

First Presbyterian Press

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“Hello friends at First Presbyterian, greetings from a beautiful farm house in Palenque in Chiapas Mexico. As you can see in this picture we are 17 people from our church serving the Lord in mission partnership with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. Salvador and Irma are hosting us here and they take us to the surrounding villages where we are helping with construction and work with children. It is a joy to be in mission making disciples of all nations and thank you for your prayers”. Sincerely, Pastor





Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons
July 2	Ann Hunter	Carol Branch
July 9	Tim Haithcock	Nathan Johnson
July 16	Tim Haithcock	Marilyn Bateman
July 23	Eddie Radford	Coleen Leeper
July 30	Eddie Radford	Betty Rose Sutton

The deacon in charge:

Grace Foster

Co-Deacon:

Emily Byrd



For the month of July 2023

Barbara Bradshaw, Joan Stafford, Curtis Stafford

Happy Forth of July



Christian Education

Summer Sunday School

All classes meet from 9:00 until 9:45

Children's Class: Mrs. Margaret will meet with the children in **her normal classroom upstairs** for Sunday School.

Three Adult Classes are available:

1. **Michael Jordan's Class** meets in the library. They will continue with their study of the Book of Job. This is a great study of one of the Books of the Bible. All are welcome to join.
2. **The Discussion Class** meets in the Conference Room next to Mc Chesney Hall. The teachers rotate between Joe Mc Lamb, Linda Stevens, Tim Haithcock, Eddie Radford, James Spicer, and Rosalyn Lomax. They will be studying **THE PRESENT WORD** quarterly (PCUSA). If you enjoy a standardized Bible Study, please feel free to attend this class.
3. **Young Adult and the Young at Heart Sunday School Class** meets upstairs in Room 215 (across from the elevator). Come join the class for **Coffee*Cards*and Coloring** for the Summer. The class will begin with a devotion conducted by various class members. We will offer a card ministry to comfort, celebrate, and communicate with church family and friends. Children are welcome with adult attendance. Please feel free to join us for the Summer for this ministry.

Ms. Margaret Burgess will also teach a combined class for all children K-5th Grade.

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Vacation
Bible School
July 24-28
9:00 a.m. to Noon



Vacation Bible School

It's time to register for VBS! If you have a child Pre-k - 5th grade you can sign them up below by scanning the QR code. Reminder that 3-4 year olds have to be potty trained. If you would like to volunteer to help, please email Ali Blackburn at ali.c.blackburn@gmail.com or Meredith Gurley at meredithbgurley@gmail.com. Nursery will be provided for the children of our volunteers upon request.



July Birthdays!

7/2 Joy Leigh Leonard
7/5 Robin Wilson
7/6 Frederic C. Mc Call III
7/7 James W. Spicer IV
7/11 James Doss
7/12 Kathern W. Eason
7/16 Walter Futrelle
7/16 Emily York
7/18 Brigitta Seymour
7/20 Ella G. Juarez
7/20 Katherine M. Parker
7/23 John Parker
7/25 John Fidler III
7/29 Simon Scott
7/31 Vera Mae Blackburn

7/5 Rebecca Kinsey
7/6 Hadley Bolles
7/7 Alexander J. Rouse
7/9 David Byrd
7/11 Russ Jones
7/13 Judy Taylor
7/16 Addie Warren
7/18 Dr. Bryson Bateman
7/19 Wanda Starling
7/20 Barbara Parker
7/21 Donald Sutton
7/23 Ryan L. Rouse
7/27 Ellen Eubanks
7/30 Betty Anderson

Presbyterian women



Presbyterian Socials

Presbyterian Socials! How do they work? We try to have Socials for adult members of our church once a quarter, winter, spring, fall and Christmas seasons. The Socials are always on Sunday evenings, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Step 1. A home or venue is located with hosts. Hosts are asked to provide beverages.

Step 2. A date is chosen which suits the hosts and does not conflict with the Church calendar.

Step 3. Several Church members and friends are contacted to bring hors d'oeuvres. Usually, 8 to 10 people bring food. Anyone who can host will not be asked to bring food to someone else's Social. It is passed around through the

congregation members and friends so that no one is obligated to bring food over and over.

Step 4. Announcements are made as soon as possible in monthly newsletters about dates of upcoming Socials.

Step 5. Information is placed in Worship Bulletins as the Social nears, including hosts, date, time, and address.

Step 6. Wonderful fellowship is enjoyed by all who attend.

We currently have the following Socials scheduled: September 17 hosted by Neal & Shelby Benton and December 3 hosted by Jason & Ali Blackburn. We hope you can attend.

For more information contact Evelyn Rose evrose602@gmail.com or (919) 222-6393.



Music Ministry

Notes from Chris Watkins

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir members: All the music for the remainder of the year has been selected and will be in your folders when you arrive back to your weekly choir rehearsals **on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.** You will also find a red folder containing all of your Christmas music that you will sing on **Sunday Night, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. when you will present “The Music of Christmas”** as our gift to the congregation and community. All of your anthems will have a take-home packet filled with copies of each anthem and a series of “Chris - in - box” rehearsal CDS to help you learn your music when you are at home or in the car. If you are a member of the congregation who would like to join the wonderful singers of our choir this fall, please tell Chris and he will make sure that you have folders filled with the music awaiting you at our first rehearsal in September. You do not need to know how to sing or read music. There is no audition. All you need is a desire to come and make music for the Lord.

Handbell Choir

We presently have fifteen ringers gathering each Thursday night in the Handbell rehearsal room on the second floor. The first rehearsal of the season will be **Thursday night, September 7th at 5:30 p.m.** We

will practice for two hours each week except on the Thursday nights when the Book Club Meets. On those Thursday nights we will stop at 7:00 p.m. so that some of our ringers can attend. If you would like to join the wonderful ringers of the Handbell Choir, please tell Chris **by the end of July. On August 1st**. Chris will start preparing the music for Christmas for each individual ringer. He will not be able to add any additional parts for late- arrival ringers after this date.

Children's Choir

All children from the age of five (pre-school) through the 6th grade are encouraged to join Mr. Chris in the choir room each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. During these 30- minute rehearsals the children will learn the music and their script for this year's Christmas Musical, "Miracle at the Christmas Café" to be presented on the morning of December 3rd in our sanctuary.

Each child will receive a copy of the script and a CD of the music to take home and learn the words and songs quickly and easily. If you would like a thumb- drive copy of this musical for those of you with a car that does not have a CD player in it, please let Chris know and he will arrange to have a special copy of this music produced for you.

Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday morning, September 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room.** (We are starting our rehearsals a little later this fall to allow families to make a final trip to the beach before the weekends become too busy.) Please make plans to be with us. Your child will have a wonderful time preparing this musical and singing songs.

Welcome our newest Staff Member



Bio: Dalton grew up in Bemus Point, New York before moving to Goldsboro with his wife Hadley. He is currently attending Empire State College and will be earning his bachelor's degree in Psychology. Before becoming part of our staff he taught full time and substituted at many schools across Wayne County.

Dalton is looking forward to continuing his career working with the youth of our church.

Prayer Request

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Jimmy Huffman, c/o Cathy Huffman, 118 CP Sykes Road, Spring Hope, NC 27882
Ken and Judy Taylor, 904 Pittman St., 27530
Mrs. Jackie VanHoy, 508 N. Claiborne St., 27530
George & Addie Warren, 200 Deluca Road, 27534
Peggy Till, 312 Cedar Road, 27534
Brigitta Seymour, 100 Tarklin Dr., 27530
Jane Richter, 211 Stratford Rd., 27534
Bryson Bateman, 309 Walnut Creek Dr., 27534
Ric Wagner- A friend of Chris Watkins, Home
Fred Lomax, 204 S. Claiborne St., 27530
Buck Tate, 124 Clay Brook Dr., 27530

Outreach

Brookdale Senior Living

1800 N. Berkeley Blvd. Goldsboro, NC 27534
Mr. Gilbert Brown, Room 704

Brookdale Senior Living

380 Country Day Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530
Mr. Mike and Mrs. Ann Pate

Cypress Glen, Apt A 202,

100 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858
Mrs. Madelyn Percise

Willow Creek, # 411: Mrs. Jane Johnson (Nathan's mother)
2401 Wayne Memorial Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534

Family and Friends of Members

Mr. Jeff Stanley, son of Bill and Sharon Stanley (320 Whipple Ave. Batavia, IL 60510)
Ms. Beth Jennings, a friend of Carol Branch
Ms. Judy Britt, a friend of Carol Branch
Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son
Ms. Jane Yates, a friend of Toby Brown (Alleghany Center, 179 Combs Street, Sparta, NC 28675)
Amy Hastings, daughter of Nancy and Charles Hastings, Pennsylvania, Pancreatic Complications.
Devon Hughes, niece of Randa Scott, diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.