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Dear Folks,

I got lucky last week. Headed south on Spence, I came to the Royal Avenue train crossing. As I approached, the lights flashed, the bells clanged, the horn blew, the gates came down. I had the front row seat. I shifted to P and rolled my windows down. For a few minutes I became the little boy who laid on the floor next to a Lionel train set, eased the transformer throttle on till it hummed hot and ominous and smelled like machine oil, and watched the heavy-as-lead engine with working wheels and headlight and smokestack tug a line of cars around a metal-tracked oval. Turning out the lights made it easier to imagine engineering the real McCoy. (When this got boring, you could redline the throttle all the way to the right, causing the train to speed up and wreck catastrophically. Every boy who laid down beside a Lionel knows this, and is smiling....but I digress)

The point is that trains have a special place in little boys' hearts.... big boys', too. Or used to, anyway. I don't know now. You can order a train on Amazon, but it's cheap plastic and blows bubbles and has smiley eyes, or it's the wooden one that connects with magnets and is sooooo safe....and just plain dull. What boy can perpetrate a catastrophic wreck with trains like these?

While I'm bemoaning the sad decline of real and dangerous toys, here's another thing.... **trains now come without cabooses!!** When the squealing, clacking train in front of me on Royal Avenue ended with an empty flatbed car, I did a double take. "Where's the rest?" I wondered. "No caboose? What kind of conspiracy is this? First they take away cursive writing, now cabooses. (In case you are wondering, this **is** the accepted plural for "caboose", not "cabeese", like geese or "caboose", like "moose(s)". Don't ask me why. Ask one of our English teachers.) Wait, I'm digressing again.

Anyway, we're well on our way to losing one of the most fun English words to say....."caboose", which ranks right up there with "umbrella." Can you picture the perplexed look on our children's faces when they hear the song, "Little red caboose, chug, chug, chug"? "Huh? What's that?" Where will politicians stand and elocute on their whistle stop stumps....straddling a flatbed car like a surfer?

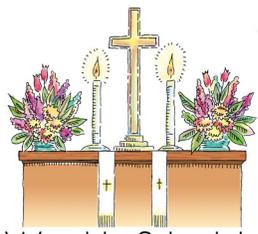
Shocked, I came home and did a little digging and found out that cabooses have been AWOL since the mid-nineties, about the time they stopped making good music. It took me a while to notice, huh? They've been replaced by a cheap little electronic box that can be affixed to the last car. Any old car will do. Gone forever are train conductors riding in the last little red car with the red signal light hanging from it's back porch. They've moved up front with the engineers.

If you have made it this far, you should be wondering what in the world this article is all about. I suppose that I could cite Jesus' teaching about the last being first and the first, last, and draw parallels between the loss of the caboose and the corresponding disappearance of humble, take-the-last-place leaders in our world. But truth be told, the point is, I have trains and little boys on the brain. We're waiting for one as I write....a little boy, that is. By the time you read this, Sally and I will likely have our first grandson, Walker, and I wanted to share our joy with you. And to tell you that in honor of the occasion I'm planning to order him a train set...not a smiling, bubble-blowing one or a wimpy wooden one, but the real, vintage, dangerous deal. I'll keep it at our house....just to be safe, you understand. But if any little or big boys would like to come by and give it a spin, you're welcome.

It will, by the way, in homage to a disappearing past, have a red caboose. I'd absolutely love it if that fun word were Walker's first!

God bless you and yours with a fun, safe summer.

Love,
Bob



Worship Schedule

June 3	Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin
June 10	Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin
June 17	Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin
June 24	TBD

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25



ELDERS

Kathryn Spicer
Dan Blackshear
TBD
TBD

DEACONS

Curtis Stackhouse
Elva Graham
Anne Fidler
Sonny Wooten



Deacon-in-Charge: Linda Stevens
Co-Deacon: Sonny Wooten
Ushers: Thomas Suddarth, Gary Patterson



Sue Blackshear
 Anna Best Lee



*Birthdays
of the
Month*



1	Mrs. Carmen Price	9	Mr. Harold Rose	22	Mrs. Marilyn Bateman
2	Mrs. Fanny Hatch	10	Mr. Will Faircloth	24	Mrs. Karen Jones
3	Mr. Marcus Sensabaugh	14	Mr. Curtis Stackhouse	25	Mr. Bob Kemper
4	Dr. Robert Campbell	15	Mrs. Juanita Mansour	26	Mrs. Ditty Whitford
	Mr. Larry McIntyre		Mr. John Dees		Mrs. Lynne Shaw
6	Mr. Samuel Best	16	Catherine Jordan		Lindsay Player
	Davis Paul Hunter	18	Madison Bryan	27	Mrs. Ellen Jordan
	Mr. Jim Butler	19	Mrs. Ruth Smith	28	Mr. Tony Jordan, Jr.
		20	Ms. Pam McIntyre	30	Mrs. Barbara Ann Vinson
		21	Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgers		

Dear friends of First Presbyterian Church,

The family of Mrs. Catherine Parker is grateful for the constant outpouring of love while she was a resident at Brookdale Retirement. Thank you for all the prayers of support, cards and expressions of sympathy, flowers, calls, and visits which were a source of encouragement before and after her passing. A special thank you to the Presbyterian Women for the lovely reception following the memorial service held at First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Parker valued each your friendships.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann, Jim and John Parker



Church Calendar

Sunday, 6-3	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
Sunday, 6-10	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary/Graduate Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	Church Picnic
Sunday, 6-17	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
Sunday, 6-24	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters (Every Week)
Tuesday, 6-5	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
Tuesday, 6-12	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
Tuesday, 6-19	7:00 p.m.	Session
June 3-8	Montreat H.S. Retreat	
June 14-16	VBS Workdays	
June 18-22	Vacation Bible School	
No handbells or Choir in the summer		
No Committee Meetings, Diaconate or Session in July		



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP EDUCATION FUND has been established to support FPC members to further their education. **A special offering for this fund will be received June 10th.**

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is hosting a church cookout following the worship service on **June 10th**. This is a great time to get together as a church family and fellowship with one another and congratulate the graduates.



Joyce Pate was born to Don and Mary Casey. She grew up on a farm in Grantham, the youngest of seven children. Joyce graduated from Grantham High School and attended Campbell University. She went to work for American Savings and Loan while Troy worked at another financial facility. They met at a Christmas party and the rest is a "happily ever after!"

Joyce is the epitome of a true Southern lady who is organized, dedicated and gracious in every endeavor she participates in. She is a wonderful mother to her two children, Lynn and Troy and grandmother to her grandchildren. Family is the foundation of Joyce's life and she always lights up when she talks of her family.

She has participated in so many aspects of the church, serving two years as Chairman of a circle, co-chairing the bake sale, She also served and still serves on the Memorials Committee, and has served on committees such as Refurbishing and Family Nurture, always concerned about anyone who needed help. She has led many devotionals and Bible Studies and has an abiding love for Jesus Christ.

Joyce has been such a wonderful blessing to PW and to our church, and it is our honor to bestow the PW's Honorary Life Member Award on her. Congratulations, Joyce! We love you!



Mrs. Joyce Pate
2018 Presbyterian Women
Honorary Life Member



Mrs. Madelyn Percise
2018 Outstanding Older
Adult Award

Madelyn Percise is a most appropriate candidate for the Presbytery of New Hope's 2018 Older Adult Award.

Music may be Madelyn's most obvious gift from God. She has of necessity stopped singing in Chancel Choir, but she remains a vital part of the choir family. She has sung in the choir ever since she joined this church and all of her life in various churches. With an impressive background of a music degree, she was able to serve as interim choir director during our search for a church musician. Her leadership in that capacity was very effective; while striving for perfection, she always remembers the purpose of music is to glorify God, and her manner with choir members was unfailingly kind and encouraging.

Madelyn continues to play handbells; her expertise makes her a valued member of the handbell choir. Her involvement with children's music has been a blessing and she continues playing for children's rehearsals. Even when her health does not permit her to be as active as in the past, she still attends and encourages--encouragement is another of her gifts.

Charity is definitely another of Madelyn's gifts. She takes an interest in children of the congregation and remembers them on special occasions. She has quietly assisted many people in any kind of need. She is known for stepping in to help in emergencies. She is especially sensitive to those who have very little family, driving them to church and helping them with transportation. Her faithfulness to her husband Don in his battle with Alzheimer's disease was a beautiful love story of patience, compassion, and care.

She is an active Sunday School participant and attends Wednesday night and Presbyterian Women activities. In the community, Being a true friend is one of her gifts.

Being the mother of two daughters and the grandmother of two granddaughters has brought her some of her greatest fulfillment.

Her soft voice echoes her prayerful mindset, and her warm eyes and smile reflect her Savior and make everyone feel loved. Madelyn Percise is the kind of older adult we all want to be.

Congratulations!





June 10, 2018



Pre-school Graduate:

Luke Howell graduated from Pre-school and will be going to Kindergarten at Tommy's Road Elementary this fall.

Bryson Revel Wilder graduated from Pre-school and will be going to Kindergarten at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Josephine Adele Wilder graduated from Pre-school and will be going to Kindergarten at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Kindergarten Graduate:

Lily Ann Spicer graduated from Kindergarten and will be going to First Grade at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Elementary Graduates:

Hannah Best graduated from elementary and will be going to middle school at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Hinton Crocker graduated from elementary and will be going to middle school at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Caroline Suddarth graduated from elementary and will be going to middle school at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Trotter Sumner graduate from elementary and will be going to middle school at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Middle School Graduates:

Mary Scott Best graduated from middle school and will be a freshman at Wayne Country Day this fall.

Vismitha Taneti graduated from middle school and will be a freshman at Wayne School of Engineering this fall.

High School Graduates:

Matthew Burgess graduated from Rosewood High School and will be attending Wayne Community College this fall.

College Graduates:

Dave Cottle graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Homeland Security from National University.

Karis Hawkins graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree Business Administration in Finance and Management from Georgetown University.

Margaret Leonard Holmes graduated from Duke University with a Doctorate in Nursing Practice. She will be a nurse anesthetist.

Luke Smith graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management.

First Presbyterian Church Memorials

In Memory Of:

Catherine Parker

Undersigned: Jack & Julie Moore, L.C., Olivia and Drew Pierce, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bell, Charles & Hannah Rouse, Elizabeth & David Ward, Megan Phillips, Gay Colyer and Elizabeth & Maitland Thompson, Ralph & Lisa Whitfield, Danny & Jean Clay, Rick & Susie Sumner, Louise Woltz, Kay & Richard Cooke, Staff of Parker & Parker PA, John & Heather Best, Norma & A.W. Griffin, Dillon & Sue Wooten, Sarah Parker, Dr. & Mrs. David Varney, Betty & Kenneth Wilkins, Mr. & Mrs. J. Marshall Smith, David & Beverly Lollar, Linda & Chip Edmonson and Harweda Johnson, Heiden & Associates, Ed Woltz Family, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Johnson, Daniel Whitley III, DDS, PA, Whit & Candy Whitley, Michael Jones, Harrell & Lila Everett, Barbara Ann Vinson, Jay & Kathy Best, Mr. & Mrs. Troy Pate, Mrs. Hope Derby, Lee Futrelle, Jimmy & Louise Huffman, Jack & Ellen Best, Carol & William Evans, Richard Bryant, Physicians Financial Services, Inc., Steve & Emily Loftis, Rick Kennedy, Dr. & Mrs. Dan Whitley, JP & Cathy Walters, Mary Jane Bell, Frank & Missy Best, Kimball & James Saunders, V.C. Bruton & Faye Bruton, Donna & Bobby Parker, Dr. & Mrs. John Fidler, Steve & Sandra Senf, James & Brownie Doss

Ed Bass

Undesignated: Margie & Steve Clark, Sue & Ed Potter, James & Brownie Doss, John & Anne Fidler, Mr & Mrs. Horace Grady, George Whitfield, Nancy B. Norwood, Fay & Cynthia Rayner, Shirley R. Hayes, Floyd W. Rayner, Jr., Elizabeth Whitford, Mrs. Linda Stevens, Ms. Randy Byrd, Rebecca H. Cain, Michael M. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. David Allen, Carol C. Caudill, Frank & Missy Best, Lt. Col. Michael Kuehn, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Larimer, Dillon & Sue Wooten, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rouse, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wilkins, Mr. Charles E. Waller, Dr. & Mrs. H.L. Whitley, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lowder, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pittman, Barbara Ann Vinson, Jay & Kathy Best, Joyce & Troy Pate, Lee Futrelle, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Huffman, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Best, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Blackshear, Mrs. Hope Derby
Sound Equipment: Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Shearin
Music Fund: Kathryn & James Spicer

Nancy Smith

Undesignated: Bob Bass

Julia Crumpler

Undesignated: Linda Grady & Kenneth Grady, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. John Fidler, Mr. & Mrs. Troy Pate, Emily Davis, Marguerite Cox, Billy & Lula Little, Myrna & Henry Meador, Dixie Ellis, Wayne County Inspections, Planning & Env. Health Department, Harold Hill
Music Fund: Kathryn and James Spicer
Missions: Goldsboro Counseling

Milt Hendrixson

Undesignated: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Blackshear, David Hamilton, Sheryl Elston, Goldsboro Milling Co., Jay & Kathy Best

Frankie Farfour

Undesignated: Gaye Bryant

Ann Tolar

Undesignated: Mary Jo Lambert, Jay & Kathy Best



Tod Parker

Undesignated: Jay & Kathy Best

Elvire Stackhouse (Jim Stackhouse's mother)

Undesignated: Jay & Kathy Best

Nancy Autry (Missy Best's mother and Jay Autry (Missy Best's brother)

Undesignated: Barbara Parker

Orion Blizzard (Sally Bardin's dad)

Undesignated: Mr. & Mrs. Troy Pate, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Blackshear, Mrs. Hope Derby

Sound Equipment: Malcolm & Gail Shearin



2018 Summary of Operating Budget

Total Revenue and Expenses

(This is the most current information available thru April, 2018. If you would like a more detailed budget, please see Jean Whitaker in the office and she will gladly provide that information or answer any questions.)

Total Revenue as of April 30, 2018	\$ 195,911
Total Expenses as of April 30, 2018	<u>167,609</u>
Net Income	\$ 28,302 (surplus)
Offering for April, 2018	\$ 46,193
Average Attendance for April	152



June 14-16
9:00 to noon



June 18-22
9:00 to noon

Age Group: Pre-school (4½-5th grade)

Forms available online at www.fpcgoldsboro.org or at the church office.

First Presbyterian Church Socials

The Presbyterian Socials have been a tremendous success, far beyond our expectations. Many of you have made such positive comments and compliments to us, and we appreciate it so much. The goal of the socials is to get better acquainted with each other in a welcoming relaxed atmosphere in our homes in an effort to strengthen our congregation. That has certainly been accomplished for us. We also are thankful that so many of you have stepped up to host in your homes. While they have been enjoyed by everyone who has participated, since Pastor Bob arrived, we have grown more and more active as a church, and it seems only reasonable to reduce the number of socials from every other month (six per year) to four times a year. After conversations with Barbara Bradshaw and Sue Blackshear, who have been great supporters and a sounding board for us, and a few others, including the Congregational Nurture Committee, we have reached the decision to have socials in February, April, October and December. The date and time will remain second Sunday, 5:00-7:00 P.M. in those months.

At this time, we are scheduled to be at Barbara Ann Vinson's home October 14. HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 9. Please consider having at least a part of the group on that date if you don't have space for the entire group, or perhaps in February or April of 2019. A few people have the space for the entire group; however, we have split the group a number of times with two or three socials going on at the same time. While there is nearly 100 names on the participation list, the average attendance on a given date is around 60 people.

If you have questions about the FPC Socials or wish to volunteer to host, please contact us at (919) 751-0339, or evrose@suddenlink.net. Thank you again for helping make the socials a success.



The members of the 2018 Chiapas Mission team will be going to Mexico July 21—28. Please remember to pray for the following team members: **Bob Bardin, Kim Brogden, Toby Brown, Sherman Hawkins, Sam and Ann Hunter, Brenda Nuncio, Teresa Smith, Mary Taneti, and Vismai Taneti.**

PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY PREPARE FOR SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE.

Katie Graham, Nicole Page, Vismai Taneti, Vismitha Taneti, and Hunter Wilson

Chaperones: Mary Taneti and Elva Graham

***Please note:**

**There will not be a July, 2018 issue of the
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