

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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September 2015

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer has been one of joy and hope as you have traveled, relaxed, and enjoyed a change of pace. I am grateful for your faithfulness to worship and the many ways you participate in the life of the church - both in the building and in the community.

As I write, the kitchen renovation is well underway with most of the electrical work and much of the plumbing already complete. New appliances have been ordered and should arrive by mid-September. Your financial commitment to the Our Living Legacy campaign has been overwhelming. One hundred pledges have been received for a total pledge amount (as of August 24) of \$291,373. Additional pledges will allow us to move forward with the gym project.

As we turn to the beginning of the program year, I am pleased that both Matt and Gina have worked hard to develop new program offerings and to enhance existing programs. Our programmatic theme for the year is Deepening Community. Beginning on September 13, this will be the preaching theme. Together, we will explore the theological foundations of the Christian community and the ways God is at work deepening our identity as the people of God.

I look forward to these conversations with you.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth

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Labor Day Worship

We will celebrate the unofficial end of summer with worship outside.

When? Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Where? Morrow Mountain State Park
Shelter C (beyond the pool)

What else? We'll enjoy worship and after worship fellowship and light morning snacks!
(Dress for the weather & bring a lawn chair.)

Worship outdoors in God's good creation recalling God's blessings to us in the comings and goings of summer. Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be provided by the Fellowship Committee following worship.

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Beginning September 13, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.

# WORSHIP NOTES

- Sunday, September 6 **Worship at Morrow Mountain** at 9:00 a.m. at Shelter C. Worship in the midst of God's creation will be a blessing to us all. (Dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair.)
- Sunday, September 13 **Deepening Community Sermon Series begins: The Trinity Rally Day!** We will recognize the importance of educational ministry in the lives of people of faith. We return to worship at 11:00 a.m. and will welcome the choir back to leadership. Children's Church returns. Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education programming will be commissioned for the 2015-16 church year.
- Sunday, September 20 **Deepening Community: Shaped by The Word**
- Sunday, September 27 **Deepening Community: Prayer**  
Prayer Shawls will be dedicated in worship so they can be delivered to church and community members with particular needs.

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## Want to Formalize Your Relationship with First Presbyterian Church by Becoming a Member of the Congregation?

Every person who enters the door (sanctuary, gym, parking lot) at First Presbyterian Church is invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. Brothers and sisters in Christ are welcome to worship and serve at any time. Often, though, folks want to make a deeper commitment to the church by entering into membership.

If you're a visitor and want to know more about membership at First Presbyterian Church, plan to meet in the Church Parlor (outside the doors of the sanctuary) briefly following worship on Sunday, September 13. For more information, contact Liz Jolly (704-982-6420 or [jolly128@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jolly128@carolina.rr.com)), Membership Committee Chair.

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### The Daily Devotional Guide Mission Statement

*The Upper Room* magazine's mission is to provide a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed in to God's presence to:

- listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story.
- commune with God in prayer.
- see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work.
- realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers.
- encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

*The Upper Room* devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help focus your prayer and study. *The Upper Room* can be found in the pit stop and outside the church office.

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## Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on September 6. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome! We received a total of \$360 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in July. Our goal is to receive an average of \$600.00 per month.

You're in for Treat, A Rally Day that's

# SUPER SWEET

Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym

The Christian Education Committee is mixing up a delicious morning of fun to kick off the new year in Christian Education.

- ❖ Food Stations (Pancakes, Muffins, Donuts, Fruit, Yogurt & More!)
- ❖ Candy Walk
- ❖ Building God's Sweet Community & More!  
How Sweet It Is...And Will Be!



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## Something New for Kids in Sunday School...

Preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will experience something new in their Sunday School Classes this fall. The Presbyterian Church (USA) created a new curriculum that we are happy to introduce, called *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* is rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship; extends an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love; and reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace.

Sessions of *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* are grounded in Bible stories that reveal God's grace. Through fun activities, prayer, and singing, children and their leaders will celebrate the meaning of this grace in their lives as they encounter a living God.

### CHILDREN'S CLASS INFORMATION

**Birth - 17 months....**Nursery...Jana Sanderson is the lead child caregiver for our youngest children.

**18 months - 2 year olds....**Toddler Room...Lauren Cranford, Cici Ly, Misty Honbarrier, and Salem Taylor lead these children.

**3 year olds & 4 year olds...**Preschool Room... taught by Heather Deese, Kate Gibson, and Jill Niebler.

**Preschool Music...**Preschool Music will be led by Martha Sue Hall and Ken Knight.

**Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ....**Art Room... Teachers: Leah Beamon, Brett Richards, and Rose Saltzman.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Graders - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders ...**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom...Teachers: Taylor & Dustin Jolly, Penny Morton, and Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs.

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders...**Teen Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor...Presbyterian Youth Curriculum...Teacher: Jim Carter





## ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

It's not Sunday School for adults simply *renamed*. It's a brand new concept at First Presbyterian Church.



is designed to provide opportunities for adults to *engage* their faith in new and changing ways:

- ❖ Engage with a variety of other people of all ages in growing their faith
- ❖ Engage in a number of different learning environments during the course of the year.

It's for YOU if you want to ENGAGE with God and the good people at First Presbyterian Church.

**Come & See For Yourself!**

More information will be available on Rally Day (September 13) and on September 20 in a large group introduction gathering in the gym.



# Covenant Bible Study Tuesday Mornings Beginning September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

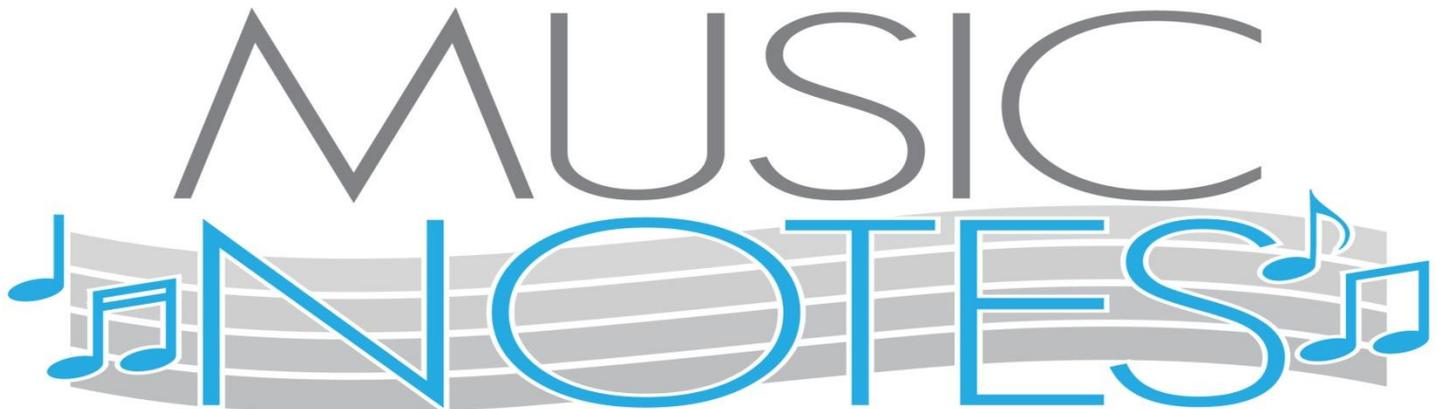
*Covenant* guides participants in a comprehensive indepth study of the Bible. The study emphasizes the biblical concept of *covenant* as a unifying theme through all the books of the Old & New Testaments. It underscores the

unique relationship that God chooses to have with humanity. This relationship is grounded in the faithfulness of God’s love and in our ongoing commitment to love God while we share signs of God’s love with other people. Covenant is a 24 week study. We will complete the study in three 8 week sessions; 1 fall, 1 winter, & 1 spring. Folks are encouraged ( but not required) to plan to complete all three sessions.

Cost for the study guides are:  
\$20 for 1 session or \$49 for all 3 sessions  
A large print version of the study guide is available for additional cost.

Please contact the church office ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) for session reservations.

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**Our Fall music season is beginning. There are groups available for all ages and levels of musical ability. Our most visible group, the Chancel Choir, will begin their regular Wednesday night rehearsals starting Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. This group sings for Sunday morning Worship Service. We welcome anyone interested in singing-please come out on Wednesdays or speak with Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, or any choir member. There are no auditions – we would love to have new additions.**

**In preparation for the Christmas Season- the Chancel Choir will have its Fall Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University Saturday, November 7.**

**The children will be involved with music through Youth Cubs & Youth Club on Wednesdays beginning September 16. Encourage your children to participate in the Orff Ensemble, led by Daniel Dickens, or in the Youth Club Handbells Ensemble, led by Frank Poolos.**

**As you can see First Presbyterian is well blessed with many musical opportunities. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!**

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JULY 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Table with 3 columns: Actual, Year to Date, Budget-to-Date. Rows include Total Income Received, Total Expenses, and (Shortage)/Surplus.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2015

Table with 3 columns: Pledges, Total Income, Total Expenses. Includes Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments and Average Weekly Amount Received in July.

We are behind \$14,908 in pledges. (\$14,838 of 2015 pledges was prepaid in 2014)

Our Living Legacy Campaign (pledged): \$290,373

July Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering: \$360

Pentecost Offering: \$600

Zambia Well Project: \$20,758

Gardening for SCCM: \$25

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MEMORIALS

Faith on the Fifth:

In memory of Becky Carter, given by Ruth Ann & Bill Rogers.
In memory of Charles Miller, given by Ruth Ann & Bill Rogers.

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Monti Bell, given by Holly Norwood and Jane Lisk.
In memory of Monti Bell, given by Doug & Susan Stokes.
In memory of Becky Carter, given by R.V. Liles, Jr., M.D.
In memory of Charles Miller, given by Mildred Andrew.
In memory of Charles Miller, given by Mr. & Mrs. Art Rogers.
In memory of Charles Miller, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs.
In memory of Jack Morris, given by Mr. & Mrs. Art Rogers.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Mildred Andrew.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Jean Hensely.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by R.V. Liles, Jr., M.D.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Tommy & Judy Murrell.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Bob & Claudia Odom.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Frankie Palmer, Annie Barringer, David Hatley, Wade Hatley, & Jeanette Isenhour.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Amanda & Michael Sells.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Mr. & Mrs. Doug Walker.
In honor of Andy Cotton, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
In honor of Matt Drumheller, given by Frankie Palmer.
In honor of Jim & Kim Marshall, given by Don & Nancy Joines.
In honor of Harold Sharpe, given by AD Image, LLC.

Music Fund:

In memory of Charles Miller, given by Doris Forte.
In memory of Mildred Sawyer, given by The Chancel Choir.

Our Living Legacy Campaign:

In memory of Monti Bell, given by Pam Brafford.
In memory of Becky Carter, given by Dr. Davis Fort.
In memory of Mary Lib Webb, given by Tom Webb & Fossie Lathan.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Dr. Davis Fort.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Terry Pleasant.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.
In honor of Toby Webb, given by Tom Webb & Fossie Lathan.
In honor of Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, given by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Wolf.
In honor of Stanley Scheer, given by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Wolf.

## MEMORIALS (continued)

### Property Endowment:

In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Doris Forte.

### Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Monti Bell, given by Gina & Roger Martin.

In memory of Becky Carter, given by Mary & Frank Green.

In memory of Becky Carter, given by Gina & Roger Martin.

In memory of Hazeline Davis, given by the Rowan Football Officials Association.

In memory of Sheila Flowe, given by Richard & Susan Dameron Marks.

In memory of Fay Granger, given by Gina & Roger Martin.

In memory of Olin Huneycutt, given by Gina & Roger Martin.

In memory of Johnsie McIntyre, given by HESSIE CLARK.

In memory of Mildred Sawyer, given by Gina & Roger Martin.

In memory of Mildred Sawyer, given by Ruth Ann & Bill Rogers.

In memory of Rita Whitley, given by HESSIE CLARK.

In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Mary & Frank Green.

In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Roger & Gina Martin.

In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Ruth Ann & Bill Rogers.

In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Carole S. Yost.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Sara Bowman and family.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Tom & Hannah Hearne.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Michael & Meg Jewell.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Gina & Roger Martin.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Polly Moose.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Miriam Russell.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Carole Yost & Tom Yost, Jr.

In memory of Amy Susan Wolf, given by Planning, Fire Marshall, & Engineering of the City of Albemarle.

In honor of Blue Honeycutt, given by HESSIE CLARK.

In honor of the Senior Care Committee, given by HESSIE CLARK.

### Hymnals:

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Dade & Betty Moeller by Catherine & Matt Moeller.

Given to the glory of God and in honor of John & Anne Montgomery by Catherine & Matt Moeller.

### SYMPATHY

To Kim Andrew upon the death of her sister, Monti Bell, on May 22.

To Keith Wolf upon the death of his sister, Amy Susan Wolf, on May 30.

To Laura McLeod upon the death of her mother, Fay Granger, on June 7.

To Mellanie Morgan upon the death of her father, Jack Morris, on June 16.

To Rob McIntyre upon the death of his grandfather, Harold Harkey, on June 27.

To Joe Carter upon the death of his wife, Becky Carter, on June 30.

To Jim Sawyer upon the death of his mother, Mildred Virginia Sawyer, on July 9.

To the family and friends of Ralph McAlister upon his death on July 12.

To Yoder Whitley, Laura Beth Marks, and Amy Whitley upon the death of Rita Whitley on July 21.

To Marion Andrew Miller upon the death of her husband, Charles Miller, on July 25.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Jane Lisk upon her retirement from South Central Oil.

To Al Andrew upon his retirement after 31 years with the Stanly County Schools.

To Dan Samples upon his retirement as a captain for US Airways after 41 years of accident free safe flying.

To Charles McLaurin upon his graduation from Vanderbilt University Law School. He has obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence.

### NEW ADDRESS

The Lee Johnson Family  
c/o Janie & Walter Johnson  
3129 Lauren Nicole Lane  
Buford, GA 30519

# NEWS *and* NOTES

## Meet the Newest Childcare Staff



Joining the Childcare Staff team this fall is Misty Honbarrier. She lives in New London with husband Troy, where they enjoy their sons, Brendan and Cameron-11 year old twins and 5 year old Avery, who will start Kindergarten this year. Misty enjoys camping and spending time with her family. For nine years, Misty has worked at Allstar Learning Center in New London and currently teaches a 3,4, and 5 year old combination class. She will graduate from Western Carolina in December with a Bachelors degree in Birth-Kindergarten Education. Welcome Misty!!!

## Meet a New Face at Youth Club

Leading the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade children in Orff this year will be Daniel Dickens. Daniel has taught music in SCS for 12 years and has worked at Running Creek, Central, East, Endy and Richfield Elementary. He has two children, Ashlee, 10, and Ashton, 3. He has an interest in theater and has portrayed biblical characters (Joseph of Nazareth, Judas and the Roman Centurion) and has shared those with many area churches. He currently plays piano at New London United Methodist Church where he has started a *Music in Mission* series that allows community members to share their talents to benefit local charities. He teaches guitar and piano and dedicated his summer to learning ceramic tile installation. Welcome Daniel!!!

Over the summer, Nikki Kindelberger moved to her hometown in Pennsylvania and will continue her music teaching career there. She worked to build interest and skill in the Orff Program at FPC and through Daniel's leadership, that program will continue to grow.

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## Session Notes

At its stated meeting on August 9, 2015, the Session discussed the upcoming fall season. There will be a worship service held at Morrow Mountain on September 6 and Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 13. The Christian Education committee told of a new format that is being planned for Sunday school classes in the fall. The Stewardship and Finance committee reported that \$290,000 had been pledged to proceed with the proposed improvements throughout the church and that we will proceed with the improvements in the gym. There have been several regular visitors at our Sunday worship and the Session was asked to be mindful of these visitors and to introduce themselves to them. Our church has a mission group that is currently in Mwandi, and we prayed for their safe return. Next month the Session will begin planning for the Presbytery meeting that will be held at our church on October 27, 2015.

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## Circle #5 Monthly Meeting

Circle #5 meets at the home Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle) on **Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Lesson #9, *A Call to Apostleship in the Twenty-first Century*, will be discussed. New study books will be available at this meeting.



**Newsletter Deadline:** **The deadline for the October 2015 Newsletter is noon on Tuesday, September 15.** Early submissions are always welcome! If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.com](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.com).

**STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN  
MINISTRY  
FOOD CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER:  
Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals**





**To:** Mildred Andrew, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Margaret Ivey, Judy & Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, Susan Pandich, Ruth Ann Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Rich Schaefer, and Martha White for assisting in the office during the summer.

**Thanks to those** who contributed desserts for the Dessert Extravaganza honoring Teacher Appreciation Week at Central School. Dessert makers were: Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue,

Rebekah Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Jane Boone, Peggy Finley, Margaret Ivey, Liz Jolly, Frankie Palmer, Ruth Ann Rogers, and Carroll Sitton.

**The Mission Committee would like to thank** the following people who helped purchase, prepare and/or serve food to our 91 guests at the Community Table on Saturday, June 7: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Debbie Bennett, Ruth and Andy Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Mary Green, Margaret Ivey, Nancy and Don Joines, Mary Kesselman, Heather Kilde, Leah Kilde, Sarah Michael, Polly Moose, Ruth Ann Rogers, Marlene and Nathan Sanges, Carolyn Sharpe, Carroll and Larry Sitton, Lee Snuggs, Teresa Taylor, and Martha White.

**The total for the collection from Circle the Sanctuary was 350 pounds.** There were so many things we were in need of, and we thank the Mission Committee for all their hard work and to the congregation for their generous contributions.

Heather Kilde, SCCM

**Thanks to Robin & John Howell, and Connie Wallace & Ken Knight, for hosting vespers at their homes this summer.**

**Thanks YOUTH!!!**



The SNL Monday Morning Mission team did a fantastic job of cleaning and organizing toys, puzzles and books in the preschool rooms, organizing and straightening up the art room supply cabinets and taking down and putting up fresh bulletin boards in the children's Sunday School rooms and Educational building hallway. Although they did not get dirty and sweaty, like many mission mornings, the youth worked hard and this mission work is extremely valuable because it serves the children of the church. What better way to show the

children how much they are loved and cared about, than to make their rooms clean and inviting. Thank you: Duncan Bryson, Holland Currie, Lachlann Currie, David Kilde, Jacob Palmer, Witt Snuggs, Blake Taylor, and Kendall Taylor. Thanks also to the adults who assisted that day: Linda Anderson, Debby Johnston, and Lynn Poplin.

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**Muffins & More**

After 13 years of serving our congregation and community, Muffins & More is taking a *sabbatical*. Many of the women involved with Muffins & More have been engaged in this ministry since its inception, and others have come in and out of the group. We appreciate all those who have lovingly baked and joyfully delivered muffins throughout the years. We will continue to think of new ways to care for and connect with others. Please pass your suggestions along to Elizabeth.

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**Thanks, Lee Boone!...**As Lee Boone moves toward completion of all requirements for the Eagle Scout award, First Presbyterian Church has been the beneficiary of his skills and energy. We are delighted that he chose to build storage cabinets in the church gym. Take a look at the handsome wall of cabinets at the back of the stage. They will be used primarily for storage of kitchen items used most often in the gym (dishes, linens, chafing dishes, punch bowl, large serving pieces, etc). Lee and his fellow scouts worked a combined total of 134 hours to complete this project for us. Thank you, Lee!

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The Adult Christian Education Task Force has met throughout the summer to consider ways to increase adult participation in Christian Education. Early efforts have focused on the Sunday morning program and how to increase participation.

Currently, less than 1/3 of our Sunday worship attendees participate in any type of Christian Education program. Recognizing that this is not the result of lack of interest in the faith or lack of commitment to the congregation, the task force began working to create a Sunday morning program which may better meet the needs of the congregation. Watch for more details about the plans they have made!

The Adult Christian Education Task Force members are:

Larry Sitton, chair, Skeet Ayscue, Phillip Brown, Patrick Currie, Debby Johnston, Rob McIntyre, Art Rogers, Ruth Ann Rogers, and Martha Wolf.

Many thanks to them for their many hours of work and creative thinking about how to serve the needs at First Presbyterian Church.



Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following that month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so. Critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

#### Friends of the Congregation:

**Chrissy Adams**, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; Hodgkin's disease.  
**Sheila Kirkland Breisch**, sister-in-law of Gloria Bryson; Atrial fibrillation.  
**Amy Brinson**, friend of Doris Forte.  
**Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.  
**Bob & Bessie Burris**, grandparents of Kim Caudle.  
**Glenn Burris**.  
**Jan Burton**, mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer.  
**Millie Campbell**, friend of Melissa Lemons; receiving treatment for breast cancer.  
**Katherine Cox**, mother of Sherrie Richards.  
**Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.  
**Roy & Katie Dearstyn**, parents of Holly Norwood.  
**Rich Drye**, nephew of Barbara Whitley; Hodgkin's Lymphoma.  
**Sara Dyer**, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.  
**Barbara Earnhardt**, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; battling ALS.  
**Elliott Efird**, grandson of Gayle & Ned Russell.  
**Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.  
**Jan Morris Everton**, surgery for kidney cancer.  
**Herman Hinson**, father of Carolyn McLaurin; ongoing health concerns.  
**Tonia Icenhour**, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.  
**Jeannette Isenhour**, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.  
**Randall Kimrey**, father of Bryce Kimrey.  
**Jackie Lynn Kruis**, seven year old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.  
**Don Little**.  
**Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.  
**Louise Medlin**, mother of Dona Lisk; diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma.  
**Karen Niebler**, mother of Jill Niebler.  
**Shannon Newton**, diagnosed with cancer; friend of the Johnston family.  
**Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.  
**Barbara Petillo**, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.  
**Brian Rogers**, son of Jane Rogers; awaiting heart transplant.  
**Karen Russell**, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.  
**David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges; receiving bone marrow transplant for Acute Myloid Leukemia.  
**Charles Schinck**, brother-in-law of Peggy Finley; recurrence of cancer.  
**Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.  
**Claudine Stone**, friend of Laura Wheeler.  
**Ethel White**, sister-in-law of Lynn White; diagnosed with mesothelioma.

#### Members of the Congregation:

**Joe Carter**.  
**Blue Honeycutt**.  
**Greg Johnson**.  
**June Johnson**.  
**Fran Mabry**.  
**Ed Myers**.  
**Bill Palmer**.  
**Pete Smith**.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 01- Frank Poolos     | 19- Becky Miller      |
| 02- Betty Crook      | 20- Angus Currie      |
| 03- Evan Johnson     | Brent Lisk            |
| Wayne Palmer         | Grant Lisk            |
| 04- Margaret Ivey    | 21- Ben Andrew        |
| 05- Braden Taylor    | Oliver Henkenjohann   |
| 06- Laura McLeod     | Caroline Morton       |
| 10- Bryce Kimrey     | 22- Jake Whisnant     |
| Grace Richards       | 24- Aidyn Osborne     |
| 11- Kelly Lentz      | 25- Kristie Bryson    |
| Ned Russell          | Courtney Smith        |
| 13- Jane Pickler     | 27- Carter Gibson     |
| Carolyn Sharpe       | Caroline West         |
| 16- Catherine Hinson | 28- Ruth Goforth      |
| Kyle Marks           | 29- Al Taylor         |
| David Morgan         | 30- Mary Grace Caudle |
| 17- Peggy Rogers     | Hannah Martin         |
| 18- Sam Davis        | Jordan Morgan         |
| Nathaniel Eudy       |                       |



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 03- Miller and Teryn Morgan    | 15- Banks and Susan Garrison |
| 05- Jim and Leslie Carter      | 16- Don and Sheryl Stewart   |
| 10- Richard and Janet Schaefer | 26- Joe and Ann Snuggs       |
| Peter and Morgan Schultz       | 27- John and Jessica Palmer  |
| 12- Dustin and Taylor Jolly    |                              |

# MISSION NEWS...



## MORNING OF MISSION

### MORNING OF MISSION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

We will have our next Morning of Mission on Saturday, September 19. The scheduled workday back on June 20 was cancelled because of the extreme heat. That means that we still have that big stack of requests, by way of the Senior Citizens Center, for help with small home repairs such as patching roofs and fixing handrails, and yard work that includes cutting away overhanging limbs and trimming hedges and shrubs.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Pit Stop beginning August 30. **It is essential that Don Joines knows who will be available to work by Wednesday (September 16) before the workday.** This allows time to plan for the number of work requests that can be accommodated as well as time to secure materials and tools.

The need is great so please plan to come out and help with these projects. If you would like to contribute to the cost of materials and supplies, you can make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note that it is for Morning of Mission.

For anyone who is not familiar with the Morning of Mission routine, we meet at the church at 8:00 AM for breakfast - remember that the kitchen is being remodeled - share in a brief devotion at 8:30 and then get our team assignments and head out to work.

If you have questions, contact Don Joines at H: 704 982-0348, C: 704 985-9596 or email: [djoines@ctc.net](mailto:djoines@ctc.net).

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### Volunteer Opportunities at Central School

School has started and the needs are always many. These are some of the ways we can help throughout the year:

1. Volunteer to read with children.
2. Volunteer to shelve books in the Media Center.
3. Volunteer to eat lunch with a child.
4. Volunteer to help with things like cutting, laminating, copying and other clerical ways.
5. Volunteer to be part of a team to get together and cut and bag box tops.
6. Volunteer to help staff the Book Fair in October and/or spring.



If you are interested, please contact :

Carroll Sitton at [carrollsitton@rtmc.net](mailto:carrollsitton@rtmc.net) or [336-461-5158](tel:336-461-5158)

or

Kristie Bryson at [kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org) or [704-982-9519](tel:704-982-9519)

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## Backpack Food Program Coming in Mid-September Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!



# SNL SEPTEMBER SCRIPT

Sunday, September 13	SNL Family Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Friday, September 18- Saturday, September 19	SNL Lock-in	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	SNL	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

## High School Conference Recap

From July 12 through July 18, Lee Boone, Holland Currie, Lachlann Currie, Virginia Currie, Matt Drumheller, Penny Morton, Witt Snuggs, and Anna Wainwright spent a week in Montreat, NC for the 2015 Montreat Youth Conference – My Story. The group spent the week laughing, learning, rock hopping, and growing together. They also attended wonderful keynotes, worship services, small groups, and recreation activities. We look forward to returning next year and would love for you to join us.

*Montreat was special to me because I got to see friends I had met in past years, but I also got to meet new people. I love becoming closer to God with people I love. – Kalyn Caudle*

*Montreat is my place. My place to realize how truly great God is and how truly blessed I am to have the life I have. I hope more youth will be able to join us next year on this life changing conference and I hope everyone will realize that God is the light that no darkness will ever overcome. – Anna Wainwright*

## Mission Staycation

A variety of youth and adults spent 4 days staying at First Presbyterian Church and working in our local community with Habitat for Humanity at the end of July. We worked on a variety of projects around Albemarle while also enjoying the hospitality of a number of our church families. We ended off the program with a fun trip to Carowinds. This mission trip was a great opportunity to contribute to our local community!

*I liked the staycation because I was helping around the county that I knew well. And I made an impact that I could see often. – David Kilde*

*During Staycation we helped Habitat for Humanity improve some houses that they had built. One day we cleared rocks from the yard of Habitat's newest house and stained its deck. Another day we went to a different house that had been built a few years back in order to stain the deck. The deck looked great after we stained it and the woman and her son who lived there were very grateful. It made me happy knowing that my work was directly helping people in our community and I would happily do Staycation again. – Ben McLeod*



## COMING SOON

Monday Night Bible Study

Starts Monday, October 5

with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton

Elizabeth will be joined by Jack Morton for the Monday night Bible study with high schoolers this Fall. The group will gather at Elizabeth's house for about an hour at 8:30 pm on Monday evenings beginning on October 5. Please contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)) with any questions.



- 05- Braden Taylor
- 10- Grace Richards
- 20- Angus Currie



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR  
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

**For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).**

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**Young Adult Lunch**

We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches during the Fall. We will try to visit a variety of restaurants throughout the Fall. If you have any requests, let Matt know ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) Plan to meet at noon on the first Wednesday of every month:

- September 2 at Second Street Sundries (221 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)
- October 7 at Little Tokyo (Hwy 52 location)
- November 4 at El Ranchito (Hwy 24/27 bypass)
- December 2 at Second Street Sundries (221 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

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**COME ONE, COME ALL**

**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

We are gearing up for our **FIRST FAMILY GATHERING** of the 2015-16 church year on **Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m.!**

**Mark your calendars for the  
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

**We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month.**

**September Menu:**

**Grilled Chicken & an Expansive Fresh Salad Bar, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station,  
Homemade Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.**

**Contact the church office to make your reservation ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722). Cost: Donation**



## Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

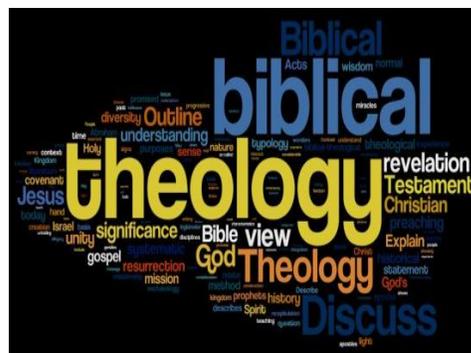
Meat and Salad Crew: Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Set up crew: Tuesday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m.  
 Decorating crew: Tuesday, September 1 at 4:30 p.m.  
 Final Touches crew: Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 p.m.  
 Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 2 at 6:45 p.m.

Before and after the First Family Gathering is a great time for fellowship. We have so much fun in the kitchen. I would love to have some new folks join us this year! I have really missed our kitchen fellowship time this summer. I can't wait to get things started up again in a NEW KITCHEN. If the kitchen is not complete, we will still have First Family. Please pray very hard that the kitchen will be complete very soon!

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### **Theology Lite**

On **September 10**, young adults throughout our community are invited to gather for *Theology Lite*. Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of theology. This is not going to be a chance to gather in a comfortable setting outside of the church walls to talk about life and faith. Please plan to join us at about **8:00 p.m.** at a location to be determined.



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### NECKLACE MINISTRY

**Crocheted necklaces continue to provide hope for families in Mwandia and formula for babies born of mothers with HIV/AIDS. During the summer, Quilts Unlimited in Black Mountain has sold more than 200 necklaces. They are also being sold locally at *Baubles and Books* on Main Street in Albemarle. To date, more than \$28,200 has been raised for the formula project in Mwandia. If you would like to know more and/or participate in some way, contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or [hugawolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hugawolf@hotmail.com)).**



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### **GRANDPARENT'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**



On Grandparent's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 13**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

### **GRANDPARENT'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

What is it? A gathering for preschoolers & their parents.  
 When? Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.  
 What happens? Parents will meet in the parlor for prayer and study while children are supervised in the childcare areas. And then, parents and children will play together in the gym.  
 Starting Date: Thursday, September 10



# Pray & Play

Adult Conversation will be around the book *The Jesus Priorities* by Christopher Maricle.

Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL  
 POOL PARTY!**

**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)**  
**Sunday, September 13**  
**Noon-3:00 p.m.**

At the home of Penny & Jack Morton  
 Cook out burgers and hotdogs!  
 Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen!  
*(transportation from church to Morton's home provided)*

Please let Gina Martin ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)) know that you are coming by Wednesday, September 9.

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**First Fellowship on Sunday, September 27  
 in the Pit Stop from 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

Come straight from Sunday School or arrive for worship a few minutes early for First Fellowship on Sunday, September 27. Enjoy a light breakfast while sharing conversation with friends. The Fellowship Committee looks forward to visiting with you in the pit stop between 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.!



## Communion Workshop for Children

A Communion Workshop is planned for children in Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the afternoon of **Sunday, September 27**. During this time, children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Plan to stay for lunch. The workshop will conclude by 2:00 p.m.



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## Get To Know Your Bible

Calling ALL 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Join us as we open up and explore the Bible!

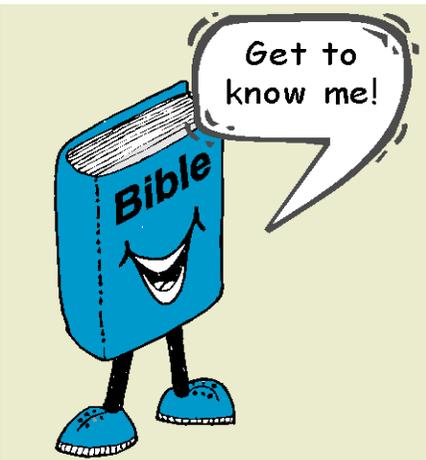
- See what's inside!
- Locate information!
- Read the stories!

**Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25**

9:45 a.m.

(during regular Sunday School )

Meet in the chapel



On Sunday, October 25 participants will receive their Bible during worship. Parents are invited to join the children and leaders for *lunch and learn* at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sundries following worship. Leaders: Elizabeth, Matt, & Gina

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## New Children's Art Gallery

Thanks to a dedicated group of painters, creative vision for our educational building, partnership with Youth Club and Youth Cub children and a grant from the Gaither Endowment, the Children's Art Gallery will soon be covered with colorful works of art created by children. Take a peek and you will find a much brighter hallway space, complete with fresh paint, new baseboards and less clutter. Thanks for encouraging the visual arts among our children and a deeper love and gratitude for our community. *For you are God's Masterpiece...*(Ephesians 2:10) will inspire children to share the gifts God has created in them as they create their own masterpieces. Thanks to the following people who worked over the summer to make this new addition possible: Steve Coats, John Hahn, Bob Johnston, Richard Lambert, Barbara Lindley, Roger Martin, Jack Morton, Tom Norwood, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, Lee Snuggs, and the Endowment committee.



# Deepening Community through Grace & Gratitude Youth Club Connects...

The theme for the year ahead will focus on a few key concepts:

- \*Deepening relationships with one another & God!
- \*Recognizing God's grace in our community-connecting with those who need us!
- \*Recognizing deep gratitude for what God gives!

Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) will kick off the year with a **"Love Your Neighbor"** unit, using key scripture Mark 12:30-31 *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."*

Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders) will begin the year with a **"It's Not Fair! Standing Up For Justice"** unit, using key scripture Micah 6:6-8, *"With what shall I come before the Lord...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* Throughout the year, children will keep a Gratitude Journal to encourage a positive response to all that God has provided in their lives and community.

First Day is Wednesday, September 16  
3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Orff (percussion) instruments led by Daniel Dickens 5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.  
(K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) Adult Sunday School classroom downstairs

Handbells led by Frank Poolos 5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Choir Room

\*Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m.



# First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Fall Art Exhibit Opening Sunday, September 13

## Featured Artists...2014 Women's Retreat Participants

The theme of the 2014 Women's Retreat was *Peace*. Appropriately, the multi-colored leaves and crisp air in November automatically create a feeling of peace in the mountains around Montreat. For the Saturday night (2 hour) creative session, Joyce Lambert and Mary Ann Greene led the group in painting a *fall tree* in acrylics. The group could paint from the example provided or create their own painting from their special memories. The purpose of the session was to be able to relax, have some fun and look for the beauty in God's creation.

Most of the participants had little or no experience in painting in acrylics; however, some of them have graciously agreed to share their work for the First Presbyterian Fall Art Exhibit.

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## Montaña de Luz Revisited



Virginia Currie, Skeet Ayscue and Cherry Ayscue (Skeet's sister-in-law) set out on August 22 for Honduras on what was the 10<sup>th</sup> mission trip sponsored by First Presbyterian Church to Montaña de Luz. They were joined by a church educator from New Mexico, two social workers from Akron, Ohio, a student from Liberty University and our leader, Ruth Deyoe. Many of the children of Montaña de Luz were waiting to greet this group upon arriving on campus. After the traditional singing of a greeting and response by the group, soft knitted balls were thrown back and forth – a tradition started by the First Pres contingent three years ago thanks to Janet Schaefer's knitting.

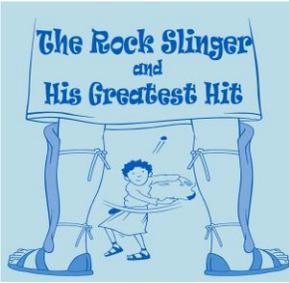
A variety of jobs awaited the group and they immediately plunged in the next morning. A cistern system was being planned for the older boys' house located in the village below. The initial part of the job consisted of digging (by hand) an eight foot deep by 10 foot wide by 15 foot long hole for the tank. As you can imagine, it took several days to dig a hole that large. Once that was done, a rebar mesh was constructed and insert in the bottom. Then the traditional "cement dance" began with four shovelers mixing concrete on the ground, forming a volcano like hole in the middle to fill with water, and then circling the perimeter of the mound while scooping the mixture from the base and sliding it down the inside. Eventually, the mound is thoroughly mixed and the cement wheelbarrowed over to the hole and poured in. Later, the walls will be bricked, the water tank installed, and a pump added to give the boys a reliable source of running water.

In addition to that large job, many other tasks were accomplished. The overheat light in the younger boys' new bathroom was rewired into the new ceiling. The bathroom was then painted by members of the group. A second bathroom with an outside entrance was also constructed with cement "flinging" being a new learned skill. The large garden area behind the dorm area has been transformed by a long-term volunteer from Ohio and it produce is used to provide food for the children. Much weed pulling, plant bed preparation, and planting occurred during the week with fantastic results. Other electrical work, supply sorting, more painting, and fence mending occurred during the week stay.

As always, the biggest highlight of the week is the time spent with the children of Montaña de Luz. Each day started with devotions in the chapel with the children who then were off to school. Late afternoons with the children were spent dancing, coloring, exercising, playing games, jumping rope, making ice cream, and just hanging out together. Several evenings were spent playing spoons (a rollicking card game) with the older girls and down in the village with the boys. An exciting ending to one evening was chasing a wondering rat in the dining area around the building for a good half hour. Some of the group watched atop tables. This episode earned the group the nickname of "The Ratpack".

As always, lots of new friendships were formed with the children, and among the group members who are spread across the US. A check was delivered from First Presbyterian for \$1000 which came from the Mission Trip fund and will be used to purchase a new washing machine, as the current machine broke down just before the group arrived. At some future date, the pictures of the trip will be shared and more of the stories told.





# Music & Arts Camp...The Greatest Hit!!!

Music & Arts Camp made a *HIT* this summer as a fun-filled week of entertainment for the camper and for the volunteers! The finale of *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*...the story of David's strong faith and courage to face the giant Goliath was enjoyed by all on Thursday evening, June 18. The week prior was filled with creative recreational activities, sensational Bible study lessons, art involving the creation of lovely background scenery, music, drama, singing and dancing to some cute and peppy tunes, and making music on an assortment of Orff instruments. Thanks to the following folks that helped make this year's camp a success:

Janice Abernathy, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Kalyn Caudle, Kim Caudle, Andy Cotton, James Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Betty Crook, Holland Currie, Virginia Currie, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Brianna Gonzalez, Samy Gonzalez, John Hahn, Martha Sue Hall, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Nikki Kindelberger, Cici Ly, Chris Mabry, Dee Mahoney, Roger Martin, Carolyn McLaurin, Isabel McLeod, Sarah Michael, Penny Morton, Jarren Moore, Judy Murrell, Barbara Overcash, Jacob Palmer, Alexis Poolos, Beth Poolos, Jacqueline Poolos, Nicole Poolos, Lynn Poplin, Ruth Ann Rogers, Gayle Russell, Rose Saltzman, Sandy Saunders, Morgan Schultz, Harold Sharpe, Ann Snuggs, Caroline Snyder, Jane Snyder, Teresa Taylor, Ann Upchurch, Connie Wallace, Shirley Welch, and Martha White.

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## Gaither Grants Awarded

At its meeting on July 27, the Endowment Committee had the joyful task of responding to the grant requests which were submitted. The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment was \$9,658. Funds were distributed to:

**The Technology Committee** for the purchase of tv, internet, and cd/dvr equipment.

**The Property Committee** for the purchase of audio rack, darkening shades in the gym, and HVAC unit.

**The Mission Committee** for financial assistance to OASIS (Older Adult Services in Stanly).

**The Worship Committee** for the purchase of art gallery equipment and new sound system recorder.

**The Christian Education Committee** for the purchase of a laptop computer, teaching DVD's, frames for Youth Club artwork, & Chrismon workshop for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Kim Marshall, chair; Debbie Bennett (Session Member), Bob Gaither (Member-at-large), Ronnie Michael (Member-at-large), Shannon Newport (Member-at-large), Sandy Saunders (Member-at-large), Elizabeth Ayscue (ex-officio), and Lee McLaurin (ex-officio).

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
**5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.**

On October 25, SNL will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to come join us in the gym for games and treats of all kinds. We will have treats and games for all ages! Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.!

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**Charlotte Presbytery Meeting**  
**at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle**  
**Tuesday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

We look forward to hosting the fall meeting of the presbytery of Charlotte. It's on Tuesday, October 27 and our building will be alive with more than 200 Presbyterians from throughout our seven county presbytery. There are many ways you can be involved. Contact our meeting coordinator, Susan Garrison (704-982-1190 or [banksandsusan@me.com](mailto:banksandsusan@me.com)), to find out how you can help. AND be ready to say YES if you get a call from her or any member of the steering committee.



# Women's Retreat 2015

November 13-15

William Black Lodge in Montreat

This week-end getaway is for you if you enjoy any (or all) of the following –

- Chatting and laughing with women of all ages,
- Having someone cook, serve, and clean up from all meals for you,
- Thinking about scripture in new ways with other women,
- Hiking,
- Napping,
- Shopping, and
- Making new friends.

Cost for the retreat is \$178.00 (double occupancy) or \$236.00 (single occupancy) and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and program materials. Help with cost is available. Contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722). Sign-up deadline and a \$75.00 deposit is due by October 5.

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## Men's Retreat

We will have our very first Men's Retreat this Fall at Camp Hanes from November 20-22. Men of First Presbyterian Church and their friends and relatives are invited to join us for this weekend of fellowship, outdoor activities, and Sabbath. Please register with the church office (704-982-2722). There is a \$30 deposit due on September 20.



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## Fall Dates to Look Forward To...

### October 11

Congregational Meeting following worship to elect deacons, elders, and members of the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Full biographies of all nominees will appear in the October newsletter.

### Consecration Sunday is November 1

The Stewardship Committee is planning toward a stewardship season which will acquaint us all with the opportunities before us.

## Community Christmas Dinner

Can you believe it has been 10 years since First Presbyterian Church last hosted the Community Christmas Dinner? We look forward to hosting this community event again in 2015 & 2016. Coordinators for this event are:

Martha Sue Hall  
Mary Kesselman  
Sandy Saunders

They have assembled a large group of *area* leaders who are already meeting. Watch for more information about how you can help.

Mark your calendar for Christmas Day!  
Friday, December 25



**Community Christmas Dinner**

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## Congregational Retreat

### Save the Date

A group has been formed to begin planning a congregational retreat for the Spring of 2016. The tentative date for this retreat is April 8-10 at Camp Caraway. Please put this date on your calendar.

Our last congregational retreat was a lot of fun, and we look forward to this opportunity to gather as a church community to worship, play, and fellowship. Keep your ears open for updates!

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## Summer Sermon Series Recap

### *Within the Stories:*

### *Experiencing God in Life, Literature, and The Word*

Many thanks to all for considering your own story in light of the story of scripture and children's literature. Use of children's literature, classic and new, has opened all of us up to new ways of thinking about the work of God in Jesus Christ. Thanks also to the boys and girls who served as illustrators for the children's books:

Elizabeth Bryson, Cidney Eudy, Ollie Henkenjohann, Ellis Johnson, Maddox Johnson, Owen Johnson, Katherine Jolly, Thora Kilde, Brent Lisk, Caroline Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Stella Marks, Danny Saltzman, and Caroline West.

# SEPTEMBER

## Tuesday, September 1

- 10:00 am First Family Meat & Salad Crew
- 4:00 pm First Family Set-up Crew
- 4:30 pm First Family Decorating Crew
- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

## Wednesday, September 2

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sundries
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 3

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Sunday, September 6

### Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 9:00 am Worship at Morrow Mountain State Park (Shelter C)

## Monday, September 7 *Labor Day/Church Office Closed*

## Tuesday, September 8

### Deadline for Grandparent's Day flower form

## Wednesday, September 9

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 10

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 8:00 pm Theology Lite (Location: TBA)

## Saturday, September 12

- 7:30 pm Stanly County Dancing With The Stars Benefit for The Butterfly House (Agri-Civic Center)

## Sunday, September 13

### Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Grandparent's Day/Opening of Fall Art Gallery

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:30 am \*Rally Day (Gym)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members' Meeting (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Back To School Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton (40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 6:00 pm SNL Family Dinner
- 7:00 pm \*Session

## Tuesday, September 15

- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

\*childcare provided

## Wednesday, September 16

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 17

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Friday, September 18

- 8:00 pm SNL Lock-in Begins/Concludes 8:00 a.m. on Sat.

## Saturday, September 19 *Morning of Mission*

- 8:00 am Morning of Mission Breakfast
- 8:30 am Morning of Mission Devotional
- 9:00 am Morning of Mission Assignments

## Sunday, September 20

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship

## Wednesday, September 23

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 24

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Sunday, September 27

### Dedication of Prayer Shawls

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 10:30 am-11:00 am First Fellowship (pit stop)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm \*Communion Workshop
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

## Tuesday, September 29

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

## Wednesday, September 30

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

\*childcare provided

## **THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER**

**Ushers:** Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman

**Elder Greeters:** Patrick Currie; Ellen Snyder

### **Nursery Room:**

**September 6: Worship at Morrow Mountain**

**September 13:** Jana Sanderson (Diaconate 9:00 a.m.)

**September 20:** Cici Ly

**September 27:** Jana Sanderson

### **Nana & Papa Team:**

**September 6: Worship at Morrow Mountain**

**September 13:** Susan & Banks Garrison

**September 20:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**September 27:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

### **Acolytes:**

**September 6: Worship at Morrow Mountain**

**September 13:** Angus Currie

**September 20:** Ethan Richards

**September 27:** Blake Taylor

### **Toddler Room:**

**September 6: Worship at Morrow Mountain**

**September 13:** Lauren Cranford/Misty Honbarrier (Session 6:45 p.m.)

**September 20:** Lauren Cranford

**September 27:** Salem Taylor

### **Preschool Partners:**

**September 6: Worship at Morrow Mountain**

**September 13:** Stephanie & Josh Campbell

**September 20:** Jill Niebler & Isabel McLeod

**September 27:** Leah Beamon & Heather Deese

### **Children's Church for September:**

**September 13, 20, & 27:** Virginia Currie



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