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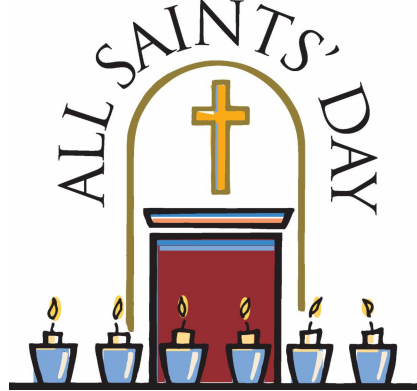
This Sunday we will gather to worship our Lord together. We have a lot happening. Most importantly, we will celebrate the Lord's supper. We will also pause during our service to remember and give thanks for those in our wider church family we have lost during the past year. Following our worship, you are invited to our Chili Cookoff and Homemade Dessert Sale as a fun way to participate in our Building on the Cornerstone Campaign.

A huge thanks to Sue Maiocchi, Linda's Closet, our mission ministry and so many of you for our community outreach this past Wednesday. We were blessed to meet some great folks as we sought to live out James 2. Last Sunday I preached on James 2:1-13. Attached are two articles. One is a brief summation and a few additional thoughts on the passage. The second one is an excellent and more comprehensive article on a Biblical view of justice by Tim Keller.

[James 2:1-13](#)

[Justice by Tim Keller](#)

THIS Sunday, Nov. 2, we will



commemorate All Saints Sunday. Our worship will include a time to remember those in our church family who passed away between November 2024 and October 2025.



The Chili Cookoff and Homemade Dessert Sale to benefit the "Building on the Cornerstone" campaign is immediately after the worship service this Sunday, November 2.

All are invited to attend. If you are bringing a crockpot of chili or a dessert, please bring it to the Fellowship Hall either before Sunday School or before the worship service. Cornerstone team members will be there to register all items brought for the cookoff or dessert sale.

During the chili cookoff, you will have a chance to contribute financially to the Cornerstone campaign by voting for your favorite chili(s) and/or purchasing a dessert to take home. The Cornerstone team appreciates all who contribute in any way to the event, and those who have already contributed to the campaign.



[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:

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

Sunday, November 9 - 12:30-2:30pm - (pizza provided after church)

Wednesday, November 12 - 5-5:30pm in Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 19 - 6-7:30pm in Sanctuary (Dinner at 5:30pm)

Sunday, November 23 - 4:30-5:30pm in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29 - 3-4:30pm in Sanctuary



A huge "thank you" to ALL who helped prep, coordinate, cook, clean, sort clothing, assist shoppers, greet, buy coats, or otherwise serve at our Winter Clothing Giveaway and Soup Supper. We were able to minister to over 70 families with a warm coat, clothing from Linda's Closet, and a hot meal.

Thank you for your generosity and

heart for others!



The JOY Group will meet TOMORROW, Friday, October 31 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Heath Burchett will be sharing his ministry of "Watchmen of the Streets". Brush up on your trivia!



A 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.



Join us for Thanksgiving at FPC! We will gather for lunch on Thursday, November 27 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, ham, gravy, and drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to contribute sides and desserts to share. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 23!



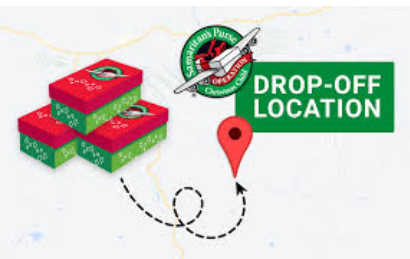
Collection is ending for our 500 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! We will soon pack 250 girls and 250 boys, ages 10-14. If you would still like to donate, you may give online or with an offering marked for “Shoeboxes”, by **THIS Sunday, Nov. 2nd!**



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.



First Pres will once again serve as an OCC Shoebox Drop-Off Location from Monday, November 17 through Monday, November 24. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, and help collect, count and cartonize their shoebox donations. Cartons will be

transported to Pitts Baptist Church on Monday, November 24 at 12pm.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, 11/17: 11am-1pm	Friday, 11/21: 10am-12pm
Tuesday, 11/18: 1pm-3pm	Saturday, 11/22: 10am-12pm
Wednesday, 11/19: 5pm-7pm	Sunday, 11/23: 1-4pm
Thursday, 11/20: 1pm-3pm	Monday, 11/24: 10am-12pm

Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help, or see Michelle Walker for more information!



Come see the next step in a shoebox’s journey!

We have secured 30 volunteer spots at the OCC Warehouse in Charlotte to process shoebox donations. We will serve on Saturday, November 22 from 2pm-6pm. Meet at church at 1pm to carpool and join us for dinner immediately after. Volunteers must be 13 or over, and chaperones are required depending on the number of youth. **Sign up in the Narthex or see Michelle Walker for more information.**



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 treatments
- Carol Lowder - good report - treatments begin in November
- Regina Starnes - loss of father, Bobby Starnes
- Dianne Lowe - recovery from knee injury
- Chad Eudy - health concerns

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
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from another surgery
- Trish Nixon's brother - had a stroke
- 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
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This Week @FIRST PRES

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 12:00pm - Building on the Cornerstone: Chili Cookoff/Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 4

- 11am -1:00pm - Linda’s Closet
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
- 6:30pm - Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

- 3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
- 5:00pm - Youth Dinner
- 5:30-6:00pm - Christmas Play Practice
- 6:00pm - OCC Craft Night
- 6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6

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

Next Sunday, November 9

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:30-2:30pm - Youth play practice (Pizza provided)

Servants

- Elder Lock-Up:** Jeff Barnhardt
- NO Children’s Message This Week**
- Children’s Message Next Week**
- Children’s Church This Week:** Sue Maiocchi
- Children’s Church next week:** Debbie McDaniel
- Acolytes This Week:** Caylin Lowder & Evie Sechler
- Acolytes Next Week:** Camryn Lowder & Ingrid Townsend
- Nursery:** Sue Maiocchi
- Nursery Next Week:** Debbie McDaniel
- Ushers:** Phil & Jill McLain, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks
- Ushers Next week:** Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan
- Greeters:** Phil McLain & Jeff Barnhardt

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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