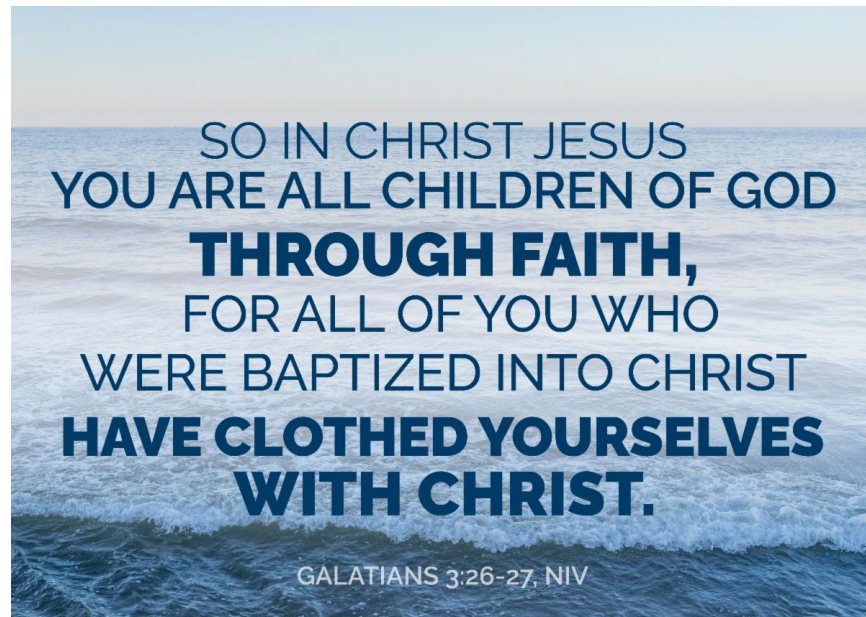




# THE WEEKLY FIRST



Sunday is going to be a beautiful sunny day. I look forward to worshipping the Lord with you. I will be finishing the brief series on the NT book of Galatians, with a message on our spiritual adoption in Christ (Galatians 3:26-29). Next Sunday we will begin a new series. In Luke 9, the Gospel writer says, "As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. (Luke 9:51) Next week we will begin our journey toward Jerusalem.

As we have shared, Kay Yates will be stepping back in her leadership as Music Director at the end of April. We are presently receiving resumes and Michelle, Cookie and I are interviewing candidates and following up on references. Our next step is to present a candidate to be interviewed by the Session and ask choir members to meet with the candidate.

This coming week we have many good things going on. Below is a schedule of some of the events happening.

- Sunday afternoon- Last Supper Rehearsal
- Monday- 1:00- Afterschool program grand opening (Please see the link below for information on this afterschool program).
- Monday- 2:00- Dorcas Circle
- Tuesday- Linda's Closet (We continue to need volunteers for this great ministry.)
- Wednesday- Youth Families' Dinner and PraiseMakers Rehearsal
- Thursday- 10:30- Women's Bible Study
- Thursday- 6:00- Men's Fellowship Dinner with our own Eric Cowan and Devin Goode speaking
- Friday- 12noon - Joy Group
- Saturday 5:30- Agape Bistro "Forever 50's"

[Two Important Church Updates Link](#)

[Sunday Bulletin is Online!](#)



Welcome

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



You are invited to the **27th Annual Crossover Kannapolis Worship night** on Sunday, February 23 at 6:00pm being held at Centerview Baptist Church, 415 Walter St, Kannapolis.



information.

Do you like to read? Come to a **BOOK CLUB** meeting **Monday, March 3, 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



Thank you for your generosity to **The Mission Presbytery and the Southern California Presbytery** to support those in need following the disastrous wildfires. Your Missions Team committed \$1,000 towards this effort along with your donations of \$475. This will be sent to aid the recovery efforts.

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 our very own Eric Cowan and Devin Goode, sharing their testimonies of God's work 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.

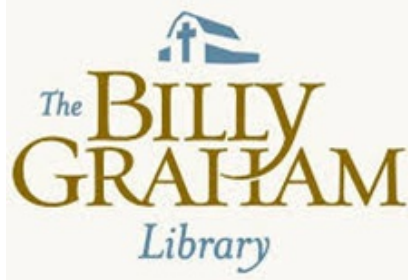
Following lunch, Dave will present Stephen Davey's teaching on 1 Corinthians 13, a powerful message on love and its impact in our lives. Don't miss this time of fellowship, food, and encouragement! Sign up in the foyer or contact Dave Argabrite ([Dargabrite@hotmail.com](mailto:Dargabrite@hotmail.com) 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!**

Invite guests and 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!

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**A group will be going to the Billy Graham Library on Thursday, March 6 at 9am.**

There is currently a special exhibit featuring Corrie Ten Boom and celebrating the 50th anniversary of The Hiding Place, a film about her family's experience during the Holocaust. We will enjoy lunch on the Library grounds, and carpooling is available. See Trish Nixon for more information.

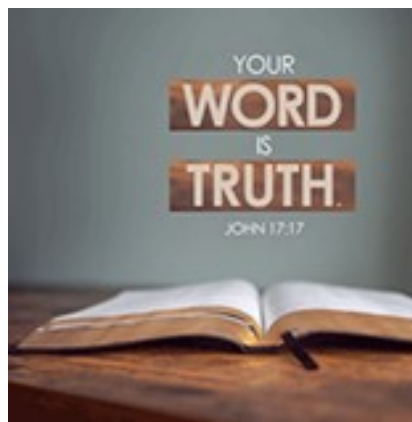
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**Women of the Church are invited to an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, March 8 at 2:00pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a beautifully decorated tea party, complete with refreshments and a fashion show. Our guest speaker, Josephine Haynes,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

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

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**Wednesdays in the Word will soon embark on a 4-week Lenten study.** Meetings will take place on Wednesdays, March 19 through April 9, at 6:30pm. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Eddie, while children/youth will meet on the third floor. PraiseMakers will continue to rehearse at 6pm. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter.

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**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!**

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**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!

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### 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.**

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#### CHURCH FAMILY

- Peggy Gibson - recovery from arm and hip surgery
- Susan Thomas - recovery from colon and gallbladder issues
- William Thomas - recovery from broken clavicle
- Devin Goode and family - loss of his brother, Patrick

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - recovery from surgery
- Amy Morgan (Sharon Stricker's son's mother-in-law) - awaiting surgery for cancer at Duke
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida - two surgeries on February 20
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - recovery from heart & kidney transplants
- 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
- Timmy Troutman (Buddy Troutman's son) - recovery from heart bypass

#### HOMEBOUND

- Linda Bost - Best of Care
  - Barbara Hancock - Home
  - Loretta Young - Five Oaks
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## This Week@FIRST PRESB

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#### Sunday, February 23

##### 10 Cents A Meal

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 4:00pm - Last Supper Rehearsal

#### Monday, February 24

- 1:00pm - NexGen Ribbon Cutting
- 2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

#### Tuesday, February 25

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

#### Wednesday, February 26

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

#### Thursday, February 27

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA  
6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

### Friday, February 28

12:00noon - JOY Group Luncheon

### Saturday, March 1

10:00am - Agape Bistro Rehearsal  
5:30pm - Agape Bistro "Forever 50s"

### Next Sunday, March 2

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy  
Communion  
12:00pm - Children's Ministry Team in Parlor

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## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Dave Ellington  
**Children's Message This Week:** Michelle Walker  
**NO Children's Message Next Week**  
**Children's Church:** Vickie Ellington  
**Children's Church Next Week:** Sue Maiocchi  
**Acolytes:** Michael Herbst & Caylin Lowder  
**Acolytes next week:** Landon & Noah Walker  
**Nursery:** Sharon Cranford  
**Nursery next week:** Debbie McDaniel  
**Ushers:** Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal  
McDaniel  
**Ushers next week:** Jill & Phil McLain, Todd Pless, Tony Rary  
**Greeters:** Jeff Barnhardt, Debbie McDaniel

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#### 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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