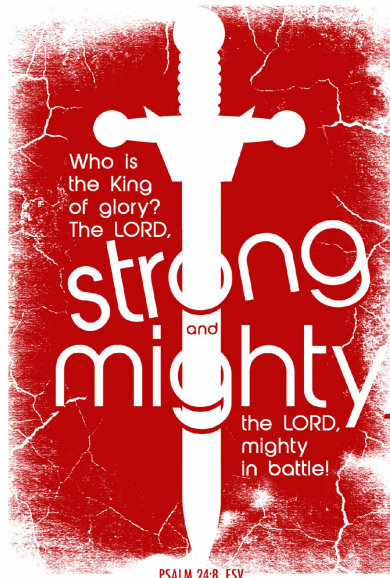




THE WEEKLY FIRST



I know you will have a meaningful worship service on Sunday. We are delighted to have special guests Sunday. Dr. Jeff Porter will be preaching; Melanie Freeman will be our guest cellist. Below are a few of our activities for the upcoming weeks and Fall.

- Men's Fall Steak dinner is Sept. 19. Pastor Jeff Harris will be sharing his testimony. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- Linda's Closet will be opening once a month on Saturdays from 11-2, beginning Sept. 14. We need some volunteers on Saturdays. It is a great opportunity to meet some of our neighbors. If you are interested, please contact Cindy DeVoe or Eddie.
- Our Fence Ministry continues to touch people's lives. Please see Kay McAllister if you are interested in participating.
- Wednesday Night Ministry Kick-Off is Sept. 25
- Afternoon Tea Party is October 5. Please sign up.
- First Presbyterian is hosting the Fall Presbytery meeting on Saturday, October 12. If you are willing to help, please contact Cookie Hamilton.

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

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



We are continuing our Operation Christmas Child collection in September, having set our goal to once again pack 400 shoeboxes - 200 for girls aged 2-4, and 200 for girls aged 10-14.

For September our collection will focus on personal care items! We need:

400 hairbrushes

370 washcloths

382 regular sized bars of soap

398 packs of hair accessories (like clips, pins, or small bows)

362 toothbrushes

We would also like to give small water bottles to the older girls (we still need 120) and a dinnerware set for the younger girls (we will order - approx. \$2.83 each on Amazon).

If you would like to contribute towards these items or the cost of shipping our boxes (\$10/box) you can do so online; or mark your donation "Shoeboxes" and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to pack your own shoebox, shoeboxes are now available in the Narthex, also instruction guides. Return your packaged box with the \$10 shipping cost inside, by Sunday, November 10.

If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.



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Genesis Sunday is THIS SUNDAY,

On September 8th, we will gather for
breakfast at 9:30am in the Fellowship

Hall. At 10am, we will introduce youth and adult Sunday School offerings, then dismiss to our respective classes. Classes include:
Explorers: Pre-K and Lower Elementary; Alpha Barger & Judy Hunter
Seekers: Upper Elementary; Carol Lowder, Sharon Stricker & Pat Hill
Navigators: 6th grade & up; Tracy & Amelia Caskey
Drummond: Ron Lisenby
Disciples: Dave Argabrite
Friendship: Renee Goodnight & Vickie Ellington
Guardians: Raegan Swaringen & Michelle Walker



First Presbyterian will once again partner with Kimball Lutheran for Samaritan’s Table on Thursday, September 12 at 5 pm. Volunteers prep to-go meals at First Pres, then help hand them out in a drive-thru at Kimball.

See Phil McLain if you are willing to help!



South Rowan Public Schools Bible Teaching Association is having a Run For the Word 5K fundraiser on Saturday, September 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Landis, NC. Funds raised support their 3 full-time teachers’ salaries and benefits. They have hired a full-time teacher for China Grove

Middle School and Southeast Middle School. If interested, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.



Journey Youth and their families are invited to a Wednesday night fall kick-off! On September 18, we will begin with a cookout at 6pm. Then, all ages are invited to compete in a Gaga Ball tournament!
Friends are welcome - just sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, September 15.



Men of the church are invited to a Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, September 19 at 6pm. Pastor Jim Harris of Calvary Baptist Church, Kannapolis, will be our guest speaker. The menu will include steak or chicken, baked potato, salad and dessert. Suggested donation is \$12.00 per person. Please sign up in the Narthex and indicate your choice of entree.

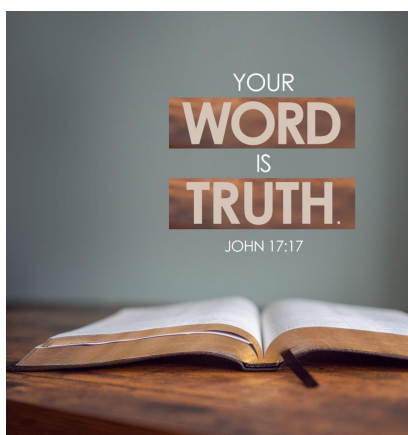


"Christmas" Themed Bridal Shower

The First Pres Women's Council is hosting a "Christmas" themed Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Sechler on Sunday, Sept 22nd. Please drop by the Fellowship Hall between 3:00-5:00pm to bless Elizabeth. She is registered at Target and Amazon.



Ladies, Save the Date for an **Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday, October 5th.** Josephine Haynes will be our guest speaker. There will be a fashion show and food featuring local businesses. **You can register online or sign up in the Narthex.**



Wednesdays in the Word resume September 25. Pastor Eddie will begin our time together with a 5-week adult class on the life of Moses. Children and Youth will meet as well. For the remaining weeks, we will enjoy fall festivities and OCC Shoebox activities. The schedule for Wednesday nights will be as follows:

5:30pm Dinner for Youth and their families
6:00pm PraiseMakers Rehearsal
6:30pm Adult and Youth classes.



You are invited to Celebrate Community - A Night to Remember - on Saturday, September 28! This evangelical event to celebrate the children and youth in our community will be held at the Cannon Ballers' stadium 7pm and end with fireworks. There are even opportunities to join a community choir for kids and adults. For more information see Michelle Walker! **If you would like to go with a First Pres group, please sign up in the Narthex!**



Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!

So many items have been gifted to our community through this ministry.

Current needs:

Small (travel size) empty sealable plastic containers (to hold shampoo and conditioner)

Ball caps, bandanas, small bottles of water, sunscreen.

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Special Opening: The closet will be open on Saturday, September 14 from 11:00am - 2:00pm to serve our community.

We have been asked by many working families if it is possible to open Linda's Closet on a Saturday at least once a month. In order for us to be able to do this we need at least 1-2 Volunteers to be willing to help from 11 am - 2 pm once a month or even every other month. Please let Cindy DeVoe know if you would be available to help.

Prayer Concerns

**Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.**

CHURCH FAMILY

- John Hammond - heart concerns
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Jane McDaniel (McDaniel's daughter-in-law) - heart issues
- Jessica Brown (Lisenby's granddaughter) - lesions on liver
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's 7 yr old granddaughter) - recovery from surgery
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - waiting for heart & kidney transplant
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - treatment for brain tumor
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Huner) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - first of six radiation treatments
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care

HOMEBOUND

- Bob & Shirley Faust - Accordius
- Linda Bost - Best of Care
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks

This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, September 8

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School Introductions
in Fellowship Hall
11:00am - Worship Service
12:00pm - Volunteer Training in
Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 9

10:30am - Women’s Council

Tuesday, September 10

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda’s Closet
12:00pm - NA

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, September 14

11am-2pm - Linda’s Closet Open

Next Sunday, September 15

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
4:30pm - Teen Girls’ Bible Study

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Cookie Hamilton
Children’s Message: Jenna Baker
Children’s Message Next Week: Roxanne Spencer
Children’s Church: Lynn Efird & Risa Little
Children’s Church Next Week: Andrew & Jenna Baker
Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
Acolytes next week: Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker
Nursery: Sharon Stricker & Debbie McDaniel
Nursery next week: Jenny Sparks
Ushers: Jill & Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
Ushers next week: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt
Greeters: Phil McLain & Roxanne Spencer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS
Raegan Swaringen Dave Ellington Lynn Sechler
Cookie Hamilton Chris Lowder Ken Sparks
Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain
Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator
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