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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD

# First Word

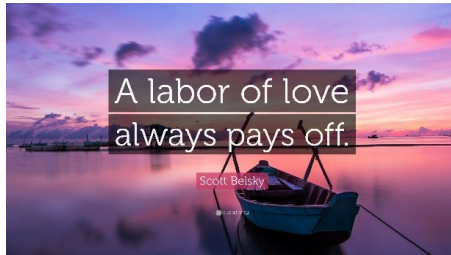
*“To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.”*

## From the Pastor...

**Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,**

Paul writes to the Thessalonians,

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)



The phrase “labor of love” describes perfectly the 110% commitment of our church staff to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church and I invite you to join with me in giving thanks for all they do. Working in our church is a “calling” for each one of us and I am thankful each day for the opportunity God has given me to serve with these “saints” whose love and faith inspire me to want to serve even more. When there is a task to be done, one response that you never hear is, “that’s not in my job description.” When there’s a problem to be solved, the solution is found through collaborative teamwork, not “everyone for him/herself.” When a challenge seems insurmountable, we encourage each other and pray. Yes – serving FPC is a “labor of love” and I invite you to pray for us each day as we minister with you for the glory of God.

Often, the “labor” that happens at the church has an “out-of-sight” dimension, with tasks being done and no one knowing who accomplished them. For instance, did you know that:  
-Randy comes earlier than anyone to open the church each weekday morning. As the walkers arrive, he has already worked several hours. He usually is one of the final people to leave the church in the evening.

-David continues to inspire younger musicians through lessons and encouragement, helping them to understand the piano and its potential to make beautiful music.

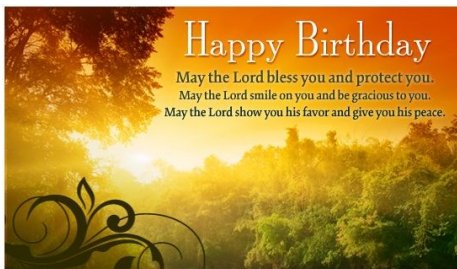
-Michele spends at least 20 minutes each morning greeting and talking with the walkers, patiently listening to them and helping each person to feel special.

- Jennifer balances all that she does with a smile and the most positive attitude imaginable. She helps to account for the financial support the church receives and keeps all expenditures “in-order.” She knows that attention to detail provides the best path to success.

-Karen and Mary (Child Development Center) manage the entire CDC staff and program while giving each child (91 total) the love and attention he/she deserves. They also find time to drive the CDC van for school pickup, vacuum floors in the evening, and substitute when needed.

Truly, the staff of FPC loves our jobs and we thank you for inviting us to labor with you for the glory of God.

**Peace and Love, Brad**



**11/14: Steve Brewer,  
Elizabeth Martin**  
**11/15: Henry Thompson**  
**11/17: David Miller,  
Rick Paderick**

**Advent Wreath Lighting/Readers Needed:**  
Please call Brad at 276-613-0350 or email at jbrad@embarqmail.com to volunteer for the Contemporary, Traditional, or Christmas Eve Service.



**November walking track volunteers:**

11/1-Charles LaRue, 11/2-Julie Lemon, 11/3-Don Wazenegger, 11/4-Joyce Kelly, 11/7-Gary Walker, 11/8-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/9-Charlie Hicks, 11/10-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/11-Don Wazenegger, 11/14-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/15-Don Wazenegger, 11/16-Charles LaRue, 11/17-Gary Walker, 11/18-Joyce Kelly, 11/21-Joan Bland, 11/22-Sharon Parks, 11/23-Charlie Hicks, **11/24-11/25-CLOSED**, 11/28-Julie Lemon, 11/29-Gary Walker, 11/30-Don Wazenegger



**Interested in Learning to Play Handbells?**

If you are interested or want to learn how to play the Handbells, we may try to restart a Handbell choir. We would start out by teaching Handbell technique. It may be intermittent times that we try to perform during the church year. Playing in a Handbell Choir requires practice, teamwork and some musical experience/knowledge and willingness to learn as well as commitment to come to rehearsal each week. We would practice at the church on Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15pm. We hope to have enough people to play. It will probably be very simple songs to initiate our group. If you are interested, contact Wanda Wazenegger (919-774-3775 or (C) 919-777-3855). We also need some replacement 3 pieces of foam 96"x30"x2") for the practice tables. If you know where we can obtain this, please contact Wanda.

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

**Parkview:** Irma Autrey, Paul Kelly, Rexine Lloyd

**Universal Health Care/Lillington:** Betty Lou Bristow

**Home or with family:** Sonny Talbot; Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce Benton; Ann Barkley; Emily Kelly; Terri Palmer

**Our Friends & Family:** Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); Michael McClune (Donna McClune's son); James Cox; Billy Boaz; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Richard Angel (Pat Angel's husband); Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Heather Wicker; Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley)

**This Weeks Calendar**

**Monday 11/14: Circle Meetings**  
**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**5:30 PM:** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal  
**6:30 PM:** Traditional Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday 11/15:**  
**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**10AM:** Bible Study  
**5:30PM:** Congregational Care Committee Meeting in the Hobson Class  
**6PM:** Yoga in the Harper Center

**Wednesday 11/16: *Submissions due for next newsletter and next bulletin***  
**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**10AM:** CDC Devotion  
**7PM:** Prayer Group

**Thursday 11/17:**  
**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

**Friday 11/18:**  
**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**11AM:** Blanket Ministry

**Sunday 11/20:**  
**9AM:** Contemporary Service  
**10AM:** Witness and Welcome Committee Meeting  
**11AM:** Traditional Service  
**12PM:** CE Committee Meeting, Outreach Committee Meeting  
**1:30PM:** Worship Committee Meeting  
**5-6:30PM:** Youth Meeting in the Senior High Room. **Joan Bland will be providing dinner!**

**Offering Counters Schedule - November 2022**

Week 1 (11/6) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 2 (11/13) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 3 (11/20) Rhonda and David Miller, Week 4 (11/27) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon

**The Lay Readers for November** are Michele Bullard for the 9am service and John Garris for the 11:00 am service.

## FPC Youth News

### Fall/Winter Youth Schedule

November

20<sup>th</sup> – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> – No Youth (Thanksgiving)

December

4<sup>th</sup> – Dinner/Caroling 5-6:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Christmas Party 4-6:30pm

18<sup>th</sup> – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

25<sup>th</sup> – No Youth (Christmas)

*\*If anyone needs a ride to any of our Youth Meetings, please let Michele know, 919-935-2089.*



Dear FPC Church Family,  
Thank you so much for making our Stewardship Spaghetti Lunch a huge success! We raised \$1,200 for our Youth Programs, and we are so grateful for your continued support.

**-FPC Youth**

During both services next Sunday we will be honoring three women in our church with the Presbyterian Women Lifetime Membership Award. Please plan to attend and help us show our love and appreciation for these deserving ladies.



There will be a First Presbyterian Church Adult Christmas Social on December 10, 2022 from 2-4pm in the Harper Center. Come enjoy Christmas sweets and special fellowship. Please wear holiday attire and childcare will be provided.

You are invited, once again, to participate in the collection for **Staff Christmas Bonuses**. Simply make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and write *Christmas Staff Bonus* on the memo line. Your generosity is always very much appreciated!

**-First Presbyterian Church Session**



# BREAKING NEWS:

Santa  
Claus

IS COMING TO TOWN



On Sunday, December 11th, from 4-5pm Santa will be at First Presbyterian Church in the Harper Center!!! Come visit with Saint Nicholas, then stay for a reading of "The Christmas Story", make a fun craft, and enjoy light refreshments. We can't wait to see you! Ho! Ho! Ho!