

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

September 2026

As the warm days of summer begin to fade and the leaves start to change colors, we look back with gratitude for the sunshine, lazy days, and time spent with our families. Ecclesiastes reminds us that "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven". The changes in the seasons remind us that God is constantly at work, renewing the earth and renewing His people. Let us step across the threshold of this new season together-ready to learn, eager to serve, and open to the transformation that the Holy Spirit has instore for us.

An Autumn Prayer of Gratitude and Renewal

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.
May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.
May the crisp air and the cool breeze remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.
As the trees shed their leaves, help us to let go of what we no longer need.
Prepare our hearts for a new season of growth and quiet trust.
We praise you for your goodness, now and forever.

Amen

Blessings, Karen Helms



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

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

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Pres. Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Pres*
Michael Bishop, *Son-in-law to Gail & Keith Hardin*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Phillip, *friend of the Nugent's*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Louise Chappell Denning, *friend of Kay Patterson*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
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,
Patrick Mohan, 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!



First Presbyterian Church Session met August 16th at 11:15 AM.

- Fellowship and Misson Committee reported that the annual picnic will be held on September 20th and they are working on having the First Health Lung Bus visit this fall.
- Stewardship and Finance will meet on August 24th.
- Worship Committee reported the Harvest Table will be in the sanctuary November 2 through November 22. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary November 29 through December 27.
- Administrative Committee is working on the One Call system.
- Building and Grounds are working on several repairs and servicing the air handlers.
- Christian Education reported that Sunday School Kickoff will be held on Sunday August 30th.

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.

September Birthdays



5 Diane Pangborn
10 Justin Edmonds
10 Sonya Potter
13 Ali Wadsworth
15 Nathan Phillips
17 Catherine Monroe Wooley
18 Nancy McClendon
21 Tracy Ingold
22 Ian Estep
30 Gail Hardin

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY FLOWERS

6th Carol & Paul White
13th Gail & Keith Hardin
20th Debbie & Robert Gordon
27th Pat Jackson

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call Paul White at (910) 783-7868.

September Greeters

6th Carol & Paul White
13th Ann Key
20th JoAnn Wahala
27th Pat Nugent

July



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	15	44
2nd Sunday	22	66
3rd Sunday	19	36
4th Sunday	12	83
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a
Average	17	58

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, September 5th

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.

September 6 – Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
September 13th – Rev. Maggie Beamguard
September 20th – Rev. Karen Allen
September 27 – Rev. David Dudley

PASTORAL SEARCH

The Pastoral Search Committee is working diligently to obtain feedback from our church family that will guide us in searching for a new Pastor. We invite every member of our church family to complete the Congregational Survey (Please use this link to access survey) https://forms.gle/KACZEtmUGXBPeKYT7. Your thoughtful input will help us identify key leadership priorities and understand our shared vision for local community ministry. If you prefer not to do the electronic survey, you may print the survey and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection plate. Paper copies are also available in the lower narthex. Please contact Dale Buie with any questions.

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!

THANK YOU YOUTH GROUP

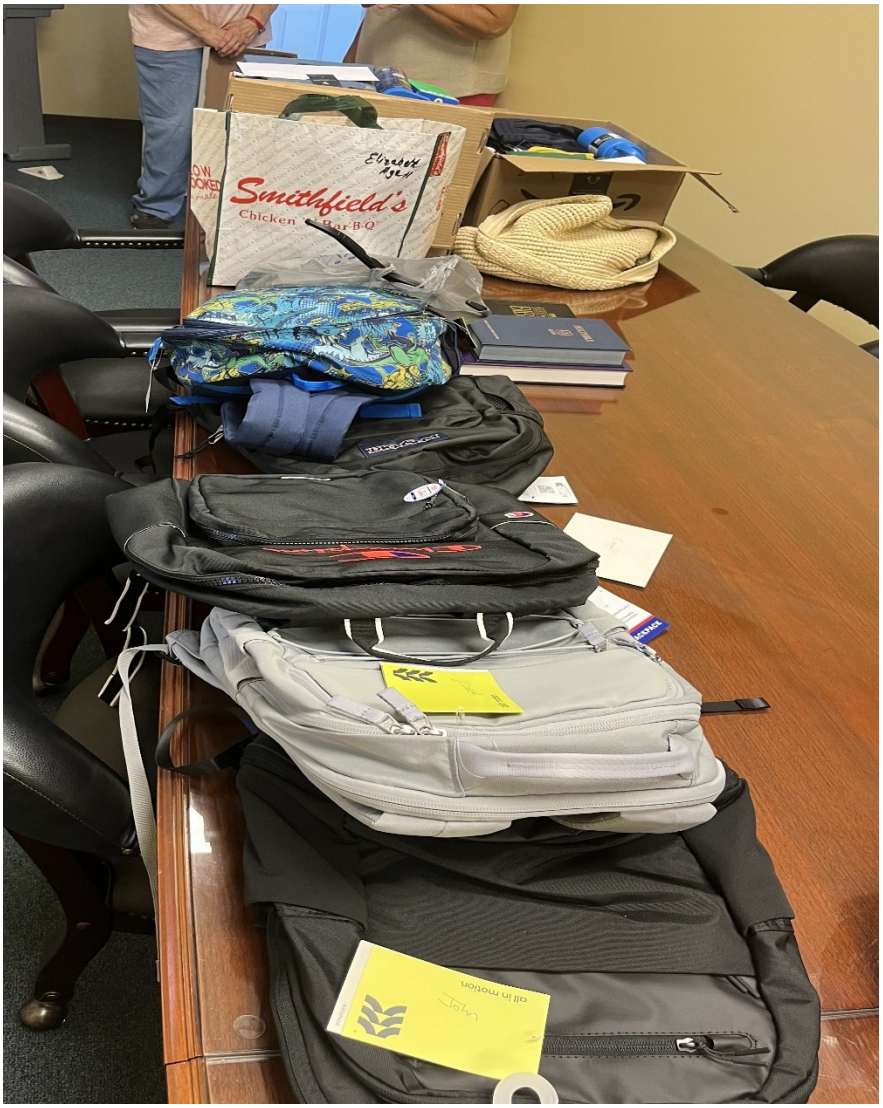
On Sunday, July 26, 2026, the Youth Group honored the congregation with an amazing service. Each member participated in the service and brought great joy and love to the hearts of everyone watching. Thank you, Youth Group for stepping up and taking control and providing a service filled with the love of God.



THANK YOU

On August 3rd, a request was received from a mother seeking assistance to buy her 3 children clothes for school. The request was brought forth to the church and through your love and generosity, these 3 kids have new school clothes supplies for the upcoming school year. Thank you so much to everyone that donated and assisted with this amazing gift for this family. Please see below what your donations provided for this family.




Smithfield's
Chicken 'n Bar-B-Q
all in motion


Champion

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**.

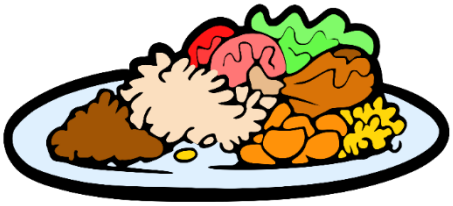
Please review the upcoming events for September:

2026 Fellowship:

September 20th - Annual Pin Nic – a sign-up genius will be available soon.

Fellowship & Mission is sending a $500 donation to Heart of Indiana United Way for the flood recovery fund. Margaret Leonard's hometown is Muncie, Indiana in Delaware County and recently affected by flooding. If you would like to donate individually, please use the link provided. https://heartofindiana.org/flood

PW Meal Ministry



Meal Ministry:

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

September 3rd	JoAnn Wahala
September 10th	Gail Hardin
September 17th	Lucinda Casey
September 24th	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

Thank you to the FPC family for all the donations given in support of Carthage Elementary School. Your assistance with these donations helps the students and teachers with supplies and cleaning items needed.

The August Salad Supper was a great success. We had 37 in attendance, 16 of those were FPC members and 21 were friends and some from the community. Thank PWCT ladies who provided the delicious food and worked so diligently to make the evening a success. Mikayla Riley's musical presentation was enjoyed by all.

To the PWCT ladies, you are a loving, giving and hard-working group of ladies who "step up" to meet the needs of our church family and friends. The generous sharing of your time, love and resources is so very much appreciated and so helpful to those we serve. My sincere appreciation to all. It is an honor and privilege to serve with you. JoAnn

ONE CALL COMMUNICATIONS

For All those on the One Call, our One Call Communications list is being updated. Please review the One Call sign-up sheet that is located in the lower narthex and the church office. If you are on the one call list, if you want to be removed from the One Call list, or if you want to be added to the One Call list, please confirm your information by filling out the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya at the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY

The Worship Committee will be providing a survey for the congregation to review and submit the preferred time for Sunday School and Worship Service. The survey will be available soon.

Treasurer Report Summary

For

July 2026

First Presbyterian Church

	USD
Statement beginning balance	219,748.00
Checks and payments cleared (25)	-13,628.54
Deposits and other credits cleared (11)	14,622.35
Statement ending balance	220,741.81
Uncleared transactions as of 07/31/2026	-2,825.45
Register balance as of 07/31/2026	217,916.36
Cleared transactions after 07/31/2026	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 07/31/2026	-1,394.09
Register balance as of 08/17/2026	216,522.27

Attendance

7/5/2026 / SS – 15 / CH - 44
7/12/2026 / SS – 22 – CH - 66
7/19/2026 / SS – 19 / CH - 36
7/26/2026 / SS – 12 / CH - 83

CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2026

Tuesday, September 1st	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, September 2nd		**Distribute September Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, September 5th	7:30 a.m.	Robbin's Food Bank
Sunday, September 6th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
Monday, September 7th		**Labor Day – Office Closed**
Wednesday, September 9th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 13th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ Rev. Maggie Beamguard
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting / Congregational meeting
Tuesday, September 15th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, September 16th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 20th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / Rev. Karen Allen
	11:10 a.m.	Annual Pic Nic
Wednesday, September 23rd		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 27th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. David Dudley
Tuesday, September 29th	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 30th		**Distribute Church Mouse Newsletter / Mouse**

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!