

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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August 2025 Newsletter

Self-Care and Rest

It's August. You know what that means. It's time for our little and not so little ones to head back to school. Moore County Schools begin August 25th. Colleges and universities are also getting back into session. That means teachers, professors, school staff, bus drivers, and many others are gearing up for another exciting, wonderful school year. Yes, lets think positive!

This yearly cycle of school/college is a wonderful stabilizing force for many. It's a routine which we are familiar with even if we haven't had children in school for some time. Summer is a crucial part of that cycle. Summer is a time of rest or self-care if you will. It's essential in our lives. God created creation in six days. Wow, what an amazing six days! "God rested on the seventh day from all the work that He had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that He had done in creation (Genesis 2:2-3)."

We probably would admit that God didn't NEED to rest on the seventh day, but it was a great teachable moment or model for all of us. In the midst of our fast-paced, busy, active lives, filled with so many challenges, drama, and stress…a time of rest and self-care is essential. God wants us to be faithful disciples and part of that faithfulness includes a time of rest.

In God's Church we too deserve times of rest. Times to recharge and be prepared for a new season of hope and joy as well as the insight for what lies ahead. August is still a time of rest in the church. It doesn't mean a free pass to ignore worship but a time to prepare us for the next steps in our journey.

September will soon be here. Our Sunday School Kick-Off will be on September 7th. Youth Group will begin that day, too. How will we embrace this new season of growth? We can sit on the sidelines or we can become active.

I pray that each of us embrace life. We work hard and we play hard. We appreciate all that God gives us. We faithfully walk with Jesus Christ, no matter the obstacles. We are called, to find rest that restores us. Rest involves placing God first and allowing our minds and bodies to shift focus away from ourselves and toward God and God's will in our lives. Make the most of this August month as we proclaim a love in Christ that has no boundaries, a world that longs for our reflection of God's light, and the ability to participate in self-care and rest for our souls. God showed us from the beginning the importance of rest. Jesus affirmed it even as He revealed His Father's love for us. Together, let us care for one another as we serve God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



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

Elizabeth Barringer
Lee Edmonds
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Dennis Parks
Phillip Warmbrod
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Presbyterian Church*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Jane Hancock, *friend of the Casey's*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean 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*
Scottie Scott, *brother of Ann Scott Lynch*
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 did not meet for the month of July.

August Birthdays



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

3rd Debbie and Robert Gordon
10th Carol and Paul White
17th The Buie Family
24th The Thomason Family
31st Emily Tortora and Alex Jackson

AUGUST SUNDAY FLOWERS

3rd Marie Monroe
10th JoAnn Wahala
17th Geraldine Moore
24th Lucinda and David Casey
31st

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Ann Key at (910) 947-5476.

June



	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, August 9th

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:

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.)

175th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

On July 22nd, 168 invitations for the 175th Anniversary Celebration were mailed. Please provide any suggestion to contact church members (current and prior), their families and other friends of the church, that may need an invitation mailed to them. Every effort will be made to get invitations to prior members & their family members.

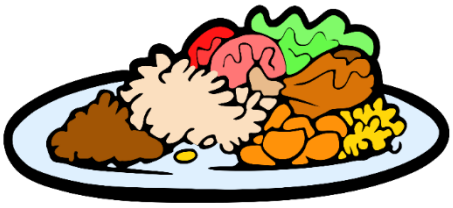
Flash drives have been compiled by Leon Monroe from many CD's of church events & celebrations shared by Elizabeth Barringer. These photos cover the years from the late 1990's up to 2012. Anyone that can provide later years of photos on your cell phones (from 1998 to now), please provide them to Leon to be added to the flash drives so all can enjoy them during the Anniversary Celebration events. Thank you, Leon, for your assistance with this project.

Samples of the mug and t-shirts are on site with order forms. Gail Hardin will be collecting orders (noting items ordered for order placement) with checks payable to FPC.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, August 24th - lunch provided following the worship service by the Men's Group.
Saturday, September 13th at 5:30 pm - Musical Introduction followed by a covered dish meal at 6:00 p.m. with food from the 1850's.
Sunday, September 14th - Registration at 9:45 a.m., Musical Introduction at 10:15 a.m., worship service at 10:45 a.m. followed by a catered lunch at 12:00 p.m. A buggy will be on site for photo opportunities. Period dress encouraged, for those who desire.

PW Meal Ministry



August Meal Leaders

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

All are invited to the PW salad supper scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm. You are encouraged to invite/bring a friend. Greg & Betsy Pilson (Helen Mohan's daughter) will be presenting a 30-minute musical program.

The PW Annual Fall Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Pocket Presbyterian Church in Sanford. The program is Resilience and Joy in Jesus Christ. Dr Jennie Lee is the planned speaker. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments. All women are welcome and invited to attend. Carpooling from FPC will be available, notify JoAnn if you would like to carpool. Flyers are posted in the narthexes and Family Life center. Donated food items for the Salvation Army are also needed. Monetary donations for the continued need in western NC will be collected as well.

PW Ice Cream Social on July 11th was an evening of fun and good ice cream. There were approximately 55 in attendance including FPC members & their families and friends of the church. The sound of the children's voices and their enjoyment of corn hole, hula hoops, and ball play was wonderful. Thank you to all who provided ice cream & cookies.







The PW prepared and delivered 12 "goodie" bags in July to shut-ins and church members,

The 2025-2026 PW Bible Study will be **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAVIOR** by Max Lucado. The Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome to join the study. If you are interested in an evening/night Bible study, please notify JoAnn.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men will be providing a traditional meal on August 24th beginning at 11:00 a.m. after worship in the Family Life Center. So, gather up your friends and family and come out and join us on August 24th.

CHURCH CALENDAR August 2025

Sunday, August 3rd	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / 2 Cents a Meal – Children
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, August 4th	6:30 p.m.	P/W Salad Supper
Tuesday, August 5th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, August 6th	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting, *conference room*
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting, conference room
Saturday, August 9th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank
Sunday, August 10th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, August 11th	6:00 p.m.	RACM Board Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Anniversary Committee Meeting
Saturday, August 16th	9:00 a.m.	PW Fall Gathering *(Pocket Presbyterian Church in Sanford)*
Sunday, August 17th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion
Tuesday, August 19th	6:30 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, August 20th		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
Sunday, August 24th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	175th Anniversary Men's Meal
Wednesday, August 27th		**Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter**
Sunday, August 31st	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	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!