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"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps"
Proverbs 16:9

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro,

Welcome to September 2024! We are excited to kick-off our programs and ministries for this season. I am looking forward to celebrating with you September 8 rally day. Thank you, Paige, for organizing this event. Many committees and many ministries will have tables and information at the gym to share opportunities to get involved while we enjoy food.

I am also excited that we are resuming Men's Breakfast on September 10. We have about 10-12 men each Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Lantern Inn Restaurant. We have a great time laughing and enjoying fellowship and we close with a short devotional. This fall we are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

We are joyful about the Wednesday Family Night. We begin Wednesday September 11 (which happens to be my son Paul's birthday) with a Bible Study at 5:30, dinner at 6:15 and Choir rehearsal at 7 p.m. We appreciate the hospitality committee and the many groups of our church providing delicious meals. And of course, we are excited about our music ministries under the leadership of Matthew Moore who is a wonderful musician, singer, and a great team player.

We celebrate the welcoming of new members on September 15th. We thank God that we are a growing church and that God's grace is from everlasting to everlasting. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

This fall starting September 8, we will also begin a new sermon series called CELEBRATE LIFE! Based on the Gospel of Luke. I am looking forward to discovering God's goodness in our lives!

Elders, deacons, committee chairs, committee members, Presbyterian Women, Christian education leaders, book club participants, mission Yard sale, pickleball players, Hispanic ministries, and so many teams are flourishing here; and we thank God

for each of you who are part of this beautiful church. Let us offer our plans to God, trusting that God will continue '*establishing our steps*' in our spiritual traveling:

*Traveler, your footprints
are the only road, nothing else.
Traveler, there is no road;
you make your own path as you walk.
As you walk, you make your own road,
and when you look back you see the path
you will never travel again.
Traveler, there is no road;
only a ship's wake on the sea – Poem by Antonio Machado.*

*Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Noé Juarez*

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
Sept. 1	Sonny Wooten	Marilyn Bateman	Randa Scott
Sept. 8	Eddie Radford	Brownie Doss	Rick Sumner
Sept. 15	Charlie Rouse	Rebecca Kinsey	Rick Sumner
Sept. 22	Evelyn Rose	Charles York	Sally Bardin
Sept. 29	David Evans	Carol Branch	Jordan Krutsch



For the month of September

Laurie Juarez, Joe McLamb, Mickey Nance

Christian Education September 2024 Events

Christian Education Kick-Off Sunday: September 8: Please bring your favorite finger food and join us in the gym for a Kick-Off Celebration and Rally Day on Sunday, September 8 following our Worship Service! This will be a time to mingle and get to know your church family while also learning about different programs and opportunities to serve! Mark your calendars!



Kick-off Sunday – September 8

We will also be taking a Scholarship Offering on Kick-off Sunday. Please consider giving to this offering that helps fund college scholarships. Envelopes are available in the pews designated for this offering. Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church and notate in the memo “Scholarship Offering”.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Every Sunday

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM
FOR ALL AGES!**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GOLDSBORO
1101 EAST ASH STREET GOLDSBORO, NC 27530

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Birth- Age 2:** Nursery with Brigitte Broohm
- **Age 3- Preschool:** Room 205 With Joan Stafford
- **Kindergarten-2nd Grade:** Room 204 with Margaret Burgess
- **3rd Grade- 5th Grade:** Room 207 with Lisa Royall
- **Youth:** Room 206 with Rotating Teachers:
 - Rebecca and Demis Perez
 - Christie Stafford
 - Paige and Cody Corbett
 - Laurie Juarez
- **Young At Heart (Adults):** Room 215 with Bill Royall
- **Susan Borden Class (Adults):** Conference Room

Our Youth will meet combined for now. Once we become big enough, we will split into two separate groups: a middle school and a high school group. We look forward to seeing you soon!

If you are interested in starting a new Sunday school class or would like to serve in Sunday school in some way, please contact Paige Corbett via email at fpcgoldcedir@gmail.com



On Sunday, September 15, the Welcoming Committee will be hosting the "New Member Luncheon" in McChesney Hall after worship for all new members who have joined since the last event in November. All new members should have received an invitation by mail. Please RSVP by September 6 to Sarah Evans at (702) 533- 4890 or see3972@gmail.com.



September Birthdays!



01 Mike Pate, Jr.

01 Karen Haithcock

04 Mun Best, III

07 Nick Lancaster

08 Mary Glenn Pittman

09 Jackie Joseph

10 Sue Blackshear

11 Paul Juarez

14 Curtis Stafford

14 Jerry Anderson

15 Fran Boyce

17 Graves Forrester

18 Tom Johnson

19 Susan Stackhouse

19 Kathy Daniels

20 Wendy Hicks

21 Joyce Wooten

21 Lucy Warren

22 Randa Scott

23 Richard Amoako

23 Matthew Moore

25 Joyce Keller

26 Mary Ann Parker

26 Terry Cottle

27 Charles York

28 Jerri Holland

30 Emma Jordan



Congratulations to Mollie and Aldridge Forrester on the birth of their beautiful baby girl! Billie Bryant was born on August 28, 2024. Billie is also the granddaughter of Manning and Doug Musgrave.

Mission Yard Sale

Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

- **The next 5th Sunday offering will be September 29, 2024. This offering will be designated for the FPC 2024 Turkey Giveaway.** On Nov. 23 we will give away 125 turkeys and the fixins' to make a Thanksgiving meal for a family. Please consider contributing to this local mission opportunity.
- We will also be selling reusable FPC grocery bags to support the Turkey Giveaway. These will be available for \$10 beginning on Rally Day, Sept. 8. Or you may purchase one from the office or see Teresa Smith.
- **Our Annual FPC Yard Sale to raise money for missions will be on October 5.** You may donate items (except clothing) during office hours. We cannot accept clothing donations until after Oct. 5 due to storage space. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be located on the desk in the Welcome Center. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, Sept. 29 immediately after church to set up tables and to move stuff from storage into the gym. Pizza will be served to all volunteers. We also need volunteers from Monday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 4 to help organize and price items. And, we need volunteers to help during the yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 5! This is a great opportunity to get involved with our missions at FPC!



- **Chiapas 2025 - Tentative dates for our Chiapas Mission Trip are May 31-June 6, 2025. More information coming soon.**

Wednesday Family Night

Fall 2024: Start September 11 End November 20

Spring 2025: Start January 15 End April 9 (Break March 5 for Ash Wednesday)

Every Wednesday

5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Children (second floor) pre-school through fifth grade:

Adults (chapel) of all ages: Pastor's Bible Study.

Theme: Celebrating Unity

Book: *1 Corinthians, The Challenges of Life Together*

6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Family Dinner and Clean Up (gym).

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (choir room).



MEN'S BREAKFAST: All the men are invited to have breakfast starting Tuesday, September 10, from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. at Lantern Inn: 2201 E. Ash St., Goldsboro. The first part of the gathering is fellowship and the second part is a short Bible study. We will be discussing the Gospel of Matthew. Copies of the study guide are \$10. The study guide is optional.

Dear Church Family,



You are a wonderful and amazing family.

The last few weeks have been especially challenging. Your cards, visits and delicious food has given us so much joy. God has heard your prayers and blessed us with healing, peace and love. Troy's healing has been slow but improving every day. We really look forward to watching our church service on the TV, but really are anxiously awaiting the day when we can be back with all of you worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary. **Thank you again for all of your acts of kindness and love.**

Joyce and Troy Pate

FIESTA SOCIAL!



Pastor Noé and Laurie Juarez are hosting our September 22 Presbyterian Social at their home for all FPC adult members and friends. The Hispanic group, which meets in our chapel, is helping Pastor Noé and Laurie host the event, which is the beginning of the Hispanic Heritage Month. As usual, it will be from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Their address is 110 Jessica Place, Goldsboro, which is just a short distance off N. Berkeley Boulevard. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be available for everyone's enjoyment. Mark your calendar and plan to come and enjoy this Fiesta! It is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with FPC adult members and friends and get better acquainted in a relaxed social setting. Hope to see you there!

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB



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

Book: "[The Violin Conspiracy](#)" by Brendan Slocumb.

Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch

The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also on October 17, Brendan Slocumb will speak at Paramount Theater! Tickets are \$40.

For the month of October: "[The Measure](#)" by Nikki Erlick.

Calling Artists, Writers, and Staff for *Advent Devotional 2024*

The first Sunday in Advent this year is the first day of December! One of FPC's traditions is an Advent booklet of devotional writings and art by church family members. Artists and writers of all ages are invited to contribute, and editorial assistants are also welcome.

Please volunteer by September 15. Email rosalynlomax@gmail.com or call or text 919-344-2080 (Rosalyn) or 919-273-7361 (Kathryn).

Deadline for writings and art work: October 20.

As you prepare, please ponder all the **Christmas memories and traditions** you hold dear. Review your **favorite Christmas Scriptures**, perhaps Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1: 18-25, Matthew 2, or Luke 1 and Luke 2. Sing your **favorite carols**! Even looking at your own family Christmas photos or old Christmas cards may inspire you.

Writers, please include the following in your devotional (about 350 words):

- a title
- a Scripture (please identify the version of the Bible you use)
- your message
- a short prayer
- your name (or names if you co-author).

The devotional booklet will be published and distributed by the first Sunday in Advent. Thank you!

Kathryn Spicer and Rosalyn Lomax



Presbyterian Women

All women at First Presbyterian Church are invited to join us for worship, fun, and fellowship each month. We offer both morning and evening Circle meetings to accommodate most schedules. The same program is offered at both meetings. Starting in **October**, we will generally meet the first Monday (October 7) of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the first Tuesday (October 1) of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Free child care can be provide if you let us know in advance. Please join us and bring a friend!

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Candidates to be considered for nominations for church officers.

It is time to start considering nominations for the 2027 class of the Session and the Diaconate.

Elders and Deacons must be active members of First Presbyterian Church for at least one year, may or may not have served previously on the Session or Diaconate, must be of good character, have strong faith, love Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and must be elected by the congregation. Officers may be elected to consecutive terms if their total continuous service does not exceed six years. If possible, please check with your nominees to be sure they are willing and able to serve. Every member may make single or multiple nominations. Self-nominations are encouraged. Names of candidates may be submitted by completing the form in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate, giving the form to Teresa Smith or Emily Byrd, co-chairs of the Nominating Committee, or leaving the form at the Church Office. Acceptance of candidates will close via these forms on September 22.

Recommendations will be consolidated and considered by the Nominating Committee. The names will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on October 6. There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor at the Congregational Meeting in accordance with the Book of Order.

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Jason Blackburn
Toby Brown
Lee Futrelle
Eddie Radford
Evelyn Rose

Class of 2025

David Evans
Meredith Gurley
Tim Haithcock
Phyllis Patterson
Teresa Smith

Class of 2026

Emily Byrd
Charlie Rouse
Kathryn Spicer
Susan Stackhouse
Sonny Wooten

THE DIACONATE

Class of 2024

Carol Branch
Brownie Doss
Hettie Grisette
John Parker
Will Spicer

Class of 2025

Marilyn Bateman
John (Bud) Fidler
Jordan Krutsch
Randa Scott
Rick Sumner

Class of 2026

Sally Bardin
Jo Barrow
Rebecca Kinsey
John Walston
Charles York

Recommendations from a member of the congregation

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

FPC Calendar for September 2024

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. Hispanic Prayer Group at 11:30 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 7:00 p.m. (first Monday) Cub Scouts Troop 3 at 6:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 3 at 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. (Starts Sept. 11) 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. (Third 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.