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January 2025 Newsletter



What's Valuable to You?

It's a new year with new possibilities, new dreams, and new opportunities. It's a new year to grow. I want to grow. I imagine you do, too. We have a brand new year to change who we are and become something greater than last year. How many of you have broken New Year's resolutions already? Good, I'm not alone. 😉 Yet this doesn't mean the year is a wash already. We are only about half way through the first of 12 months. We have lots of time to make a difference.

All of this begins with us deciding what is important to us. It will vary for each of us. Some want to lose weight, spend less, give more, read more, grow spiritually, learn more, or whatever. The first thing in making this change is to determine what or who is important in your life. From here we can make some significant changes and they are changes that impact those we love or the things we love. Naturally we think of family and friends we love. How can we better ourselves for them? Another obvious choice as you are reading the church newsletter is your love of God. Maybe there is a hobby or activity that you love?

What do you love? Write them on a sheet of paper. Next step, how can you grow closer or better to those people, activities, etc.? You might need a second or third piece of paper for all of this. For example, maybe you want to love God more and thus grow closer to God. What can you do to make this happen? Maybe you love to travel. What must you do to make this a greater reality or more frequent? Write these ways down. It needs to be written down to continually guide you.

2025 is our year to praise God for all the blessings in our lives. It's a year to give thanks for the opportunities that will come our way and the opportunities we want to make a new or greater reality. It's a year that will bring joys and challenges but thankfully we will never be alone.

God is always with us in the Holy Spirit. God gives us great directions. God's love for us is unconditional (think about that for few moments). God longs for us to be completely satisfied. Working with God, we can better ourselves and our relationship with God. Let us embrace 2025 with all that it can be. All the opportunities for growth. All the opportunities to love one another. All the opportunities to draw us closer to our dreams and what we love. Let's discover together all that this year can be.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



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

David Casey
*L*ee Edmonds
Carol Lucas
Geraldine Moore
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Pat Nugent
Phillips Family in the Death of Megan's Mother
Phillip Warmbrod

Alma Baker
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Bill Creech, *Dennis Parks' brother-in-law*
Matthew Davis, *Jeanne Davis' son*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
*S*ean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Tyler Mabe
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *sister of Regina Nugent*
Linda Phillips, *friend of Kay Patterson*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugents*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Marie Walton, *Mother of Diane Pangborn*

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, and Quinn Wicker.

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.



This is the Financial Report for

November 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of November 1, 2024		62,393.76
Tithes and Offerings Received		+19,655.44
	Sub-Total	82,049.20
Expenditures		-11,115.55
Balance in checking account as of November 30, 2024 (Includes Oct-Nov '24 payroll Taxes Withheld: FICA $597.92; FW/H $68.00; SW/H $20=$355.28)		70,933.65

RESTRICTED FUNDS: (Funds designated for specific projects, etc.)

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of November 1, 2024		53,894.89
Donations/offerings received: 2 Cents a Meal $180.26; Flower Fund $26.00; PW GF $35.00; Building Fund $15,925.00		+16,166.26
	Sub-Total	70,061.15
Expenditures: None this period		-0.00
Balance in Restricted Funds as of November 30, 2024		70,061.15

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	70,933.65
Building Fund: $12,714.09 + $15,925.00=	+28,639.09
Restricted Funds Balance	+41,422,06
11/30/2024 Checkbook Balance	140,994.80

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	21,681.49

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



Elder Committee Assignments for 2025:

Administrative:	Gail Hardin and Ann Lynch
Building/Gr.:	Dale Buie and Leon Monroe
Christian Ed.:	Scott Phillips and Margaret Leonard
Fellowship/Ms.:	David Casey and Marie Monroe
Stewardship/Fi.:	Jennifer Thomason and Claudia McKenzie
Worship:	Ann Key and Paul White

January Birthdays



9 John Baker III
10 Alma Baker
12 Paul White
13 Hal Meeks
14 Duncan Kelly
14 Keith Hardin
16 Robert Hunt
16 Tom Leonard
24 Riley Medlin
25 Carson Kelly
26 Ali Smith
29 Pat Nugent

JANUARY SUNDAY FLOWERS

Not Available at this time

5th
12th
19th
26th

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963,
or Tom Leonard at (910) 693-3356.

January Greeters

5th Carol & Paul White
12th Barbara Danley & Bryce
19th Ann Key
26th Denise Edmonds

November



Sunday School		Worship
1st Sunday	20	65
2nd Sunday	32	49
3rd Sunday	24	50
4th Sunday	N/A	N/A
5th Sunday		
Average	25	55

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

Food Bank

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, February 2nd

two cents

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!

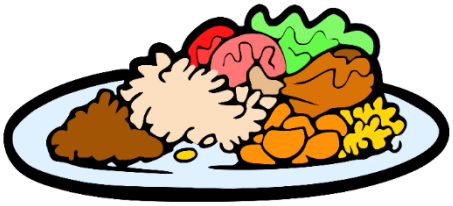
MEN'S GROUP

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!

The men feed the women and children of Friend to Friend once a month.

The Men's Group will be collecting paper towels and feminine products for Friend to Friend. Donations may be left in the foyer. Please contact Keith Hardin with any questions at 910-603-0837. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

PW Meal Ministry



January Meal Leaders:

2nd JoAnn Wahala
9th Gail Hardin
16th Lucinda Casey
23rd Claudia McKenzie
30th Marie Monroe

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

PW Bible Study will be on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Lesson 4, chapter 7 in the book You Are Never Alone is the lesson. All ladies are welcome to attend.

PW Coordinating Team will meet on January 1st at 11:00 a.m. following Bible Study.

Thank you to all who attended the PW Christmas evening on December 2, 2024, and to all who contributed to and supported the Silent Auction organized by Nancy Carter for the Fellowship and Mission Committee. Nancy's dedication to the project made available a generous donation to the NC Hurricane Relief efforts and to local charities. All donations received for the meal and the raffle table were forwarded to the Carthage Food Pantry.

The PW soup lunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2025, following church service. All are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend. Meal donations are for the Carthage Food Pantry.

Happy New Year to all.

Thank you to everyone that attended the PW annual Christmas baked spaghetti meal and program on December 2, 2024. The Union Pines Orchestra performed prior to the meal and did an excellent job. Before the night ended, all had a special visit from Santa. A good time was had by all.

Nancy Carter organized a silent auction and raffle drawing. All proceeds / donations went to Samaritan's Purse of North Carolina and local charities, over a thousand dollars was collected. Thank you again for your generosity.







CHURCH CALENDAR

January 2025

Wednesday, January 1st	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team Meeting
Saturday, January 4th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank
Sunday, January 5th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Ordination/Installation of Officers
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class, *youth room*
Tuesday, January 7th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, *conference room*
Wednesday, January 8th		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
Saturday, January 11th	9:00 a.m.	Officer Training (presbytery event)
Sunday, January 12th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	PW Soup Luncheon
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class, *youth room*
Sunday, January 19th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting, *conference room*
Tuesday, January 21st	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, *conference room*
Wednesday, January 22nd		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
Sunday, January 26th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class, *youth room*
Wednesday, January 29th		**Distribute Church Mouse /Newsletter**

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Dale Buie

Class of 2025	**Class of 2026**
Dale Buie	Gail Hardin
David Casey	Ann Key
Margaret Leonard	Claudia McKenzie
Ann Lynch	Leon Monroe
Marie Monroe	Scott Phillips
Paul White	Jennifer Thomason

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Rick Martindale*, Minister*
, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
Avery Smallwood, *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!