



THE WEEKLY FIRST



On Sunday, we will continue our teaching series on Ephesians by examining what it means to be a "Community of Grace". In Ephesians 2:11-22, Paul describes the reconciliation and hope Christ brings to both Jews and Gentiles, and points out that, in Christ, all believers are now united in one "household" of faith. *"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone."* (2:19-20)

On Ash Wednesday of this past week, we joined with fellow believers at Kimball Lutheran to commemorate the start of Lent - a season of reflection and spiritual preparation for Holy Week and the miracle of Easter. And we look forward to worshipping with them again on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Until then, you are invited to join us for Wednesdays in the Word each week in March. Adults will gather for Lenten Services in the Fellowship Hall, while children and youth will meet with their groups on the third floor.

We hope to see you soon!



2025

Year in Review



The Church Staff have prepared an Annual review of 2025. Our First Pres family faithfully served in 2025. Copies are available in the Narthex, as well as digitally on our website and by clicking the link below.



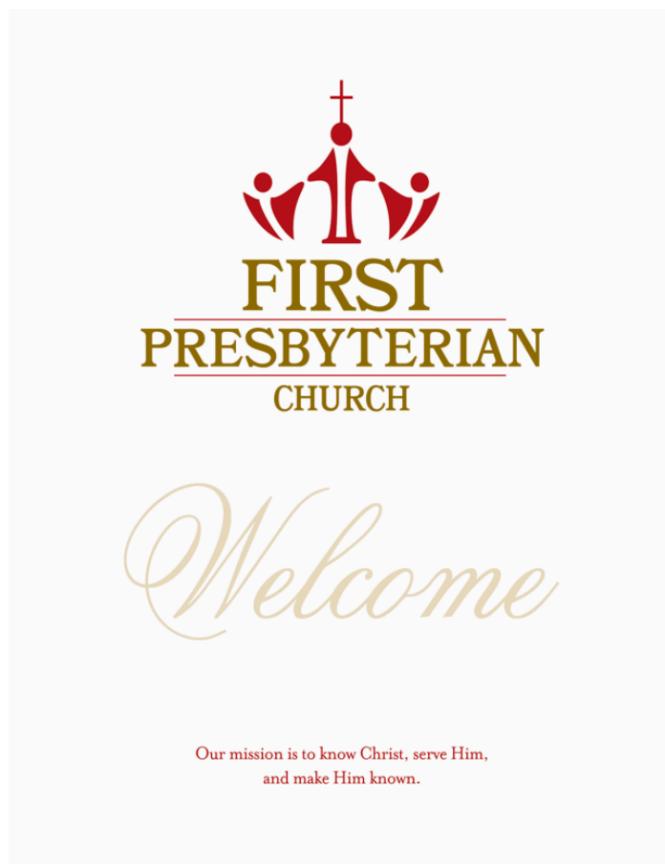
The Building on the Cornerstone renovations to the church's outdoor property are underway! The landscaping company has already removed the old plants, and they have begun installing new trees and shrubs. Next week, the brick walkways will be demolished, and new concrete walkways are being constructed. Other work will follow including new lighting, repairs to the front porch, sodding of grass, and an irrigation system. The goals are to make the property safer, more attractive, and easier to maintain. Church activities will continue as scheduled throughout the construction.



As we repair and renovate our landscaping, we have an opportunity to produce a new *time capsule*, to be placed behind the front porch "Cornerstone".

If you have ideas or suggestions for items to be placed, please see Eddie or Michelle ASAP!

Sunday Bulletin is Online!



Our Newest Covenant Partners



Jim & Diane Bellotti come to First Pres by letter of transfer from Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Gaffney, SC. They have been in Kannapolis about a year and a half. The Bellottis found First Presbyterian to be a most welcoming and loving church, and look forward to continuing their spiritual journeys here. Jim and Diane have been married almost 51 years. They share three children, 9 grandchildren, and two great-

grandchildren. Jim is a systems analyst and enjoys sports and spending time with family. Diane is a preschool teacher. She loves taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoys reading and sewing.

Please extend your own welcome to Jim and Diane and welcome them into membership. If you would like more information about becoming a member, see Eddie or Michelle.



Thank you to all who gave during our Souper Bowl of Caring! A total of \$108.46 and 73 pounds of food were donated to Cooperative Christian Ministry for our neighbors in need! Thanks also to Sam McAllister for transporting our goods!



Please be sure to check the Lost and Found box in the Narthex for any items you may have left behind. If you lost a piece of jewelry, please contact the office. Items will be disposed of at the end of February if not claimed.



Elementary Youth will go bowling THIS Sunday, February 22 after church! We will leave right after worship, go to Pizza Hut on Cannon Blvd for lunch, and then head to Foxfire Lanes to bowl. Parents are invited to attend.



Our first Men's Fellowship Dinner of 2026 will be Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6pm. Trey Nintean, Northern Cabarrus Co. Area Representative for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be our guest speaker. Menu is steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, dessert, and drinks for a suggested donation of \$15. **Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, Feb. 22.**



Lenten Offerings

Wednesdays in the Word will resume March 4-25. Pastor Eddie will lead Lenten Services in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. Children and Youth will gather for dinner at 5:30pm, PraiseMakers Rehearsal at 6:00pm, and classes from 6:30-7:30.

We will gather at Kimball Memorial on **Maundy Thursday, April 2** for a combined service.

Kimball will join us at First Presbyterian on **Good Friday, April 3.**



Ladies, mark your calendars for a spring “Mix & Mingle,” sponsored by the Women’s Council. The event will be on Monday, April 20 at 6pm. More details are forthcoming!



Linda’s Closet is open the first and third Tuesdays each month, from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Other Tuesdays will be work days.

See Sue Maiocchi if you can volunteer.

Current needs:

- Kids clothes especially Boys, sizes 5-16
- 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

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

- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Vicki Morris - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Jeff Barnhardt - kidney stone procedure March 10
- C. J. Semcho - surgery Monday for broken leg
- Dave Argabrite - loss of friend, Bob
- Alice Jeanes & family - death of aunt, Cathie Malcolm

Family & Friends of Church

- Trey & Semra Goodnight (Mark Goodnight’s nephew and wife) - Baby Edis is doing well; Semra started treatments for aggressive breast cancer.
- Beth Kreshak (Sue Maiocchi's sister) - ruptured disk surgery 2/27
- Karen Pless' mom - recovery from stroke and broken clavicle
- Cathy (Alice Jeanes' aunt) - pancreatic cancer

- Hadley (Pam Hook's granddaughter) - burn to hand
- Marcia Ritchie (Debbie McDaniel's mom) - recovery from a fall and surgery
- June (Elizabeth McRobbie's mother) - suffered a stroke; in palliative care
- Steve Smith (Becky Seaford's brother) - cancer has returned, beginning chemo
- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Diane Belotti's daughter, Julie Griffin - cellulitis after foot surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old - awaiting stem cell treatment
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer treatments in January

Homebound

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

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, February 22

10 Cents A Meal!

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:00pm - Elementary Youth Pizza & Bowling

Monday, February 23

- 2:00pm - Dorcas Circle in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 24

- 11:00 - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet Workday
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, February 25

- 3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen
- 6:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 26

- 10:30am - Ladies Study/Session Room
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30-6:30m - Peek NexGen
- 6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 27

- 7:00pm - Sisk Wedding in Sanctuary

Next Sunday, March 1

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

Servants

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Message This Week: Roxanne Spencer

NO Children's Message Next Week:

Children's Church This Week: Sharon Cranford

Children's Church next week: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes This Week: Scarlett Porte & Mary-Gray Petersen
Acolytes Next Week: Landon Walker & Oliver Townsend
Nursery: Sharon Cranford
Nursery Next Week: Tracy Caskey
Ushers: Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jim & Phil McLain
Ushers Next Week: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker
Greeters: Chris Lowder, Debbie McDaniel

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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