FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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September 2022 Newsletter



Jesus Christ is Gonna Win

Bernard Travaielle tells a story which causes me to remember back to my own seminary days. We didn't have a gymnasium on our seminary campus either so we played basketball at a nearby school, just minutes from the seminary. But here's where his story gets good. The janitor, an old black man with white hair, would wait patiently until the seminarians had finished playing. Invariably he sat there reading his Bible.

One day I went up to him and inquired, "What are you reading?"

The man did not simply reply, "The Bible." Instead he answered, "The Book of Revelation."

With a bit of surprise, I asked, "The Book of Revelation? Do you understand it?"

"Oh yes," the man assured me. "I understand it."

"You understand the Book of Revelation! What does it mean?"

(Here's the best part). Very quietly that old janitor answered, "It means that Jesus is gonna win."

Isn't that the truth we all are grateful to hear? We might not understand everything in the Bible or everything that is going on in our lives but we know what Jesus means for us. He is our Lord and Savior. He, and He alone, is our hope for today, tomorrow, and all eternity. We are going to win because we place our trust in Jesus to nurture and guide our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Rick

Covered-dish breakfast for Sunday School Kick-off is this Sunday, August 28th at 9 a.m. Bring your favorite breakfast food.

Fall Schedule returns starting September 4th – Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Youth Group begins on the 11th at 5 p.m. Sunday Funday will be October 2nd at 4 p.m.



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

Debby Albright
Elizabeth Barringer
Anna Belle Campbell
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
Tom Stewart's Family
Phillip Warmbrod

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, *brother of Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe*
June Greeson, *Susan Cole's mother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Jada, *friend of Geraldine Moore*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Rexine Lloyd, *Kelly Martindale's mother*
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
Gordon Prescott, *Geraldine 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.



July 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of July 1, 2022		85,681.54
Tithes and Offerings Received		+14,476.20
	Sub-Total	100,157.74
Expenditures		-11,873.92
Balance in checking account as of July 31, 2022		88,283.82

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of July 1, 2022		42,497.60
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for July 2022		+524.13
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $118.79; PW Meal Fund $50; 1 Gr Hr of Sharing $20; Donation for VBS $100; BF Memorials $615		+903.79
	Sub-Total	43,925.52
Expenditures: 3 Activity Scholarships $960; 2nd Qtr FW/H & FICA taxes $1,333.90; Presbyterian Women, Feb thru May donations received thru FPC $450		-2,743.90
Balance in Restricted Funds as of July 31, 2022		41,181.62

RECAP:

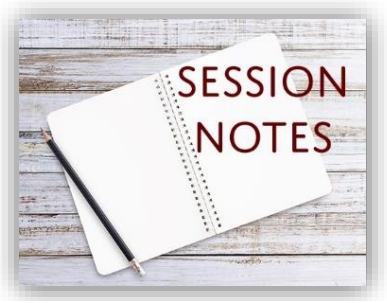
Operating Funds Balance	88,283.82
Building Fund:	+616.92
Restricted Funds Balance	+40,564.70
	129,465.44
July 2022 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 423.92; FW/H 87.21; SW/H 13.00) + .08 adjustment	-524.21
7/31/2022 Checkbook Balance	128,941.23

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,146.23
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+201.88
	22,348.11

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



- We will continue with communion as we have been doing it
- There will be a congregation meeting on September 11th to elect our Nominating Committee
- Approved vacation day for Reverend Martindale on August 18th

September Birthdays



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

September Sunday Flowers

4th	Margaret and Tom Leonard
11th	Gail and Keith Hardin
18th	Barbara Danley
25th	Lucinda and David Casey

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.

September Greeters

4th	Pat Jackson
11th	Geraldine Moore
18th	Megan Phillips
25th	Damon Dean

July



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	10	45
2nd Sunday	9	50
3rd Sunday	8	45
4th Sunday	6	42
5th Sunday	9	31
Average	8	43

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:

September 3 and October 1 (tentative date)

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!

SEPTEMBER FOCUS

Our September focus will be BACK PACK PALS. Please leave your peanut butter crackers and/or small boxes of raisins in the basket for Back Pack Pals. School for students begins August 29 and the program begins when school starts. We will collect these items during the school year so children will have food over the weekends.

Fellowship and Mission Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, August 30, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION REPORT

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

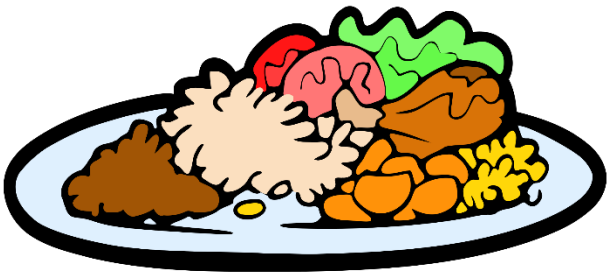
FPC ANNUAL PICNIC

FPC Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available for volunteers to sign up for their favorite food/activity.

ANGEL TREE

Just a reminder, Angel Tree will be coming up in November

PW Meal Ministry



September Meal Leaders:

1st JoAnn Wahala
8th Marie Monroe
15th Helen McDonald
22nd Gail Hardin
29th Diane Pangborn

If you would like to help with a part of one of these meals contact the person responsible for the meal that day.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The 2022-2023 Ladies Bible Study begins on Thursday, September 1st. We will have a catered brunch at 10:00 a.m. followed by a speaker to introduce the new Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath.* If you need a study book contact Helen McDonald if you have not already done so. hmcd2946@gmail.com or text/call 910-690-2463.

Thank you to all who contributed school supplies to needy children at Carthage Elementary, We will deliver on Tuesday, September 6th.

CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2022

Thursday, September 1st	11:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Bible Study
Saturday, September 3rd	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
Sunday, September 4th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Begins
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, September 5th		Labor Day, Church Office Closed
Wednesday, September 7th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 11th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7 - 12

Wednesday, September 14th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 18th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group - Grades 7 – 12
Wednesday, September 21st	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Deadline for October Church Mouse Newsletter
Sunday, September 25th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Fall Picnic
Tuesday, September 27th	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Mission Committee
Wednesday, September 28th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Distribution of Mouse Newsletter

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Leon Monroe

Class of 2022	**Class of 2023**
Debbie Gordon	Lucinda Casey
Ann Key	Cristy Dean
Elizabeth Martindale	Tom Leonard
Angie Medlin	Scott Phillips
Leon Monroe	Jennifer Thomason
Marie Monroe	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!