



FPC News

First Presbyterian
Church

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Pastor's Corner

Very keenly on my mind for the last few months is the nomination and election of church officers. The roles and responsibilities of these elders and deacons are immense. First Presbyterian Church is currently blessed with a group of officers who are deeply dedicated and actively fulfilling their calling. As you and I prayerfully and carefully consider the upcoming decision before us, we must be aware that much weight rests upon our shoulders as we earnestly seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we approach this important task, please keep in mind these points:

- Our Book of Order requires that only active members of the church are eligible for office. This is for sound reason: inactive members make inactive officers. Some folks have the good intention of 'making' someone a more active member by electing them to a church office. Unfortunately, that never happens. Being elected to a position of great responsibility will not make a person suddenly more responsible. Refer to Jesus' parable of the good steward, in which our Lord makes the point that we must learn to be faithful/responsible in the little things before we are given responsibility for the bigger things.
- Secondly, nominees should not be chosen as a reward for loyalty to the church or because someone expects to be chosen. In other words, church office is not an honorary position in any way, shape, or form. Church office is not about status or power. It is about service to Jesus Christ, having the mind of Christ. It was Jesus who said, "I have come, not to be served, but to serve." Elders and deacons are those people whose spirituality is rooted deeply and solely in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and who seek to lead others NOT through power, but through humble hard-working service. Spiritual maturity needs to be uppermost in our consideration of our officers. Without such spiritual depth among our elders and deacons, our leadership will be painfully lacking.
- Finally, having said all of that, we also understand that everyone of us is flawed and fallible. After all, how many of us would have ever chosen someone like the apostle Paul to be a leader among us? Take a look at his record: thrown in prison more than once, escaping prison, nearly beaten to death on a few occasions after inciting riots, accused of being spiritually inferior, accused of heresy (read Acts and 1 & 2 Corinthians), and the list goes on. From his resume' we might be led to think that God made a huge mistake in calling that guy to be a leader in the early church. Yet we all know how that turned out. Next to

Jesus Christ, there has been no greater influence on the Christian mind than Paul of Tarsus. None of us, including Paul, are without our faults.

The upshot of it all is that each one of us must seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, giving much time to prayer, so that even as the Spirit leads us personally, we will then be led corporately.

May the wisdom and discernment of our Lord flow to and through you all,

Philip

Wednesday Night Bible Study Returns!!

Wednesday Night Bible study returns on September 6th. Dinner will be at 5:30pm and the Adult Bible Study begins at 6pm. The children will attend choir from 5:55pm-6:25pm and then go to KICKS or Youth Club until 7pm.

Dr. West will lead the Bible Study beginning with a 4 week study on the parables with the help of the Andy Griffith video series. During the next 7 weeks, we will be studying the parables using the Kerygma series. Books will need to be ordered, so please contact the church office no later than September 6th to register.

Do you enjoy reading aloud to your children, grandchildren or students? Have you ever considered how you might become more a part of our corporate worship service at First Presbyterian Church, while doing something you're good at and enjoy? Well, here's a golden opportunity for you! We are once again starting our Lay Reading Ministry at 'First Pres.' with the enthusiastic support of our own Dr. Philip West.

Anyone who feels they need more information now, should talk the Philip or Steve Huepper. When you're ready to sign on, give your name, address and telephone number to Lori in the church office. We would like to hold an initial organizational meeting before the end of August, and set up the Lay Reading schedule starting in September, so don't delay. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone (including new members) to become more involved in First Presbyterian Church of Sanford.

Those who sign up will be notified of date, time and place of the initial meeting as soon as we have enough people to begin the program. Give Lori a call today!

September Birthdays

Sept. 2 - Catherine Moessner, Lewis Yow
 Sept. 3 - Toni Mackey
 Sept. 5 - Elinor Ankrom
 Sept. 6 - Martha McGee, Bill Faucette, Mindy Beebe
 Sept. 7 - Joan Suddarth, Jared Washburn, Janelle Phelps
 Sept. 8 - David Riddle III, Helen Lynde, Dave Martin
 Sept. 9 - Jean Kenerly, Annette Seymour
 Sept. 10 - Heather Patterson, Rylee Bath
 Sept. 11 - David Riddle Jr., Wilson Proctor, Justin Angell, Jennifer Tatum, Gene Reed, Marian Huepper
 Sept. 12 - Bridget Joyce, Katherine Holt, Bonnie Walker, Olivia Norris
 Sept. 14 - Dan Harrington, Katie Dull
 Sept. 15 - Barry Bristow
 Sept. 16 - Jim Tatum, Laura Spivey
 Sept. 17 - Matthew Phillips, Becky Cobb
 Sept. 18 - Stephen Brewer
 Sept. 19 - Ruth Cashion, Mary Proctor, Alex Fisher, Philip West
 Sept. 21 - Joanna McFadden, Tatum Wilson
 Sept. 22 - Leah Terrell, Scarlett Swain
 Sept. 23 - Andy Berryman, Amber Sperry, David Gamble
 Sept. 24 - Mark Davenport, Melissa Moore
 Sept. 25 - Vivian Dull, Lo Keith, Alexis West
 Sept. 26 - Clay Ingram, Brooke Byrd, Jacqueline Wilson, Kate Honey
 Sept. 27 - Bill McClelland
 Sept. 28 - Jonathan Mills, Michael Davenport, Jared Koury, Tommy McDonald
 Sept. 29 - Dorothy Foushee, Joyce Doelp, Kristen Lagenor
 Sept. 30 - JC Perry, Lars Hamilton, Walt Doelp, Renea Phillips

Session Report - August

- **A coordinator is needed for the Hand-in-Hand program at the high school.**
- **Sunday School Teachers and Youth Advisors were approved.**
- **Family Sunday School will begin meeting twice monthly.**
- **Every new member has been assigned a Deacon as a liaison.**
- **The Young Adult class will use Phillip Yancey's book "What's So Amazing about Grace?"**

Dear Dr. West and Members,

You have no idea how pleased and delighted I was to hear your beautiful rendition of "Happy Birthday" to me.

You all sounded so wonderful and I did so wish that I could have been there with you.

The tapes of the Sunday services are such a joy to Madge and me. We listen each week with such pleasure.

We do so enjoy all our visits with you and our church friends. Thank you Dr. West and the congregation for your loving thoughtfulness.

Bess Palmer

Breadbasket News

As I stood by the stove, stirring a steaming pot of English peas, I listened to the chatter and laughter of my fellow workers. Such pleasant sounds from my helpers as they cut, mixed, and buttered, found me quietly saying, "Thank you Lord for my good help." Without these fine volun-

teers, my work at the Breadbasket would not be possible.

Those volunteering in August were Helen Ogburn, Martha McGee, Rexine Lloyd and Helen Lynde. Together we fixed and served 175 plates of food.

Our menu included beef and noodles, English peas, fresh fruit, garden salad, bread, dessert, and drink.

Again, I say thank you for the continued support I receive in this mission.

Emily Kelly

Hunger Enabler

The Inquirers Class would like to share this prayer - A Prayer for an End to War in the Middle East: God of all nations and all people, we come to you, for your work through your people is the Source of a just peace in the Middle East. We are exhausted by the screaming headlines that announce death tolls, bombing raids, and acts of terror in Iraq, Israel, Palestine and now Lebanon. We are worn out with grief for the innocent and the desperate, for the needless destruction of cities and livelihood, and for the burgeoning refugees. Where are the loud voices crying in the wilderness: "Come to the table of belonging. Prepare the way for lasting peace!"??? Sustaining God, pour out your Spirit on the Christian community in Lebanon who have long lived faithful lives in the land of our spiritual ancestors. Protect them and all the innocent who seek peace, reconciling justice, and simply sustenance for each day in your much-loved land. Redeeming Christ, forgive us our cynicism and perceived helplessness that only belittles us and your church and betrays our calling to be your hands and feet in our world. Use us in our circles of influence to proclaim the truth that war has no victors, not one. Spirit of Peace, move us from the inside out into acts of prophetic compassion and non-violent struggle which honors every man, woman, and child. Give us the strength to face and proclaim what we must, always bearing the suffering of all those who are made in your image. We long for peace. Use us to bring it, we pray, in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~Shannon Parks-Beck, Seattle Presbytery Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee

Singles' Luncheon

The Singles' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the Harper Center.

The Hospitality Committee will be serving the meal this month. Please call the church office no later than Monday, September 18th to make a reservation.

September Door

Greeters

- David Riddle
- Leah Terrell
- Reggie Miller
- Lynn Angell

Shepherd's Corner

Shepherds!

Have you contacted your sheep this summer?



**First Presbyterian Coffee Project
Equal Exchange Fairly Traded
Coffees & Chocolates**

Please remember this ongoing project of the Inquirers Class. Coffee sales are scheduled for September 3rd. The class will again have the chocolate bars available after October 1st. Thanks again to everyone for the generous support of this endeavor. It not only helps the small farmers of South America, but donations are also made to the Heifer Project from these sales.

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sun., Sept. 17 at 8am in the Harper Center. Please join us for fellowship, a delicious breakfast and great program!

**September
Meals on Wheels**

Circle # 6

Church Flowers

Circle # 7

Ushers for September

Capt. - Phyllis Bennett

Early Service

- Jerry Campbell
- Debbie Campbell
- Pat McCracken

11:00 Service

- Monte Cunningham
- Nancy Cunningham
- Barbara McDermott
- Ann McCracken
- Flora Perry
- Phyllis Bennett
- Tony Quick - 9-17

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

J.C. Perry and Family in the death of his sister,

Lou VanBruggen and Joan Edson and Families in the death of their father,

Bob Patterson and Family in the death of his son,

Rex Mann and Family in the death of his sister,

J.C. & Jean Perry, Luke & Flora Perry and Families in the death of their niece.



Please remember in prayer:

Emily Buchanan; Marie Chapin; Pauline Collins; Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Parkview); Nancy Goetsch; James Holt; Merlee McDonald (Pinelake); Bob Patterson; Carole Petraglia, Clyde Rosser; Lib Yarborough; Joan Bland's mother - Margaret Holler and stepfather - DC Holler; Jessica Brewer's mother - Linda Brewer and father - Winslow Brewer; Jerry Campbell's mother - Clarene Campbell; Billy Heins; Joyce Mann's mother - Lorene Glasscock; Pam Patterson's father-in-law - Roy Patterson; Wanda Perry; Wilson Proctor's sister - Elizabeth LeCroy; Sally Suther's niece - Amanda Mager; Lurcetia Sperry's grandmother - Mildred Frady; Karen Tatum's father - Wesley Spence; Kathy Whitton's brother - Darrell Orlic

STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE FOR PEOPLE FACING TOUGH TIMES

We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty, such as - Loss of loved one, Hospitalization, Divorce or separation, Loneliness or discouragement, Spiritual crises, Unemployment or a job crises, Terminal illness, Incarceration, Aging, Birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility, Chronic illness, Relocation, Recovery after an accident or disaster, And many more.

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS A CONFIDENTIAL MINISTRY

The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.

A STEPHEN MINISTER IS:

- Beside a person who is hurting.
- A congregation member with gifts for care giving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role.
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care.
- A caring, Christian friend, who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who will 'be there' for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need.
- A trustworthy confident who will keep everything you say - and even your identity - confidential.

A STEPHEN MINISTER IS NOT:

- A counselor or therapist;
- A problem solver;
- Someone who runs errands or helps with chores; or
- A casual visitor

WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO?

Listen; Explore feelings; Pray; Share God's love; Maintain confidentiality; Attend to the caregiving process.

Youth News

Youth, Parent and Advisor Meeting

The Youth, Parent and Advisor meeting on Sunday, August 13th was very well attended. We had 15 youth and their parents along with the advisors planning and discussing events for the year! Parents and youth developed their own covenant for the year. This is a great opportunity for our youth to serve our church and community while learning and growing spiritually.

Thank you to the Men of the Church who cooked and prepared supper for our meeting: Roy Cashion, Clay Ingram, Ronnie Lemon, Randy Robertson and Jimmy Washburn. They served hot dogs, potato salad, chips and homemade peach ice cream.

Youth Jordan Lake Cookout

Wow! 28 youth and advisors attended the Youth Kickoff Cookout at Jordan Lake on Sunday, August 20th. Even though the rain poured right before we left, the sun shone brightly for the entire afternoon. We swam, went on a boat ride, and played Frisbee together. Paul Shields led our devotion in the evening and Clay Ingram cooked

hamburgers for the group.

Middle School News

The Middle School Youth will have a lock-in on Saturday, September 16th. The youth will attend the contemporary service and parents can pick up their child after Sunday School (10:30am) in the Harper Center. Watch for more details.

Senior High News

The Senior High Youth will be serving lunch after Church in the Park on Sunday, October 15th.

Children's Ministry

KICKS (K-2nd Graders), Youth Club (3rd - 5th Graders), and the Preschool Class (3 & 4 year olds) will resume meetings on Sept. 6th on Wednesday nights after the 5:30pm meal. KICKS and the Preschool Class will have different volunteers throughout the 11 week session and Jessica Brewer will lead the Youth Club again this year! Thank you to everyone who has helped this program grow.

Summer Sunday School Teachers

This summer we had many volunteers to teach Sunday School for the children. The regularly scheduled teachers enjoyed a well deserved break and had the opportunity to attend their adult class. Even though classes were smaller than usual, Christian Education did not take a vacation! Be sure to thank the following teachers for filling in this summer:

Mary Sue Riddle, Marilyn Stevens, Randy Robertson, Susan Norris, Debbie Campbell, Pam Patterson, Jennifer Tyndall, Don Angell, Michael Davenport, Dave Martin, Wanda Wazenegger, Donna Robertson, Reggie Miller, Rhonda Woodell, Rebecca Wilson, Bonnie Walker, Rick Paderick, Erin Schroeder, Lynn Angell, Bobby Johnson, Joan Suddarth, Kristen Lagenor, Pat McCracken, Vicki Register, Joan Edson, Leah Terrell, Jessica Brewer, Griff Sperry, Carolyn Washburn, Charity Washburn, Katrina Johnson, Cindy Pijpers, Bill Tatum

The Young Adult Sunday School Class will be studying 'What's So Amazing about Grace?' by Phillip Yancey beginning in October. This class meets in the Session Room. They are a discussion based class and would like to welcome YOU to participate! If you would like a book, please contact Susan in the church office no later than September 13th.

2006-
Sun-
Our Sunday school teachers
2007
day



School Teachers

The Christian Education Committee is proud to present the following Sunday School Teachers for the upcoming school year: Rebecca Wilson, Jessica Brewer, Donna Robertson, Suzanne Mills, Carolyn Washburn, Misty Gerstmyer, Leah Terrell, Joan Bland, Debbie Campbell, Charity Washburn, Jennifer Tatum, Mary Sue Riddle, Susan Silva, Randy Robertson, Katrina Johnson, Wanda Wazenegger

Mark Your Calendars!

On Saturday, September 9th from 9am until 12:30pm our church will host the PW Fall Gathering of Districts V and VI of Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

This includes churches from Lee, Moore, Scotland and Robeson counties. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend.

There will be a service in the sanctuary during which the Reverend Teri Ott, Cameron Presbyterian Church, will deliver the inspirational message. Workshops will follow for Moderators/Vice-Moderators, Secretaries, Treasurers, Historians, Search Committees, Circle Leaders, Bible Moderators and anyone interested in spiritual nurture. There will also be workshops on racial/ethnic issues and justice and peace issues.

Let's plan to have great representation from our church! You don't have to be a PW officer to attend. There will be something for everyone - including delicious refreshments!

Circles Meet on September 11th at:

- #1 - Elinor Ankrom, 907 Hawkins Avenue
- # 2 - Ginny Byrd, 711 Stuart Drive
- # 3 - Joan Wagoner, 2015 Plantation Drive
- # 4 - Lucille Cameron, 613 Denada Path
- # 5 - Mary Alice Holmes, 1802 Cool Springs Road
- # 6 - Church Parlor, Lois Yow, Hostess
- # 7 - Sue Miller, 820 North Franklin Drive, ***meet Sept. 12th***
- # 8 - Hobson Class ***meet Sept. 18th***

Youth Advisors

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce our Youth Advisors for the 2006 - 2007 school year!

Middle School - Michael Davenport

Leah Terrell

Mark Woodell

Senior High - Amber Creech

Ronnie Lemon

Rick Paderick

Paul Shields

Carolyn Washburn

Charity Washburn

Jimmy Washburn

Seth Washburn

Meal Coordinator - Sharon Brewer has agreed to be the meal coordinator for the youth meals again this year. Thanks!

The Sunday School Teacher meeting held on Wed., August 16th was well attended. All but 3 teachers were able to come! What a great turnout. Thanks for your commitment to share the Good News with our children.

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What's Happening in September???

Fri., Sept. 1 - NEWS-
LETTER DEADLINE

Sun., Sept. 3 - 9am Con-
temporary Service; 9:45am
Sunday School; 11am
Worship/Children's
Church

Mon., Sept. 4 - Labor
Day; Church Office
Closed; CDC Closed

Tues., Sept. 5 - 9am Staff
Meeting; 10am CDC
Chapel; 6pm Cardio./
Sculpting; 7pm Steward.
Sub-Committee

Wed., Sept. 6 - 5:30pm
Meal; 5:55pm Children's
Choir; 6pm Bible Study;
6:30pm KICKS/Youth
Club

Thurs., Sept. 7 - 6pm
Cardio./Sculpting; 7pm
Youth Advisors Meet

Sat., Sept. 9 - 9am PW
Fall Gathering - Regions V
and VI

Sun., Sept. 10 - 9am

Contemporary Service;
9:45am Sunday School;
11am Worship/
Children's Church;
**12pm Deadline for
Officer nominations;**
12pm PW Coordinating
Team; 5pm Admin.
Comm.; 6pm Youth

Mon., Sept. 11 - Circles
Meet; 5:30pm Deacons
Meet; 6pm Officers Sup-
per; 6:30pm Elders Meet

Tues., Sept. 12 - 9am
Staff Meeting; 10am CDC
Chapel; 6pm Cardio./
Sculpting

Wed., Sept. 13 -
5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm
Children's Choir; 6pm
Bible Study; 6:30pm
KICKS/Youth Club

Thurs., Sept. 14 - 6pm
Cardio./Sculpting

Fri., Sept. 15 - NEWS-
LETTER DEADLINE

Sat., Sept. 16 - Middle

School Youth Lock-In

Sun., Sept. 17 - 8am
MOC Breakfast; 9am
Contemporary Service;
9:45am Sunday School/
Family Sunday School;
11am Worship/
Children's Church; 6pm
Youth

Mon., Sept. 18 - 6pm
CDC Board Meets

Tues., Sept. 19 - 9am
Staff Meeting; 10am CDC
Chapel; 6pm Cardio./
Sculpting

Wed., Sept. 20 - 12pm
Singles' Luncheon
5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm
Children's Choir; 6pm
Bible Study; 6:30pm
KICKS/Youth Club

Thurs., Sept. 21 - 6pm
Cardio./Sculpting

Sun., Sept. 24 - 9am
Contemporary Service;
9:45am Sunday School;
11am Worship; 4pm Con-
gregational Care Comm.;
6pm Youth; 7pm New
Member Committee; Wit-
ness Committee; 7:30pm
Committees meet

Mon., Sept. 25 - 10am
Bible Study

Tues., Sept. 26 - 9am
Staff Meeting; 10am CDC
Chapel; 6pm Cardio./
Sculpting

Wed., Sept. 27 - 5:30pm
Meal; 5:55pm Children's
Choir; 6pm Bible Study;
6:30pm KICKS/Youth
Club

Thurs., Sept. 28 -
Cardio./Sculpting

Sat., Sept. 30 - Recep-
tion in Harper Center