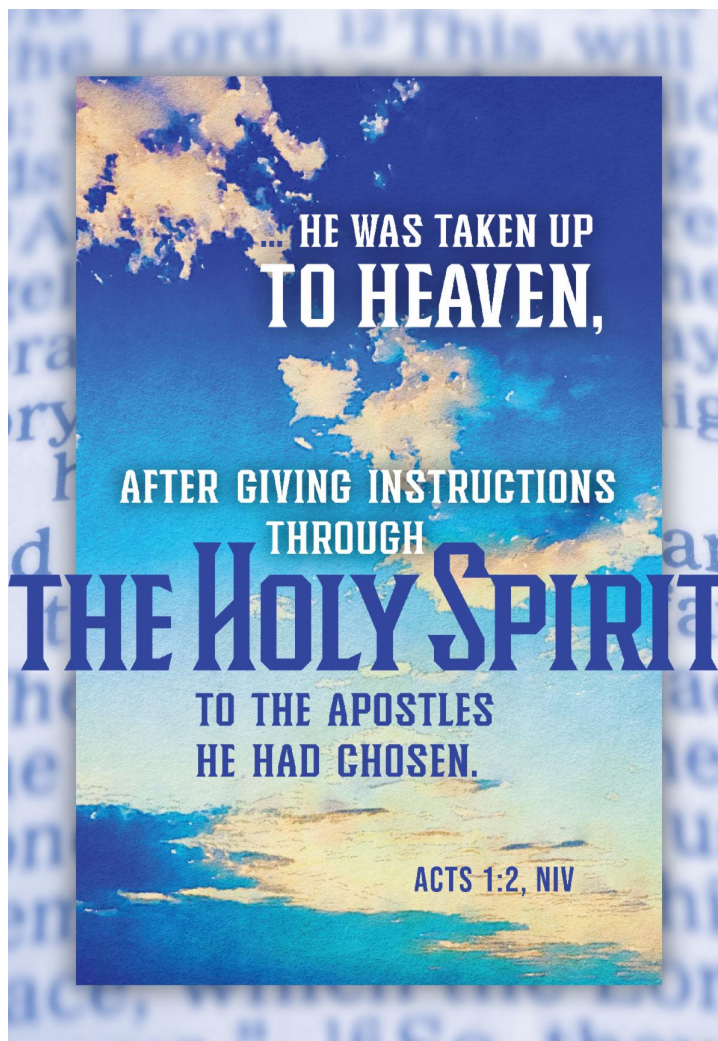




# THE WEEKLY FIRST



This Sunday we are celebrating Kay Yates' 11 years of music ministry at First Presbyterian. We will have a special time in the service to express our gratitude for her. We are not saying goodbye. Our hope is Kay will continue to be involved with our music ministry.

Sunday we are giving thanks for her 11 years of ministry culminating with her leadership as the Director of Music. She is a wonderful person and serving the Lord alongside of her has been a joy. As the Director, she has given a new life to our music ministry and choir.

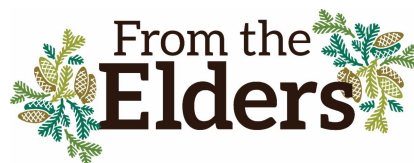
In addition to giving thanks for Kay, we will also have a Gideon Speaker, Steve Monaghan. I will be teaching on Christ's Ascension from Acts 1:1-11.

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



Welcome

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



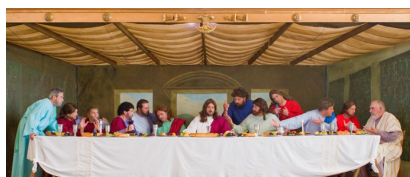
**Nominations for the office of Elder are now being accepted!**  
Nomination forms may be found in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider nominees, complete a form, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, May 11th. See Pastor Eddie or Jeff Barnhardt for more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



**This Sunday, April 27, we will have Steve Monaghan from Gideons International to share a Moment of Missions during the Worship Service.**

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

**Gideon representatives will be in the Narthex to collect your donations.**



**Dear Church Family, What a blessing it was to work alongside so many of you in presenting *The Last Supper* for our community.**

Many thanks go to each committee chair, volunteers for the hard work behind the scenes, and the leadership and guidance of Michelle, Cookie and Judy. From lights, costumes, music, dancers, props, set, hair and makeup, decorations and publicity, all worked together to create an Easter service of love and outreach to the glory of God. Thank you all for helping with this year's presentation. Also, it was such a joy to honor Bill Jolley Sunday morning with a plaque for his dedication and service through the years for *The Last Supper* pageants. So very grateful, Jane Jacobs

***The Last Supper* video is available to view on the First Pres YouTube Channel through the end of April.**

**The Billy Graham Library annual**



**Ladies' Tea will be Friday, June 13th, along with an inspiring message by special guest speaker, Rebecca St. James.**

Rebecca is a Grammy-winning singer and songwriter, bestselling author, speaker, and actress. Her family's story was

featured in the 2024 film *Unsung Hero*. Through her music and writing, Rebecca is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus Christ — and encouraging others to draw close to God during challenging times.

Tickets are \$35 per person. First seating 11:00 a.m., second seating 2:00 p.m.

**If you are interested in going with a group from First Pres, please contact Michelle Walker ASAP as tickets sell out fast. We will plan to attend the second seating at 2:00pm.**



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

Thank you First Pres family for 86 lbs of food collected so far. **We are still collecting food donations until Sunday, May 4th.**

Please pick up a reusable First Pres bag in the Narthex to fill with any of the following items.

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!



**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.** Please see Michelle Walker or Sue Maiocchi if you need a ride.



**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!**





**Association's 14th Annual Car & Truck Show and Craft Fair benefiting NCHS Bible Courses is Saturday, May 3, 2025** from 9:00am – 3:00-pm 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 **THIS SUNDAY** in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Eddie.

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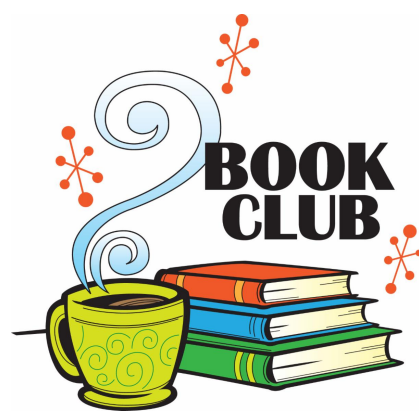
**South Rowan Bible Teaching Association is holding a drive-thru banquet on Thursday, May 8th, at First Reformed Church in Landis.**

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.

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**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!**



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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
- New or gently used bath towels

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

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**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!

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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**

- Juanita Summers - health concerns
- John Hammond - recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Solomon Hall - friend of Church family - recovery from illness
- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - recovery from an infection after 1st chemo treatment
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma in lung; determining treatment options
- 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) - tolerating chemo treatment for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - recovery from kidney transplant
- Timmy Troutman (Buddy Troutman's son) - recovery from heart surgery

HOMEBOUND

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

This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, April 27

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

Monday, April 28

10:00am - Dorcas Circle in Fellowship  
Hall

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

Thursday, May 1

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

Next Sunday, May 4

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks  
NO Children’s Message This Week:  
NO Children’s Message Next Week  
Children’s Church: Jenny Sparks  
Children’s Church Next Week: Debbie McDaniel  
Acolytes This Week: Michael Herbst & Mary Gray Petersen  
Acolytes Next Week: Landon & Noah Walker  
Nursery: Roxanne Spencer  
Nursery Next Week: Megan Quigg  
Ushers: Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain  
Ushers Next week: Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker  
Greeters: Sue Maiocchi and 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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