolers (2K–5K) need to serve on campus at least one day. This can be for set up, during VBS days or Thursday take down and dinner.)
- \* *Register Online Go to [www.florencefirst.org](http://www.florencefirst.org)*
- \* There are opportunities for youth and adults to serve. Contact Emily Jordan if you are interested.

## FEEDING FLORENCE 2017

**SERVEFLO**

*A ServeFLO Project*

### What is it?

Mission Camp and Helping Florence Flourish are hosting a meal packing event on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Central United Methodist. The food being packed will be given to local agencies and churches to distribute. A few of the recipients are Harvest Hope, Lighthouse Ministry, House of Hope, and Southern Calvary Baptist Church.

### The Need:

The community can be a part both financially and with hands. We estimate being able to pack 50,000 meals at a cost of 25¢ each. \$15,000 is needed to cover all the expenses. If your company is willing to be a sponsor, please let me know. Sponsors will be recognized on the Helping Florence Flourish website and locally on signage at the event. Donations to Feeding Florence are tax deductible. Please email me with your pledge, then mail checks to Helping Florence Flourish. If you choose to use PayPal, visit [www.helpingflorenceflourish.org](http://www.helpingflorenceflourish.org).

Teams of people are needed from 12pm – 1pm to pack meals- anyone can be a part of this from 3 years old to 103! People work together on 10 different packing lines placing nutritious and filling ingredients in bags.

### How To Be a Part:

People interested in volunteering their time to the Feeding Florence event can go to [www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/events/feedingflorence2017/](http://www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/events/feedingflorence2017/)



**FEEDING CHILDREN  
EVERYWHERE**

## From Barry and Susan Jenkins

Dear Covenant Partners,

Susan and I are at a loss for words that can adequately express our appreciation for the retirement “dinner/roast” you honored us with this past Wednesday night. To put it quite simply, we were overwhelmed with your generosity and love. While this was certainly a “stealth” operation, I do know that many, many of you worked to make this a joyous and festive occasion. I know there were planning teams, cooking teams, cake and cookie baking teams, decorators, coordinators, servers, program preparers, musicians and singers, cleanup crews - we have no idea of who all to thank individually. We were truly humbled by this expression of love and support on this special day in our lives. The gifts which were given and the naming of the Fellowship Hall in our honor were simply overwhelming.

It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian. I am grateful that the pulpit committee was persistent twelve years ago and that God would not let me ignore "the call." By God's grace, we have accomplished much over the past twelve years, not just physically with our new facilities, but also spiritually in the lives of so many of our covenant partners. As I have said to you from the pulpit, I believe our Church stands on the precipice of something new and exciting. You are a strong congregation and God has prepared this Church for a bright future with a new vision and new opportunities to serve and grow in your walk with Christ. As God has called me from the pastorate, Susan and I are excited to see who God will raise up as your new leader.

When the memory box was presented Wednesday night, Joe McLean said it contained letters from the “hearts” of the people. I want you to know how much those letters have touched our hearts. Susan and I will not physically be at First Presbyterian, but we want you to know that you will always be in “our hearts” and prayers.

The words spoken by the Apostle Paul to the Philippians in chapter 1, express very clearly our emotion for you. *“To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart... (1:1-7a)*

Again, thank you and God Bless each of you,

*Barry and Susan*



# First Pres Youth

## P3

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

### No Sunday School

### MOVE

June 4th  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

### P3DG

June 25  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Small group Bible studies

### P3BC on Thursday

June 8  
9:00 - 9:45 am  
We meet for breakfast, devotion, and prayer

### Senior/Junior Breakfast

June 6  
9:00 - 9:45 am  
Bazens Restaurant

### 412 on Wednesday

June 7, 28  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

### The 13

June 21  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Small group Bible study

### Great Escape 2017

The Great Escape will take place June 11th - 16th. We will meet at the church at 7:30 am Sunday and leave by 8:00 am. We will return Friday at 4:00 pm. The students will need money for two lunches and one breakfast on the road. They will need to bring their own snacks. The cost is \$400

### Senior Day

On June 7th, the seniors and Brock will spend the day (11:00 am-2:00 pm) talking about the upcoming year at college. We will talk about what to expect, how to prepare, and look at the options for churches close to where they are going to school. Lunch will be provided. The Pearce's have graciously offered their cabin for our use. If you have a child who is graduating, please encourage them to come.

### ServeFlo 2017

ServeFlo will be June 21st-24th for youth. We will be working on homes in our area focusing on yard work and light repairs. Please consider having your student help with this event. It is a great way to serve others and shine the light of Christ in our community. Please contact Brock if you are interested.

### FITS 2017

FITS will be July 9th-14th. We will travel to Hilton Head, SC to enjoy an impactful, faith growing conference. Students will participate in powerful worship services, hear Christ-centered teaching, and engage in fun, interpersonal relationship building activities. The cost is \$450/student. If you have multiples going, the cost is \$415/student.





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SERVE FLO

June 17-24, 2017

