



THE WEEKLY FIRST



Over the last weeks, on Sundays and Wednesdays, we have been following the Moses Story, making applications from his life to our lives and times and seeing how the Moses story points us toward and is fulfilled in God's Gospel story. This past Sunday and Wednesday, we have asked the question, what do the plagues teach us? This Sunday we come to the last and convincing plague. We will study Exodus 12, where God reveals instructions for the implementation of the Passover.

The Passover is the central celebration for two of the three monotheistic religions. The Passover is celebrated in the Jewish Faith and in a revised Passover meal, the "Lord's Supper" as a central celebration of our Christian Faith. At the heart of the celebration is the "Story of the Lamb". What is the meaning of the Passover and the story of the lamb? This is the question for Sunday's message. In faith may we be a people who "behold the lamb".

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



**Hurricane
RELIEF**

A group from First Pres will travel to Boone on Saturday, October 26th for Hurricane Helene relief work with Samaritan's Purse. We will leave the church at 5:45am, and be ready to work by 8am. Work should be complete between 3:30-4:30pm. Volunteers must bring: sturdy work boots, work pants, work gloves, a bagged lunch, water, and hand sanitizer. Tools will be provided. **If you are interested in participating, please meet at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship THIS SUNDAY, October 20th.**

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.

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

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/.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT OCC DATES:

Wednesday, November 6th - Craft Night

Wednesday, November 13th - Pray for and pack 400 shoeboxes.

Dinner will be provided (on a donation basis) on both nights beginning at 5:30.

There's a job for everyone, come join us!!



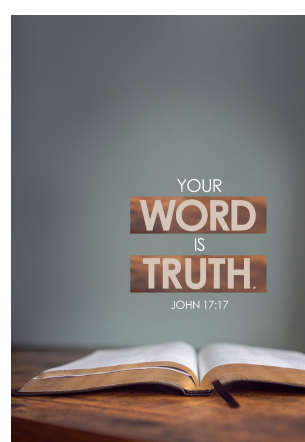
The congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony uniting
Elizabeth Grace Sechler,
daughter of Lynn and Shannon Sechler, and
Quenten Thomas Jordan,
son of Michael and Carrie Jordan

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



On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday during our Worship Service. Together, we will remember those members within our congregation and wider church family who have passed away since November 2023 and are now members of the Church Eternal.

If you are aware of someone who should be included in that list, please see Michelle this Sunday, or send an email to michellewalker@firstpresb.org.



Join us 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

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 Saturday, 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 has taken time to clean out and organize for fall! The Closet will resume its regular schedule



on November 5th and continue to be open on Tuesdays from 11am-2pm. In the past weeks, volunteers have assembled approximately 30 bags of donations for Hurricane victims in

Western NC, and 40-50 bags for Florida.

As of right now, only fall, winter, and baby clothes donations are being accepted. We do not have room to store spring and summer items. Please see Trish Nixon for information. Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so diligently!

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
- Michelle Walker - surgery October 24th
- Kay McAllister - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jill McLain and family - loss of mother and grandmother
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- Larry Cantrell - cornea surgery this week
- Fred Caskey - will have knee surgery
- John Hammond - growing stronger
- Judy Goodnight - health concerns
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments

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
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - treatment for 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, October 20

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, October 21

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 22

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, October 23

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 24

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

Friday, October 25

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
 Church Stream Fellowship
 6:00pm - Youth "Mystery Dinner"

Saturday, October 26

12pm-9pm - UnityFest in Village Park

Next Sunday, October 27**10 Cents A Meal**

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Sue Maiocchi

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message Next Week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church: Michelle Walker & Carol Lowder

Children's Church Next Week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Caylin & Camryn Lowder

Nursery: Sharon Stricker

Nursery next week: Sue Maiocchi

Ushers: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark
 Goodnight

Ushers next week: Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike
 Lowder

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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