

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

May 2026

BLESSINGS

Blessings Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Easter has come and gone, how many times did you think of all the blessings you have received or even given since that time?

We have had so much to celebrate, beginning with our Maundy Thursday service with Rev. Maggie Beamguard. Followed by a day of love, appreciation and blessings on April 5th, as we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day.

We arrived at church Easter morning to celebrate sunrise service, the resurrection of the Lord our Christ and Savior, at our cemetery with Rev. Dr. Tom Currie providing us an amazing message. Following the service was a wonderful community breakfast with our friends and neighbors in Christ. If you were able to make it to the sunrise service and to breakfast, that was a Blessing in itself. Oh, but we were not finished there! Everyone gathered and we all began to adorn the cross in the church yard with the most beautiful flowers that were provided by church members and visitors. Can you imagine the love and the heartfelt warmth that was felt and given with each flower that was placed? It was nothing less than a Blessing alone to share this moment of love and appreciation to our Lord and Savior for all he has done for us and the many Blessings given to us daily.

Upon completion of the adorning of the cross, we gathered in our beautiful sanctuary with the stunning stained-glass windows, to receive the message from God through our own Rev. Robert Wilson, with communion provided by our own Rev. Dr. Tom Currie, to remember the sacrifice made for us and celebrate the resurrection, as our journey continues. It was a beautiful day from beginning to end. It was a blessing to be able to attend and share the love of Christ with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Each of you is a blessing to me!

But remember, just like us, it's not an ending to the blessings and love we all share, but a new beginning. We have held our ground well through the help of our Lord and Savior. He has given us strength and blessed us abundantly, and I know he will continue as we seek and find our next Minister.

As we continue our journey, it is such a blessing to see what all the members are doing to continue the mission of First Presbyterian Church Carthage. No matter if it is a church clean-up day or a worship opportunity, we will step up. One comment I have heard repeatedly is how loving our congregation is and stories of why we all feel so loved and blessed here. This one attribute is why we will be stronger as we begin the process of seeking our next minister. I have no doubt that God will provide, in his time, the leader he wishes us to have. In the meantime, we have each other and we need to continue to share our love and blessings to all.

Our congregation is just like Easter; it isn't about just one day; it is where Christ is leading us into the future.

Robert Gordon



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

Benny Cole
Lee Edmonds
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Pat Nugent
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Robert Gordon
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Geraldine Moore
Dennis Parks
Phillip Warmbrod

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Pres. Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Pres*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret/Tom Leonard's nephew*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugent's*
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,
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 of First Presbyterian Church Carthage met on April 12th and discussed the following:

- The Fellowship and Mission Committee is planning a Muffin's for Mom on Mother's Day and hopes to sponsor a visit from CT Lung Bus in September.
- The Worship Committee has been busy and has secured ministers to fill our pulpit on Sundays through October.
- Building and Grounds have scheduled our church cleanup for April 25th with a rain date of May 2nd.
- Christian Education Committee has set May 31st for honoring our graduating seniors.

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.

May Birthdays



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

MAY SUNDAY FLOWERS

3rd	Ann Key
10th	Claudia McKenzie & Robert Hunt
17th	Lucinda & David Casey
24th	Carol & Paul White
31st	Cristy & Damon Dean

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

May Greeters

3rd	Steve Ingold
10th	JoAnn Wahala
17th	Claudia McKenzie & Robert Hunt
24th	Carol & Paul White
31st	Megan & Scott Phillips

March



	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, May 2nd

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!

CROP WALK 2026

Thank you to all of those that attended the Crop Walk at UPHS. As of Friday, March 27th, $17,804.85 had been raised towards the community goal of $26, 000. Below you will find our youth group that participated.



SUNRISE SERVICE

Thank you to all that came out to our Sunrise Service on April 5th. The Sunrise Service was officiated by the Rev. Dr. Tom Currie. Following the Sunrise Service the Fellowship and Mission Committee provided breakfast for all.



VISITING MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

May 3 – Rev. Elizabeth Pope
May 10 – Chaplain Robert Wilson
May 17 – Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
May 24 – Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
May 31 – 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!

SENIOR SUNDAY LUNCHEON

On May 31, 2026, we will be celebrating with these four Seniors, Aubrey Tortora, Caroline Oakley, Ginny Buie, and Alex Thomason, for their hard work and high school achievement. These seniors will be presented with Bibles and Scholarships. A covered dish meal will be provided following Worship Service. Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of a whole new world for our Seniors.



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 May:

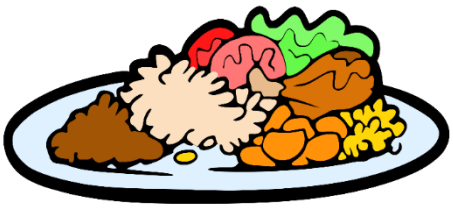
2026 Fellowship:

May 10th - Mother's Day – Muffins for Mom – All Mothers will be provided a muffin before or after church. Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There was a Congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church Carthage on Sunday April 12th at the end of morning worship. The purpose of the meeting was to elect an Elder to fill a term ending at the end of 2027. Former Elder Angie Medlin was elected to fill the term, and we look forward to her installation.

PW Meal Ministry



Meal Ministry:

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

May 7th	JoAnn Wahala
May 14th	Gail Hardin
May 21st	Lucinda Casey
May 28th	Kay Patterson

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

The PW Birthday Offering will be collected on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Grant recipients for 2026 are:

Haywood Christian Ministry (HCM) in Waynesville, NC. Their anti-hunger programs work to ensure that people across Haywood County, NC have the food they need, when they need it and where they are.

City Mission of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. They offer safe shelter, warm meals and hope for women and children in crisis. The shelter provided along with services & resources help meet the needs of the women & families, striving to break the cycle of homelessness.

Additional information on these 2 recipients is posted in the narthex & Family Life Center. Bulletin inserts & donation envelopes will be provided.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Treasurer Report
First Presbyterian Church of Carthage
March 2026

	Total
Revenue	
310-00 General Tithes & Offerings	$11,342.00
311-00 General Tithes & Offerings - Online Transactions	$4,505.00
Total for 310-00 General Tithes & Offerings	**$15,847.00**
Expenditures	($9,611.91)
Net Operating Revenue	**$6,235.09**
Account Balance	**$181,117.90**

CHURCH CALENDAR May 2026

Saturday, May 2nd	7:30 a.m.	Robbins Food Bank
Sunday. May 3rd	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal (Children) / Rev. Elizabeth Pope
	3:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, May 5th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, May 6th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, May 10th		**Happy Mother's Day / Muffins for Mom**
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Chaplin Robert Wilson
Wednesday, May 13th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, May 17th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ Communion / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie / PW Birthday Offering
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (last Meeting)
Tuesday, May 19th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, May 20th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
Sunday, May 24th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
Monday, May 25th		**No School**
Tuesday, May 26th	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 27th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
Sunday, May 31st	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard
	11:05 a.m.	Senior Sunday Covered Dish Meal

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	

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*

Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
, *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!