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October 2022 Newsletter



Did You Know Jesus Loves You?

Most of us know what a plant looks like when it doesn't get enough water. I have a plant in the office that begins to look pretty bad if not watered regularly. The leaves shrivel up and instead of extending out like a healthy plant should, it simply withers up. It's still green but it doesn't look good at all. By the time it gets to this point, I know it desperately needs water. If not, it will surely die. Most of us can tell when a plant needs some much-needed care.

As humans, we are a little more complicated. We need a lot more than simply food and water. We need sleep. We need social interaction. We need to feel important or needed. We need God. Besides a lack of food or water, we might have a broken toe, a decaying tooth, high blood pressure, or countless other issues that keep us from being all that we could be. Our bodies are both strong and fragile.

Wouldn't it be great if we could easily discern what is wrong with a person including their faith in God. Unlike most plants, our signs are more complicated to discern. Let's talk about one's faith in God. People may go through life and never darken the doors of a church except to attend a funeral or wedding. These same people might not even own a Bible let alone read it. Their faith is close to non-existent and yet they seem to be thriving in life. How can that be? We might begin to wonder, "Why do we need Jesus?"

Just because someone is embracing this life to the fullest doesn't mean they are healthy like a plant that is watered and cared for regularly. Their deficient faith might not be seen by others or even by themselves. It will only become clear later in life or when they reach the heavenly gates of heaven. Don't expect me to describe (with certainty) how we face our God and are judged.

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus is a difficult journey and some will turn away from the arduous walk. It requires patience, kindness, lots of grace and love, and the ability to trust Jesus much more than ourselves (faith). It's not easy. Walking with Jesus enables us to face the challenges of life. We will struggle, but God will be with us. Such knowledge enables us to conquer those challenges or at least know that they will not break us. They can't, because the challenges of our lives are no match for the love of Jesus Christ.

We cannot judge a person because we can't see deep within their heart and soul. The challenges that each of us face are numerous. We will have good days and bad days. We will rise to the obstacles of life and at other times they will get the best of us. We are, after all, only human. The greatest challenge for us is to share our faith. What do I say? We can begin by saying, "I love Jesus and Jesus loves me even with all my faults. Did you know that Jesus loves you?" It doesn't take a lot to get a conversation going. Remember you don't need to know all the answers…we know the One who does.

Grace and Peace,

Rick



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

Debby Albright
Elizabeth Barringer
Anna Belle Campbell
Benny Cole
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Barbara Danley
Lee Edmonds
Robert Gordon
Robert Hunt
Judi Kelly
Carol Lucas
Linda McCaskill
Gail Meeks
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks
Ina Sue Parks
Phillip Warmbord

Artie Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Billy Barber, *Regena Nugent's nephew*
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Abe Caviness, *great-nephew of Debby Albright*
Willis Clark, E*lizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe's brother*
June Greeson, *Susan Cole's mother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Rexine Lloyd, *Kelly Martindale's mother*
Tyler Mabe
Ann McCaskill, *friend of the Casey's*
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
Jonathan Patterson, *Otis Patterson's son*
*G*ordon Prescott, *Geraline Moore's brother*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*

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.



August 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of August 1, 2022		88,283.82
Tithes and Offerings Received		+11,957.00
	Sub-Total	100,240.82
Expenditures		-21,669.97
Balance in checking account as of August 31, 2022		78,570.85

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of August 1, 2022		41,181.62
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for August 2022		+541.13
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $94.22; PW Meal Fund $50; Reg. Memorial $100; Building Fund Memorials $475		+719.22
	Sub-Total	42,441.97
Expenditures: 2 Cents a Meal $190.13; One Great Hour of Sharing $20; Pentecost, 60% share to Presbytery $194.40; Disaster Relief for Kentucky Tornado/Flood victims $875		-1,279.53
Balance in Restricted Funds as of August 31, 2022		41,162.44

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	78,570.85
Building Fund:	+1,091.92
Restricted Funds Balance	+40,070.52
	119,733.29
July-Aug 2022 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 864.84; FW/H 174.42; SW/H 26.00) + .08 adjustment	-1,065.34
8/31/2022 Checkbook Balance	118,667.95

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,151.75
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+188.40
	22,340.15

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The following were approved on the September 11th meeting:

- A motion to replace the HVAC system in the hallway and conference room in the FLC
- Thanks to Tom Pangborn for creating new railing for the outside
- Looking to the Sandhills College for someone to do chalk drawings of our last several ministers
- Approved several uses of the church facilities
- Vacation times for Rev. Martindale were approved
- Approved $3,100 in donations to community ministries.

October Birthdays



2	**Angie Prevost**
4	**Laura Gordon Faircloth**
6	**Catherine Martindale**
6	**Elizabeth Martindale**
9	**Ben White**
13	**Bill Thomas**
15	**Jacob Adelmann**
15	**Helen McDonald**
15	**Leon Monroe**
15	**Matthew Monroe**
16	**Jennifer Prevost Kennally**
17	**Jeannie Muse**
18	**Anna Belle Campbell**
21	**Caroline Carter Reynolds**
21	**Mack McDonald**
24	**Kim Kelly**
27	**Elizabeth Barringer**
27	**Gabe Phillips**
31	**Hammond Bennett**

October Greeters

2nd	Diane & Tom Pangborn
9th	JoAnn Wahala
16th	Tom Currie
23rd	Otis Patterson
30th	Kathryn & Dale Buie

October Sunday Flowers

2nd	Ann and Tom Currie
9th	Katherine and Dale Buie
16th	Cathy and Mike Campbell
23rd	Pat Jackson
30th	Otis Patterson

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.

August



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	9	45
2nd Sunday	7	37
3rd Sunday	5	35
4th Sunday	N/A	52
5th Sunday		
Average	7	42

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.

You can help by donating non-perishable foods
and double-bagged plastic grocery bags at our
Family Life Center Basket Ministries Donation Station, and/or
by joining us at any upcoming dates you're available:

October 1
November 5
December 3

To carpool, meet in the FPC parking lot at 7 a.m.

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!

BACKPACK PALS

September focus was BACK PACK PALS. We will continue to collect peanut butter crackers and/or small boxes of raisins. Please place in the basket for Back Pack Pals.

OCTOBER FOCUS

SUNDAY FUNDAY / OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

An Operation Christmas Child packing party will be held on Sunday, October 2nd immediately following our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Family Life Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite finger food to share for a light lunch and items to pack in our shoeboxes. Details of the OCC packing party are listed here. A list of potential items for the packing of the shoeboxes are listed here.

FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION REPORT

Please continue to remember others by contributing to the various FPC Basket Ministries located in the Family Life Center.

ANGEL TREE

Just a reminder, In November the Angel Tree will be ready for you to select your angel(s) to bring Christmas cheer to someone that might not otherwise have a happy holiday.

The Currie family is so grateful for the many members of this church who kept in touch with us during our son Paul's week of surgeries. He is fully recovered now. We all felt loved and supported by your many prayers. Thanks, Tom and Ann

College Student Addresses

We have several college students attending schools near and far. If we have left someone off, please let us know or if there is a correction. They would be overjoyed to here from their church family during the school year.

Matthew Leonard: 13394 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244

Catherine Martindale: 625 7th Ave. NE, Lenior Rhyne University, Hickory, NC 28601

Elizabeth Martindale: 210 Dan Allen Dr., Lee Hall, Rm. 512C, Raleigh, NC 27607

Riley Medlin: 223 Khaki Campbell Way, Seneca, SC 29678

Emily Tortora: 201 Monticello Ln., Blacksburg VA 24060-8193

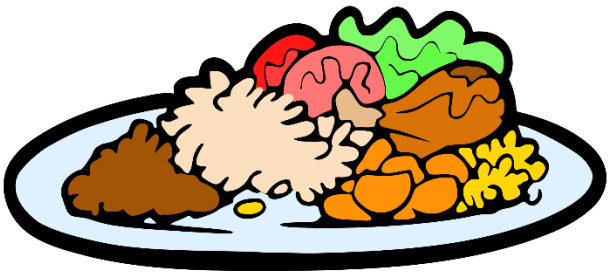
Dear Church family –

I would like to thank you for the activity scholarship that sent me and my brothers to camp Monroe and for that, I am grateful. Because of generosity in giving us the activity scholarship you opened up opportunities for us to meet new friends, have great fellowship, and mostly just have a lot of fun with new people. You allowed us to go on a giant swing, throw hatchets, shoot bows, and much more! Thank you to the women of the Church for sending brownies and watermelon, and for anyone who sent us cards to brighten our days. My card had an airhead candy in it.

Thank you,
Owen, Will, and Alex Thomason



PW Meal Ministry



October Meal Leaders:

6th JoAnn Wahala

13th Helen McDonald

If you would like to help with a part of one of these meals contact the person responsible for the meal that day. We will contact you at the beginning of the week with the number of meals that are needed for that Thursday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's morning circle/Bible study will meet on Thursday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please note the time change.

Presbyterian Women will be beginning an evening Circle/Bible study. It will meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Instead of the traditional Horizons Bible study we will be doing a book study instead. The first book study will be Kathie Lee Gifford"s book, the ROCK, the Road, and the Rabbi. The cost of the study guide will be $10.00. Please let Helen or JoAnn know by October 7th if you would like to participate so materials can be ordered for the first meeting. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

How's your spiritual teapot? Full and overflowing? Slightly cracked? Almost empty? ALL ladies are invited to bring a friend(s) and join us on October 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room as Cheryl Hardy Gilmore shares her wonderful ministry, Cheryl's Teapots. Dessert, coffee, and tea will be provided.

On Monday, October 17th we have been invited to Brownson Presbyterian Church to a program on "Human Trafficking" presented by Amanda Beaver, Director of Sexual Assault and Community Education at Friend to Friend. Please take the time to learn the signs and become a part of the THOUSAND EYES. Light refreshments and fellowship will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by the program from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Please let Helen McDonald or JoAnn Wahala know by October 13th if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount to the ladies at Brownson. If you have questions please call.

Mark your calendars!!! We hope you and your family will join us for a birthday party for Anna Belle Campbell hosted by the family and Presbyterian Women on Sunday, October 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Anna Belle will be 100 years young on October 18th.

CHURCH CALENDAR

October 2022

Saturday, October 1st	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
Sunday, October 2nd	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / World Communion Sunday
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Funday / OCC Packing Party
Wednesday, October 5th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, October 6th	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Union Pines Soccer – cheer on our youth!
Friday, October 7th	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Bible Study
Saturday, October 8th	9:30 a.m.	Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Meeting, FPC, Sanford
Sunday, October 9th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7 - 12
Monday, October 10th	7:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women, Cheryl's Teapots Ministry
Wednesday, October 12th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 16th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Celebration for Anna Belle Campbell's 100th Birthday
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group - Grades 7 – 12
Monday, October 17th	10:30 a.m.	Friend to Friend Presentation (Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Union Pines Soccer
Tuesday, October 18th	7:00 p.m.	PW Evening Bible Study
Wednesday, October 19th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Union Pines Soccer
Thursday, October 20th		Deadline for October Church Mouse Newsletter
Saturday, October 22nd		Union Pines Marching Band's Viking Classic
Sunday, October 23rd	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7-12
Tuesday, October 25th	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Mission Committee
Wednesday, October 26th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, October 27th		Distribution of Mouse Newsletter
Sunday, October 30th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7-12
Monday, October 31st		Halloween

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Leon Monroe

Class of 2022
Debbie Gordon
Ann Key
Elizabeth Martindale
Angie Medlin
Leon Monroe
Marie Monroe

Class of 2023
Lucinda Casey
Cristy Dean
Tom Leonard
Scott Phillips
Jennifer Thomason
Paul White

Church Staff

Rick Martindale, *Minister*
Ann Key, *Sexton*
Marie Monroe, *Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *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!