

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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June 2025 Newsletter

June Is Upon Us

The school year is winding down, high school graduations are about to happen, and it's time to embrace the summer. What are your plans? No matter if they are big or small, please take time for the sabbath each week. God doesn't want us to keep going and going and going all the time. It's not healthy! God commands us to take a Sabbath each week. I will also add that if you are working or retired, take time getting away or doing something different if you stay at home. Make time to reflect, rest, and grow closer to God. God knows the importance of the sabbath in our lives. Sabbath living makes us healthier spiritually as well as in countless other ways. Make the most of these summer months.

Starting on Sunday, June 1st we will be moving to our **"summer schedule."** Adult Sunday School will be at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Our children's classes and teachers are taking a sabbath break during this time. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday is quickly approaching. It will be celebrated on June 8th during worship. Please make a special effort to be at worship. Wear some RED! Pentecost is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the earth and into our daily lives as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. God provides what we need through the Holy Spirit.

Vacation Bible School will be taking place Monday, June 23rd – Wednesday, 25th at Culdee Presbyterian Church (916 NC Hwy 73, West End) from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be filled with fun activities, worship, games, lots of laughter, and a chance to grow! Camp Monroe counselors will be leading this wonderful time with our children. On Thursday, June 26th VBS will be traveling to Camp Monroe to enjoy and day and night at the camp before returning on Friday, June 27th. Children do not need to attend the overnight camp experience. Please reach out to Rev. Martindale if you wish to sign-up your child or want more information about VBS this year.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



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

Elizabeth Barringer
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Debbie Gordon
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Kay Patterson
Phillip Warmbrod

David Casey
Lee Edmonds
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams

Alma Baker
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Bill Creech, *Dennis Parks' brother-in-law*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Family of Christian Huffman
*S*ean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
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*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugents*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Ginny Stone, *Rick Martindale's aunt*
Marie Walton, *Diane Pangborn's mother*

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, 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!



The session met on May 4th for their regular monthly meeting. We discussed or approved the following:

- For our first quarter we were in the black by $4,000. Good job everyone!
- In July we will sponsor "buy a wreath" for Advent. The wreaths need to be replaced.
- Vacation Bible School will take place on June 23rd – 25th at Culdee Presbyterian Church.
- We will have a fall clean-up day on November 22nd.

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
24 Robert Wilson
29 Philip Warmbrod
30 Matthew Leonard

June Greeters

1st N/A
8th N/A
15th N/A
22nd N/A
29th N/A

JUNE SUNDAY FLOWERS

1st Jennifer & Chad Thomason
8th Diane & Tom Pangborn
15th Kay Patterson
22nd Jackie & Jim Muse
29th Carol & Paul White

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

April



Sunday School		Worship
1st Sunday	n/a	n/a
2nd Sunday	n/a	n/a
3rd Sunday	n/a	n/a
4th Sunday	n/a	n/a
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a
Average	n/a	n/a

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.

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

Come Join us Saturday, June 7th

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!

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**. The schedule for highlighted ministries each month will be as follows:

June: Nursing homes: Tara Plantation (socks, sweaters, sweatshirts, pajamas) and Peake Resources / Pinelake (socks, sweaters, puzzles, crayons, colored pencils, construction paper, large print word search, books)
July: Carthage Elementary (crayons, pencils, notebooks, Chlorox wipes, etc.)
August: Backpack Pals: raisins (individual-size boxes) and peanut butter and jelly crackers

September: Robbins Food Bank: non-perishable food and plastic grocery bags
October: Nursing Homes
November: Backpack Pals (see items listed above)
December: Carthage Elementary School (crayons, pencils, notebooks, Chlorox wipes, etc.)

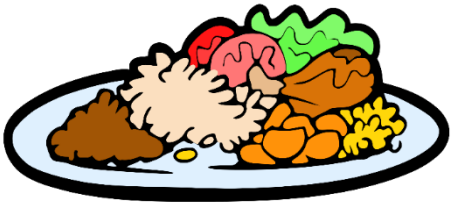
MEN'S GROUP

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!

175th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Are you ready for some fun, fellowship, and ice cream? The Presbyterian Women are having an **ice cream and game social** on Friday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of FPC church. Everyone is welcome!
Bring your favorite ice cream and games and let's celebrate our church with some fun, fellowship, and good ole ice cream.

PW Meal Ministry



June Meal Leaders

5th JoAnn Wahala
12th Gail Hardin
19th Lucinda Casey
26th JoAnn Wahala

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 everyone that contributed to the PW Birthday Offering. PW Grants will be given to 2 organizations in the United States. Construction apprentices involved in building the Dome homes in South Dakota will gain experience in that building technique. In Mississippi the planned facility will provide safe housing for volunteers who come to the area to assist in rebuilding after disasters and can be used to provide temporary housing for the local community when needed.

There will be no PW Bible Study in June.

Suggestions are welcome for the 2025-2026 Bible Study. All ladies are invited to attend and your suggestions will be appreciated.

Next PW Coordinating Team meeting will be July 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

JUST FOR FUN……

Jesus, Moses and an old man were partnered together in the Heavenly Golf Tourney. Moses was the first to tee off. He tucked in his robes, took a tremendous roundhouse swing, and drove his ball straight into a lake bordering the fairway.

"Oh, a plague upon that ball!" Moses exclaimed. Then he waved his hand, parted the waters of the lake, walked in and retrieved his ball.

Next up was Jesus. He took a perfect swing. The ball flew far and straight down the fairway, took several long bounces, and rolled up the green and into the hole. He nodded his head knowingly and said, "Only because it is the will of my Father."

Then it was the old man's turn. He swung as best as he could, only to hook the ball some fifty yards to the left and heading for the lake. But just before it landed in the water, a frog leaped up and caught the ball in its mouth. Then an eagle swooped down, snatched the frog, and flew away. But a hunter with a bow and arrow appeared on the far shore, took aim, and sent an arrow winging at the bird. The arrow (which had a rubber head, of course – this was, after all, heaven) struck the eagle between the eyes, stunning him and the frog fell, landing on the green. The ball popped out of the frog's mouth and rolled straight toward the hole, hung on the edge, and fell in for an ace.

Jesus looked over at the old man and muttered disgustingly, 'Stop showing off, Dad."

Happy Father's Day
from Kay Patterson

CHURCH CALENDAR June 2025

Sunday, June 1st	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Committee, *conference room*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / 2 Cents a Meal – Children
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, June 2nd	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting, *conference room*
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 3rd	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, *conference room*
Wednesday, June 4th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, June 7th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank
Sunday, June 8th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship /Pentecost
Wednesday, June 11th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, June 14th		West Community Gathering (Raeford Church)
Sunday, June 15th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion
Monday, June 16th	6:30 p.m.	175 Anniversary Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 17th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, June 18th		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, June 22nd	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, June 23rd	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (at Culdee Presbyterian Church)
Tuesday, June 24th	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (at Culdee Presbyterian Church)
Wednesday, June 25th	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (at Culdee Presbyterian Church)
		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, June 26th		Vacation Bible School leaves for Camp Monroe
Friday, June 27th		Vacation Bible School returns
Sunday, June 29th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Dale Buie

Class of 2025	**Class of 2026**
Dale Buie	Gail Hardin
David Casey	Ann Key
Margaret Leonard	Claudia McKenzie
Ann Lynch	Leon Monroe
Marie Monroe	Scott Phillips

Paul White Jennifer Thomason

Church Staff

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