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Dear Ones,

I've been a baseball fan since the days when Dizzy Dean called Pee Wee Reese, "Pardner" and pitched Falstaff Beer on the radio. (For those who don't have an idea what I'm talking about.....just read, "for a very long time.") In honor of the "Boys of Summer" and the August Dog Days countdown, I bring you a Top 10 List: "The Top Ten Ways Church Imitates Baseball" from ChurchMojo.com, with added comments from the peanut gallery in parentheses.

Ready?

10. Sometimes you stand and sing, other times you sit. (some stand and don't sing)
9. It can go into extra innings. (never at FPCG, of course)
8. Hard to follow without a program (or if your preacher doesn't follow it)
7. Organ music (particularly the Chapel organ, which sounds like a Wurlitzer)
6. Uncomfortable seats. (apparently not a problem for those who "rest your eyes")
5. Sometimes you spend more than you want (hmmmmmm)
4. Gotta know how to read the signs (we don't want to talk about signs, do we?)
3. Long line for alcohol. (clearly, a Catholic list)
2. You're preparing for post-season play (unless you're a Cubbie...wait, they won, so there's hope for ME!)

And the number one way going to church imitates baseball:

1. If you mess up, you get sent down. (I confess to cleaning up the language here)

So, there you have it, in Church Mojo's unedifying form. I thought to come up with a list of my own, but have opted to change only number one, (with which I take issue).

Here's my substitute:

1. *"Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."*

Any baseball fan worthy of your hotdog and beer will immediately recognize these words as those of Lou Gehrig, delivered to a Yankee Stadium July 4th capacity crowd 78 years ago. Gehrig was saying goodbye to baseball that day, due to an illness that would come to bear his name. A fuller quote of some of his words that day....

"For the past two weeks you have been reading about the bad break I got. Yet today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for 17 years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans."

Lou Gehrig went on to graciously recognize his teammates and his family before ending this way:

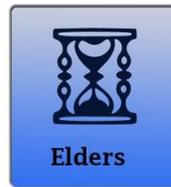
"So I close in saying that I may have had a tough break, but I have an awful lot to live for."

Can I tell you that I identify with Lou Gehrig? Not, to be sure, with his illness, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. To quote Mark Twain, who once found his obituary mistakenly printed in the New York Journal, "The reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated." I had prostate cancer. Or have it. Just which, is not yet clear. But this much is clear to me. If I have it, I will live with it. And regardless, Lou Gehrig perfectly captures what I have so deeply felt in these past months. I feel overwhelming gratitude to God for the gift of my life, the fullness of my recovery from surgery, and for my future hope. I cannot fully tell you how much you have meant to Sally and to me in these days. Your cards and calls have encouraged, your prayers have raised us up, your every kindness has ministered to us. I know why Lou Gehrig choked up when he spoke of this gratitude so long ago. I love you much, and am so thankful to be back at work. I plan to be back at work from now on, or until you tell me it's time to retire to the bullpen.

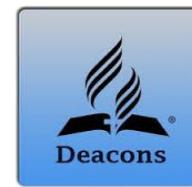
Warmly,
Bob



August 6 Rev. Bob Bardin
 August 13 Rev. Bob Bardin
 August 20 Rev. Bob Bardin
 August 27 Rev. Bob Bardin



Aug. 7 John Dees
 Aug. 14 Dan Blackshear
 Aug. 21 Susan Stackhouse
 Aug. 28 Linda Brown



Steve Jara
 Susan Bowmer
 Blain Crocker
 Elva Graham



Deacon in charge: Susan Bowmer
Co-Deacon: Rosalyn Lomax
Ushers: Charlie Dees, John Dees, Jimmy Huffman, Ellen Jordan and Michael Jordan



Chancel Guild
Barbara Bradshaw
Gail Shearin



Birthdays of the Month



1 Mrs. Becky Bolduc	11 Mr. Mickey Nance	24 Rory Blackburn
Hunter Wilson	13 Mrs. Sarah Casey	25 Mr. Fred Lomax, III
Mr. C. V. Sutton, Jr.	Mrs. Matilda Faircloth	Tanya Hawkins
Dr. Oz Wilder	Mrs. Frankie Farfour	26 Mrs. Catherine Parker
5 Mr. John Paul Hunter	17 Mr. Michael Wilson	Mr. Dan Blackshear
6 Mrs. Joyce Pate	18 Mr. Phil Eubanks	28 Mrs. Susan McCall
Mrs. Jane Richter	19 Mr. Brad Graham	29 Brook Albertson
7 Mrs. Betty Wampler	20 Mrs. Megan Suddarth	30 Paul Richter
9 Mr. Jack Best	21 Sarah Best	Katie Gibson
Virginia K. Best	22 Mr. Tommy Franklin	31 Mrs. Susan Cottle
10 Mrs. Ava White	Emily Benton	Mrs. Sandy Jeffreys
Mr. Bill Warren	23 Sarah Gibson	



Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir will resume on Thursday, September 7. This first rehearsal will be held at Pastor Bob & Sally's home. We will share a covered dish meal at 6pm followed by rehearsal at 7. We also welcome anyone who may be interested in joining the choir. We have several special events coming up this fall and would love as many voices as we can get to join us in song. If you have any questions, please contact Jayson Keeton at fpcgoldmusic@ncrbiz.com or contact the church office. Thank you.

Church Calendar

Monday, 8-1	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Meeting
	7:00	Committee Meetings
Sunday, 8-6	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
	4:00	Open Gym
Monday, 8-7	10:00 a.m.	C.N. Meeting
Tuesday, 8-8	4:00 p.m.	Memorials Committee Meeting
	7:00	Diaconate
Sunday, 8-13	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
Tuesday, 8-15	7:00 p.m.	Session
Sunday, 8-20	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Open Gym
Sunday, 8-27	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Activity Center
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters
		(Every Week)



COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESSES

Please make sure to send in the new addresses for your college students so that we may keep in touch with them throughout the school year!

Email Lisa Royall at lisaroyall1111@gmail.com.

A big thank you to all who have hosted **Presbyterian Socials**. It was a great first year and those who participated have been very positive about the events. After one year of every other month, June, 2016 through June, 2017, we are going to take a break this August. The next Socials will be Sunday, October 8, with three families hosting smaller socials. There will be two Socials December 10, with half the group at each one. Then everyone will be together for a big gathering February 11 at the *Historic Goldsboro Bridge Barn*.

If you have questions about the Socials, or want to get your name on the list, please contact Evelyn Rose, Barbara Bradshaw or Sue Blackshear.



Operating Budget As Of June 30, 2017

Budget Line Item	June 2017	Total 2017	Budget 2017	% of Budget
Receipts				
Pledges	\$36,083	\$207,167	\$395,537	52%
Non-Pledge Offering	\$7,333	\$22,711	\$83,962	27%
Sunday School Offering	\$22	\$368	\$450	82%
Plate Cash Offering	\$261	\$3,228	\$6,000	54%
Missions - Foundation	\$10,000	\$17,000		
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$2,559</u>	<u>\$6,600</u>	<u>\$14,500</u>	<u>46%</u>
Total Operating Receipts	\$56,258	\$257,074	\$500,449	51%
Expenses				
Benevolences	\$650	\$11,437	\$20,737	55%
Program Budget	\$1,015	\$3,816	\$11,045	35%
Operations Budget	\$11,202	\$64,803	\$126,155	51%
Salaries & Benefits	<u>\$27,137</u>	<u>\$166,568</u>	<u>\$342,412</u>	<u>49%</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$40,004	\$246,624	\$500,449	49%
Net Income/(Loss)	\$16,254	\$10,450		

Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

August 27

September 3, 17, 24

October 1, 22



Please contact Susan Stackhouse or the church office if you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary.



**Saturday,
October 7th**

If you have clothing you wish to donate, you may bring these items to the church. **PLEASE MAKE SURE CLOTHING IS IN A STRONG PLASTIC BAG, IN BOXES OR ON HANGERS!**



THE OFFICE STAFF NEEDS several more volunteers to help greet people and answer the phone at the reception desk. Please consider giving a few hours in the morning or afternoon. We will work with your schedule and you will be a huge blessing. Contact Ruth Smith for more information. (fpcgoldadmin@ncrrbiz.com)

*Dear FPC Friends,
This church is full of thoughtful and caring people. Thank you all for your prayers and concern during my recovery!
Jimmy Huffman*



Dear Pastor Bob, Session, and Members,

Many thanks for selecting me for the honor of receiving the award for the "Outstanding Older Adult" of 2017. I was taken completely by surprise and left me a little dazed; I almost cried.

The church and my family were great secret keepers. I just thought my daughter had just come for a visit. John and Heather had a great time keeping the secret from me.

Thank you for everything. The corsage, , the beautiful church flowers, the kind words written and spoken by so many of you, were great. I really appreciated everything.

Thank you again. I love you all.

Peggy Till



Vacation Bible School





High School Retreat



Middle School Retreat



First Presbyterian Church

Scottish Heritage

5k Kilt Run/Walk

**From First Presbyterian Church through
Herman Park and down Beech Street**



Saturday, September 16
8:00 am

\$20 Entry

Tee-Shirts included if you pre-register by September 1, 2017

Awards to Top 3 Male & Female finishers

Please contact Scott Gibson (scottgibsonpt@aol.com)

Registration Forms can be picked up at the FPC office during normal business hours.

or call Nona Andrews at 919-734-5392

The First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Goldsboro will be sponsoring a 5K kilt run/walk and Scottish Heritage Days Community Event. In addition to the 5K kilt run, there will be Celtic Dancing and Scottish games for the family to celebrate the Scottish Heritage of the Presbyterian Church. The event will run until noon.

Course: Starts at FPC through Herman Park and then runs along Beech to Claiborne and then back.

5K Run/Walk Awards: Top 3 male/female finishers will receive an award.

Questions: email Scott Gibson at scottgibsonpt@aol.com