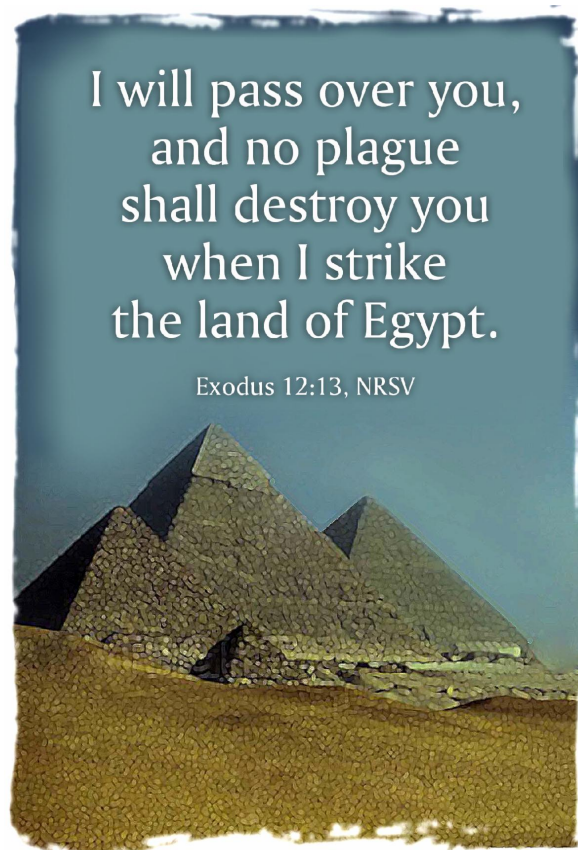




THE WEEKLY FIRST



In the “Moses Story” series on Wednesday and Sundays, I have tried to teach us truths from the story while following the early chapters of Exodus. This Sunday, we will pick up the story in Exodus 5. Moses is stepping out of faith in response to God’s call and mission. God has graciously provided Moses’ brother, Aaron, to help Moses deal with his insecurities. We are not told the details, but somehow Moses has been given an audience with the most powerful person on earth at the time – the King or Pharaoh of Egypt.

“Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let My people go, so that they may hold a festival to Me in the wilderness.’” Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the Lord, that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.’” (Exodus 5:1-2) In response to Pharaoh’s question, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey Him?”, God brought plagues down on Egypt. This Sunday, I will ask and try to offer some insight to the question, “What do the plagues teach us”? Charles Swindoll, in his book on Moses, calls the chapter on the plagues, “Plagues that Preach”.

Please continue to pray for those impacted by the hurricanes in Florida and NC. Many of us know people in both states who have been deeply affected by these natural disasters.

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

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



HURRICANE RELIEF

OPPORTUNITIES - Samaritan's

Purse has deployed Disaster Relief

to assist Hurricane Helene victims in Boone, NC; Asheville, NC; Valdosta, GA and Tampa, FL. If you would like to give towards their efforts, you may write

a check to First Pres and note "hurricane" in the memo line.

Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 27.

Volunteers are also needed, and day trips are an option for churches near Boone.

If you are interested in assisting the clean-up effort, please see Sue Maiocchi or Michelle Walker ASAP. Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.



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 October, our focus will be toys and other essentials!

Toddler Girls

168 3 oz modeling clay jars

200 small balls (handheld)

200 packs of underwear (sz 2-4)

Older Girls

200 watercolor sets

196 jump ropes

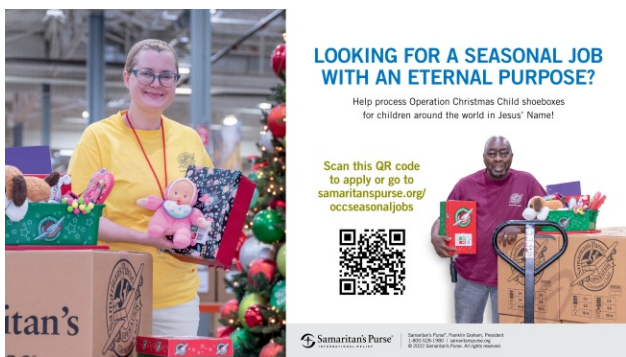
200 pairs of sunglasses

If funds allow, we would also love to include a small LED flashlight for all, and maybe even tshirts or drawstring bags that we will paint.

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/.



The congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony uniting

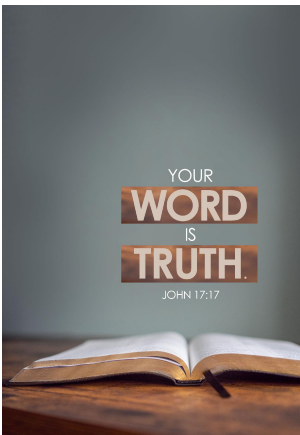
Elizabeth Grace Sechler,

daughter of Lynn and Shannon Sechler, and

Quenten Thomas Jordan,

son of Michael and Carrie Jordan

Saturday, November 2 at 4:00pm; First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis



Join us this fall for Wednesdays in the Word!

Pastor Eddie will lead an adult class expounding on our Sunday morning “Moses” series. Children will also consider the life of Moses, while youth will focus on the example of Daniel. Beginning Wednesday, October 16, Chancel Choir rehearsals resume 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
- 6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



First Presbyterian will host the ECO NC Presbytery Fall Gathering this Saturday, October 12! Elders and ECO representatives will be on our campus from 8:30am -1pm to enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, and inspiration. The meeting will build on the theme of *Metanoia* introduced at the National Gathering this year.

Mystery



Journey Youth 5th Grade and up are invited to a Mystery Dinner Theatre! We will dine at the Spencer home (1008 Sprucewood St.) on Friday, October 25 at 6:00 pm. Participants

will be assigned a “character,” which they will dress like and act like at the party. During the meal, a mystery will unfold, and guests must use their reasoning skills to deduce the guilty party. Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 20th. See Tracy Caskey for more information!



UnityFest is coming to Kannapolis on October 26! This Christian music festival will take place from 12pm-9pm in Village Park, and features musicians like Jason Crabb, Unspoken, and Sidewalk Prophets. Attendance is free, but a pass is required. If you would like to go, please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 20 or see Michelle.



Women of the church are invited to “Dr. Nana Talks Faith: Helping Your Grandkids and Clankids Know Christ.” The event will be held at Second Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis on Saturday, October 19, from 9am-12pm, featuring Dr. Tricia Scribner. Your \$25 ticket includes continental breakfast and a catered bbq lunch. Please let Michelle know if you are interested in attending!



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)
Ziplock bags: 1 & 2 gallon
First Aid items: band aids, wipes, vaseline
Clean/gently used socks, hats, gloves and scarves
Handwarmers
Small bottles of water.

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Linda's Closet will be temporarily closed for the month of October. The Closet is taking this opportunity to re-organize, prepare for fall and winter, and transition its leadership. Please hold any donations at this time. If you would like to offer help, please let Eddie or Michelle know!

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

- Bob Faust & Family - loss of Shirley
- Jill McLain and family - loss of mother and grandmother
- Alice Jeanes - recovery from infection
- Fred Caskey - knee injury
- John Hammond - growing stronger
- Judy Goodnight - recovery from eye surgery
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- Diane Belotti - loss of 17 year-old niece

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida
- Robert Little (Richard's brother) - new treatment for cancer
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - waiting for heart & kidney transplant
- 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) -finished treatments
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care
- Noriko Haraguchi (Trish Nixon's friend) - lost all in Helene flood (Florida)
- All those affected by hurricanes and the ongoing relief efforts

HOMEBOUND

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

This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, October 13

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
 - Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, October 15

- 12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, October 16

- 5:30pm - Journey Youth Dinner
- 6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
- 6:30pm - Wednesday in the Word for all ages!
- 6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

- 5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, October 19

- 9am-12pm - Dr. Nana Talks Faith at Second Presbyterian

Church
in Kannapolis

Next Sunday, October 20
9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Sue Maiocchi
Children’s Message: Alpha Barger
Children’s Message Next Week: Roxanne Spencer
Children’s Church: Sharon Cranford & Sue Maiocchi
Children’s Church Next Week: Michelle Walker & Carol Lowder
Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
Acolytes next week: Cierstyn Lowder & Noah Walker
Nursery: Lynn Efird
Nursery next week: Sharon Stricker
Ushers: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Todd Pless
Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight
Greeters: Lynn Sechler, Renee Goodnight

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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