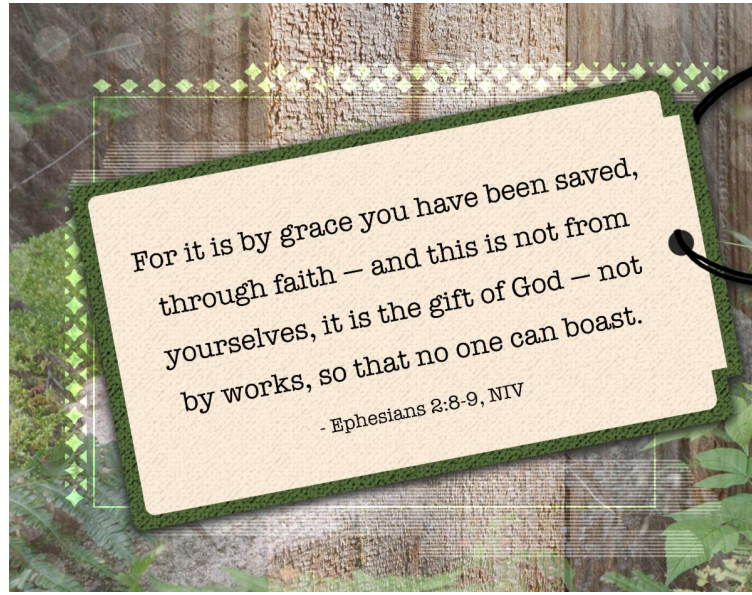




THE WEEKLY FIRST



Two very important church updates.

Update on Kay Yates: At the end of April, Kay, our Director of Music, will be transitioning out of her leadership role and hopefully into a role that gives her more flexibility to travel and do other things with her husband, Dennis. One of the challenges of church ministry is Sunday comes around every week. For many of us Kay is not our music person, she is part of our church family. The elders and I hope she will remain on as our organist and participate in other ways. While I do not want to pressure Kay to stick around and help us into the future, I hope you will.

Michelle and I wrote the job description for the new position, and the Session approved it a few weeks ago. We have begun to search and have interviewed two people. Michelle and I are vetting the resumes, arranging interviews and elder Cookie Hamilton is participating in the interviews. Presently, we are not receiving many applicants. We will try to keep you updated.

I have attached our job description. Feel free to offer your insights and pass it along to anyone you may know who would be interested. We have put it on Indeed, as well as sent it to schools in the area. We are searching for a person who excels in playing a variety of traditional hymns and songs, can lead small choral groups and a choir and help plan our worship services.

New After-school program: Several months ago, I met Tony Peek and since then I have spent hours with him. He is a man with an extraordinary story of God's grace who has a passion for the education and flourishing of children and youth.

When I met Tony he had been looking for a place and a partner for an inaugural after-school program in this area. I introduced him to our Session and last Fall our Session agreed to partner with him by offering three rooms on our lower floor to be used Tuesday-Thursday afternoons, times when our building is not in use. I have committed to do what I can to encourage him.

Starting something new in this area is not for the faint of heart, even a program so desperately needed. Tony has spent months meeting Cabarrus and Kannapolis school and community leaders with differing degrees of success. His hope is to begin March 4. Presently he has around 10 students signed up with the hope of having 30 students by the beginning of the after-school program in March.

What does the program mean for our church? Practically, our Session has committed the use of our Fellowship Hall (brief time of welcome and snacks) and three rooms on three afternoons (Tuesday-Thursday) in which the building is not in regular use. My prayer is in time, as the program begins to grow, some of you may find a place to serve, a young person to love or families for which to pray.

In the church I served in Fort Myers, New Hope Presbyterian, we entered into a relationship with the poorest school in Fort Myers. We wrote, developed and implemented a mentoring program for every fifth-grade student at Colonial Elementary school for years. The school was impacted and even more our people were the one's most blessed. Pastorally, I see it as an opportunity to get to know every student and parent and encourage them anyway I can. The goal is not to get people to come to our church, but that they will know they are welcomed to our church.

Why partner with starting an after-school program? The Prophet Jeremiah was raised up by God during a time of the exile. After Jerusalem was destroyed in 587 BC, the Jews were deported and exiled to Babylon. They wanted to leave Babylon and go back where they nostalgically dreamed of life as it was in Jerusalem. God's Word to His people during this time is relevant to God's people in all time. "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce....seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." (Jeremiah 29:5-7) As a community of Christians, we want to attempt big and small things to participate in God's global mission which includes seeking the flourishing of this community.

[Director of Music Job Description Link](#)

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

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



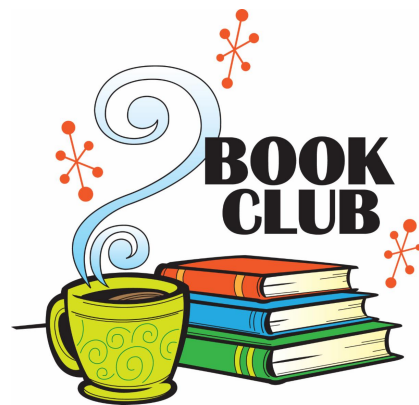
The Missions Team is sponsoring a "Souper Bowl of Caring" to "tackle hunger" in our community!

This Sunday, February 9, immediately following the worship service, join us for a soup luncheon. Homemade soups,

condiments, crackers, and drinks will be provided on a donation basis. The congregation is asked to bring desserts. All monetary donations will go to Cooperative Christian Ministries. We will also receive donations of dry goods and canned food to benefit CCM through Sunday, February 9, receptacles are available in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall.



A new women's Sunday School class will begin this week! "Heart Sisters" will meet on Sundays at 10am in the Parlor (right beside the Sanctuary). Leaders are Sharon Cranford, Sandy Boucher-Bessent, and Cookie Hamilton. Their desire is to foster authentic biblical relationships with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and one another. All ages are welcome. Please see Sharon, Sandy, or Cookie for more information.



information.

Do you like to read? A new BOOK CLUB will begin Monday, February 10 from 10:00-11:30am in the parlor. Our first book is *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon. The club is open to men and women. We will meet once or twice month, depending on what is convenient for everyone. See Trish Nixon if you would like more



The Mission Presbytery and the Southern California Presbytery are fellow ECO Presbyteries which cover the LA region. They are setting up a fund to offer support to those in need following the disastrous wildfires that have marred the area. Your Missions Team has committed \$1,000.00 towards this effort.

If you would like to give to the fund, make your check to First Presbyterian Church, but designate "LA Fires" in the memo or on your offering envelope. The deadline to donate is Sunday, February 16.

Please uphold in prayer all those affected by the fires, including those who are displaced, those who have lost property or possessions, and the first responders working around the clock to serve their communities.



Men's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall! Menu will consist of steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, drinks and dessert. Speakers will be men of our congregation sharing the ways God is working in their lives. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, February 23!



Join us for our next JOY GROUP Luncheon on Friday, February 28th, at noon in Fellowship Hall! We'll enjoy a warm and delicious meal together, with sign-ups available for three people to bring soup and

others to contribute finger sandwiches or dessert.

Following lunch, Dave will present Stephen Davey's teaching on 1 Corinthians 13, a powerful message on love and its impact in our lives. Don't miss this time of fellowship, food, and encouragement! Sign up in the foyer or contact Dave Argabrite (Dargabrite@hotmail.com or phone/text 304-588-0156) for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!



You are invited to "Forever Fifties," an Agape Bistro presented by First Pres PraiseMakers and friends!

Join us on Saturday, March 1 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will enjoy dinner, served by our Journey Youth, followed by a variety show themed around the 1950s. Acts will delight you with the sounds of the decade, tickle your funny bone and show off the many talents of our youth! The event is free to JOY Group members; all others are on a donation basis. Profits will go toward new equipment in our playground area. Please see Michelle Walker or a youth member to get your ticket!



Women of the Church are invited to an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, March 8 at 2:00pm. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a beautifully decorated tea party, complete with refreshments and a fashion show. Our guest speaker, Josephine Haynes, will

lead us in a time of devotion. Please sign up in the Narthex or on our website (www.firstpres.org).



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 has new hours:
Tuesdays, 11:00am - 1:00pm.**

Currently, there is still a need for men and young boys' and young girls' (sizes 3-5) winter clothes.

Please see Trish Nixon for information and to volunteer.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

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

- Peggy Gibson - recovery from a broken arm and hip surgery
- Susan Thomas - recovery from colon and gallbladder issues
- William Thomas - recovery from broken clavicle
- Phil Smith - recovery from ankle surgery
- Dave Argabrite - thanksgiving for a successful heart procedure

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Patrick Goode (Devin's brother) - Hospice care
- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - surgery February 10
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - PRAISE - recovery from heart & kidney transplant
- Jay Carter Ellison (grandson of Sparks) - intestinal issues
- Darrell Black (Linda Hathaway family) - diagnosed with Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- 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, February 9

9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - Acting Out Rehearsal
 10:00am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Worship Service
 12:00pm - Souper Bowl of Caring
 Missions Lunch

Monday, February 10

10-11:30am - Book Club in the Parlor

Tuesday, February 11

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet
 12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, February 12

5:30pm - Youth Families' Dinner
 6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
 12:00pm - NA
 6:00pm - Pilot Club in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, February 16

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message This Week: Acting Out

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Chris Lowder

Children's Church Next Week: Adam Caskey

Acolytes: Landon & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery next week: Amelia Caskey

Ushers: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

Ushers next week: Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Tony Hunter,
 Amy Hurst

Greeters: Jeff Barnhardt, Debbie McDaniel

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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