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“So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith”. – Ephesians 4:11-13a

Hello friends at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

The Summer Olympics 2024 are in full swing. What is your favorite part? I enjoy learning the stories of the amazing athletes. Some train barefoot in the mountains of Kenya and then win a gold medal in the marathon. Some are refugees who have left everything yet somehow sports have been a way to cope with such tragedies. How about them gymnasts? Synchronized swimmers? Or the sport that I am more familiar with: soccer. What do these groups have in common? They work as a team; each athlete brings their best, yet any little mistake can affect the work of the whole team.

In the community of faith, similar things occur. My heart sings of joy that First Presbyterian Church is truly a joyful team. Like in any organization, we bring our points of view, our gifts, and talents but all of us are being trained as one team by Jesus Christ.

In the Ephesians text, I love the image of the equipping church. *‘To equip people for works of service’*. Last week, during the Vacation Bible School we saw how we are an “equipping” church. Paige planned and organized all the volunteers, Matthew helped with music, Jessica helped with the logistics and Jean was the steady presence. The teachers and volunteers have shared their gifts of sharing the Bible stories, preparing the snacks, working on crafts, games and activities. Other leaders have helped building things we needed for the theme of Passport Jesus. Parents, thank you for sharing your children with us last week. Children, thank you for being part of the Vacation Bible School and also for bringing food for the Community Soup Kitchen.

As we begin to plan for the new program year, may we continue working as a team trained by the Master of Jesus Christ. That in all areas of ministry such as praying,

teaching, encouraging, visiting, and sharing the love of Jesus with the community can we keep flourishing for the glory of God!

Let's go FPC team!

In Christ,

Pastor Noé Juarez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
Aug. 4	Teresa Smith	Randa Scott	Carol Branch
Aug. 11	Teresa Smith	Carol Branch	Randa Scott
Aug. 18	Sonny Wooten	Bud Fidler	John Parker
Aug. 25	Emily Byrd	Jordan Krutsch	Rick Sumner



For the month of August

John Parker
Katherine Parker
Teresa Smith

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School 2024

For Adults at 9:00 a.m.

For Children at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. Margaret

Women's Connection Conference

August 9-11 Montreat Conference Center



August Birthdays!



01 C.V. Sutton

01 Oz Wilder

03 Alice Huneycutt

05 Paul Hunter

05 Paige Corbett

06 Joyce Pate

07 Tim Judd

08 Stacy Redondo

09 Jack Best Jr.

09 Virginia Best

10 Bill Warren

11 Mickey Nance

13 Matilda Faircloth

13 Rhonda Gaylor

15 Bill Stanley

17 Michael Wilson

18 Philip Eubanks

20 Megan Suddarth

21 Sarah Best

22 Tommy Franklin, Jr.

24 Rory Blackburn

25 Fred Lomax III

25 Brigette Broohm

25 Tanya Hawkins

26 Dan Blackshear

27 Gabriel Redondo

27 Charlie Rouse

28 Brooke King

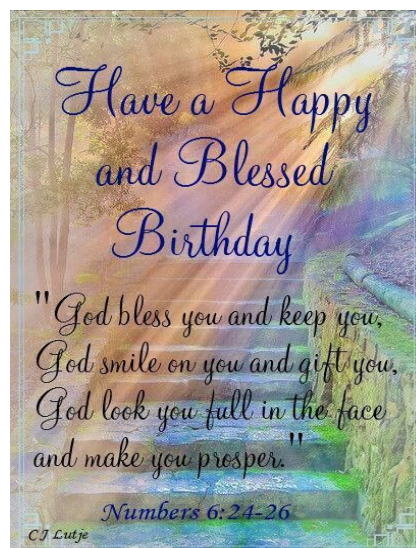
28 Emmanuel Foster

30 Katie Gibson

30 Henry Huneycutt

31 Susan Cottle

28 Susan McCall



PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL!

Pastor Noé and Laurie Juarez have stepped up to host our next Presbyterian Social at their home on **September 22**. Time will be the usual 5:00-7:00 P.M. Their address is 110 Jessica Place, Goldsboro. More information will follow closer to that date.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women and friends, please join us for our Presbyterian Women's Kickoff 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27 in the chapel.

All women at First Presbyterian Church are invited to join us for worship, fun, and fellowship each month. We offer both morning and evening Circle meetings to accommodate most schedules. The same program is offered at both meetings. Starting in October, we will generally meet the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Free child care can be supplied if you let us know in advance. Please join us and bring a friend!

Kick-off Sunday – September 8

We will begin our new programs and activities with a great celebration. Stay tuned for the details!

We will also be taking a Scholarship Offering on Kick-off Sunday. Please consider giving to this offering that helps fund college scholarships. There will be envelopes available in the pews designated for this offering. Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church and notate in the memo "Scholarship Offering".

College Student's Address

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

Email: Lisa Royall at lisaroyall1111@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Fall: September 1, 2024 - November 20, 2024

Winter: January 15, 2025 - April 9, 2025 with a break on March 5 for Ash Wednesday

Adult Bible Study: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Dinner: 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice and Other Activities: 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

A big thank you to Paige Corbett, all the teachers and volunteers who organized an amazing Vacation Bible School called Passport Jesus with 70 children. It was a joy to see so many children learning God's stories that will stay with them forever. Thanks to Matthew Moore who helped with the music for the children. Thanks to other staff members and church leaders who supported everything needed for the Vacation Bible School as well. Thanks to all the people who helped with snacks, games, crafts, music and Bible stories. Thank you parents for sharing your children with us this week. Thank you boys and girls for bringing food for the Community Soup Kitchen. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.







FROM the MISSION COMMITTEE

- Thank you for your generous contributions for the 5th Sunday Missions offering in June! We were able to give \$2,056 to the Holy Ghost Drawing Center Community Crisis Center.
- **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.
- All proceeds from the Annual FPC Yard Sale are used for mission projects locally and internationally. Most recently money has been used to help Presbyterian churches in Chiapas, Mexico. In June of 2023, a team of missionaries from FPC worked in El Rubi Tulija. Using money from FPC, the congregation of Rubi-Tulija Church have been able to remodel and

reconfigure their sanctuary. The main entrance is now facing the street and the pulpit has shifted to the old entrance in the back. New tiling, paint, benches and fans were installed. These make the church look more functional and welcoming. The congregation sent this message to FPC, "Greetings and a BIG thanks to 1st Goldsboro for their generosity to make possible the new kitchen, improvement to the fellowship hall and the remodeling of the church ...the congregation and pastor are very happy and want to see you return and share their joy and the fruits of this long partnership." **Below are pictures from before and after the remodeling of the sanctuary.**



2018



2019



2024



Church Service in 2024



Music Ministry

Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells return soon!

We are starting the choir season a little early this year. We will be singing and ringing on Sunday the 8th of September, our “kick off” Sunday for the Fall season. So – here is our “pre-season” rehearsal schedule. Both groups will get a full season schedule when we meet the first time.

If you have ever been in choir before and would like to participate, please talk with Matthew Moore before we begin. You can call him in the church office or email him at fpcgoldsbormusic@gmail.com.

If you have ever played an instrument or can read music and could be interested in Handbells, please connect with Matthew about possibly playing in the group.

<u>Chancel Choir</u>	(Choir Room)	
Rehearsal	Wednesday, August 28	7:00pm
Rehearsal	Wednesday, September 4	7:00pm
CHOIR RETREAT	Saturday, September 7	9:00am until 1:00pm
Church	Sunday, September 8	9:30am warm-up - 10:00am Service

<u>Chancel Bells</u>	(Handbell Room)	
Rehearsal	Thursday, August 22	5:30pm
Rehearsal	Thursday, August 29	5:30pm
Rehearsal	Thursday, September 5	5:30pm
Church	Sunday, September 8	9:00am warm-up - 10:00am Service

Puzzle!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

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| 14 - 7 = ___ Father | 10 + 15 = ___ in |
| 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly | 10 - 5 = ___ God |
| 9 + 9 = ___ the | 6 - 3 = ___ to |
| 12 + 12 = ___ blessing | 12 - 6 = ___ and |
| 2 - 1 = ___ Praise | 6 + 6 = ___ Christ |
| 7 + 7 = ___ has | 18 - 9 = ___ our |
| 11 + 11 = ___ every | 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus |
| 13 + 13 = ___ Christ | 1 + 1 = ___ be |
| 8 + 8 = ___ us | 7 + 6 = ___ who |
| 10 + 10 = ___ realms | 2 + 2 = ___ the |
| 8 + 9 = ___ in | 10 + 5 = ___ blessed |
| 5 + 5 = ___ Lord | 4 + 4 = ___ of |
| 10 + 11 = ___ with | 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual |

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26		

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, NIV



For our VBS mission this year, the children brought in canned goods and paper products to support the Community Soup Kitchen here in Goldsboro. We had a friendly competition; if the girls brought in more items, then Pastor Noè would get a pie in the face, but if the boys brought in more items, then Mrs. Paige would get a pie in the face. While the competition was pretty close, the girls won and Pastor Noe prepared himself to get the pie! To be a good sport, Mrs. Paige received a pie as well. Altogether, we collected 321 items for the Soup Kitchen!



“I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?” Psalm 121:1 (NRSV)

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Huffman, c/o Cathy Huffman, 118 CP Sykes Road, Spring Hope, NC 27882
Ken Taylor, 904 Pittman St., 27530
Addie Warren, 200 Deluca Road, 27534
Brigitta Seymour, 100 Tarklin Dr., 27530
Fred Lomax, 204 S. Claiborne St., 27530
Mary Glenn Pittman, NC Veterans Home-Kinston, 2150 Hull Rd, Kinston NC 28504
Ditty Whitford, 829 N. Spence Ave., 27534
Linda Stevens, 582 S. Peedin Ave. Selma, NC 27576
Eddie Radford, 135 Livingston Drive, 27530
Chris Coward, Brookdale Morehead City, Rm. 205, 107 Bryan St. Morehead City, NC 28557,
Gilbert Brown, 1800 N. Berkeley Blvd. Rm 506, Navion of Goldsboro, 27534
Elbert Brown, 606 Pinecrest Dr., 27534

Hospital

Outreach

Brookdale Senior Living

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

Cypress Glen, Apt A 202,

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

Willow Creek

Family and Friends of Members

Mr. Jeff Stanley, (son of Bill and Sharon Stanley) 320 Whipple Ave. Batavia, IL 60510
Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son
Ms. Jane Yates, a friend of Toby Brown (Yadkin Valley Senior Living, 500 Johnson Ridge Rd., Apt. 2 Western Hills Ct., Elkin, NC 28621)
Rev. Jay Hine, 109 S. Audubon Ave. 27530
Gloria Cauthorn, 2010 Pump Rd. Henrico, VA 23238
Charles Barrow, father-in-law of Jo Barrow
Ryan Scott, brother of Ali Blackburn
Lois Ammons, mother of Margaret Burgess

FPC Summer Calendar for August 2024

Sundays	Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Prayer Group at 11:30 a.m.
Mondays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Committee Meetings (first Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (second Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (third Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fridays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays	Church office closed

For a detailed weekly calendar please visit the church website.