FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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May 2024 Newsletter



Bible Study: Come Join Us

We come to worship God because we know how crucial it is to our faith journey as individuals and as a community of faith. We worship the One who loves us and creates within us the sense of understanding of who we are as well as who God is. We gather to praise God, ask for guidance, and walk in faith when life seems far from perfect or makes no sense. It's a time of fellowship and being in relationship with God.

Part of our faith beyond that of worshipping God and praying is that of taking the time to read our Bibles. Worship isn't enough. Prayer isn't enough. We need God's direction. This Bible Study gives us a chance to learn from God and one another. We learn that others are thinking just like we are or differently. We can ask questions and explore what we believe. We fellowship with one another and grow in our faith.

I'm starting a new Bible study on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. It doesn't matter your age. It's for church members as well as for those who just want to further explore their faith. Don't tell anyone this, but you can explore your faith at 18 years old or in your forties. You don't have to be retired from working. The more intergenerational, the better it is for everyone. It's never too early or late to grow in your faith!

Our Bible study will again incorporate The Chosen Series. You don't have to see it beforehand. We will be watching parts of the second season together. Our studies will normally last from 60 – 90 minutes. It's a short time to give for five weeks. You don't have to be a biblical scholar. You don't have to speak unless you want to speak. You simply have to come with a desire to learn and allow the Holy Spirit to work upon your faith as we laugh, ponder, and reflect upon God's Word.

I hope you prayerfully consider coming to this study or at least on the nights that you are available. Each night is a self-contained unit. It would be wonderful to have 15 or 70 people in attendance. I promise that you will walk away with a renewed faith.

Please email me (revmartindale@hotmail.com) to sign-up or call the church office (910 947-2924). This will help me in planning our seating arrangements for the first night in the multi-purpose room. Feel free to bring a beverage and/or snack.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult

John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Archie Kelly
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Regina Nugent
Ina Sue Parks, *St. Jospeh's*
Phillip Warmbrod
Lee Edmonds
Sheree Kelly
Carol Lucas
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson

Alma Baker, *John Baker's Wife*
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Willis Clark Family in his passing, *Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe's brother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sue & Chuck Kelly, *Mike Kelly's brother*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Angie Krappl, *friend of Gail & Keith Hardin*
Tyler Mabe
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *sister of Regina Nugent*
Linda Phillips, *friend of Kay Patterson*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*

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.



This is the Financial Report for
March 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of Mar 1, 2024		71,993.93
Tithes and Offerings Received		+18,927.00
	Sub-Total	90,920.93
Expenditures		-19,248.32
Balance in checking account as of Mar 31, 2024 (Includes Jan-Mar '24 payroll taxes Withheld: FICA $471.74; FW/H $198; SW/H $30=$699.74)		71,672.61

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of Mar 1, 2024		55,236.01
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $105.16; Flower Fund $42; PW $370. Final dividend on Trust shares $.52 (goes to Bldg Fund); One Great Hour of Sharing $226		+743.68
	Sub-Total	55,937.69
Expenditures: None		-0.00
Balance in Restricted Funds as of Mar 31, 2024		55,979.69

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	71,672.61
Building Fund: $12,569.40 + 83.68 + 10.49=	+12,663.57
Restricted Funds Balance	+43,316,12
3/31/2024 Checkbook Balance	127,652.30

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	21,681.49

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session approved/discussed the following items at our April meeting of the session:

- Will have a booth at the Buggy Festival
- "Coffee in the Kitchen" on the first Sunday of May
- FPC post cards sent out to a portion of Moore County
- Rick has met with the owner of the new brewery
- Discussed the shrubs in front of the sanctuary
- Preparing to elect our Nominating Committee
- Approved Dr. Tom Currie and Rev. Laura Lupton to preach when Rev. Martindale goes on vacation this summer

May Birthdays



1	*Damon Dean*
2	*Ella Gilliam*
12	*Miranda Estep*
12	*Scott Rives*
12	*Mackenzie Smith*
13	*Hartley Carter*
13	*Tucker Medlin*
16	*Tracy Thomas*
16	*Ann Currie*
23	*Roger Ingold*
23	*Owen Thomason*
24	*Andy Marshburn*
28	*Lee Edmonds*
29	*Nancy Carter*
29	*Kay Patterson*
30	*Ryan Gordon*

MAY SUNDAY FLOWERS

5th	Jennifer & Chad Thomason
12th	Pat Jackson
19th	Regena & Pat Nugent
26th	Ann Key

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963

May Greeters

5th	Diane and Tom Pangborn
12th	Carol and Paul White
19th	Judy and Archie Kelly
26th	Sheree and Mike Kelly

March 2024

Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	29	57
2nd Sunday	26	50
3rd Sunday	25	49
4th Sunday	19	49
5th Sunday	No SS	78
Average	25	57

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.

Three items still needed include: protein beans,
peanut butter, and tuna (chicken) in cans.
Please, no big cans.

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

Come Join us this Saturday, May 4th.

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

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to the Crop Walk that was held on Saturday, April 14th at Union Pines High School. Our team raised $376.00. Total raised was $10,848.



INVITATION TO FAMILY FUN DAY – CAMP MONROE

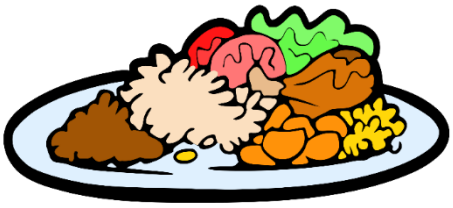
Everyone is invited to Family Fun Day hosted by the West Community of our Presbytery. This will be at Camp Monroe on Sunday, May 19th. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. with many options including: swimming in the pool, 6 holes of Disc Golf, Playing Gagaball, Cornhole, ZIPLINE (release form required), mini-golf (Putt Putt) and more…. Following the recreation time, there will be dinner, then Vespers. Everything will be wrapped up around 6:30 p.m. If you can come, please let us know. There is no charge for dinner but they want to have enough! Please reply by Monday, May 13th at presbycc.org/2024/family-fun-day-24/ The camp is located at 24501 Camp Rd., Laurel Hill, NC. All are invited to attend and bring friends! Direct link to the reply form is https://forms.gle/Hn6LVSSXeKnQL6vx6

MEN'S GROUP

The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They are doing a study by Ray Vander Laan. 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!

The Men's Group will be collecting paper towels and feminine products for Friend to Friend. Donations may be left in the foyer. Please contact Keith Hardin with any questions at 910-603-0837. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thak you in advance for all your support of this group. It is much appreciated.

PW Meal Ministry



May Meal Leaders:

2nd JoAnn Wahala
9th Gail Hardin
16th Lucinda Casey
23rd Claudia Mckenzie
30th 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

The annual PW Birthday Offering will be collected on Sunday May 19, 2024. The recipients of funds received are the Advocates for Community Choice, dba Bethel Hills in Marthasville, Missouri, and Shawnee Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. More specific and detailed information will be available in May bulletins.

Please Note: The Presbyterian Women will not meet for morning Bible Study May – July. Bible Study will resume after the Salad Supper in August. The date and time of the next meeting will be announced at a later date.

The PW Coordinating team will meet July 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The PW would like to thank everyone for the food and monetary donations provided to "The Salvation Army" and "The Children's Hope Alliance" during the PW Coastal Carolina annual Spring Fling on April 20th. Your support and heartfelt contributions are greatly appreciated.

CHURCH CALENDAR May 2024

Wednesday, May 1st	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, May 4th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
	8:00 a.m.	Church Clean-Up Day (till noon)
Sunday, May 5th	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Time in the kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / 2 Cents a Meal – Children
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Funday, ages 4 -6th Grade (Last Day)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group, Grades 7-12 Meet at Bowling Alley (Last Day)
Monday, May 6th	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 7th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, May 8th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study with The Chosen Series
Saturday, May 11th		Buggy Festival
Sunday, May 12th		**Happy Mother's Day!**
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Tuesday, May 14th	6:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study with The Chosen Series
Sunday, May 19th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion / PW Birthday Offering Collection
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday, May 21st	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, May 22nd		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study with The Chosen Series
Sunday, May 26th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Monday, May 27th		Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday, May 28th	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 29th		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study with The Chosen Series

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Dale Buie

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

Class of 2025
Dale Buie
David Casey
Margaret Leonard
Ann Lynch
Marie Monroe
Paul White

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Rick Martindale*, Minister*
Jeanne Dennis, *Interim 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!