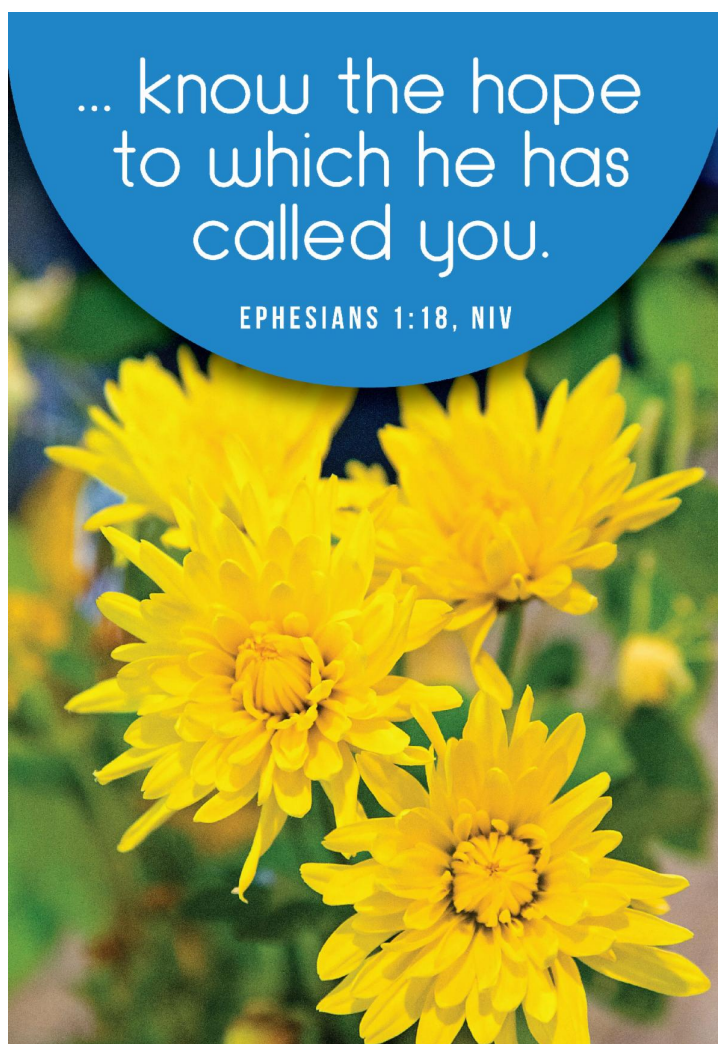




# THE WEEKLY FIRST



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Our summer-long combined adult Sunday school begins this Sunday, June 1. Breakfast will be shared at 9:30, followed by a presentation from Jane Daniel of the Cabarrus Women's Center. Throughout the summer, there will be mission-focused speakers during the Sunday school hour three or four times. Most other Sundays, I will be teaching.

During our worship this Sunday, the topic of Christian hope will be continued, based on Titus 2:11-14, focusing on our "blessed hope" (2:13). The series has defined and delineated the word "hope" as used in everyday life compared to the Christian idea of hope in the Bible. The English word "hope" reflects an eager expectation for a positive outcome and is rooted in human will, expressed through thinking and attitudes.

Christian hope is characterized as "confidence in the present due to certainty about the future". It is not rooted in self-will but rather in our trust in our grace-produced identity in Christ and the assurance of our "blessed hope—the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). On Sunday, we will reflect on the passage from Titus to understand more deeply how our belief in the future "blessed hope" shapes how we live now. Our worship will conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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



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.



### 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 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.

JUNE EVENTS

**Saturday, June 21: Summer Youth Kickoff!** Families and friends are invited to a hamburger/hotdog cookout beginning at 5pm. Then we’ll 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.**

**Wednesday, June 25: Gift of Painting Class!** Pizza will be provided at 5:30pm, then Alison Hammett will lead a youth painting class at 6pm. Siblings will be able to paint coordinating pictures for their families to enjoy. **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by Sunday, June 22.**

**Saturday, June 28: Gift of Freedom Celebration!** Meet us at the North Carolina Research Campus lawn at 6pm for a picnic and fireworks watching. We’ll play some games, enjoy good food and fellowship, and celebrate America’s birthday. **Stay tuned for July’s schedule, coming soon!**

**COMMUNITY SINGERS**

Come Join the

**Piedmont Choral Society**

**CELEBRATE AMERICA**

No Audition and No Cost – Everyone Is Welcome

**“ALL PATRIOTIC MUSIC” CONCERTS**

Service Personnel & Their Families Honored  
Special Tribute to our POWs and MIAs

Rehearsals: Mondays - June 9, 16 & 23 7-8:30 pm  
Must register before June 8 704-699-6053 [pcsconcordnc@gmail.com](mailto:pcsconcordnc@gmail.com)

Benefit Concert for Cooperative Christian Ministry  
Thursday, June 26 – 7 pm

Concerts to Benefit Piedmont Choral Society  
Friday, June 27 - 7 pm Sunday, June 29 – 3 pm

Venue for all rehearsals and concerts  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
950 Bradley Street NE, Concord

To Register or for Information, contact: Kay Yates - 704-699-6053 or [pcsconcordnc@gmail.com](mailto:pcsconcordnc@gmail.com)



**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!

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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**

- 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

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# This Week@FIRST PRESB

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**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

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## 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
- Acolytes Next Week:** Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
- 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

Sue Maiocchi   Phil McLain  
Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator  
Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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