



THE WEEKLY FIRST



I hope all of you have an enjoyable and meaningful Memorial Day Weekend. We are grateful for those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

This Sunday, May 25 we will continue to think on hope. Hope is a Christian word also used in our everyday lexicon. While they are the same word, the English and Biblical word have different meanings. The English word “hope” is desire for a positive outcome or an eager expectation. “I’m going to the Cannon Baller’s game tonight. I hope it does not rain.” This hope is rooted in our human will and expressed in our thinking and attitudes. Hope is a self-help principle. Such hope is a good thing.

The word “hope” in the Bible has a different meaning. Christian hope is a confidence in the present based on a certainty of the future. Christian hope is rooted in God’s sovereign character and the grace of God in Christ. Our confidence is who and whose we are “in Christ” and our certainty of our future is “in Christ”. “If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” (Romans 14:8)

Our teaching this Sunday is based on I Peter 1:3-9. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you”. (I Peter 1:3-4)

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Welcome

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



First Pres is partnering with the Cabarrus Women's Center for their "Baby Bottle Boomerang!"

Simply pick up a baby bottle from the baskets in the Narthex. Fill it with loose change or a donation, or set it out for others to donate. Return the filled bottle by Father's Day, June 15. The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center. See a Missions Team member for more information.



This summer, from June through August, Pastor Eddie will lead a combined adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall. Missions

Speakers will also join us throughout the summer. On Sunday June 1st, we welcome Jane Daniel of the Cabarrus Women's Center. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, beginning at 9:30am, and Jane's presentation at 10am. Please join us as we continue to study God's Word together!



Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday, June 8!

The next rehearsal will be on June 4 at 6pm (dinner provided at

5:30pm). The final rehearsal will be Saturday, June 7 at 10am followed by lunch and an outing to Jocko’s mini golf!



The Women’s Council will be electing new officers and representatives this fall. The Women’s Council exists to serve all the Women of the Church and unite them in our mission to “know Christ, serve Him, and make Him known”. If you are interested in serving on the Women’s Council, which meets monthly to plan events and times of fellowship, please let Sharon Stricker or Judy Goodnight know.



The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte area Ronald McDonald House. These tabs can be found on soda cans, soup/vegetable cans, pet food containers, or other canned goods. Please rinse the tabs and place them in the container in the Narthex.



Youth and friends are invited to a “Share Your Gifts Summer”! We will meet throughout the summer to fellowship, have fun, and learn a little too! Our theme verse will be Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...” Events will help us get to know each other, meet some new friends, and remember that we all have gifts to

share. The fun kicks off with a “Color Wars” party on Saturday, June 21. We’ll start with a friends and family cookout at 5pm, then enjoy water games with a “color” twist. Wear clothes that can get wet and messy, and bring a towel! **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by Sunday, June 15.**

Other Events Scheduled for June:

- Wednesday, June 25 - 5:30pm** – Pizza and Painting Class with Allison Hammett
- Saturday, June 28 -** Picnic and Fireworks Watching at NC Research Campus

Stay tuned as more events are added!



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.

In June, July, August & September the Closet will be open only on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

OPEN DATES:

June 3 and June 17

July 1, July 15, and July 29

August 5 and August 19

September 2, 26 and 30

We have a need for NEW boy and girl underwear and children's clothes. There is also a need for men's clothes, especially pants.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays during closet hours and during the week for prep.

If you can help, please contact Trish Nixon.

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

- Lauren Goodnight - birth of baby is soon
- Macray Goodnight - recovery from pneumonia
- Farra Peek - trip to Hawaii for the birth of a granddaughter
- Jenny Linebarrier - recovery from fall
- Angel Dixon - recovery from heart attack
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery
- Chad Eudy - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Bryan (Becky Seaford's son) - recovery from hip replacement surgery
- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - continuing with treatments
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma in lung
- Diane Crawford (former pastor's wife) - diagnosis with cancer
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew) - 2 year old with brain cancer
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida - recovery from two surgeries
- Darrell Blalack (Linda Hathaway family) -one more chemo treatment for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - recovery from kidney transplant

HOMEBOUND

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

This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, May 25
10 Cents-A-Meal
9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
 Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, May 26
Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 27
11am - 1:00pm - Linda’s Closet
12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 29
10:30am - Ladies’ Bible Study
12:00pm - NA

Next Sunday, June 1
9:30am - Breakfast
 - GraceFull Movements
 Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
 Jane Daniel, Cabarrus
 Women’s Center
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
 Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt
Children’s Message This Week: Roxanne Spencer
NO Children’s Message Next Week
Children’s Church: Sharon Cranford
Children’s Church Next Week: Amelia Caskey
Acolytes This Week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
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Nursery: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey
Nursery Next Week: Amelia Caskey
Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Jill & Phil McLain
Ushers Next week: Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
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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