



# THE WEEKLY FIRST

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PROVERBS 15:1, NIV

This Sunday, July 13, the adult Sunday school session (10–10:45) will include a presentation by Pam Smith and Jeremy Burleson regarding the CCM ministry. Our ongoing series on Wisdom from Proverbs will continue, with the message focusing on God's wisdom on anger.

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

On Sunday, August 17, the 50th anniversary of the Sanctuary's dedication will be observed with a worship service, time capsule display, and reception. At this event, First Presbyterian will introduce "Building on the Cornerstone," a fundraising campaign for exterior renovations, which will cover updated landscaping, walkways, brickwork repairs, additional green space, and improved entryways and courtyard. Further information will be shared during Sunday School on August 10. Family, friends, and former members are welcome to attend these events.



**We started crafting for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!** These hairbows will bless the 250 girls aged 10-14 that we're packing for this year. Stay tuned for more dates to craft - we've also got 250 boys to cover!



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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



**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 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!**

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**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 "Shoebboxes". Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry to take the Gospel "to the ends of the earth"!

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**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.

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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!**



**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

- Shannon Sechler - health concerns
- Diane Bellotti - recovery from broken fibula
- Adam & Toby Caskey - Alaskan Mission Trip (7/13 - 7/19)

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - continuing with treatments
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma in lung
- 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) - great report on treatment for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - kidney transplant
- Henry and his family (Bellotti's nephew)- report from important MRI

## **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, July 13**

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School with Pam Smith & Jeremy Burleson,  
CCM Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill Commons

11:00am - Worship Service

## **Monday, July 14**

10:00 am - Book Club in Parlor

## **Tuesday, July 15**

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

12:00pm- NA

## **Thursday, July 17**

12:00pm - NA

## **Next Sunday, July 20**

9:30am - Coffee Hour

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

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## **SERVANTS**

**Elder Lock-Up:** Raegan Swaringen

**Children's Message This Week:** Dave Argabrite

**Children's Message Next Week:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Church This Week:** Risa Little

**Children's Church next week:** Lynn Efird

**Acolytes This Week:** Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

**Acolytes Next Week:** Ingrid & Oliver Townsend

**Nursery:** Risa Little

**Nursery Next Week:** Lynn Efird

**Ushers:** Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond

**Ushers Next week:** Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

**Greeters:** Chris Lowder, Donnie Swaringen

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### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS**

Raegan Swaringen   Sharon Cranford   Tony Rary

Cookie Hamilton   Chris Lowder   Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi   Phil McLain

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator

Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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