



**First Presbyterian Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

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Rev. Dr. Robert F. Bardin

Dear Ones,

Are you a list maker? I'm not much on lists, but some people swear by them. Everyone knows that Santa is big on lists. Checking them twice, naughty and nice, and all that. I have a friend who says she lives by her lists, and if she does something that isn't on the list, she gets the list and adds the thing she has done, and then takes pleasure in crossing it off. Are you like this?

Every now and then, I try to become a list maker. Usually, it's this time of the year, when I hope that I can be different whispers a little louder than my poor track record. I get out a sheet of paper and write down every to-do I can think of. Then I divide my list into "A" to-dos....most urgent, "B" to do-s, important, but not top priority. and "C" to-dos, which are things you will never do, but will feel better for writing on a list. I then rank all items within each category, A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3 and so on. Then, I go to lunch, even though it's not on the list, and just forget the whole thing.

I don't know why I hate making lists. I think it may have something to do with not wanting to see all the non-crossed off items at the end of the day, each of them saying....."You didn't get to ME???" But you PROMISED!" Thus it was at my beginning with you, when I stood in the pulpit and confidently stated that I intended to visit in every home in the congregation in the year ahead. Three and a half years in, and that item on the "A" list is still uncrossed. I feel the weight of this and other undone to-dos as my time with you comes to its end. I have a long list...in my head....of ways I could have been better. But you have loved me in spite of the undone things. This is pure grace, and you are good at it, because the Grace Giver is so alive in you. I see a hand erase the long list, I hear a voice saying, "You have done a beautiful thing. You have done what you could." O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.

I did see a list on our refrigerator at home and it reminded me of you and made me feel better. It's a magnetic square that Sally and I placed there to cover up a rusty ding in the door. It's a list. It says,

Things I forgot to tell you:

I love you...
I love you...
I love you....

I do love you. I have from the beginning, and always will love you.
And love, at the top of the list, covers up a multitude of the rusty dings.
Thank you for loving us this way.

Bob



January 12, 2020

Elders

- Suzanne Corbin (Class of 2022)
- John Dees (Class of 2022)
- Wiley Leonard (Class of 2021)
- Chris Martin (Class of 2022)
- John B. Parker (Class of 2022)
- Bill Royall (Class of 2020)
- Bill Stanley (Class of 2022)

Deacons

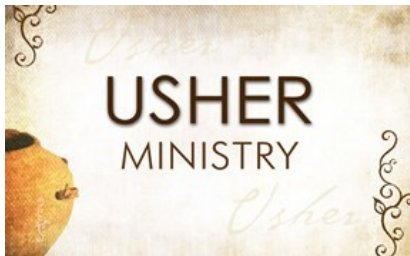
- Lynn Branch (Class of 2021)
- Meredith Gurley (Class of 2022)
- Tim Haithcock (Class of 2022)
- Tim Judd (Class of 2022)
- Coleen Leeper (Class of 2020)
- Teresa Smith (Class of 2022)
- Kent Warren (Class of 2022)

Chancel  Guild



January

Angie Best and Betty Rose Sutton



Deacon-in-Charge: Michael Ellis

Co-Deacon: Hettie Grisette

Ushers: John B. Parker, James Spicer and Curtis Stackhouse



Mark your calendar!

WFN begins **January 15!**

Bible Study begins **January 15.**



Dear FPC family,

The staff would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the cards, gifts and holiday wishes received during the Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity meant so much to each one of us. It is truly a joy and privilege to minister at FPC.

Bob, Jayson, Mary, Nona, Jean and Ruth

With grateful hearts, we acknowledge the following for the help with the Children's Musical "Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior."

Musical Team

Ali Blackburn
Ann Hunter
Rosalyn Lomax
Kathryn Spicer
Susan Stackhouse
Mary Taneti

Music Team Emeritus:

Madelyn Percise

Accompaniment

Piano, Jayson Keeton

Sound

Jim Judkins
Jayson Keeton
Malcolm Shearin

Costumes

Margaret Burgess
Karen Haithcock
Paula Howell
Beth Kannan
Jessica Judd

Santa Claus

Gary Patterson

The Cast (our youth, our children, our flying angels, our parents)
Congregation support and prayers
All who sang at the Soup Kitchen.

Communication/Publicity

Ruth Smith
Mary Taneti

Program

Ruth Smith
Mary Taneti

Reception

Christian Education Committee
Hospitality Committee

Photography

Malcolm Shearin

Parents of Children

Wonderful Staff

Nona Andrews
Bob Bardin
Margaret Burgess
Jayson Keeton
Ruth Smith
Mary Taneti
Jean Whtaker

Set (Set up and Strike)

Toby Brown
David Byrd
David Carlyle
Brad Graham
Al Grisette
Hettie Grisette
Tim Haithcock
Jimmy Huffman
Michael Jordan
Tim Judd
Charlie Rouse
Bill Royall
James Taneti
Mary Taneti
Vismai Taneti

Moravian Star

Kim Brogden
Philip Brogden



Thanks be to the glory of God!



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



2 Beth Stackhouse
 3 Mary Wynne Stackhouse
 Will Stackhouse
 Mr. Jack Kannan
 4 Mr. Al Grisette
 Dr. Jim Stackhouse
 William Gibson
 5 Mr. Ken Taylor

6 Mr. Hugh Tate
 Dean Gurley
 8 Austin Jeffreys
 Mr. Patrick McArthur
 13 Jake Crocker
 15 Mrs. Bessie Beamon
 Mrs. Victoria Royall Barfield
 17 Mr. John Henderson

17 Ethan Brogden
 19 Mr. John Wooten
 21 Mrs. Toddy Warren
 26 Mr. Sean Huneycutt
 27 Mrs. Gail Shearin
 28 Mr. Kent Warren
 Wagner Wilder
 31 Mrs. Evelyn Rose



The 2020 pledge envelopes are available to be picked up. They are located in the hallway across from Nona's office.



Youth Group will meet January 5 and January 19
 5:00—7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center.



January 6	PWCT	9:30 a.m.
January 6	Evening Circle	6:30 p.m.
January 7	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
January 28	PWCT	9:30 a.m.

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Presbyterians

Young Presbyterians will meet January 25 at 4:00 p.m. In the Activity Center

Men's Breakfast
 Join us for breakfast at
Dee's Diner
 1314 W Grantham St, Goldsboro, NC 27530
 Last Saturday of each month
 From 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Bring a friend!
 Questions: contact Jason Blackburn.