FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

June 2023 Newsletter

Worship Is for Everyone

Pastor's Pen

We worship Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, because Jesus is God, who came to earth to save all humanity. Jesus came to reveal God's love and convince us that we need God in our lives. God makes all the difference, not only for our eternal lives, but for our lives here on earth. We know this to be true. There are many people right here in Carthage, however, that do not see the importance of Jesus, let alone worshipping the Son of God.

It's our responsibility to touch the lives of these people. How do we do this? Years ago, we made a push to make the worshipping experience more inviting for others. We began a contemporary service where the music, message, and location were different. Our attire was more relaxed and friendly for someone visiting.

Our contemporary service will begin again on Sunday, June 4th. This will be done on the first Sunday of each month instead of our traditional service. Invite your friends or check it out first and then invite them. The Worship Committee, Robert Wilson, and myself are still tweaking things to make it better than before. Please let us know how we can improve this time of worshipping Jesus Christ.

This Sunday will also be our first 10 a.m. worship service of the summer. We will be worshipping at 10 a.m. through August. Our adult Sunday school class will be meeting at 9 a.m. in the library. Come and join them.

Over the last few years, we have worshipped at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and of course 11 a.m. No matter the time or day (some churches offer worship services on Saturday), it's our chance to worship God and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

This past Sunday we enjoyed a wonderful Pentecost/Graduation Sunday! We recognized Murphy Buie and Gabe Phillips who are getting ready to graduate high school. Below are a few good pictures. They received new Bibles and a $300. scholarship from their church family. We will continue to pray and care for them as they continue to mature and grow in their faith!







Grace and Peace,

Rick



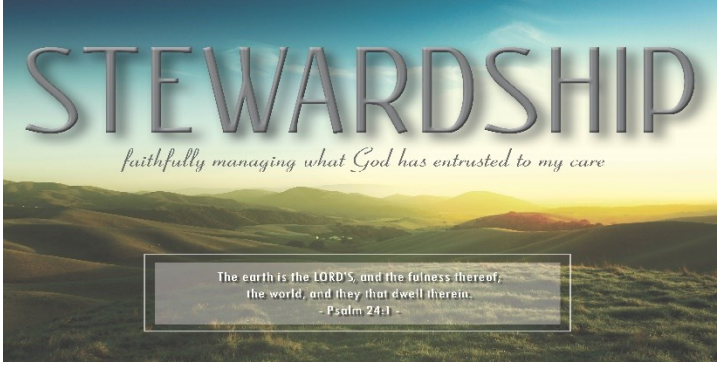
Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.

John Currie, *Tara Planation*
Lee Edmonds
Carol Lucas
Nancy McKenzie
Regina Nugent
Kay Patterson
Barbara Danley
Matthew Leonard
Gail Meeks
Pat Nugent
Ina Sue Parks, *Moore Regional*
Phillip Warmbrod

Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Abe Caviness, *great-nephew of Debby Albright*
Willis Clark, *brother of Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sue & Chuck Kelly, *brother of Mike Kelly*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Rexine Lloyd, *Kelly Martindale's mother*
Tyler Mabe
Johnny Meggs
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
Johnathan Patterson, *Otis Patterson's Son*
Gordon Prescott, *Geraldine Moore's brother*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Joseph Saluby, *Missionaries to Guatemala*
Emma Lee Upchurch, *Carson Kelly's sister-in-law*

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.



April 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of April 1, 2023	65,032.56
Tithes and Offerings Received (includes voided ck #18710 dtd 3/31/23 $152.15)	+18,144.25
Sub-Total	83,176.81
Expenditures	-14,624.08
Balance in checking account as of April 30, 2023	68,552.73

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of April 1, 2023	44,508.44
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for April 2023	+ 615.13
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $109.41; PW Gen Fund $30; PW B'day $296; Flower Fund $70; One Great Hour of Sharing $625; Pentecost $39; Men's Group, Meals $100; PW Memorial $50; Reg Memorials $425	+1,744.41
Sub-Total	46,867.98
Expenditures: Employee's 1st qtr. 23 taxes: IRS $1,812.62 & NCDR $84	-1,896.62
Balance in Restricted Funds as of April 30, 2023	44,971.36

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	68,552.73
Building Fund: $1,563.16	+1,563.16
Restricted Funds Balance	+43,408.20
	113,524.09
Apr '23 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 470.13; FW/H 117.00; SW/H 28.00) + .05 Adjustment =	-615.18
4/30/2023 Checkbook Balance	112,908.91

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	21,552.86
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+130.32
	21,683.18

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session approved the following:

- Paul White to attend the West Gathering of Presbytery on June 10th .
- Vacation time for Rev. Martindale (June 5th – 13 or 14th).
- Robert Wilson will be leading worship on June 11th.
- A congregational meeting for June 25th to elect our Nominating Committee and hold a corporate meeting of the church.

June Birthdays



1	Silas Stromko
6	Carol Lucas
6	Bryan Monroe
6	Claudia McKenzie
8	John Currie
11	Ginny Buie
12	Benny Cole
14	Joanna Monroe
17	Jonathan Baker
20	Sandra Pearson
24	Cristy Dean
29	Philip Warmbrod
30	Matthew Leonard

June Greeters

4th	Aubrey Tortora
11th	Owen Thomason
18th	Alex Thomason
25th	Abby Phillips

JUNE SUNDAY FLOWERS

4th	Megan & Scott Phillips
11th	Ann Key
18th	Ina Sue & Dennis Parks (in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Petree)
25th	Ina Sue & Dennis Parks (in honor of family)

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call:
Denise Edmonds at (910) 639-4472,
or Tom Leonard at (910) 639-3356

April



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	26	52
2nd Sunday	00	95
3rd Sunday	18	53
4th Sunday	22	48
5th Sunday	25	54
Average	23	60

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 on:

Saturday, June 3rd
Saturday, July 1st
Saturday, August 5th
Saturday, September 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 16th – Wednesday, July 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for ages 4-6th grade (just finished 6th grade).
New this year: Adult VBS will also be available from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For all those planning to attend, please register on our website at www.fpccarthage.com or contact the church office at 910-947-2924

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

On June 4th we will return to our contemporary service on the first Sunday of the month and we will start our summer schedule of worshipping at 10:00 a.m. The adult Sunday School class will meet from 9:00-9:40 a.m. during the summer schedule. All are welcome!

BACKPACK PALS

We are collecting peanut butter crackers and/or small boxes of raisins. Please place in the basket for Back Pack Pals.

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

MEN'S GROUP

The men of First Presbyterian Church are conducting a Bible study on prayer. The men meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. of each month. All are welcome to come and join us in this time of fellowship and study!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group enjoyed fellowship every Sunday night over dinner in the kitchen, Bible study, and games. As part of sharing the love of Christ, the youth gave back to the community through Robbins Food Bank, Angel tree shopping, wrapping gifts, and Operation Christmas Child. We also shared in fun events like the state fair, bowling, church lock-in, and the Rec Room.

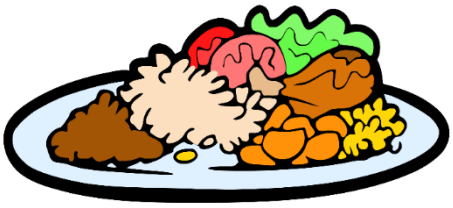
We had our end of year cookout Sunday, May 21st along with a walk to the ice cream shop. As we celebrated another great year, we wished Gabe and Murphy well upon their upcoming graduation from high school.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Youth group and we will see you again soon.





PW Meal Ministry



June Meal Leaders:

1st	JoAnn Wahala
8th	Gail Hardin
15th	Lucinda Casey
22nd	Claudia McKenzie
29th	Marie Monroe

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

LET'S GO TO THE ZOO: A trip to the Safari Animal Park/Aloha Zoo in Cameron is planned for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 for our FPC families. All are welcome to come. Group rates are available for groups of 20 or more. Children and youth are encouraged to join; adult supervision will be provided for children and youth whose parents cannot participate. Please provide snacks, water and bag lunches for your child. The Gift shop will be open. Sign-up sheets will be available in the church narthexes. Hope you are able to join us!







Stained Glass Class: We are in the process of scheduling an additional stained glass class in the near future. Dates and times will be posted once confirmed.

CHURCH CALENDAR

June 2023

Thursday, June 1st	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Bible Study
Saturday, June 3rd	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
Sunday, June 4th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Contemporary Service / 2-Cents a Meal Children's Offering
Tuesday, June 6th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Friday, June 9th		**Last Day of School**
Saturday, June 10th	9:00 a.m.	West Community Gathering
Sunday, June 11th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday, June 14th		Safari Zoo
Saturday, June 17th	7:00 p.m.	NWSL Soccer Game (Cary, NC)
Sunday, June 18th		**Happy Father's Day**
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion / Lemonade on the Lawn
Tuesday, June 20th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, June 21st		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
Sunday, June 25th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Congregational Meeting
Monday, June 26th	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 27th	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 28th		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Tom Leonard

Class of 2023	**Class of 2024**
Lucinda Casey	Gail Hardin
Cristy Dean	Robert Gordon
Tom Leonard	Jackie Muse
Scott Phillips	John McDonald
Jennifer Thomason	Nancy Carter
Paul White	Michelle Tortora

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!