3. Mrs. Lauren Metzler
3. Ms. Grace Evans
5. Mr. Sam Hunter
5. Mr. Trotter Sumner
6. Mr. Jay Kinsey
9. Mrs. Sarah Evans
9. Mr. Thomas Sumner
11. Mrs. Meredith Gurley
11. Mr. Sonny Wooten
14. Mrs. Elva Graham
15. Mrs. Dianne Finan
18. Mr. Demis Perez
19. Mrs. Hannah Rouse
19. Mr. Philip Brogden
22. Mrs. Emily Lewis
24. Mrs. Lynn Branch
25. Dr. Sherman Hawkins
25. Campbell Hackmann
25. Anna Kate Leonard
25. Mrs. Sandra Franklin
26. Dr. Joe McLamb
26. Mrs. Ann Hunter
28. Mrs. Marlene Lloyd
29. Mr. Bill Corbin

Officer Duties

Date	Elder	Deacon	Co-Deacon
March 2	Teresa Smith	Jordan Krutsch	Charles York
March 9	Susan Stackhouse	John Fidler	Ronson LeVau
March 16	Phyllis Patterson	Jo Barrow	Marilyn Bateman
March 23	Phyllis Patterson	Nancy Hastings	Marilyn Bateman
March 30	Susan Stackhouse	Nancy Hastings	John Fidler

For the Month

- Cody Corbett
- Dennis Lewis
- Gale Lewis

Back Door Duty Monitors

Mar.02- Charlie Rouse
Mar. 09- Coleen Leeper
Mar. 16 – John Dees
Mar. 23- Charles York
Mar. 30 – Carol Branch

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"At once the Spirit sent Jesus out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan. Jesus was with the wild animals, and angels attended him"

Mark 1:12-13

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro,

Welcome to the Season of Lent 2025. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a period of forty days like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, prophet Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to repentance to Nineveh, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the 40 days, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and concludes at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter (April 20th).

It is very interesting to me that the Gospel of Mark describes Jesus in the wilderness with the wild animals. Sometimes, it feels like life takes us into the path of wild animals. But what a great encouragement that Jesus overcame the testing time and the wild animals through prayer, obedience and claiming the promises of God. Then angels came and served Jesus.

May the example of Jesus be an inspiration for us so that we may also defeat the wild animals of our daily lives and overcome the testing and temptations.

"Where, O death, is your victory? And where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

We will worship together on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7 p.m., combined with Faith Presbyterian Church located at: 2114 N Berkeley Blvd, Goldsboro**. As we worship the Lord on the Sundays in Lent, help with the Clothing Give-Away, participate on Maundy Thursday Communion service and the special Good Friday worship service, Faure Requiem, April 18, at 7 p.m., and gather for the sunrise Easter Service and Easter worship service, may God renew our faith and renew the joy of our Salvation. For Jesus Christ is Lord and lives forever and ever. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Noé Juarez

FPC Foundation Applications!

The FPC Foundation annually awards grants to organizations for the purpose of promoting the mission of the church, "With Christ our Savior as model and the Holy Spirit as guide, we gather to worship God, and go forth to serve, sharing our faith and God's love." fulfilling the teachings of Scripture (Deut. 6:4-6; Micah 6:8; Matt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; and James 1:27). The FPC Foundation applications are now open and are available on the church website and in the church office. **The last date to turn in your application is March 31st.** Please share this information with our community.

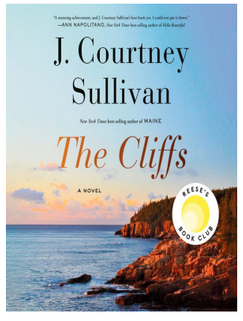
2025 MONTREAT

Women's Retreat

Friday, August 8–Sunday, August 10

If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Welcome Center!

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB



The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club. "The Cliffs" by J. Courtney Sullivan is our next book. Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch. The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Childcare will be provided upon prior request.

Easter Lilies:

If you would like to place a name on the memorial or honor list and share in the cost of the Easter lilies, please use available envelopes in the pew racks. You may also email the church at fpcgold@ncrrbiz.com. Cost is $10.00 per name and the deadline is April 13.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women and friends, please join us for Bible study and fellowship. All women in our congregation are invited to come to one of these meetings in the Parlor. The lessons are meaningful and the fellowship is a blessing to all who attend.

Evening circle: Mon, March 3, 7:00 p.m.

Morning circle, Tues, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES FOR

VBS 2025!

JUNE 16- JUNE 20

AGE 3- GRADE 5

YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER!

Register students online at fpcgold.myanswers.com or by scanning the QR Code

SPRING PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL

We are all in for a unique treat at our May 4 FPC Social. All ADULT members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited as Tim and Karen Haithcock are hosting at their Pecan Farm. It will be **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 5:00-7:00 P.M.** The Pecan Farm address is 312 Sanderson Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578. Directions: Go east on Highway 70 from Goldsboro, turn right on highway 111 and head south for 8.7 miles; turn right on Sanderson Road; go 1 mile and turn left (by 3 old tractors) and follow a dirt path .4 miles to the orchard on the left. Hope to see you there!

FPC ANNUAL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00 A.M.– 12:00 NOON

1101 East Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC

In Our Prayers

- **Jimmy Huffman**
- **Ken Taylor**
- **Addie Warren**
- **Brigitta Seymour**
- **Fred and Rosalyn Lomax**
- **Mary Glenn Pittman**
- **Ditty Whitford**
- **Linda Stevens**
- **Eddie Radford**
- **Elbert Brown**
- **Victoria Barfield**
- **Will Stackhouse**
- **Brad Graham**
- **Jeff Stanley**
- **Rev. Jason Leonard**
- **Phyllis Davis**
- **Stan Davis**
- **Linda Brock**
- **Gloria Cauthorn**
- **Ryan Scott**
- **Virginia Royall**
- **Travis Best**
- **Laura Pike Deprill**
- **Emma Penner**
- **Mike Grebe**
- **Jane Yates**

FPC MISSION TRIP

CHIAPAS, MEXICO

Speak to Teresa Smith or Ann Hunter for more information!

MISSION TRIP DATES: MAY 31-JUNE 6

Congregational Nurture Committee

The **First Presbyterian Church Education Scholarship** supports FPC members needing financial assistance to further their education. FPC seeks to nurture and support our young members training for vocations and careers. Applications are available from the office or by emailing our church administrator, Jessica Judd at fpcgold@ncrrbiz.com The deadline for submitting an application is **April 30, 2025.**

DONATE **BLOOD** SAVE LIFE

Tuesday, April 29

In the Activity Center

First Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro