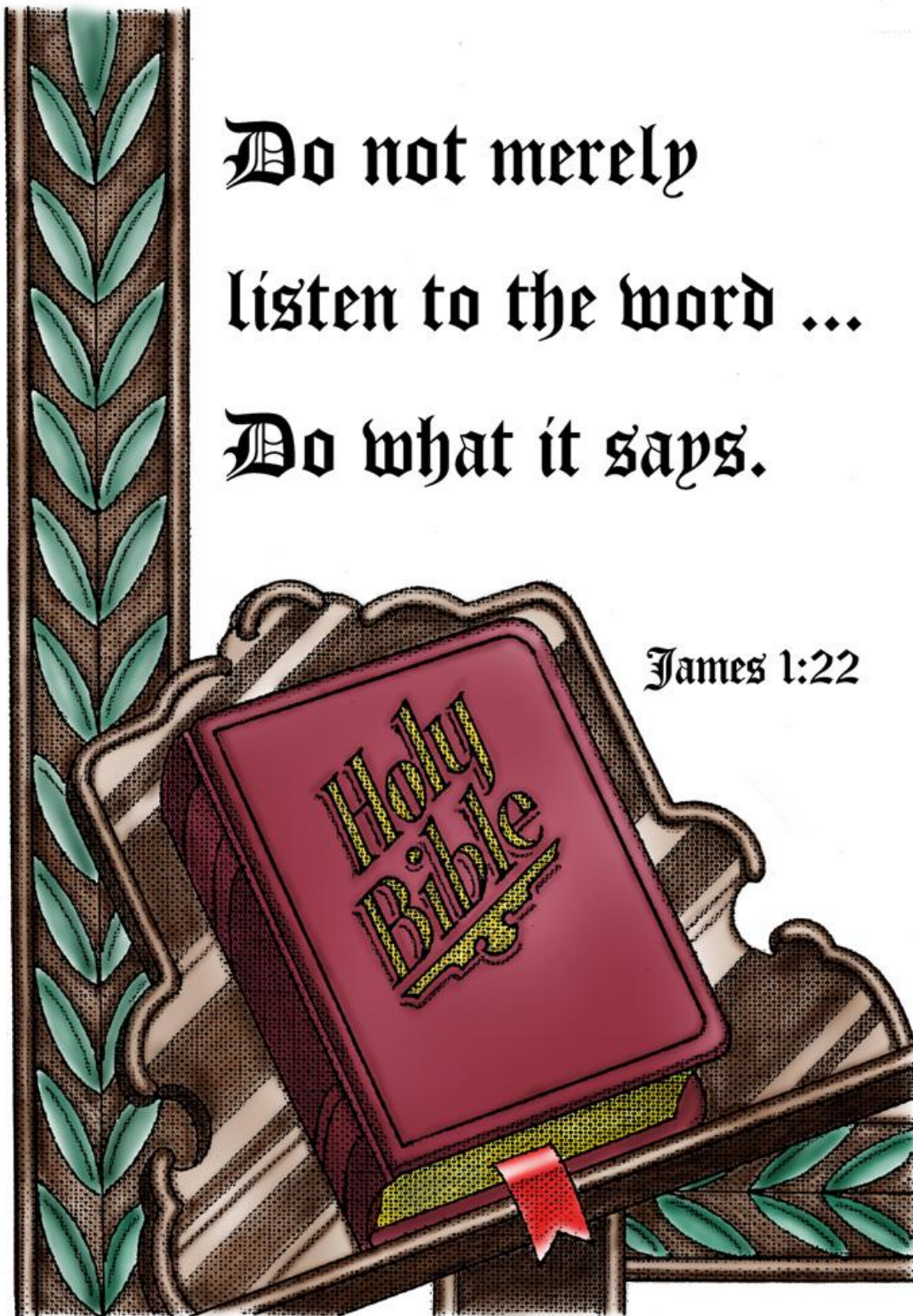




THE WEEKLY FIRST

**Do not merely
listen to the word ...
Do what it says.**

James 1:22



This Sunday, we will continue our sermon series on the New Testament book of James. At this moment, though, Pastor Eddie is under the weather and resting at home. Please pray for his return to full health and the boundless energy we know and love.

All of our staff members have experienced struggles as of late. We thank you for your grace, patience, and prayers as we have navigated the trials Eddie has preached about in recent weeks. In his article on suffering and grief, Eddie wrote, "Learn to grieve in community and be a community in which people can grieve." 1 Corinthians 12:26 confirms that, in a church body, *"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."* As a staff, we are blessed to have lived this truth.

Together, we would like to thank the body of First Pres for walking beside us in our moments of uncertainty, sorrow, heartbreak, mourning, and rejoicing. You have "shown up" in ways that were comforting, encouraging, practical, and loving. Whether you provided a need, offered assistance in the office, helped with an event, sent a card or text, or offered a prayer, we have been uplifted by your willingness to come alongside us. We

have also been touched by your permission to step back, your encouragement to take care of our families, and your continued concern that we have the time to “re-set” or “re-group.” Eddie reminded us of four truths surrounding trials: our world is fallen and sinful; we are frail and sinful; there is a cost for following Jesus; and this world is not all there is. We rejoice with you that *“neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8:38-39)

Suffering



Thank you to all who have contributed to the Building on the Cornerstone campaign!

About \$102,000 has been donated, or nearly 49% of the \$210,000 goal. The Building on the Cornerstone project will make improvements to the appearance, safety, security, and maintainability of our church’s outdoor property. The work is to be done in the spring of 2026. If you wish to give, write a check to First Presbyterian with the memo “Cornerstone”, or give on our website. Any amount is appreciated!



The Building on the Cornerstone campaign will have a Chili Cookoff and Homemade Dessert Sale on Sunday, November 2 after the

worship service! All are invited to attend. If you can make a crockpot of chili or a homemade dessert to benefit the campaign, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Various types of chili (mild, spicy, veg, etc.) and desserts (cakes, pies, cookies, fudge, etc.) are needed! This will be both a fellowship opportunity and a fundraiser for the Cornerstone project, which will make improvements to the outside of the church property next spring.



Sunday Bulletin is Online!



Welcome

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



Christmas Play Practice continues, as we prepare for our presentation on December 7!

Upcoming practices include:

Sunday, October 19: 3-4:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Wed, Oct. 22: 6-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Dinner at 5:30pm)

Wed, Oct. 29: 5-6pm in Sanctuary (Serve at Supper 6-7:30pm)

Sunday, Nov. 2: 3-4:30 in Fellowship Hall

More dates to be announced soon!



Ladies, mark your calendar for a night of fun, sponsored by the Women's Council! You are invited to a "Mix and Mingle" on Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm, featuring a delicious catered dinner of pecan chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, salad, bread, drinks and dessert. We'll get to know each other better through progressive table seating. Sign up in the Narthex by Wednesday, October 15th if you plan to attend.

To learn more about the Women's Council, or how to serve with the Women of the Church, please see Sharon Stricker.



Collection for our 500 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes continues! We will pack 250 for girls and 250 for boys, ages 10-14. For the month of October, our focus is toys:

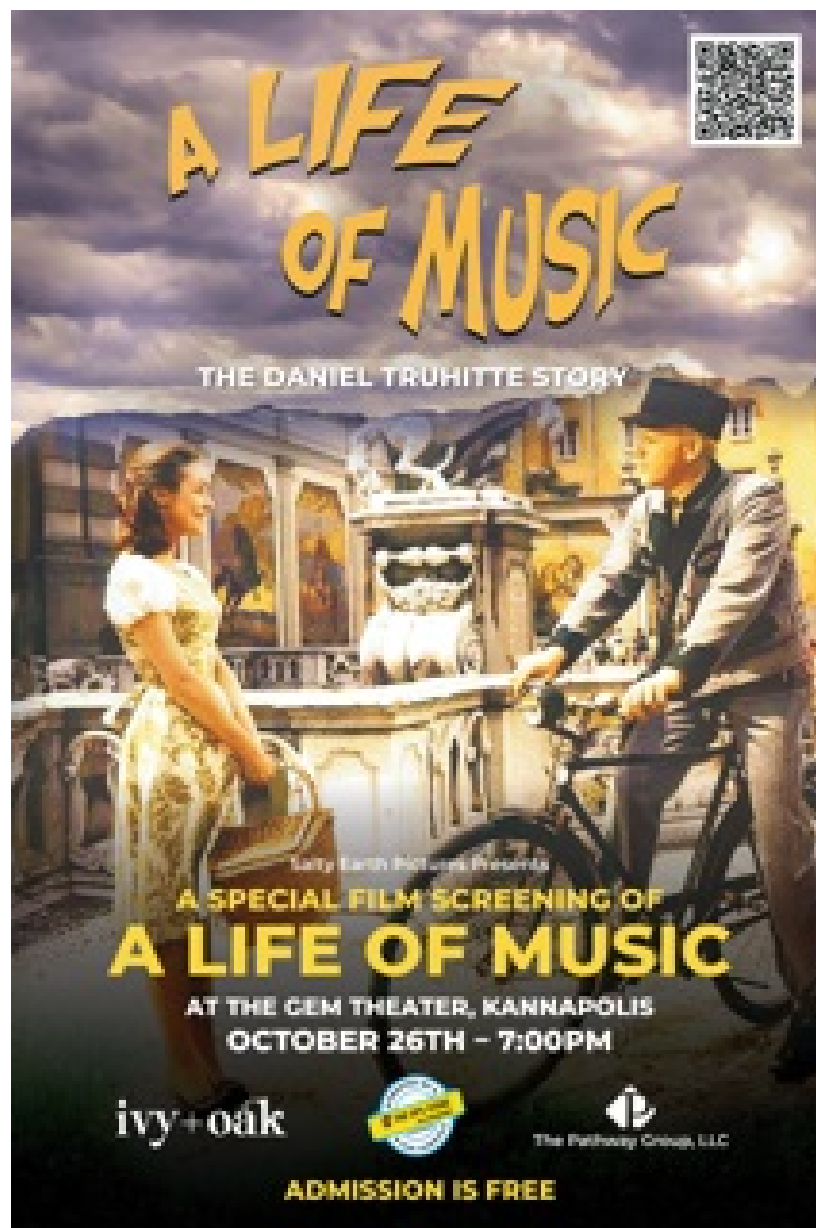
250 Matchbox cars for boys 250 jump ropes for girls
250 Neft balls 5-8.5" for boys 250 sewing kits for girls (3x5")
or complete bead crafts kits

Place donations in the red collection bin in the Narthex. You may also give online or with an offering marked for "Shoeboxes".



Join the Missions Team for the Lifeline Million Meals Tour at the Cannon Ballers' stadium!

On Saturday, October 25, we have reserved 40 spots for the 2:00pm meal packing time slot. All ages and abilities can participate in packing nutritious meals for the hungry in our community and around the world. *It's also a great time to wear your new First Pres gear.* Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 19.



You are invited to attend a historical screening of the documentary movie "A Life of Music - The Daniel Truhitte Story" at the Gem Theater, 111 West 1st Street, Kannapolis on Sunday, October 26 at 7:00pm. (Doors open at 6:30pm)

Daniel Truhitte, who played "Rolf" in the classic film, that is celebrating it's 60th Anniversary, will introduce the documentary and hold a Q&A after the showing.

The event is free, but please register at the following link: [Salty Earth Pictures Studio Store - Salty Earth Pictures Studio Store](#)

If you have questions, would like to donate, sponsor or need group tickets, please contact: pamela@ivyoakevents.com



Our next Wednesday in Mission will be a Winter Clothing Giveaway and Soup Supper!

On Wednesday, October 29, from 6-7:30pm, we will give away coats and winter accessories while serving a hot soup supper. Linda's Closet will also be open for shoppers. You can help! Please donate new or gently used winter coats, gloves, toboggans, and clothing.

Volunteers will also be needed to cook soup, serve, assist shoppers, and clean up. Youth will help serve the meal. **Place donations in the Linda’s Closet bins outside the Fellowship Hall and sign up in the Narthex if you can serve with us!**



The JOY Group will meet again on Friday, October 31 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Heath Burchett will be sharing his ministry of “Watchman of the Streets” Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup, side or dessert. Brush up on your trivia!



The next Men's Fellowship Dinner will be held Thursday, November 6 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. More details coming soon!



Linda’s Closet is open the 1st, 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 11:00am -1:00pm. Other Tuesdays are “work days”. See Trish Nixon if you can volunteer. Current needs:
* Boys clothes, sizes 2-16 * Men’s clothes *New underwear for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence! See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:
*small cosmetic bags
*feminine products
*new/gently-used towels



The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte-area Ronald McDonald House. Rinse the tabs (from sodas, soup/veg cans) and place them in the container in the Narthex.

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

- Jean Bost - recovery from a fall
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma

- Carol Lowder - recovery from breast cancer surgery
- Sandy Boucher-Bessent - recovery from eye surgeries
- Angela Miller - recovery from surgery on broken wrist
- Betty Sechler - recovery from a fall
- Walker Family - loss of Tommy Walker

Family & Friends of Church

- Kristen Cranford (Sharon’s daughter-in-law) - recovery from aortic aneurysm surgery
- Sara Bailey Wooten's niece - recovery from injuries after accident
- Thomas “Bran” James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old with stomach cancer
- Julie Griffin (Diane Bellotti’s daughter) - recovery from stomach/esophagus surgery
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon’s granddaughter) - recovery from another surgery
- Jane McDaniel (Mal & Debbie’s daughter-in-law) -no definitive diagnosis, meds are helping with pain and symptoms
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister’s granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister’s daughter) - recovery from surgery
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer

Homebound

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

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 12

9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
*No other Wednesday activities.

Thursday, October 16

10:30am - Ladies’ Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek Nex Gen

Next Sunday, October 19

9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

Servants

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary
NO Children’s Message This Week
Children’s Message Next Week: Michelle Walker
Children’s Church This Week: Roxanne Spencer
Children’s Church next week: Lynn Efird
Acolytes This Week: Kinsley Culp & Mary-Gray Petersen
Acolytes Next Week: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker

Nursery: Roxanne Spencer
Nursery Next Week: Lynn Efir
Ushers: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight
Ushers Next week: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder
Greeters: Raegan Swaringen & Renee Goodnight

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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