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"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" *Isaiah 49:15*

Dear siblings in Christ at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

We have arrived in the month of May. May is the month of Mother's Day and it is appropriate to reflect on our Mother's faith. I have shared many times with you how important my mother's role is in my life. My mother Gloria taught me to love Jesus since an early age, and my mother taught me to love the church.

Please allow me to share a story that describes my mom: I was about 7 years old. The terrorist group called *Shining Path*, was killing farmers and Christians. We didn't have a choice but leave our farm and flee as refugees. When we are walking on the road with our little donkey and a few belongings, my mother saw a small church building. And then she said, "Let's rest here for a while and let us pray". We walked into the church building then my mother began to sing almost crying,

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident" (Psalm 27:1, 3).

I saw my mother's faith in action trusting the Lord in bad times and good times. I thank God for my mother who is still healthy and alive, and still sharing the love of God wherever she goes.

Thank you to all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures who like my mom teach the faith of Jesus Christ in real life. I am very appreciative of my Mother-in-Law JoAnn and my *mamacita* Laurie who is also a wonderful mom. In this month of May, may we all find ways to celebrate all the mothers and their influence in our lives.

I have seen many times how loving, and kind are the mothers of First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro and to you, I say Feliz día de la Madre. Happy Mother's Day.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Noé Juarez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
May 5	Evelyn Rose	Jo Barrow	Rebecca Kinsey
May 12	Lee Futrelle	Jo Barrow	John (Bud) Fidler
May 19	Phyllis Patterson	Jo Barrow	R. John Parker
May 26	Phyllis Patterson	R. John Parker	Jo Barrow

Back Door Monitors: May 5 John Fidler
May 12 Kathryn Spicer
May 19 Randa Scott
May 26 John Walston

May 5th Communion Servers: Toby Brown, Jo Barrow, Rebecca Kinsey

For the month of May 2024

John Dees, Charles Hastings and Nancy Hastings

Thursday, May 02, 2024

PRESBYTERIAN SOCIALS

Thanks again to the Warrens for a lovely time at our spring social Sunday, April 14. **Mark your calendar** for our Fall Presbyterian Social ***hosted by Pastor Noé and Laurie Juarez*** at their home **September 22, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M**. as usual. Their home is located at 110 Jessica Place, Goldsboro. We will announce more details later.

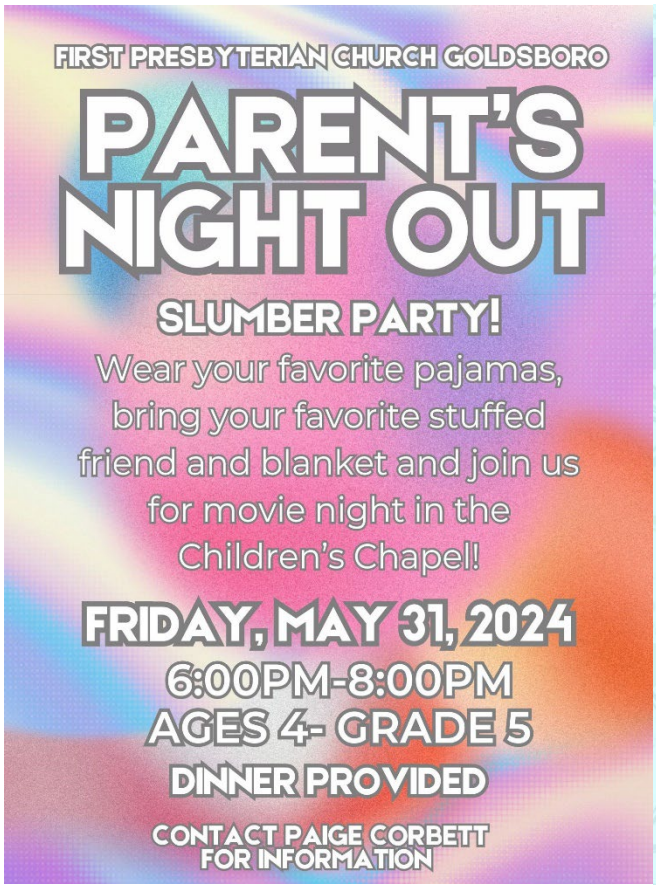
Congregational Book Club

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

Time: Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Book: "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride.
Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch.
Place: Parlor.
(Childcare will be provided upon prior request.)

Dear FPC Members and Friends,
We **thank you** for the honor of being chosen to receive the **Outstanding Older Adult Award** recently. We deeply appreciate those who nominated us and were so blessed by the kind presentation made by Rosalyn Lomax. Quite honestly, we know that there are many in our church who deserve the real credit for this award. This congregation's willingness and active participation has taught us, inspired us and supported us. We do qualify in the "Older" category, but you are truly the "Outstanding" ones. We thank God for you and look forward to our years ahead together. **Love, Sam and Ann Hunter**

Christian Education Upcoming Events



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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 Jacqueline 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

FPC Members- We would like to honor all our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 19th. If you know of someone in our church who is graduating from high school, college, graduate school or even post graduate, please e-mail Dalton Bolles at FPCgoldyouthdirector@gmail.com

We will also be taking a Scholarship Offering on Graduation Sunday, May 19th. Please consider giving to this offering that helps fund college scholarships. On May 5th, there will be envelopes available in the pews designated for this offering. Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church and notate in the memo "Scholarship Offering".

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women invite all the ladies of the congregation to join us on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for our annual Honorary Life Member celebration. (This gathering will replace our usual monthly Circle meetings for May.) Randa Scott will give a program on "People Encounter Jesus through the Work of the Disciples." This will be the ninth and final lesson from our study guide, Sacred Encounters: the Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts, and we will name this year's recipient of the Honorary Life Member award. After the program, we will enjoy desserts and fellowship in McChesney Hall. It will be an evening full of fun and fellowship, so please join us.

The Congregational Nurture Committee is excited to announce the FPC Informal Directory is available in the office to members, prospective members and those who attend regularly. The price is $5.00 to help defray the costs of printing. Corrections may be passed on to Marilyn Bateman or Ellen Best. Please note: Charlie Rouse's cell is: 919-922-0220 *Cash or if writing a check, please make payable to: First Presbyterian Church*

Prayer Requests

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?" Psalm 121:1 (NRSV)

Jimmy Huffman, c/o Cathy Huffman, 118 CP Sykes Road, Spring Hope, NC 27882
Ken Taylor, 904 Pittman St., 27530
Addie Warren, 200 Deluca Road, 27534
Brigitta Seymour, 100 Tarklin Dr., 27530
Fred Lomax, 204 S. Claiborne St., 27530
Mary Glenn Pittman, NC Veterans Home-Kinston, 2150 Hull Rd, Kinston NC 28504
Cell-540-526-6161
Ditty Whitford, 829 N. Spence Ave., 27534
Linda Stevens, 582 S. Peedin Ave. Selma, NC 27576
Eddie Radford, 135 Livingston Drive, 27530
Chris Coward, Brookdale Morehead City, Rm. 205,107 Bryan St. Morehead City, NC 28557, 252-646-6667
Gilbert Brown, 1800 N. Berkeley Blvd. Rm 506, Navion of Goldsboro, 27534
Teresa Smith, 1112 Park Ave., B. Goldsboro, NC 27530
Paige Corbett, 401 Sweeten Branch Dr., Pikeville, NC 27863
John Till, 312 Cedar Rd., Goldsboro, NC 27534

Hospital

Outreach

Brookdale Senior Living

Brookdale Senior Living
380 Country Day Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530
Mr. Mike Pate

Cypress Glen, Apt A 202,
100 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858
Mrs. Madelyn Percise

Willow Creek

Family and Friends of Members
Mr. Jeff Stanley, (son of Bill and Sharon Stanley) 320 Whipple Ave. Batavia, IL 60510
Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son
Ms. Jane Yates, a friend of Toby Brown (Alleghany Center, 179 Combs Street, Sparta, NC 28675)
Tracey Bowens, Director of A Day Away
Rev. Jay Hine, 109 S. Audubon Ave. 27530
Gloria Cauthorn, mother of Sarah Evans, 2010 Pump Rd. Henrico, VA 23238

To volunteer for VBS, please use the sign-up sheets in the welcome center. Include good contact details and the area you prefer to work in (first choice and second choice). It is my hope that everyone will be able to serve where they would like, to make this possible, we may have to be flexible. Thank you SO MUCH for being willing to help! Contact Paige with any questions!