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First Presbyterian
Church

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April 1, 2011

On Easter Sunday, April 24th, we will meet as one congregation for a 10:00 a.m. combined service. Those who would still like to have Sunday School can do so at a time of their own choosing - either before or after the worship service.

Come let us celebrate together on
Easter Morn.

As Easter approaches, let us all be mindful of the season of Lent, a time of reflecting on our lives as Christians. We should remember the time of suffering and crucifixion and what our Lord and Savior was willing to give for us. We should ask, "what can we give back?" This year for Lent I gave us something huge, 'worrying.'

It is amazing when we decide to put things in God's hands what a relief we feel in our lives. And as the day of resurrection approaches, let us vow to move forward, rejoicing not only in what God has done for us but what He is going to do for us and through us.

Easter Sunday we will all have the opportunity to worship as one during the combined 10am service. The music will be uplifting, the word of God and the message will touch our hearts, but most of all we can lift our voices as one and declare, "He Is Risen!"

David



Maundy
Thursday

Please join us
on April 21st at
7:00 p.m. in the
Sanctuary for a
Maundy Thurs-
day Service.



FORWARD FAITH

Moving forward in faith and deepening our spiritual growth is, of course, an individual and congregational process. And there are several ways in which this transformation can be encouraged.

One way the Session is initiating this forward growth is planning for and designing an Officers' Retreat. This will be a first positive step and the details of this event will be shared when they are completed.

Another way all of us can step forward in faith is to reflect upon the eight "Characteristics of a Healthy Church." Copies of this one page document are available in the narthex, on the welcome table in the McIver Hall, and in Sunday School rooms.

For the remainder of this year, let's keep these eight healthy congregational characteristics before us. One way to do this is to read these characteristics at each meeting of every group in the church: for example, at adult Sunday School Classes, Circles, Deacons' Meeting, Session Meeting, Committee Meetings, etc.

We as your Staff will be reading each week these healthy characteristics. Furthermore, we will be engaging them in our discussions and deliberations. We encourage all members to join us in this proactive endeavor.

God is calling us to personal and congregational transformation! Praise God for the promise of new spiritual growth and a bright future!

In Christian Love,

Stuart



April 1 - Bea Fields, Robert Himes
 April 2 - Ellen Wilson, Bunny Paderick
 April 3 - Genie Morgan
 April 4 - Charles Killmeyer
 April 5 - Jane Evans, Kate Harding, Gracie Harrington
 April 6 - Bill Tatum, Jeff Phillips
 April 8 - Spencer Patterson
 April 9 - Andy DiNuzzo, Olivia Martin, Lisa McClelland
 April 10 - Parker Cameron, David Fisher, Sharon Brewer
 April 11 - Cassie Zawalich
 April 13 - Caleb Wilson, Virginia Byrd, A.V. Autrey
 April 14 - Phyllis Bennett, Lisa Kimble, Rob Patterson, Tim Childress
 April 17 - Ray Smith
 April 18 - Joseph Brewer III
 April 20 - Karen Tatum, Julianne McCracken, Virginia Brooks
 April 22 - Matthew Arnold
 April 23 - Mike Byrd
 April 24 - Eloise Berryman, Lisa Foushee, Diane Hancock
 April 26 - Scott Kittrell
 April 27 - Brad Kiser, Clyde Womble
 April 28 - Julie Lemon

Breadbasket News

On March 8th, volunteers from First Presbyterian prepared and served 128 plates of food to hungry patrons eating lunch at the Breadbasket. The menu consisted of chicken and noodles, chicken salad sandwiches, squash, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, canned fruit, assorted cakes, and canned drinks.

Volunteers for the day were Pam Patterson, Susan C. Patter-

son, Julianne McCracken, Joyce Kelly, Kenneth Dempsey, and Joanna Dempsey.

Our church serves at the Breadbasket on the second Tuesday of each month. Anyone willing to serve as a volunteer may contact Joanna Dempsey at 718-5969.

Team Leaders,
 Joyce Kelly
 Joanna Dempsey

CUOC News

Many thanks to those who help gather, load and deliver our monthly contributions. Mr. Johnson, our youth, and youth leaders are all such wonderful help as FPC continues this monthly community outreach. February was an outstanding month as we contrib-

uted 299 lbs. of food! If you aren't in the habit, please consider purchasing an extra item each time you visit the grocery store. All food and personal care products go directly to Lee County residents who are in need. Our next CUOC offering is Sunday, April 17th.

May 14 is the NALC (Post Office) Food Drive in our community. Leave your contribution of canned food at your mailbox and your

postal carrier will pick it up and bring to the CUOC. Last year over 15,000 lbs. of food was collected and the goal this year is 20,000lbs.

Please Remember in Prayer

Members: Our Pastor & His Family, Babbs, Hannah & Ethan for the sale of their home & their move to Sanford; Howard Auman; Jessica Brewer; Phyllis Brewer; Esther Childress (CCH); Kelly Holt; Marsha Koury; Janelle Miles; Dale Miller; Danny Sloan

Friends: Joan Bland's niece, Heather Brown; Jessica Brewer's mother, Linda Brewer; Debbie Campbell's mother, Joan Jones; Wayne Crowson; Andrew

Darroch; Pat Gurley; Jim Kimball; Lisa McClelland's sister, Leslie Barrera; Bill Miles; Pam Patterson's father, Perry White; Paula Spivey; Vicki Register's mother, Grace Fuquay; Randy Robertson's father, Walter Robertson; Paul Sehorne; Griff Sperry's father, C.B. Sperry; Paula Spivey; Elizabeth Suther's cousin, Amanda Mager; Anne Thompson; Jennifer Tyndall's father, Jim Tucker; uncle, Johnny Holder; and aunt, Ellen Farrior

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, April 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center.

Don't miss the delicious breakfast (\$3.00), great program and wonderful fellowship!

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Emily Kelly and Family in the death of her mother, Juanita Swicegood,

The Family of Martha Cunningham

Ushers for April

Captain - Joan Suddarth

9am:

Randy & Donna Robertson

11am:

Don Suddarth

Roy Cashion

Norman Brewer

Taylor Davenport

Logan Woodell

**April
Meals on Wheels**

**Coordinating
Team**

Church Flowers

**Flower
Committee**

Singles' Luncheon

The singles' luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at noon in the Harper Center.

Please wear your favorite hat for our Easter hat fashion show!

Please invite a friend and make your reservation (775-5216) by Monday, April 18th.

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment for a Sunday, please find a replacement.

Presbyterian Women Circles

For the year 2011, all Circles will gather at the church for their meeting. Each month everyone will meet together and watch a video then split and go to their regular Circle groups (locations listed below.) Our next meeting will be on April 11th. Circles 1 - 5 will meet at 10am in the Sr. High Room.

Circle 1: Parlor: **Circle 2:** Library

Circle 3: Sr. High Room:

Circle 4: Hobson Class Room:

Circle 5: Conference Room

Circles 6 & 7: Sr. High Room (7pm)

Circle 8: 3rd Sunday each month in the Library during Sunday School.

Pray for our Shut-Ins



Emily Buchanan-Parkview; Dorothy Foushee-Parkview; Doris Gibson; Herb Hardisty-Sanford Health & Rehab.; Mary Jon Herman-Lee Co. Nursing; Lo Keith; Barbara McDermott; Ralph & Vivian Monger-Parkview; Margaret Poe-Parkview; Sallie Tatum-Parkview

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What's Happening in April???

Sun., April 3 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 3pm PW Bible Moderators; 4pm Admin. Committee meets; 5pm Youth

Mon., April 4 - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 5:45pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet

Tues., April 5 - 10am Bible Study; 7pm Bible Study

Wed., April 6 - 6pm

Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

Sun., April 10 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm PW Coordinating Team meets; 5pm Youth

Mon., April 11 - Circles Meet; 9:30am Staff Meeting

Tues., April 12 - 10am Bible Study; 7pm Bible Study

Wed., April 13 - 3:15pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm

Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

Sun., April 17 - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm Easter Egg Hunt; 4:30pm Committees Meet

Mon., April 18 - 9:30am Staff Meeting

Tues., April 19 - 10am Bible Study; 7pm Bible Study

Wed., April 20 - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 6pm Contemporary Choir;

7:15pm Choir Practice

Thurs., April 21 - 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Sun., April 24 - Easter; 10am Combined Worship Service

Mon., April 25 - Church Office Closed

Wed., April 27 - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

Friday, April 29 - Youth leave for Lake Waccamaw