First Presbyterian Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina

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In his book, *Stories that Feed Your Soul,* author and pastor Tony Campolo tells a story of an experience at dinner in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, some years ago. "(He) was checking on mission programs that his organization carries out day in and day out in Haiti. He wanted to see how the workers were surviving emotionally and spiritually. At the end of a long day, he was tired and "peopled out," so it was with great relief that he sat down to eat a good dinner at a French restaurant in the heart of Port-au-Prince. He was seated next to the window so he could enjoy watching the activity on the street outside.

The waiter brought a delicious looking meal and set it in front of him. Tony picked up his knife and fork and was about to dive in when he happened to look to his right. There, with their noses pressed flat against the window, staring at his food, were four children from the streets. They pressed their faces right up against the glass; they were staring at his plate of food. The waiter, seeing his discomfort, quickly moved in and pulled down the window shade, shutting out the disturbing sight of the hungry children. The waiter then said to Tony, "Don't let them bother you. Enjoy your meal."

UNC Law School Professor Gene Nichol, in his book *The Faces of Poverty in North Carolina,* calls out those of us who wish to pull the shade down on the 1.5 million North Carolinians stricken by poverty. Nichols writes: “They are not the folks on the side of the road asking for handouts. They’re our neighbors, the ones who wait on us or take care of our kids or sit down the row at church on Sunday. They are usually employed. They are almost always embarrassed. Frequently, they once had better jobs. But now they work longer hours for poorer wages and with fewer benefits. Their stories can crust. Parents willingly sacrifice their dignity, their health and well-being for their kids. Children are robbed of the ability to thrive and the joy of life by the ravages of hunger.”

There are not easy solutions to the complex problem of poverty in our land. But surely pulling the shade of pretending down moves us no further along the road to any solution, and violates the gospel that calls us to see. Not to say, “There, but for the grace of God, go I, “but, “There go I.”

Love,
Bob

PW Info:

Sept. 24	PWCT	9:30 a.m.
Sept. 30	Evening Circle	6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Kick-Off Dinner

Start the new PW year off right!

Wednesday, September 4th

6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center

Bring a Salad or Dessert to share

Pastor Bob will introduce the topic of the Holy Spirit.

Please bring your backpack to church Sunday, September 8th, to be blessed for the new school year.

FPC will be sponsoring a 5K kilt run/ walk and Scottish Heritage Days Community Event. In addition to the 5K kilt run, there will be Scottish games for the family to celebrate the Scottish Heritage of the Presbyterian Church. The event will run until noon.

- The deadline for pre-registration is September 1st.
- There is a $20 entrance fee for the 5K
- Awards will be give for top three
- T-shirts may be ordered for $12

Volunteers are needed to help set up and run the race. Also needed to help with the children's Scottish games. If you can help, please sign up on the reception desk.

Sat. , Sept. 14, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.

Contact Scott Gibson at

scottgibsonpt@aol.com

or Ruth Smith at

fpcgoldadmin@ncrrbiz.com

Begins Wednesday, Sept. 18

4:00 Prayer time in Chapel
5:00 Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 Children's Time
5:45 Dinner (Taco Dinner)

Sun., Sept. 22
5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.
Activity Center
Come and
bring a friend!

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary, the following dates are available:
Sept. 22, 29,
Oct. 13, 27, and Dec. 8, 29
Please contact Susan Stackhouse (919) 734-3006 or Ruth Smith (919) 734-5392.

1	Mrs. Karen Haithcock
	Mr. Mike Pate
3	Henry Faircloth
4	Mr. Mun Best
8	Mrs. Mary Glenn Pittman
9	Mrs. Jackie Joseph
10	Mrs. Sue Blackshear
11	Mrs. Peggy Till
15	Mrs. Fran Boyce

18	Mr. Tom Johnson
19	Mrs. Susan Stackhouse
21	Mrs. Lucy Warren
	Mrs. Joyce Wooten
25	Ms. Joyce Keller
26	Mrs. Mary Ann Parker
	Mr. Terry Cottle
30	Mrs. Emma Jordan

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!

Clothing Give Away

Saturday, October 5, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Activity Center
1101 E. Ash Street

Please begin cleaning out your closets and bringing your clothes to the church.

For the fifth year in a row the Mission Committee is having a Clothing Give Away Saturday, October 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the gym. We trust that our congregation will again be generous in bringing lots of good, clean clothing, on hangers, that they or their children or grandchildren have either outgrown or no longer need or wear. We also ask that you enlist your friends to do the same. A donation receipt will be available if desired. Please mark the clothes by size and gender. We will start sorting and setting up for the event on Monday, September 30, at 9:00 a.m. and will need help throughout the week. Also, on Saturday morning, helpers are needed to assist the guests with their clothing selection.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Rev. Bob Bardin
Sept. 8	Rev. Bob Bardin
Sept. 15	Rev. Bob Bardin
Sept. 22	Rev. Bob Bardin
Sept. 29	Rev. Bob Bardin

	ELDERS	DEACONS
Sept. 1	Malcolm Shearin	Anne Fidler
Sept. 8	Kathryn Spicer	Anne Fidler
Sept. 15	Sam Hunter	Elva Graham
Sept. 22	Lee Futrelle	Ellen Jordan
Sept.29	Ellen Henderson	Toby Brown

USHERS

Deacon-in-Charge: Toby Brown
Co-Deacon: Anne Fidler
Ushers: Tim Judd, Vismai and Vismitha Taneti, Sonny and Joyce Wooten:

CHANCEL GUILD

Angie Best and Wanda Starling

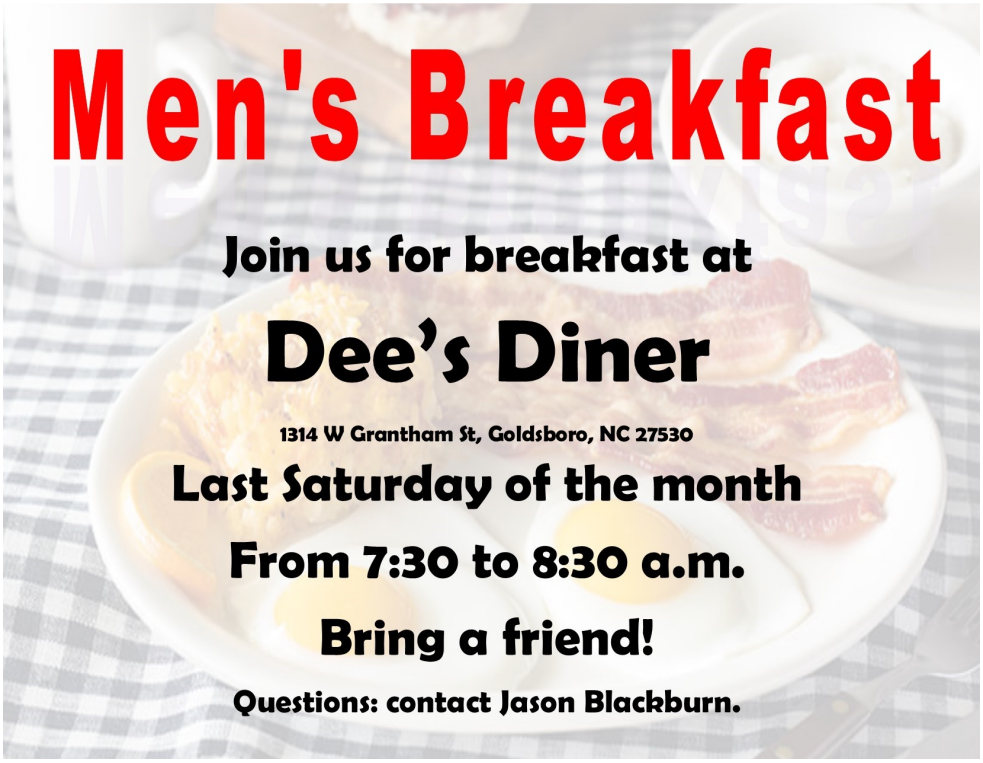
Join Us For Yoga!
Every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday)
5:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m.
In the Activity Center
Teresa Smith is the Yoga instructor
A donation of $5 is recommended for
each class. All proceeds will go to Missions.

"Faith in Progress"

A lively discussion about spirituality.

Meets second Thursday of the month
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Downtown @ Well Traveled Beer

Online Giving is now available for FPC. You may visit our website at ***fpcgoldsboro.org*** and click on the online giving button, or you may simply text your donation to 73256 and enter ***fpcgoldsboro*** as your text.



First Presbyterian Church Memorials

Bob Bass

Undesignated:

Jack & Ellen Best, Charles & Hanna Rouse, Ditty Whitford, Frank & Missy Best, Mike & Elizabeth Logan, Toby Brown, James & Brownie Doss (Memorial Brick), Randy Byrd, Bud & Ann Fidler, Borden Parker, Charles Waller, Anna Best, Christy Martin, WAGES Program, James & Kathryn Spicer, Floyd Raynor, Shirley Hayes, Cynthia Rayner, Jay & Kathy Best, Susan Borden Class, Douglas Markham

Missions:

Bill & Lisa Royall

Music:

Lee Futrelle

Christian Education:

Linda Stevens

Betty Brown

Missions:

Lee Futrelle, G. Presnell & V. Presnell, Missy & Frank Best, C.V. & Betty Sutton, Goldsboro Milling Co., Wilson & Susan Stackhouse, Billy & Shelby Bizzell, Bud & Ann Fidler, Anna Best, James & Christi Gray, Rick & Sandra Mileski, Thomas & Cath erine Howell, Gordon & Charlotte Maxwell, Clayborn & Terri Smith, Rosa Koch, Harrison & Faye Edwards, Hope Derby, Grant & Tori Hall, Alton & Luciano Desouza, B. Platoon-City of Raleigh Fire Department, Nick & Charlotte Weaver, Kristin Parker, Janis Zaremba & Family, Jimmy & Louise Huffman, Wade & Sharon Reynolds, Dillon & Sue Wooten, Jack & Ellen Best, Danny & Jean Clay, Harold & Evelyn Rose, Jerry & Sharon Parsek, Patrick & Carolyn Rowley, Borden Parker, James & Mary Taneti, Donna Parker, Bill & Lisa Royall, Ditty Whitford, Lib & Kenneth Braswell, James & Kathryn Spicer, Steve & Teresa Brown

PW Refurbishing:

Al & Hettie Grisette

Barbara Goss

Undesignated:

Nancy & Clay Hemric Jr., Lee Futrelle, Jimmy & Louise Huffman, Sue & Dillon Wooten, Frank & Missy Best, Jack & Ellen Best, Michael Hemric, J. Thomas Brown, Harold & Evelyn Rose, James & Gwen Nunley, Borden Parker James & Mary Taneti, Ditty Whitford, James & Kathryn Spicer, Wilson & Susan Stackhouse, Norman Goss

PW Refurbishing:

Al & Hettie Grisette

Ava White

Undesignated:

Jimmy & Louise Huffman, Sue & Dillon Wooten, Tom Casey, Jack & Ellen Best, Susanna Miller, Harold & Evelyn Rose, James & Mary Taneti, Ditty Whitford, James & Kathryn Spicer, Wilson & Susan Stackhouse, Lonnie & Denise Pittman, Betsy Smith

Music:

Pam & Norman Pogue

PW Refurbishing:

Al & Hettie Grisette

Debbie Bronner

Undesignated:

James & Kathryn Spicer, Wilson & Susan Stackhouse, Jack & Ellen Best

PW Refurbishing:

Al & Hettie Grisette

John Stackhouse

(Curtis Stackhouse's Father)

Undesignated:

Borden Parker

Bill Wallace Jr.

(Hettie Grisette's Nephew)

Undesignated:

Joyce Pate

Hettie Wallace

(Hettie Grisette's Mom)

Undesignated:

Thomas & Elizabeth Yarboro, Adrienne & Jim Northington

Larry McIntyre

Undesignated:

James & Audrey Black

John Henderson

Undesignated:

Joel & Mary Long

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Would you like to help with the refreshments on Sunday morning? If so, you can donate $10 for a box of donuts. A coupon or fundraiser certificates will be acceptable also. Thank you very much.

Cherub Choir for two year olds through third graders will begin on September 22. We will meet after worship in the Sanctuary Chancel for about 15 minutes every Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Taneti.

2019 Summary of Operating Budget
Total Revenue & Expenses

This is the most current information available thru July, 2019. If you would like a more detailed budget, please see Jean Whitaker in the office and she will gladly provide information or answer any questions.

Total Revenue as of July 2019	$ 321,768
Total Expenses as of July 2019	304,902
Net	$ 16,866
Deferred Prepays for 5 months	(26,295)
Actual Net Income	(9,429)

Offering for July 2019	*$ 56,111*
Average Attendance	*95*

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

Young Presbyterians

The Young Presbyterians group for Pre-school and Elementary age children will meet

Every Fourth Saturday

from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

Begins Saturday, October 26