



THE WEEKLY FIRST



This Sunday, two days following the celebration of our nation's 249th birthday, we will give thanks for our nation and worship the Lord of all nations. I will continue our series of Wisdom from Proverbs in our adult Sunday school class and worship. In our worship service, the message will be shorter in time, but we will examine multiple Proverbs (Proverbs 10:12,18; 11:12-13; 17:9; 24:17,29; 25:21-22) that reveal God's wisdom on the source and solutions for broken relationships. We will culminate our worship with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Below are a few church updates.

- This Sunday we will ordain and install Sharon Cranford and install Cookie Hamilton and Tony Rary as elders. In the Presbyterian Church once an elder always an elder not only those active elders form the Session.
- We are incredibly proud and thankful for our Linda's Clothes Ministry Team. Each week our team receives newly donated clothes, folds, hangs, stores, organizes them and then puts new clothes out. On Tuesdays they give dignity, positive and

kind words to those who come as well as Scriptures and devotionals in English and Spanish. Last week, many of the team and others they recruited painted the Linda's Closet room; an endeavor that took 100's of people hours. If you have opportunity, please give a big thanks to the folks below who make Linda's Closet one of our best outreach ministries. Trish Nixon (leader), Diane Sterling, Roxanne Spencer, Alice Jeanes, Norman and Susan Baker, Diane and Jim Belotti, Anna, Ivan and Bella Perez, Angela and Gabriel Miller, and our benefactor and painters included Doug Petersen, Andy Oakes, Andrew Eddings and Gary Davis.

- A big thanks to Renee Goodnight who has set up a meal train for Shannon Sechler and her family. [Click here to view/sign up to supply them supper in the coming week.](#) Thank you!

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

As a part of the property improvement efforts, we have expanded the church playground! A new triple climber and two new bouncers have been added. Contractors are putting finishing touches on the installation and the new equipment will soon be open for use.





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. They also shared the "Gift of Painting," with Allison Hammett.

There are still lots of activities to come, so watch the email and bulletin for all that's planned.

Sunday Bulletin is Online!



Welcome

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



This Sunday we will install three Elders for a three-year term of service.

Cookie Hamilton, Sharon Cranford and Tony Rary will join our current Elders at their first Session meeting on Tuesday, July 8. We extend a heart-felt “thank you” to David Ellington and Lynn Sechler, outgoing Elders, for their years of service to our church and our Lord.



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



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.

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!**



It's that time! We're beginning our collection for Operation Christmas Child! This year the Missions Team has decided to pack 500 boxes for the 10-14 age group - 250 girls and 250 boys. Our collection will begin with a gift to "WOW" the children. For girls, we

have chosen a Barbie doll. There are several available for just under \$6 at Walmart. For boys, we want to give a harmonica. Amazon has some in the \$6.99-\$7.99 price range. If you would like to donate, you can buy these items and place in the red collection bin in the Narthex.

You may also give online or with an offering marked for "Shoeboxes". Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry to take the Gospel "to the ends of the earth"!

Join us for an FPC Missions Night on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm! Our youth will be sharing their "Gift of Serving" as they pack bags for Ronald McDonald house, and Shady Brook



Elementary School. Others are invited to help sort clothes and organize for Linda's Closet; pack bags for our Fence Ministry, or help our Care Team make cards. We will also spend time in prayer for each of these Missions.



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!

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

- Chad Eudy - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery
- Adam & Toby Caskey - Alaskan Mission Trip (7/13 - 7/19)

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

Sunday, July 6

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

Tuesday, July 8

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet Work Day
12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Session Meal & Meeting

Wednesday, July 9

5:30pm - Youth Pizza Dinner
6:00pm - "Gift of Crafting" for OCC

Thursday, July 10

12:00pm - NA

Saturday, July 12

NA In Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, July 13

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am - SS with Pam Smith & Jeremy Burleson, CCM
Rebuilders
11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

No Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Dave Argabrite

Children's Church This Week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church next week: Risa Little

Acolytes This Week: Evie Sechler & Mary-Gray Petersen

Acolytes Next Week: Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

Nursery: Lynn Efird

Nursery Next Week: Risa Little

Ushers: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker
Ushers Next week: Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark
Goodnight, John Hammond
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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