

First Presbyterian Press

**First Presbyterian Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

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Friends,

I am so glad cousin Bob called and asked me to be your February preacher. As you may have heard me say, Bob and I are connected by blood. My father, Frank, and his mother, Joyce, were brother and sister. Bob and I grew up together (along with his older brother, Billy), sharing many good times at our Granny and Popie's house in little Macclesfield, NC. We have stayed connected all these years through our family roots, our love for the church and each other.

I have thoroughly enjoyed coming out of the retirement bullpen to spend 5 Sundays with you. I have felt a connection, not only because of Bob, but also through former pastor Jim McChesney, who was an encouraging mentor; and through my mother, Lucy Batts, who was a member here from 1994 through 2005. She loved being involved at First Presbyterian through a Sunday School class and a lunch bunch that often gathered after Sunday worship. She moved to join me in Greensboro in 2005 and is now 102! She was delighted when I told her I was going to be the preacher in her old church. Since I began here in February, her health has sharply declined but she always smiles when I tell her I have been the Goldsboro preacher. Thank you for your concern and prayers for her.

I know that Bob loved you and you loved Bob and Sally. Such departures are full of gratitude and grief. I hope you will recognize both emotions because it takes acknowledgement to move on. It also takes time.

But move on you must because this is what I know: Goldsboro First is a good church, full of good people who love the Lord and the Lord's church. There is a warm, engaging and genuine spirit here! You have a really important role to play in the Goldsboro community and in the spiritual lives of parishioners now and in the future. An interim pastor will be arriving and he or she will guide you through the important process of preparing you for the next chapter. God has great plans for you!

Blessings on your journey!

Sid Batts

FPC Yard Sale

MARCH 7th

ACTIVITY CENTER

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Donate
Items**
We need
your items!



**Donate
Time**
We need
your help!

Volunteers are needed!! We will need helpers to prepare the week before the sale and to work the day of the sale. Please call the church and let us know if you are willing to help.

FAMILY FUN FEST

Rodeo Roundup

Saturday, March 28

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FPC Activity Center

Contact Lynn Branch if you can contribute musically, can clogg or lasso!!



**Photo Booth
Campfire**

**Races
Horseshoes
Western Wear**

**Jug Band
Hotdogs**

Sponsored by the Congregational Nurture Committee

WANTED

JUG BAND MUSICIANS

CLOGGERS

ROPERs

OTHER WESTERN

ENTERTAINERS

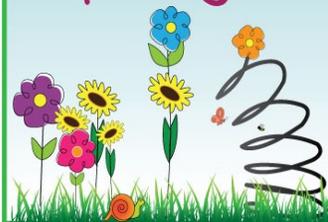
CONTACT LYNN BRANCH

919-922-3237

REWARD OFFERED

Spring Forward!

**Daylight
Savings
Begins**



**Sunday
March 8**



We would like to extend an opportunity to the congregation to place a name on the memorial or honor list and share in the cost of the Easter lilies. The cost will be \$10 for each name listed.

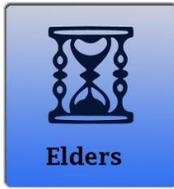
The deadline for placing orders is April 6, 2020.



Deacon in Charge: Toby Brown

Co-Deacon: Lynn Branch

Ushers: Carol Branch, Brownie Doss, Steve Jara, Charlie Rouse



March 1	Borden Parker
March 8	John Dees
March 15	Chris Martin
March 22	Bill Stanley
March 29	Suzanne Corbin



March 1	Jason Blackburn
March 8	Anne Fidler
March 15	Toby Brown
March 22	Lynn Branch
March 29	Teresa Smith



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Evening Circle will meet on Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.

PWCT will meet Tuesday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m.



To the FPC family,

Over the last 2 1/2 years we have gone through some dark and difficult times. You, the members of First Presbyterian Church, made a lot of those days bearable and brighter. Your concern and caring were truly outstanding. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and flowers were deeply appreciated. We thank you sincerely and are so fortunate to be members of a church that is indeed, a family.

Joyce and Troy Pate

Dear Church family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers after I had my knee surgery. Knowing you have friends praying for you is such a blessing. Thanks again.

Eva Bruder



BIRTHDAYS

5	Mr. Sam Hunter	24	Fort Parker
	Trotter Sumner		Mrs. Lynn Branch
6	Dr. Rick Potts	25	Ms. Sandra Franklin
9	Thomas Sumner		Dr. Sherman Hawkins
10	Mrs. Mildred Merritt	26	Dr. Joe McLamb
11	Mr. Sonny Wooten		Mrs. Ann Hunter
	Mrs. Meredith Gurley	27	Scott Jara
14	Mrs. Elva Graham		Mr. Clift McCall,
15	Miss June Fields	28	Mr. Mike Richter
19	Mr. Philip Brogden	29	Mr. Bill Corbin
21	Mr. Michael Ellis	30	Mrs. Loretta Hawkins
22	Jayson Keeton		Mrs. Sandi Bair-
	Emily Sauls Lewis		Gibson
		31	Mrs. Linda Brown

The Foundation of FPC



The *Foundation of First Presbyterian Church* annually provides gifts and support for worthy causes, and it is time for all interested parties to make application for this support. The Foundation funds cannot be used for operating expenses of the church. Only benevolent and non-operating “causes” can receive gifts, such as local and foreign missions, Christian educational support, and special music worship enhancement. All requests should be submitted using an FPC Foundation Grant Application. **We have an updated application this year**, and these applications are available from the church office and on the web. All requests should be submitted **no later than March 31** to The Foundation of First Presbyterian Church, C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1101 East Ash Street, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.



Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary, the following dates are available:

March 17, 31, April 28

June 30, July 14, 21, 28

August 11, 18, 25

Please contact Susan Stackhouse or Ruth Smith in the church office if you are interested.