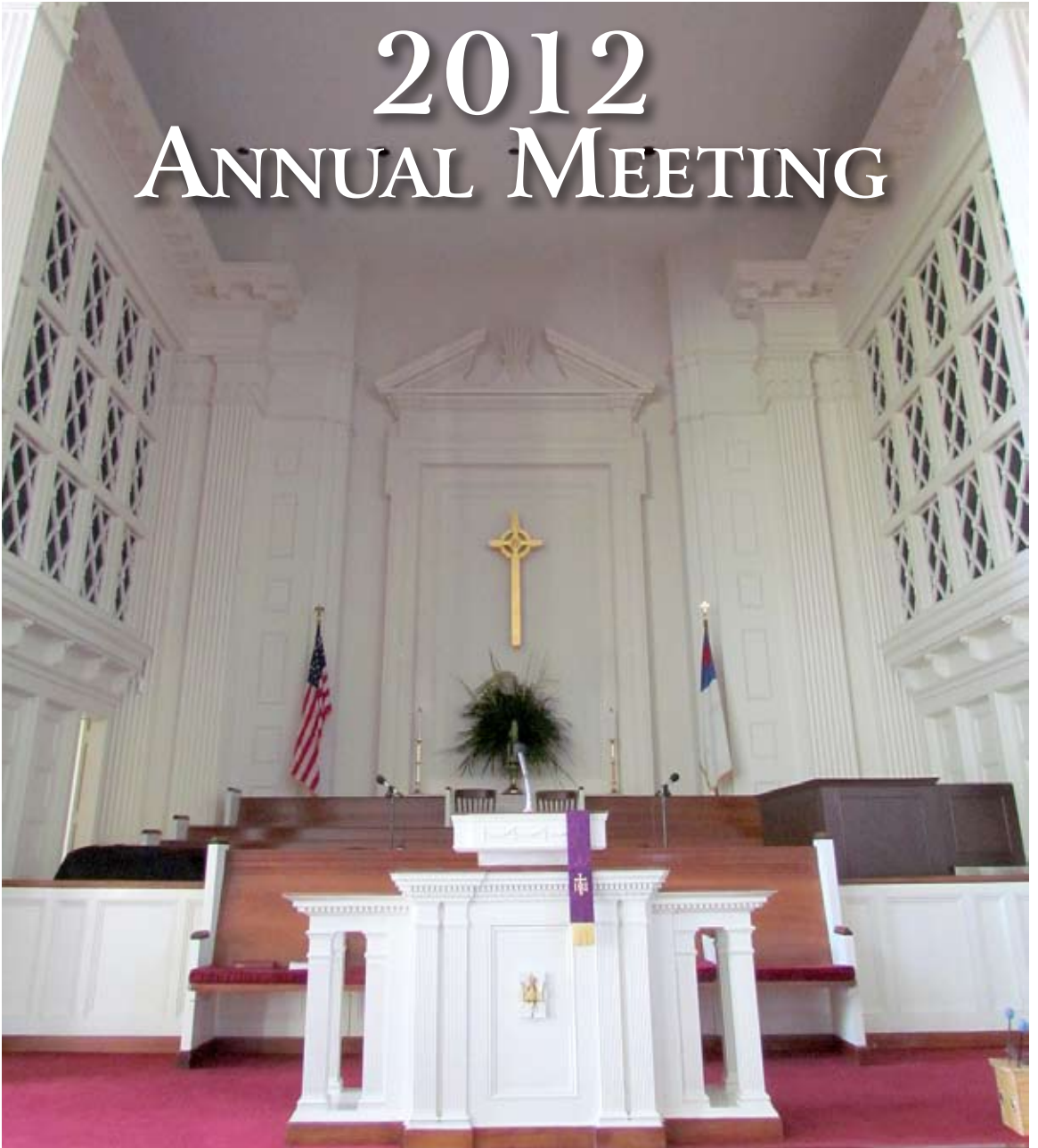


# 2012 ANNUAL MEETING



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.  
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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First Presbyterian Church continues to grow and prosper through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedication to Him. We have had a wonderful year and First Church has remained true to its mission by spreading His Word and His love through our community and throughout the world.

We are blessed to have the leadership of pastors Dr. Jay Coker, and Dr. Larry Toney. We were privileged to have Dr. Donna Fowler-Marchant join the staff as Minister of Pastoral Care and to have Marshall Steinle as the Interim Director of Youth Ministries. Charlyne Jones continues to excel as Director of Children's Ministry and as principal organist. Staff members are doing excellent jobs in their areas. We are truly blessed to have an outstanding staff. We have had great leadership from dedicated officers and members of the congregation. You are all faithful followers of Jesus Christ and have shown love for others through your continued dedication to mission and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

First Church, through the strong leadership of Dr. Coker, has continued to place great emphasis on mission. Dr. Coker and Dr. Chris Aul again led a mission trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which provided medical care and construction in the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. We also sponsored a construction mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico. The members of our church gave of their time to prepare "Psalm 91" bandanas for those in the military. We packed over 40,000 "beans and rice meals" in conjunction with "STOP HUNGER NOW." Through the monthly "2-cents-a-meal" collection, we contribute half to Fayetteville Urban Ministry and half to the House of Moses Crisis Nursery in Lusaka, Zambia. We budget over 30 percent of the church's income to mission.

The Mission Conference was March 4-6, 2011, with Dr. William T. Bryant, a Presbyterian pastor who has served churches in Maryland, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. Dr. Bryant also served as Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation from 1994-2002. Also speaking were The Rev. and Mrs. Lardner Moore, retired Presbyterian mission partners in Japan. The Mission Conference raised \$50,000 for use in mission locally and throughout the world and was an inspiration to all who attended.

First Church members are involved in many local mission opportunities, including Operation Inasmuch, The Care Clinic, Fayetteville Urban Ministry, Better Health of Cumberland County, etc.

The Calvin Lectures were October 8-9, 2011. Guest lecturer was Dr. Timothy George, Dean of Beeson Divinity School. Dr. George has authored more than 20 books and is a regular contributor to scholarly journals.

First Presbyterian Church is richer for close relationships with Fort Bragg and those families in the military. The annual Military Appreciation Night was held Wednesday, November 2, 2011, where we

honored those who serve or have served in the nation's military. On June 26, the 208th Army Band from Concord, North Carolina, presented a service of patriotic music for "Celebrate Freedom" service to honor the country's birthday. The band of reservists was an inspiration to members and all who were in attendance.

There are strong worship and study programs which provide opportunities for us that we may grow to become more Christ-like in our lives. We have two excellent services of worship each Sunday morning and an excellent Sunday School program. Wednesday Together has a variety of programs to encourage us to study God's Word. It is an opportunity to come together for a delicious, reasonably priced meal while enjoying the fellowship of other church members. There are opportunities to work with missions, volunteer to work for the various programs of the church, and to be active in the committee process that makes plans for the various areas of church life.

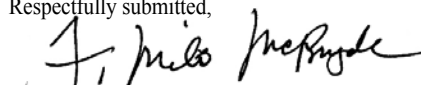
The worship services were greatly enhanced by our strong music ministry under the direction of Betty-Neill Parsons and Charlyne Jones. The program includes the Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir, First Praise, Pure in Heart, Faithful Hearts, the handbell choirs, the various children's choirs, instrumentalists and ensembles. We were again blessed to host the Citadel Choir on April 10, 2011. We also had the opportunity to have the Fayetteville Symphony and Cumberland Oratorio Singers present "The Messiah" on December 4, 2011.

Two major musical instruments were given to the church in 2011. A thirteen rank Moller pipe organ will be placed in the Chapel in February 2012. A two manual Sperrhake harpsichord was given and is presently being rebuilt. Both instruments will be in place by Lent 2012.

The THIRD CENTURY Project has progressed a great deal. The building is taking shape and should be ready for use this year. Quentin Smith is doing a wonderful job as superintendent of the construction project. There is growing anticipation for the new building which will take the church and its ministry into the future. We will soon see the fruits of our gifts to this project.

First Presbyterian Church has had a wonderful year, even in these challenging economic times. We must now look to the future. Let us make 2012 the greatest year in the life of First Presbyterian Church. Pray daily for your church, its ministers and leaders. Pray that God will continue to bless this great church and lead us to do His will for the people of this great congregation, the local community and the world.

Respectfully submitted,



F. Milo McBryde, President, First Presbyterian Church, Inc.  
Submitted to the Congregation, January 30, 2011

# 2011 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

## MEMBERSHIP

<i>Active members as of December 31, 2010</i> .....	1,436
<b>Gains:</b> Profession .....	23
Certificate .....	17
Other .....	0
<b>Total Gains:</b> .....	40
<b>Losses:</b> Certificate .....	8
Death .....	14
Other .....	0
<b>Total Losses:</b> .....	22
<i>Membership as of December 31, 2011</i> .....	1,454
<b>Total Baptisms:</b> .....	11

## PROGRAMS

Wednesday Together .....	100
Vacation Bible School .....	207
Sunday School .....	200
FirstSchool .....	99



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## THE SESSION

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### CLASS OF 2012

Sherri Schrum Blight  
Jesse Henry Byrd, Jr.  
Mary Lousie Hagan  
Terry Mason Herndon  
Burns (Bud) Lafferty  
John S. McFadyen  
Gerald (Jerry) Allen Teele  
Catherine (Cathy) B. Tilghman

### CLASS OF 2013

Christopher (Chris) Taylor Aul  
Joshua David Barkman  
Barbara Ann Eller  
Ann Cameron Highsmith  
Frank (Buzz) Royal Loyd, Jr.  
J. Scott McFadyen  
Gillie Shaw Revelle  
Barbara Christine Ursich

### CLASS OF 2014

Alva Simpson Cromartie, II  
William (Bill) C. McFadyen  
James Malcolm McFadyen  
Larry Bruce Norris  
Catherine Joann H. Pearce  
Carol Manning Short  
Samuel (Sammy) E. Short  
Jerome Quentin Smith

Moderator: Dr. John Wright Coker, Jr. • Clerk of Session: Sherri Blight

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## THE DIACONATE

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### CLASS OF 2012

Rodney Danal Baker  
Kimberly Pearce Hall  
Gary Layton Hardin  
Kelli Thomas Howle  
Alan Wayne Ray  
Margaret Liston Reid  
Jane Hastings Sutherlin

### CLASS OF 2013

John Stewart Butler, III  
Elena Sue Godwin  
Edward (Ed) Whitaker Grannis, Jr.  
Winifred (Winnie) McBryde Grannis  
Kevin Dale Hall  
Nathaniel (Ned) Lyman Johnson  
Daniel Thaddeus Perry, III  
Terry Alan Plummer

### CLASS OF 2014

David Wells Alderman, IV  
Linda Sarena Battles  
Debra Lynn Chestnutt  
Franklin (Lin) M. Hamilton  
Robert (Rob) A. Hasty, Jr.  
William (Bill) H. Kirchman  
James Michael Ruff  
Deborah (Debbie) M. Williams

Moderator: Sue Godwin • Vice Moderator: Stewart Butler • Secretary: Kim Hall

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## ELDERS EMERITI

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Reginald M. Barton, Sr.  
Harriett S. Cromartie  
Frank G. Everett, Jr.  
George B. Herndon, Jr.  
Jerry E. Holstad  
Hilda B. Kirby

Lillian L. Loyd  
Mary J. McBryde  
Raymond C. Pfaff  
Edward N. Pridgen  
Riddick Revelle

John M. Rose, Jr.  
Virginia M. Rose  
Thornton Rose, Sr.  
John C. Williams, III  
Harrison H. Williamson

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## YOUR 2012 CHURCH STAFF

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John Wright Coker, Jr., D. Min. .... Pastor  
Larry O. Toney, D. Min. .... Associate Pastor  
James B. (Ben) McCoy, III, D. Min. .... Associate Pastor Emeritus  
Donna Fowler-Marchant ..... Minister of Pastoral Care  
David A. Countryman ..... Church Administrator  
Monica Sparzak ..... Interim Director of Music Ministries  
Charlyne C. Jones ..... Director of Children's Ministry and Organist  
Marshall Steinle ..... Interim Director of Youth Ministry  
Wanda Ussery ..... Nursery Supervisor  
Joy Keys ..... Administrative Assistant  
Jim Blaine ..... Publications Coordinator  
Lisa Mendoza ..... Program Secretary  
Joan Daughtry ..... Financial Secretary  
Luke Salley, Gwen Mitchell, Denise Jones ..... Housekeeping