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“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You” -Isaiah 26:3

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

I love the phrase “*perfect peace*” in the verse above but did you know that in Hebrew, “perfect peace” repeats the same word twice? It says, “*Shalom, Shalom.*” In Hebrew repeating the same word twice is a sign of perfection, abundance, and an overflowing beauty.

So, this summer, may you have a “Shalom, Shalom”, the perfect and exuberant peace of God in every part of your life. As we begin a new month, as we travel, as we celebrate July 4th, may the perfect peace of God be with us. For those who are sick or facing a hardship, may the perfect peace of God give you comfort.

My heart is filled with perfect peace and gratitude because God has brought us a wonderful music director in J. Matthew Moore. In our initial staff meetings and conversations, I sense his kind and enthusiastic spirit. His new ideas and talents are a joy for our congregation. Welcome, Matthew, and may we have a fruitful and joyful ministry for many years.

This Sunday June 30th after Matthew’s reception, my daughter Ella and I will be going to Peru for 12 days. I know many of you will be traveling too and wherever you are, may God’s perfect peace continue working in your life. I truly appreciate the preaching of Randa Scott in my absence on July 7th. Thank you, Randa.

We also thank God for the ministries of Dalton who has concluded the work with the youth. May God bless him and his family. Youth Parents and Youth, we will start searching for a new youth director very soon.

I would like to finish sharing this poem by Nathaniel Hendry that speaks of the “*Shalom, Shalom*” the “*perfect peace*” of God:

*...When my mind is filled with stress and care
And in my darkness I despair
When all seems lost and hope grows cold
Let Your deep stillness flood my soul
On You alone I cast my care
For in my sorrow You are there.
When I’m lying on my bed at night
With past regrets flooding my mind*

*My thoughts You point to Calvary
Where all my sin was nailed to Thee
The weight is lifted from my chest
For in Christ's grace I find sweet rest.
Peace Christ gives to me, For He lives in me
He gently wipes away each tear
As perfect peace melts every fear
The world's distractions can't compare
To the peace God gives those in despair.*

With peace of Christ, *Pastor Noé Juarez*

Officer Duties

| | Elders | Deacons | Co-Deacons |
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| July 07 | Eddie Radford | Bud Fidler | Charles York |
| July 14 | Phyllis Patterson | Rebecca Kinsey | Rick Sumner |
| July 21 | Kathryn Spicer | John Parker | Bud Fidler |
| July 28 | Charlie Rouse | Jo Barrow | John Parker |

Back Door Monitors: July 07 Susan Stackhouse
July 14 Randa Scott
July 21 Jason Blackburn
July 28 Jo Barrow



For the month of July

Evelyn Rose, Harold Rose, Kathryn Spicer

From the Mission Committee

***SAVE THE DATE! ***

The Annual FPC Yard Sale will be Saturday, Oct. 5. You may begin dropping items off for the yard sale on Aug. 20. So start cleaning out those attics and closets because it's too hot to do anything else!





July Birthdays!



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| 02 Joy Leonard | 18 Brigitta Seymour |
| 04 Scott Gibson | 18 Bryson Bateman |
| 05 Rebecca Kinsey | 19 Wanda Starling |
| 06 Fred McCall III | 20 Barbara Parker |
| 06 Hadley Bolles | 20 Matilda Parker |
| 07 James Spicer IV | 20 Ella Juarez |
| 08 Jonah Krutsch | 20 Reeda Sloane Leib |
| 08 Mary Katherine Hackmann | 21 Don Sutton |
| 09 David Byrd | 23 Lola King |
| 11 Jimmy Doss | 23 John Parker |
| 12 Katharine Eason | 24 Jeff Barfield |
| 16 Emily York | 25 Tripp Fidler |
| 25 Monica Hoepfer | 27 Ellen Eubanks |
| 16 Addie Warren | 29 Robin Leib |
| 16 Lee Futrelle III | 30 Betty Anderson |
| 16 Paul Hackmann | 31 Vera Mae Blackburn |

Church office will be closed on July 4th and 5th.



Pastor Noé's vacation will be on July 1st –July 12th.

Paige's vacation is July 6th- 14th.

July 7th our guest preacher will be Randa Scott.

Passport Jesus, VBS: July 22-28. If you have signed up to volunteer, please see Paige to receive your Volunteer Packet and take your "Passport Picture" if you have not already.

Welcome to our Newest Staff Members!



J. Matthew Moore/ Director of Music

Matthew began his life in church music at the age of 12, as pianist for his neighborhood Methodist church. Having started piano study in first grade he went on to study organ and voice in high school and held part-time church organist/director positions in Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches during his early/mid 20's. After studying Organ Performance and Vocal Performance at the prestigious University of Michigan School of Music, Matthew has held full-time positions in large-membership Methodist and Catholic churches for the last 28 years. His choirs have performed major choral works with orchestras and toured nationally. He has produced many concerts, conducted community choruses, directed choirs at Reformed and

Orthodox Jewish Temples, and performed as a tenor soloist and organist in Michigan, New York, New Mexico, West Virginia and Kentucky. In his free time his nerdy interests include adding to his "to be read" book collection, Irish/British culture and television, genealogy and baking.



Please join us in welcoming back **Ms. Brigitte Broohm!**

After spending more than a year in Europe and Africa, Brigitte is back in our area. She worked in our nursery previously, caring for babies and toddlers. When she moved back here, we were delighted that she was interested in our part-time nursery worker position. Brigitte will be helping to take care of little ones on Sunday mornings and also on Wednesday evenings when we have Family Nights.

FPC Directory Additions/Corrections

Kaitlyn Lancaster 919-222-8505

Charlie Rouse 919-922-0220

Christie Stafford 919-252-9230

Music Director:

Matthew Moore 919-922-9674

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A poster for "Passport Jesus VBS" featuring a globe and the word "Passport" in a large, stylized font. The text "Jesus VBS" is written in a cursive font. The poster includes the church's name and address, the dates and times of the event, and a description of the program. It also provides a website for registration.

First Presbyterian Church
1101 E Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC

Passport Jesus VBS

July 22-26 | 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Age 3- Grade 5

Grab your suitcase and join us for a spiritual trip around the world! Each day will be a new adventure as we visit 5 countries and discuss how they live, worship, and spread the Gospel!

To register, Please visit
fpcgoldsboro.org/children