

# The REMINDER

Growing UPWARD  
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD  
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD  
sharing the good news



JUNE 2022



**ON THE COVER: During the Confirmation Banquet, confirmands lit their candles during part of the ceremony. For more pictures, see page 8.**

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LIGHTHOUSE  
MINISTRIES

# MOMENT FOR MISSION LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

Lighthouse Ministries' purpose is to, first and foremost, be good stewards of the monies entrusted to us by our founding churches and the donations made by members of the private and public sector, be those donations from individuals or entities.

In being good stewards, Lighthouse Ministries shall address, educate, coordinate and provide assistance, both financial and otherwise, to members of the general public in Florence County based upon an internally created screening process.

Lighthouse Ministries' mission is to help Florence area churches organize and administer community resources, reaching out in cooperative fellowship, providing for the relief of emergency physical needs, and in doing so, ministering to the spiritual needs of God's children.

Lighthouse Ministries opened in 1996. The name, Lighthouse Ministries, acts as an extension of this idea, providing light and guidance to those in Florence County with the greatest need. The logo exhibits powerful beams of light that cut through the darkness, representing the hope and aid that Lighthouse Ministries provides to local families in crisis situations.

Lighthouse Ministries, located at 1416 W. Evans St., has provided the following assistance from January through April:

- We have helped more than 600 people with \$81,417 in direct services.
- We had 7 mothers graduate from the Working Mothers Education and Support Program.
- We have 8 families enrolled in our Strengthening Families Program
- We are building 3 ramps.
- Volunteers have donated 1,334 hours of their time.

Since we are a volunteer based organization, volunteers are needed.

Please keep this in your prayers.

Learn more about Lighthouse Ministries, its importance in the community, and how to help at [www.lighthouseflorence.org/](http://www.lighthouseflorence.org/).

*There is a time for everything and a season for every activity. -Ecclesiastes 3:1*

## Finding That Healthy Rhythm

Life is a marathon not a sprint! It took me years to figure out this truth. I would rush from activity to activity, from meeting to meeting, and at the end of the day measure my worth by how many things I could check off my "To Do" list.

But I met a person who patiently began to change my approach to life. His name is JESUS! I noticed that after times of intense activity, Jesus would draw away from the crowds and from those clamoring for His attention. And He would rest and pray and be still. There was a healthy rhythm that Jesus practiced in His life. And I noticed that the more I established rhythms of serving, learning, worshipping, playing (!), being with people, and being alone ... the more satisfying (and productive) life became.

Summer is here. Make some time to enjoy a "slower" schedule. Turn the "rpm's" of your life down. Reconnect with family and friends. Take a break from "social media" and tune your ear to hear the "gentle voice" of the Lord who longs to be with you.

**MEN ... I want to speak to you.** There is a special "time" coming (August 26-28) and a special "season" approaching (focus on you and pleasure) at the MEN'S RETREAT. We are going to be at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina. It's a beautiful setting, a nice facility, and an opportunity for you to experience a renewed passion for life.

Let me give you three good reasons for you to block out those dates and attend.

1

No. 1 **FUN** ... that's right you are going to have fun. I know that I sound like a "Chamber of Commerce" spokesman but this is one time when I

actually know what I'm talking about! Jill and I lived in Black Mountain from 2001 to 2006. Nestled amongst those mountains are trails to be hiked, streams to be fished, golf to be played, and a big front porch perfect for taking a nap! You are going to laugh, relax, and enjoy ... I guarantee it!

2 No. 2 **FRIENDS** ... over a weekend you will deepen some existing friendships and make some new ones. You will walk away and say, "Wow, I never knew him. He's a good guy and just enjoyable to be around. I'm so glad that our paths crossed."

3 No. 3 **FAITH** ... Here is my strongest plea. Your life with Jesus Christ will be strengthened by our time together. We'll worship together, we'll learn together, and we will be challenged together.

So, the ball is in your court. If you have questions, please contact me.

Please do yourself a favor and attend.

It's just the "Right Season" in your life.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Bill

*Editor's Note: Dr. Darryl Evans is on leave and his column will return in next month's edition.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MEN'S RETREAT 2022  
YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC  
Friday, Aug. 26 - Sunday, Aug. 28  
Cost: \$150 (Scholarships available)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Mobile/Work (Circle One)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As needed)

Roommate Preference (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

We will attempt to honor your request if possible; if no selection is made we will find a great roommate for you.

Some rooms have bunk beds. Please let us know the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a bottom bunk \_\_\_\_\_ I'll take a top bunk \_\_\_\_\_ Either

Recreation\* On Saturday afternoon, I would like to . . .

\_\_\_ Play Golf \_\_\_ Hike \_\_\_ Bike ride \_\_\_ Relax \_\_\_ Fish

Your selection above is to help us plan accordingly; it is not a firm commitment.

\*Some activities will require an extra fee (golf approximately \$27, fishing at Lake Susan \$5)

Please indicate if you can help cook Saturday: Breakfast/ Dinner (Circle One)

Please return this form to the Church office.

Contact Bill Cain at 407-473-0912 with any questions.

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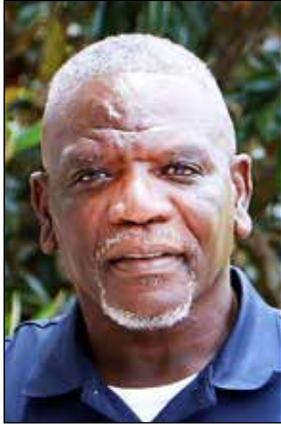
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## Toward a Healthier Church

# Advancing Our Ministry

### Welcome Leroy Williams

Leroy joined the custodial staff as Lead Custodian on May 16. Leroy has a great deal of custodian and main-



tenance supervisory experience that will strengthen our custodial staff team. Prior to joining our staff, Leroy worked as Maintenance and Custodian Supervisor for the Lee County School District. He has held similar positions with Darlington County and Walmart, respectively. He is a graduate of Bishopville High School. Leroy and his wife

have two children and live in Hartsville. He is a committed Christian and actively involved in his church. When you see Leroy around the church, please be sure to introduce yourself and give him a warm First Pres welcome!

### Thank You!

I also want to take a moment to express my gratitude to Sidney and Wanda for going the extra mile for the past several months while our custodial staff team was short staffed. Both Sidney and Wanda made sure that our facilities were ready for use each week. They took great care to ensure that rooms were set up for meetings and that the campus, particularly the sanctuary was clean and ready for worship each week as well as for special events (funeral services, concerts, etc.) Our custodial staff does a lot of work behind the scenes and contributes to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Please join me in thanking Sidney and Wanda for a job well done these past months and for all they do on a regular basis to advance the ministry of our church.

### Facilities Update

Work is continuing and the paint crew from Furman Babb Painting is making good progress and are nearing completion of painting the Sanctuary building. Soon they will move on to the other buildings on campus. When finished, the exterior of all buildings on campus



will have a fresh coat of paint. As this work continues, please be aware of ladders, lifts, scaffolding, and other equipment that may be set up around the buildings. Also, plans are in place to repave the Cherokee Road entrance and to sealcoat the Park Avenue entrance and re-stripe the main parking lot. This work will necessitate closure of various areas of the campus while the work is in progress. The work will be done during the week, so parking for Sunday services will not be affected. Funding for these projects is from the church's Capital Reserve Fund.

### Columbarium Memory Garden

In addition to the niches for placement of cremains (ashes), the columbarium features an "In Memoriam" wall. This section is for the remembrance of covenant partners, their spouses, children, as well as the parents of covenant partners, who are deceased and are interred elsewhere. We have now filled a second panel and it will be placed soon. Each panel has room for eight (8) names. If you would like more information about the "In Memoriam" section or, are interested in reserving a niche please contact George Beshere, Steve Grady, Glenn Bell or me. We'll be glad to assist you with the necessary arrangements. First Presbyterian Church is pleased to be able to offer this option for our covenant partners as part of the end-of-life planning process.

# The Past Leads to the Present

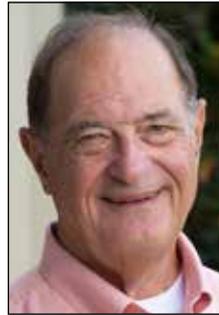
ROMANS 4:23-5:11

Billy Joel wrote a famous song: "We Didn't Start the Fire." He laments the death of George Santayana in 1952. George Santayana was a Spanish philosopher who was educated in the United States and taught at Harvard. He wrote a famous quote in 1905 in his work, *A Life of Reason*: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

The political philosophies of the present age seem to be repeating the mistakes of the past. Democracy becomes more like socialism. Dictatorships with powerful leaders are seeking to overcome the nations they desire to rule.

We are in a time when our nation and the world will change our lives. One of the dangers of the present is the past is being rewritten (changed) to create idolatry and untruth as believable history. As Christians I believe we must be careful to understand the past so that our present actions are based upon truth and obeying the Lord's will. In the first part of Romans, Paul has outlined the way the power of sin has corrupted the world, but he also has shown how God is active to reconcile the world's people.

There are three events in the history of the Jewish people which have changed the world. God called Abraham to be the father of nations and established a relationship with Abraham which extends to all who seek to obey God. The second event is the giving of the law to Moses. The Hebrew nation establishes a nation-state in Jerusalem based on the understanding of the law. The law as given to Moses establishes guidelines on how to obey God. The third event is the coming of Jesus to re-interpret the law and to call God's followers to obey the law through a commandment of love. The modern followers of Jesus, the Church, and the God fearers (the Jews) need to continually discover what the LORD God is saying to the present. Paul's present time of writing is 60 AD. As we study Romans we are to make the interpretative jump to our present.



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

Paul uses Adam as the example of disobedience and contrasts Adam with Jesus Christ as the one who obeys God. Because of the misunderstanding of Abraham and the law, the people under the rule of Rome are controlled by the power of sin. Jesus must correct that misunderstanding by providing the way humanity is reconciled to God. Humanity can now return to being in relationship with God. The relationship between Abraham and the Lord is now available to anyone who trusts in the Gospel message. The right relationship with the Lord God "will be reckoned to us who believe in Him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification (Romans 4:24-25)." Reckon means to give credit to a person. God grants the believer in Jesus, the gift of righteousness.

Paul uses this event in history to explain the transforming power of the Gospel and show how we are forgiven by God and brought into right relationship with God. The first verse of Chapter 5, "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)." Peace is now given to God's people through Christ. Let us give thanks for our right relationship with the Lord God.

# Spring Handbells Concert

*Dedicated to Lalla and Dudley Saleeby*



Our Chancel Handbell Choir performed their Spring Concert on May 11 of original compositions as well as hymn and song arrangements.





# Church News

## New calendar insert to help with planning

Starting this month, there's a calendar insert perfect for a bulletin board or family life schedule notebook. We took a look at how involved planners can get so we took note and tried to make the important deadlines and not-to-miss moments eye-catching.

## Summer interns to assist church ministries

Two youth of the church are taking internship roles with the children and youth ministry staff this summer.



**Sarah Porter**

Sarah Porter, daughter of Mike and Lynn Porter, will be serving as our Children's Ministry Summer Intern. Sarah is a rising sophomore at the College of Charleston and is majoring in Exercise Science. She enjoys going to the beach and spending time with friends and family.



**Lilly Williams**

Lilly Williams, daughter of Jeremy and Amy Williams, will serve as our Youth Ministry intern. Lilly is a rising sophomore studying Biology at Wofford College. Lilly enjoys reading, the beach, going out to eat with friends and watching movies with her family. Please welcome Sarah and Lilly as our Summer Interns.



## Three generations of Eagle Scouts at FPC

Weaver Whitehead received his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor in the CLC on May 9. His father, Dr. Weave Whitehead, earned his Eagle Scout in 1986 at First Presbyterian and his grandfather Dr. Alva Whitehead earned his Eagle Scout as a youth in Lake City. Weaver's two uncles Van and Edmund also earned the Eagle Scout award as youth in our scouting ministry.

Weaver is the 17-year-old son of Weave and Emily Whitehead and the grandson of Alva and Ida Whitehead.

## Fellowship Night at Flamingos baseball

Join us for a night of Florence Flamingos baseball Tuesday, June 14! Come to the new ballpark with your church family! The Flamingos, Florence's Coastal Plain League team, will be playing the Savannah Bananas starting at 7 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15, which includes ticket to game, meal voucher and a Flamingos hat! RSVP to Brandon Hylton by Wednesday, June 1 (843-319-1937 or bhylton76@gmail.com). Money is also due to the church office by June 12. The new complex is adjacent to the Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Center (1300 Jennie O'Bryan Ave., Florence, SC 29501).

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# WOMEN IN MINISTRY

## *Spring Celebration*

The Women in Ministry held their Spring Celebration on Monday, May 16, in the CLC complete with fellowship, faith, and food.

During the Spring Celebration, the Life Service Award was presented to Carolyn Holland. Carolyn joined First Presbyterian Church in 2010. She has served as an Elder, on the Nominating Committee, the Communion Guild, and volunteered with Home Bound Communion and in the church office. Carolyn is a member of the Soul Sisters circle.

Guest speaker Nicole Wills, a wife and mother who had a double lung transplant several years ago, spoke about her faith that carried her through and how she felt called to begin her speaking ministry.



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 AM F.E. Pops (Youth)  
 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202  
 1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive: JFH  
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders: Scout Room

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

10:00 AM Combined Worship (Traditional)  
 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies  
 7:00 PM Wheeldateens! (Youth)

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**

2:30 PM Prayer Group: LR  
 5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith: CLC  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: JFH  
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 AM Youth: Neptune Island

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

12:15 PM Outreach Unit Meeting: Pilgrim  
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Youth: Zapata's

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202  
 9:00 AM F.E. Pops (Youth)  
 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

12:00 PM Youth: Lunch at Buc-see's

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: HopeHealth

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

10:00 AM Combined Worship  
 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies

**MONDAY, JUNE 13**

12:30 PM Worship Committee: LR  
 2:30 PM Prayer Group: LR  
 5:30 PM Enabling Committee: Women's Only Classroom  
 5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith: CLC  
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 12:00 PM Discipleship Unit Meeting: Women's Only Classroom  
 2:00 PM Fellowship Unit Meeting  
 7:00 PM Family Night at Flamingos Baseball

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15**

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202  
 9:00 AM F.E. Pops (Youth)  
 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19 FATHER'S DAY**

10:00 AM Combined Worship  
 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies

**MONDAY, JUNE 20**

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School  
 2:30 PM Prayer Group: LR  
 5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith: CLC  
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203



**TUESDAY, JUNE 21**

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacons

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22**

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Youth: Zapata's

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23**

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 9:00 AM F.E. Pops (Youth)
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202
- 3:00 PM Youth: Nerf Wars Arena

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship
- 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies
- 7:00 PM Youth: Wheeldateens!

**MONDAY, JUNE 27**

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: LR
- 5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28**

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:30 PM Session: JFH

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29**

- 3:00 PM Youth: Top Golf Myrtle Beach
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 9:00 AM F.E. Pops (Youth)
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

*Editor's Note: We're offering a new one-sheet monthly planner that includes worship services, holidays, and deadline reminders and goings on for children and youth groups.*

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# Remember in Prayer

## Extended Care

### Home

Isla Louise McCoy  
Jack Williams

### Lowman Home

Mac King

### Methodist Manor

Joyce Floyd  
Marie Jordan  
Maria Whitehead

### Presbyterian Community

Ann Cash  
Aaron Leland  
Clariann Kellam

## Memorials

Joyce Baird  
Evelyn Gibbons  
Dudley Saleeby

## Baptisms

Addison Suggs  
Millie Vaught

## Households

FLOCK 1: Mike and Pam Morgan  
FLOCK 2: Rocky and Carolyn Pearce  
FLOCK 3: Frank and Margaret Lee  
FLOCK 4: Chuck Collins  
FLOCK 5: Bob and Betsy Olsen  
FLOCK 6: Russell and Teresa James  
FLOCK 7: David and Ann Spearman  
FLOCK 8: Jim and Laura Berton

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

June 5: Communion  
June 12: OPEN  
June 19: Bobby Ray  
June 26: OPEN

\*Do you have a friend or relative you would like to honor? Sign up to place memorial flowers in the Sanctuary. Please contact Genia Tyson (genia\_tyson@hotmail.com or 843-992-8904) or Melba Whitesides (992-4267). Please leave your name, number, and date you wish to reserve.

## Sympathy

Lalla Saleeby, family and friends of Dudley  
Family and friends of Helen Foster  
Wendell Jones and family, loss of his brother

Lord, Hear  
Our Prayer



## Sick & Recovering

Glenn Bell  
Butch Carroll  
Amelia Carter  
Aubrey Crawford  
Claudia Ervin  
Judy Fuller  
Debbie Harwell  
Nell Oliver

## Elders

Rufus Bratton  
Allen Griffin

## Deacons

Karen Jordan  
Everett McMillian

## Mission

Burn Care International  
Lighthouse Ministries

## Women in Ministry

Jeong Me Park  
Jane Shurman

## Teachers

Bill Cain  
Jim Dameron

## Staff

Kimberly Brauss  
Leroy Williams

## Honorariums

Ann Rodgers Chandler  
Betsy Johnson  
Lalla Saleeby

# June BIRTHDAYS

**JUNE 1**

Donna Collins  
Jim Dameron  
Landis Lane  
Emily McLean  
Melanie Sprenger  
Butch Turner

**JUNE 2**

George Henderson  
Coleman Jeffords

**JUNE 3**

Bill Cain

**JUNE 4**

Courtney Emert  
Bryan Harwell

**JUNE 5**

Matthew Hyman  
Cile MacLennan  
Brittany Miles

**JUNE 6**

Margaret Charles  
Eli Gaddy  
Gerry Rosenlund

**JUNE 7**

Marshall Benton

**JUNE 8**

George Beshere  
Drew Caudle

**JUNE 9**

Mary Jernigan

**JUNE 10**

Addie Bulloch  
Abigail Tuttle

**JUNE 11**

Troy Lamb

**JUNE 13**

Emily Hodges  
Jon Lewis  
Betsey Moore  
Mary Tiller Rabon  
Thomas Ray  
Anna Reames  
Celia Urquhart

**JUNE 14**

Gray Scott  
Katherine Watts

**JUNE 15**

Merrette Dowdell  
Marty Hucks

**JUNE 16**

Ken Charles  
Carter Hardee  
Beverly Harrell  
Bobby Henegar  
Eric Kim  
Cathy Lee  
Susan Snow  
Gordon Weatherford  
Hunter Welch

**JUNE 17**

Breeden DuBose  
Grace DuBose  
Charles Lamb  
Hunter Morgan  
Edmund Whitehead

**JUNE 18**

Jo Lynn Bratcher  
McKenzie Lehmans  
Collins McBride  
Addison Suggs  
Abi Urquhart

**JUNE 19**

Hunter Burch  
Ansley Moore  
Lyn Ortiz  
Gil Vassy

**JUNE 20**

Cammie Moree

**JUNE 22**

Amelia Anne Brown  
Mary Grady  
Alaina Naylor  
Patrick Ortiz  
Ashley Scott

**JUNE 23**

Lauren Bostwick  
Frank Ellington

**JUNE 24**

David DuBose  
Robin Stoupenos

**JUNE 25**

Justin Dozier  
Ida Whitehead

**JUNE 26**

Alan Floyd  
Emily Hyman  
Bryan Rabon

**JUNE 27**

Weatherly Tiller  
Genia Tyson  
Dawn Benton

**JUNE 28**

Cindy Coward  
Larry Davidson  
Richard Genoble  
Johnny Stoupenos  
Ellen Wilhoit

**JUNE 30**

Scarlett Cranford  
Sally Dameron  
Tammy Moore  
Susan Perrou



## Graduation, Art Show incredible success

Our 4K Preschool Graduation was held in May. This year we had five graduates. Their families attended a short graduation honoring their accomplishments. The children presented a Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons skit and sang a song about movin' on up to kindergarten for their program. Each child was presented with a "Jesus Storybook Bible" and a certificate. We wish all of our graduates the best and hope that they have a good solid preschool foundation to be built on as they move on up to kindergarten.

The CDC enrollment is back up to almost 80 children, and we have welcomed some new staff members and hoping to add a few more in the coming months. This is good news, since it basically means we are almost back to our pre-Covid enrollment numbers.

Our recent Art Show & Sale was a huge success with many families in attendance. It was incredibly profitable and to date we have received over \$2,000 in donations. These monies will go back in into our program, offering more learning opportunities through art and children's literature.

The CDC preschool garden area has several blossoms and some tiny peppers and tomatoes growing. Soon it will be time to taste our produce! The older preschool classes have been helping to water and weed the garden. The children get so excited when they see some of the produce coming forward.



We are welcoming summer with open arms and anticipating a fun day — camping session focusing on lots of exciting age-appropriate activities and experiences!

Blessings,  
*Beth*

# Youth Ministry

May was a great month! We welcomed the rising seventh-graders and honored our graduating seniors. We wrapped up our Sunday School study on the Apostles' Creed and our Small Group study of Genesis as part of the Gospel Foundations. A special thank you goes out to Chris and Charissa Canfield, Billy McBride and Amy Williams as they helped lead small groups this school year.

We are ready for summer, and it is packed full of things to do. One new group thing we will do is get together to ride our bikes, skateboards, longboards, skates, rollerblades, scooters or one wheels in different neighborhoods around town. Basically, anything that has wheels. And we will be called "Wheeldateens!" Be on the lookout for those dates below, along with many other fun activities.

Lilly Williams will be with us all summer as the youth intern. We are so thankful for her and all that she brings to the table. We are looking forward to being together this summer, making new memories & growing closer to the Lord.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Coffee at F.E. Pops** (9 a.m.): June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

**Wheeldateens!** (7 – 8:30 p.m.) June 5 & 26. Neighborhoods to be determined.

**Neptune Island** (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) June 7. Cost is \$25. We will meet at the church at 9 a.m. Bring a friend & money for lunch. Please let Taiter know if you would like to go by Friday, June 3.

**Zapata's Grill** (6 - 8 p.m.) June 8. We will meet at the restaurant. Please let Taiter know if you need a ride.

**Lunch at Buc-ee's** (Noon-2 p.m.) June 10. We will meet at the church. Bring \$15-\$20 for your meal.

**Florence Flamingos** (7 p.m.) June 14. Tickets are \$15. They include a meal and a hat. Please RSVP by June 1.

**Rebel Pie & Rita's** (6-8 p.m.) June 22. We will meet at Rebel Pie. Please bring \$20 to cover your dinner & dessert.



**Nerf Wars Arena** (3 – 9 p.m.) June 23. Cost is \$35 a person and includes dinner. Please let Taiter know if you would like to go by Wednesday, June 15.

**Top Golf Myrtle Beach** (3 – 10 p.m.) June 29. Cost is \$45 a person & includes dinner. Please let Taiter know if you would like to go by Wednesday, June 8.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**End of Summer Trip** (July 22 - 24): We will stay at the Garden City Chapel at the beach. This trip is for the entire youth group, including rising seventh-graders. Cost is \$75 per person (\$50 per sibling). Bring a friend! Please let Taiter know if you would like to go by July 1.

# Confirmation Banquet



What a special night was had by the Confirmands, their families, mentors, and friends on Wednesday, May 4. It was a beautiful experience for all in attendance to see these Confirmation students take the next step on their journey of faith. We welcome them as new Covenant Partners and will continue to pray that God will guide and direct their every step as they grow in Him. Also, special thanks to Kim Brauss for the amazing photos of this special night and the wonderful ladies that prepared our delicious meal.



# KIDS CONNECTION

## *Our children are a gift from God*

### **A Very Special Thank You to our Teachers!**

Thank you to all the people who teach our children about Jesus. Your commitment is truly valued and appreciated! Your teaching ungirds the church as a whole, and it helps support what our Bible teaches us in Proverbs 22:6: *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.* Our world is tough, and what we teach our children today in God's word will strengthen them for a lifetime. Thank you for your service to our children and our church.

### **WinShape Camps for Communities**

**July 18-22**

#### **Don't Forget to Register!**

This is a camp that you don't want to miss! It is for campers who have finished 5K-8th grade. What a great adventure awaits your child in discovering and exploring their God-given talents in a fun-packed week. God lays out opportunities before us to broaden our friendships and come together as the body of Christ. WinShape Camp is definitely one of those opportunities! Jesus reminds us in Mathew 22:37-40, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

A great week of meeting new friends and discovering God's love is in-store!

First Presbyterian families get a \$25 off coupon.

Register today with a down payment at

<https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/1091>.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022**

"Make Waves" is our theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. It has a fantastic missional message for children and adults!

Pre-registration was required. The deadline has passed. We will not accept any walk-ins or "day-of" registrations.

**When:** June 20-23; 9-11:45 a.m.

**Where:** First Presbyterian

**Who:** Students who have completed 5K-fifth grade

*Blessings,  
Wynne*

### **MEMORY VERSE**

**"Whoever believes in me ... rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38, NIV**

# Lord, we thank You for our Fathers ...

Fathers are the head of the family according to Scripture. They carry the heaviest weight of responsibility in care of their wives and the spiritual upbringing of their children. The home is the first church and a man's children his primary disciples. Evangelism of one's family is impossible apart from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our children will expose us as frauds if we try to teach them the principles of a godly life without surrendering our wills to the authority and daily leadership of Christ. Christ's presence within us is made evident by how we treat the people around us and bear with each other in our faults. Fathers are first husbands. They are in covenant relationship with their wives and are responsible for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of their life-partners. The Message translation of the Bible describes this responsibility so beautifully:

"The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by **cherishing**. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands.

Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church — a love marked by giving, not getting. **Christ's love makes the church whole.** His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor — since they're already "one" in marriage.

No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how Christ treats us, the church, since we are part of his body. And this is why a man leaves father and mother and cherishes his wife. No longer two, they become "one flesh." This is a huge mystery, and I don't pretend to understand it all. What is clearest to me is the way Christ treats the church." Ephesians 5:25-32 The Message



After his marriage responsibility, a man is responsible for the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of his children. The Bible best describes this responsibility in the following verses:

- These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. - [Deuteronomy 6:6-7](#)

- Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. - [Proverbs 22:6](#)

- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. - [Ephesians 6:4](#)

This is a huge responsibility for a man ... maybe the biggest of his life! It takes discipline and intentionality. When done well, honoring our fathers becomes easy. Regardless of whether our fathers deserve honor, we are commanded to give it.



We honor our fathers as we do to the Lord. God is our perfect Father. He is kind and gentle and good. He is generous and loving and responsive to our needs. He seeks us out and lavishes His goodness upon us. He helps us in our need. He does not leave us to ourselves. Fortunately, we have His example as a model for how to love well. Fathers love their wives and children as they experience the Father's love in their own lives. In His mercy, the Lord empowers fathers to love their families sacrificially through the power of His Holy Spirit. Here are some verses that point to the Father's love for His children and the blessing of children's lives upon their fathers:

- Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" - [Luke 11:11-13](#)

- My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. - [Proverbs 3:11-12](#)

- And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as

his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? - [Hebrews 12:5-7](#)

- But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. - [Luke 15:20](#)

- Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge. - [Proverbs 14:26](#)

- As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. - [Joshua 24:15](#)

- Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court. - [Psalm 127:3-5](#)

- The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. - [Proverbs 23:24](#)

- It is the greatest joy of my life to hear that my children are consistently living their lives in the ways of truth. - [3 John 1:4](#)

Jesus, we ask that You make Yourself known to the fathers of our children. Bless them, strengthen them, draw them into Your Presence. Empower them to love their families well by Your Holy Spirit. Thank you for loving us so perfectly. You are our good, good, Father.

*Jimmy*



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