

September 12,



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD

First Word

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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...



⁶ If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (I Timothy 4)

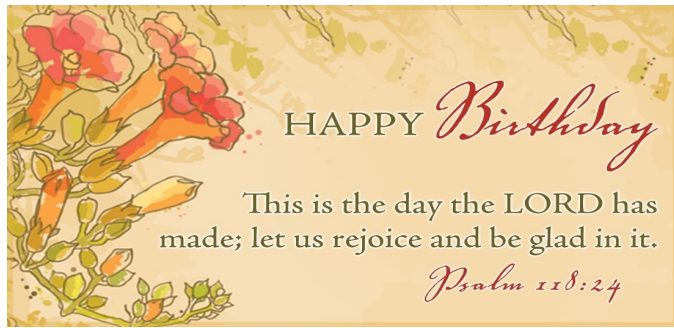
Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

As followers of Christ, we are instructed to pay close attention to His teachings as we strive to live with faith, hope, and love. Often, our focus is on the broader perspective of faithful living, with an emphasis on the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Parables that are told by Christ. In summary, we are called to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves, reaching out especially to those who are poor and who are the “untouchables” of our society. This picture seems to be very clear and there is no doubt about how Christ calls us to live

However, as we move from this focus on the “bigger picture” of our lives, paying even closer attention to what we say and do, we confess that change is needed. We are called to live humbly, yet there are times when we judge others and feel that we are “better” than the man/woman we pass on the street, especially the one who is aimlessly loitering. Loving others is easier when the other person returns love to us – when hate or anger is the response we receive, the temptation is to turn away and show hate/anger for the “other.” Caring for the poor and feeding the hungry surely define our faith community – this “big picture” includes the support we provide for so many helping agencies in Lee County. However, the “detail” of caring for the poor and hungry involves us in caring for that stranger who stops us on the street and asks for our support. What is our response when we encounter this person without a name?

Special Challenge – In the photograph above, the “bigger picture” is a beautiful Winter morning, framed by a red barn, a frosted hillside and a few cows. This is easy to see. Look more closely and find the large bird (perhaps an Eagle) that invited itself into the picture. This bird reminds us to pay attention to the details of our daily lives. Keep looking and let me know if you locate the bird!

Peace, Brad



- 9/12: *Olivia Norris*
- 9/12: *Bonnie Walker*
- 9/14: *Michele Bullard*
- 9/14: *Katie Nipper*
- 9/15: *Barry Bristow*



Congratulations to Foss and Grant Johnson on the birth of their son, Davis Benton Johnson who was born on 9/2/22. Grandparents are Russ and Lynn Knight and great-grandmother is Hope Knight.

This week and next week's **walking track** volunteers:

- 9/12-Joan Bland, 9/13-Charlie Hicks, 9/14-Julie Lemon, 9/15-Gary Walker, 9/16- Jim Lee



This Weeks Calendar

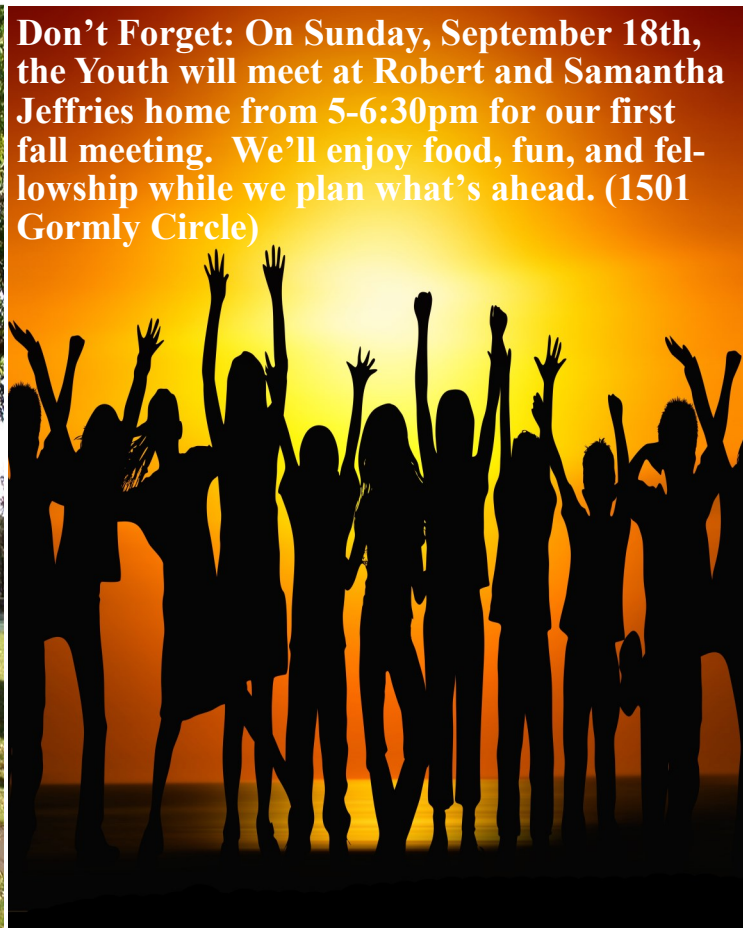
- Monday 9/12:**
9AM-12PM: Walking Track
5:30 PM: Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM: Traditional Choir Rehearsal
Circle Meetings
- Tuesday 9/13:**
9AM-12PM: Walking Track
10AM: Bible Study
6PM: Yoga in the Harper Center
- Wednesday 9/14:** *Submissions due for next newsletter and next bulletin*
9AM-12PM: Walking Track
10AM: CDC Devotion
7PM: Prayer Group
- Thursday 9/15:**
9AM-12PM: Walking Track
9:30 AM: *Musical Devotion with David via Facebook*
- Friday 9/16:**
9AM-12PM: Walking Track
- Sunday 9/18:**
9AM: Contemporary Service
10AM: Sunday School
11AM: Traditional Service

OUR PRAYER LIST

- Wake Rehab:** Emily Kelly
- Parkview:** Irma Autrey
- Westfield:** Rexine Lloyd
- Universal Health Care/Lillington:** Betty Lou Bristow
- Home or with family:** Sonny Talbot; Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Paul Kelly; Don Suddarth; Bruce and Linda Benton; Karen Miller; Ann Barkley; Carri Hollingsworth; Nancy Kimble
- 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); Kristy Cotton Frye; Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Heather Wicker; Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Ian Bristow (Betty Lou Bristow's great grandson); Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley); David Dudley

Offering Counters Schedule - September 2022

Week 1 (9/4) Rhonda and David Miller, Week 2 (9/11) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 3 (9/18) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 4(9/25) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon
The Lay Readers for September are Tammy Ledford for the 9am service and Joanne Hamilton for the 11:00 am service.



Registration forms can also be found in McIver Hall and on the table in the Colonnade.



Many of you know that Bucky Holmes has prayerfully and faithfully coordinated our weeks that the church provides Family Promise meals during the year. As he is now serving another congregation with his talents, there is an opportunity to serve within our church! Currently, due to COVID protocols, we only provide dinners for the participants and the person who coordinates would gather volunteers to cook/buy these meals and deliver to the Family Promise Center. This is a great outreach opportunity within our church and community! Please reach out to Nancy Wazenegger if you are interested in serving (919-389-6421). Thank you!

Dear FPC Family,

We were the victims of mail theft on Sunday, September 4th at 12:38am. Our mailbox was torn off the building, jimmied open, and the perpetrator filled her bag with all of the contents. We have reported this theft both to the police department, and the USPS. If you think your tithe may have been in the box, or any other check you may have written, please cancel it immediately. Until we have resolved this issue and determined the best means to receive our mail, please bring any tithe or payment to the church office. Thank you for your patience during this aggravating time. God Bless.



With all the changes in church leadership (Elders, Deacons, Committees, Circles), I would very much appreciate an email updating members of each committee, as well as the chair and co-chair of each committee.

Thank you,

Michele

Rally Day Fun...



Prayer & Praise Board

THE FAITH FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER!



PLEASE SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES. WRITE YOUR REQUEST ON A POST-IT NOTE AND STICK IT TO THE BOARD.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? WILL YOU MAKE A BLANKET?

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION IN FIRST WORD ABOUT A CLASS!



BLANKET MINISTRY