



THE WEEKLY FIRST



...the life
I now live
in the flesh
I live by
faith in

the Son
of God,
who
loved me
and gave
himself
for me.

Galatians 2:20, NRSV

Thank you to all who helped pack our 400 shoeboxes last night. We look forward to praying a blessing over them this Sunday.



[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

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



Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.



First Pres has secured a spot to process OCC shoeboxes in Charlotte! Our assigned time at the Samaritan's Purse warehouse is Friday, November 29th, from 3pm-7pm. We will stop for dinner on the way back, and the van will be available for transportation. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 24th if you would like to go. See Michelle Walker for more information.



First Presbyterian will once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off Center in 2024! During National Collection week, November 18-25th, volunteers will be needed to staff our center and receive

shoeboxes from neighboring churches and community members. We must then transport those boxes to Pitts Baptist on Monday, November 25th.

HELP IS ESPECIALLY NEEDED ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23-25. PLEASE SIGN UP SUNDAY OR CONTACT SUE MAIOCCHI!!

A sign up board is in the Narthex with the hours for which help is needed. See Sue Maiocchi if you have questions or would like more information!

Volunteers are needed to greet, unload boxes from parking lot, fill out paperwork, count, pack in cartons and most important PRAY over shoeboxes.

Mon, 11/18 - 11am-1pm
Fri, 11/22 - 10am-Noon

Tue , 11/19 4pm-6pm
Sat, 11/23 10am-Noon
Wed, 11/20 1pm-3pm
Sun, 11/24 1pm-3:30pm
Thu, 11/21 5pm-7pm
Mon, 11/25 10am-Noon



CRAFT NIGHT

Journey Youth are invited to a Chrismon Craft Night on Wednesday, November 20! We will meet for play practice at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm, and crafting at 6:30pm. We will learn what chrismons mean and make our own. Some ornaments will even go on our sanctuary Christmas Tree. Thanks to the Women's Council for providing the materials!

Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 17.



Join us for a Thanksgiving Day lunch on Thursday, November 28!

The meal starts at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, gravy, tea and lemonade will be provided. Guests are asked to bring sides and desserts to share. **If you would like to decorate the tables, please see Vickie Ellington.**

Please sign up the Narthex by Sunday, November 24th.



Our Giving Tree will be in the Narthex next Sunday, November 24!

This year, the Missions Team has decided to adopt three families, with 6 children total, referred to us by

Cooperative Christian Ministry. Tags on the tree list items for both the children and the families. If the item is for a child, information about the child is on the reverse side of the tag. Simply take a tag from the tree, and return the item **-unwrapped, with the tag attached** - to the base of the tree. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



Help is needed to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas! Strong arms are especially needed on Friday, November 29th at 10am to set up our altar "stage", bring down items from storage on the third floor, and erect the large Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Finishing touches, including decorating the tree, hanging wreaths, putting out candles, etc. will happen on Saturday, November 30th at 10am. See Cookie Hamilton for more information.



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:

- Feminine Products
- Men's & Women's toboggans and gloves

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Linda's Closet will resume its regular schedule on Tuesdays from 11am-2pm.

As of right now, only fall, winter, and baby clothes donations are being accepted.

The closet is all set with hangers, so no more needed at this time. 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

- Jeff Barnhardt - recovery from broken arm
- Noah Walker - continued recovery from pneumonia
- Fred Caskey - knee surgery November 22
- 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 - two more surgeries needed
- 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

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

This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, November 17
9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
 Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Blessing
 of Shoeboxes

Monday, November 18
2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, November 19
11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda’s Closet
12:00pm - NA
6:45pm - Missions Team

Wednesday, November 20
5:30pm - PraiseMakers/Christmas Play
 Practice
6:00pm - Dinner
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm - Chrismon Craft Night

Thursday, November 21
10:30am - Ladies’ Bible Study
12:00pm - NA

Friday, November 22
5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
 Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 24
10 Cents A Meal
9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
 Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, Nov 18 - Monday Nov. 25
OCC Nat’l Shoebox Collection Week
(See hours in bulletin - Help especially needed on Saturday,
Sunday, Monday, November 23-25)

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain
Children’s Message Today: Blessing of the Shoeboxes
Children’s Message Next Week: Michelle Walker
Children’s Church: Lynn Efird & Megan Quigg
Children’s Church Next Week: Roxanne Spencer & Sharon Cranford
Acolytes: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker
Acolytes next week: Caylin & Camryn Lowder
Nursery: Megan Quigg
Nursery next week: Sharon Cranford
Ushers: Lynn Sechler, Amy Hurst, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight
Ushers next week: Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder
Greeters: Ken Sparks & Tony Rary

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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