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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude and Preparation for Worship**

Schaum

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Lighting of the Candles**

Erica Efird

**\*Call to Worship**

Ephesians 2:8-10

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

**All: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 696**

*Marvelous Grace*

MOODY

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession**

“O God of grace, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We humbly confess our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Forgive us, gracious God, for the many ways we fall short of Your glory. Grant us the grace to die daily to sin and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray.”

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

I Peter 1:3-4

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.”

**\*Hymn of Meditation No. 699**

WYE VALLEY

*Like a River Glorious*

**Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family**

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

<b>Word with our Children</b>		Roxanne Spencer
<b>Offering and Special Music</b>		Randy Childers
<b>*Scripture Reading</b>	John 5:1-15	page 1054
<b>Sermon</b>	Do You Want to Get Well?	Eddie Spencer
<b>*Hymn of Assurance No. 465</b>		PRECIOUS LORD
	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	
<b>*Prayer and Benediction</b>		
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>The Blood Will Never Lose its Power</i>	Crouch

\*All who are able please stand  
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## To Our Guests

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

**Children's Activity Bags** are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. **Children's Church** is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children.

**A Nursery** is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

A special "thank you" to Greg Taylor for his assistance in installing our new security camera system. Greg worked faithfully for many weeks, and we are very grateful!

# UPCOMING



**Make plans and invite friends to join us on Sunday, October 23 for a special worship service and a picnic on the grounds.**

Our newly-formed Interpretive Dance Team and the PraiseMakers Kids' Choir will help lead our worship. The Fellowship Team will provide lunch (chili beans, slaw and cornbread; hot dogs for kids) and treats on the front lawn, and games and crafts will be available. Please sign-up in the Narthex so we have enough for everyone!



**All Journey Youth and their families are invited to a Fall Cookout & Hayride at the Walker Farm on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m.!**

We'll eat dinner from the grill, ride a tractor-pulled hayride, play games, and enjoy treats. You may even wear a costume - just keep it family friendly, please! Sign up in the Narthex by Wednesday, October 26 to attend and help provide supplies.

See Ryan or Michelle Walker for more information.

**The JOY Group luncheon has been rescheduled for Friday, October 28th at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

The Argabrites will provide ham, while others are asked to bring sides, drinks, and desserts. Please sign up in the Narthex (NEW sign-up sheet) and come ready with ideas for the group!



# Dig Deeper into God's Word this fall with Wednesdays in the Word!

A Fellowship Meal is served at 5:45p.m. on a donation basis.

**This week's menu:** spaghetti with meatballs, Caesar salad, garlic toast, drinks and dessert.

Praise Makers' kids choir will rehearse at 6:00p.m.

At 6:30p.m., small groups will explore lessons from The Gospel of John, which Eddie's Sunday sermons introduce each week.

**Children/youth classes will also be available as follows:**

Explorers (preK-K): "Hearing Bible Stories" with Alpha Barger & Jane Argabrite

Seekers (1st-4th): "The Case for Christ for Kids" with Chariti Lowder & Shannon Sechler

Navigators (5th - 8th): "The Case for Christ for Kids" with Roxanne Spencer & Irene Davis

## Hurricane Ian Relief

New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, Florida, has set up a disaster relief fund following the devastation of Hurricane Ian. If you would like to contribute, place your donation in the offering plate (checks made out to First Presbyterian), marked "Hurricane Ian Relief." The deadline to donate is Sunday, November 20th. Please continue to lift up in prayer all those impacted by this horrific storm.

## The Missions Team's collection of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox items continues!

As a church family, we will pack 200 boxes for boys ages 2-4, and 200 boxes for boys ages 10-14. Our packing party is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30pm.**

**LOTS of #2 pencils**

**131 composition notebooks**

**17 scissors**

**105 hairbrushes**

**400 small foam/sponge balls (football, basketball, soccer ball)**



Once these supplies are secured, we'll move on to new items! **If you would prefer to pack your own shoebox, there are empty boxes in the Narthex. Please return your box by Wednesday, November 9, including a \$10.00 donation to cover its shipping cost! You may also Build a Shoebox Online - see Michelle Walker for more information.** Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry!

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## The South Rowan Public Schools Bible Teaching Association is hosting a golf tournament at The Club at Irish Creek on Monday, October 31!

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9am. Cost is \$100/player or \$400/team, which includes lunch. The SRPSBTA supports two full-time Bible teachers (including our own Emily Griggs!) who serve South Rowan High, Jesse C. Carson High, China Grove Middle, and Corriher Lipe Middle. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

## Update on Hamilton Family Mission

Please continue to remember the Hamilton family in prayer, who are on a Vision Trip to France through Greater Europe Mission (GEM). There, they will meet with other missionaries in France at the Camp des Cimes (Camp of the Peaks) in the French Alps for worship, planning, and fellowship. The Hamiltons will have the opportunity to hear about all the ministry opportunities in France, and train and develop relationships with missionaries. More information about the Hamilton Mission and ways to support them can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for your prayers and support!



Greater Europe Mission



# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.  
Email the church or write down  
on a prayer card & place in offering plate.

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Linda Sampson**- Home and under Hospice care  
**Roxanne Spencer**- Loss of her father, Bob Ackerman  
**Hannah Efird**- loss of Grandmother  
**Donna Mauldin**- Moved to the Landings of Cabarrus  
**Patricia Hartsell**- loss of mother  
**Shirley Faust**- Is home recovering from a stroke

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

**Mike Allen (Barger's family)**- Cancer diagnosis and has started chemo  
**Lisa Threatt (Chariti Lowder's mom)** -testing for trigeminal neuralgia  
**Becky Montgomery (Renee Goodnight's Friend)**- Still struggling following a second stem-cell treatment

## HOMEBOUND

**Cindy Fisher**- Transitional  
**Peggy Barnhardt** – Morningside  
**Barbara Hancock**- home  
**Iris Efird**- home  
**Barbara Wise** - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia  
**Loretta Young** - Five Oaks



*I want to thank everyone for the cards, texts, prayers and the other acts of kindness expressed during my Mom's passing. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.*

*Patricia Hartsell*

# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## Sunday, October 16

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45am - Interpretive Dance Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, October 18

12:00pm - NA  
6:30pm - Missions Team

## Wednesday, October 19

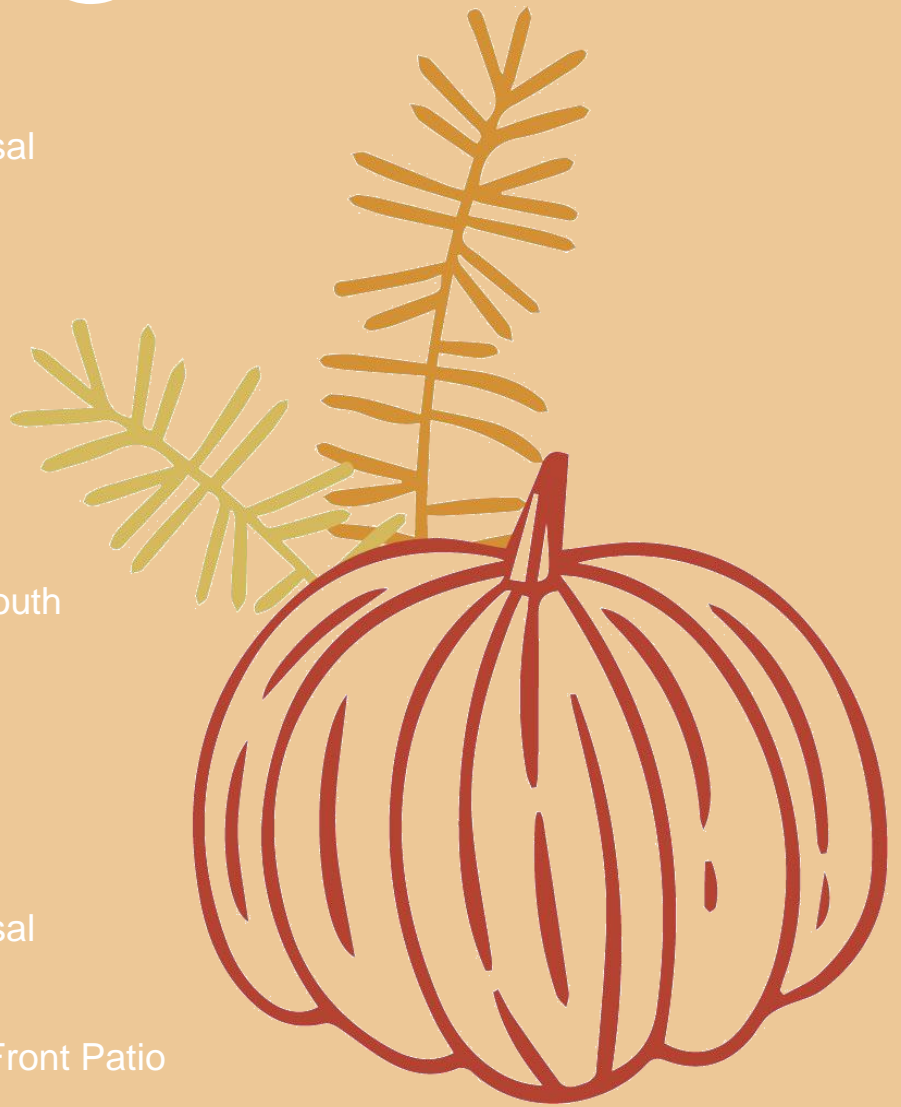
5:45am - Fellowship Meal  
6:00am - PraiseMakers Kids' Choir  
6:30am - Small Groups & Journey Youth

## Thursday, October 20

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA

## Sunday, October 23

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45am - Interpretive Dance Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
12:00pm - Church Family Picnic on Front Patio



## SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Efird  
Children's Message: Jenna Baker  
Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer  
Children's Church: Jane Argabrite & Kay McAllister  
Children's Church next week: Brian & Hannah Efird  
Acolytes: Erica Efird  
Acolyte next week: Caylin Lowder  
Nursery: Shannon Sechler  
Nursery next week: Lynn Efird  
Ushers: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler  
Ushers next week: C.J. Semcho, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost  
Greeter: Renee Goodnight, Roxanne Spencer

## FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

YTD Income	\$195,565
YTD Expenses	\$199,704
YTD Budget	\$221,533

Last week's attendance: 10/9/22  
Sunday School 57  
Worship 109

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