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Hello friends at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

On this occasion, as we celebrate the Easter season from April 9 all the way to Pentecost Sunday on May 28, I would like to share with you some lessons based on the life of the 12 disciples adapted from the *Life Application Study Bible*:

- **Simon Peter**, fisherman, impulsive, later bold in preaching about Jesus. Key lesson: Christians falter at times, but when they return to Jesus, he forgives them and strengthens their faith. *Matthew 4:18-20, Mark 8:29-33.*
- **James, son of Zebedee**, fisherman, ambitious, judgmental, deeply committed to Jesus. Key lesson: Christians must be willing to die for Jesus. *Mark 3:17, Luke 9:52-56*
- **John, son of Zebedee**, fisherman, ambitious yet very loving. Key lesson: The transforming power of the love of Christ is available to all. *Mark 1:19, John 21:20-24.*
- **Andrew, Peter's brother**, fisherman, eager to bring others to Jesus. Key Lesson: Christians are to tell other people about Jesus. *Matthew 4:18-20, John 12:20-22.*
- **Philip**, fisherman, questioning attitude. Key lesson: God uses our questions to teach us. *Matthew 10:3, John 1:43-36*
- **Bartholomew**, honest and straightforward. Key lesson: Jesus respects honesty in people. *Mark 3:18, John 1:45-51.*
- **Matthew (Levi)**, tax collector, outcast because of his dishonest career. Key lesson: Christianity is not for people who think they are already good; it is for people who know they've failed and want help. *Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 5:27-32*
- **Thomas**, the twin, the doubter. Key lesson: Even when Christians experience serious doubts, Jesus reaches out to them to restore their faith. *Jn. 20:24-29.*
- **James**, son of Alpheus, unknown.
- **Thaddaeus**, Key lesson: Christians follow Jesus because they believe in him; they do not always understand the details of God's plan. *Matthew 10:3.*
- **Simon the zealot**, fierce patriot. Key lesson: If we are willing to give up our plans for the future, we can participate in Jesus' plans. *Matthew 10:4.*

- **Judas Iscariot**, treacherous and greedy. Key lesson: It is not enough to be familiar with Jesus' teachings. Jesus' true followers love and obey him. Matthew 26:20-25.

Which disciple do you connect with? What key lessons learned can you apply in your own life?

Sincerely,

Pastor Noé Juarez.



Officer Duties

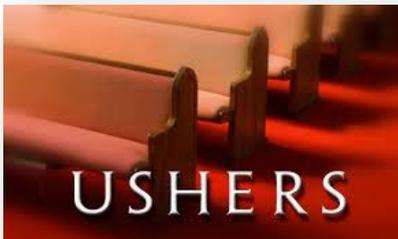
	Elders	Deacons
May 7	James Spicer	Emily Byrd
May 14	Phyllis Patterson	Randa Scott
May 21	Lee Futrelle	Marilyn Bateman
May 28	Teresa Smith	Betty Rose Sutton

The deacon in charge:

Demis Perez

Co-Deacon:

Betty Rose Sutton



For the month of May 2023

John Till, Evelyn Rose, Harold Rose



Congregational book club

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club. "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks, author "Of People of the Book" will be studied the month of June. This book is the March winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch. Place: McChesney Hall. Childcare will be provided upon prior request.

Christian Education May 2023 Events

Sunday School – Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday school 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Young Presbyterians (preschool through fifth grade) May 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group (sixth through twelfth grade) will meet

Sunday, April 2 and 16. The last one is Sunday, May 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. You are invited to a summer kick-off BBQ and game night celebrating the end-of-the-school-year. Invite your friends and hear about the plans for youth this upcoming summer.

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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 years old 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.





May Birthdays!



1 Randy Sauls	17 Lourdes Ortiz
1 Bill Royall	17 Mary Scott Best
2 Rick Sumner	19 Brad Gurley
7 George Joseph	20 Mary Florence Taneti
9 Katie Graham	25 Chris Watkins
15 Steve Jara	29 Eliana Judd
16 Charoltte Suddarth	31 Karis Hawkins
17 Sharon Stanley	

FPC Members- We would like to honor all our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 21. If you know of someone in our church who is graduating from high school, college, graduate school or even post graduate, please email Lisa Royall to let her know. Lisaroyall1111@gmail.com

Presbyterian women

Presbyterian Women: Presbyterian Women and Friends; Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship. Rosalyn Lomax will present our Bible Study, “Sabbath and Justice”, Isaiah 58. The Evening Circle will meet, Monday, May 1, 6 p.m. in the Parlor. The Morning Circle, will meet on Tuesday, May 2, 10 a.m.in the Parlor.

Presbyterian Women Celebration: Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00 p.m., Chapel. Honorary Life Member will be announced! Speaker- Randa Scott and Desert reception.



Music Ministry

Notes from Chris Watkins

Handbell Choir News

Our wonderful Handbell Choir has begun their summer sabbatical from their weekly rehearsals. Each ringer has done a wonderful job in learning their music and the art of English Handbell Ringing week after week for 90-minute sessions each Thursday at 5:00 p.m. They have performed for our congregation during the holidays and for the standing-room-only audience at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia. Their beautiful music has touched the hearts of all who have heard them ring!

This summer Chris will be selecting and circling the notes for the individual ringers' music for the fall and Christmas season. If you would like to join our Handbell Choir you need to know the following information:

1. It is helpful if you know how to read notes in the treble or bass clef. If you do not know how to read music, Chris will help you learn your part. (There are several members in our choir who do not know how to read music but have devised their own system of reading the notes and counting which works for them.)

2. If you join the choir, you must be committed to coming to every rehearsal! Each ringer is important to the playing of each piece of music. The ringers are like the fingers of a pianist - if a pianist loses a finger, he cannot play the keyboard easily. If a ringer does not come to each rehearsal, parts of the music cannot be rung.

3. If a ringer **MUST MISS** a rehearsal, they are required to find a substitute to play their part while they are away. (A list of preferred substitute ringers will be provided with telephone numbers and email addresses.)

The deadline for joining the Handbell Choir is **AUGUST 1st**! Chris needs to know the exact number of ringers who will be joining the choir by this time so that he can assign bells to each ringer. No one will be able to join the choir after this date. They will need to wait until January to be included as a new ringer.

Come join us for our first rehearsal in September! You will love your fellow ringers and learn so much about making music with bells. A good time will be had by all!



An iPad is Needed!

The beautiful pipe organ in the sanctuary needs an iPad! In order for Chris to record music on the pipe organ to record the accompaniment to a difficult anthem so that he can stand and direct the choir, an iPad is needed to attach the organ to allow the music to be recorded. Having this function on the organ would also allow Chris to take a vacation while still providing organ music, responses, hymns, and vocal accompaniment for a Sunday service.

The Men will Sing in May!

Mother's Day Musical Tribute to the Women of the Church

May 12th during the Morning Service

CALLING ALL THE MEN OF THE CHURCH! Last May, 2022, the wonderful men of the congregation joined Chris in the choir loft to sing "Faith of Our Mothers" to the ladies of the church. It was a touching event in which the ladies wept and swooned to hear the voices of the men lifted in song for them.

On May 12th – Mother's Day 2023 – the men of the church are invited to come to the choir room at 9:15 a.m. to go over their song, "Faith of Our Mothers" with Chris. You do not need to know how to read music. You do not need to have a trained voice. You will not have to wear a choir robe. If you can read lyrics in English, breathe on a regular basis, and be able to get into the choir loft without help you are encouraged to join us for this fun time together. Chris will go over the tune and words with you and line you up to go into the loft before the start of the service. As soon as your tribute in song is over, you can return to your place in your pew in the sanctuary. Please consider joining us for this once-in-a-year musical gift to the special women in your life!

Prayer Request

Home:

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

Betty Rose Sutton, 407 Tryon Dr. 27530

Fred Lomax, 204 S Claiborne St. 27530

Troy Pate, 1601 Evergreen, 27530

Hospital

Bobby Richter- REX Hospital

Jane Johnson- #318, Wayne Memorial Hospital

Bryson Bateman- ER, Wayne Memorial Hospital

Ric Wagner- A friend of Chris Watkins, Baptist Hospital

Outreach

Brookdale Senior Living

1800 N. Berkley 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)