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First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville N.C.



A Pastoral Message from Dr. Mike Garrett

Back in 2018, after a long period of study and reflection, our congregation adopted a new statement to guide our mission:

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.

A lot has happened since that statement was adopted, a pandemic, changes in church staff and leadership, and changes in the social world outside our doors, to name a few examples. I believe our mission statement is still a great expression of our purpose and our values. However, what it means for us today, in our programs and priorities, needs to be updated. There are opportunities and challenges that need our attention.

Beginning on our Fall Kick-Off, Sunday, September 10, and for the following four Sundays, I plan to preach about what it means to "**serve** Jesus Christ

and **share** His gospel" in our congregation, right now. I hope it will spark creativity among us and openness to what God's Spirit wants to say to our congregation. Please plan to join us in-person, if at all possible.

On Kick-Off Sunday, we'll have a congregational breakfast at 9:30a.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a gathering to name some exciting things beginning in the next few weeks. Following that we'll have one service of worship at 11a.m. as we celebrate our life together at First Presbyterian Church.

This edition of the newsletter is intended to help guide and inspire your participation in our congregation as we begin a new fall together. Take a moment to identify how you will seek to both grow spiritually and serve faithfully in the months ahead.

I'm glad to share the journey of faith with you at this church and at this time. Let's do all we can to encourage each other in the mission that is ahead of us.

Sincerely,

CONNECT WITH US: @1stPrez @firstprezfay

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUN



First Prez donated

151

backpacks
to Walker Spivey!

THANK YOU

to everyone
who donated!



Fall Kick-Off

Sunday
September 10th

9:30-10:15am Pancake & Potluck Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

David's Mighty Men will cook pancakes and sausage.
Bring your favorite breakfast item to share.

10:15am Fall Gathering in Fellowship Hall

Christian Education Opportunities
New Worship Series by Dr. Garrett

11am Unified Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**Congregational Meeting for Officer Elections will follow the Worship Service*



To register online, scan the QR Code
or visit bit.ly/FPC2023KickOff



All In Fellowship Meals

Enjoy a meal with potluck sides, family & friends at 5:30 p.m.,
followed by an Adult Education Class with Dr. Garrett at 6:30 p.m.

"Alongside: The Ministry of Mentoring Others"

The church will provide the main entree. You can bring a salad, side, dessert or bread that will serve 8 to 10 people **or** pay \$8 per adult (age 13+) and \$3 per child (age 5-12). The meal cap is \$20 per family. Nursery provided for young children. Study hall, followed by social time, provided for school age children.



Wednesday, September 13th - BBQ Chicken from Kinlaw's

Register online by scanning the QR Code or by visiting bit.ly/FPCFellowship913
Please register by Sunday, September 10th.

Wednesday, September 20th - BBQ Pork from BBQ Hut

Register online by scanning the QR Code or by visiting bit.ly/FPCFellowship920
Please register by Sunday, September 17th.



Children's & Youth Ministries had a great time at their Pool Party!



Christian Education Programs

Adult Sunday School - 10am

G.I.F.T. - "Growing in Faith Together" is an active, multi-generational class that studies the Bible in detail. Prayer is a vital element of this class. Open discussion allows for all levels of participation.

Location: Activity Room

The Good Book Class - Hybrid Sunday School Adult Class. Currently studying the books of Samuel. Generally we focus on two or three chapters per week. Future studies of other books of the Bible will be determined as a class. Contact the church office for Zoom information (910) 483-0121.

Location: Room 405 (or Zoom)

Get To Know Us - Are you a visitor, joined recently, or just curious about First Presbyterian Church? Join us for an engaging four session class that delves into the four pillars of our Mission Statement and come learn how you can be a part of those pillars. September 17th through October 8th.

Location: Room 413

Calvin Class - This class is open to all adults and will study "God's Law Is Love" through Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and Colossians.

Location: Rankin Building (beside Fellowship Hall)

Children & Youth Sunday School - 10am

Nursery Ministry - *Birth to 2 years old.* The nursery is an intentional ministry with faith development resources, including mini lessons, faith development posters and music. Frolic Nursery is a curriculum based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith - starting at birth. It helps equip leaders to nurture faith in many ways - through storytelling, prayers and music.

Location: Nursery

Preschool Sunday School - *Ages 3 to 5 years old.* Frolic Preschool allows preschoolers and kindergartners to explore faith concepts the way they know best - through play! It features age-appropriate play spaces, prayers, storytelling, music and rituals. "Bring faith concepts to life at their level."

Location: Nursery

Children Sunday School - *Kindergarten through 5th grade.* Children see God's grace in the biblical narrative and in our world today. They gather in God's grace, respond in gratitude, love and service. Age-appropriate opportunities allow for responses of gratitude through Claiming, Celebrating, Praying and Offering.

Location: Room 208

Youth Sunday School - *6th grade through 12th grade.* The youth will learn how to further their relationship with God, with each other, and with the world through Scripture lesson and mission. The youth will explore the stories in the Bible and apply them in their normal "day-to-day" world. As we gather, we will learn what it truly means to be a "24/7 Christian," living our faith Monday through Saturday, as well as Sunday.

Location: Middle & High School Room

Adult Christian Education Wednesday Class - 6:30pm

"Alongside: The Ministry of Mentoring Others" with Dr. Garrett - A short course designed to introduce the process of mentoring to the church, address concerns, and provide guidance for creating mentoring relationships. This is a five session course. Class begins at 6:30 pm. Childcare will be provided.

Location: Activity Room

Children & Youth Christian Education - Sundays, September through April 4:30-6:30pm

Kingdom Kidz Bible, Music & Dinner

Age 3 to Kindergarten - Frolic Preschool allows preschoolers and kindergartners to explore faith concepts the way they know best - through play! It features age-appropriate play spaces, prayers, storytelling, music and rituals. "Bring faith concepts to life at their level."

1st to 5th grade - Using Old and New Testament Bible stories about famous people from the past, we will explore how God wants us to live today. Some of our activities will include Legos, games, short videos and crafts.

Kingdom Kidz Music

Children are taught to read music through games and activities. They will learn to play chimes and percussion instruments, as well as practice songs to be presented in worship and special events throughout the year.

First Prez Kingdom Youth - *For 6th - 12th Graders.* A time of fellowship, friendship, food & fun! Explore what it means to look at the Bible in the 21st century as we answer the big question, "How can we apply the Bible to our lives today?"

First Presbyterian Church Small Groups Listing

Dr. Dale Schunk* has come up with a definition of learning that is useful as you explore what learning means in educational ministry. "Learning is an enduring change in behavior, or in the capacity to behave in a given fashion, which results from practice or other forms of experience."

Learning can occur in many different ways, some formal and some informal. As well as in different modalities (think visual or tactical) and experiences. How is God calling you or your family to be a part of Spiritual Formation this fall? Over the next few pages, you will find descriptions of Sunday School classes, Small Groups, programs for children and youth, and much more. If you have a topic or desire to learn how to become a facilitator for a learning opportunity, please contact Britany Spivey.



*May the God who teaches, bless you and keep you as you seek to nurture lifelong faith in your context.
May you know God's love deeply and share it widely as you serve. Amen.*

Schunk, D. H. (2019). Learning Theories (8th Edition). Pearson Education (US)

*Dr. Dale Schunk is a professor in the Department of Teacher Education and Higher Education at UNC.

To register, you can drop off a completed form in one of the baskets outside of the Sanctuary or the Chapel.

To register online, scan the QR Code, or visit bit.ly/FPCSmallGroups2023

Basketball

Calling all basketball players! Join in weekly pick-up games and devotion.

Players meet once a week on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Brian Pearce and Alan Ray



Caregivers of Aging Persons (COAP) - Adults



When you are the primary caregiver or you are responsible for your loved ones well-being, personal support is essential. Along with various guest speakers on such subjects as elder law, managing medicines, and dementia, we offer an opportunity to share cares, concerns, and emotions (such as frustration, anger, and guilt) with others who are coping with the same problems.

Meeting the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Location: Zoom and in person to be announced.

Coordinator: Janice Luce

David's Mighty Men - Adult Men

Every meeting begins with dinner and is followed by a group discussion, devotion or study. By design, this ministry is 'less formal' than some of the more traditional men's ministries, with an emphasis on the fellowship and camaraderie built with thoughtful discussion and time spent in the Word. David's Mighty Men actively pursue community mission projects, assist with cookouts for the children's ministry, engage with the Wounded Warriors, Operation Inasmuch, and more!



Meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Terry Plummer

Dinner For Six-ish - Singles, Couples & Families

Dinner For Six-ish is a fun supper social dining program. The sessions run January through March, April through June and September through November. Volunteer hosts coordinate mutually agreeable dates and times for a dining out or in-home collaborative fellowship meal.

Meeting times and locations are determined by the group.

Coordinators: Lou Brooks, Ann McRae & Madeline McFadyen



Message Seekers - Adults



This group will gather weekly for a year (or so) to read the Bible together. We will read, discuss and grow together in our understanding and knowledge of scripture. New group members are invited to join at any point in the year.

Once a week on Mondays from 12:00-1:00pm

Location: Activity Room

Coordinators: Andrea Horosko & Britany Spivey

MOPs & MOMSnext - Mothers

MOPS encourages and equips moms of preschoolers (MOPS) and school-age children (MOMSnext) to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with our church. Free childcare and refreshments are provided. Our theme this year is "Say Yes". Yes, to God. Yes, to the thing that gives you butterflies. Yes, to this moment, these people, this life. Get ready to SAY YES.

Meetings are twice a month on Sundays from 4:30 - 6:30pm, September - May.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Kathryn Boyette & Vicki Kelly



MOPS.ORG

Pastor's Lunch Bunch - Adults, Maximum participants - 12

We'll reflect on scripture, talk a bit about our lives as God's people, and pray together.

Once a week on Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:00pm

September 12th - November 20th.

Location: To be announced.

Coordinator: Dr. Mike Garrett



Prayer: Beyond the Emoji "Version 2"

The Engagement Committee is preparing now for a new (and repeat) 6-week course with the goal of praying in a small group. There will be a variety of topics and we will meet in the homes of various members. Our hope is to have things underway in the first half of October. Last Spring, we met six times with an average of 15 people per night and a peak participation of 21. Help us to increase both of those numbers in our upcoming small group on prayer!

Location: To be announced

Coordinators: Bill McFadyen, Bengie Hair & Leslie DeSessa



Presbyterian Women (PW) - Adult Women

PW is a historical organization of the church helping with the flower ministry, visiting the sick and homebound, working with children's ministry - the list goes on. Circles are small gatherings of PW for Bible study, fellowship and service. The two Circles are:



•Hannah Circle

Meets in member's homes the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm.

Location: To be announced.

Coordinator: Melanie Strickland

•Martha Circle

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month, at 10:00am.

Location: Parlor

Coordinators: Joann Pearce & Gillie Revelle

Seasoned Adults Learning Together (S.A.L.T.) - Adults

The S.A.L.T. members meet monthly for breakfast and also travel monthly to various locations and events. This is a time of fellowship, as well visiting exciting locations, plays, concerts, etc.

S.A.L.T. meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30am for fellowship breakfast.

Location: JK's Deli

Coordinator: Melanie Strickland



Stitch Buddies - Intergenerational, Maximum participants - 15

Stitch Buddies is a social knitting and crochet group for all ages and skill levels. It's a great opportunity to learn a new skill or practice your craft, while creating projects that will benefit local missions.

Meetings will be weekly on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:30pm October 2nd through November 20th.

Location: Room 413

Coordinators: Carol Short & Nichole Russ

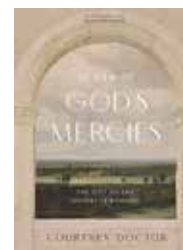
Tapestry - Adult Women

Tapestry is a women's Bible study group. Join us for a study of "In View of God's Mercies" by Courtney Doctor, as we walk through the book of Romans to discover that salvation doesn't just change your eternal future; it changes your present reality.

Meetings will be weekly on Thursdays at 10:00am beginning, September 14th and ending in December.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Ann Rowell



A Moment of Pastoral Care

As we are entering into September, I have already seen the re-appearance of American football jerseys. High School teams are already playing, college teams are starting, and professional football starts just after Labor Day. Those who are fans live for the thrill of the opening play; the placing of the football in the kicking tee, the band playing, and fans yelling as the kicker punches the ball down the field as the receiving team runs the ball back down the field for the first time of the season. Most promotions for the first game of the season do not say the first game, instead they use the words "Kick Off" because it recalls the cherished moment that will come.

September 10 is our "Kick-Off" for the new church season of ministry. I encourage everyone to look within. How do you approach your faith? How has your family committed to our forthcoming Kick Off for the church year? The Bible tells us in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men." When we come to church yes, we love the people but at our core we must be coming to Love the Lord by serving and sharing.


This coming church season will see many opportunities to grow, share, and welcome others. Look at the opportunities and the ways you can contribute. If we come with spiritual praise that is Christ-based, not "its just another start up", others will engage with us. They will also engage with Lord because they will see it is not about us, but the enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.

So, gear up and let us Kick-Off God's season of blessing!

God Bless,

Pastor Mitch



 **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Sunday School
Teachers Needed!**

*Make a difference in
the lives of our youth!*

To volunteer, contact Kimberhly Hopkins at youth@firstprez.com as soon as possible.

A SNACK KIT MINISTRY UPDATE

Long summer days are coming to an end as the school year enters in. For many children this assures them of breakfast and lunch during the week. Weekends bring hunger pains.

We have been asked to supply Snack Kits for 30 children this year from Walker Spivey Elementary School. ***That's three times as many as last year.*** We can argue the point of why, but it comes down to helping a child be a little less hungry on the weekends.

Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be left in Eller Hall or upstairs near the Snack Kit room (#416).

Every other Friday we deliver to the schools and could use your help. Snack Kits are picked up at the church (already in bins) and delivered to the school counselor or the classroom.

We will be packing approximately 120 kits once a month. If our Sunday School classes and Small Groups volunteer one time, we will cover the school year. Packing can be done during Sunday School, when your small group meets, or a time that is convenient for you.

Sign up to help by using the sign up sheets outside the Snack Kit room, or email:

Leslie DeSessa at ldesessa@gmail.com

or Terry Plummer at plummer.terry57@gmail.com

DONATIONS NEEDED*:

- Milk shelf stable whole or 2%
(Horizon Organic Whole Milk, 8 fl. oz.)
- Chef Boyardee Pasta (small cans or microwaveable)
- Beans with Franks
- Mac & Cheese Packets
- Oatmeal Packets
- Pop Tarts
- Fruit Cups
- Pudding Cups
- Granola Bars (no peanut butter)
- Raisins (individual boxes)
- Soup
- Juice (Capri Sun)
- Grits Packets
- Nutri Grain Bars
- Fruit Snacks
- Applesauce
- Cheese Crackers

****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 in the church office. Please note "Local Relief Ministry" on checks.



The Stewardship of Our Healthy Mind and Body

In 1 Peter 4:10, your Stewardship Committee anchors this year's campaign on these words:

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Many of us have received God's grace in the form of healthy minds and bodies, with an appreciation that grows within us by the day.

James Bryan Smith does a masterful job of explaining this in *The Good and Beautiful Community*. "The call to stewardship can be expressed by using five resources that are ours to share, if we are willing." Smith's list of five are soul, body, time, talent and treasure.

Mind

"Through our souls, we write poems and symphonies," ... "solve problems that plague us", "mourn the loss of others, grieve our sins, and create memories that shape our lives and give them meaning. Our souls are magnificent gifts to be used to bless others."

Body

About our amazing bodies, Smith continues; "Our bodies have hands to hold and grasp a hammer and write, and feet to take us wonderful places. If you have ever lost some physical ability for any amount of time, you know well how precious these abilities are. Our bodies are given to us by God to be used to bring hope and healing to others."

Spirit

As the fall stewardship season approaches, let's consider our gifts, to include the giving of ourselves.

The Good and Beautiful Community, James Bryan Smith, 2010 InterVarsity Press pp. 155-6.

December

November

October

September

August

July

June

May

April

March

February

January

2023 Giving Figures To Date: July

YTD Non-Pledge Gifts - \$230,570.65

YTD Pledge Gifts - \$585,906.47

YTD Total Gifts - \$816,477.12

2023 Total Pledged Amount - \$1,169,868.00



THE HOLY LAND

WITH DAN FORREST

June 10-22, 2024

**You are invited to join with members and friends
of the Celebration Choir on a trip to the Holy Land next year!**

The choir received an invitation from Dan Forrest in June, and after much prayer and discussion - we have changed our 2024 travel plans. Austria will have to wait.

The Celebration Choir members will join their voices in a mass "Voices of Faith Choir" to sing a program "Praying our Songs and Singing our Prayers" in Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. We will travel from Tel Aviv to Jaffa, Mt. Carmel to a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, from Capernaum to Caesarea Philippi, Jezreel Valley to Jericho, and Bethlehem to Jerusalem. Visit the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany. View the cave where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Take a cable car to the top of Masada. Visit Herod's mountain bunker. Float in the Dead Sea if you wish. Visit the Western Wall and the Pool of Bethesda. Experience the Bible come to life, enjoying music along the way.

The trip includes: Airfare from RDU, 11 nights lodging at 3 and 4 star hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, all land transportation and tours with English speaking guide, and travel insurance.

For more information, contact Dr. Marcia Mervin at marcia@firstprez.com

VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH!

Kingdom Kidz and Youth gather on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. During their time, they share a fellowship meal together. This meal is made possible by a combination of volunteers, families and the church. **If you would like to help provide a meal for the children during their Sunday evening gatherings** please sign up for a date below and indicate what you plan to bring. Pairing up with another family is a great idea as well! Samples of meals that were provided last fall include: hot dogs, tacos, pizza, pastas, and chicken tenders.

To sign up online visit bit.ly/KingdomMeals2023 or scan the QR Code.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU FOR KINGDOM KIDZ & KINGDOM YOUTH

(PRE K 3 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL)

4:30-6:30PM EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

BIBLE STUDY, MUSIC, DINNER & FUN



- Sept. 10 - Kingdom Kidz Starts!
- Sept. 17
- Sept. 24
- Oct. 1
- Oct. 8
- Oct 15 - Trunk or Treat
- Oct 22 - Will Not Meet
- Nov. 5
- Nov. 12
- Nov 26 - Family Advent Event
- Dec. 3
- Dec. 10 - Special Program
- Jan. 7 - Kingdom Kidz Resumes

Save the date!

*Children sing during 11am Worship Service
Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 10*



First Prez Kingdom Youth

For 6th - 12th graders looking for a time of fellowship, friendship, food & fun! Explore what it means to look at the Bible in the 21st century as we answer the big question, "How can we apply the Bible to our lives today?"

First Prez Kingdom Kidz

For ages PreK 3 - 5th Grade. Children will explore music through singing and instruments, along with engaging Bible Stories through crafts and mission projects and enjoy a fellowship meal together.



NEW TO KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH?

Register online by scanning the QR code or by visiting bit.ly/KingdomKidz2023

Club 543 Meetings

Sunday, Sept. 17 - 12 to 1:30pm
Junior Usher Training

Sunday, Oct. 8 - 12 to 1:30pm

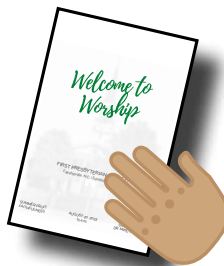
Wednesday, Nov. 15 - 5:30 to 7:30pm



Junior Usher Training

Sunday, September 17 during Club 543

The Junior Usher program gives 3rd through 5th Graders the opportunity to take ownership of being part of the church family. Junior Ushers have responsibilities as greeters and ushers during the time before the 11:00 AM service. Their main goal is to greet all who come to worship, making them feel welcomed! They also pass along Children's Worship Bags to other children.



YOUTH DAY TRIPS

September Jones Lake State Park

Come with us on Sunday, September 17th, as we hike the beautiful trails of Jones Lake State Park. The bus will leave at *8:45 am and return around 4:00 pm.

To register online scan the QR code, visit

bit.ly/FPCYouthHiking or contact Kimberhly Hopkins at youth@firstprez.com by September 10th. The youth group will have a time of worship that morning before the hike.



SCAN ME



October Carowinds

The youth group will travel to Carowinds in October 7th. Families are welcome to join us! To register online scan the QR code, visit

bit.ly/FPCYouthCarowinds

or contact Kimberhly Hopkins at youth@firstprez.com by September 29th.



SCAN ME



PARENT RESOURCE

Back-to-School is a stressful time for both children and parents. Caroline Moses shared her presentation in person with us last month and was kind enough to share it with us on line. Learn how to better cope with back-to-school stress by visiting <https://bit.ly/45u8Lb4>



Families with children are invited to join in the All In Fellowship Wednesday Night Meals from 5:30 to 6:30pm!

Study hall and social time are provided from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Room 225.



DINNER FOR SIX-ish

is a fun social dining program that's gearing up for the session that runs from September to the end of November. Bring your neighbor, your cousin, your aunt or uncle, they don't

have to be First Prez members. If you want to sign up or wonder what this is all about, Eller Hall desk has the bright yellow registration forms and a FAQ sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact us: Lou Brooks 804-928-5057 or lobpt01@verizon.net, Ann McRae arm_3@yahoo.com or Madeline McFadyen madelinebakerg@gmail.com

s.a.l.t.

Seasoned Adults Learning Together

Monthly Fellowship Breakfast & Excursions



• **Tuesday, September 26th**
Travel to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, leaving First Prez at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided with no expense to those attending.

Please contact Ann Rowell at (910) 391-1482 or (910) 867-3556 by Friday, September 22nd, for reservations.



• **Tuesday, October 24th**
Travel to Wilmington to visit the Burgwin - Wright House (a MUST SEE for Outlander fans!), a tour of the historic district by a horse-drawn trolley and have lunch at Elijah's. We will depart the church at 8:30 am. The only expense for the trip will be lunch.

Please contact Nancy Billman at (910) 916-5994 by October 15th, for reservations.

Have you ever gotten to the end of a week, month or year and thought, "How did I get here? Where has the time gone?" It happens in our parenting, friendships, marriage and work- we get caught up in the urgent demands of the day-to-day, and then years go by, and we realize we haven't been making the small choices that will get us where we actually wanted to be.



*So this is
the year to
make some
moves.*

Say "Yes."



**Do not despise these small beginnings,
for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...**

Zechariah 4:10 NLT

**MOPs meets twice a month
on Sundays 4:30-6:30pm**

Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3

A LOOK AHEAD...

Sept. 3	• Congregational Meeting
Sept. 4	• Labor Day, Church Office is closed
Sept. 5	• S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's • Worship Committee Meeting • C. E. Committee Meeting
Sept. 10	• Unified Worship Service • Fall Kick Off - Rally Day • Congregational Meeting • Canticle Ringers Resume • Celebration Choir Resume • Men's Ensemble Resume • Kingdom Kidz & Youth Resume • MOPs Meeting
Sept. 11	• Finance Committee Meeting • Mission Committee Meeting
Sept. 12	• Martha Circle • Stated Deacons Meeting
Sept. 13	• Celebration Choir Rehearsal • All In Fellowship Meals Resume • Adult Christian Ed. Classes Resume
Sept. 14	• Tapestry
Sept. 18	• Personnel Committee Meeting
Sept. 19	• Stated Session Meeting
Sept. 25	• David's Mighty Men
Sept. 26	• S.A.L.T. Billy Graham Library Trip



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 John Burgess	17 Carrie McMahon
1 Carolyn Butler	17 Marcia Mervin
1 Kim Hulon	18 Mary Stiles
2 Janene Aul	18 Timothy Duhon
3 Suzanne Clarke	19 Betty Jo Wilkins
4 Bucky Brown Jr	19 Gary Cooper
5 Mark Regensburger	19 Eliza Williams
5 Beth Lee	19 Eli Deaton
5 Cole Spencer	20 Debbie Williams
6 Wayne Brown	20 Glenn Blue
6 Joyce Carlton	20 Diana Godwin
7 Ann Highsmith	22 Timothy Dwyer
7 Mary Knutson	22 Heraldo Navejas
7 Dan Perry III	23 Michael Idol
7 Rhonda Gooding	23 Laura Byrd
7 Michael Dunn	23 Susan Kirby
7 Pat Gautier	23 Arianna Hunter
9 Wanda Ussery	24 Henrietta Jutson
9 Joey Hall Jr.	24 Allyson Wherren
9 Bristol Barnette	24 Mark Atkinson
10 John Carter McFadyen	25 Kelli Howle
10 Jewel Vann	25 Cathy Clayton
10 Bud Lafferty	25 Emily George
11 Kevin Read	26 Madeleine Clarke
12 Kaye McRainey	27 Bill Boyette
12 Katherine Nickell	27 Ryan Aul
13 McQuillan Aul	27 Sebastian O'Keefe
13 Hallie McLaurin	28 Devin Brown
14 Loretta Holmes	28 Kerri Napoli
14 Malcolm McFadyen	29 Lyn Hankins
15 Carol Williams	29 Courtney Sistrunk
16 Debbie Cooper	30 Ramona Ray
16 Ashton Megson	30 Jack Noland
16 Colt Deaton	30 Kay Smith
17 Kay Gilbert	30 McBryde Grannis
17 Chloe Hall	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Memorials

Mack Cromartie
Alice & Jerry Teele

J udy Bleecker
Alice & Jerry Teele

Harvey Stevens
Patsy Markham

Sallie Darden
Luanne & Thomas Nicholson

James Hudson
Melanie Strickland
Debbie & LaMar Williams
Gillie Revelle
Carol & Sammy Short

Curtis H eldreth
Bud Lafferty
Eliza & Fred Williams
Linda & Ralph Huff
Zac White
Melanie Strickland
Lorene & Milo McBryde
Danny Pugh
Elizabeth Imburg
Betty & Michael Jurick
Gillie Revelle
Debra Chestnutt
Jeannie & Terry Plummer

Dat Gilbert
Alice & Jerry Teele
Linda & Ralph Huff

Benny Pearce

Sue & Wayne Byrd
Debbie & LaMar Williams
Bonnie B. Blue
Jeannie & Terry Plummer
Carol & Sammy Short
Maxine McCoy
Susan & Dennis Walters
George Markham
Robert Bleecker
Vicki & Terry Brewer
Ann & Lawrence Buffaloe
Sharon & John Buroker
Martha Wayne
Debra Chestnutt
Claire Mansfield
Kathryn & Cline Hamrick
Grace & Tommy Hall
CFHU Cardiac Administration Team

Ann & Buzz Loyd
Rosemarie Williams
Michael Musslewhite
Marilyn Britt
Terry Andrews
Calvin Class
S. S. Brooks
Susan & Gary Hardin
Andrea & Steve Horosko
Bud Lafferty
Little Architects
Ann & Buzz Loyd
Rodgers Builders
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The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report and recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the congregation to issue a call for the position of Associate Pastor. Please make every effort to attend.

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