

The REMINDER

Growing UPWARD

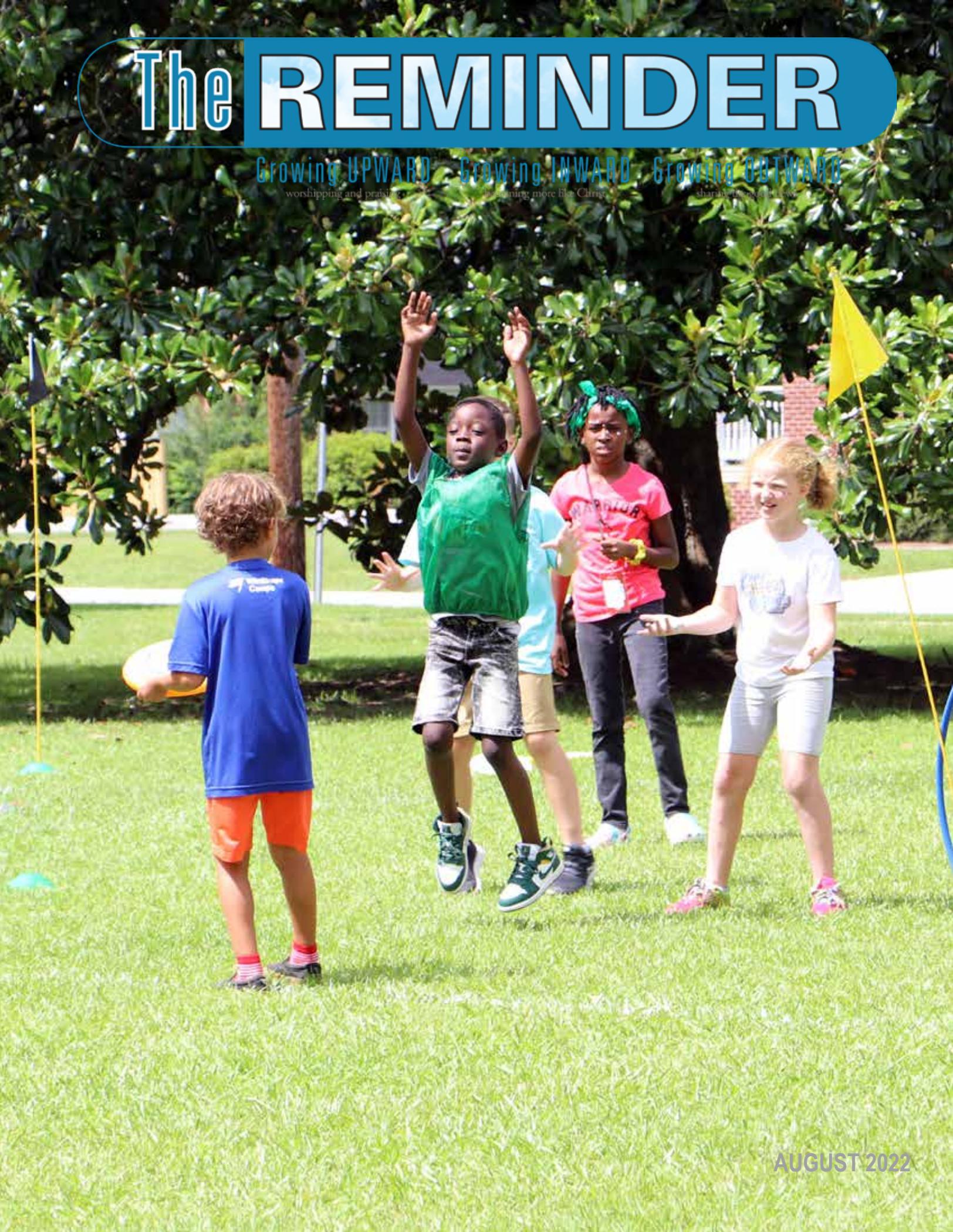
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD

becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD

sharing the good news



AUGUST 2022



ON THE COVER: WinShape campers play a game of Ultimate Frisbee on the front lawn. More than 230 campers enjoyed the week of faith, fun, and fellowship on our campus. For more pictures, see page 16.

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Please submit news briefs or announcements to Kim Brauss at kbrauss@florencefirst.org. To be added to the mailing list call the church office at 843-662-2583.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Outreach Foundation

A global missionary First Presbyterian supports is The Outreach Foundation. It launches its Annual Appeal on August 1. This Annual Appeal enables it to continue its work of engaging donors with the work of Christ in the world. In order to do this important work, staff, an office, mission consultants, and necessary supplies are needed to do the work that Christ has called us to do in the world. People are needed to tell the story of God's work around the world, and this takes financial gifts.

Nearly 400,000 people live in six United Nations Refugee Camps in western Ethiopia near the border with Sudan and South Sudan. People have been in the camps since the 2013 civil war in Sudan. The UN average stay in a refugee camp is 20 years.

The Outreach Foundation has worked in the camps for years. Most recently, with the help of donors, 20,000 Bibles in the Nuer language were provided for people in the camps. These Bibles helped create a conducive Christian atmosphere with 178 churches, Bible training, Christian education, and evangelism. The results have been remarkable.

On a recent trip to this area (Gambella, Ethiopia, about a one-hour flight from the capital city of Addis Abba), we had planned to visit the camps (this takes UN permission and three days of form approval and interviews). We were finally granted permission to go. On the day of our visit, rebel insurgents entered Gambella City and the whole region went into lockdown, including the camps. Airports, roads, schools, and businesses were closed. The people were very disappointed as they were eagerly awaiting our team's arrival.

There are several requests for assistance. Most of the people in the camp are in need of trauma healing. Classes have begun but more resources are needed to continue. In addition, the camps are requesting more Bibles (cost is \$7). Most needed are prayers for the beautiful people of Africa that have been displaced through no fault of their own. Should you choose to give, designate gifts to Rebuilding Hope in South Sudan.

Mark Mueller,
Executive Director



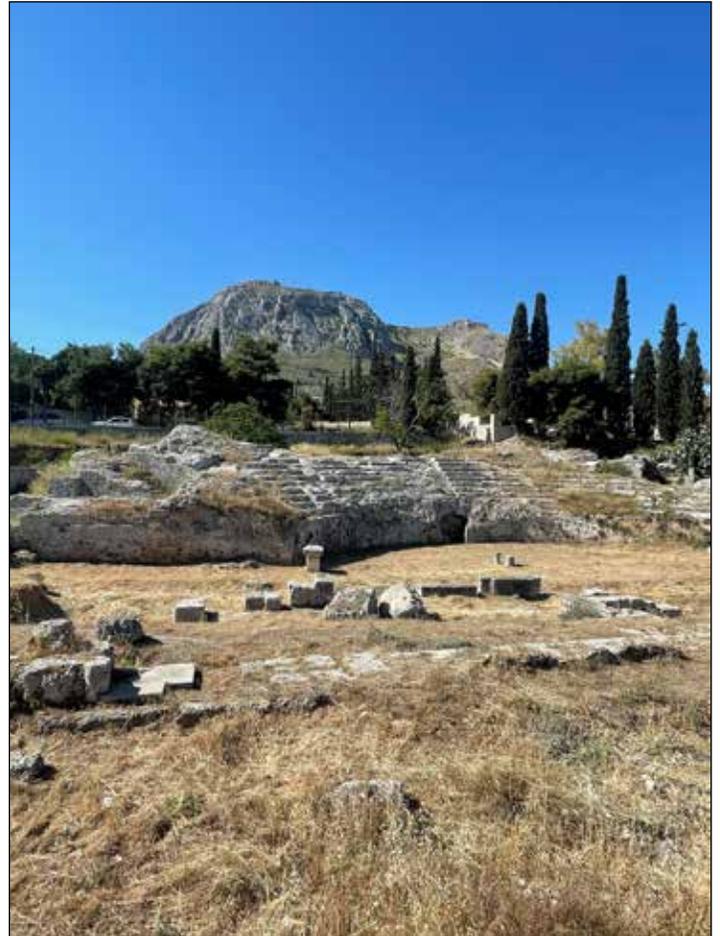
A Taste of Paul's Journeys

Dear Church Family,

The summer seems to fly by faster than ever, especially with Florence School District 1's new calendar with the shortened summer. School resumed August 1, and our worship schedule moves back to two services with Sunday School on August 7.

Our Wednesday Night Life will begin on August 17 with our annual cookout fellowship night with a bouncy house. The following Wednesday, August 24, our classes will commence. Kathy Griffin and Bill Cain will team up once again to teach the Bible in the Chapel. Their class is called "Studying the Psalms." The Psalms are a profound music-prayer book right in the middle of our Bible. Kathy writes, "Psalms covers every possible circumstance that we could ever deal with in life. They touch on the physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual needs we have or may have as we walk through life daily. Studying the Psalms will enhance our prayer life, our praise life and help us know how to approach problems in life as God would."

Secondly, with my recent trip to Greece with Barry Jenkins still fresh in my mind, I will teach a class in the Fellowship Hall on "A Taste of Paul's Journeys." We will explore the environments in which Paul ministered – Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Berea – and especially Corinth and Ephesus, where Paul had the longest stays. Our eyes will be opened as we explore not only a general framework of the journeys, but also consider some aspects that rarely cross our mind, such as the difficulties inherent in travelling itself. We will make concrete linkages between these places and specific passages in Paul's letters and in Acts. In so doing, it helps us taste the flavor of each place and letter, and helps us understand Paul's evolving pastoral relationship with these different young churches. Traveling to these places after studying them for so many years greatly helped clarify things in my mind, and I hope this class will help increase your understanding of Paul and his Journeys as well. I continue to be amazed at how many details are present in God's Word that can be unpacked and enjoyed.



Pictured is ancient Corinth.

All in all, it has been a good summer for our church. Vacation Bible School was a great joy and WinShape Camp grew this year as well. Our new church officers are now in place and eager to serve.

This is the perfect time of year to connect anew. Whether it is on Wednesday nights, in a Sunday school class, Women's circle, or small group. All men are also warmly invited to join the Men's Retreat at Black Mountain August 26-28. The deadline to sign up is approaching fast — August 7— and only a few open spots remain. Please touch base with Bill Cain with any questions about the retreat.

May the Lord be with you.
Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature.

God is Greater than my Greatest Fear

I didn't say it but I heard a friend make that statement. It didn't just register. It was like an earthquake that reverberated deep in my soul.

I began to think about people in my life who lived out that truth.

A widow whose husband had died at a young age and she was physically struggling with multiple sclerosis. She was mostly confined to a wheelchair. And yet, I can still hear her saying, "Bill, I live by myself but I'm never alone." God was greater than her greatest fear.

I remember seeing a car parked by our church cemetery several times a week. Finally I approached the man, whose car it was, as he stood by a gravesite. "My son drowned when he was 27," he said, "and I always come by here after I work out because we would often work out together." He went on to explain, "I thank God that I was blessed to have him for 27 years." His confident voice reflected a firm conviction that death would not have the final word. He looked to the future without fear.

A man named Don was one of my early mentors. He was a brilliant engineer and research scientist who had graduated from Columbia University. Only months before, Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine, my friend contracted polio and was paralyzed from the waist down. He learned to drive a car with hand controls. He built a home computer before Steve Jobs was in junior high school. He was a fascinating Bible teacher. His life was not rooted in bitterness or paralyzed by fear. He moved through what some of us would call "impossible barriers" with a firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.

My buddy, Jim, was a successful high school football coach, athletic director, and shaper of young people. He was on his tractor when a freak accident occurred and his body was doused in hot hydraulic fluid. Eighty percent (that's right 80 percent) of his body had third-degree burns. He proved his doctors (and his pastor) wrong and lived. No, I don't mean just occupying space and breathing air.

He rededicated his life to the Lord. He became a passionate witness whose faith was aflame for Christ. To this day, he teaches Sunday School class. His daily prayer is, "Thank You ... Thank You ... Thank You, Lord." He doesn't worry about how he looks or what other people may think. Faith, not fear, drives him.

I know of a man who grew up in a tiny coal community. His family lived in company housing, his father was paid in company "script" (money), and they shopped at a company store. It would have been easy for this person to live under a shadow of insecurity and to believe that he was a victim of his circumstances. Yet, this man would move out of that WV "Holler," go to college, and become a chemical engineer. He married and had six children ... one of his daughters is my wife, Jill. My father-in-law had a deep, abiding faith in the Lord that enabled him to move through mountains of "impossibilities." He's my hero!

I could go on and on but my question to you is, "Where are you allowing fear to sabotage your life?" What fears are preventing you from leaning into the path of life that Jesus Christ has for you? Face your fear. Name it. And then, look to the Lord and His strength.

This is a scripture that I keep on my bookshelf and has been a vital part of my life since 1976.

Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned ... for I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)

Love in Christ Jesus,



Toward a Healthier Church

Supporting our ministry, mission

Facts & Figures

By now, all covenant partners should have received quarterly contribution statements reflecting individual giving through the first 6 months of 2022. The contribution statement is a reminder of the commitment made by our covenant partners to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church. To carry out the **Ministry Action Plan** set forth by our pastors, program staff and the various ministry units of the Session, we need to receive contributions of \$34,102 per week. The chart below shows a snapshot of our collective giving for the first seven months of 2022.

2022 Ministry Action Plan Summary

Average weekly Giving	\$ 28,183.00
Average Weekly Need	\$34,102.00
Average Weekly Surplus/Deficit	(\$5,919.00)

This chart shows that our average weekly giving is running below the average weekly amount needed to fully fund the church's Ministry Action Plan. It is important to note that while our giving remains strong, it is approximately 8 percent lower than this time last year. Additionally, our expenses are up. The increase in expenses is due in part to the increase in ministry activities but, also due to inflation, which is currently at 8.9 percent. The church is experiencing many of the same financial issues as our covenant partners. Our staff and leaders are monitoring expenses to be good stewards of your contributions. We are current with our support of our missionaries and the benevolence organizations we support. In Malachi 3:10 we read: ***Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.***

I want to encourage you to examine your contribution statements and prayerfully consider what you see and how God wants you to respond. As you are making plans for end of summer trips and activities and are looking ahead to the fall and back-to-school, let me

encourage you to include continued financial support of the ministries and mission of First Presbyterian Church in your plans. One way that you can do this is through online giving which allows you to support the ministries of our church even when you are away. To learn more about the online giving option, visit our website www.florencefirst.org and click on the online giving link at the top right corner of the home page. You may also make a gift and view your giving history through REALM.

Who Do I Call?

First Presbyterian Church is fortunate to have three very talented Ministry Assistants who provide administrative support to our staff and assist our covenant partners. In addition to general knowledge about the ministry of First Presbyterian Church, each of our ministry assistants has specialized responsibilities. **Becky Thomas** is our Ministry Assistant who can answer most of your questions regarding membership matters, Women In Ministry, and general church information. Becky is new to our staff, having joined us in March, but she is learning fast. Becky also provides administrative support to the Senior Pastor. If you haven't met Becky, stop in and say hello!

Kim Brauss is our Communications Ministry Assistant. Kim's responsibilities include publication of the monthly newsletter (The Reminder), the weekly worship bulletins, maintenance of the church website, and other social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) Kim also provides administrative support to our Assistant Pastor and program staff.

Gwen DuRant is our Financial Assistant. Gwen is the person to contact if you have questions related to your contributions. She also handles accounts payable and payroll for the church and our Child Development Center. Additionally, Gwen provides administrative support to the Church Administrator.



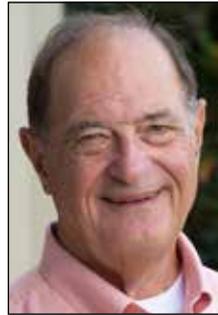
Sin, Grace, and the Law

ROMANS 6:1-7:25

My paternal grandmother and I never discussed theology, but she prayed for her children and grandchildren. She died in 1968. I was 20 years old. I learned after her death from my father that she was a strong believer and taught the Bible to other women. In the Church named for her daughter, who had died in 1943, women were not allowed to teach men. She spoke of the Old Bible (The Protestant Old Testament) and the New Bible (The Protestant New Testament).

I had a Spiritual renewal in my life in 1966 and struggled with a call to seminary until 1976. Since then I have had a passion to understand the Bible. In my studies it is apparent there is a relationship between the Old and New Testaments. The New Testament does not nullify the Old Testament, but it clarifies the will of God to redeem humanity through Jesus. Paul is a strong witness in the New Testament to show how Jesus is the one who breaks the power of sin and rebellion by God's people and offers new life to all humanity. My study of Romans clarifies the need to understand both testaments and points to the Jewish nature of the Christian faith.

As I read the center section of Romans (chapters 6, 7, and 8) I reflect on my grandmother, my own experience, and Paul. Paul changed from a Jewish Pharisee to a Jewish Christian who preached the Gospel to non-Jews (Gentiles). In this center section of Romans, Paul asks questions seeking to discuss sin, grace, and the law. Paul has identified grace as the free gift of righteousness through Abraham and Jesus to all of humanity. He has defined sin as the choice humanity makes to be one's own god (idolatry). The law, which is not the same as sin but identifies our sin, has been redefined by Jesus Christ as an ethic of love. Paul uses a series of four questions in Romans chapter 6 and 7 to relate the relationship between sin, grace, and the law. The answer to these questions is an emphatic no. Each time Paul uses a phrase, *mn gevoito*, which literally means "may it not be so." The first question is, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound (Romans 6:1)?" This must have been an attitude in the



**REV. MIKE
FLEENOR'S BLOG**
<https://onepastorsponderings.wordpress.com/>

first century to enable new converts to continue to live as if they had not accepted Christ. The second question is "Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:15)?" This question relates to the relationship between law and grace. The law (the Old Testament) identifies sin and provides guidelines for obedience. "That the law is sin (Romans 7:7)?" is the third question. It seeks to show how law is beneficial to humanity. The law liberates humans by giving boundaries for living in righteousness. By answering with a negative, Paul gives the correct understanding of the law. The fourth question is: "Did that which is good, then, bring death to me (Romans 7:13)?"

Paul believes he has established that the law is not the same as sin. The power of sin brings death not the law. To all four questions, Paul answers, NO WAY! I believe Paul is answering first century people who do not want to give up a sinful and destructive life. This is contradictive to the Gospel that those who trust in Christ are a new creation.

As Christians we are called to change our lifestyle, to live in righteousness and to strive to love in each situation of life. Give thanks, we are new creatures in Christ Jesus,

Kickoff Event

**Women in Ministry
Kick-Off to a New Year
Tuesday, Aug. 30
6 p.m. in the CLC**

- Bring a salad or appetizer to share
- Fellowship with other women
- Meet “Circles of Friends” leaders and Bible study leaders
- Choose a group to join
- Introduction to Bible study
- Recognition of and Prayer for FPC’s school employees and CDC staff

RSVP for Childcare by August 23 to bthomas@florencefirst.org



Join Us, Ladies!

A new WiM “Circle of Friends” group will begin meeting for fellowship and Bible study at 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, September 11, in the church parlor. For more information, please email Alexis Morris at nnnminusone@gmail.com.





Church News

Two worship services resume in August

We return to two services August 7. Our Contemporary Service with the Praise Team Band is at 9 a.m. and our Traditional Service with The Chancel Choir is at 11 a.m. Please mark your calendar.

Veterans group coffee to be held

A veterans coffee meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, in the Lawson-Rain Chapel. Pretty good coffee, rolls and fruit will be available.

Military veterans and their families have been an important part of our church's and our community's history and legacy. Charlie Caldwell and several of our covenant partners, who are veterans, are compiling a list of covenant partners who have served in the military. These veterans and others expressed an interest identifying who we are, having a gathering for fellowship, prayer, and consider the possibility of future gatherings or service projects. Clearly, the most important task is to identify who we are while we still can. Please let us know who you are and join us if you can.

If you or a member of your family are a veteran of any branch of the military, please contact Charlie Caldwell at cccotswold@aol.com or 843-992-9447.

Call for singers, musicians for worship

As we get started up for the new school year and schedules settle in, if you or a family member would like to participate in a rotation format for singers or musicians for the contemporary service, we'd love to get you plugged in.

"There are so many wonderfully talented folks at our church," Praise Team leader Vic Rockhill said. "And my prayer is that the Lord would move those to serve, learn, grow and have fun with us worshipping God and leading His people each Sunday. If you're interested, please email me at vicrockhill@gmail.com."



Scouts enjoy summer of fun camping

Our Scouts have had a busy summer of fun at Camp Barstow on Lake Murray and camping in the Great Smoky Mountains. We start the new school year off with a Little Pee Dee paddle trip in August and Monday night meetings in the Scout meeting room begin on Monday, August 29, for boys 11-17.

Life Scout Wells McBride will be building a cultural garden for the City Farmers Market on August 6 for his Eagle Scout service project.

Contact Troop Committee members Weave Whitehead, Porter Stewart or Wendell Jones if you have questions about the scouting ministry here at First Presbyterian.

Link your VIC card to the CDC

Help earn money for our Child Development Center when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter.

The program Together in Education runs from August 1-May 31 yearly. During the 2021-2022 Together in Education program year, local schools earned over \$1.3 million. The program gives schools a chance to earn funds when you link your VIC card and shop Harris Teeter brands. Any customer with a VIC card can link their card to a school. Customers can link up to five schools to their account. The more people that connect their loyalty cards to a school, the higher the earning potential for a school. Visit <https://tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education> to link our school.

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CDC celebrates 6 years of ministry

Happy Birthday to First Presbyterian Child Development Center, which will be 6 years old on August 8! These past six years have been challenging as we have sought to serve young families of Florence and surrounding areas through this childcare ministry. It is a privilege to help meet the childcare needs of many working families.

Many of these children spend 7 to 10 hours each week-day here in our facility while their parents work or attend school. There are many challenges in the daily operation of First Presbyterian Child Development Center. Peering in the window or walking down the CDC hallway does not reveal the many moving parts happening each week-day, in the operation of the center. We are grateful for the 25 full and part-time CDC staff who work hard each day to care for the needs of other people's children. We strive to provide a positive atmosphere where children entrusted in our care, can learn and grow, to meet their highest potential.

Although public school begins this week, here at the CDC we are in the lazy, hazy last days of summer. Our preschool children, ages 2-4, are still being entertained by themed summer day camps. Last week the 2K Camp, enjoyed a week of "Summer Luau," complete with flower leis, Hawaiian foods and a limbo exercise. Our 3K Campers spent time wandering the halls as they went dinosaur footprint tracking in "Dinosaur Camp." The 4K Adventure Campers, learned about camping in "Camp About" as they played in a classroom tent, learned safe ways to start and put out a camp-fire, made camping crafts and read camping stories.

Our CDC Preschool classes officially will begin with curriculum on Monday, August 29. We are anticipating another year of preschool learning fun here at First Presbyterian Child Development Center. We are currently in need of a 4K Lead Teacher. A full job description is available on the church website. Resumes may be submitted to bhepler@florencefirst.org. We are also interviewing for full- and part-time infant and toddler caregivers.

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church for your ongoing faithfulness and prayers for our center and our staff. Blessings,

Beth



**MONDAY, AUGUST 1**

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

- 10:00 AM Bible Study: Women's Only Classroom
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- HFF Global Leadership Summit: JFH
- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
- 7:00 AM Youth: F.E. Pops
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- HFF Global Leadership Summit: JFH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- 1:00 PM Youth: Pool Party, Cookout

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School**
- Rally Day: CLC**
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- 12:30 PM Worship Unit: Lawson-Rain
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 5:30 PM Enabling Unit: Women's Only Class
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 PM Discipleship Committee: Women's Only Classroom
- 2:00 PM Fellowship Unit

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 AM Veterans Group Coffee: LR
- 12:15 PM Outreach Unit Meeting: Pilgrim
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
- 7:00 AM Youth: F.E. Pops
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 6:00 PM Youth: Wheel Da Teens!

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacon's: JFH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Kickoff**
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal



AUGUST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
 7:00 AM Youth: F.E. Pops
 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
 10:00 AM Youth Group Parent Meeting
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

2:30 PM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
 7:00 AM Youth: F.E. Pops
 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Men's Retreat
 5:00 PM Delta Theta Sigma: CLC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Men's Retreat
 10:00 AM Delta Theta Sigma: CLC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Men's Retreat
 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 6:00 PM Wheel Da Teens!

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

2:30 PM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
 6:00 PM WiM Kick-off: CLC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, Programs
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Remember in Prayer

Extended Care

Home

Isla Louise McCoy

Lowman Home

Mac King

Methodist Manor

Kit Ellington

Joyce Floyd

Julie Hughes

Marie Jordan

Maria Whitehead

Presbyterian Community

Ann Cash

Aaron Leland

Clariann Kellam

Memorials

Helen Foster

Dudley Saleby

Betty Jean Charles

Joyce Baird

Evelyn Gibbons

Martha Ann McCleave Wallace

Carolyn Wolfe

Honorarium

Sidney Ruff

Serving Our Country

Andrew Stewart, Japan

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Do you have a friend or relative you would like to honor? Sign up to place memorial flowers in the Sanctuary. 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.

Aug. 7: Communion

Aug. 14: OPEN

Aug. 21: Susan Snow

Aug. 28: Elizabeth McLean, Betsy Olsen, Karen Jordan

Sympathy

Charlie Caldwell, loss of his younger brother

Brian Wallace, loss of his mother

Phyllis Williams, loss of her husband, Jack

Lord, Hear
Our Prayer



Sick & Recovering

Butch Carroll

Aubrey Crawford

Elders

Allen Griffin

John Scott

Deacons

Daniel Jordan

Francis Rogers

Mission

My Brother's Keeper

The Outreach Foundation

Women in Ministry

Nancy Thompson

Shannon Watt

Teachers

Renda Barnes

Jayne Boswell

Staff

Ann Rodgers Chandler

Vic Rockhill

Households

FLOCK 1: Tom and Marlene Pantos

FLOCK 2: Whit and Beth Player,

Joseph Caine, Worth, Wesley, and Lylli

FLOCK 3: Joe and Elizabeth McLean

FLOCK 4: Steve and Wynne Edwards

FLOCK 5: Mike and Lynn Porter,

William, David, and Sarah

FLOCK 6: Marie Jordan

FLOCK 7: Gayden Tyler

FLOCK 8: Nancy Bostian

August BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1

Ella Naylor

AUGUST 3

Caden Bulliner
 Michael Frost
 Kathy Grace
 Rhett Spencer
 Wallace Vaught

AUGUST 4

Jane Ames
 Casey Coker
 Bob O'Harra

AUGUST 5

Rob Hall

AUGUST 6

Jake McKay
 Jerry Neal

AUGUST 7

Tabatha Davis

AUGUST 8

Sandra Anderson
 Rufus Bratton
 Erin Patton
 Brittany Reames
 Peggy Swearingen

AUGUST 9

Chris Canfield
 Donna Crockett
 Lena Foxworth
 Jackson Mozingo
 Mary Caroline Vaught

AUGUST 10

Caulder Christian
 Lincoln Emert

AUGUST 11

Chris Johnson
 Joe Pearce
 Amy Williams

AUGUST 12

Marshall Campbell
 Carol Crom
 Donna Green
 Scott Ham

AUGUST 13

Sherrill Fussell
 Lynette Gaddy
 Andrew Halus
 Blakely Hyman

AUGUST 14

Ellen Fails
 Anna Parsons Fast
 Taylor Knudsen
 Brittany Matthews
 Jim Moore

AUGUST 15

Tamara Hoefler
 Mary Louise McIntyre
 John Shurman

AUGUST 16

Janet Brand
 Joey Hall
 Dave Lake
 Yvette Mbangowah

AUGUST 17

Frank Lee
 Jay Reece
 Emmett Straus
 Brian Wallace

AUGUST 18

Evans Holland
 Stuart Snow

AUGUST 19

Carson Munn
 Colton Westbrook

AUGUST 20

Charissa Canfield
 Dan Hicks
 Betsy Johnson
 Moses King
 Fred Kunz
 Phil Moore
 Jeff Singletary

AUGUST 21

Charlie Ervin
 Mary Jane Holland
 Gregg Jones
 Wit Poston

AUGUST 22

Catherine Canfield
 Kent Caudle
 Ella Kate Pennstrom

AUGUST 23

Joe Commander
 Charlie Grace
 Cindy Johnson

AUGUST 24

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

AUGUST 25

Lane Gilpin
 Patti Hubbs
 Ronald Welch

AUGUST 26

Sallyann Frost
 Andrea Mozingo
 Andi Rae Straus
 Phyllis Williams

AUGUST 27

Dakota Hawkins

AUGUST 28

Carolyn Caudle
 Betsy Harris
 Heather Taylor
 Ryon Watkins

AUGUST 29

Farrel Marie Godwin
 Rod Jernigan
 Virginia Spencer

AUGUST 30

Tillman Johnson
 Ron Love
 Lillian Scott
 Michael Westbrook

AUGUST 30

Faris Griffith





BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacons are elected by the congregation to lead the church in service and love. The Deacons are mature followers of Jesus who assist the elders by encouraging and stimulating the connection and care between people in the church and the extension of that to the community. They also lead the church in cultivating hospitality (greeting, ushering at worship, and fellowship gatherings), and pastoral care for covenant partners.

The Congregation is divided into **Flocks** so the Deacons can tend to our covenant partners. Every Flock also has an Elder assigned to it. David Spivey is the Moderator. Donnie Wheeler is the Vice Moderator. Elizabeth McLean is the secretary. Jeannie Beshere is over Worship. Karen McBride is over the Flocks.

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WEDNESDAY Dinner Nights! KICKOFF

**5:45 P.M. AUGUST 17 CHURCH COOKOUT
FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP**

AUGUST MENU

August 17: Hamburg-
ers, hot dogs, chips,
watermelon, dessert

August 24: Barbecue
chicken, succotash,
rolls, dessert

August 31: Spaghetti,
salad, bread, dessert

Our Wednesday Night Life kickoff will have fun for the entire family. A cook-out, bounce house, and games are in the works.

Wednesday night classes for all ages will start August 24 following dinner.

- **Children's classes** will be broken up into 3K-5K; first-third grades; Bible Drill (fourth- and fifth-graders); and Catechism class for sixth-graders.

- **The youth group** will meet upstairs.

- **Two Adult Electives** will be offered.

Dr. Darryl Evans will teach a class in the Fellowship Hall on "A Taste of Paul's

Journeys." It will explore the environments in which Paul ministered – Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Berea – and especially Corinth and Ephesus, where Paul had the longest stays.

Kathy Griffin and Bill Cain will team up once again to teach the Bible in the Chapel. Their class is called "Studying the Psalms." The Psalms are a profound music-prayer book right in the middle of our Bible. Kathy writes, "Studying the Psalms will enhance our prayer life, our praise life and help us know how to approach problems in life as God would."

WinShape brings faith, fun



WinShape held its weeklong camp on our campus in July. Rev. Chris Handley estimates about 240 campers from the Florence County area participated in the ultimate day camp that combines fun, faith and friendship into an action-packed week. Campers completing grades K5-8 cultivate their God-given skills and talents in a mix of indoor and outdoor moments, physical activity and creative play, with epic adventures.





KIDS CONNECTION

Rally Day kicks off new season

It is hard to believe that school is back in session, and fall is right around the corner. I want to say a special thanks to the wonderful folks who have volunteered to work with the children this coming fall.

Upcoming happenings and programs getting underway for Children's Ministry:

- **Rally Day for Sunday School:** Rally Day will be held at 10 a.m. August 7 in the CLC for teachers, children, and parents to kick off the start of Sunday School. We will have a special welcome, opening prayer, breakfast, introduction of teachers, orientation of child drop-off and pick-up, and a meet and greet of Sunday School teachers and children 2K-6th grade.
- **Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School classes will begin on August 14.
- **Presentation of Bibles to our First-graders:** Our first-graders will be presented with their Bibles at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on August 14.
- **Children's Moments during Worship:** Children's moments will begin again for both services on August 7.
- **Wednesday Night Kick-Off and Programs:** Our kick-off is lined up for August 17 with fun for the entire family. A cook-out, bounce house, and games are in the works. Classes will start the next Wednesday on August 24 with classes broken up into 3K-5K, 1st-3rd, 4th-5th grade doing Bible Drill, and 6th grade doing their Catechism class.
- **Confirmation:** Our Confirmation season for sixth-graders will begin with our Catechism classes being taught on Wednesday nights.
- **Children's Church:** Children's Church continues for the fall with the 9 a.m. group being held in the CLC, and the 11 a.m. group being held in the Pilgrim Room.

*Blessings,
Wynne*



Rally Day Breakfast
10 a.m. Sunday, August 7
Christian Learning Center

MEMORY VERSE

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



MEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 26-28

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Summer full of new memories

July was packed with events as we savored every moment of Summer. We played at Top Golf, went to Pawley's Island, Garden City, Carowinds Water Park, helped with WinShape, rode our bikes & boards all over town, and ate a lot of good food together.

We traveled to Blowing Rock, N.C., for a week-long trip where we went zip lining, indoor rock climbing, crossed the mile high bridge at Grandfather Mountain, played games, went swimming, visited downtown Boone, witnessed beautiful sunsets, and shared testimonies.

The Summer has been so busy and full, in all the best ways. We have made some wonderful new memories, grown closer to the Lord and one another. We are looking forward to our regular schedule resuming in August and planning all of our fun Fall events and trips.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Group (5:45 – 7:30 p.m.) August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

Coffee at F.E. Pops (7 a.m. – until) August 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Luau, Cook Out & Pool Party! (1 – 5 p.m.) August 6. We will meet at The Frost home. Wear your best Hawaiian outfit & bring a friend!

Sunday School (10 a.m.) August 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Wheel Da Teens! (6 – 7:30 p.m.) August 14 & 28. Neighborhoods to be determined.

Wednesday Night Kick Off (5:45 p.m.) August 17. The youth will help run the games & events. Please let Taiter know if you would like to help.

Parent Meeting (10 a.m.) August 21. Please meet in the youth room to go over the Youth Calendar, receive a list of resources for you & your family, and ask questions. Youth are welcome to join us or hang out in The Lounge or Game Room.





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