

Forecast



Summer 2021

Our mission is to know Christ, to serve Him, and to make Him known.



Hello First Presbyterian Church of Kannapolis Family,

Greetings in the name of our LORD! Words simply cannot describe my time spent with you, yet again as your Supply Pastor. I am definitely at home here at First Presbyterian Church of Kannapolis. I suppose I will always feel that way because of you! Yes, I love the church building, the grounds and the quaint bustling Main Street with the baseball stadium, shops and restaurants, but what I really love is you! Like it or not, you have become lifelong friends to me and I am sure we will stay connected in many ways. It would have been the highest honor to serve you as your Senior Pastor, however most of you know that I have a homeless non-profit I must continue to pour into and be faithful to. I am so excited that the church has adopted, Watchmen of The Streets- Habit Missions Ministry, Inc., as part of its mission and even more excited to have an outreach group through the church to serve our homeless neighbors in the Concord/ Kannapolis area! I feel certain that you will continue to see me either joining the Kannapolis group for homeless ministry, visiting, with my son downtown or guest preaching from time to time. I would like to leave you with a word of encouragement, that you are the church indeed.

I pray that First Presbyterian Church of Kannapolis would remember to, "WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE." Worship does not only happen on Sundays, but should be an attitude of our hearts and lives towards God. Something becomes a lifestyle if we habitually do something. For example, if we want to be in good physical shape, we need to discipline ourselves. This would include things like physical activity and healthy eating. The beginning will always be difficult but once we get used to it, everything becomes natural.

It is also the same with developing our relationship with GOD. If we want worshipping God to become our lifestyle, we need to make a choice and make a difference in our daily lives. It starts with personal time with God. We should seek Him daily in our prayer time. We should read and meditate on the Word of God, and we should seek to bless and love others as we have so graciously received from our Lord. Daily distractions will come and the enemy will make every effort to distract us from God's mission and perfect plan for our lives. It is our choice whether we let those distractions throw us off course or stand firm by being obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit. When we spend time with Jesus every day and every moment, worshipping Him comes naturally and becomes a lifestyle and desire of our hearts.

Romans 12:1- Paul wrote, *'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship.'*

May we continue to grow in Christ together and fall deeper in love with the One who loves us with an everlasting and eternal love! I look forward to seeing what God will do with (You), His church!

Blessings & Love,
Pastor Heath

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Summer singing kicked off on Sunday May 23! It was wonderful & much needed! After things were so quiet last summer it is great that we can offer our summer concert series Summer Singing on the Steps! More information on each concert and the artists can be found below. As our city opens up more, let us all be praying as a church on how best to serve our community and share the gospel. Well that's just it. I believe the number one thing that will draw people to our church and keep them here is the gospel of Jesus Christ. We often get so busy planning wonderful things and programs, but people cannot resist the gospel. Let's pray for revival in the city of Kannapolis and that our church would reflect the community. Let's pray that people will be drawn to our church because of the gospel! In Tim Keller's book *Uncommon Ground*, he argues that "sharing the gospel in the city means finding common ground with your city first. It is not we as a church have always done it this way, and we are not going to change for the culture. Nor is it we just go with the culture and try to fit in. It is not that simple." I pray as a church we will not compromise the gospel for our city, but we also would not shut our city out of our lives. (David Hamilton)



Jessica Yates & Friends were a great kick off!

Summer Singing on the Steps 2021



Our first Summer Singing on the Steps was enjoyed by all ages.

May 23 Jessica Yates is a graduate of Catawba College, where she earned a BA in Voice Performance. She is currently music director at Enon Baptist Church in Salisbury. She was my voice student at Catawba, where she studied German lieder, Italian opera, country, pop, and praise and worship. She currently enjoys performing around the state of North Carolina.



June 20 Wildwood Honey are back. We have enjoyed having these young ladies minister in music at First Presbyterian. We are happy to have them back. With harmonies as sweet as honey, Wildwood Honey blends folk, bluegrass, and gospel music to create a unique genre we affectionately refer to as folk-grass. They will perform in front of the Swannee Theater at 3:30!

July 11 Dustin Chapman is back. Dustin graduated for Catawba College with a BA in Popular Music. He led us in worship before and now he's back. He studied voice with me and was able to make it to Hollywood on American Idol multiple times. I have enjoyed watching this young man grow into a fantastic artist.



A Life Steeped in Sound and Obstacles (from Dustin's website)

There are many people in this world who find music therapeutic, Dustin Chapman is certainly one of those individuals. Possessing a passion for music from a young age, Chapman fell in love with the sounds of Brooks & Dunn, Brad Paisley, and more, but didn't realize just how vital music was to his individuality until life threw him the ultimate curveball.

During the young singer's senior year of high school, Chapman began experiencing issues due to a rare disease, Achalasia. This disease, which has left Chapman unable to swallow solid foods,

help Chapman discover the power music possesses—the power

it has to restore brokenness, encourage hopefulness, and breathe life into the lifeless. During Chapman's trials with sickness, he'd sing. When he felt anxious about an upcoming test or procedure, he'd sing. He discovered that music had the ability to give him words when he felt as if there was nothing to say, and this is when he decided to pursue a career in music. After making this decision, he allowed himself to enter a place of vulnerability that would allow audience members to do the same. Chapman broke down emotional barriers and began showcasing music's abilities to help him overcome, music's abilities to help so many others overcome, and what he truly hopes people see is that there is a beauty and power that music possesses that can help them overcome as well. With that in mind, Chapman write songs that balance various subjects, songs that express heartbreak and frustration, highlight joy and happiness, and tackle serious topics with feel-good melodies which ultimately showcase that there's reason to search for ways to achieve prosperity through hardships. Though young, Chapman has experienced numerous hardships which he is holding close and carrying with him far and wide to show the world that individuals set their own obstacles and that everyone has the power to achieve anything they set our mind to.



August 8 Cabarrus Station are here. Angel Paez is a marvel.

He graduated from Catawba College with a BA in popular music. He was my voice student, but his musical talent goes beyond singing. He plays multiple instruments and has perfect pitch. Blinded from birth, music has given Angel a wonderful outlet to share his gifts. Centered around Midland, North Carolina, Cabarrus Station proudly shares the rich history of Cabarrus County and bluegrass music. Their blend of bluegrass, country, gospel, and southern rock creates a driving and unique sound that brings audiences to their feet.

Christian Education:

Summer Sundays!

This summer, reconnect with your church family on Sunday afternoons!

We began Summer Sunday's on May 16th, with classes available for all ages at 5:00pm. A meal will be provided at 6:00pm for \$5 per person (max \$20 per family). Please sign up for meals each week so the Fellowship Team knows how much to prepare. Classes will be led by Bill Jolley (adults), Donnie and Raegan Swaringen (Middle/Senior High Youth), Michelle Walker (Elementary Youth), and Alpha Barger (Preschoolers).



Men's Fellowship meets on the Second Saturday of each month. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast sandwiches and devotional time. Contact Dave Agrabrite for more information.



Our Church is blessed to have two guest speakers supplying the pulpit in June. Please make them feel welcome!

June 6 – Rev. Michael Krauter

June 13 – Rev. Steve Moss

June 20 – Rev. Michael Krauter

June 27 – Rev. Michael Krauter

Congratulations and welcome to our newest members! Seven youth confirmed their baptism and were accepted into membership on May 16, 2021. They were honored with a gift from the Christian Education Team and a reception following the Worship Service. Confirmands are: Amelia Caskey, Fred Caskey, Ella Sechler, C. J. Semcho, Jr., Emmy Watkins, Lilly Watkins, and Katelyn Wiseman. A very special “thank you” to Larry Efird for leading their class!!!



Thank you to all who donated Law Enforcement Appreciation Bags for the Kannapolis Police Department. The bags were delivered on Wednesday, May 12th. Please continue to pray for our First Responders!





**SALTSHAKERS LADIES' BIBLE STUDY
INVITES YOU TO REGISTER FOR:**

THE SUPERIORITY & SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST

***A STUDY OF THE BOOKS OF HEBREWS
AND GALATIANS***

SEPTEMBER 2021 - APRIL 2022

Virtually

Monday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.

For Registration contact:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KANNAPOLIS

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WEBSITE: www.FirstPresb.org

Please leave your name, phone number, and email address



Coming soon! The Christian Education Team is planning some form of Vacation Bible School for our church family in late summer. Be on the lookout in the bulletin and emails for more information!!!

Session Highlights:

Following are highlights from the Session for the past 3 months.

Voted to receive the following graduates of the confirmation class as new members: Amelia Caskey, Fred Caskey, Ella Sechler, C.J. Semcho, Jr., Emmy Watkins, Lilly Watkins, and Katelyn Wiseman.

Approved a motion to host a summer concert series once a month on the front steps, and to collect a love offering for the performers.

Approved a motion to remove the limit on attendees at events in the sanctuary, which had been set at 80 last summer due to the pandemic.

A rotation of Michael Krauter and Steve Moss will fill the pulpit on May 23 and during the month of June.

Approved holding a Red Cross blood drive at the church.

Accepted Peggy Gibson's retirement as Treasurer. Thanked Peggy for her many years of service during morning worship on May 23. Elected Debbie McDaniel as the new Treasurer.

New floor covering for the nursery and for the 2nd and 3rd floor hallways in the Fellowship Hall has been purchased and will be installed soon. This is being funded with designated gifts.

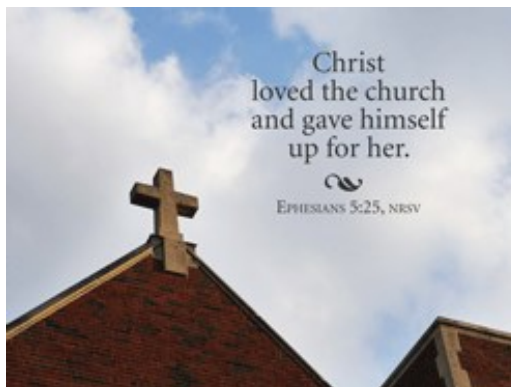
New picnic tables have been purchased for the playground and should arrive soon.

LED Lights have been installed in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen.

Sermon by Phone has been set up and access given to those known to have a need. If you have a need to use this and do not have access, please contact the church office

We will create double-sided prayer requests and visitor cards for the pews.

The congregation elected the elders at a congregational meeting on May 16, moderated by Rev. Jason Sentas. Tracy Caskey, Tony Rary, and Donnie Swaringen were elected to the Class of 2024. Jeff Barnhardt was elected to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2022.





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June

3-Ryan & Michelle Walker
16 Charles & Becky Seaford
19- Dave & Jane Argabrite
Adam & Tracy Caskey
30-Michael & Cindy Martens

July

2- Bill & Bonnie Goodnight
16-Brian & Hannah Efird
21-David & Amy Hamilton
27-William & Sharon Cranford
31-Gip & Kathy Rumble

August

4-Norman & Susan Baker
Henry & Sharon Whitaker
11-David & Sheila Grey
12-Robert & Iris Efird
Todd & Karen Pless
16-Mel & Sandy Eaton
17-Bobby & Opal Hallman
25-Richard & Melissa Keasler
29-Danny & Linda Bost



June

2- Ronald Barger
3- Cierstyn Lowder
Dave Argabrite
4-Kelly Semcho
6- Wren Philpot
8- Jaxon Eddings
12-Jill McLain
13-Sharon Stricker
14-Peggy Barnhardt
23-Donna Whitley
25-Richard Little
26-Jenna Baker

July

1- Alpha Barger
3-Laura McLain
6-Chariti Lowder
7-Ethan Eddings
9-Amande Rose Grebler
10-Rachel Hinson
11-Carla Efird
13-Camryn Lowder
16-Hannah Efird
Ivy Zimmerle
Paula Petty
17-Michelle Walker
18-Mark Goodnight
20-Isreal Burchett
Renee Goodnight
21-Donna Mauldin
Theresa Black
22-Amy Hallman
Jennifer Linn
25-Carol Lowder
Opal Hallman
31-Shirley Faust

August

2-Anna Victoria Jacobs
7-Elizabeth Sechler
8-Charlene Booth
11-Jane Argabrite
16-Allison Hammett
Iris Efird
17-Amy Hurst
19-Tony Hunter
22-David Hamilton
Paul Barnhardt
27-Brenda Ramsey
Lincoln Williams
Tony Rary
28-Jean Skillman
31-Cookie Hamilton



Year to date Budget (As of April 20,2021)	\$81,645.32
Year to Date Income (for budgeted items)	\$78,376.50
Year to Date Expenses (for budgeted items)	\$69,329.43
If you would like a copy of the budget, please contact the church office.	

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