

The REMINDER

Growing UPWARD

teaching and praising

Growing INWARD

becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD

sharing the good news



JULY 2023

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

ServeFLO

Service = Love!

October is Helping Florence Flourish's Season of Service that is called ServeFLO. We hope that individuals, businesses, churches, nonprofits, etc., will come together to bless Florence and beyond. Previously, neighborhood cookouts, law enforcement and first-responder luncheon, blood drives, City of Florence and school beautification projects were just a few of the many volunteer projects for the body of Christ to participate in during this season of service.

On Sunday, October 1, there will be a "Community Communion" on the YMCA soccer fields to kick off the month of service! Congregations will come together from across the area to celebrate Christ and the hope we have in Him together. The Community Choir will help us draw close to Him. This diverse group will begin practicing in July! Details will be shared with those who show interest.

Please contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com, or Laura Marechal, marechalel@hotmail.com, for more information on participating as we support Helping Florence Flourish and our community.



Children learn about the bustling town of Babylon during Vacation Bible School. Our pastors also portrayed men living in biblical times. Save the date for next year: June 17-20, 2024. More pictures from VBS are on page 14-15.

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Submit news briefs or announcements by July 21 to Kim Brauss at kbrauss@florencefirst.org. To be added to the mailing list, call the church office at 843-662-2583.



To Whom the Kingdom Belongs

Dear Church Family,

The summer has begun with such a fine start: Vacation Bible School this year was beautiful. There was such a sweet, peaceful spirit throughout the entire week. It is a powerful thing to see so many different members of our community join together to nurture and worship with our children. I was so pleased to see how well the children participated in worship even by repeatedly speaking up in front of the group, and how they were such a part of worship the Sunday following VBS to top everything off.

My heart was warmed when I saw glimpses into how parents had clearly been talking to their children about Jesus at home. All in all, I hope the kids had as much fun as I did! A big thank you to all who made this happen – and for Kelly and Laura Anne leading the way.

Our society values children so much that it is often lost on us how powerful it was when Jesus spoke to us about children in the scriptures. When Jesus said, “Let the little children come unto me because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Mark 10), this was profoundly counter-cultural. Back in Jesus’ day, by and large, adults simply wanted children to grow up so that they could participate in work and help provide for the household. Moreover, mortality rates were so high it is shocking to know that many parents frequently chose not to bond with their children until they were about 5 years old, when the chance of death had decreased (this was more common among pagans than Jews). So when Jesus gives such a warm reception to children who have a kingdom, this would take everyone aback for children were not in charge.

What a powerful image of grace: we receive from Jesus what we do not earn; it is purely a gift given out of love.

That is why every time we teach our children at Sunday school, walk with our sixth-graders through confirmation, or simply befriend them – we can do so because we know that this is how God sees us. He looks at us as His children, looking at us through the waters of baptism, and we receive His goodness, grace and love. This



is why it has been said that to the degree that we see ourselves as a Child of God is the degree to which we understand the Gospel. Raising our children to know Jesus is the most important thing, yet it is not always easy. How can we as a church support you?

On another note, we will soon be reading Isaiah together for our next sermon series. While I realize Paul’s Letter to the Romans has been called the “5th Gospel,” I frequently want to apply that term to Isaiah. Isaiah 40-55 is an incredibly beautiful poem that proclaims our incomparable God who saves us and rescues according to His plan. A plan that climaxes when the Messiah comes. It takes time for us to digest that following Jesus is so much more than “going to heaven when I die” – and the older I get and the more I understand, it simply puts me in awe not simply of the coherence, the scope, the beauty of the Gospel – but even more so the glorious nature of our loving God who made it.

Isaiah prophesies about Jesus dying for our sins so that we could be brought near to God, be His friend, and even have the Kingdom of Heaven belong to us. What a glorious God.

Peace,

Be Filled by the Spirit

What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit (lose) his SOUL? (Mk 8:36)

That's a question that we avoid only at our own peril. Let me ask you a question, "HOW IS YOUR SOUL?" Your soul is that part of you that integrates your will, your thoughts, and your body. Your soul is the most important part of YOU. Your soul is like the CPU (Central Processing Unit) of your computer. It brings everything together, integrates it, and enables it to function.

Yet, you and I get so caught up in our work, our responsibilities, our relationships, our hobbies, and countless other activities that our soul gets neglected and starved. Feed your soul!! How? First by asking the Holy Spirit to fill you, energize you, and equip you... every day. As the Bible says, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but BE FILLED BY THE SPIRIT" (Eph 5:18) This is not a "One and Done Phenomena." The emphasis is upon being filled by the Holy Spirit over and over and over again.

Then allow God to speak to you through His Word. Every morning (or evening) open the Bible, read a short section, and pay attention to key words or phrases which intersect with your life. The more often you do this, the more you will "hear" God speaking to you. Find a daily devotion book to help you focus on a scripture. If you need help finding one, call me.

Finally go out and serve someone. WinShape Camp is right on our doorstep. Our Children's Ministry area and our Youth Ministry area could use people who want to help our "next generations." Invite your neighbor(s) over and get to know them better. I could go on and on. Again, call me if you want some direction. (I love telling people what to do!!)

Men of First Presbyterian, I'm bolding these words and I'm asking you to plan on attending our Men's Retreat. We are going to focus on "Becoming a Man of God." I promise you a weekend of fun, fellowship, and building up your faith (your soul). The date is August 18-20 at Hickory Knob State Park. Go to our church website, www.florencefirst.org, and register ... NOW.

I dream of First Presbyterian Florence being a people who love God and others by their HEADS, who love God and others by their HEARTS, and who love God and others by their HANDS. Or to put it another way, Souls on fire by God and for God.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Bill

HICKORY KNOB STATE PARK
MEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 18-20

**REGISTER AT FLORENCEFIRST.ORG
BEFORE AUGUST 1**

CALL BILL CAIN FOR DETAILS, 407-473-0912

Toward a Healthier Church

Stewardship is about more than money. But clearly monetary giving is the starting point. In the Old Testament we read: *"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you."* (Deuteronomy 16:17)

Each year First Presbyterian Church asks our covenant partners to make a pledge to financially support the ministry and mission of the church in our community and around the world through our Ministry Action Plan. The **2023 Ministry Action Plan** approved by the Session totaled \$1.84 million. That translates to a weekly need of \$ 35,520.00 to fully fund the ministries of First Presbyterian Church for 2023, which includes support to our missionaries (Emerts, Carol Crom, Gray Scott and others), as well as providing support to the local agencies (House of Hope, Lighthouse Ministries, Mercy Medicine, Tenacious Grace, A Choice to Make, etc.) Thus far in 2023, our **actual** weekly receipts are averaging \$30,594.00. The chart below shows a snapshot of our collective giving for the first six months of 2023 (as of 6/26/23).

Average Weekly Need	\$35,520.00
Year to Date - Average Weekly Giving	\$30,594.00
Average Weekly Giving – surplus/ (deficit) - YTD	(\$4,926.00)
Ministry Action Plan Receipts - YTD	\$795,448.00

Despite the deficit, First Presbyterian Church is current in our support of our missionaries. Additionally, our staff and ministry leaders are to be commended for being good stewards of what has been given as they continue to plan and implement ministry activities.

Contribution statements

June will be mailed in July. These statements are intended to serve as a reminder of the commitments made to support the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. When you receive your statement, let me encourage you to reflect on what you see and respond as God prompts your heart.

Christian stewardship involves giving of our time, talent, and treasure, all of which are gifts we've received

from God. Each covenant partner plays an important role in advancing the name of Jesus throughout our community. Thank you for doing your part.

Ways to Give!

Did you know that we now offer **TEXT to Give** to our Covenant Partners and guests? It is simple and can be done any time and from anywhere. From your mobile device, simply text **Florencefirst** to **73256** and you will receive a link to our online giving site, where you can make a secure donation to support the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Please note that standard text messaging rates will apply. Additionally, you may give online using REALM as well as by visiting the church website and clicking on the GIVE ONLINE link at the top of the home page.



CDC Neighborhood



The fun never ends in our summer CDC neighborhood. From stretching our fine motor skills in our Toddler Class to taking turns painting paper plate sharks in 2KB, we are staying busy learning and growing at the CDC!





Best Week Ever Coming to Campus

Now is the time to register for WinShape Camps, July 10-14, right here on First Presbyterian Campus. Spaces are filling up and the leadership team wants to make



sure all covenant partners are able to attend. Therefore, Helping Florence Flourish is offering a special discount; \$55 off per child! Call the church office, give your name to Emily Reed, and she will give you the code. If you have questions, you can email Alexis Morris, nnnminusone@gmail.com. Use the QR code to register your children.

VARIETY OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Helping Florence Flourish needs volunteers for WinShape Camps coming July 10-14 to First Presbyterian Church in Florence! Volunteer any day or hours based on your availability. You'll have a ball and make a difference!

If you're 15 years old and older, we have a job for you! Volunteers must have completed the ninth grade and those above the age of 18 will be provided a free background check.

Get volunteer details at <https://camps.winshape.org/volunteer/>! Email Dottie, our Volunteer Coordinator, at handleydv@gmail.com if you have any additional questions. We hope you'll join us!



WinShape Leaders' Laundry

We need 10-12 people to wash WinShape Team members' clothes as they arrive on Saturday afternoon, July 8. The laundry needs to be picked up in the CLC in the afternoon and returned to the stage in the CLC before church on Sunday before worship. Please contact Sandra Davidson at 704-785-1756 if you are able to help.



Church News

Sign up for Global Leadership Summit

Leadership is so critical to your life and mine. God continually challenges me to grow in my understanding and practice of leadership. From home to office to playing field to school...and to church LEADERSHIP plays a critical role.

Please do yourself a favor and make time to attend The Global Leadership Summit, which will be hosted (we are one of the video sights) at First Presbyterian Church on August 3-4. Such leaders as Patrick Lencioni, Francesca Gino (Harvard Business School), Dave Ramsey, and a host of others will provide us with two days of insights into leadership.

If you have questions, please contact me (Bill Cain—407-473-0912). If you register between now and May 3 the price is \$139. You may go to www.globalleadership.org to learn more and register.

Adult Sunday School classes held during July

This July, Sunday School opportunities continue for adults. Covenant Partners are invited to join a summer Bible study of the “Ways of Jesus: Spiritual Disciplines.” You can come and go around your schedule throughout the summer because the studies don’t build on one another. If you have questions, please call Bill Cain, 407-473-0912.

The Pilgrim Class, taught by Munford Scott and Cary Andrews, will continue to meet throughout the summer as it always has. It meets in the Pilgrim Classroom, Room 100. Let’s join to strengthen the most important part of our body — our soul.

Non-denominational Bible study to be held

Embracing God’s Word, a non-denominational Bible study teaching with women’s, men’s and couples’ small groups, will study Parables from 5:30 to 7 p.m. several Sundays during the summer — July 16, July 23, July 30, and August 6 at First Presbyterian Church. Contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com, for more information.



Frost, McBride take Scout trip in southwest

First Presbyterian youth Michael Frost and Wells McBride were part of a group that traveled in June to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. While backpacking over 60 miles, they reached the summit of Badly Mountain at 12,441 feet and had the adventure of a lifetime.

On their travels to New Mexico, they toured the Denver Bronco’s stadium, visited the U.S. Air Force Academy and went sand boarding and sledding at the Great Sand Dunes National Park.

Also in June, a group of 25 Scouts and leaders spent a week at Camp Barstow in Saluda County on Lake Murray earning merit badges and having fun at summer scout camp. Monday night Scout meetings start back on August 14. Contact Scoutmaster Brandon Hylton, bhylton76@gmail.com, if you have questions about our scouting ministry.

Blood drive yields 15 units donated

Thank you to those who came out to support of the blood drive held in June. We were able donate 15 units of blood. One unit can help save up to three lives. The need for blood is constant, and the commitment First Presbyterian Church shows to help save lives is truly appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of patients in need.

Our next blood drive will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in support of Helping Florence Flourish’s ServeFLO initiative. Please call Kim Brauss in the office to set an appointment, 843-662-2583, or schedule an appointment through the Red Cross app.

Choir to Carnegie Hall





Nine members of The Chancel Choir sang in Carnegie Hall at the Memorial Day Concert in New York City. Joining the 200 voice choir and orchestra were Lee Nunn, Laura Anne Hofler, Emily Lake, Marsha Fincher, Curt Boswell, Fred Kunz, Stuart Snow, Jim Fincher and Ann Rodgers Chandler. The rehearsals and concert were under the direction of renowned composer and conductor John Rutter. The choir performed Rutter's *Requiem* and Rutter's *Te Deum*. We applaud our Chancel Choir and the dedication shown by these talented choir members.

Fellowship on the River



Covenant Partners enjoyed kayaking the Lynches River with RiverRats.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 Traditional Worship	3 <i>CDC closed</i>	4  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i> <i>CDC, Church office closed</i>	5
9 Contemporary Worship YOUTH: Senior High Trip, Fun in the Son (Cost \$450) RSVP ASAP KIDS: RSVP deadline for field trips for next week	10 WinShape Camps Enabling Unit, 5:30 p.m. Worship Unit, 12:30 p.m.	11 WinShape Camps 	12 WinShape Camps Veterans Brunch, 8 a.m. Personnel Unit, 10 a.m. Outreach Unit, 12:15 p.m. Children's Ministry, 5 p.m.
16 Traditional Worship YOUTH: Wheeldateens, 5 p.m. EGW series, 5:30 p.m. 	17 Discipleship Unit, 4:30 p.m.	18 KIDS: Terrific Tuesdays, Neptune Island, Cost \$20 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. YOUTH: Junior High Girls Lunch, Top Hat, 1 p.m. JFW Summer Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. JFH Fellowship Unit, 5:30 pm	19 Youth Work Day, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dress to paint, re- decorate. Lunch provided. KIDS: Riverbanks Zoo, Cost \$20. Depart at 7:30 a.m., return @4 p.m.
23 Contemporary Worship EGW series, 5:30 p.m. YOUTH: Prayer Retreat 30 Wheeldateens, 5 p.m. EGW series, 5:30 p.m.	24 31 Deadline to register for the Men's Retreat, florencefirst.org	25 KIDS: Terrific Tuesdays, Swan Lake, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Session & Diaconate, 6:30 p.m.	26 KIDS: Wonderful Wednesdays: End of Summer Party, 1-4 p.m. @ Dowdell's house YOUTH: Lunch @Freddy's & Sweet Frog, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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6 YOUTH: Coffee @ FE Pops, 9 a.m. YOUTH: Brunch at Venus, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 	7 YOUTH: RSVP deadline for Prayer Retreat being held July 21-23	8 Parking Lot Mission
13 WinShape Camps	14 WinShape Camps	15
20 KIDS: Thundering Thursday, Frankie's Fun Park, Cost \$50. Depart at 9 a.m., return at 4 p.m. YOUTH: Coffee @ FE Pops, 9 a.m.	21 YOUTH: Prayer Retreat (Time, location TBD)	22 YOUTH: Prayer Retreat
27 YOUTH: Coffee @ FE Pops, 9 a.m. KIDS: Thundering Thursdays, End of Summer Party @ Griffin's house, 1-4 p.m.	28	29 YOUTH: Cook Out & Pool Party, 1-4 p.m. Bring a side to share. Location TBD 



WEEKLY

MONDAYS

- Strategic Planning Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Women's Only Class
- Prayer Group, 2:30 p.m. LR
- Selah Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m. (203)

WEDNESDAYS

- Small Group Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

- Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m.
- Bible Study, Room 202

SUNDAYS

- 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Worship Service
- 11 a.m. Cookies & Lemonade



Extended Care

Lowman Home
Mac King

The Manor
Frank Ellington
Joyce Floyd
Julie Hughes
Marie Jordan
Maria Whitehead

Presbyterian Community
Ann Cash
Clariann Kellam

Memorials

John Flake, Debbie Harwell's father

Households

FLOCK 1: Linda Westbrook
FLOCK 2: Cathy Welch
FLOCK 3: Jane, John, Anna and Richard Shurman
FLOCK 4: Wanda Hill
FLOCK 5: Harriett Whitehead
FLOCK 6: Thomas Ray
FLOCK 7: Lisa, Sam, Sarah and Meredith Dozier
FLOCK 8: Casey, Jason, Collins and Cannon Coker

Baptism

Matthew Charles Hemmingsen, son of Derek and Melanie Hemmingsen

Birth

Emlie Bruce "Ebbie" Sanderson born Thursday, June 15,
daughter of David and Ansley Sanderson

Sympathy

Sheila Mozingo for the loss of her granddaughter Emily
Leslie Rutten for the loss of her stepfather, David Bitzer

Lord, Hear
Our Prayer



Sick & Recovering

Betty and Glenn Bell
Aubrey Crawford
Kelly Hickey
Todd Moseley
Anna Lee Pennstrom
Janie Ray
Bob Silver

Elders

Rob Hall
Mike Nunn

Deacons

Luke Scott
Mary Lynn Williamson

Missions

Helping Florence Flourish
ServeFLO

Women in Ministry

Alice Caldwell
Patti Hubbs

Teachers

Caroline Genoble
Susan Snow

Staff

Kimberly Brauss
Emily Reed

Flowers in the Sanctuary

JULY 2: Communion
JULY 9: Open
JULY 16: Barbara Meeks
JULY 23: Open
JULY 30: Marian Howard

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). Please leave your name, number, and
date you wish to reserve.

July BIRTHDAYS

JULY 1

Randy Cranford
Belle Rockhill
Julia Watkins

JULY 2

William Bratton
Addie Evans
Derek Hemmingsen
Pessy Losah
Weber Mimms

JULY 3

Harriett Gilpin
Avery Hucks
Harper Suggs
Frances Welch

JULY 4

Natalie Hall
Louise King

JULY 5

Lucy Hubbs
Ken Jackson
Erik Marechal

JULY 6

Amelia Carter
Emma Carter
Kate Carter
Bobby Garris
Mary Kirkpatrick
Benjamin Lewis
Weston Lewis
Tripp Toniolo

JULY 7

Wanda Granger
Richard Hopkins
Susie Jackson
Wendy Singletary
Guy Slagle
Stirling Temple

JULY 8

Leslie Brodie
Emily Jordan
Maggie Reece

JULY 11

Frank Hodges
Rob Lewis
David Spearman

JULY 12

John Hofler
Sammie Kennedy
Luke Poston
Susan Rhea

JUNE 13

Nabil Cotran
Ann Houck

JULY 14

Gregg Jones
Barbara Maffett
Hunter Moore

JULY 15

Eiley Foxworth
Robbie Suggs

JULY 16

Pat Conyers

JULY 17

Mac Gandy
Jessica Garris
Mitchell Green
Margaret Lee
Jim Moseley

JULY 18

Jacob Mikulecky
Robert Miles
Pam Morgan

JULY 19

Landen Turner

JULY 20

Nancy Harwell
Marty Taylor

JULY 21

Alice Bankson
Marsha Fincher
Denise King
Weber Mimms
Mike Porter
Freeman Williams

JULY 22

Jimmy Green
Martha Nance
Rob Molnar

JULY 23

Martha Blanton
Walt Burch
Alice Caldwell

JULY 24

Beth Player
Ford Scott
Kim Ryan
Christy Wallace

JULY 25

Shawn Bulliner
Emily Davidson
Alicia Truman
Elizabeth Tuttle

JULY 27

Troy Mbunu
Michael Miles

JULY 28

Margaret Jones
Caleb King
Hannah Moree

JULY 29

Bruce Crawford
David DuBose
Thomas Hardee
Laura Outz

JULY 30

Thomas Davis
Vicki Hebert
David Sanderson

JULY 31

Seth Crawford
Palmer Jones
Marie Jordan

Vacation Bible School



Children and volunteers were immersed in the bustling town of Babylon during Vacation Bible School held on campus in June. Children met Daniel and heard how he and his friends fared as captives in Babylon. It was such an incredible time and taste of what it might have been like to live in Bible times. Save the date for next year's VBS, June 17-20.



VBS: David's Courage in Captivity



Summertime, Summertime

Let the summer fun continue! It's going to be a blast! Please note important details for each group.

All participants must complete FPC's Children's Ministry Medical/Liability forms. Please contact Kelly Hickey at (843) 662-253 to request one.



Terrific Tuesdays for completed 3K, 4K and 5K

On **July 18**, we will meet at 9 a.m. at the church to travel to **Neptune Island in Hartsville**. We will enjoy Piratesville, the preschool splash pad. We will return to the church at 3 p.m. Everyone needs to wear their bathing suit (no bikinis) under their clothes and bring:

- a bag lunch
- a towel
- water shoes
- dry clothes

The cost of the trip is \$15 per participant. **All participants must sign up on or before July 9.**

On **July 25** will meet at 9 a.m. at the church to travel to **Swan Lake in Sumter**. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate this time. We will walk the trails, see beautiful swans, enjoy a picnic lunch, and play on the playground. We will return to the church at 3 p.m. Everyone will need to bring a bag lunch with their name on it and their car seat. **All participants must sign up on or before July 16.**

Wonderful Wednesdays for COMPLETED 1st – 3rd

On **July 19** we will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. to travel to **Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia**. We will return at 4 p.m. We also will enjoy Waterfall Junction at the Botanical Gardens.

Everyone needs to wear their bathing suit (no bikinis) under their clothes and bring:

- a bag lunch
- a towel
- water shoes
- dry clothes

The cost of the trip is \$20. **Participants must sign up on or before July 9.**

On **July 26**, we will end the summer with a **pizza and pool party**. We will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Merrette and Matt Dowdell (700 Greenway Drive). Participants must sign up on or before July 23.

FIELD TRIPS

To participate in the field trips, each child must have a First Presbyterian Church Medical/Liability Form completed. Forms will be emailed upon registration.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

JULY 4: Not Meeting (holiday)
JUNE 11: Not Meeting (WinShape)
JULY 18: Neptune Island in Hartsville
JULY 25: Swan Lake in Sumter

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

JULY 5: Not meeting
JULY 12: Winshape Camp
JULY 19: Riverbanks Zoo
JULY 26: End-of-Summer Party at Dowdell's

THUNDERING THURSDAYS

JULY 6: Not meeting
JULY 13: WinShape Camp
JULY 20: Frankie's Fun Park
JULY 27: End-of-Summer Party at Griffin's

Thundering Thursdays for COMPLETED 4th – 5th

On **July 20**, we will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to travel to **Frankie's Fun Park in Columbia**. We will enjoy go carts, laser tag, the Drop Zone, the arcade and more. We will return at 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$50. **All participants must sign up on or before July 9.**

On **July 27**, we will end the summer with a pizza and pool party. We will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Kathy and Allen Griffin (1814 Brigadoone Lane). Participants must sign up on or before July 23.

Children's Ministry



Dear Church Family,

How is it already July? June flew by and we've had a blast. We kicked off the summer with Treasured Tuesdays, Wonderful Wednesdays and Thundering Thursdays and then moved into Vacation Bible School. It won't be long before school is back in session. Parents, if your children have not been able to join us this summer, please check out the upcoming events. We have some fun activities planned for July. Please call me with any questions, 843-662-2583.

Much love,
Kelly



Sunday School

There will be NO Sunday School for children during the month of July. We thoroughly enjoyed the time spent together in June. The new church school year will kick off on August 6. Please be sure to mark your calendars. More information is coming soon.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH UPDATED VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Children's Church for children 3K-5K meets in the Children's Chapel for *Children in Worship*. This program, held after the Message for Young Disciples, is designed to teach children about worship and allow children to experience Bible stories while learning in their own special worship center.

Date	Time	Teacher	Assistant/Helper
July 2	10 a.m.	Susan Snow	Archie Boone
July 9	10 a.m.	Kelly Hickey	Tiffany Strauss
July 16	10 a.m.	Kelly Hickey	Archie Boone
July 23	10 a.m.	Caroline Genoble	Amy Brown Lewis
July 30	10 a.m.	Kelly Hickey	Jan Green

Summer Fun Continues With Retreats

June was packed full of fun events. We kicked the month off with Pizza & Praise night, where we made pizzas, played games, and sang worship songs. We enjoyed delicious food together, visited Carowinds and Neptune Island, tie-dyed clothing items for the first day of summer, rode bikes together and took an overnight trip to the beach.

The youth had a wonderful time helping with VBS this

year. We had 12 volunteers. We are looking forward to many more fun events in July, including our prayer retreat. We are looking forward to spending time in God's word together and growing in our prayer lives.

We still have a few spots open for Fun In the Son and I am now opening it up to rising ninth-graders. If you are interested in joining us, please let Taiter know ASAP. Please see next page for more information.



JULY EVENTS

Venus Restaurant (July 6) 11 a.m. – 12:30 pm

Join us for brunch at Venus. Bring money for your meal & a friend!

Coffee at F.E. Pops (July 6, 20 & 27) 9 a.m. – Until

Fun In The Sun! (July 9-14): ****Senior High trip**** We will travel to Hilton Head Island. Mornings include quiet times, the large group session and seminars. After lunch, you will have free time to relax and enjoy the beach. A variety of recreation activities and tournaments will be organized for each afternoon. The evening schedule will include dinner, a counselor meeting, the large group session & family time (with your church family). Cost is \$450. **Spaces are limited so please let Taiter know ASAP if you would like to go.**

WinShape Camps (July 10-14) 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Please let Taiter know if you would like to volunteer (completed 9th grade). The camp runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Campers and volunteers register online.

Wheeldateens! (July 16 & 30) 5 – 7 p.m.

Come ride bikes with us! Snacks & water provided.

Junior High Girls Lunch (July 18) 1 p.m.

7th–8th grade girls will meet at Top Hat Special-Teas. Bring a friend! Please RSVP by July 27.

Youth Room Workday (July 19) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us as we paint and redecorate the game room. Wear clothes to get messy. Lunch provided.

Prayer Retreat (July 21-23) Location and times TBD.

Youth will learn to pray by themselves, in pairs and in groups. This will be a memorable time together as we study God's word by reading it, journaling it & praying it. We also will pray specifically for the upcoming school year. Details to follow. Please RSVP by July 7.

Lunch at Freddy's & Sweet Frog (July 26) Noon –

2 p.m. Bring money for your meal and bring a friend!

Cook Out & Pool Party! (29) 1 – 4 p.m.

Hamburgers provided. Everyone will bring a side to share. Location TBD. Also, bring a friend!





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Paddling the Lynches



First Presbyterian Covenant Partners paddle the Lynches River as part of a fellowship outing June 25 with RiverRats. For more pictures, see page 9.