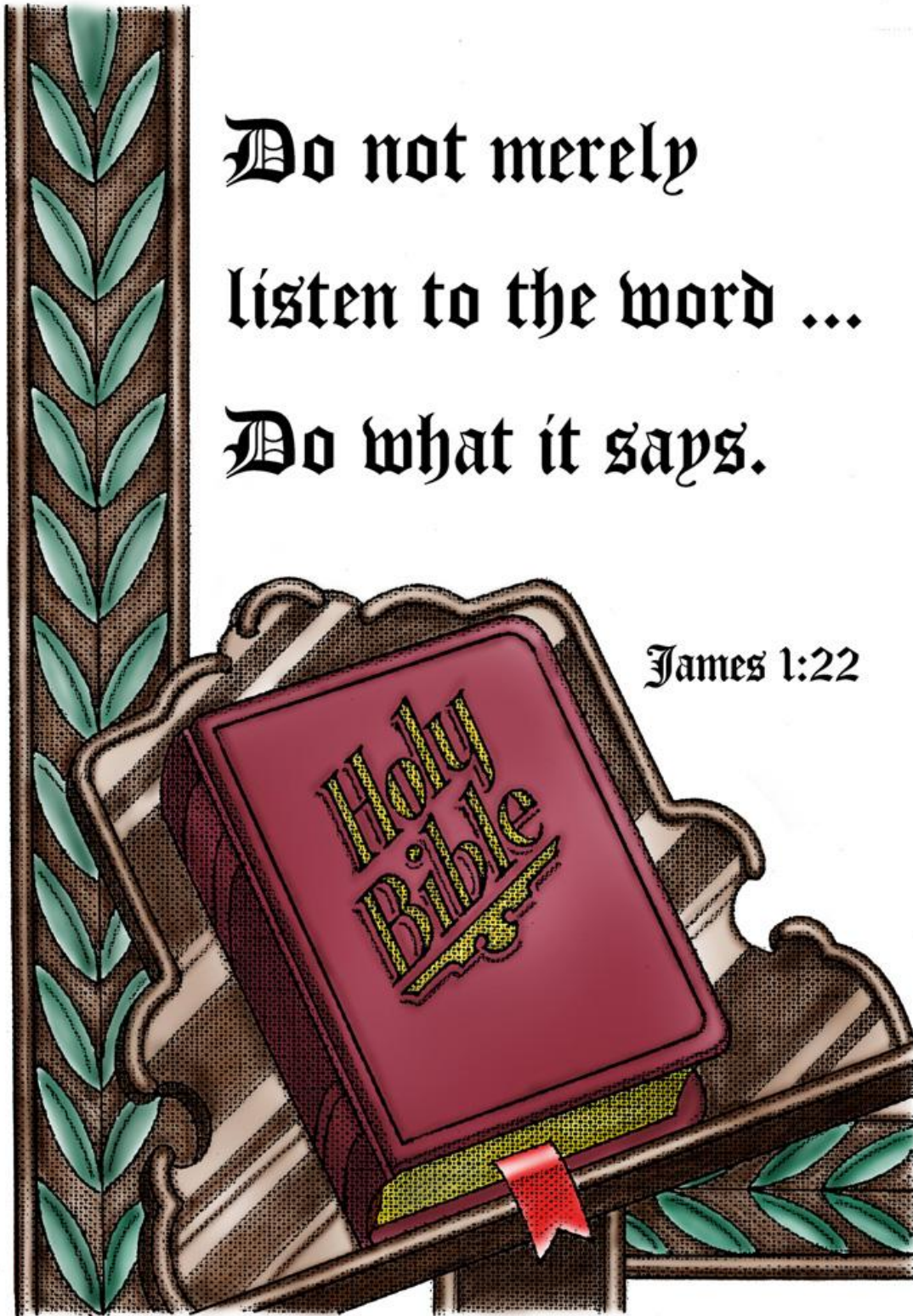




THE WEEKLY FIRST

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

James 1:22



I look forward to worshipping with the church family Sunday. Your prayers and encouragements have been deeply appreciated. I have been slow to recover but on the road to health. This Sunday we will continue the teaching series on book of James. James teaches us what a vital Christ-following life and church looks like. The teaching Sunday will be based on James 1:18-27 and will focus on a “Christian’s relationship with God’s Word”. The big idea is simple: If we have a living relationship with Christ, producing a faith that works itself out into our real lives, we will have a life-giving relationship with God’s Word.



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. This will be a fundraiser to

benefit the project as well as a fellowship opportunity. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to contribute to this event!

Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring any of the following items:

- 1) a crockpot of chili (can be any variety – mild, spicy, veg, etc.)
- 2) a homemade desert to sell (cake, pie, cookies, fudge, etc.)
- 3) cornbread
- 4) trimmings such as cheese or sour cream

Also please sign up if you can help with setup or cleanup.



[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

Wed, Nov 5 - 5:30-6pm in Sanctuary (Dinner at 5pm)



Ladies, are invited to a night of fun, sponsored by the Women's Council! Join us for 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. **See Roxanne if you have not signed up.**

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”.



It's time to pack our OCC shoeboxes! Wednesday nights in November will be dedicated to our packing efforts. All ages are invited to join in!

Wednesday, November 5; 6:00pm: OCC Craft Night

We'll finish our girls' hairbows and boys' tic tac toe sets.

Wednesday, November 12: OCC Packing Party

5:30pm - Pizza dinner (Donation basis) 6:00pm - Packing

Help us pack, pray for, and organize our OCC shoeboxes! We'll celebrate with dessert and hot cider after packing.

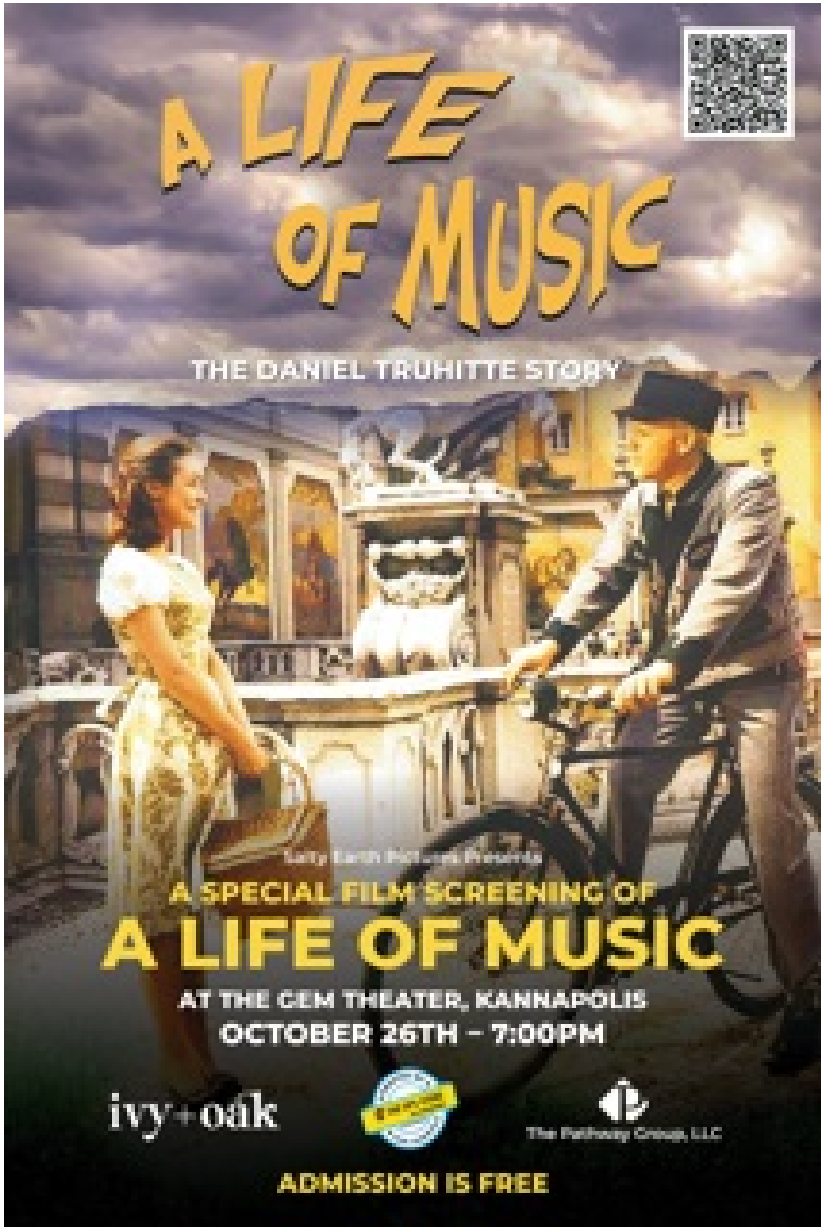
Wednesday, November 19; 5-7pm: OCC Drop-Off Collection

Volunteer to accept shoeboxes from the area at our collection site!



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. Menu will be steak or chicken, potato, salad and dessert for a suggested donation of \$15

Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 2nd.



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
- Ken Sparks - recovery from cardioversion
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Carol Lowder - good report - treatments begin in November
- Walker Family - loss of Tommy Walker
- Judy Hunter - loss of friend, Barbara Coffey

Family & Friends of Church

- 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
- Jessica McDaniel stepdad - sepsis
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery

Homebound

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

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

1:00pm - Set up Mix 'n 'Mingle
6:30pm - Ladies' Mix 'n 'Mingle

Tuesday, October 21

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

12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, October 22
3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
5:30pm - Youth Dinner
6:00pm - Christmas Play Practice
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23
10:30am - Ladies’ Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek Nex Gen

Saturday, October 24
2:00pm - Lifeline Million Meal Tour

Next Sunday, October 26
10 Cents A Meal
Reformation Sunday
9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
7:00pm - Wicked Outing in Charlotte

Servants

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary
Children’s Message This Week: Michelle Walker
Children’s Message Next Week: Acting Out Drama Ministry
Children’s Church This Week: Lynn Efird
Children’s Church next week: Jenny Sparks
Acolytes This Week: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker
Acolytes Next Week: Oliver Townsend & Landon Walker
Nursery: Lynn Efird
Nursery Next Week: Jenny Sparks
Ushers: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder
Ushers Next week: Amy Hurst, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Tony Rary
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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