

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

October 2026

Faith, Fall & Fellowship

October is a special time of the year. The leaves begin to change, the mornings become a little cooler, and familiar signs of fall seem to be everywhere. It is a season that reminds us to slow down, enjoy the simple blessings around us, and give thanks for the people God has placed in our lives.

Here at First Presbyterian Church Carthage, one of our greatest blessings is the fellowship we share. We are more than people who gather together on Sunday mornings—we are neighbors, friends, and a church family. We celebrate together during the good times, support one another through the difficult times, and continue walking together in faith.

As we enjoy this fall season, may we look for simple ways to care for one another. Share a kind word. Make a phone call. Check on a neighbor. Invite someone to church. Sit beside someone you may not know well. Sometimes the smallest gestures are the ones God uses to make the biggest difference.

May First Presbyterian Church Carthage always be a place where everyone feels welcome, where friendships grow, where laughter is shared, and where we faithfully seek to show the love of Christ throughout our community.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." — Matthew 18:20

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the beauty of fall, for our community, and especially for our church family. Thank You for the familiar faces, friendships, laughter, prayers, and fellowship we share. Help us to look beyond ourselves and notice those who may need encouragement, friendship, or simply a place to belong. Bless our church and guide us as we serve You and care for one another. May our doors always be open, our hearts always be welcoming, and our lives always reflect the love of Christ. Amen.

In Christ & Fellowship – Scott Phillips



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*
Kassia Stubbs, *friend of Nancy Carter*
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, Mike Swartz, 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 info@fpccarthage.com

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



First Presbyterian Church Session met September 13th.

Fellowship and Misson Committee reported: the church picnic will be held next week; the committee is looking for a lung bus, hopefully for October 3rd; planning is underway for Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

Stewardship and Finance: the committee is exploring different options concerning the church's bank accounts.

Worship Committee: Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 22nd; Communion will be observed quarterly during 2027; additional special observances will include events such as World Communion Day.

Administrative Committee: One Call Service has been updated; staff reviews will take place soon; church cleanup is scheduled for November 21st.

Building and Grounds: several repair and upkeep projects are underway.

Christian Education: Sunday School kickoff was successful; Youth Group activities are beginning.

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.

October Birthdays



2	Angie Prevost
4	Laura Gordon Faircloth
7	Dale Buie
9	Ben White
13	Bill Thomas
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 SUNDAY FLOWERS

4th	Megan & Scott Phillips
11th	Geraldine Moore
18th	Lucinda & David Casey
25th	Karen & Tim Helms

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

October Greeters

4th	Ann & Tom Currie
11th	Denise Edmonds
18th	Karen Helms
25th	Dale Buie

August



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	14	38
2nd Sunday	20	33
3rd Sunday	16	42
4th Sunday	18	47
5th Sunday	20	55
Average	18	43

Send church news and announcements to FPC
by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / info@fpccarthage.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.

Food and double-bagged plastic grocery bags can be placed at the donation station in the FLC.

Come Join us Saturday, October 3rd

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!

VISITING MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Listed below you will find our visiting Ministers for the month of October. 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.

October 4 – Rev. Karen Allen
October 11th – Rev. Elizabeth Pope
October 18th – Rev. Kathryn Dudley
October 25th – Rev. Maggie Beamguard

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!

ONLINE DONATIONS

For those of you that prefer to donate online to First Presbyterian Church, please use the new information and link below to do so.

Online Donations for First Presbyterian Church in Carthage

You can give online anytime by ...

- Using this link: https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/firs4724462
- Texting the word GIVE to 910-812-1291
- Scanning the QR Code

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group (grades 7-12) have begun recruiting new members. Youth Group began on September 13th and will run through May 2027 at 5:00 p.m. If you have children in this grade category, please bring them out and let them be a part of an amazing group young adults that are full of life and love. Youth Group is led by Scott Phillips & Jennifer Thomason. Please enjoy the photos below of the first Sunday of Youth Group. e had a fun balloon game… object was to pop other balloons keeping your balloon safe- and we made feed my sheep bags for our kitchen supply.





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 October:

2026 Fellowship:

Fellowship & Mission we will be collecting items for operation Christmas Child in October. National Collection Week is Nov 16-23. We will need small toys, crayons, coloring books, games, jump rope, combs, brushes, etc. The full list of items can be found by clicking on this link. samaritanspurse.org

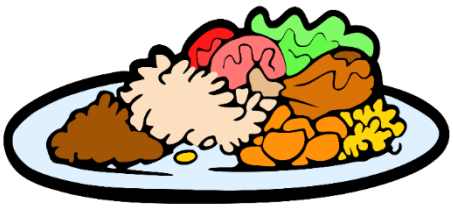
Oct 31 Trunk-or-treat. Calling All Decorators and Trunk Hosts! Candy provided by F&M committee
Decorate your car trunk, dress in family-friendly costumes, and pass out candy to local kids.

Set up time: Arrive by 5:30 to park & decorate
Event time: 6:00 pm (until candy runs out)
Sign up: Text Jennifer 910.690.4756 so we can reserve your space.

Fellowship & Mission sent 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.

Fellowship & Mission would also like to send out a great "Thank You" to all those who helped with the annual Church picnic. We estimated 60 attendees on Sunday, September 20th. Many brought side dishes, desserts, homemade ice cream and lots of helping hands in the kitchen and grill masters! It was a nice afternoon of fellowship!

PW Meal Ministry / Visitation



Meal Ministry:

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

October 1st	JoAnn Wahala
October 8th	Gail Hardin
October 15th	Lucinda Casey
October 22nd	Kay Patterson
October 29th	Jackie Muse

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW offer a meal ministry/visitation for anyone needing assistance during illnesses, etc. If you do not need a meal but would just like to set up a visit from one of our ladies, please contact JoAnn Wahala (910-947-3238).

If you can't visit or be a part of the meal ministry delivery, we would love any assistance as far as preparing a meal. Donations are also welcome to aid in the PW ministry. If you would like to assist with the PW ministry or assist with a meal, please let JoAnn know.

The PW Thank Offering will be collected on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Recipients (in the USA and Kenya) will receive grants in 2026. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

Please join the PW the first Wednesday of each month for Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. The PWCT meets on the first Wednesday of the month as well at 11:00 a.m. This is an amazing group of ladies that work hard to assist others and their needs, please come out and join them in this wonderful mission.

Treasurer Report Snapshot

For

August 2026

First Presbyterian Church

	USD
Statement beginning balance	220,741.81
Checks and payments cleared (24)	-10,060.83
Deposits and other credits cleared (10)	16,118.35
Statement ending balance	226,799.33
Uncleared transactions as of 08/31/2026	264.50
Register balance as of 08/31/2026	226,534.83
Cleared transactions after 08/31/2026	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 08/31/2026	-514.42
Register balance as of 09/17/2026	226,020.41

Attendance

8/2/2026 / SS – 14 / CH - 38
8/9/2026 / SS – 20 – CH - 33
8/16/2026 / SS – 16 / CH - 42
8/23/2026 / SS – 18 / CH - 47
8/30/2026 / SS – 20 / CH – 35

CHURCH CALENDAR October 2026

Saturday, October 3rd	7:30 a.m.	Robbin's Food Bank
Sunday, October 4th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/2 Cents a Meal /Communion/Rev. Karen Allen
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Tuesday, October 6th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, October 7th	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 11th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ Rev. Elizabeth Pope
Monday, October 12th		**No School**
Tuesday, October 13th	11:00 p.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 14th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 18th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/PW Thank You Offering/Communion/Rev. Kathyrn Dudley
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Tuesday, October 20th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, October 21st		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 25th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Chaplain Robert Wilson
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Tuesday, October 27th	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 28th		**Distribute Church Mouse Newsletter / Mouse**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice

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 info@fpccarthage.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!