



First Presbyterian Press

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Hello friends, as I write this article on Friday September 29, rain has began pouring. We are watching in the news how devastating hurricane Ian has been in Florida. Now it is heading to South Carolina and eventually get here. The concern I heard here in Goldsboro is flooding. Let us pray together for people who live near flooding areas to be safe. Let us also pray for our brothers and sisters in Cuba, Puerto Rico and Florida who have been affected immensely by the hurricane. One way we can put our prayer and faith into action is by coordinating with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and think about organizing a team from our congregation to participate in God's mission of recovery.

The month of October is a busy month, with the Mission Yard Sale, with World Communion Sunday (Oct. 2) with Wednesday Family Night going strong, with our children and youth ministry, with adult education offering various opportunities to learn. Our music ministries with choir, handbells, children's choir and getting ready for our Christmas events.

We are also beginning our stewardship season which means all the teams and committees are beginning to discern our call for our next year budget. You will hear more about from the finances committee and some of our sermons. I am very optimistic about our stewardship campaign because I have seen how generous and how giving this congregation is. And it is also very exciting to have more visitors and more new members who I am sure will join us in their generosity for God's mission and God's work in the community.

Another great ministry happening is the election of new Deacons and Elders class of 2025. On October 9 after worship, the congregation will re-affirm what the nominating committee and session are recommending. New leaders mean fresh ideas, new visions and imagination that will enrich our ministries as we go into the future. October is also where the amazing Trunk or Treat happens. This is an opportunity for us to be present in the community and welcome as many people as we can. And there is Reformation Sunday that remind us that we are church that is always reforming and dreaming in partnership.

This is also a transition time because our great staff member Ms. Nona Andrews has announced her retirement in the end of January. This is an opportunity for all of us to thank her for all the amazing work she has done to keep this church organized and steady for 2 decades. It is also an opportunity to discern and envision together where God is leading us as staff and as a congregation.

In my journey of reading the Bible in one year, I have been reading Ezekiel, Daniel, Haggai and Zechariah. One of the exciting insights to me, are the common thread of God sharing His visions of hope and restoration. There are dry bones coming alive (Ez. 37), there is a river that comes from the Temple in Ezekiel 47, there is a vision of Daniel who foresees many empires coming and go, but God's love remains forever. And then there is this gem, *"The Glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house, says the Lord"* (Haggai 2:9). These are the words of Prophet Haggai encouraging the people to keeping re-building the temple of God. How exciting to know that God has led his people in the past to do great things, and how honored we are that God is still planning greater things for First Presbyterian Church and the city of Goldsboro. May we trust in His promise and may we keep working and building in unity.

In the unity of Christ, Pastor Noé

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons
Oct. 2	Toby Brown	Emily Byrd
Oct. 9	Toby Brown	Christie Stafford
Oct. 16	Evelyn Rose	Charlie Rouse
Oct. 23	John Dees	Coleen Leeper
Oct. 30	Bill Royall	Teresa Smith

The deacon in charge: Kent Warren

Co-Deacon: Robin Wilson



For the month of October

Suzanne Corbin, Bill Corbin, Toby Brown

Christian Education October 2022 Events

Sunday School – Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday school 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Family Night

- 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
 - Children (pre-school thru sixth grade) yoga and crafts – 2nd floor
 - Youth (seventh thru twelfth grade) getting to know each other, conversations and hanging out – youth room
 - Adults (Pastor's Bible Study) Parlor or Chapel (depending on number attending)
- 6:15 p.m.
 - Family Fellowship Dinner and clean up in the gym.

Young Presbyterians (pre-school through fifth grade) every second and fourth Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

We will meet on the fifth Sunday too from 4-6 p.m. just for October.

Youth Group (sixth through twelfth grade) every first and third Sunday from 5-7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to sign up their car trunks and provide candy or treats for this wonderful event. Call or email Mary Taneti.



October Birthdays!



02 Mrs. Missy Best

04 Mr. Frank Best Jr.

05 Mr. Jason Blackburn

06 Mr. George Warren

06 Mrs. Margaret Nance

07 Mrs. Shelby Benton

09 Mrs. Linda Stevens

11 Mr. Garrett Evans

16 Mrs. Angie Best

16 Mr. Harris Brogden

17 Mr. James Judkins

18 Ms. Marina Burgess

19 Mrs. Ellen Best

19 Mrs. Debbie Richter

19 Mr. John Parker IV

23 Ms. Hannah Best

24 Mr. Vismai Taneti

25 Mrs. Jessica Judd

26 Mr. Carson Barfield

28 Mr. Hunter Hawkins

28 Ms. Annelise Boros

29 Mr. Alex Lewis

30 Mr. Johnnie Brown

Mission Yard Sale

Saturday, October 8 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Due to the impending Hurricane Ian, the Mission committee has decided to postpone the Mission Yard Sale to Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. On Thursday, October 6, there will be an “FPC Members Only Presale” from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. when members may purchase items at the marked price, there is no bargaining, and all items purchased (by cash or personal check) must be removed from the gym by 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 7th.

At 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 8th we will open the doors to the community. Please come at 7:00 a.m. to welcome and assist our neighbors. This is our chance to show that we are a warm and caring Family of Faith. This year, any leftovers will be donated to Habitat Restore. This Yard Sale is our biggest yet, a testament to your generosity and hard work. Thank you, contributors and volunteers.

Presbyterian Socials Are Back!!!

The first one, a fellowship gathering of our congregation, will be hosted by Toby Brown and David Carlyle in their home in Walnut Creek. **Save the date: Sunday, December 18, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** More details and reminders about it will be announced in November.

For all our new FPC members and friends, and a reminder for those of you who participated before, the Presbyterian Socials are held once a quarter on a Sunday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It is for all FPC adults and hors-d’oeuvres and beverages will be provided. We had them going before the pandemic and are excited to get them started again. The socials provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other better in a casual setting and it helps our congregation become more bonded as

friends and gives us a stronger connection with each other. If you have questions, feel free to contact Evelyn Rose.



Music Ministry

Chancel Choir to Resume Rehearsals

The Chancel Choir is off to a wonderful start! During the month of September, we had several new singers join the ranks of the tenor and alto sections. Everyone has received their “Chris-in-a-Box” CDs of all the anthems that they will be singing for the rest of the year, as well as their “Chris-in-a-Box” Christmas packet which had the music and the CDs to help them learn their music their service in December.

WE NEED BASSES! Men, we know there are those of you in the congregation with wonderful voices because we heard you sing on Mother’s Day! You do not have to know how to read music! Chris will teach you everything that you need to know at each rehearsal. Other men in the choir will help you each week in your section. You will have a great time learning to sing, being with the delightful people in the choir, and enjoying making music for the Lord. Please, please, please come and give Chris a chance to bless you with the joy of music. Try it. You’ll like it!

(Bonus! There is always desserts to take home at the end of the rehearsal!)

The Handbell Choir

The sound of bells and chimes are filling the halls of the second floor each Thursday night as the fifteen-member ensemble prepares their music for the holiday season! They have received all their Christmas music for their concert in Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia, and for their musical offerings here at First

Presbyterian Church and have almost perfected several of the pieces already! All of the five-octave set of handbells and the three-octave set of handchimes are being rung each week. At each rehearsal, the ringers are becoming more and more confident, musical, and familiar with the various techniques needed to ring each selection. Chris is very proud of this group of musicians and cannot wait to let the rest of the communities hear them ring during the holiday season.

They will be ringing in Williamsburg on Friday night, December 16th at 8:00 p.m. in Bruton Parish Church for the evening's Candlelight Concert Series. They will return to Goldsboro and provide all the special music on December 18th for the morning worship service at First Presbyterian Church. Please make special plans to come early and hear them ring!

Children's Choir Rehearsals!

During the first few weeks of September many families were ending their summer vacations and outings. Now that the fall is upon us our children have returned to their choir rehearsals each Sunday morning in the choir room from 9:00-9:30 a.m. It is wonderful to see the children and to see new faces who have joined us each week!



Like the Chancel Choir, the children have received their “Chris-in-a-Box” Christmas packet which included a CD recording of their Christmas musical and a script so that they can learn the songs and words at home. They also received a packet containing the words and a CD of the anthem “Feed My Lambs” which they will sing before December. We always have more packets and places for new children each week!

“Beneath a Shining Star” will be performed on the morning of December 4th in the sanctuary. Each child will have a special part as they portray a group of children putting on a presentation of the Nativity for their church. There is a bossy director, some

disgruntled shepherds, and a greedy innkeeper to make the entire musical a delightful depiction of the first Christmas in Bethlehem. You will not want to miss it!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian women and friends, please come and enjoy Bible study and fellowship. **Evening Circle**, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 6 p.m., parlor or **Morning circle**, Tuesday, Oct.4th, 10:00 a.m., parlor Kathryn Spicer will present our Bible study, "Sabbath and Celebration," Matthew 11:23-12:13

Memorials/Honors

MEMORIALS

Louise Huffman – Undesignated – Harold & Evelyn Rose, Dan & Suzanne Blackshear, Susan Borden Class, Toby Brown & David Carlyle, Ditty Whitford, Jack & Ellen Best, James & Kathryn Spicer

East Garden – Anna Best Lee

Music Fund – Lee Futrelle

Presbyterian Women – Frank & Missy Best, Al & Hettie Grisette

O. L. Starling – Undesignated – Frank & Missy Best, James & Kathryn Spicer, Hope Derby, Harold & Evelyn Rose, Malcolm & Gail Shearin, Jack & Ellen Best

Mission Fund – Sam & Ann Hunter

East Garden – Anna Best Lee

Jimmy Neese – Undesignated – Charles & Phyllis Woodard, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Gibbs, James & Kathryn Spicer, Joyce Keller, Nancy Norwood, Barbara Ann Vinson, Corrie Middleton, Hope Derby, Jack & Ellen Best, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Franklin

East Garden – Anna Best Lee

Thomas Bradshaw – Undesignated – James & Kathryn Spicer, Jo Ann Logan,
Malcolm & Gail Shearin, Jack & Ellen Best, Toby Brown & David Carlyle, Troy &
Joyce Pate

Missions Fund – Sam & Ann Hunter

East Garden – Anna Best Lee

Don Casey – Undesignated – James & Kathryn Spicer, Donna Hopewell

East Garden – Anna Best Lee

Audrey Brow – Undesignated – Adrienne & Jim Northington, Ed & Sue Potter

Presbyterian Women – Al & Hettie Grisette

Patricia Toole – Undesignated – Thomas Bradshaw III and Susan Bradshaw

Wylie Leonard – Presbyterian Women – Al & Hettie Grisette

Bessie Beamon- Presbyterian Women – Al & Hettie Grisette

Anne Fidler – Vacation Bible School – James & Mary Taneti

HONORS

Ann Hunter – Vacation Bible School – James & Mary Taneti

Mary Taneti – Vacation Bible School – Sam & Ann Hunter

Toby Brown & David Carlyle – East Garden – Anna Best Lee

James Spicer – East Garden – Anna Best Lee

Kathryn Spicer – Music Fund – Anna Best Lee

Prayer Requests

Congregation Members @ home

Mrs. Hope Derby, Jimmy Huffman, Ken and Judy Taylor, Mrs. Jackie VanHoy, George and Addie Warren, Peggy Till, and Brigitta Seymour.

Friends & Family

Mr. Jeff Stanley, (son of Bill and Sharon Stanley)

Ms. Beth Jennings, a friend of Carol Branch

Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son

Mr. Bob Locket, a friend of Ken Taylor

Mr. Phil Barbee, brother-in-law of Fred and Rosalyn

Mr. Ric Wagner, a friend of Chris Watkins

Ms. Jane Yates, a friend of Toby Brown



Outreach

Mr. Gilbert Brown @ Brookdale Senior Living on Berkley Blvd.

Mr. Mike Pate @ Brookdale Senior Living on Country Day Road

Mrs. Madelyn Percise @ Cypress Glen, Greenville, NC

Mrs. Jane Johnson @ Willow Creek, Goldsboro, NC

Special prayers for all those who woke up to a new reality after Hurricane Ian passed through. For those still in the path of the Hurricane. For nations and their people affected by natural disasters.

FPC Calendar for October 2022

Sundays	Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:00 to 9:30 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. Presbyterian Women Night Circle 6:00 p.m. (first Monday) Cub Scouts Troop 3 @ 6:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Morning Circle 10:00 a.m. (first Tuesday) 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 to 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Congregational Book Club 7:00 p.m. (first Thursday) Handbell Choir 5:30 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.



Wayne UNC Hospital Chapel, Goldsboro, NC