

# FIRST PRESSES

*The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville*

September 2, 2018

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Fall Comes Knocking with a New Mission

Welcome back! It was good this past Sunday to see so many faces in worship. You can almost feel the shift in energy as the beginning of school year moves our focus back to our community. What will we learn this fall? What commitments will we make? What causes will grab our attention?



Please let us stoke your excitement about the ministry of First Presbyterian Church at Rally Day, Sunday, September 9th. We will introduce a new mission direction for our congregation and we want you to be the first to know! Let's gather for a congregational breakfast in the Fellowship Center at 9 a.m. and then our youth and adults will meet together from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Following that we will have one combined worship service at 11 a.m. built on the theme *Christ We Serve, Christ We Share*.

I'm anxious for you to hear our new mission statement, talk with members of our strategic planning team and have a chance to share your thoughts. You'll have the opportunity to help shape the plan. We'll also introduce a new small group focus for the fall. Small groups are a great way to grow spiritually, welcome newcomers, and deepen relationships in our congregation. Please consider joining a group.

I look forward to being with you on Sunday, September 9th. It promises to be an exciting day!

Blessings,

*Mike*

Mike



#ServeandShare

## Sunday, September 9, 2018



- 8:30 AM No Chapel service this morning.
- 9:00 AM Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Bring fruit, coffee cake, or baked goods to complement the meal.
- 9:45 AM Combined adult Sunday School program in the Fellowship Hall. The program includes an introduction to the Fall Christian Education booklet, sign-up for Small Group study, kick-off for new mission statement, and Bible study.
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for the children in their designated classrooms
- 11:00 AM Worship service



Breakfast: Sausage, eggs, pancakes

## First Wednesday Together, September 12th, in Brief

### The meal

Serving barbecue chicken, cole slaw, and potato salad from 5-5:30 p.m. Meal is \$8 for adults and teens; free for children. Only designated families will bring desserts. [Go to www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com) to sign up or change your standing reservation.

### Classes

Children are conducted to their classes beginning at 5:45 p.m. All classes begin at 6:00 p.m. Adult classes are:

- Mike Garrett's "Three Ways to Deepen Your Spiritual Life" in Room 405
- Donna Fowler-Marchant's "Girl Meets God" in Room 416
- Tapestry 2.0 - "David: Seeking a Heart Like His" in Room 413
- Downtown Historic Walking Tour with Ann Highsmith meets in Eller Hall.

• Find more complete information on meals and classes on page 4

The calendar below is an effort to keep you informed of the events happening at First Presbyterian Church. For a complete listing of activities, refer to our website at [www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com).

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

- 8:30a Worship & communion - Chapel
- 9:45a Sunday School
- 10:45a Session meeting - Parlor
- 11:00a Worship - Sanctuary
- 1:30p Canticle Ringers - Handbell Room
- 2:40p Millennial Ringers - Handbell Room
- 4:00p Women's Ensemble - Choir Room
- 5:15p Men of God - Choir Room

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Labor Day holiday - church office closed

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 9:00a Start of First School - parent orientation
- 8:30a SALT breakfast - JKs Deli
- 7:00p Men's basketball - Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

- 9:00a First School parent orientation
- 12:00p Property Committee - Room 225
- 6:00p Celebration Choir - Choir Room

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 4:45p Food Service Committee - Eller Hall
- 5:30p Worship Committee - Room 416

**SEPTEMBER MEETINGS**

**SEPTEMBER 5**

12:00p Property Committee - Room 225

**SEPTEMBER 6**

- 4:45p Food Service Committee - Eller Hall
- 5:30p Worship Committee - Room 416

**SEPTEMBER 10**

- 12:00p Finance Committee - Room 225
- 6:00p Witness Committee - Room 225

**SEPTEMBER 11**

- 12:00p Personnel Committee - Room 413
- 5:15p Children's Ministry - Room 207
- 6:00p Deacons meeting - Activity Room

**SEPTEMBER 18**

6:00p Session meeting - Activity Room



**Small Groups Campaign**

This fall join a small group for the five-week series *Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People!*

This video-based Bible study by Bob Goff will help you understand how to love everybody the way Jesus loved them.

**To be held at locations off campus. Times TBD. Sign up soon!**

**CHILD CARE**

Child care is available Sundays for infants, toddlers, twos, and threes during Sunday Services, Wednesday evening ministries, and other occasions as needed. Child care at First Presbyterian is always nurturing. Children explore the truths of God's Word.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Be reminded that Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews. If you, a family member, or a friend has a special need to be remembered in prayer, fill out this request card and drop it in the offering plate. Many things are wrought through prayer, and your church wants to help.

**EMERGENCY**

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**

If you're hospitalized, seriously ill or having surgery... please notify the church office at 483-0121. Your pastors want to minister to you whenever you are ill, and they can do that only if you inform us.

**PRAYER TEAMS**

Four prayer teams are committed to praying for the concerns of members and friends of First Presbyterian Church – three e-mail prayer chains and one phone chain. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Joy Keys at 483-0121 or e-mail [joykeys@firstprez.com](mailto:joykeys@firstprez.com).

**BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 26, 2018, at the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship, was administered to **Charlotte Grace Spivey**, the daughter of **Britany and David Spivey**. Dr. Garrett was assisted by Ann Rowell.

**MORE NEWS**

**MOPS & MOMSNEXT** will meet Sunday, September 9, at 3 p.m. in the Activity Room. MOPS is an international organization celebrating the trials and triumphs of motherhood and offers opportunities for leadership, fellowship, sisterhood, and more for mothers of young children. Information: Contact Kerri Napoli or Julia Furman at [firstprezmops@gmail.com](mailto:firstprezmops@gmail.com). Coming up: MOPS plans a mums sale later in September.

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY** – The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3.

**FOLLOW THE BLOG** – Dr. Donna Fowler-Marchant is continuing to write her blog that she started last summer and everyone is invited to sign up and receive the posts via email. Go to [travelswithwesley.blogspot.com](http://travelswithwesley.blogspot.com), and you can submit your email address.

**BREAKFAST** – Join SALT for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, at JK's Deli on Owen Drive. Everyone is welcome.

**THE SALT READING GROUP** will resume on Wednesday, September 19, at 2 p.m. with "Girl Meets God." The group



**Information & Directory**

**Worship Services**

Services are held at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Entrances**

The main business entrance to the church is now through the double doors under the porte cochere. Other church entrances will be open for Sunday services and other events.

**Fellowship**

Eller Hall will be the gathering place for fellowship after each service.

**Summer Sunday School**

(9:45-10:45 a.m.)

**Adults**

- Questers - Dr. Garrett.....Room 203  
The class considers the sermon of the day.
- G.I.F.T. Class .....Activity Room  
Studying the Bible in detail.
- "Lessons on Lessons: The Parables"  
- Bill McFadyen.....Room 405
- Fellowship Class.....The Chapel
- Covenant Class .....Room 416
- Friendship Class.....Room 413
- Calvin Class.....Rankin Building

**Youth**

- Middle & High School .....Room 228  
Applying Christian values to real life.  
Begins in Room 228, separates by age.

**Children**

- Preschool Studies.....Room 118
- Elementary Studies (K-5).....Room 208

**Nursery**

- For infants.....Room 128

**Join Our Weekly Prayer Group**

We have established a weekly prayer group where a few of us gather to pray for your concerns that come into the church office. All prayer requests are confidential and safeguarded. If you are passionate about praying for others, call Leslie DeSessa at 910-578-9230. We meet Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

**The Two Cents Offering**



The fund aids the Fayetteville Urban Ministry and "House of Moses" Crisis Nursery in Lusaka, Zambia. **The offering on Sunday, August 26, 2018, was \$778.64.** The total to date is **\$6,180.90.** The next offering will be Sunday, September 30, 2018.



# Don't Be a Scam Victim!

September 18 • Noon

Det. Nicole Mincey of the Financial Crime Division of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department will discuss popular scams, how to avoid them, and what to do if you're a victim at the Scrub Oak Restaurant. Call Sandra Joyce (910-308-5271 or [sandrabjoyce@embarqmail.com](mailto:sandrabjoyce@embarqmail.com)) for reservations.

# Nominations are Open!

Please submit your nominations for elders and deacons, the Class of 2021. You may submit as many as 8 names for each group. Make your nominations on forms found around the church or [online at www.firstprez.com/church-officers](http://www.firstprez.com/church-officers).



### Active elders not eligible for nomination as elder:

Maude Bledsoe	Bill Deaton Jr.	Buzz Loyd	Mark Regensburger
Sherri Blight	Kevin Hall	Dianne MacIlwinen	Ann Rowell
Herb Bryan	Gary Hardin	Bill McFadyen	Carol Short
Wade Byrd	Larry Hogan	Kaye McRainey	
Debra Chestnutt	Linda Huff	Joann Pearce	
Alva Cromartie	Mel Kankelfritz	Brian Pearce	
David Darden, Jr.	Bud Lafferty	Terry Plummer	

### Active deacons not eligible for nomination as deacon, but may be nominated for elder:

Wells Alderman	John Campbell	Susie McFadyen	Terry Sasser
Tina Baker	Jeb Cleveland	Carrie McMahon	Bowman Smith
Warren Baker	Lynda Deaton	Kate O'Keefe	Paul Spartzak
Brant Brock	Travis Hibler	Don Perkins	Beverly Stewart
Debbie Brock	Roger Holmes	Kellie Perkins	Don Wherren
Tom Brooks	Sandra Joyce	Diane Regensburger	

## A Women's Bible Study Tapestry

Tapestry will resume Thursday, September 20, 2018. The group plans to read and discuss Beth Moore's *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy*.



## May 30-June 9, 2019 Choir to Tour Italy

Members of the Celebration Choir welcome all who would like to travel with them to Florence, Verona, Venice and Lake Garda. Choir members will be singing during the tour. You are welcome to sing, but do not have to perform. The trip includes 9 nights lodging in Italy and covers most other fees. For those who know they are participating in this trip, initial deposits are due by Friday, **August 31**. Final deadline for all travelers to register is **November 15, 2018**.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER



- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for kindergarten and first graders during the 11 a.m. service. This Sunday there will be no Children's Church because of the Labor Day holiday. It will resume September 9th.



- **"MEET ME AT THE PARK"** – The Children's Ministry is sponsoring a picnic and games on Saturday, September 15, from 4-6 p.m. in Mazarick Park. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, bubbles, tennis, a playground, and fun. [Sign up online](http://www.firstprez.com) by September 12 at [www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com) or contact [Britany Spivey](mailto:Britany.Spivey).
- **WEDNESDAY TOGETHER** – The Wednesday night program for children begins September 12th. Starting at 5 p.m. children can enjoy the Wednesday main course or have a hot dog kids meal in the Fellowship Hall. After dinner, children's choir is from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by Bible study from 6:30-7 p.m. Contact [Britany Spivey](mailto:Britany.Spivey) if you would like more information.



## YOUTH NEWS

**GRAVE** – CRAVE will resume Sunday, September 9, from 5-7 p.m.

**YOUTH CAMPING TRIP** is scheduled for September 15-16 at Carolina Beach. [Sign up online at www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com).

**"Dinner for Six-ish" resumes** in September. Register to get involved in dinner parties with like-minded people in your church. If you registered last year, please message your future participation. Contact Lou Brooks at 804-928-5057 or [lobpt01@verizon.net](mailto:lobpt01@verizon.net). Registration forms in Eller Hall.



# Wednesday Together Adult Classes

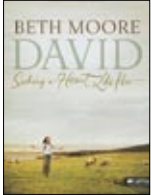
These classes begin on September 12th at 6 p.m.

## “Three Ways to Deepen Your Spiritual Life”

**Instructor: Dr. Mike Garrett.** Want to create a time-tested, doable plan for deepening your relationship with God? Join Dr. Garrett for this practical application of last January’s popular sermon series *Crafting a Rule of Life*. Learn some modern ways to put the ancient wisdom of our spiritual ancestors to work! The classes will be conversational and hands-on. The class will run from September 12 to October 24. **Room 405.**

## “Girl Meets God”

**Instructor: Dr. Donna Fowler-Marchant.** Lauren Winner is the daughter of a Jewish father and a lapsed Southern Baptist mother, and she grew up in Charlottesville, Va., in the limbo of being neither one nor the other. This 6-week class will delve into her book *Girl Meets God On the Path to a Spiritual Life*, a fascinating memoir of her experience trying to reconcile her love for Jewish ritual with her strong conviction that she was being led to become a Christian. [The Goodreads website](#) is a great place to shop for this book. **Room 416.**



## Tapestry 2.0: “David: Seeking a Heart Like His”

**Instructor: Kelly Sherrill.** God will never give up on you. Explore how David’s life proves this promise to be true in this updated edition of Beth Moore’s bestselling study of David. In this examination of the “man after God’s own heart,” David will delight and disappoint you. If you’ve ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you! **Room 413.**

## Downtown Historic Walking Tour

**Instructor: Ann Highsmith.** Join us as we travel to historical points of interest in downtown Fayetteville. Tours will run from **September 12th–October 24th** and include these topics and events: Liberty Point. Cool Spring Tavern, the Constitutional Congress, the Market House, Cross Creek Cemetery, and First Presbyterian Church. **Meet in Eller Hall.**

## Choir: “Life Lessons: The Book of James”

The Celebration Choir will take up this Max Lucado study from 6-6:30 p.m. before the start of rehearsal. Just one more reason to join the choir. **Choir Room**

# Wednesday Together Meals for Fall

All adult meals are \$8 and will be catered. Children eat free. Only a few designated people each Wednesday Together will bring desserts and other sides.

Signup for each meal closes at 2 p.m. the Sunday before the meal. You only need to [go online at www.firstprez.com to sign up](#) if you’re new to Wednesday Together or need to cancel or change your standing reservation.

Meal service is from 5-5:30 p.m. Classes begin at 6 p.m. (Children head to classes at 5:45 p.m.)

Date	Meal/Celebration	Homestyle Menu
September 12	Wednesday Together Kick-off	Barbecue chicken, slaw, and red skin potato salad
September 19	Holy Cross Day	Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, salad, dressing, and bread
September 26	Feast of Saint Matthew	Chicken and dumplings, collard greens or kale, and sweet potatoes
October 3	Michael & All Angels Day	Beef vegetable or vegetable soups, crackers, and pimento cheese or egg salad sandwiches
October 10	Feast of Saint Luke	Boneless chicken breast in garlic cream sauce, rice pilaf, and vegetable medley
October 17	Feast of Saint James of Jerusalem	Chili with beans, salad, dressing, and toppings – cheese, sour cream, onions, crackers
October 24	Feast of Saint Simon & Saint Jude	Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, and peas
October 31	Halloween – No Wednesday Together	as families spend the evening together
November 7	Military Appreciation Night	Pork barbeque, cole slaw, and baked beans
November 14	Thanksgiving & Christ the King Day	Turkey, dressing, gravy, collards, and yams
November 21	Thanksgiving holiday - no meal or classes	
November 28	St. Andrew’s Day, Scotland’s patron saint	Roast chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, and green beans
December 5	Advent/Feast of Saint Nicholas	Roast pork loin, red bliss potatoes with herb butter, and steamed cabbage & onions
December 12	Children’s Christmas Play	Baked lasagna, tossed salad, dressing, and fruit salad

Note: Details about the meal program and procedures are available at [www.firstprez.com](#).

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**Ted & Sue Wright:** Southern Africa

**Don & Marta Wehmeyer:** Merida, Mexico

**Alan & Ellen Smith:** Russia

**SALT**  
SEASONED ADULTS  
LEARNING TOGETHER

## “Icons in Transformation”

Wednesday, September 12 • Noon  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Join SALT for a tour of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, which is hosting a display of religious icons this fall. You do not have to be a member of SALT to join the tour. SALT will gather at noon for the trip to Holy Trinity to join the 12:30 p.m. icon tour.