

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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February 2026

Let's Share Jesus

As I'm writing this I have been on the session for two weeks. This is my first time ever serving and let me tell you there are some wonderful people serving on the session. They all care deeply about their faith and this church family.

I personally have a few things on my heart that I would like to share. Maybe some of you feel the same way as well.

I know memberships of all churches are down and I ask myself why? Is it that people are too busy to attend church or work gets in the way of attending church on Sunday? Whatever the reason I feel like us as Christians should be inviting people to church. We should be inviting them to learn more about Jesus and giving them the opportunity to learn why it is so impactful to have a realtionship with him. I have been a Christian for over 35 years and am still learning something new everyday, whether it be in converstaions with other believers or in reading the Bible. The journey never stops as a Christian because we continue to learn and strengthen our faith every day. I know everyone knows someone that they could invite to attend church, even though that might be a hard task. One thing I have been doing with the help from God is to find more opportunities to share Jesus with co-workers and inviting them to seek a church whether it be First Presbyterian Carthage or another church.

Even though we are searching for a new Pastor, we have have something really special at First Presbyterian Church in Carthage. We should be as Christians willing and excited to share our special place with people around us. I am extremely nervous to extend invitations to visit our church because you never know the reaction you might get from someone. But, then I think about how rewarding it could be to have that person actually visit our church and learn something new.

So lets do something out of our comfort zone and go out into the world and share Jesus and just how special our church family is at First Presbyterian Carthage.

God Bless

Damon



Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.

Elizabeth Barringer
Lee Edmonds
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Geraldine Moore
Dennis Parks
Phillip Warmbrod
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Pat Nugent
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Presbyterian Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Presbyterian Church*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Jo Ellen Caulder, *sister of Keith Hardin*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret & Tom Leonard's nephew*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Jerrod Lowry, *General Presbyter of our Presbytery*
Tyler Mabe
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
T Prickett, *Cathy Prickett's brother*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugent's*
Marie Walton, *Diane Pangborn's mother*

Please take a moment and review the prayer list. We are happy to keep anyone on the list in need of prayer, but if you have anyone on the list that can be removed, please contact Sonya Potter at the church office or send her an email.

All of our military men and women and their families, especially the following:
Jonathan Baker, Kyle Bryant, Cody Fitzgerald,
Chris Mohan, Patrick Mohan, Greg Riyevski,
Michael Schwartz, Quinn Wicker, and Robert Wilson.

If you would like to add someone, or remove yourself from First Presbyterian's Prayer Requests, please contact the church office at (910) 947-2924 or infofpc397@gmail.com.

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session meeting minutes from the January 11th meeting.

- Installed Elders for the class of 2027.
- Items that we discussed:
  - Ash Wednesday pancake supper,
  - procedures in the event of a death in the congregation,
  - Session members responsibility in staying in contact with church members,
  - WOC planned Soup and Salad lunch,
  - annual church cleanup on April 25th,
  - electrical and PA issues.

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 1st at the end of worship to elect our 2026 Church Nominating Committee. The Session held its Exit Interview with the Committee of Ministry. This is part of the process as the church moves forward from having a minister leave.

If any church member has an emergency or needs assistance, please contact an elder. Each church member has been assigned an elder to assist them with their situation. It is very important that we maintain good communication during this period. The elders are here to assist all of our church family.

February Birthdays



2 Nicholas Baker
2 Emma Leonard
5 Taylor Allred
5 Robert Gordon
7 Jennifer Thomason
11 Archie Kelly
13 Pat Jackson
13 Dell Wahala
15 Elizabeth Williams

FEBRUARY SUNDAY FLOWERS

1st Lucinda and David Casey
8th Karen and Tim Helms
15th Ann and Joe Lynch
22nd Carol and Paul White

February Greeters

1st Lucinda and David Casey
8th Denise Edmonds
15th Jennifer and Chad Thomason and Sons
22nd Carol and Paul White

January



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	n/a	n/a
2nd Sunday	n/a	n/a
3rd Sunday	n/a	n/a
4th Sunday	n/a	n/a
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a
Average	n/a	n/a

Send church news and announcements to FPC
by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / infofpc397@gmail.com.

On the first Saturday morning of the month,
FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank
of Robbins Area Christian Ministries from 7:30-10 a.m.
to serve our friends and families in need.

Food and double-bagged plastic grocery bags can be placed at the donation station in the FLC.

Come Join us Saturday, March 7th

Don't forget to give us your "two-cents" the first Sunday of every month as we continue to support our Children's 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.

Our children are now collecting this offering during the Moment with our Children.

A little bit can go a long way!

OFFICE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY

The church office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sonya will be working from home on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and can be reached by email at infofpc397@gmail.com. If you need assistance after these hours, please do not hesitate to send an email as emails are checked periodically.

THE FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

The Fellowship and Mission Committee has 4 "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center, **everyone can continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month**.

The Fellowship & Mission Committee are collecting canned goods for "Souper Bowl of caring". The canned goods will be collected between January 25 – February 8th and will be delivered to the Robbins' Food Bank. If you have any canned goods you would like to donate to this amazing organization, please see a member of the Fellowship & Mission Committee.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will be helping out at the Robbins' Food Bank on February 7th from 7:30a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Come out and join the youth as they assist those in need. They will be enjoying a nice breakfast afterwards. Thank you all for helping out the Robbins' Food bank.

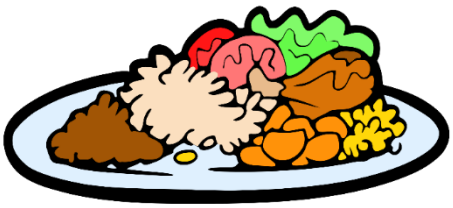
CROP WALK

The Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk will be held on March 29, 2026, at Union Pines High School track. Please visit the link provided for more information or to start signing up teams.
https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillsnc

MEN'S GROUP

The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come and join in this time of fellowship and study!

PW Meal Ministry



Meal Ministry:

Meal Ministry continues on scheduled days and as needs are identified. Please share any needs with JoAnn.

February 5th:	JoAnn Wahala
February 12th:	Gail Hardin
February 19th:	Lucinda Casey
February 28th:	JoAnn Wahala

If you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact JoAnn Wahala (910 947-3238). If you would like to assist with this PW ministry or assist with a meal, please let JoAnn know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Bible Study is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at 10:00am. The lesson is lesson 6, chapters 11 & 12 in the book: In the Footsteps of the Savior. All are welcome to attend.

The PW Coordinating team will meet at 11:00 am on February 12th.

The PW Soup Lunch postponed in January is scheduled for Sunday, February 8th following worship. All are welcome and are encouraged to invite/bring a friend(s).

PW Officers for 2026 are:

Moderator: JoAnn Wahala
Vice-moderator: Gail Hardin
Secretary: Lucinda Casey
Treasurer: Marie Monroe

All women are invited to join the Presbyterian Women Group. We are currently meeting on the first Wednesday each month at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all ladies to visit and/or join the PW group.

CHURCH CALENDAR February 2026

Sunday, February 1st	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Karen Allen
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, February 3rd	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, February 4th	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
Saturday, February 7th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins Food Bank / Youth Group - Breakfast Afterwards
Sunday, February 8th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
	11:00 a.m.	Soup/Salad Luncheon
		No Youth Group
Wednesday, February 11th	6:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 12th	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
Friday, February 13th		**Early Release from School**
Sunday, February 15th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / Rev. David Dudley
		No Youth Group
Monday, February 16th		**No School**
Tuesday, February 17th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, February 18th		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper, *Family Life Center / Youth Group*
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard
Sunday, February 22nd	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Nancy Wazenegger
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, February 24th	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 25th		**Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter**

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Karen Allen

Clerk:
Robert Gordon

Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Gail Hardin	Lucinda Casey
Ann Key	Damon Dean
Claudia McKenzie	Denise Edmonds
Leon Monroe	Robert Gordon
Scott Phillips	Karen Helms
Jennifer Thomason	

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
, *Nursery Attendant*

Newsletter Feedback…

We'd like your feedback on how to improve our
Church Mouse Newsletter
for FPC members, friends and family! Share your thoughts with us
at infofpc397@gmail.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!