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“Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness”. Lamentations 3:22-23.

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro,

These days, this beautiful hymn, *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* has been in my mind. Consider the lyrics,

*“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be...”*

I learned the lyrics in the Spanish version first when I was a child. Since then, every time I hear and sing this hymn I am inspired by the comforting words. It is so comforting to know that even in the most challenging times in our personal or communal life, God is faithful to his promises and that God will sustain us to the end of times. This line *‘Great is thy faithfulness’* was first sung by the Jewish people during the painful time of Jerusalem being destroyed. Even when they were grieving the loss of their city and the temple in Jerusalem, they claimed into God’s faithfulness. Now that is true faith!

I would like to encourage all of us to remember God’s promises and find comfort that God is always weaving a beautiful picture out of our individual and communal lives for his glory. Let us go forward proclaiming God’s promises that no matter what happens, in life and in death we belong to Jesus Christ. Ultimately, our faith rooted in the truth of Jesus Christ will get us through the challenges and become God’s faithfulness through the ages. Therefore, please join me in singing:

*‘Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me’. Amen.*

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Noé Juarez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
Feb. 4	Kathryn Spicer	Jordan Krutsch	Rebecca Kinsey
Feb. 11	Meredith Gurley	Randa Scott	Jordan Krutsch
Feb. 18	Emily Byrd	Randa Scott	Sally Bardin
Feb. 25	Charlie Rouse	John Fidler	Marilyn Bateman

Back Door Monitors

Feb. 4	Meredith Gurley
Feb. 11	Marilyn Bateman
Feb. 18	Charlie Rouse
Feb. 25	Meredith Gurley



For the month of February 2024

Sam Hunter, Tim Haithcock, Brad Gurley

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club. "[Remarkably Bright Creatures](#)" by Shelby Van Pelt. Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch

The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Parlor . Childcare will be provided upon prior request.

Christian Education February 2024 Events

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Young Presbyterians 2-3:30pm Sutton Lancaster	5 Out	6	7 Bible Study 5:30pm	8	9	10
11	12 Annabelle Keefer Out	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16 Parent's Night Out 6-8pm	17
18 Young Presbyterians 2-3:30pm	19 Out	20	21 Bible Study 5:30pm	22	23 Marlowe Ellis John Parker	24
25	26 Out	27	28 Bible Study 5:30pm	29		

February 4, Young Presbyterians: God knows all things.

February 7, Bible Study: God is everywhere.

February 14, Bible Study: Ash Wednesday, God is perfect.

February 16, Parent's Night Out: Valentine's Day themed craft night.

February 18, Young Presbyterians: God made man and woman in his image.

February 21, Bible Study: The very first husband and wife.

February 28, Bible Study: God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden.



February Birthdays!



2 Ms. Leslie VanHoy

4 Mrs. Jewel Sauls

4 Sutton Lancaster

5 Mr. Borden Parker

6 Rev. Bob Bardin

6 Ms. Vismitha Taneti

7 Mrs. Katherine Parker

10 Mrs. Laurie Juarez

11 Ms. Christie Stafford

15 Mrs. Kathryn Spicer

18 Mrs. Mary Hope Crocker

19 Mrs. Leslie Hunter

22 Mrs. Ali Blackburn

23 Mr. James Parker

23 Mr. John Parker V

24 Mr. Troy Pate Jr.

24 Dr. Charlotte Campbell

24 Ms. Jean Whitaker

25 Mr. Will Spicer

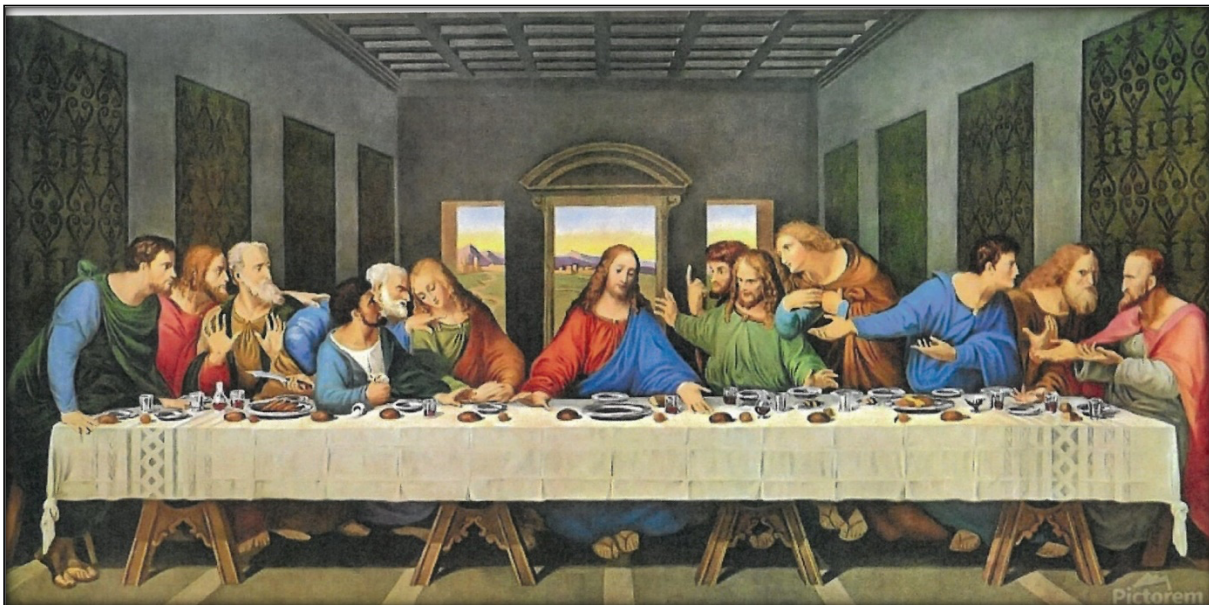
26 Mrs. Christine Coward

27 Mr. Gary Patterson

28 Mrs. Ellen Henderson

28 Ms. Caroline Suddarth

Mark your Calendars for Maundy Thursday, (March 28) Living Last Supper



FPC Foundation Applications!

The FPC Foundation annually awards grants to organizations for the purpose of promoting the mission of the church, "With Christ our Savior as model and the Holy Spirit as guide, we gather to worship God, and go forth to serve, sharing our faith and God's love." fulfilling the teachings of Scripture (Deut. 6:4-6; Micah 6:8; Matt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; and James 1:27).

The FPC Foundation applications are now open and are available on the church website and the church office. **The last date to turn in your application is Sunday, March 31.** Please share this information with our community.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women and friends, please join us for Bible study and fellowship. Susan Stackhouse will present our lesson, "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus." This is the sixth lesson from our series based on Bible stories involving sacred encounters with Jesus. All women in our congregation are invited to come to one of these meetings. The lessons are meaningful and the fellowship is a blessing to all who attend. Evening circle, Monday, Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m., parlor or Morning circle, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10:00 a.m., parlor.

We still have cookbooks that we would like to sell. They are \$25 and have many great recipes that come from our members and friends. Please consider buying one. They make great gifts. See Jessica if you would like to buy one.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITY DATES

- **Carver Heights Backpack Buddies** - Food provided to feed identified students on the weekends.
 - Feb. 19 @ 8:00 AM - Shopping for food for Backpack Buddies - Meet in the gym if you are interested in shopping.

- Feb. 19-23 - Bagging of items for CHS - Help the Pickle Ball Crew bag items from 10:00 AM-Noon.
- Feb. 27 - Delivery of bags for Backpack Buddies to CHS - See Ann Hunter or Teresa Smith if you'd like to help.
- **FPC Annual Clothing Giveaway** - Please donate your gently used clothing for all ages. Children's clothing is always needed. You may bring your donations to the church Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please make sure clothing is in strong trash bags, boxes or on hangers.
 - Feb. 25 - Volunteers needed after church to help move all clothing from upstairs storage to the gym. Pizza lunch will be provided for volunteers.
 - Feb. 26 - Mar. 1 - Organizing for Clothing Giveaway - Volunteers are needed daily from 9:00-4:00. Sign up sheets are located in the Welcome Center.
 - Mar. 2 - Clothing Giveaway 8:00-Noon - Volunteers will meet at 7:00 AM in the gym.
- **Chiapas Mission Trip 2024**
 - Mar. 3 - Chiapas Mission Trip Interest Meeting immediately after church in the library. Trip dates are June 22-28, 2024.
- **Mar. 31 - 5th Sunday Mission Offering**
- **April 16 - Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM in the gym.**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for any or all of these opportunities to help with mission projects in our community and beyond. If you have any questions, please see any member of the Mission Committee.

FROM THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The Memorials Committee thank Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Franklin, Jr. for the Carillon Bells gifted to the church in honor of Anna Best Lee. On December 21, four days before Christmas, the bells rang for the first time. Joyously they pealed, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," a song chosen by Anna.

Since then, they have rung out Christmas carols and hymns to welcome the congregation to worship on Sunday morning and to lift the spirits of everyone at the end of a weary day.

This gift is a true mission, warming the hearts of everyone who hears them: from people checking out books at the library to students at Goldsboro High School leaving practice to the beggar on the corner.

Indeed, this is a gift to the entire community. It will be a blessing for years to come.

Prayer Requests

“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 and Judy Taylor, 904 Pittman St., 27530

Mrs. Jackie VanHoy, 508 N. Claiborne 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

Cell-540-526-6161

Ditty Whitford, 829 N. Spence Ave. Goldsboro, NC 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

Ric Wagner- A friend of Chris Watkins, Home

Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son

Ms. Jane Yates, a friend of Toby Brown (Alleghany Center, 179
Combs Street, Sparta, NC 28675)

Devon Hughes, niece of Randa Scott

Tracey Bowens, Director of A Day Away

Chris and Charie Smith, friends of Paige Corbett

Gloria Cauthorn, mother of Sarah Evans (2010 Pump Road,
Richmond VA, 23238)

Eric Aadland, nephew of Paige and Cody Corbett



Save the Date

Vacation Bible School will be hosted at
FPC Monday thru Friday, July 22-26,
2024. We will need the help of many
youth and adult leaders please sign up
by emailing Paige Corbett at

fpcgoldcedir@gmail.com

Please visit our church website. Join us on
Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
