

# FIRST PRESS

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## A Pastoral Message

FROM DR. MIKE GARRETT

### What's your why?

One of the top 5 TED talks of all times, with over 68,000,000 views, was delivered by a man named Simon Sinek on the subject, "How Great Leaders Inspire Action." His answer was simple and profound. **"People don't buy what you do; they buy why you do it. And what you do simply proves what you believe."**

Sinek was telling a business crowd that nothing is more important than knowing why you do what you do and being transparent about it. If that is true for a business, how much more is it true for a church? **Jesus was all about the "why":**

***For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*** (Mark 10:45)

Our 2023 Mission Conference, "We Serve Because He Served", is all about remembering why we are doing God's mission in the world. People who do good things for others in our city and world abound. Churches are open on corner after corner in our town. But **why** do we do what we do, and could we explain it to somebody who'd like to know?

Dr. Richard Haney, a good friend and Executive Director of Frontier Fellowship, will challenge us to get in touch with **why sharing God's message in Christ near and far is so very important.** He'll be our keynote speaker on Sunday, March 4th. Representatives from other ministries will be here to tell us why they do what they do, and give us an opportunity to be part of it. Most importantly, you will hear from members of our congregation who are invested in God's mission in various ways, sharing with us why they have a sense of call to ministry. The Kenyon College Chamber Choir will also be with us to provide some joy and inspiration during the week.

The details of the conference are in this newsletter, online, and in a detailed brochure that was mailed to your home. **Please come to all the opportunities that you can.**

As we enter together into the season of Lent, now is a good time to remember why we are First Presbyterian Church so that we can share the good news of Easter in the most revealing of ways.

Blessings,



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# A LOOK AHEAD...

- Mar. 4 • Mission Conference Kick Off
- Rise Against Hunger
- Mar. 5 • Get Ready, Set, Worship! Recognition
- Frontier Fellowship Presentation
- Dinner with Frontier Fellowship
- Mar. 6 • Breakfast Social & Discussion with Frontier Fellowship
- Mar. 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Catered Dinner with Kenyon Singers
- Kenyon Chamber Choir Concert
- Mar. 9 • Connect 2 Fellowship Event
- Mar. 12 • MOPs Meeting
- Mar. 13 • Prayer - Beyond the Emoji begins
- Mar. 21 • S.A.L.T. Trip to Sylvan Heights Bird Park
- Mar. 25 • Youth March Madness Event
- Mar. 26 • Children's Sunday
- Mar. 27 • VBS Planning Team Meeting
- David's Mighty Men
- Mar. 28 • COAP Meeting
- Mar. 29 • Club 543 Meeting
- Apr. 1 • Journey to Hope Rehearsal
- Apr. 2 • Palm Sunday; Palm Passion Cantata, Potluck Meal, Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 7 • Flowering of the Cross
- Apr. 9 • Easter Sunday
- Apr. 23 • Club 543
- Apr. 30 • Youth Sunday
- May 21 • Graduate Sunday
- June 26 • Vacation Bible School begins

## All In Fellowship Wednesday Evening Meals

- 3/1 – Chicken Parmesan from Sammio's**
- 3/7 (Tuesday at 5 pm)\* – Meatloaf & Sides**
- 3/15 – Fried Chicken**
- 3/22– Chicken & Pastry**
- 3/29 – Spaghetti & Meatballs from Sammio's**
- 4/5\* – Taco Bar with Beef & Chicken**

On Tuesday, March 7th, enjoy a fully catered meal of meatloaf and sides before the Kenyon Chamber Singers Concert. This meal will be served from 5-6:45 p.m. Registration is required. Register online by scanning the QR code, visit [bit.ly/March7Dinner](http://bit.ly/March7Dinner) or call the church office. Adult meal - \$8, Kid's Meal - \$3, with a family cap of \$20. Registration will close on Sunday, March 5th.

For all the other Wednesdays in March enjoy a meal with potluck sides at 5:30 p.m., followed by an Adult Christian Education Class that follows up with our Calvin Lectures "Flourishing in the Third Third of Life" with Dr. Mike Garrett at 6:30 p.m. or the Historical Small Group at 6:30 p.m. **Bring a dish (serving 8-10) to share, or pay \$8 for adults and \$3 for kids. \$20 family cap.**

Join our group on Facebook by visiting [bit.ly/3rvhgjZ](http://bit.ly/3rvhgjZ)

*Nursery provided for young children.*

*Study hall & social time provided for school age children.*



### \*3/7 Registration Required

Scan the QR code, visit [bit.ly/March7Dinner](http://bit.ly/March7Dinner) or call the church office to register.



### \*4/5 Registration Required

Scan the QR code, visit [bit.ly/April5Dinner](http://bit.ly/April5Dinner) or call the church office to register.

## Prayer

### BEYOND THE EMOJI

Beginning  
March 13<sup>TH</sup>

Join us in a six week small group for adults, meeting on Mondays at 7pm. Moderator Bill McFadyen and other First Prez Prayer Advocates will talk about prayer in scriptures and then lead the class in actually praying for concerns within our church.

**To register for this class scan the QR code, visit [bit.ly/BeyondtheEmoji](http://bit.ly/BeyondtheEmoji) or call the church office.**



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Already registered for this class in January? It's ok! You're good to go! You will be contacted about the meeting place. The location will depend on the number of participants.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS

with Dr. Garrett

**March 1st to April 12th**

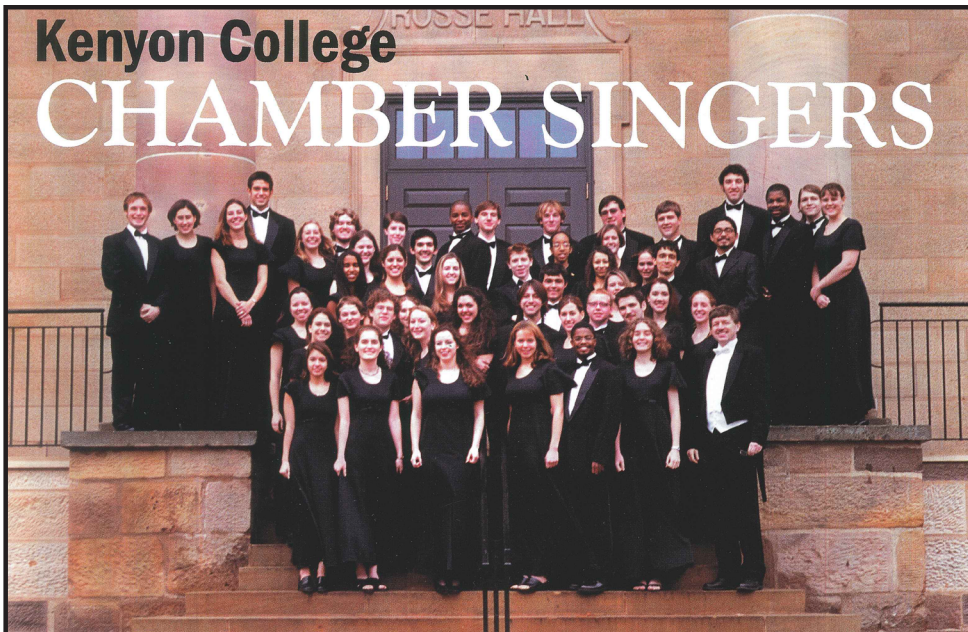
A video based class on the 2023 Calvin Lectures Subject:

**"Flourishing in the Third Third of Life"**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. after the All In Fellowship Dinners



# Kenyon College CHAMBER SINGERS



# Kenyon College Chamber Singers Concert

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

\*Dinner served 5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Concert begins at 7 p.m.

The Kenyon College Chamber Singers, conducted by Dr. Benjamin Locke, will be performing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 Ann Street, Fayetteville, NC, at 7:00 p.m. The Chamber Singers, consisting of forty-eight undergraduates chosen by competitive audition, is Kenyon's premier touring ensemble. The group is noted for its versatility of vocal style and broad repertoire. The New York Concert Review applauded the artistry of the ensemble, stating "the young members of the Chamber Singers...retain the proper lightness to navigate the translucent textures of Sweelinck's *Cantate Domino* and Palestrina's *Sicut Cervus*...focused intently on the conductor, the singers kept their audience hanging on every word."

The Chamber Singers will again present an eclectic mix of a cappella choral repertoire on their 2023 Spring Tour. A centerpiece to the program will be Johannes Brahms's motet *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen* (Why is light given to those in misery), with numerous other compositions by composers Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Joan Szymko, Moses Hogan, Frank Ticheli, Alice Parker, and Juhani Komulainen. The ensemble is noted for its regular inclusion of music from South Africa, which this year includes *Shilohini*, a Tsonga folksong about the awaited return of loved ones lost at sea.

For more information, please visit [firstprez.com/kenyonconcert/](http://firstprez.com/kenyonconcert/)



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There is no cost or registration needed for the concert.

Dinner will be served 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Fully catered dinner of meatloaf & sides.

**Registration for dinner is required.** Adults \$8/Kids \$3

Register online for dinner by scanning the QR code or visiting [bit.ly/March7Dinner](http://bit.ly/March7Dinner)

Register in person by signing up in Eller Hall or call the church office (910) 483-0121.

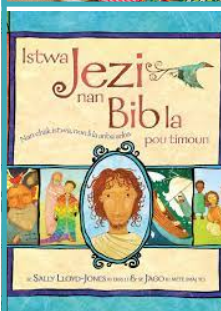


## 40 HOURS TOGETHER: LENTEN INITIATIVE FOR FAMILIES COMMITTING TO WHAT MATTERS - EACH OTHER

In a nutshell, 40 Hours Together is a chance to help equip families to take on regular spiritual practices together (rather than giving up something for the season). We offer this to support parents/caregivers as they continue to nurture their loved ones in spiritual practices.



**REGISTER TO RESERVE YOUR  
PACKET BY VISITING  
[BIT.LY/40HOURSTOGETHER](http://BIT.LY/40HOURSTOGETHER)  
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RAISES FUNDS TO SEND

## Bibles to Haiti



During the March Mission Conference, First Kidz will be raising funds to purchase Bibles in Haitian Creole for the children of our sponsored school in Cité Soleil, Haiti again. Last year's efforts brought so much joy to students!

As a special thank you to those who contribute at least \$10 to this campaign, we are creating handmade gifts – potholders & magnets. Our goal is to raise \$400 - enough to purchase 36 Bibles.

The more we raise, the more Bibles we can send to Haiti!

**Be on the lookout for a special table in Eller Hall during Mission Week and plan to support the children of our church as they serve to spread the good news of Jesus Christ!**



# Save the date! Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Palm Sunday's Events  
Beginning at 11 a.m.

- Palm Passion Cantata - A Journey to Hope
- Children will process in waving palms
- Potluck Meal & Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Register for the Palm Sunday Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt by scanning the QR code, visit [bit.ly/FPCPalmSunday](http://bit.ly/FPCPalmSunday) or call the church office.



Children's Ministry is making Easter baskets to donate to the Children's Center at Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation to distribute to children in the hospital around the Easter Holiday. Our goal is to make 5 baskets for the NICU (birth to 3 years old) and 15 baskets for children (ages 3-18).

**Please bring brand new items to the church by Wednesday, March 29th.**

#### NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Newborn Socks / 0-3 Months size Socks

Onesies

Baby Blankets [30" x 30"]

Baby Wipes

\*Please note that any size clothing newborn size and larger is fine.

#### PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Blankets [40" x 60" for toddlers or larger]

Books [appropriate for all ages,  
including middle & high school students]

Journals/ Coloring books & Crayons

Light up and musical toys

Hair Ties or Hand Bands

Socks [children & youth sizes]

Stuffed animals (small)

Character action figures

Hotwheels

Legos/Duplo



**We're collecting donations of pre-stuffed eggs or individually wrapped candy to stuff in Easter eggs for our children's Easter egg hunt on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Donations can be dropped off at Britany's office now through Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**



# Snack Kit Ministry Donations Needed!

Food requests from the social workers at area schools are steadily rising, and we want to grow our Snack Kit Ministry so that we can help. The intent of the Snack Kit Ministry is to provide nutritional food items for use over a weekend to children in need when they leave school on each Friday.

**We need dedicated volunteers to assist with food inventory, packing, and delivery to schools every two weeks.**

**We are also in desperate need of the following food items for the kits\*:**

- Milk shelf stable whole or 2% (Horizon Organic Whole Milk, 8 fl. oz.)
- Capri Sun / Kool-Aid Pouches
- Chef Boyardee Pasta (small cans or microwaveable)
- Chicken Noodle Soup (small 10.5oz can)
- Beans w/franks (7.5 ounce can)
- Mac-n-Cheese Individual Pouches
- Ramen Chicken Flavor Cup of Noodles
- Del Monte Fruit Cups – Mandarin Oranges (no peaches)
- Applesauce Cups
- Pudding Cups
- Raisins (individual boxes)
- Lance / Nab Crackers (no peanut butter)
- Kelloggs Nutri Grain Cereal Bars
- Granola Bars (no peanut butter)
- Instant Grits (individual pouches)
- Oatmeal (individual pouches)
- Fruit Snacks (no peaches)

\*Please check the expiration dates on items before donating.

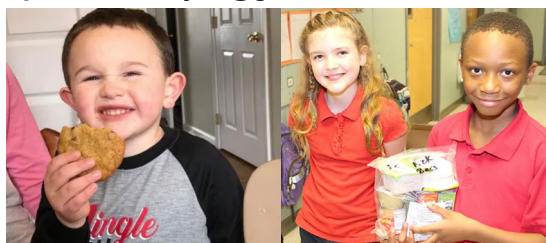
**It takes about \$180 to provide food for the entire year to one student. Monetary donations will be accepted.**

**If you, your Sunday School Class, or small group is interested in helping, please contact :**

**Leslie DeSessa at [ldesessa@gmail.com](mailto:ldesessa@gmail.com)**

**Terry Plummer at**

**[plummer.terry57@gmail.com](mailto:plummer.terry57@gmail.com)**





# Scholarships

## for Graduating Seniors

**Applications will be available March 15th,  
and are due April 15th.**

**Contact** Bengie Hair at [BMH4954@aol.com](mailto:BMH4954@aol.com) for an application.  
**Submit** your application via email or by placing your printed submission in Bengie's mail box in the church office.



## Children's Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Kingdom Kidz have started preparing for Children's Sunday! We're exploring ways children may feel called to help lead, and/or participate in the 11 a.m. worship service. They can sing, play instruments, create works of art, read scripture, and so much more! God wants us to share all of our gifts! It's not too late for your child to join! Please join us on Sunday's from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to prepare.

# Connect 2 Fellowship



## THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 5:30 P.M.



**Connect to Fellowship** is a program that COCC has developed with First Presbyterian, St John's Episcopal, and Hay Street United Methodist churches. The purpose of this program is to create events at local churches where clients being served at the Connections Day Resource Center can go to interact with the members of that congregation while sharing a meal and participating together in organized activities for the adults and children. Clients include both mothers and their children. After sharing a meal together, members of the church will spend time with the children in

attendance, reading, doing craft projects, school activity sheets, and just talking with the children. While the children are busy with the church members, the Connections staff and volunteers will take the mothers in attendance to another area for specialized training, seminars, and discussions. High school-aged children are also separated from the group for more age specific discussions.

**The next Connect 2 Fellowship event is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church during our 2023 Mission Conference.** This is a huge event with lots of opportunities for all ages as we Serve and Share God's love with these women and their children.

### We could use volunteers and help with:

- Children and youth volunteers to assist, lead, and participate in the activities, to include eating dinner with the COCC clients and their children.
- Adult Volunteers to assist with Fellowship Hall setup and breakdown, nursery, serving food (meal provided by COCC), working with children in attendance (crafts, reading, coloring, project sheets), parking lot assistance, escorts, etc. Adults will also eat dinner with the COCC clients.
- Volunteers to provide desserts for the event.
- 25 dollar Walmart Gift Cards



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**Registration is open! To register online, scan the QR code  
or visit [bit.ly/C2F2023](https://bit.ly/C2F2023) To register in person, sign up in Eller Hall  
or call the church office (910) 483-0121**

**Enjoy volunteering in your community, fellowship with friends and family, and a spaghetti dinner with the families from Connections!**



## Kingdom Kidz & Youth Calendar

### Mar 5 Super Sunday Night

Memorize Bible Verses and Celebrate with an Ice Cream Sunday Party

### Mar 12 Pajama Night

(Youth are invited to participate)

### Mar 19 Children's Sunday Rehearsal

### Mar 26 Mission Project: Gifts & cards to our homebound members

Scan the QR code for the memory verse!



CHILDREN WILL BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICES ON MAR 5, MAR 26 (CHILDREN'S SUNDAY), AND APRIL 2 - EASTER CELEBRATION/EASTER EGG HUNT.

Kingdom Kidz will be working on a special mission project that will be highlighted during the Mission Conference.

## 4:30-6:30PM EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

### Pre-K 3's 4's and Kindergarten Schedule

4:30-5:10 PM - Preschool Bible - Nursery/Room 210  
5:15-5:45 PM - Dinner  
5:50-6:30 PM - Preschool Music - Room 123

### 1st - 5th Grade Schedule

4:30-5:10 PM - Elementary Music - Room 209  
5:15-5:45 PM - Dinner  
5:50-6:30 PM - Elementary Bible - Room 207

### Youth Schedule - Meet in Youth Area upstairs

4:30-5:10 PM - Bible Study  
5:15-5:45 PM - Dinner  
5:50-6:30 PM - Games

# KINGDOM YOUTH

## SAVE THE DATE



March 25<sup>th</sup> - March Madness Event  
More details to be announced soon!

## Club 543 will meet

### Wednesday, March 29th

5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building  
Dinner & Outreach Project

### Sunday, April 23rd

12-1:30 p.m. in the Activity Room

### Sunday, May 7th

12-1:30 p.m. in the Activity Room  
End of Year Fellowship Party!



**KINGDOM YOUTH:** We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's VBS (June 26-29). Most of you have experienced the fun, learning, and fellowship this incredible week offers. Now it's your turn to help other kids do the same!  
**If you're interested, please contact Ms. Kimberly for more details.**



## VBS Registration is open!

June 26-29 | 9:00-12:00 p.m.



Join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture. **Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions!** At Babylon VBS, Bible truths are reinforced daily through Bible Point are integrated into each activity. God's Word comes alive through engaging interaction with Bible history!

This will be a great week as kids who have **completed Pre-K 4 to 5th grade** worship together, explore the Bible, and have fun with their tribe exploring Babylon. **Adult volunteers help make this such a special event for children.**

**If you are called to volunteer, please let Britany Spivey or Andrea Horosko know.**

Volunteers & children register for VBS online!  
Scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/FPCBabylonVBS](http://bit.ly/FPCBabylonVBS)



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# March Birthdays

1 Charles Morris	14 David Rowell
1 Marshall Barnette	15 Bob Bleecker
1 Cynthia Russell-Sippel	16 Ralph Huff
2 Mark Nordwall	16 John O'Keefe
3 Dot Ennis	17 Luke Coffman
3 Katherine Downing	17 Olivia Hammill
3 Tricia Baker	19 Ann Rowell
4 Andrea Horosko	19 Jim Young
4 Chris Blue	19 Andrew Foster
5 Barbara Ursich	19 David Reid
5 Joshua Barkman	20 Suzanne Heflin
7 Cohen Mosley	20 Sean Fincher
7 Gary Hardin	20 Justin Williams
8 Molly Alderman	21 Bill Senter
8 Gus Sherrill	22 Dat Gilbert
9 Devon Campbell	23 Merritt Ciccone
9 Ann McRae	23 Ever Brown
9 Emma McCauley	23 Joyce Borum
10 Olivia Herring	24 Brandon Hammond
10 Jackson Gutierrez	26 Bowman Smith
11 Michael Blight	26 Mary Ann Tally
12 Claire Self	26 Liam Spartzak
12 Wade Byrd	26 Lou Brooks
14 Lulie Harry	27 Patrick Strong
14 Linda Tillman	28 Benjamin Deaton
	28 Amelia Chan
	29 David Spivey
	29 Matthew Enfinger
	30 Carol Short
	30 Annaliese Rocker
	31 Mary Acker
	31 Paul Haddow-Green



# Memorials

## Miller Liston

Lorene & Milo McBryde  
Eliza & Fred Williams

## Bob Carter

Carol & Sammy Short

## Merle Prewitt

Carol & Sammy Short  
Suzanne Uzzell  
Lorene & Milo McBryde  
Linda Tillman

Ann & Buzz Loyd  
Beverly Stewart  
Linda & Ralph Huff  
Eliza & Fred Williams

## Jane Sutherlin

Lorene & Milo McBryde

## Barbara Lepper

Lorene & Milo McBryde

## Judye Bleecker

Gillie Revelle	Rhonda & Stephen Gooding
Wade William Jr	Deborah Williams
Mary Ann Tally	Winnie Grannis
Patsy Markham	Beverly Stewart
Grace & Tommy Hall	Mayon & Mackie Weeks

## Margeret Stevens

Eliza & Fred Williams

## Glen Hall

Eliza & Fred Williams

## Edith Krannich

Eliza & Fred Williams

# Honorariums

## Carol & Sammy Short

Pam & Bill Senter



## S.A.L.T. Trip - March 21st

Sylvan Bird Park in Scotland Neck, NC

Cost is \$12 per person.

We will meet at the church at 7:45 a.m.

RSVP Patsy Markham at 910-868-3001 by 3/16



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PERIODICALS

# 2023 MISSION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

**8:30 a.m.** Mission Conference Kick Off  
in the Sanctuary

**9 a.m.** Rise Against Hunger in Fellowship Hall  
Registration required, childcare available.



Visit [bit.ly/RAHMarch2023](https://bit.ly/RAHMarch2023) or scan  
the QR code. For childcare registration,  
visit [bit.ly/RAHChildcare](https://bit.ly/RAHChildcare)

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH

**5 - 6:45 p.m.** Catered Dinner with Kenyon  
Singers in Fellowship Hall served from 5 to



**6:45 p.m.** Registration required.  
Visit [bit.ly/March7Dinner](https://bit.ly/March7Dinner)  
or scan the QR code.

**7 p.m.** Kenyon College Chamber Choir  
Concert in the Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

**9 a.m.** Worship Service in the Chapel  
w/ Richard Haney from Frontier Fellowship

**10 a.m.** Mexico & Haiti Mission Updates  
in the Activity Room

**10 a.m.** Snack Kit Ministry Update in Room 416

**11 a.m.** Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
w/ Richard Haney from Frontier Fellowship

**4 p.m.** Frontier Fellowship Presentation  
in the Sanctuary

**5:15 p.m.** Dinner in Fellowship Hall



Registration required.  
Visit [bit.ly/March5Dinner](https://bit.ly/March5Dinner)  
or scan the QR code.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH

**5:30 p.m.** Connect to Fellowship Event  
in Fellowship Hall. Register to volunteer for  
this event. Visit [bit.ly/C2F2023](https://bit.ly/C2F2023) or  
scan the QR code.



## MONDAY, MARCH 6TH

**9:15 a.m.** Meet and greet breakfast social  
w/ Frontier Fellowship in the Activity Room



Registration required.  
Visit [bit.ly/March6Breakfast](https://bit.ly/March6Breakfast)  
or scan the QR code.

**10 a.m.** Focused discussion on Frontier  
Fellowship's work in the Activity Room.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

**9 a.m.** Worship Service in the Chapel,  
"Why they Serve."

**10 a.m.** Q&A Missions Talk in the Chapel.

**11 a.m.** Worship Service in the Sanctuary,  
"Why they Serve."

**FIND THE MISSION CONFERENCE WEEK SCHEDULE, EVENT DETAILS AND  
REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING [bit.ly/AboutMissionConference](https://bit.ly/AboutMissionConference)**



Our mission at First Presbyterian Church is to **serve** Jesus Christ and **share** His gospel through meaningful worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, and compassionate outreach within our community and throughout the world.