



First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina

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Dear Friends,

We find ourselves in “full-blown” summer and the vacation-filled month of July. But, you know that things never stop around here! Vibrant worship continues each Sunday, as well as the time of “colorful” fun and learning we know as Vacation Bible School. Please be with us whenever you can, and keep FPC in your prayers when you are at the beach, in the mountains, or wherever your travels may take you.

This Sunday, July 3, I will share highlights from the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the PC (USA) in Portland, as well as a brief tribute to Independence Day. We will also sing an extended version of a favorite hymn, which you won’t want to miss!

Beginning July 11, some much-needed repairs are going to be done in the sanctuary, so we will worship for a week or two in the activity center. We are blessed to have options when it comes to the use of our facility, and are thankful! On July 17, we will commission folks for the mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico, as well as the youth and leaders going to the Montreat Middle School Conference in TN.

Many of you are aware of the great work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Those called to this ministry have helped thousands, if not millions, of people around the world and here in the U.S. Right now their attention has turned to our neighbors in West Virginia, as well as folks in Texas and California. Flooding has left many homeless and penniless, as have wildfires in the west. If you can give to PDA, you can know that your money is going to a good cause. <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/OG100000/>

I hope each of you is continuing to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee, which you elected, in your prayers. That task is never an easy one, and takes as short or as long a time as God leads to do its work properly. New Hope Presbytery continues to be a trusted resource for this group as they work and pray together.

As for my time with you, this interim pastorate reaches the two-year mark this month. You are well on your way to a hopeful future, if you just refuse to allow anxiety to divide you, and keep your eyes on “the One who is able to keep you from falling, and present you flawless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,” (Jude 1:24).

My last Sunday in the pulpit will be August 14. I will be going not too far away, to Suffolk, VA, to minister with the people of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. This will be in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, where I was a candidate, and was ordained in 1992. Their pastor has retired after a long-term pastorate. Please keep their witness in your prayers, as I am asking them to pray for FPC. Oh: You will see John around town as he directs the play, *Sylvia*, at Centerstage, which is in early October. He will have to conduct rehearsals nearly every evening.

May you abide in faith, hope and love. “God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.” 1 John 4:16

Blessings,



# JULY CALENDAR



- Sundays** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 Worship  
4:00 Open Gym (July 17)
- Tuesdays** 9:00 a.m. Troubleshooters  
NO Committee Meeting this month  
NO Diaconate Meeting this month  
7:00 p.m. Session (July 19)
- Wednesdays** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (July 6 and 20)  
5:00 p.m. Bulletin Article Deadline
- Fridays** 8:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 4 Office Closed for July 4th
- July 11-15 VBS
- July 20-24 Middle School Conference
- July 25 Newsletter Article Deadline
- July 25-29 Mexico Mission Trip

Please note that the church office will be closed Monday, July 4th.  
The staff wishes you a Happy Independence Day.

### ELDERS

- July 4 Pam McIntyre
- July 11 Sue Wooten
- July 18 Ann Hunter
- July 25 Brownie Doss

### DEACONS

- Susan Bowmer
- Ellen Best
- Ellen Henderson
- Jim Vinson

### USHERS

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Patti Bigley  
**Ushers:** Buck Tate, C.V. Sutton, Betsy, Anna and Jack Wisniewski



## BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 4 Mr. Scott Gibson     | 13 Mrs. Judy Taylor     | 23 Mr. John B. Parker  |
| 5 Mrs. Robin Wilson    | 16 Mrs. Addie Warren    | Ryan Rouse             |
| 6 Frederic McCall, III | Mr. Lee Futrelle        | 24 Mr. Jeff Barfield   |
| 7 Mrs. Francis Batson  | 18 Ms. Brigitta Seymour | 25 Tripp Fidler, III   |
| Alexander Rouse        | Dr. Bryson Bateman      | 27 Mrs. Ellen Eubanks  |
| James Spicer IV        | 19 Ms. Wanda Starling   | Mr. David Jones        |
| 9 Jack Scott, III      | 20 Mrs. Barbara Parker  | Mr. Aaron Kiser        |
| 11 Mr. Jimmy Doss      | Matilda Parker          | 30 Mrs. Betty Anderson |
| 12 Mr. Gene Thompson   | 21 Ms. Cam Malpass      |                        |
| Katharine Eason        | Mr. Don Sutton          |                        |



**Boy Scout troop 3**, sponsored by First Presbyterian, needs a cub master to begin in September. Mike Mitchell who has served as cub master for the past two years is willing to serve as the assistant cub master. The pack meets on Monday nights. If you are interested in working with boys grades 1-5 please contact Ellen Best, chairman of congregational nurture, 919-920-9211.

## Operating Budget Financial Report As of May, 2016

Budget Line Item	May 2016	Total 2016	Budget 2016	% of Budget
<b>Receipts</b>				
Pledges	\$22,025	\$129,949	\$391,628	33%
Non-Pledge Offering	\$3,318	\$22,470	\$73,693	30%
Sunday School Offering	\$34	\$167	\$450	37%
Plate Cash Offering	\$359	\$2,151	\$6,500	33%
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,155	\$14,013	\$8,000	176%
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$26,891</b>	<b>\$168,750</b>	<b>\$480,271</b>	<b>36%</b>
Foundation *	\$137,100	\$137,100		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$163,991</b>	<b>\$305,850</b>		
*includes 10,000 for operating budget missions				
<b>Expenses</b>				
Benevolences *	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	0%
* to be disbursed \$10,000 from foundation and 12,230 from 5th Sunday offerings and fundraisers				
Program Budget	\$445	\$1,997	\$10,150	20%
Operations Budget	\$8,656	\$50,613	\$126,155	40%
Salaries & Benefits	\$28,099	\$136,756	\$337,966	40%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,200</b>	<b>\$189,366</b>	<b>\$480,271</b>	<b>39%</b>
Foundation	\$137,100	\$137,100		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$174,200</b>	<b>\$326,466</b>		
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$10,219</b>	<b>\$20,616</b>		

### How do I pay for something for church use?

The Financial Policy Manual previously approved by Session, requires that all individuals requesting expenditure of funds relating to church activities and functions whether by church check, church credit card or reimbursement from personal expense must first complete a voucher. All vouchers will be approved by the Financial Administrator. In addition, to better manage the church budget and to qualify for sales tax reimbursements, we encourage the payment for goods and services through church funds and not individual reimbursements. If you are seeking personal reimbursement, please keep in mind that checks are only written on Thursday of each week and normally disbursed on Friday. Thank you for your attention to these policies.

On July 23, 2016, a group of ten from our church family will travel to Chiapas, Mexico as a partner with Medical Missions, Inc. and missionaries, Salvador and Irma de la Torre. We will be assisting with construction of a new church for a rural community in the area. Please keep the following team members in prayer as we prepare for this upcoming mission work: Sam Hunter, Ann Hunter, Joseph McLamb, Harold Rose, Brownie Doss, James Taneti, Melissa Galloway, Carl Hinds, Philip Brogden, and Kim Brogden.



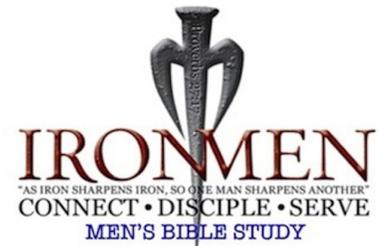
### Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) as the search for our next pastor continues. Pray for the committee's wisdom, guidance and unity, and that the Lord will open and close doors according to His plan for our church. Also, pray for the many candidates who are seeking God's call, that He will lead them to the place where they are called to serve. The PNC appreciates your prayers and patience as this process moves forward.



### Attention All Men!

*Ironmen Ministry*, a faith-based men's group will meet every other Wednesday at FPC at 6:30 a.m. The next meeting will be July 6th in the Conference Room. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. If you have any questions, contact Bill Royall.



**July 11-15, 2016 9:00 to noon**

### Montreat Middle School Conference

Please be in prayer for Catherine Jordan, Ashley Jordan, Scott Jara, Hunter Wilson, Charlie Dees, Vismai Taneti, Vismitha Taneti, Stella Bryant, Ellen Jordan and Mary Taneti