

CELEBRATE
MAY
BIRTHDAYS!

1. Randy Sauls

1. Bill Royall

2. Rick Sumner

4. Parker King

7. George Joseph

7. Casie Penner

9. Katie Graham

11. Vicki David

12. Ted Hackmann

14. Jaqueline Kannan

16. Charlotte Suddarth

17. Sharon Stanley

17. Lourdes Ortiz

17. Mary Scott Best

19. Brad Gurley

20. Mary Taneti

27. Sam Korschun

29. Eliana Judd

31. Karis Hawkins

31. Shaun Leib

Date	Elder	Deacon	Co-Deacon
May 4	Barbara Bradshaw	John Walston	Rebecca Kinsey
May 11	Malcolm Shearin	John Fidler	John Walson
May 18	Carol Branch	Charles York	Jo Barrow
May 25	Chris Martin	Richard Amoako	Ronson LeVau



For the Month

- Richard Amoako
- Boots Whitfield
- Jenny Whitfield

Back Door Monitors

- | | |
|--------|----------------|
| May 4 | John Fidler |
| May 11 | Tim Haithcock |
| May 18 | Rebecca Kinsey |
| May 25 | Sonny Wooten |



May 4th Communion Servers

- Barbara Bradshaw
- Emily Byrd
- Randa Scott

Congratulations!

Beth and Ivey Cauley welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Benjamin Harrell Cauley, into the world on Monday, April 21st. Older siblings Davis, Lynne, and Libby are just as smitten as Mom and Dad!



First Presbyterian Press

Volume 25, Issue 5, May 2025

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” Isaiah 43:1-2

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

The month of May is a month of many celebrations: Presbyterian Social, Cinco de Mayo, Presbyterian Women end-of year celebration, Mother’s Day, Graduation Sunday, Memorial Day weekend and the Chiapas Mission trip. As we think about these celebrations, the Bible verse that comes to mind is Isaiah 43 quoted above:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name; you are mine”.

This Bible verse is so special to me because it invites to celebrate life even in the midst of challenges. The people of Israel went through many times of celebrations, yet they also went through times of hardship. When we face hardship, let us not fear, for God loves us so much and has called us by name. You (insert your name here...) belong to the Lord. Even when we pass through the waters, God is there to open the waters, and God is there to sustain us in his loving arms. So, no matter what you are going through right now, may the festivities of the month of May help us remember that the joy of the Lord is our strength. Let us praise the Lord in the storm and may God’s quiet joy in our hearts will burst into joyous celebrations!

Let us enjoy a wonderful time together at the Presbyterian Social at the Haithcock’s farm. Let us join our Mexican friends in the Cinco de Mayo fiesta. What an amazing job the Presbyterian women do in the church with all the activities: all the way from keeping our Sanctuary beautiful, providing food for memorial service receptions, and engaging in Bible Studies about Environmental Justice. On Mother’s Day, of course, I thank God for my mother who is a person of prayer who prays for me and for this church every single day. I thank God for all of you wonderful mothers and mother-figures in this church. May 18th is graduation Sunday. My son *Paul* is graduating from high school alongside of 4 other great high school students: *Hannah, Trotter, Hinton, and Caroline*. We also have *Thomas, Hunter, and Marina* graduating from college. Congratulations! May God help you fulfill all of your dreams. On Memorial Day Weekend, we thank those who have given their lives protecting our country. And at the end of May, 8 of us: *Ann, Sam, Jo, Paige, Rolando, Bud, Teresa*, and yours truly, will go to Chiapas, Mexico to help Presbyterian churches in their ministries.

So, let us not fear no matter what happens in life. Instead, let us celebrate the goodness of the Lord, and continue serving the Lord and the community with all our hearts.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Noè Juarez

First Presbyterian Youth

You're Invited!

YOUTH AND PARENT SOCIAL



YOUTH AND GRADUATION SUNDAY PRACTICE

Saturday, May 17th

11:00 a.m.

Join Us!

Youth and Parent Social

11:00 a.m.

This is a time to get to know Paige, discuss youth programming and activities for the Fall, and offer feedback on the future of our youth group. Lunch provided.

Youth & Graduation


Sunday Practice

12:00 noon

This is a time for our graduates and youth (grades 6-12) to practice marching in, the order of service, prayers, and talking points.

Youth and Grad. Sunday is May 18

Please R.S.V.P. to Paige Corbett at (252) 281-3011 at your earliest convenience.




SIGN UP FOR VBS 2025!

JUNE 16- JUNE 20

AGE 3- GRADE 5

YOUTH AND ADULTS NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers and students can register online at fpcgold.myanswers.com or by scanning the QR Code



Spring Presbyterian Social

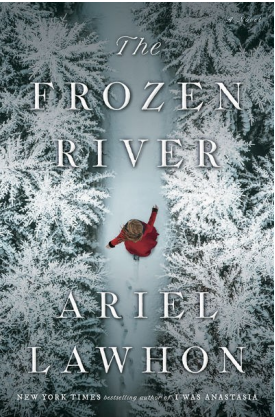
We are all in for a unique treat at our May 4 FPC Social. All ADULT members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited as Tim and Karen Haithcock are hosting at their Pecan Farm. It will be **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 5:00-7:00 P.M.** The Pecan Farm address is 312 Sanderson Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578. Directions: Go east on Highway 70 from Goldsboro, turn right on highway 111 and head south for 8.7 miles; turn right on Sanderson Road; go 1 mile and turn left (by 3 old tractors) and follow a dirt path .4 miles to the orchard on the left. Hope to see you there!

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club. **"The Frozen River"** by Ariel Lawhon is our next book. The leader is Mrs. Lynn Branch.

The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Childcare will be provided upon prior request.



In Our Prayers

• Jimmy Huffman	• Rev. Jason Leonard
• Ken Taylor	
• Addie Warren	• Jane Yates
• Brigitta Seymour	• Phyllis Davis
• Fred and Rosalyn Lomax	• Stan Davis
• Mary Glenn Pittman	• Linda Brock
• Ditty Whitford	• Gloria Cauthorn
• Linda Stevens	• Ryan Scott
• Eddie Radford	• Virginia Royall
• Elbert Brown	• Travis Best
• Victoria Barfield	• Laura Pike Deprill
• Will Stackhouse	• Emma Penner
• Brad Graham	• Mike Grebe
	• Charlie Kemble



FPC MISSION TRIP

CHIAPAS, MEXICO

Speak to Teresa Smith or Ann Hunter for more information!

MISSION TRIP DATES: MAY 31-JUNE 6

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will host our end-of-program-year meeting on **Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.** Paige Corbett will present the program, and we will announce this year's Honorary Life Member. Refreshments will be served in McChesney Hall afterwards. Please join us!

The Education Scholarship Offering

will be taken on Graduation Sunday, **May 18th.** Please consider giving to this offering that helps fund college scholarships. There are envelopes available in the pews designated for this offering. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and notate in the memo "Scholarship Offering".

Congratulations to our Outstanding Elder Adult Award Recipients: Jamesie and Kathryn Spicer!



The Spicers are a significant part of the life of this church, supporting its mission and its activities from big projects to everyday needs. The Spicers spread the joy of the Lord wherever they go. Jamesie and Kathryn Spicer fulfill the criteria for Outstanding Older Adult at First Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro and New Hope Presbytery. A blessing to all who know them, they serve the Lord in everything they do.