

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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August 2026

Live The Way You Pray

When asked to do this article I had no idea where to start, so I prayed to the Lord to bring me something that I could share with everyone. I came across the poem listed below and realized this was perfect. We all have situations and times in our life when we need that extra lift. Then we ask ourselves "Well, I am asking prayer for this, am I living the way I am praying and need this prayer answered?" Some may answer yes and some have to think about it!

Please review the poem listed below and ask yourself, "Do you Live the Way You Pray?"

I knelt to pray when day was done, and prayed:

"O Lord, bless everyone; Lift from each saddened heart the pain,

And let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day and carelessly went on my way.

The whole day long I did not try to wipe a tear from any eye; I did not try to share the load of any brother on the road; I did not even go to see the sick man just next door to me.

Yet. Once again when I was done, I prayed:

"O Lord, bless everyone." But as I prayed, into my ear, there came a voice that whispered clear, "Pause, hypocrite, before you pray, whom have you tried to Bless today? God's sweetest blessing always go, By the Hands that serve him here below; And then I hid my face and cried, "Forgive me, God, for I have lied; Let me but live another day, and I will live the way I pray."

Each day, Live the Way You Pray!

Ann Key



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

Benny Cole
Lee Edmonds
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks
Scott Rives
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Robert Gordon
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Geraldine Moore
Carl Nunnery
Otis Patterson
Phillip Warmbrod

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Pres. Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Pres*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret/Tom Leonard's nephew*
Waylon Collins, *friend of Tom Currie*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Louise Chappell Denning, *friend of Kay Patterson*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugent's*
Tessa Siegel Russo, f*riend of Kay Patterson*
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 of First Presbyterian Church Carthage did not meet in July. The Session will meet again on August 16, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.

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.

August Birthdays



5 Aubrey Tortora
6 John McDonald
7 Marie Monroe
9 Ruby Ingold
9 Ashley Bibey
11 Sheree Kelly
11 Gail Meeks
15 Carl Nunnery
16 Jeff Key
17 Will Thomason
21 Ty White
22 Meredith Marshburn
25 Denise Edmonds
26 Brayden Kelly
29 Alex Thomason
30 Connor Faircloth

August Greeters

2nd Alex Thomason
9th Denise Edmonds
16th Ann Lynch
23rd Rhonda
30th Jo Ann & Leon Monroe

AUGUST SUNDAY FLOWERS

2nd Jackie & Jim Muse
9th JoAnn & Dale Wahala
16th Ann Key
23rd Ann & Joe Lunch
30th Kathryn & Dale Buie

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call Ann Lynch at (910) 947-2672.

June



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	24	47
2nd Sunday	22	37
3rd Sunday	19	44
4th Sunday	14	29
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a
Average	20	40

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, August 8th

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!

VISITING MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Listed below you will find our visiting Ministers for the month of August. Please take a moment each week to "Welcome" and "Thank" each one of them for their time and eagerness to provide First Presbyterian Church with an amazing service.

August 2 – Chaplain Robert Wilson
August 9 – Rev. Kathryn Dudley
August 16 – Rev. Karen Allen
August 23 – Rev. Maggie Beamguard
August 30 – Rev. Allen McLean

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 FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

The Fellowship and Mission Committee has 4 "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Each month for the remainder of this year, one ministry will be a focus, **but everyone can continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month**.

Please review the upcoming events for August:

2026 Fellowship:

August 2nd - Lemonade on the Lawn – following worship service

IN HONOR OF JD & MARIE MONROE

Thank you to all that came out on Sunday, July 12, to honor JD & Marie Monroe. JD & Marie have served First Presbyterian Church for 75 years. Their service throughout these years is greatly appreciated and we honor them for all the time and love given here at First Presbyterian Church. Please enjoy the photos below if you were unable to make the luncheon.



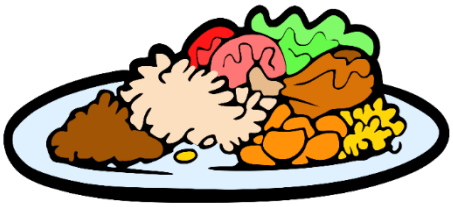








PW Meal Ministry



Meal Ministry:

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

August 6th JoAnn Wahala
August 13th Gail Hardin
August 20th Lucinda Casey
August 27th Kay Patterson

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 Salad Supper will take place on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring family or friends to enjoy the meal and time of fellowship together.

The PW Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Our lesson for 2026-2027 is the PW Horizons study ***United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other,*** a study of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. All ladies are invited to join the study. An evening study time will be scheduled for those needing evening study. Please notify JoAnn or any of the PW team.

The Coastal Carolina PW Fall Gathering is scheduled for August 29, 2026, at Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Carpooling can be arranged, if needed.

Treasurer Report Summary

For

June 2026

First Presbyterian Church

	USD
Statement beginning balance	191,914.40
Checks and payments cleared (35)	-10,302.92
Deposits and other credits cleared (13)	38,136.52
Statement ending balance	219,748.00

Uncleared transactions as of 06/30/2026	-5,380.06
Register balance as of 06/30/20262	14,367.94
Cleared transactions after 06/30/2026	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 06/30/2026	3,818.01
Register balance as of 07/09/2026	218,185.95

Attendance

6/7/2026 / SS – 24 / CH - 47
6/14/2026 / SS – 22 – CH - 37
6/21/2026 / SS – 19 / CH - 44
6/28/2026 / SS – 14 / CH - 29

CHURCH CALENDAR August 2026

Sunday, August 2nd	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal / Chaplain Robert Wilson
	11:10 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, August 3rd	6:30 p.m.	PW Salad Supper
Tuesday, August 4th	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, August 5th	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, August 8th	7:30 a.m.	Robbin's Food Bank
Sunday, August 9th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Kathryn Dudley
Wednesday, August 12th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, August 16th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ Communion / Rev. Karen Allen
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday, August 18th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, August 19th		**Deadline for September Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, August 23rd	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard
Tuesday, August 25th	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 26th		**Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, August 29th	10:00 a.m.	Coastal Carolina PW Fall Gathering / *Highland Presbyterian Church - Fayetteville, NC*
Sunday, August 30th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Allen McLean

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	Angie Medlin

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*

Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant / Bookkeeper , 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!