



# THE WEEKLY FIRST



Tonight at 6:30, our Holy Week celebration continues, featuring the Lord's Supper and a soliloquy by Renee Goodnight on Mary, the mother of Jesus. A combined worship service is scheduled for Friday, 6:30pm at Kimball Lutheran with other local churches.

On Saturday, there will be a Children and Youth Easter event from 10 to 12:30, including lunch. The Holy Week will culminate with Resurrection Sunday. Please invite your friends and family to celebrate with you.

**Click the links below for a Lenten Devotional and the Good Friday livestream scheduled for this Friday, April 18th.**

[Lenten Devotional 2025](#)

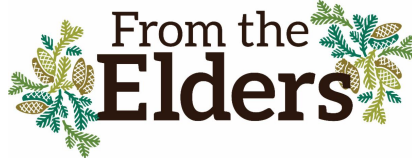
[Good Friday Livestream](#)

**[Sunday Bulletin is Online!](#)**



*Welcome*

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



**Nominations for the office of Elder are now being accepted!** Nomination forms may be found in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider nominees, complete a form, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, May 11th. See Pastor Eddie or Jeff Barnhardt for more information.

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**Next Sunday, April 27, we will have a guest speaker from Gideons International to share a Moment of Missions during the Worship Service.**

**A love offering will also be accepted for their ministry.**

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**Cooperative Christian Ministry has asked churches in Cabarrus County to respond to an urgent need for added resources.**

Demand for assistance has continued to increase and outpace their ability to provide assistance. Therefore, the Missions Team will collect bags of non-perishable food items to help!

Please pick up a reusable First Pres bag in the Narthex. Fill it with canned or dry goods, and return it no later than Sunday, May 4 to the bin provided.

Items currently in high demand are: canned food (especially carrots & corn); beans; breakfast items; mac & cheese; whole grain foods; low sodium foods; & no sugar added foods. Thank you for responding to our neighbors in need!

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**The JOY Group will be having a lunch THIS Friday, April 25 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.** We will enjoy a sliced ham lunch, a Chuck Swindoll devotional and an iPhone refresher tutorial. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring vegetables, salad or dessert.

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**Join us at Lifeline Christian Mission to pack meals for CCM!** On Wednesday, May 7, we will meet at Lifeline (325 McGill Ave NW, Concord, NC - Gibson Mill) to pack 15 boxes or 3,240 meals. The Missions Team will provide pizza at 6pm, and we will

start packing at 6:30pm. This is a fun outing for all ages, so join us for some friendly church family competition! Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, May 4.

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**Join us for Faith Night at the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers on Friday, May 9!** The game begins at 7pm, with pre-game events and special music at 6pm. Fireworks will follow the game. Group tickets are \$12.70 each, and include \$2 of Baller Bucks to spend

at the stadium. Please see Michelle Walker by Sunday, May 4th, if you would like a ticket!

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**Northwest Cabarrus Bible Teaching Association's 14th Annual Car & Truck Show and Craft Fair benefiting NCHS Bible Courses is Saturday, May 3, 2025** from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the NC Research Campus, 150 N. Research Campus Drive in Kannapolis.

For more information, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.

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**Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association (KBTA)  
Fundraising Banquet  
Monday, May 5, 2025**

6:00pm to 7:30pm

At Shoe Show, Inc. 2201 Trinity Church Road, Concord

If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Eddie.

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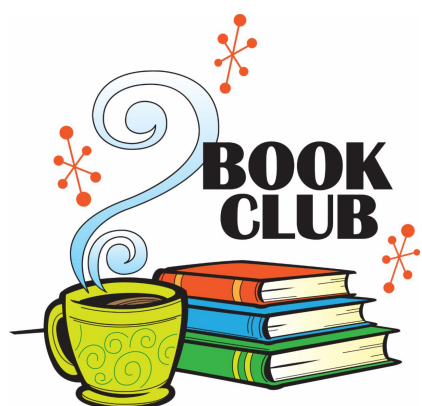
**South Rowan Bible Teaching Association is holding a drive-thru banquet on Thursday, May 8th, at First Reformed Church in Landis.**

They are offering both lunch and dinner meals: bbq half chicken, baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert.

Lunch pick-up is 11:30-1:30pm. Dinner pick up is 4:00-7:00pm.

You can purchase tickets for this fundraiser for \$14 per meal. **Please see Michelle Walker no later than Sunday, April 27th to purchase a ticket.**

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On Thursday, May 15 the Book club plans to visit The Mitford Museum in Hudson, NC. The museum is the former school of the author, Jan Karon. We will meet at church at 9:00am and enjoy lunch at the museum.

If you would like to join them, please see Trish Nixon.



**Mark your calendars for Graduation Sunday, May 18! We will honor our 2025 graduating high school seniors, Devin Bell and Ella Sechler, during the Worship Service.**

**A reception will be held in their honor immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please extend to them your well wishes!**



**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
- New or gently used bath towels

**Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!**



**Linda's Closet is open on Tuesdays from 11:00am - 1:00pm.**

We have a need for NEW boy and girl underwear. Also, children's and men's clothes are always needed.

Lightweight spring jackets would be appreciated until May.

Devotionals are often requested by closet visitors. If you have any to share, they would be appreciated.

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**

- Juanita Summers - health concerns
- Linda Bost - in the hospital with UTI
- John Hammond - recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Solomon Hall - friend of Church family - recovery from illness
- Diane Crawford (former pastor's wife) - diagnosis with cancer
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew) - 2 year old with brain

- cancer
- Sam McAllister's daughter, Lori - has MS and now has pneumonia
- Sam McAllister's granddaughter, Rachel - exploratory surgery for brain cancer
- Kathy (Charlene Booth's friend) - recovery from two brain surgeries due to an accident
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - good report and surgery on April 30
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida - recovery from two surgeries
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - recovery from transplants kidney and amputated foot
- Darrell Blalack (Linda Hathaway family) - diagnosed with Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - recovery from kidney transplant
- Troutman Family (friend of Hammonds) - loss of Buddy
- Timmy Troutman (Buddy Troutman's son) - recovery from heart surgery

#### **HOMEBOUND**

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks

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## **This Week@FIRST PRESB**

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#### **Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY!**

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Resurrection Worship Service

#### **Tuesday, April 22**

- 11am - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

#### **Wednesday, April 23**

- 3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

#### **Thursday, April 24**

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

#### **Friday, April 25**

- 12:00pm - JOY Group Lunch  
Fellowship Hall
- 2:00pm - Pilot Club Event

#### **Saturday, April 26**

- All Day - Pilot Club Event

#### **Next Sunday, April 27**

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service with Gideons  
International guest

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## **SERVANTS**

- Elder Lock-Up:** Ken Sparks
- Children's Message This Week:** Michelle Walker
- Children's Message Next Week:** Alpha Barger
- Children's Church:** Tracy Caskey

**Children's Church Next Week:** Jenny Sparks  
**Acolytes This Week:** Landon & Noah Walker  
**Acolytes Next Week:** Michael Herbst & Mary Gray Petersen  
**Nursery:** Amelia Caskey  
**Nursery Next Week:** Roxanne Spencer  
**Ushers:** Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder  
**Ushers Next week:** Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain  
**Greeters:** Sue Maiocchi and Renee Goodnight

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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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