



# THE WEEKLY FIRST



We continue our teaching series from the book of Proverbs, which offers God-centered wisdom for living well. Despite being written 3000 years ago, its teachings are still relevant today. Proverbs highlights the timeless nature of humanity and life's complexities. True wisdom begins with reverence for God (Prov. 1:7) and is demonstrated through competence in all areas of life. Our topic Sunday is "Wisdom for a crushed spirit". Below is a list of Proverbs we are thinking on.

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."  
(12:25)

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." (13:12)

"Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy."(14:10)

"Even in laughter the heart may ache, and rejoicing may end in grief." (14:13)

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."(14:30)

"The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit."(15:4)

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly." (15:13-14)

"All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord."(16:2)

"The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?"(18:14)

"The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion."(28:1)

[Link to article on "Wisdom"](#)



**Summer is officially here, and we've had lots of activities for all ages!** A group of women attended the annual Ladies' Tea at the Billy Graham Library recently, enjoying fabulous food, fellowship, and inspiration from Rebecca St. James.

Our youth kicked off their summer with a cookout, Color Wars games, and sno cones. This week, they shared the "Gift of Painting," with Allison Hammett.

Saturday, we will meet at the North Carolina Research Campus to celebrate the "Gift of Freedom". Because of the heat, **we'll delay our picnic to 6:30pm**. Mr. C's and drinks will be provided; bring a side or dessert to share. **Sign up at the link on our website so we know how much food to prepare!** There are still lots of activities to come, so watch the email and bulletin for all that's planned.

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**Sunday Bulletin is Online!**



*Welcome*

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

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**The Missions Team is pleased to welcome additional speakers during**





our Summer Sunday School. On each Sunday that we have a guest speaker, there will be a Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming guests include:

July 13 - Jeremy Burleson and Pam Smith, Cooperative Christian Ministry (Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill)

July 27 - Jeremy Churchill, Outreach Foundation

August 3 - Representative from Ronald McDonald House



**A congregational meeting will be held THIS Sunday, June 29th, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Elders.** The nominating committee has nominated, and Session has approved the following candidates for a 3-year term: Sharon Cranford, Cookie Hamilton (2nd term), and Tony Rary. **SEE THE BULLETIN FOR THEIR BIOS.** Nominations may also be made at the meeting by members of the congregation.

Thank you to our outgoing Elders - David Ellington and Lynn Sechler - for their years of service to our church and our Lord!



**Dear Church Family, First Pres Cares is a ministry of card senders.** We provide Care Team return labels & stamps and send out a list of people weekly who could use a card to be uplifted and remembered. Everyone could use one more card to say you are important to First Presbyterian. Would

you consider taking a few minutes each week to send a card?

**Please contact Renee Goodnight if you are interested in joining the Care Team.**

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds.



**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”!** 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 28: Gift of Freedom Celebration!** Meet us at the North Carolina Research

Campus lawn at 6pm for a picnic and fireworks watching. Mr. C’s fried chicken and drinks will be provided - bring a side or dessert. We’ll play some games, enjoy good food and fellowship, and celebrate America’s birthday and the gift of true freedom we find in Christ.

### JULY EVENTS

**Wednesday, July 9: Gift of Creating!** We’ll enjoy dinner at 5:30pm, then get a jump start on our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Our time will be spent crafting or decorating items for the 500 boxes we will pack this year!

**Wednesday, July 23: Gift of Serving!** Dinner is served at 5:30pm, then we will join with the rest of our congregation in serving others. Youth will focus on packing food bags for Shady Brook Elementary School and the Charlotte-area Ronald McDonald House.

**Sunday, July 27 - Family & Friends Pool Party!** Join us for an afternoon at the pool as we close out our summer. We will meet at the NW Swim Club, 5000 Durneigh Dr., Kannapolis, Come as early at 3pm, then enjoy a cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs at 5pm. **Please bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up in the Narthex or on our website!**



The Piedmont Choral Society's final free Patriotic Concert is this Sunday, June 29th at 3pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street NE, Concord.

A love offering will be taken at the concert to support the Piedmont Choral Society.



**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 for guests on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays from 11:00am -**



1:00pm in July, August & September.

**OPEN DATES FOR GUESTS:**  
July 1, July 15, and July 29

**August 5 and August 19**  
**September 2, 26 and 30**

There is a need for boys clothes sizes 2-16 and men's clothes.

Other Tuesdays will be "work days"

If you would like to volunteer, 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**

- Chad Eudy - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Tommy Walker (Ryan's dad) - recovery from surgery to remove cancer
- Barry Lents family (friend of church members) - loss of Barry
- Michael Taylor (Shield A Badge) - heart surgery on July 2
- 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 of 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, June 29**

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
12:00pm - Congregational Meeting for Elder Elections  
3:00pm - Piedmont Choral Concert

**Tuesday, July 1**

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

**Thursday, July 3**  
12:00pm - NA

**Friday, July 4**  
**Happy 4th of July!**

**Next Sunday, July 6**  
9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion and Elder Installation

SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Raegan Swaringen  
**Children’s Message This Week:** Michelle Walker  
**NO Children’s Message Next Week**  
**Children’s Church This Week:** Sharon Cranford  
**Children’s Church next week:** Roxanne Spencer  
**Acolytes This Week:** Michael Herbst & Oliver Townsend  
**Acolytes Next Week:** Evie Sechler & Mary- Gray Petersen  
**Nursery:** Sharon Stricker  
**Nursery Next Week:** Lynn Efird  
**Ushers:** Jill & Phil McLain, Todd Pless, Tony Rary  
**Ushers Next week:** Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker  
**Greeters:** Chris Lowder, Donnie Swaringen

**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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