



# THE WEEKLY FIRST



This week, Eddie will continue his sermon series on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We will further examine several "Principles of Change" found in Ephesians 4. During the worship service, our youth will also take time to commemorate Mother's Day. Even if you are not a biological mother, all women in our congregation have the opportunity to be spiritual mothers to those in our church family. For your love, support, guidance, encouragement, and prayers, our youth offer you a small gift of gratitude as you leave the Sanctuary.

Our youth and families are grateful to all of you who have shown them love and encouragement over the past few weeks. After Easter, we began "showing up" for each other at special events. Not only have our youth shown up for each other, but so have their parents and other members of our church family! Parents have expressed how much it means that their children are receiving this support, and we thank you, too. This is the beauty of the church.

In the coming weeks, you will have more opportunities to support our youth. Next Sunday, we will honor graduating high school seniors Amelia Caskey and Abigail Malinovsky, both during worship and with a reception immediately following. Then, on Sunday, May 31, we will celebrate as our youth take the lead for Youth Sunday. Please join us!



**First Presbyterian will once again partner with the Cabarrus Women's Center for their "Baby Bottle Blessings" campaign.** We will collect from THIS Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day) through Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day). **You may pick up an empty baby bottle from the Narthex THIS SUNDAY.** Fill it with cash, change, or a check made payable to Cabarrus Women's Center, and return it when full. The Cabarrus Women's



Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center. For more information, please see Janet Harte.

## THANKS for your support

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you so much for supporting the Cabarrus County FCA Spring Weekend. We appreciate so much the lunch that you provided as well as the time and energy it took to prepare it and serve our students. Thanks to you, many students were able to be fed both physically and by the Word. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.  
God Bless You, Cabarrus County FCA

### Sunday Bulletin is Online!



**Calling all youth!** We will soon embark on a study of what "the Church" is, who "the Church" is, and where you fit in! Guests will share insights with us as we look at what God designed "the church" to be, to look like, and to do. **Lesson #1 is "The Church shows up for each other!"** This spring, let Michelle know if your youth has an activity (sport, play, recital, etc.) that we can show up for and support them!

Our next opportunities are:

**Saturday, May 9:** *Mary-Gray Petersen's volleyball game at West Cabarrus YMCA.* We will meet at Afton Pub & Pizza for lunch at 11:15am (5380 Village Dr. NW, Concord), then walk to the Y for her game at 12:30pm. Pick up will be at the Y (5325 Langford Ave. NW, Concord) at 1:30pm.

**Saturday, May 16:** *Cierstyn Lowder's soccer game across from S. Rowan YMCA (950 Kimball Rd., China Grove).* Game begins at 8:30am and lasts about an hour.

**Wednesday, May 20: (note date & time change!)** Oliver Townsend's baseball game at Virginia Foil Park in Mt. Pleasant. We will leave church at 5:30pm, eat at What-a-Burger in Mt. Pleasant, and then go to the game at 7:30pm. **Please let Michelle know if you need transportation!!!**

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**Mark your calendars for Graduation Sunday, May 17!**

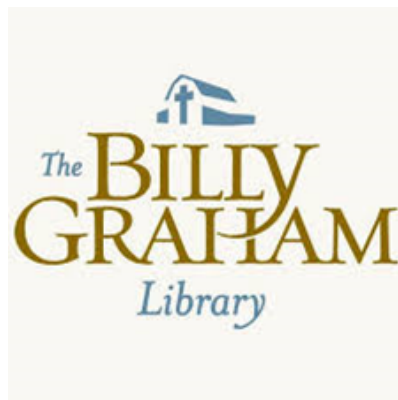
Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our graduating high school seniors, **Amelia Caskey** and **Abigail Malinovsky**. We will have a special moment of recognition during the worship service, and a reception in their honor in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

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**The Church office has received a graduation announcement for Luke Barris, former attendee of First Pres.** If you would like to send a card, his address is 1073 Lentz Harness Shop Road S, Mount Pleasant, NC 28124

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**The Billy Graham Library's annual Ladies Tea will be Friday, June 26!** We will attend the 11am seating, carpooling from the church at 10am. You will enjoy a delicious and elegant tea, as well as warm fellowship with your friends. More details are forthcoming. Tickets are \$35 and always sell out, so please RSVP to Michelle (with money for tickets) by Sunday, May 31!

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**Join us for Faith Night at the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers!** We are purchasing group tickets for the game on Friday, May 29 at 7pm. Cost is \$13.91 per ticket, which includes \$2 "Baller Bucks" to use at the stadium. Faith night features music & testimonials throughout the game. **RSVP to Michelle (with ticket money) by Sunday, May 24!**

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**Youth Sunday will be May 31!** Our children and youth will lead the worship service using their talents for music, drama, and dance. Rehearsals will continue on May 13th, with dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and practice from 6-7pm. "Dress" rehearsal will be Saturday, May 30 at 10am in the Sanctuary. See Michelle if you need more information!

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**Linda's Closet is open the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month, 11:00am - 1:00pm.** Other Tuesdays are workdays. We only accept donations of new or clean, gently used clothing, shoes, or handbags. **See Sue Maiocchi if you can volunteer.**

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**Current needs:**

- Spring & Summer clothing for all, especially for children
  - New underwear and socks for all
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**Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence!** See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:

- \*2 Gallon sized Ziploc bags
  - \*ball caps
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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.

### **Church Family**

- Baker & Craft Families - loss of Debby Baker
- Peggy Gibson - knee pain
- Connie Lisenby - recovery from procedure
- Charlene Booth - health concerns

- Tony Rary - recovering from pneumonia; multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Richard Little - treatment for multiple myeloma

### **Family & Friends of Church**

- Semra Goodnight (Mark Goodnight's niece) - cancer treatments
- George Maiocchi (Sue's husband) - recovery from gall bladder surgery
- Claudio Villagra (Irene Davis' brother) - stage 4 cancer
- Natalie Burleson - loss of father, Jim Stowe
- Sammie Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - shingles & upcoming chemo
- Chalora Leece (Jason Leece's mom) - recovery from surgery to remove kidney
- Margaretta Cowan (Eric's mom) - in hospice at home
- Robert Ellison (Sparks' in-law) - declining health
- Meredith Milam (Strickers' niece) - undergoing chemotherapy for uterine cancer
- Karen Pless' mom - recovery from stroke & broken clavicle
- Steve Smith (Becky Seaford's brother) - chemotherapy
- Robert Hudak (Diane Belotti's brother) - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old good report from stem cell treatments
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer

### **Homebound**

- Barbara Hancock - Home; recovering from kidney infection
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care under hospice care
- Jean Bost - Greens of Cabarrus

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## **This Week @ FIRST PRES**

### **Sunday, May 10**

#### **Happy Mother's Day!**

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

### **Tuesday, May 12**

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

### **Wednesday, May 13**

- 3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen End of Year Celebration
- 5:30pm - Youth Dinner
- 6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- 6:30pm - Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, May 14**

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study in  
Session Room
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30-6:30m - Peek NexGen

### **Saturday, May 16**

- 8:30am - Youth at Cierstyn Lowder's  
soccer game

### **Next Sunday, May 17**

#### **Graduation Sunday!**

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- Gracefull Movements/Youth

Sunday Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
12:00pm - Graduates' Reception in Fellowship  
Hall

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### Servants

**Elder Lock-Up:** Jeff Barnhardt  
**Children's Church This Week:** Michelle Walker  
**Children's Church next week:** Jenny Sparks  
**Acolytes This Week:** Noah Walker & Mason March  
**Acolytes Next Week:** Michael Herbst & Charlie March  
**Nursery:** Michelle Walker  
**Nursery Next Week:** Jenny Sparks  
**Ushers:** Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder  
**Ushers Next Week:** Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil  
Mclain  
**Greeters:** Sharon Cranford, Dave Argabrite

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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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