FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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November 2022 Newsletter



Who Do We and Others Listen to About Jesus?

Back in my day, college campuses were a haven for students to broaden their perspectives and discover new points of view. Students were introduced to differing ways of thinking or looking at the world. They could decide for themselves what was right for them. If someone was on campus talking about communism, for example, then so be it. You could listen and discern from sometimes heated but respectful discussions. It might stir enough question to spend extra time in the library or on the internet to further explore the pluses and minus of topics like communism.

Different religions and including Christianity are discussed on campuses. Most of us would agree this is a good thing. People need to learn about Jesus. But what happens when the speaker says something like, "If you have an abortion, then you are going to hell." If you were a young person on campus or an older adult hearing this across from a circle of friends, how would you respond?

Is it still a good thing that someone else is talking about Christianity instead of you talking to a child, grandchild, or friend? We have differing viewpoints on Christianity. I'm a big fan of Jesus Christ and His love, kindness, and grace. I'm grateful that God has given us rules to follow like the ten commandments (worship no other gods but God, keep the sabbath day holy, you shall not murder, etc.). I'm more grateful for God giving us Jesus Christ who taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus came not to condemn us but to save us. He took our sins upon Himself to save us from damnation. Jesus paid a great price for our salvation.

We often view life differently from one another including our view on Christianity. Some Christians push the importance of following all of God's rules. While others lean heavily upon God's grace because we recognize our sinful selves. No matter one's stance, I'm grateful we are not the judge of our sinful lives. God is and God will judge each of us. We will be horrified of our countless sins but my hope isn't grounded in my sins but in the eternal, amazing grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Where is your hope grounded? Is it in things? People? Yourself? Or is it grounded in the One who died for our sins? Our hope in Jesus allows us to find joy and peace in the midst of misunderstandings and confusion. Jesus inspires us to show kindness and love because that is what we would want others to offer us. Jesus is our rock and not the sinking sands of sin all around us.

Grace and Peace,

Rick



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

Debby Albright
Elizabeth Barringer
Anna Belle Campbell
Lucinda Casey
Benny Cole
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Barbara Danley
Lee Edmonds
Robert Gordon
Robert Hunt
Judi Kelly
Carol Lucas
Linda McCaskill, *FirstHealth*
Gail Meeks
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks
Ina Sue Parks
Phillip Warmbord

Artie Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Billy Barber, *Regena Nugent's nephew*
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Abe Caviness, *great-nephew of Debby Albright*
Willis Clark, *brother of Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe*
June Greeson, *Susan Cole's mother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Rexine Lloyd, *Kelly Martindale's mother*
Tyler Mabe
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
Jonathan Patterson, *Otis Patterson's Son*
Gordon Prescott, *Geraline Moore's brother*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*

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.



September 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of September 1, 2022		78,570.85
Tithes and Offerings Received		+12,986.00
	Sub-Total	91,556.85
Expenditures		-11,126.93
Balance in checking account as of September 30, 2022		80,429.92

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of September 1, 2022		41,162.44
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for September 2022		+528.78
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $91.02; PW Meal Fund $45; Flower Fund $36; Honorarium $25; Truist Brokerage dividend $2.08		+199.10
	Sub-Total	41,890.32
Expenditures: None		-0.00
Balance in Restricted Funds as of September 30, 2022		41,890.32

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	80,429.92
Building Fund: $1,091.92 + $2.08 =	+1,094.00
Restricted Funds Balance	+40,796.32
	122,320.24
July-Sep 2022 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 1,293.41; FW/H 261.63; SW/H 39.00) + .08 adjustment	-1,594.12
9/30/2022 Checkbook Balance	120,729.12

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,151.75
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+179.52
	22,331.27

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The following took place at the October 9th meeting:

- Review of the church staff was being completed
- Committees are turning budgets for 2023 over to Stewardship and Finance Committee
- Approved use of the church facilities
- Approved individuals to preach while Rev. Martindale is on vacation
- Approved Christmas Day service for 10 a.m. with no Sunday School

November Birthdays



1	Cody Adelmann
4	Anne Lucas
5	Scott Phillips
8	Jeff Medlin
10	Steve Ingold
12	Emily Tortora
15	Megan Phillips
20	Doreen Little
27	Cathy Campbell
29	Chad Thomason
30	Nancy McKenzie

November Greeters

6th	Scott Rives
13th	John McDonald
20th	J.D. Monroe
27th	Nancy Carter

November Sunday Flowers

6th	Kelly & Rick Martindale
13th	Helen McDonald & JoAnn Wahala (Harvest Table)
20th	Debbie & Robert Gordon
27th	Poinsettias (anyone who would like to place a Poinsettia's in the church during Advent season in honor or memory of someone, please send your name to Church Secretary by Monday, November 21st).

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963, or Tom Leonard at (910) 693-3356.

September



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	30	54
2nd Sunday	21	32
3rd Sunday	22	42
4th Sunday	27	40
5th Sunday		
Average	25	42

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.

You can help by donating non-perishable foods
and double-bagged plastic grocery bags at our
Family Life Center Basket Ministries Donation Station, and/or
by joining us at any upcoming dates you're available:

November 5
December 3

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!

NOVEMBER FOCUS

The Ange Tree Committee is working diligently to have the Angel Tree ready by the last Sunday in October, no later than the first Sunday in November. The Angel Tree will have angel(s) for two families provided for you to select. If you are unable to do your own shopping, donations will gladly be accepted and the youth and other volunteers will be happy to shop for you.

BACKPACK PALS

We are collecting peanut butter crackers and/or small boxes of raisins. Please place in the basket for Back Pack Pals.

FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION REPORT

Please continue to remember others by contributing to the various FPC Basket Ministries located in the Family Life Center.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will continue to help with Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox Ministry. Jennifer Thomason can give you information about this project.



ADVENT POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one may be placed in the Sanctuary for Advent, November 27th through January 2nd.
Please contact the church office with information in honor or in memory of your loved one by November 15th at 947-2924, or infofpc397@gmail.com.

College Student Addresses

We have several college students attending schools near and far. If we have left someone off, please let us know or if there is a correction. They would be overjoyed to here from their church family during the school year.

Matthew Leonard: 13394 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244

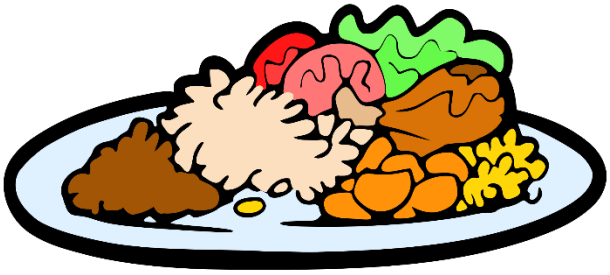
Catherine Martindale: 625 7th Ave. NE, Lenior Rhyne University, Hickory, NC 28601

Elizabeth Martindale: 210 Dan Allen Dr., Lee Hall, Rm. 512C, Raleigh, NC 27607

Riley Medlin: 223 Khaki Campbell Way, Seneca, SC 29678

Emily Tortora: 201 Monticello Ln., Blacksburg VA 24060-8193

PW Meal Ministry



November Meal Leaders:

3rd	JoAnn Wahala
10th	Gail & Keith Harden
17th	Helen McDonald
24th	Thanksgiving Day

If you would like to help with a part of one of these meals contact the person responsible for the meal that day. We will contact you at the beginning of the week with the number of meals that are needed for that Thursday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's Circle/Bible Study will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It is not too late to join the group.

On Sunday, November 6th, we will collect the 2022 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. One of this year's grant recipients is the Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women in Raleigh. This grant will help fund their Women's Reentry Project (WRP) which helps women better prepare for and navigate life after incarceration by developing the tools needed to forge new and better lives.

CHURCH CALENDAR

November 2022

Tuesday, November 1st	6:00 p.m.	RACM Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, November 3rd	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Bible Study
Saturday, November 5th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
Sunday, November 6th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Presbyterian Women Thank Offering
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Funday
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group, Grades 7-12
Tuesday. November 8th		Election Day
Wednesday, November 9th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, November 11th		Veterans Day
Sunday, November 13th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7 - 12
Wednesday, November 16th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, November 17th		Deadline for November Church Mouse Newsletter
Sunday, November 20th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group - Grades 7 – 12
Wednesday, November 23rd	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, November 24th		Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 27th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / 1st Sunday of Advent / Poinsettias
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7-12
Tuesday, November 29th	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Mission Committee
		Distribution of Mouse Newsletter
Wednesday, November 30th	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Leon Monroe

Class of 2022
Debbie Gordon
Ann Key
Elizabeth Martindale
Angie Medlin
Leon Monroe
Marie Monroe

Class of 2023
Lucinda Casey
Cristy Dean
Tom Leonard
Scott Phillips
Jennifer Thomason
Paul White

Church Staff

Rick Martindale, *Minister*
Ann Key, *Sexton*
Marie Monroe, *Treasurer*
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!