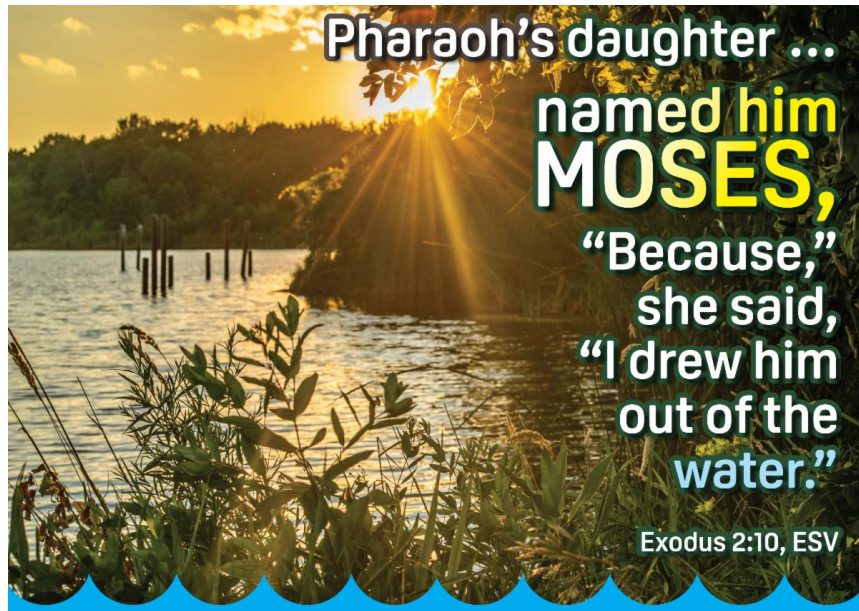




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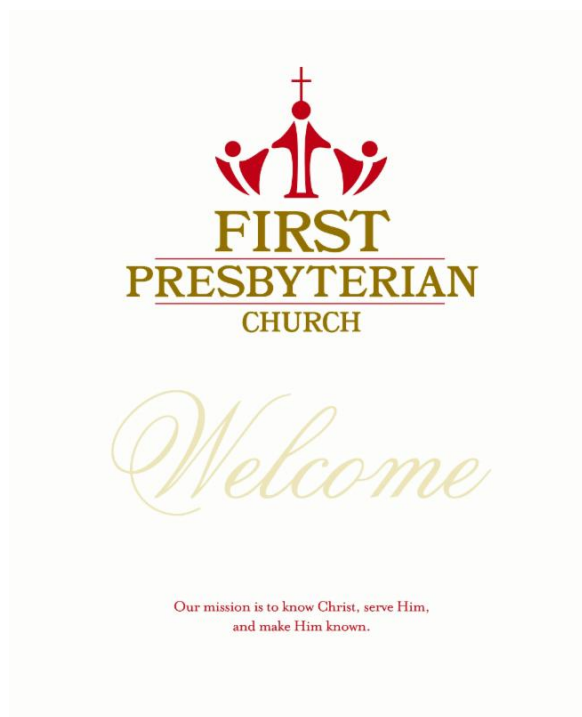


This Sunday we begin a new series, “The Moses Story”. The series will be different from my two previous series: the “Fruit of the Spirit” and “Praying the Psalms” series. In these series, I taught on an attribute of God’s Spirit, from a smaller passage of Scripture or a single Psalm. In “The Moses Story” we will read and review large portions of Scripture often encompassing an expansive swathe of God’s redemption history.

Our series will remind us of the remarkable way God has revealed His perfect Word to us. The Bible is composed of 66 books, written by some 40 human authors, in three languages, mainly Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT), in multiple literary genres, from and to people on several continents over a 1500 year period. And it reveals a single narrative! God’s revelation of God’s story of redemption.

This Sunday we will begin at the beginning, Exodus 1-2 and see God’s preservation and preparation of God’s leader/deliverer, Moses. It would be helpful to read Exodus 1-2 in preparation for the beginning of “The Moses Story”.

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!





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

270 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/.



OCC Workshop Coming soon! If you are interested in learning more about Operation Christmas child or how you can be involved in our church's collection, Samaritan's Purse is hosting a Project Leader Workshop on Saturday, Sept 21 at Pitts Baptist, from 10:30am-12. A shoebox recipient will also share his testimony. **Please see Sue Maiocchi or Michelle Walker for more information.**



LOOKING FOR A SEASONAL JOB WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE?

Help process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name!

Scan this QR code to apply or go to samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs



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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 **THIS SUNDAY** and indicate your choice of entree.

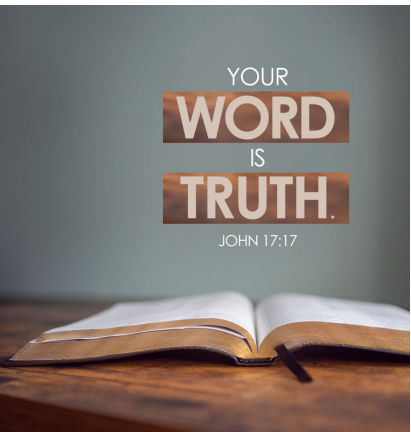


"Christmas" Themed Bridal Shower

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.



Women of the Church are invited to an *Afternoon Tea & Fashion Extravaganza* on Saturday, October 5th at 2:00pm. Guest speaker, Josephine Haynes, will lead us in a time of devotion. Refreshments and fashion from local vendors will be featured. **Please sign up in the Narthex or on the First Pres website by Sunday, September 29 if you would like to attend!**



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. Beginning Wednesday, October 16, the Chancel Choir will also rehearse at 6:30pm. 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 & Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(beginning 10/16)



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!



Linda’s Closet would like to open to the community one Saturday each month from 11am-2pm.

But we need additional volunteers.
If you would be willing to help staff the closet on a Saturday, during our weekly Tuesday openings, or sort donations on Thursdays, please see Cindy DeVoe.

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
- Cecil Cress - health concerns
- Shirley Faust - recovering from surgery and has returned to Accordius

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from surgery
- Jillian Goodwin (Cindy DeVoe's daughter) - recovery from surgery
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - waiting for heart & kidney transplant
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - treatment for brain tumor
- Jessica Brown (Lisenby's granddaughter) - treatment for liver issues
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - 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 Faust - Accordius
- Linda Bost - Best of Care
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks

This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, September 15

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
4:30pm - Teen Girls Bible Study

Monday, September 16

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

Tuesday, September 17

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda’s Closet
12:00pm - NA
6:45pm - Missions Team

Wednesday, September 18

6:00pm - Journey Youth Fall Kickoff

Thursday, September 19

10:30am - Ladies’ Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Men’s Fellowship Dinner

Friday, September 20

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, September 21

10:30am - OCC Workshop Pitts Baptist

Next Sunday, September 22
10 Cents-A-Meal
9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
3:00-5pm - Elizabeth Sechler Bridal
Shower

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Cookie Hamilton
Children’s Message: Roxanne Spencer
Children’s Message Next Week: Michelle Walker
Children’s Church: Andrew & Jenna Baker
Children’s Church Next Week: Roxanne Spencer & Katherine Vriesema
Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker
Acolytes next week: Noah Walker & Abby Vriesema
Nursery: Jenny Sparks
Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder
Ushers: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt
Ushers next week: Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Amy Hurst, Tony Hunter
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
Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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