# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

*A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.*

*October 2023 Newsletter*




## *Fall Bible Study*
## *Incorporating The Chosen*

Lets have fun and learn! What a combination. Starting October 16th a new Bible study will begin. This one will be quite interesting. It will include the popular new series called The Chosen. It is a must to watch!

We will be meeting on Monday nights probably around 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. I haven't picked out a final time yet. I'm trying to find a time that works for most everyone. Please give me your suggestion. We will meet for about an hour or up to an hour and a half depending on how long it takes us to get through each evening. Don't worry, we won't go long.

We will concentrate on the stories of the first season of The Chosen. We will meet people like Jesus, Peter, Mary, Nicodemus, and others in new and exciting ways. It will open your eyes to see the Bible like never before. I promise!

I've had a lot of fun preparing for this study. I'm finally wrapping it up. It will be worth it. I promise. If for some reason you can't make it to all five lessons, come to as many as you can.

You can sign-up for this amazing Bible study by adding your name and time that best suits you. The sign-up sheet will be outside the multi-purpose room this week and in the lower narthex afterwards. You can also email me as well. The only thing you need to bring is a Bible. This will be five weeks that you won't want to miss.

Grace and Peace,

*Rick*

P.S. If it's been a while since you've joined a Bible study or are a little anxious, please do not worry. This will be a loving, fun, and thought-provoking study. I think this will stir emotions and thoughts well after we say "Good-bye" each evening.




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

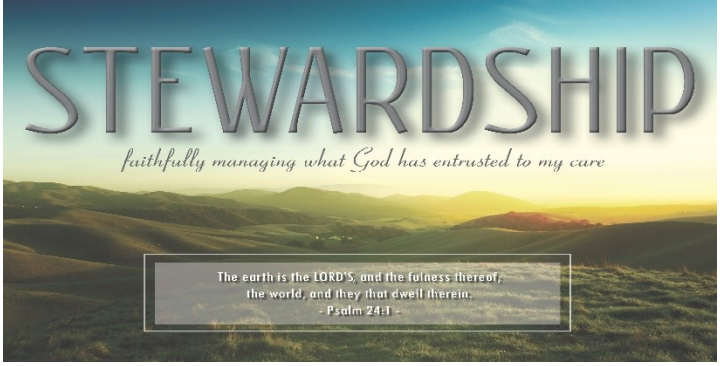
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Carol Lucas
Nancy McKenzie
Regina Nugent
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson & Family
Phillip Warmbrod

Lee Edmonds
Gail Meeks
Pat Nugent
Diane Pangborn and Family
Ina Sue Parks
Chad Thomason and Family

Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Willis Clark, *Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe's brother*
Jake Currie's Family
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sue & Chuck Kelly, *Mike Kelly's brother*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Tyler Mabe
Johnny Meggs
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Joseph Saluby, *Missionary to Guatemala*

*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 2023*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**OPERATING FUNDS:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in checking account as of August 1, 2023 | | |
| Tithes and Offerings Received | | 58,860.81 |
| | | +13,769.00 |
| | Sub-Total | 72,629.81 |
| Expenditures | | -14,466.69 |
| Balance in checking account as of August 31, 2023 | | 58,163.12 |

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

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|---|---|---|
| Restricted Funds held in checking account as of Aug. 1, 2023 | | 45,641.57 |
| Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for August 2023 | | +636.21 |
| Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $139.55; Flower Fd. $14; PW $760 Men's Group $50 | | +963.55 |
| | Sub-Total | 47,241.33 |
| Expenditures: Presbyterian Women, 1/1/23 – 7/31/23 donations $1,186; 2 Cents a Meal: July $120.90 + August $139.55 | | -1,446.45 |
| Balance in Restricted Funds as of August 31, 2023 | | 45,794.88 |

**RECAP**:

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|---|---|
| Operating Funds Balance | 58,163.12 |
| Building Fund: $1,565.24 | +1,565.24 |
| Restricted Funds Balance | +44,229.64 |
| | 103,958.00 |
| July – Aug. '23 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 986.55; FW/H 234.00; SW/H 56.00) + .03 Adjustment = | -1,276.58 |
| 8/31/2023 Checkbook Balance | $102,681.42 |

**OTHER REVENUES ON HAND**:

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|---|---|
| Scholarship C/D with BB&T | 21,980.38 |
| Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs) | +123.60 |
| | 21,103.98 |

# Church Announcements

*Birthdays*
*Sunday Flowers*
*Attendance*
*Thank You's & More!*




## October Birthdays



| | |
|---|---|
| 2 | Angie Prevost |
| 4 | Laura Gordon Fairclot |
| 6 | Catherine Martindale |
| 6 | Elizabeth Martindale |
| 7 | Dale Buie |
| 9 | Ben White |
| 13 | Bill Thomas |
| 15 | Jacob Adelmann |
| 15 | Leon Monroe |
| 15 | Matthew Monroe |
| 16 | Jennifer Prevost Kennally |
| 21 | Caroline Carter Reynolds |
| 21 | Mack McDonald |
| 24 | Kim Kelly |
| 27 | Elizabeth Barringer |
| 27 | Gabe Phillips |
| 31 | Hammond Bennett |

## October Greeters

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st | Regina and Pat Nugent |
| 8th | Ann Lynch |
| 15th | Carol and Paul White |
| 22nd | Kathryn and Dale Buie |
| 29th | Ann Key |

The session met on September 10, 2023. The following took place:

- Updating minister portraits with names, years served, and most recent pastors.
- Sunday Funday will begin October 15th – November 19th for children 4 years old – 6th grade
- Adult Sunday School class will begin October 16th
- Christmas Caroling set for December 10th with a trip to a live nativity scene afterwards
- Working on budget for 2024
- Sadly accepted Robert Wilson's resignation as he enters into the ordained ministry
- Discussed two upcoming classes 1) a CPR/AED training course and 2) Human Trafficking discussion

## OCTOBER SUNDAY FLOWERS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st | Sharon and John McDonald |
| 8th | Geraldine Moore |
| 15th | Marie Monroe |
| 22nd | Kathryn and Dale Buie |
| 29th | Debbie and Robert Gordon |

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call:
Margaret Leonard at (910) 639-2318,
or Tom Leonard at (910) 639-3356

*July*




| | Sunday School | Worship |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Sunday | 11 | 48 |
| 2nd Sunday | 11 | 35 |
| 3rd Sunday | 8 | 34 |
| 4th Sunday | 0 | 44 |
| 5th Sunday | 0 | 0 |
| Average | 10 | 40 |

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

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 on:

November 4th
December 2nd
*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!

## THANK YOU

We are so thankful for the amazing time everyone had at our Annual Cookout. Thank you to all those that attended and to all those that made the cookout a success. You are greatly appreciated.

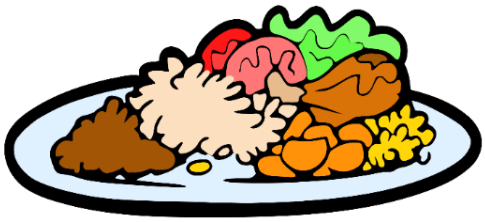
## MEN'S GROUP

The men of First Presbyterian Church are conducting a Bible study on James. 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!

## SUNDAY FUNDAY

Beginning October 15th at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Funday will begin at 4:00 p.m. for ages 4 – 6th grade. If you have children in this age group or know of any children in this age group, please bring them out for an amazing time of fun and fellowship with kids their age.

# PW Meal Ministry



October Meal Leaders:

5th JoAnn Wahala
12th Gail Hardin
19th Lucinda Casey
26th Claudia McKenzie

If you would like to help with a meal, part of a meal or know someone who needs assistance please contact JoAnn Wahala at 910-947-3238.




Bible Study will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The first class will begin on October 4th. The following classes are as follows: November 1st; December 6th and each succeeding month on the first Wednesday.

A Basket Class is scheduled for Monday October 16th at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Cost is $30.00 for all materials and instruction. A napkin basket is the planned project. Anyone wishing to carpool can meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

A Stained Glass class to make a Christmas Ornament is scheduled for Friday, November 17th from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. A choice of items to make includes: an elf hat, Christmas tree or traditional shaped Christmas ornament. Cost is $40.00. Anyone wishing to carpool can meet at the church at 9:00 am.

Mark your calendars for the PW Christmas meal planned for December 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The Union Pines High School choral group will provide a music program. A special visitor is planned also.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

# October 2023

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Sunday, October 1st** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Contemporary Service / 2-Cents a Meal Children's Offering |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group – Grades 7th – 12th |
| **Tuesday, October 3rd** | 6:15 p.m. | Men's Group |
| **Wednesday, October 4th** | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Saturday, October 7th** | 7:30 a.m. | Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool* |
| | 9:00 a.m. | *Presbytery Meeting at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg* |
| **Sunday, October 8th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Session Meeting |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group – Grades 7th – 12th |
| **Wednesday, October 11th** | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Sunday, October 15th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship / Communion |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Sunday Funday Begins Ages 4 – 6th Grade |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group – Grades 7th – 12th |
| **Monday, October 16th** | TBA | Adult Bible Study Begins |
| **Tuesday, October 17th** | 6:15 p.m. | Men's Group |
| **Wednesday, October 17th** | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Sunday, October 22nd** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group – Grades 7th- 12th |
| **Monday, October 23rd** | TBA | Adult Bible Study |
| **Tuesday, October 24th** | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Committee Meeting |
| **Wednesday, October 25th** | | Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter |
| **Sunday, October 29th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group – Grades 7-12 |
| **Monday, October 30th** | TBA | Adult Bible Study |
| **Tuesday, October 31st** | | Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter |

## The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Tom Leonard

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

**Class of 2024**
Gail Hardin
Robert Gordon
Jackie Muse
John McDonald
Nancy Carter
Michelle Tortora

### Church Staff

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

**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!