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A PASTORAL MESSAGE

from Dr. Mike Garrett

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."

~ Martin Luther

Having celebrated Easter, now is the time to look for it and live it. Martin Luther's quote reminds us that signs of God's gift of eternal life are baked into the gifts of springtime. The challenge for us is to see the days ahead with Easter eyes and confront them with Easter hope.

Thanks to the many of you who reached out to Marcia and to me upon the death of my mother. I so appreciate your kindness and compassion. We certainly welcome your prayers as we move through a season of grief in my family in the weeks to come.

Many of you participated in our "Crossing Thresholds" Small Groups and Congregational Survey. Thank you! Your responses are giving valuable direction to our officers and future Pulpit Nominating Committee as we prepare for a new chapter in the history of First Presbyterian Church.

Our post Easter preaching will focus on the Book of Acts, as we look at how the story of the first church reveals patterns for the faith and mission of our church today. I'm looking forward to Youth Sunday in May as the school year begins to draw toward a close and summer mission opportunities begin. Please join us in worship whenever you are in town in the months ahead, or online when you are not.

God continues to fill our congregation with strong hope, and men and women who spread it in contagious ways! I am grateful for you and the ministry we share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike", with a stylized, cursive flourish.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Another 25,000 meals towards ending world hunger!









It's Dinner Time!

Sign up for Dinner for Six-ish today!
For Singles, Couples & Families

First Prez's fabulously successful and wonderfully enjoyable dining program is starting a new session.

Sign up forms are in Eller Hall.

Contact Lou Brooks or Ann McRae at
dinnerforsixishfpc@gmail.com for more info.



ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

with potluck sides, family & friends.

The church will provide the main entree. You can bring a salad, side, dessert or bread that will serve 8 to 10 people or pay \$8 per adult (age 13+) and \$3 per child (age 5-12). The meal cap is \$20 per family. Childcare available upon request—contact Wanda (wanda@firstprez.com) no later than the Sunday prior. ***Vegan & Gluten-Free options are available!***

END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers with
Intergenerational & Family Friendly Trivia**

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Save the date!
Sunday, May 3

YOUTH SUNDAY

Come be part of this meaningful service led from beginning to end by our very own youth—we'd love to see you there!

**JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE OUR
GRADUATES
ON SUNDAY, MAY 17
AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE!**

High school and college grads will be recognized, followed by a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

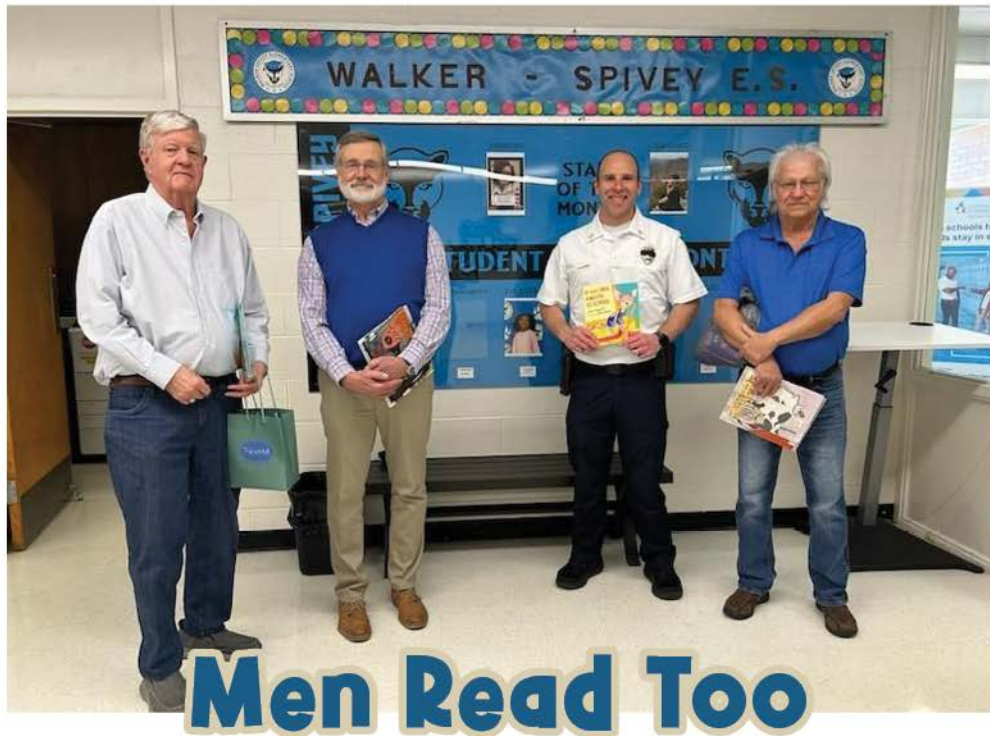
Please register for the luncheon at bit.ly/FPCGrad or scan the QR code.

Have a graduate? Contact Jess at youth@firstprez.com



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Men Read Too

On Wednesday March 4, 2026, First Presbyterian participated in the "Men Read Too" program at Walker Spivey Elementary School. This is an annual event where male volunteers spend time reading children's books to the students. This is our third year participating in the program. Our readers, Buzz Loyd, Steve Horosko, Capt. John Benazzi, and Terry Plummer spent time reading stories and chatting with second grade classes.

s.a.l.t.

Seasoned Adults Learning Together



Tuesday, May 5

Fellowship Breakfast at
8:30 a.m. JK's Deli

Tuesday, May 19

We will meet at Sammio's
at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to
Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134

Wednesday, May 26

Seagrove Pottery tour and lunch
at Cagle Family Restaurant. We will depart the
church at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134.

Palm Sunday & Easter







KINGDOM KIDZ CALENDAR:

Apr 12th

Apr 19th

Apr 26th

May 3rd - Rock Climbing

Kingdom Kidz will break for summer.

See you again in the fall!

**REGISTER FOR
ROCK CLIMBING &
PIZZA ON MAY 3!**

**SEE THE NEXT
PAGE FOR DETAILS!**



GET READY! GET SET! WORSHIP!

Sunday School class for 1st grade children and up. We will meet in Room 210 on April 26, May 3, and May 10. Parents are welcome to attend. The graduates will be recognized during the 11 am worship service on May 17, and will be presented with a student Bible.

The class is to prepare children to participate in and better understand the church worship service. We take a tour of our church, we learn about prayer and the order of worship, and (with Dr. Garrett's help) we explore the Sacraments of baptism and communion.

Any questions, please contact Andrea Horosko - ahorosko82@gmail.com or 910-987-4673.

VBS AT FIRST PREZ

JUNE 15 - 18

9 AM TO 12 PM



REGISTER TODAY!

Volunteers & campers

Register online at:

bit.ly/VBSatFPC

or scan the QR code



Here are some items for VBS that you may already have at home or they can be purchased new. We are starting to make decorations now and appreciate your help!

Paint (new or opened) - house, acrylic, spray (greens, browns, blues, bright colors)

Brown Packing Paper - pieces or rolls (the stuff from your amazon boxes)

Foam Craft Sheets - any size, but larger is better (green, brown, white)

Foam Insulation Boards/Large Foam Sheets - whole or partial

Faux Greenery, Plants, Trees - purchased or borrowed

Flat Sheets - blues, tans, browns, greens, whites

Green Foam Floral Blocks - whole or damaged

Plastic Table Cloths - GREENS, blues, whites

Large Appliance or TV Boxes - flattened is fine

2x4s - if you have any extras laying around

Cardstock - white, green, bright colors

Cupcake Liners - white, colorful

Wooden BBQ Skewers - 8" - 36"

Tissue Paper - green, brown

White Foam Poster Boards

Wire Hangers

Floral Wire

Green Floral Tape





**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF ROCK-SOLID FAITH,
FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**ROCK CLIMBING & PIZZA
AT THE CLIMBING PLACE**

SUNDAY, MAY 3

**436 W. RUSSELL STREET
4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**

For more information & to register online visit
bit.ly/KidzRockClimbing or scan the QR Code.
Registration is needed by April 29.

ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE INVITED!

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S.U.R.G.E. CALENDAR

Apr 12th - Pie Ms. Jess, Youth Sunday Music Practice

Apr 19th - Youth Sunday Music Practice

Apr 26th - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

May 3rd - Youth Sunday AM , Rock Climbing PM

S.U.R.G.E. meetings will resume in the fall!

S.U.R.G.E. IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES*

May 30 - Progressive Dinner & Pool Party 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

June 10 thru 12 - Westminster Youth Conference 5 to 9 p.m.

*For more information and to sign up, text or email Ms. Jess.



THANK YOU

**TO EVERYONE WHO STOPPED BY THE YOUTH CAR WASH
AND MADE DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP!**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Victoria Seufert
3 Sylvia Bisbee
3 Jim Soffe
5 Maggie Hill
6 Graylee Viverette
7 Rachel Dixon
7 Karen Noland
8 Leighton Blue
8 Maggie McFadyen
9 Ronald Allen
9 Alice Ann Campbell
9 Mary Lu Enright
9 Bengie Hair
10 Jeb Cleveland
11 Dorothy Armstrong
11 Dick Gill
12 Wil Godwin
12 Zoe Hublitz
12 Marcia MacKethan
12 Lewis Mason

13 Katherine Nordwall
14 Addie Armstrong
16 Felton Thomas
17 Tina Baker
17 Ethan Hunter
17 Teagen Hurley
17 Graham McLaughlin
18 Stewart Butler
18 Carly Canady
18 Anne Smith
19 Delores Breswitz
20 Nancy Billman
20 Labinda Bryan
20 Kellie Pfaff Perkins
20 Jean Pridgen
20 Mark Strong
21 Anna Bullock
21 Jess Jones
22 Will Clarke
22 Madeline McFadyen

23 Matt Howle
23 Kenan Stiehl
24 Vivian Kramer
25 Autry Canady
25 Stacy Grooms
25 Margaret Robinson
27 Whitaker Grannis
28 Scott Bryan
28 Quentin Smith
29 Kay Autry
29 Emily Nordwall
30 Milo Megill



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Patrick McLaurin
3 James Breswitz
3 Mark DeSessa
3 Colton Petti
4 Reese Navejas
4 Genevieve Rocker
4 Marie Rouse
5 Reese Farnham
7 Anne Evanco
7 Julia Furman
7 Mary Susan Megill
7 Barrett Stiehl
8 Sarah Cotty
8 Mary Heldreth
9 Herma Delgado
9 Angela Lenard
9 Bruce McRae
9 Alexa Walworth
10 Doug Foster
10 Joyce Reid

10 Allison Smith
11 Michael Garrett
11 Rachel Hardin
11 Ashtin Midgett
12 Meagan Kramer
16 Susan Herrick
16 Christopher Napoli
17 Brant Brock
17 Betsy Stiles
18 Amy Navejas
21 William Duhon
22 Gerald Montero
23 Quincy Scarborough
23 Amanda Walworth
24 Jacob Campbell
24 Bowdre Fortson
24 Brooke Johnson
25 Kim Hall
25 Benjamin Napoli
27 Emily Sasser

27 Winnie Self
28 Graham Emerson
28 Michael Ruff
29 Hayden Blue
29 Elizabeth Ciccone
30 Linda Anderson
30 Robert Mathews
30 Milo McBryde
31 Lee Ann Fortson
31 Sutton Hammond
31 Ella Spinosa



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 2 • Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Apr 5 • Easter Sunday
• Congregational Breakfast
- Apr 6 • Church Office Closed
- Apr 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
• Worship Committee Meeting
- Apr 9 • Hannah Circle
- Apr 13 • Mission Committee
• CE Committee
- Apr 14 • Martha Circle
• Stated Deacons Meeting
- Apr 19 • Visioning Summary
• The Gathering: Foundations
- Apr 20 • Personnel Committee
- Apr 21 • S.A.L.T. Botanical Gardens Trip
• Finance Committee
• Stated Session Meeting
- Apr 26 • Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
• Crossing Thresholds Meeting
• MomCo
- Apr 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Apr 28 • VBS Leader Committee
• COAP Zoom Meeting
- Apr 29 • Trivia Night

- May 3 • Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
• Youth Sunday
• Stephen Ministry Meeting
• Rock Climbing
• The Gathering: Foundations
- May 4 • Food Service Meeting
• Mission Committee Meeting
- May 5 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
• Worship Committee Meeting
- May 7 • Engagement Committee
- May 10 • Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
- May 11 • CE Committee Meeting
- May 12 • Martha Circle
• Stated Deacons Meeting
- May 14 • Hannah Circle
- May 17 • Graduate Sunday
• The Gathering: Foundations
- May 18 • Personnel Committee
- May 19 • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammio's
• Finance Committee
• Stated Session Meeting
- May 25 • Church Office Closed
• David's Mighty Men
- May 26 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- May 28 • Property Committee Meeting
- May 29 • VBS Work Day
- June 3 • S.A.L.T. Seagrove Pottery Tour
- June 5 • VBS Work Day
- June 6 - 13 • Mexico Mission Trip
- June 10 - 12 • VBS Set Up
- June 15 - 18 • Vacation Bible School
- June 28 - July 4 • Youth Mission Trip

Memorials

Kay Autry

Buddy & Betty Jo Wilkins

Bertha Tedder

Terrence Tedder

Myra Garrett

Steve & Andrea Horosko

Buzz & Ann Loyd

Joann Pearce

Fred & Eliza Williams

Clara Moffit Moorman

Gillie Revelle

Stephen Gooding

Rhonda Gooding

Buzz & Ann Loyd

Olivia Herring

Joanne Copeland

Carolyn Herndon

Kathy & Karl Rouse

