FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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August 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Pen

May We See What God Sees

We traveled to Europe recently. It was an amazing experience. The sights seen and the food tasted were astonishing. The history walked and seen were beyond incredible. Most of the churches and palaces are easily older than anything in our country. The alps in all their glory, older than humanity itself. Breathtaking! Yes, that is a castle to the right side of the mountains. The other picture is one of the many churches we visited on our great adventure.

The one thing that I was reminded during our trip, even as my jaw fell open at the beauty all around us whether man-made or not…God is greater. God is amazing. We take pictures of what others have done. Jesus, on the other hand, would be taking pictures of us. We are God's greatest achievement even as we struggle to recognize God all around us.





Yes, this is an amazing world and the people within our history have done some amazing things with their God-given gifts. We, however, are beyond special in God's sight. God's love shines upon us moment by moment and fills our hearts with joy. God's love awakens in us the beauty all around us. We are loved! Those words cannot be said enough. We are so much more than any mountain range or beautiful cathedral! We are God's beloved children.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



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

Benny Cole
Lee Edmonds
Tom Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Ina Sue Parks, *St. Jospeh's*
Phillip Warmbrod

John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Sheree Kelly
Carol Lucas
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson

Alma Baker
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*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sue Kelly, in the passing of her husband Chuck, *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*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugents*
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.

STEWARDSHIP
MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

This is the Financial Report for
June 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

NO REPORT AVAILABLE

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session did not have a monthly meeting in July.

August Birthdays



3 Ruth Tyson
5 Aubrey Tortora
6 John McDonald
7 Marie Monroe
9 Ruby Ingold
9 Ashley Bibey
11 Sheree Kelly
11 Gail Meeks
15 Carl Nunnery
16 Jeff Key
17 Will Thomason
21 Ty White
22 Meredith Marshburn
25 Denise Edmonds
26 Brayden Kelly
27 Rick Martindale
29 Alex Thomason
30 Connor Faircloth

August Greeters

4th Nancy Carter / Caroline & Ben Reynolds
11th Jackie & Jim Muse
18th Ann Lynch
25th Thomason Family

AUGUST SUNDAY FLOWERS

4th Debbie & Robert Gordon
11th Diane & Tom Pangborn
18th JoAnn Wahala
25th Cristy & Damon Dean

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

June 2024



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	15	N/A
2nd Sunday	19	N/A
3rd Sunday	10	N/A
4th Sunday	16	N/A
5th Sunday	16	N/A
Average	15	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 this Saturday, August 10th.

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!

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Directory sheets are located in the upper and lower narthex. Please fill out and return to Michelle Tortora. You can also email the information and a clear, family appropriate picture to her at mrstortora@hotmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS takes place this week-end: Friday from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sunday we will celebrate with the children during worship followed by a covered dish luncheon after worship. Our theme this year is "SCUBA" diving into friendship with God.

MEN'S GROUP

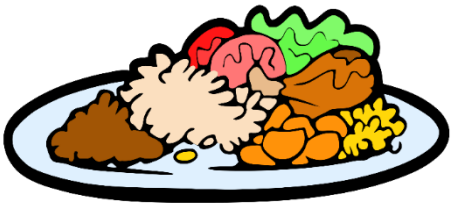
The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They are doing a study by Ray Vander Laan. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come and join in this time of fellowship and study!

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.

175 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Next year FPC will be celebrating 175 years!!
If you are interested in serving on this committee to prepare for our celebration, please let a member of the session know. Your help is essential for our celebration.

PW Meal Ministry



August 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

The PW Salad Supper will be on Monday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. A 30-minute program of secular and spiritual music will be presented by Scott Tortora (saxophone), Ed Martel (keyboard), and Liane Martel (vocalist). The meal will follow the musical program. All are invited and encouraged to bring a friend(s).

School Supplies for Carthage Elementary School are being collected July 25th- August 18th. The following items needed are: Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, magic markers, Xpo markers, glue sticks, Kleenex, hand sanitizers, Ziploc bags: snack size -gallon size. The PW would like to "Thank you" in advance for your support with this project to help our students.

The PW Bible Study will begin Wednesday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study planned for 2024-2025 is Max Lucado's book "You Are Never Alone". If you are interested in joining Bible Study, please notify JoAnn Wahala 910-947-3238. Also, anyone interested in evening Bible Study or would like a book and study guide, please see JoAnn as well.

The PWCT will meet on Wednesday, August 7th at 11:00 a.m., following Bible Study.

The PW Fall Gathering is on Saturday August 17, 2024, at Carolina Beach. Information is posted in the upper Narthex and on the whiteboard at the entrance to the multipurpose room.

CHURCH CALENDAR August 2024

Friday, August 2nd	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 3rd	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
		Ruth Tyson's 101st Birthday
Sunday, August 4th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Praise Service / 2 Cents a Meal with Children / VBS Celebration
	11:00 a.m.	Covered-Dish Luncheon
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Monday, August 5th	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	PW Salad Supper
Tuesday, August 6th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
	6:30 p.m.	Administrative Meeting
Wednesday, August 7th		**No Choir Practice**
Thursday, August 8th	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Saturday, August 10th	7:30 a.m.	**Robbins' Food Bank,** *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
	11:30 a.m.	Reading & Lunch in the Park (Kiser Park)
Sunday, August 11th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade on the lawn
	11:10 a.m.	Session Meeting
	11:15 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Wednesday, August 14th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, August 17th		PW Gathering at Carolina Beach
Sunday, August 18th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Tuesday, August 20th		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, August 21st	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, August 24th	11:30 a.m.	Reading & Lunch in the Park (Kiser Park)
Sunday, August 25th	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
Monday, August 26th		**First Day of School**
Wednesday, August 28th		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

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!