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"God's mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation" Luke 1:50

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

There are many things to celebrate in the month of February. February is Black History month where we celebrate the resilience of the African-American community over the centuries. Then there is Valentine's Day. I like the way the Latin American countries call it, "*Dia del Amor y la Amistad'* the day of love and friendship. In other words, everybody celebrates. The presidents Day on February 17th where we celebrate the amazing leaders who faced challenges and tapped into the best of the American soul. But the one I would like to emphasize is our 170th church anniversary. We will be celebrating it on Sunday February 16th. The more I learn about the history of this church the more I realize about the legacy and resilience of this community over the years. Many community leaders were part of this church, and this church has been influential in the community both local and global. On February 16th we will celebrate worshipping the Lord, with Homecoming, Bagpiper, Kirkin O the Tartan and Lunch following worship.

Like Mary, the mother of Jesus, on the Magnificat song, let us be grateful for God's faithfulness from generation to generation. God's mercy and God's grace has guided our ancestors for 170 years and God continues to do so today.

It is my honor to be part of this church and see how we are growing both spiritually and in numbers. It is also so joyful to see how much fun people have praying, studying the bible, volunteer in local and global missions, playing pickleball, eating together, etc. The list goes on.

I would like offer a deep appreciation to the 170th Steering Committee for organizing the events and programs to celebrate our anniversary. Thank you Ellen Best, Kathryn Spicer, Nancy Hastings, Kaitlyn Stafford Lancaster, Marilyn Bateman, Meredith Gurley and Barbara Ann Vinson for your amazing work.

To God be the glory for his faithfulness from Generation to Generation:

-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.
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.
-Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
-Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Noé Juarez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
Feb. 02	Meredith Gurley	Jordan Krutsch	Rebecca Kinsey
Feb. 09	Emily Byrd	Marilyn Bateman	John Fidler
Feb. 16	Barbara Bradshaw	John Walston	Charles York
Feb. 23	Malcolm Shearin	Coleen Leeper	Richard Amoako

Back Door Monitors

Feb. 02	Charlie Rouse
Feb. 09	Jordan Krutsch
Feb. 16	Meredith Gurley
Feb. 23	Randa Scott

Communion Servers Feb. 02- Barbara Bradshaw, Rebecca Kinsey, Charlie Rouse

For the month of February 2025

Ted Hackmann, Mary Katherine Hackmann, Robin Leib

February Birthdays!

2 Ms. Leslie VanHoy
4 Mrs. Jewel Sauls
4 Sutton Lancaster
5 Mr. Borden Parker
6 Rev. Bob Bardin
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. Jim Parker
23 John Parker
24 Mr. Troy Pate
24 Mrs. Charlotte Campbell
24 Ms. Jean Whitaker
25 Mr. Will Spicer
26 Mrs. Christine Coward
27 Mr. Gary Patterson
28 Mrs. Ellen Henderson
28 Mr. Tommy Jarrett
28 Ms. Caroline Suddarth
28 Charlie Gaylor

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 March 31.** Please share this information with our community.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday evening, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday morning, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. The program is the same for both meetings, so come to either one. Carol Branch and Christie Stafford are our presenters this month. All women are encouraged to join us at whichever meeting suits your schedule. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITY DATES

★ **Carver Heights Backpack Buddies** - Food provided to feed identified students on the weekends.

- Feb. 24 @ 8:30 AM - Shopping for food for Backpack Buddies - Meet at Sam's Club if you are interested in shopping.
- Feb. 24 & 25 - Bagging of items for CHS - Help the Pickle Ball Crew bag items from 9:30 AM-Noon in the gym.
- Feb. 25 - Delivery of bags for Backpack Buddies to CHS - Contact 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.

- Mar. 2 - Volunteers needed after church to help move all clothing from upstairs storage to the gym. Pizza lunch will be provided for volunteers.
- Mar. 3-7 - Organizing for Clothing Giveaway - Volunteers are needed daily from 9:00-3:00. Sign up sheets will be located in the Welcome Center.
- Mar. 8 - Clothing Giveaway 8:00-Noon - Volunteers will meet at 7:00 AM in the gym.

★ **Chiapas Mission Trip 2025**

- Trip dates are May 31-June 6, 2025. We encourage you to consider this mission opportunity. We will be helping construct a kitchen/dining hall at 20 November (a Presbyterian Church in a rural village) and holding VBS for children in the village. To be a part of the team a deposit of $350 is due by Mar. 14. The remaining $350 is due by April 30. This covers all expenses except meals on the days we fly to and from Chiapas. Checks can be given to Jean with "Chiapas 2025" on the memo line. This is always a rewarding trip for those we serve and those of us who go. If you have questions contact Teresa Smith (919-222-1739 or thsmith1122@gmail.com).

★ **Mar. 30 - 5th Sunday Mission Offering**

- This offering will be designated for Communities in Schools-Wayne.

★ **April 29 - Save the Date - Red Cross Blood Drive 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.

~~ PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL ~~

Mark your calendar! Our next Presbyterian Social will be May 4, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the Haithcock's pecan farm. You won't want to miss it! More details later.

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club. The book this month is *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough.
Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch

The in-person discussion is scheduled for

Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family

Thank You for the many acts of love and concern you have given our family. Your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and delicious food have been our comfort and joy.

Troy continues to improve and looks forward to returning to church soon. Sarah Pate Dawkins, our granddaughter has had slow but steady improvement. She is looking forward to returning to college and graduating in May. We cannot begin to tell you how much we love and appreciate our church family and the blessings you are to us. God hears all our prayers and continues to bless us.

In God's Love

Joyce and Troy

The Young PRESBYTERIAN Publisher

Happy Valentine's Day!

Wow! January flew by! Our activities are well under way! The entire year is planned and packed full of events, Bible studies, and a few fun adventures. I had a blast with each of you at the Grinch Dinner (look at those crazy faces!) and you did a wonderful job in our Christmas play! Attached to this letter, you will find a new registration sheet. It is imperative to have your correct information while you are in our care in case of emergencies and to keep everyone in the loop! Please fill out the registration sheet and bring it back to me at church. If you did not receive a registration sheet with your newsletter, it means I already have your new one filled out from Rally Day in September. Next month, on March 8th will be our annual Clothing Giveaway. We will also be giving out gently used children's books. This is a perfect time to go through closets and bookshelves to give gently used items to those in need! Please plan to come volunteer at our giveaway if you can! I look forward to seeing you all soon! You are loved and prayed for!

In Christ's Love,
Paige Corbett

Feb 4 Sutton
Feb 23 John

This Month's Schedule:

Sunday, February 2: Boy Scout Sunday
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, February 5
5:30 Bible Study
6:15 Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, February 6
3:30-4:30 Choir Practice
Sunday, February 9
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, February 12
5:30 Bible Study
6:15 Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, February 13
3:30-4:30 Choir Practice
Sunday, February 16: 170 Celebration
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Lunch and Celebration
Wednesday, February 19
5:30 Bible Study
6:15 Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, February 20
3:30-4:30 Choir Practice
Sunday, February 23
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, February 26
5:30 Bible Study
6:15 Fellowship Dinner

<u> PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS BEEN CHANGED TO EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 3:30-4:30 IN THE CHOIR ROOM.</u>** THE CHANGE WAS NOT MADE ON THE CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN 3RD-8TH GRADES
EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY FROM 3:30-4:30 P.M.
FOR QUESTION OR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PAIGE CORBETT AT FPCGOLDCEDIR@GMAIL.COM

Save The Date!

VBS 2025

June 16–June 20

9:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon

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

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