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“All Scriptures is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” -2 Timothy 3:16

Hello friends in Goldsboro, NC

Happy 2025!

My wife Laurie and I are still processing that it is already year 2025. When our first child Paul started kindergarten in 2013, we learned that Paul was going to be class of 2025 in High School. Back then, it felt a long way, but here it is, Paul will be graduating from High School this spring. And Ella is already in a residential High School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, which means we are becoming empty nesters this summer. #slowdownlife.

But life happens. Everything changes and evolves. Yet how do we stay steady? How do we stay calmed and serene in the midst of changes and transitions?

Well, each New Year is an opportunity to face life with calmness, gratitude, grace, smile and faith. One way that I will work on being steady is by deepening my understanding of God's Word. In the year 2022, I read the whole Bible in one year and it was such a blessing for my life and ministry. Three years later, I would like to do that again. This time, I am inviting whoever is interested in joining me in this journey. There are many ways to read the Bible in one year. Here is a way: Download the app called *Biblical Year* and it will tell you each day which book and chapters to read. There is an average of 3-4 chapters to read each day. Next, find a Study Bible that you are comfortable with or are excited about. There are Study Bibles for men, women, couples, mission oriented, recovery oriented, leadership oriented and many more. This year, I will be using the *Complete Jewish Study Bible, insights for Jews and Christians (2016 edition)*. I also recommend writing comments and questions on the margins of your Bible. You can also consult with Bible Commentaries if you would like. I use the New Interpreters Bible Commentary which most Libraries have.

I created a Facebook group for those who would like to discuss the readings occasionally. Sometimes having friends who will hold us accountable and encourage us along the way is very helpful.

From September 2023 to April 2024, we did a Sermon Series and Bible Study on Wednesdays with the *Story Bible* which was wonderful and reading the Bible in one year will help us even more.

Happy 2025! As we continue growing as a community of faith, this 2025 let us deepen our life of devotion and spirituality so that on December 31st 2025, we can finish the year with more spiritual strength and deeper faith. May it be so.

Feliz Año Nuevo, Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Pastor Noé Juárez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
Jan. 5	Kathryn Spicer	John Walston	Randa Scott
Jan. 12	Charlie Rouse	Marilyn Bateman	Jordan Ktutsch
Jan. 19	Susan Stackhouse	Marilyn Bateman	John Walston
Jan. 26	_____	Marilyn Bateman	Randa Scott

Back Door Monitors

Jan. 5	Tim Haithcock
Jan. 12	Coleen Leeper
Jan. 19	
Jan. 26	Rebecca Kinsey



For the month of January

Dan Blackshear
Suzanne Blackshear
James Spicer

The Christmas Joy Project



To the congregation of First Presbyterian
Church of Goldsboro

The annual Christmas Joy Project:

THANK YOU!!! With your kind hearts and
generous spirits, our Christmas Joy Project
was able to bring love and smiles to 6
families with a total of 12 children this year.
A huge thank you to our Presbyterian Women
for their ongoing support of this annual

mission by providing the funds for food for each family. How marvelous it is to
see Christ working through our church congregation. I would like to thank
everyone for their continued support of this yearly outreach.

My most sincere appreciation to everyone who participated this year,

Lisa Royall



January Birthdays!



02 Mrs. Beth Stackhouse

16 Mr. Doug Musgrave

03 Will Stackhouse

16 Dean Gurley II

03 Mary Wynne Stackhouse

17 Mr. John Henderson

04 Mr. Al Grisette

17 Mr. Ethan Brogden

04 Dr. Jim Stackhouse

19 Mr. John Wooten

05 Mr. Ken Taylor

23 Ms. Brenda Behr

05 Mr. John Walston

26 Mr. Sean Huneycutt

06 Mrs. Amy Krutsch

27 Mrs. Gail Shearin

06 Mr. Austin Williams

28 Wagner Wilder

08 Mrs. Gale Lewis

31 Mrs. Evelyn Rose

13 Mr. Jake Crocker

31 Mrs. Laurie Urland

15 Mrs. Victoria Barfield

31 Mr. Jack Kannan

Wednesday Family Night

Winter January 15 – April 09 with a break on March 5th for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Family Night will resume on January 15! Bible Study at 5:30 p.m., the topic will be *Why Presbyterians Are Like That*, this is a resource from the PC USA, office of Christian Formation.

Dinner at 6:15 p.m., and Choir at 7:00 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

January PW Circle Time

Evening Circle will meet **January 6 at 7:00 p.m.**, and **Morning Circle** will meet **January 7 at 10:00 a.m.** Circle meetings will be held in the church parlor. All women in our church are invited to attend whichever meeting meets your schedule. Please join us and bring a friend!

The holiday bake sale was a great success, and we appreciate all who participated: those who baked and those who bought. Proceeds will go to support our charitable efforts.

From the Finance Office

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available in the hall across from the history room. If you requested by indicating on your pledge card a set of envelopes, there should be one available for you; otherwise you will need to write your name on the list available on the table to request a set to be prepared. Only a limited quantity of extra sets were ordered.

Presbyterian Social, Sunday, December 22. A big thank you to Ali and Jason Blackburn for opening their beautiful home for the wonderful Christmas Social. Thanks to everyone for working it into the busy holiday schedule and to all the great cooks who brought food to share. Keep an eye out for the date of our next one in the spring.



MEN'S BREAKFAST: All the men are invited to have breakfast starting Tuesday, January 07, from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. at Lantern Inn: 2201 E. Ash St., Goldsboro.



CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club.

January Book: *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai.

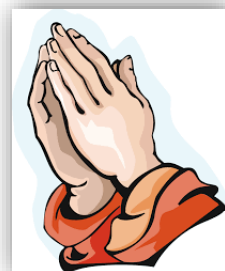
Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch

The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: FPC, McChesney Hall. Childcare will be provided upon prior request.



Prayer Requests



Jimmy Huffman, c/o Cathy Huffman, 118 CP Sykes Road, Spring Hope, NC 27882

Ken Taylor, 904 Pittman St., 27530

Addie Warren, 200 Deluca Road, 27534

Brigitta Seymour, 100 Tarklin Dr., 27530

Fred and Rosalyn Lomax, 204 S. Claiborne St., 27530

Mary Glenn Pittman, NC Veterans Home-Kinston, 2150 Hull Rd., Kinston, NC 28504

Ditty Whitford, 829 N. Spence Ave., 27534

Linda Stevens, 582 S. Peedin Ave. Selma, NC 27576

Eddie Radford, 135 Livingston Dr., 27530

Elbert Brown, 606 Pinecrest Dr., 27534

Victoria Barfield, daughter of Bill and Lisa Royall, 2142 Kay Rd., Greenville, NC 27858

Emma Jordan, 1300 S. Harding Dr., Unit 1301, 27534

Will Stackhouse, son of Beth and Curtis Stackhouse

Outreach

Brookdale Senior Living

Mr. Mike Pate, Rm. 243

380 Country Day Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530

Cypress Glen

Mrs. Madelyn Percise

100 Hickory Street, Apt MC07, Greenville, NC 27858

Family and Friends of Members

Mr. Jeff Stanley, son of Bill and Sharon Stanley (320 Whipple Ave., Batavia, IL 60510)

Rev. Jason Leonard, brother of Matt Leonard

Ms. Jane Yates, a friend of Toby Brown (Yadkin Valley Senior Living, 500 Johnson Ridge Rd., Apt. 2, Western Hills Ct., Elkin, NC 28621)

Phyllis Davis, sister-in-law of Lisa Royall

Stan Davis, brother of Lisa Royall

Linda Brock, mother of Elva Graham

Rev. Jay Hine, 109 S. Audubon Ave., 27530

Gloria Cauthorn, mother of Sarah Evans, 2010 Pump Rd., Henrico, VA 23238

Ryan Scott, brother of Ali Blackburn

Virginia Royall, sister-in-law of Bill and Lisa

Travis Best, a friend of Karen and Tim Haithcock, 130 South Branch Rd., Wilmington, NC 29411

Ken Baronsky, a friend of Marilyn and Bryson Bateman, 504 Mill Rd., 27534

Laura Pike Deprill, a friend of Teresa Smith, 881 Treasury Bend Dr., Charleston, SC 29412

Sarah Pate Dawkins, granddaughter of Troy and Joyce Pate

Claire Mixon, schoolmate of Lilly and Katharine Eason (great-niece of the Pattersons)

Emma Penner, mother-in-law of Casie Penner

FPC Calendar for January 2025

Sundays	Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Mondays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Troop 3 at 6:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 3 at 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle (January 6th)
Tuesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (January 7th) Committee Meetings (first Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (second Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (third Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night/5:30 p.m. (January 15)
Thursdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Congregational Book Club 7:00 p.m (Jan. 16) Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fridays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays	Church office closed

For a detailed weekly calendar please visit the church website.