





# Christian Education Brochure

## Fall 2009

### BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH

WEDNESDAY TOGETHER		
	 Children's Ministry	
Sunday School		crave Youth Ministry
	 Music Ministry	

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, North Carolina

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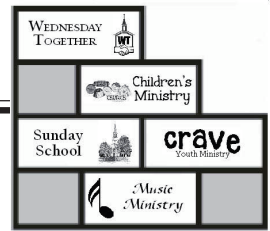
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# From Your Pastor

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Dear Friend,

“Christian Education” is one of the most important parts of the mission of First Church. This booklet shares with you information about this ministry, involving every age group. As well, you will find a calendar of various church events and worship opportunities. All of the items listed may be found on the church’s website - [www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com).

Spiritual growth is necessary for every follower of Christ. As Paul said, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Colossians 3:16). Commit yourself to one or more of these classes. God bless you as you grow into Christ’s likeness.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Jay Coker

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## Sunday’s Schedule

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8:30 am	Worship - Chapel
8:45 am	Radio Program - WFNC 640 AM
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:40 am	Session Meets
10:55 am	Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Building

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## Wednesday’s Schedule

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5:15 pm	“Wednesday Together” Dinner - Fellowship Building
6:15 pm	Chancel Choir - Choir Room
6:30 pm	“Wednesday Together” Classes - designated rooms

# September

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## **RALLY DAY • BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009**

9:30 a.m. • Breakfast

## **WEDNESDAY TOGETHER RESUMES**

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

5:15 pm - Dinner • 6:30 pm - Classes

## **THE THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN KICK OFF**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**

12:00 pm - Covered-Dish Luncheon • Fellowship Building

1:00 pm - Kick Off Celebration • Sanctuary

# October

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## **CALVIN LECTURES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009**

**Dr. Richard Osmer**

**Thomas W. Synott Professor of Christian Education**

**Princeton Theological Seminary**

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009**

5:15 pm - Dinner • 6:30 pm - Trunk or Treat

# November

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## **MILITARY APPRECIATION**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

5:15 pm - Dinner • 6:30 pm - Service in Sanctuary

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

# December

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## **ADVENT EXPRESSIONS**

**WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 2, 9, & 16, 2009**

12:30 pm • The Sanctuary

*A Service of Worship with Christmas Music*

Lunch will be available in the Fellowship Building at 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

## **“THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS”**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009**

8:55 am and 10:55 am • The Sanctuary

## **THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

*“The Best Old-Fashion Christmas Pageant Ever”*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009**

6:15 pm • The Sanctuary

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009**

12:00 pm • Communion Service • The Chapel

5:00 pm • Communion Service • The Sanctuary

7:00 pm • Candlelight Communion Service • The Sanctuary

10:00 pm • Candlelight Communion Service • The Chapel

# January 2010

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## **INSTALLATION AND/OR ORDINATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010 • 10:55 am • The Sanctuary**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010 • 8:30 am & 10:55 am**

## **WEDNESDAY TOGETHER RESUMES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010**

Dinner - 5:15 pm • Classes - 6:30 pm

# Adult Sunday School

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All Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 am to 10:40 am every Sunday.

**Fellowship Class** Uniform Bible Lesson **Chapel**

**Covenant Class** Uniform Bible Lesson **The Parlor**

**Calvin Class** Uniform Bible Lesson **Rankin Building**

**Discovery Class** **Room 209**

It is open to both men and women of all ages. The primary emphasis is on open discussion of topical issues considered from a Christian viewpoint.

**Seekers Class** **Room 211**

This class is open to men and women of all ages to join our Scripture-based study.

**“Facing the Unknown”** Fellowship Building

Many people feel like their life leads them from one path to the next with no certainty. Experience short cinematic films that show Abraham living in the 21st century. Dive deeper into the Biblical principles from Abraham’s story that apply to us today.

**Dr. Toney’s Class** Fellowship Building

“Encounters with Jesus” - This class is based on the Gospel of Mark. It will step back into various scenes from Mark’s story to see how Jesus interacts with the people around Him.

**Dr. Coker’s Class** Mary McQueen Room

The Sunday school class involves an in-depth study of various books, verses, stories, and people of the Bible. Recent studies have been on the Epistles of John, the hard sayings of Jesus, I and II Timothy, and Philemon

# Youth Sunday School

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**Middle School Sunday Class** **Room 207**

Learn how to be a Christian in the “Middle School World.” Let’s realize how we can maintain an attitude of love, patience, self-control, and obedience in an often discouraging environment by learning to live God’s plan.

**High School Sunday School** **Stephen Ministry Office**

This class is a more mature look at the principles God reveals in his word. We will make connections between these principles and our own daily lives. The class includes video, study, and discussion time.

**Sunday Night CRAVE** **Fellowship Building**

**Sunday Nights 6:00-7:30 pm**

A post-modern worship experience filled with: Free Food, Media, Fine Arts, Music and, Small Group Discussions. (6-12th grades).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Children's Sunday School

All Classes 9:45 am - 10:40 am  
(Infant Childcare Available - Room 108)

## First Steps

Room 107

**Toddlers (12-24 months)** • Noah teaches the children about God's faithfulness and God's special promise. Children hear the stories from Genesis. Boys and girls discover Old Testament miracles as they listen and experiment in wonder. Jesus' parables in Matthew and Luke introduce children to faith.

## Bible Thumbprints

Room 106

**Two-year-olds** • Children meet Noah as they hear the story from Genesis. They discover God's promise and the rainbow. Noah teaches them to be faithful. Children discover Old Testament miracles in Exodus, Joshua, I Samuel, Jonah, and Daniel with a sense of wonder. Jesus' parables in Matthew and Luke introduce children to faith.

## Bible Fingerprints

Goodwill Library A

**Three-year-olds** • Children experience music, drama, art, and a variety of activities as they discover God's stories in the Bible. Boys and girls will know they belong to God and are secure in His love and care.

## Bible Handprints

Goodwill Library B

**Four-year-olds** • Through the great stories of the Bible, boys and girls learn about the world God made, the creatures and people. Why did Adam and Eve disobey God?

## Bible Footprints/Steps

Room 205

**Kindergarten & First Grade** • What does it mean to forgive, to be thankful? Actions of love, trust, wonder, obedience, praise and service engage children in God's promises, forgiveness, and thankfulness.

## Bible Trails

Room 208

**Second & Third Grades** • *God's Promises Come True, Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him, and Jesus Can Do Powerful Things.* Children respond to God through prayer, worship, celebration, wonder, witness, service and creative activities.

## Bible Guide

Room 210

**Preteen - Fourth & Fifth Grades** • Children engage in prayer, worship, celebration, wonder, witness, service, and creative activities to explore these units: *Jesus Begins His Work, Jesus Teaches about God's Kingsom, Jesus Teaches Us How to Live.*

**Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade** classes enjoy music time in their class rooms. **Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade** students enjoy Open Assembly in Room 210, 9:45 -10:00 a.m.

# Childcare

## Wednesday Together & Sunday Morning

**Childcare is available every Wednesday evening (5:00 pm - 7:30 pm) and Sunday morning (8:00 am - 12:15 pm)**

- **Crib:** 0-12 months - **Room 108**
- **Toddler:** 12-24 months - **Room 107**
- **Preschool:** Two year old students - **Room 106**  
Three year old students - **Room Goodwill A**

Nursery Staff provides supervised care with Bible story, music, videos & learning.

There is extended nursery care for Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Diaconate, Session, and Wednesday committee meetings. To request childcare for your committee meetings, please call the church office 483.0121.

Wanda Ussery, Nursery Supervisor

## Meals for Wednesday Together

To be on the permanent “meal” reservation list, call the church office (483-0121), email ([admin@firstprez.com](mailto:admin@firstprez.com)) or complete the reservation form below and return it to the church. Weekly reservations can be made by calling the church before noon on Tuesdays. Thank you!

When: 5:15 pm Evening Meal

Where: Fellowship Building

Cost: Adults: \$5.50 Children: \$3.00 Family: \$17.00 (cap)

Weekly menus for “Wednesday Together” meals can be found in *First Press*, the Sunday bulletin, by calling the church office (483.0121), or online at [www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com).



### Wednesday Together *Permanent* Reservation Form for Meals

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the church office. Your name will be added to the permanent list. Please call in advance if you are going to be absent. For more information, call the church office (483-0121).

WEDNESDAY TOGETHER

# Wednesday Together Schedule

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## September

- 16 Wednesday Together Resumes • “Everyone’s Birthday”
- 23 Dinner & Classes
- 30 Dinner & Classes

## October

- 7 Dinner & Classes • “Fiesta Night”
- 14 Dinner & Classes
- 21 Dinner & Classes
- 28 Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat - No Classes

## November

- 4 Military Appreciation - No Classes
- 11 Dinner & Classes
- 18 Dinner & Classes • “Honor Night”
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes

## December

- 2 Dinner & Classes
- 9 Dinner & Classes • “Sugar Cookie Decorating Night”
- 16 Children’s Program (6:15 pm) - No Classes
- 23 Christmas Holiday - No Classes
- 30 Christmas Holiday - No Classes

Dinner • 5:15 pm • Fellowship Building  
 Classes • 6:30 pm • designated classroom

# Wednesday Special Activities

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## **Wednesday Together Resumes**

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

5:15 pm • Fellowship Building

## **Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat**

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 • 5:15 pm

## **Military Appreciation**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 • 5:15 pm

## **Children’s Christmas Program**

“The Best Old-Fashion Christmas Pageant Ever”

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 • 6:15 pm • Sanctuary

# Adult Classes

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## **“To Live is Christ: The Story of Apostle Paul”**

**6:30 pm • The Chapel • Led by Dr. Coker**

With his entire being, Paul was dedicated to serving Jesus Christ. In settings often hostile or indifferent to the Christian message, he pursued God’s call that literally transformed the world. From the book of Acts and his own letters, we will consider Paul’s story, one of a dedicated follower, faithful witness, church planter, tireless missionary to people of all nations! With open Bible and open mind and heart, join this class and pursue your own call from God.

## **“Extraordinary Marriage” & “The Tough Sayings of Jesus”**

**6:30 pm • The Rankin Building • Led by Dr. Toney**

The “Extraordinary Marriage” class will feature questions such as: “Are you wearing emotional masks?” and “Do you know your dragons?” Spouses whose partners are out-of-town or deployed are encouraged to attend. “The Tough Sayings of Jesus” will examine four of Jesus’ most puzzling conversations. The study includes a DVD to spark group discussion.

## **“Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul”**

**6:30 pm • Mary McQueen Room • Led by Rodney Baker**

What is the one thing that’s impossible to change about yourself? You can change your appearance, your habits, your friends, your job...but you can’t change your character. You were in God’s imagination before you were ever born. All the talent, gifting, and creativity you possess was placed in you by God Himself. Can you imagine the things you could do, the impact you could have on the world, if you tapped into the dreams God has for your life? Through Biblical and practical teaching that will challenge you and allow God to transform your character to be more like Him.

# Youth Classes

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## **“Student Leadership” • 5:30-6:00 pm • Fellowship Building**

Open to 9-12 graders. This is a vital part of our youth ministry. Come plan events, evaluate what we are doing, and learn how to become a servant leader.

## **“Drama Team” • 6:00 - 6:45 pm • Room 207**

No experience is necessary. The Drama team practices funny and serious skits to help out with Crave Worship and putting on full length productions.

## **“Bible Study” • 6:00 - 6:45 pm • Fellowship Hall**

For those who want to go a bit deeper in the Word.

## **“Recreation” • 6:50-7:30 pm • Fellowship Building**

Come play games! This ministry helps create the games that are played during Crave Worship on Sunday Nights.

## **“Praise Band” • 6:50-7:30 pm • Stage (Fellowship Building)**

Can you play a rock band instruments? We need you for the Crave Praise Band. Auditions are required for this ministry.

## **“Interpretive Dance” • 6:50-7:30 pm • Room 207**

Come learn how to express your worship through dance. Several dance techniques will be taught and used. No previous dance experience required.

WEDNESDAY TOGETHER

# Children's Classes

## Mission Statement for Children's Ministry Council

"Our mission for children and their families is to provide Christian growth by nurturing their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through education, service to others, and fellowship."

For Preschool children three and four years of age (by August 31, 2009) and elementary children, kindergarten through grade five.

**PRISM - Praise - Rhythm - Instruments - Spirit - Movement**

*Theme:* "Jesus Teaches Parables and Example"

*Bible Exploration:* Preschool Threes discover Bible truths with Veggie Tales. Preschool Fours and Elementary groups experiment with drama, puppetry, skits, journaling, science, sound story, games, snacks, learning activities. Preteens discover life application of Scripture through movie clips.

*Worship Preparation & Preschool Music Time* Sing, Instruments, Movement, Notation, and more!

*Sing - A - Brate!:* "Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! - Psalm 96:1

*M & M Zone* Preteens - Games, conversation, get acquainted fun.

*Joy of Worship* The devotional thought for the evening.

## PRISM GROUPS' WEDNESDAY SCHEDULES

Group	Room	6:00-6:45 pm	6:50-7:30 pm
Cherubs (3s)	Goodwill A	Bible Exploration	Music Time
Joyful Praise (4s)	Goodwill B	Music Time	Bible Exploration
Promises (K-1st)	Room 208	Preparation for Worship	Bible Exploration

Group	5:45-6:15 pm	6:15-7:00 pm	7:00-7:30 pm
Rejoice 2nd & 3rd grades	Joy of Worship (Room 209)	Sing - A - Brate (Room 210)	Bible Exploration (Room 209)
Preteen 4th & 5th grades	M & M Zone (Room 205)	Sing - A - Brate (Room 210)	Bible Exploration (Room 211)



# Music Ministry

## YOUTH CHOIRS

### **Pure in Heart**

**Sundays, 3:45 pm**

9th-12th Graders

This is a high school community chorus sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. The choir is comprised of ninth-twelfth grade girls from different schools and churches. Pure in Heart participates in worship services and other events throughout the city. The choir is directed by Sharon Coker.

### **Faithful Hearts**

**Sundays, 5:15 pm**

6th-8th Graders

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## ADULT CHOIRS

First Church has several adult ensembles in which to choose from or you may sing in multiple groups.

The adult vocal choirs will be busy this fall learning *Many Moods of Christmas*, by Robert Shaw, which will be presented with orchestra on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

### **Chancel Choir**

**Wednesday, 6:30 pm**

The Chancel Choir sings weekly for the 10:55 a.m. Service of Worship and for other special services throughout the year. Repertoire consists of a wide variety of styles from classical and traditional to spirituals and contemporary. Membership is open to all High School through Adult. Childcare is available.

### **First Praise 2nd & 4th & 5th Sundays, 6:00 pm**

First Praise sings on the first Sunday of the month for both Services of Worship (8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.) and other special services. Our repertoire is more blended and contemporary in nature. Membership is open to all. First Praise is directed by Linda Huff.

### **Chapel Choir**

**2nd & 4th Sundays, 8:00 am**

The Chapel Choir sings on the second and fourth Sundays for the 8:30 a.m. Service of Worship in the Chapel. Rehearsals are at 8:00 a.m. on the Sunday the choir is singing. Anthems are simple in nature and are in a wide variety of styles. Mark Gourley directs the Chapel Choir

### **Funeral & Memorial Service Choir (As needed)**

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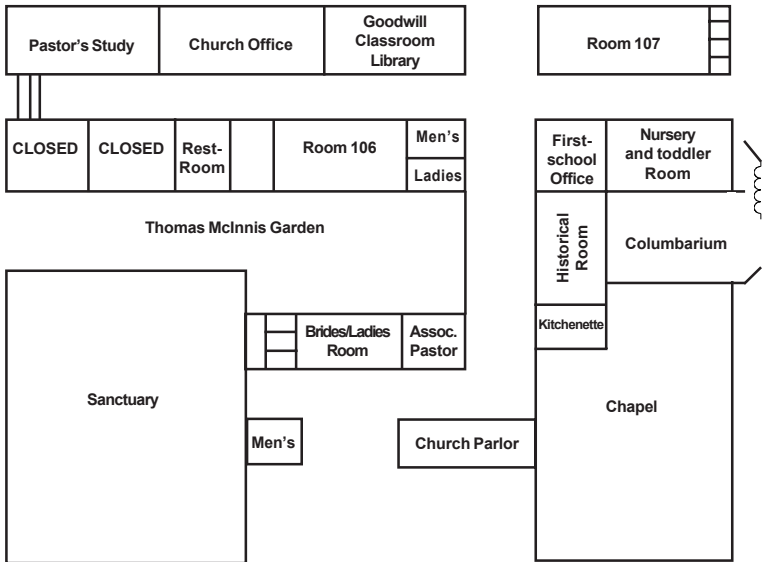
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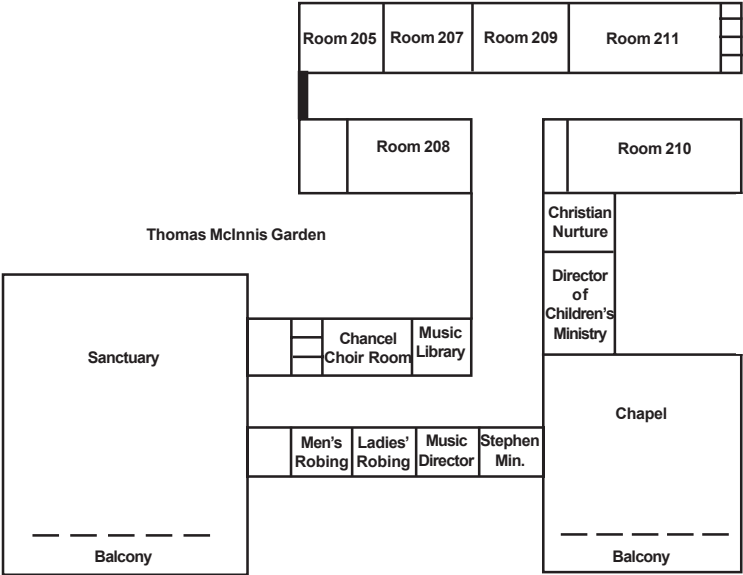
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## First Floor of Sanctuary, Chapel and Education Building



# Second Floor of Sanctuary and Chapel



MAPS

# THE THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**

**8:30 A.M. & 10:55 A.M.**  
SERVICES OF WORSHIP

**12:00 P.M. • COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON**  
FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

**1:00 P.M. • KICK-OFF CELEBRATION**  
THE SANCTUARY

## THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Sharing the FAITH - Growing by GRACE

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