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First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville N.C.



**WE'VE HAD OUR END OF
SUMMER BASH AT THE POOL,**



**BACK TO
SCHOOL
BLESSING,**

**AND THE
CAROLINA
SOUND
CONCERT!**



**SO NOW IT'S TIME TO GET BACK INTO
THE SWING OF THINGS AT FIRST PREZ!**

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A Small Group For Everyone!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

BIBLE STUDY

*Beginning Wednesday September 16,
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Room*

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville,

In an article in the Presbyterian Outlook titled "A Vital Congregation Changes Hearts and Lives," the author proposed that shaping and changing the mindset of a congregation was a foundational step toward becoming a vital congregation. The author wrote,

"The vitality of a congregation grows as the mindset of its members is influenced toward new values, assumptions, and beliefs regarding living as a child of God."

In our Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, we will be challenging our values, assumptions, and beliefs with the words and deeds of Jesus.

In many ways, shapes, and forms, I already see vitality in the life of FPC, but I believe the saying, "If you aren't growing, you're dying." The theme of your Mission Study Report is "Deep Roots, New Fruit." If you have already studied Matthew, I promise you will learn something new to nurture your deep roots. If you have never seriously studied Matthew, you will certainly produce new fruit in our time together.

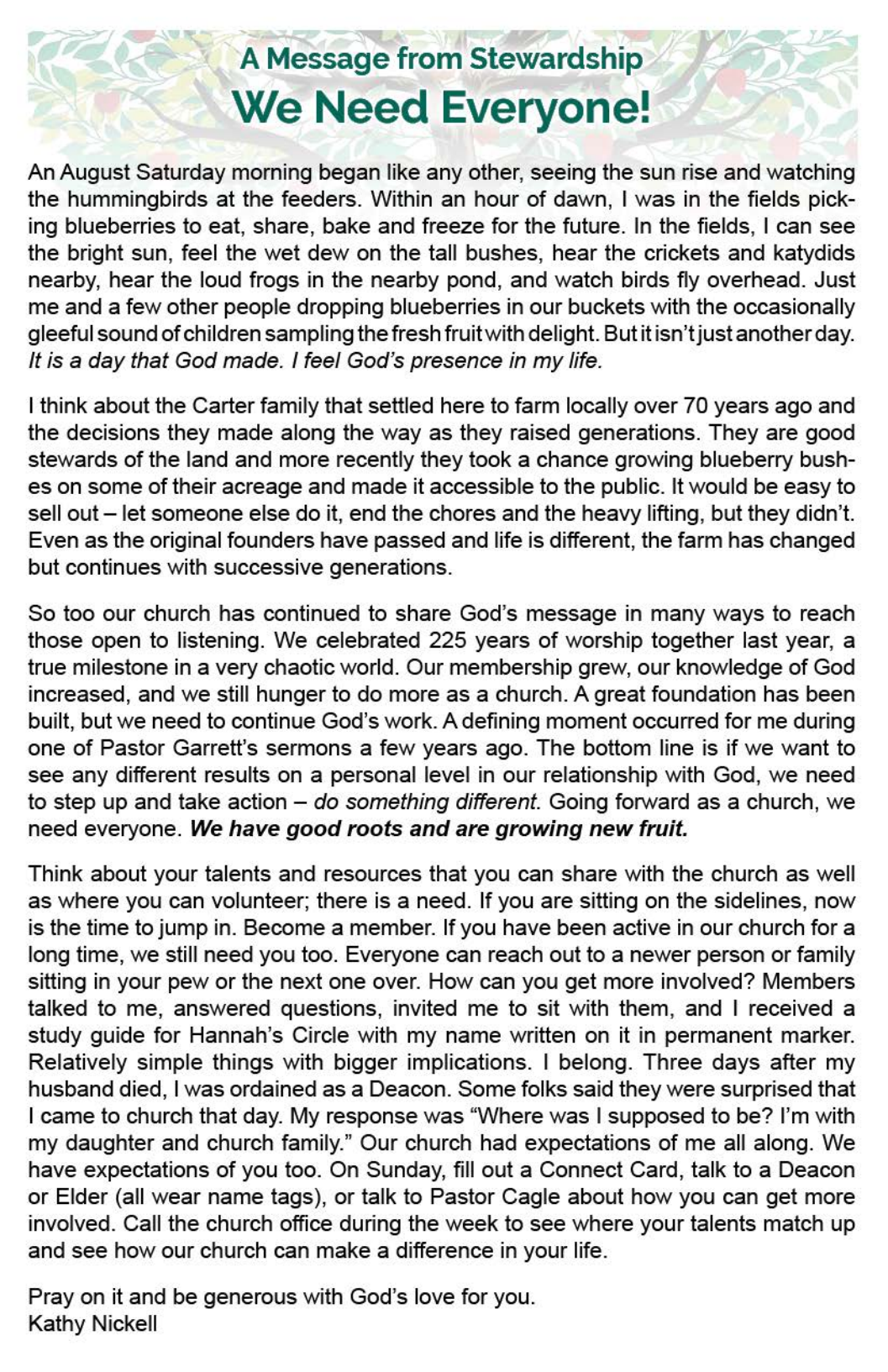
I hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this 12-week course. We will pass out a syllabus for our meetings at our first gathering. Scripture reading/study will be assigned each week but not required for participation. For the first meeting, the homework is to read/study 1:1 - 2:23. Pay particular attention to 1:1-17 "The Genealogy of Jesus" and 1:18-25 "The Birth of the Messiah."

We will meet in the Activity Room in the Education Building, on the second floor, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This will follow the Wednesday night church supper, All In Fellowship, so I hope you will join in our table fellowship before coming to the Bible Study.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions. I hope you will be a part of this revitalizing experience.

In Christ's Service,

David
Transitional Pastor



A Message from Stewardship

We Need Everyone!

An August Saturday morning began like any other, seeing the sun rise and watching the hummingbirds at the feeders. Within an hour of dawn, I was in the fields picking blueberries to eat, share, bake and freeze for the future. In the fields, I can see the bright sun, feel the wet dew on the tall bushes, hear the crickets and katydids nearby, hear the loud frogs in the nearby pond, and watch birds fly overhead. Just me and a few other people dropping blueberries in our buckets with the occasionally gleeful sound of children sampling the fresh fruit with delight. But it isn't just another day. *It is a day that God made. I feel God's presence in my life.*

I think about the Carter family that settled here to farm locally over 70 years ago and the decisions they made along the way as they raised generations. They are good stewards of the land and more recently they took a chance growing blueberry bushes on some of their acreage and made it accessible to the public. It would be easy to sell out – let someone else do it, end the chores and the heavy lifting, but they didn't. Even as the original founders have passed and life is different, the farm has changed but continues with successive generations.

So too our church has continued to share God's message in many ways to reach those open to listening. We celebrated 225 years of worship together last year, a true milestone in a very chaotic world. Our membership grew, our knowledge of God increased, and we still hunger to do more as a church. A great foundation has been built, but we need to continue God's work. A defining moment occurred for me during one of Pastor Garrett's sermons a few years ago. The bottom line is if we want to see any different results on a personal level in our relationship with God, we need to step up and take action – *do something different*. Going forward as a church, we need everyone. ***We have good roots and are growing new fruit.***

Think about your talents and resources that you can share with the church as well as where you can volunteer; there is a need. If you are sitting on the sidelines, now is the time to jump in. Become a member. If you have been active in our church for a long time, we still need you too. Everyone can reach out to a newer person or family sitting in your pew or the next one over. How can you get more involved? Members talked to me, answered questions, invited me to sit with them, and I received a study guide for Hannah's Circle with my name written on it in permanent marker. Relatively simple things with bigger implications. I belong. Three days after my husband died, I was ordained as a Deacon. Some folks said they were surprised that I came to church that day. My response was "Where was I supposed to be? I'm with my daughter and church family." Our church had expectations of me all along. We have expectations of you too. On Sunday, fill out a Connect Card, talk to a Deacon or Elder (all wear name tags), or talk to Pastor Cagle about how you can get more involved. Call the church office during the week to see where your talents match up and see how our church can make a difference in your life.

Pray on it and be generous with God's love for you.
Kathy Nickell



*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout to the Rock of our salvation!
Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him in song.*
Psalm 95: 1, 2

You are invited to choose the group that fits your skill level and join in Leading Worship!

Celebration Choir - Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on September 2 in the choir room. This choir sings every Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship. The ability to read music is helpful. This group also prepares classical music for larger performances, such as Fauré "Requiem" planned for March 2027.

First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble - Sundays at 3:15 p.m. in the choir room. This group prepares an anthem and participates in both worship services once a month. Musical experience is not required. This is a great place to begin. Open to middle school through adult.

Men of God - This group is by invitation, and musical training is required. Rehearsals are usually on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Canticle Ringers (Handbells) - Thursdays 5:15 to 6 p.m. Join us in the tradition of ringing church bells! Elementary music reading skills are extremely helpful.

Kingdom Kidz Music - Children ages Pre K 3 through 5th grade are invited to learn musical terms and how to read music, as they prepare joyful anthems for worship. They play games, percussion instruments, and handchimes as they have fun learning together! Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. during Kingdom Kidz Programming.

Church Orchestra - Contact Dr. Marcia Mervin if you would like to participate in this twice-a-year orchestral experience. Open to middle school through adult instrumentalists with intermediate level music skills. This group leads worship once during Advent and again at Palm Sunday or Easter.

On Sunday, September 13, the Celebration Choir will sing Robert Ray's beloved anthem, "He Never Failed Me, Yet," in loving memory of Charlotte McLaurin.

Jennifer McFadyen Hammond will sing the solo as we remember Charlotte and give thanks to God for her life, faith, service, and love of music.

For more than a decade, Charlotte sang the solo in this beloved anthem. She shared her beautiful musical gifts faithfully with both Southview Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, singing in the choir and women's ensemble and occasionally serving as a pianist.



"He Never Failed Me, Yet" was a song Charlotte loved. As we sing it together, we celebrate the gift of her life and the music she shared with us, trusting in the faithfulness of the God she loved and served.

If you have ever sung this anthem with the Celebration Choir, you are welcome to join us in the chancel, *no robe required!*

Grow in Faith This Fall!

This fall, we invite you to explore a variety of opportunities to learn, connect, and grow in faith together. From engaging Bible studies and thoughtful discussions to opportunities for all ages, there's a place for everyone to deepen their relationship with God and one another. Take a look at what's coming this fall and find an opportunity that's right for you!

Sunday School Classes - 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Good Book Class

Join us in exploring selected scenes from "The Chosen", using each as a springboard to examine its scriptural foundation, character development, major themes, and practical application to our lives of faith. We'll also explore biblical references, Christian themes, and spiritual symbolism in television and film. Whether you're familiar with "The Chosen" or enjoy discussion about Scripture and faith, all are welcome.

Location: Room 405 (or Zoom) Call the church office for the Zoom link.

Leaders: Brandon Hammond and Matthew Jackson

G.I.F.T. Class - "Growing in Faith Together"

Join us as we journey through the book of Romans, discovering God's grace, growing in faith, and learning together. Everyone is welcome!

Location: Activity Room

Leader: Herb Bryan

Calvin Class

The Calvin Class has been sharing the gospel for over 75 years. We gather for prayer and open, informal discussions on spiritual topics. Join us as we seek God's guidance together.

Location: Rankin Building

Leader: Crawford Mackethan

Youth Sunday School - 6th through 12th graders

Join us as we dive deeper into familiar Bible stories and teachings, exploring what God is teaching us and how Jesus calls us to live today. Through passages like the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, we'll discover what it means to follow Him faithfully. Students will be encouraged to ask questions, explore Scripture, build meaningful relationships, and grow in faith together..

Location: Middle & High School Room

Leaders: Rodney & Tina Baker

Children's Sunday School - Sunday School is a special time for children to grow in their knowledge and love of God through Bible stories, prayer, age-appropriate lessons and engaging activities that help children discover God's Word and learn how it connects to their everyday lives.

Toddlers (Birth - 2) & Ages 3 to 5

Locations: Toddlers Room 128 & Ages 3 to 5 Room 104 (In the 1st floor Nursery Area)

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Elementary children will explore the stories of some of the Bible's most courageous friends, as well as Elisha. Through these stories, children will discover how God provides, protects, and works through everyday people who choose to obey Him.

Location: Room 208

Children & Youth Christian Education

Sundays, September through May 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Kingdom Kidz: Bible & Activity *Pre-K 3 to Kindergarten*

Bible adventures, music exploration, and fellowship dinner to grow in faith together. Our youngest Kingdom Kidz will use the Frolic Preschool curriculum which brings the Bible to life through hands-on play, relatable stories, crafts, and interactive music. New Testament and Old Testament lessons will teach us about the Bible, while storybooks explore emotions and relationships.

Location: Room 210

Kingdom Kidz: Bible & Activity *1st to 5th Grade*

Our elementary Kingdom Kidz will be delving into the Bible through stories, videos, games, skits, Legos, and crafts. This semester, we will learn about God's People on the Move, beginning in Genesis and working up into the New Testament. The age-appropriate lessons are taught in 2 different groups – 1st-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade.

Location: Room 207

Kingdom Kidz Music *Pre-K 3 to 5th Grade*

During Kingdom Kidz Music Time, children will learn to read music, play percussion instruments and handchimes, and navigate the hymnal. This year's theme, Growing in Grace: Finding Your Voice...to Be Like Jesus, encourages children to use their voices to worship God, pray, encourage others, speak up for those in need, and share the Good News of Jesus.

S.U.R.G.E. Youth Group *6th to 12th Grade*

S.U.R.G.E. (Serve. Unite. Reach. Grow. Engage.) is a vibrant youth ministry focused on helping young people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Through Bible study, discussions on relevant faith topics, mission opportunities, and meaningful service, students are encouraged to live out their faith and share God's love with others. Youth build lasting friendships through fellowship, games, devotionals, and fun activities in a welcoming and supportive environment. Together, we strive to grow spiritually, serve our community, and encourage one another in faith.

Location: Middle School & High School Rooms

New to Kingdom Kidz and S.U.R.G.E. Youth?

Scan Me

Register your child online at bit.ly/KidzAndYouth or scan the QR Code.



To register your child in person or for more information, contact:
Britany Spivey at christianed@firstprez.com
Casey MacLuskie at youth@firstprez.com
or call the church office at (910) 483-0121

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Tapestry - Women's Bible Study

Join us as we study "Life Under the Sun: The Unexpectedly Good News of Ecclesiastes" by Hannah Anderson. Feeling like life is constantly changing and shifting beneath your feet? Join us for an 8-session where together, we'll explore the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, honestly name our anxieties and disappointments, and discover a deeper hope in the One who is faithful through every season of life. Come find encouragement, community, and a solid foundation as we learn to trust God with all our days "under the sun."

Meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning September 17

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Ann Rowell

David's Mighty Men - Men's Small Group

David's Mighty Men welcomes all the men of the church to join us monthly for a time of fellowship and devotion. Every meeting begins with dinner and is followed by a group discussion, devotion or study. By design, this ministry is 'less formal' than some of the more traditional men's ministries, with an emphasis on fellowship and camaraderie built with thoughtful discussion and time spent in the Word. David's Mighty Men actively pursues community mission projects, assists with cookouts for the children's ministry, and assists with church facilities as needed.

Meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Terry Plummer

Message Seekers

This book study group gathers weekly to read and discuss important Christian books. This fall, we invite you to read with us! We will start with "Liturgy of the Ordinary" by Tish Harrison Warren, and will finish out the year with "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Our mission is to read important literature and work together to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's message for us today. All are welcome to join the Message Seekers at any point in the year.

Meets every Monday at 12 p.m.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Andrea Horosko

COAP (Caregivers of Aging Persons)

COAP is a caring, Christian support group for people who are caregivers for aging persons. COAP helps you find the support you need and to learn what you can do for yourself, as well as for your loved one. Everyone is welcome.

Meets the last Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Coordinator: Janice Luce

Adult Small Group Opportunities Continued

MomCo - *For moms of all ages*

We are SO excited for this year's theme: Good Company. Over the next year, we'll be hitting rewind to the good ole days of 90s friendship. When friendship meant dropping by for a quick hang instead of scheduling something weeks in advance. When community felt tangible and supportive instead of digital and isolating. This is the year of analog friendship. Good Company — and a little bit of good trouble too.

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays each month from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 PM

Location: Room 413 beginning September 13

Coordinators: Kathryn Boyette and Vicki Kelly

The Gathering: Foundations - *For Young and Mid-Life Adults*

The Gathering is moving out of the classroom and into a more casual setting this Fall, meeting at Haymount Truckstop on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 4:45–6:00 PM. Each gathering will include a short devotional and informal discussion, with time to eat, relax, and enjoy fellowship together. Come as you are, grab some dinner, and join us for meaningful conversation, community, and a chance to grow in faith alongside others.

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays each month at 4:45 p.m. beginning on September 20

Location: Haymount Truckstop

Coordinator: Brandon Hammond

Basketball

Join in weekly pick-up games and devotion.

Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Coordinators: Brian Pearce and Alan Ray

Women of the Church - *For Adult Women*

Women of the Church (WOC) is a historical organization dedicated to Bible Study, prayer, Christian Fellowship, and service to our church and community. The two Circles are:

Hannah Circle

Meets on the second Thursday of each month beginning September 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church Room 225

Leader & Bible Study Teacher: Kathy Nickell & Nancy Billman

Martha Circle

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on September 8 at 10 a.m.

Location: Church Parlor

Leader & Coordinator: Maude Bledsoe & Joann Pearce

Adult Small Group Opportunities Continued

Prayer: Beyond the Emoji

The Engagement Committee is pleased to present a new 6-week course with the theme of Deepening Our Conversation with God.

Meets on October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Various members homes (TBA)

Coordinator: Rodney Baker

Dinner for Six-ish - For Singles, Couples & Families

Dinner For Six-ish is a fun supper social dining program. Sessions run September through November, January through March and April through June. Volunteer hosts coordinate mutually agreeable dates and times for a dining out or in-home collaborative fellowship meal.

Meeting times and locations are determined by the group.

Sign up forms are in Eller Hall or email lobpt01@verizon.net

Coordinators: Lou Brooks & Ann McRae

S.A.L.T. (Seasoned Adults Learning Together)

The S.A.L.T. members meet monthly for breakfast and also travel monthly to various locations and events. This is a time of fellowship, as well as visiting exciting locations, plays, concerts, etc.

S.A.L.T. meets monthly for fellowship breakfast on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am

Location: JK's Deli

Coordinator: Nancy Billman and Chris Carson

Dr. Cagle's Adult Wednesday Night Class

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study

Together, we will explore the life and teachings of Jesus, challenging our assumptions and deepening our faith as we grow stronger roots and bear new fruit in our walk with Christ. All are welcome, whether you are studying Matthew for the first time or returning to it with fresh eyes.

Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept 16

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Dr. Cagle

For questions or more information on any small group, feel free to contact the group's coordinator, email Britney Spivey at christianed@firstprez.com or call the church office at (910) 483-0121.



A Tribute Honoring the Life and Legacy of
Dr. James Michael Ruff
Sunday, September 6
during the 11 a.m. service

Dr. James Michael Ruff (Dr. J. Michael Ruff) passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated service to his country, his community, and his church.

A man of profound integrity and discipline, Dr. Ruff honorably served his country during a distinguished 20-year career in the United States Army, retiring at the rank of Colonel. Following his military service, he transitioned his passion for care into civilian life, establishing a prominent periodontics practice in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he faithfully treated patients for 37 years. Alongside his late wife, Jo Ann Davis Ruff, who partnered with him to build and manage the practice, Col. Ruff became a staple of the Fayetteville medical community, known for his professional excellence and quiet kindness.

Beyond his professional life, Michael was a man of deep faith and a cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church community. He gave generously of his time, talent, and resources to the church, the sanctuary renovation fund, and its Music Ministry. He sang faithfully in the Celebration Choir for many years until his health no longer permitted and traveled to New York City twice with the choir for the Carnegie Hall Concerts in 2017 and 2022.

To honor his life, love of music, and enduring legacy, the Music Ministry will host a special tribute during worship on Sunday, September 6, at the 11 a.m. service. At his explicit request, the choir will sing the anthem "Come to Jesus." In a moving tribute to his empty seat, his choir robe will be draped over a music stand in his memory. Additionally, Bruce McRae will play a trombone solo of "Going Home," a theme from Dvořák's "New World Symphony" that Michael deeply enjoyed. **All are welcome to join in celebrating his life.**

Michael was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 58 years, Jo Ann. He is survived by his loving daughters, Cynthia Ann Garcia and Dr. Angela Ruff Forsyth, along with his grandchildren, extended family, and a community grateful for his decades of service.

Dear Friends,

I want to personally invite each of you to attend this year's Calvin Lecture Series, to be held at First Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, September 19.**

Our esteemed speaker will be Professor Gordon Jackson. Prof. Jackson was born in South Africa and taught as a faculty member at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington for over 30 years. In addition to his many accomplishments, Professor Jackson is the father of our very own Matt Jackson!

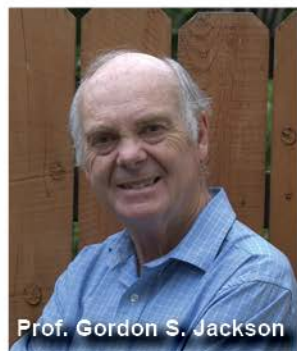
Professor Jackson's lecture series, entitled "Words, Words, Words" will explore the presence of the divine in each of us through the gift of language.

The lectures are structured on the Trinity, with:

- **Lecture 1** at 9:15 a.m., touching on the power of language in relation to God the Father
- **Lecture 2** at 10:45 a.m., addressing Jesus as the incarnate Word
- **Lecture 3** at 1 p.m., covering the Holy Spirit's role in communicating God's will to us today.

The Calvin Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the William C. Powell, MD Endowment for the McNair Lectureship for its sponsorship of this year's lecture series.

Steve McRae



Words. Words. Words.

A Three-Part Calvin Lecture Series
with Prof. Gordon S. Jackson

Saturday, September 19

Join us for a special lecture series with Prof. Gordon S. Jackson, a retired journalism professor and author whose career has been devoted to the study of communication and the power of words.

Through three presentations, Prof. Jackson will explore how God reveals Himself as the God Who Speaks, the God Who Comes, and the God Who Interprets. Together, we will consider God's authoritative voice in creation, the meaning of Christ as the Word made flesh, and the work of the Holy Spirit in God's ongoing communication with His people.

Prof. Jackson will also host a Q&A session at 10 a.m. in the Chapel on Sunday, September 20, as well as preach the sermon, titled "Have I Got A World For You" using the scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-10, at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

Register for the
Calvin Lecture Series
online at bit.ly/FPCCalvin
scan the QR Code or
call the church office.



Scan Me



S.A.L.T. IS ON THE MOVE!

Seasoned Adults Learning Together



Friday, September 18th Temple Theater in Sanford

Join us for a matinee performance of 1776 the Musical – the Tony award winning show that

breathes fire into American History to celebrate 250 years of independence. Set in the sweltering heat of a Philadelphia summer, this high-stakes humorous political thriller brings the story behind the Declaration of Independence to the stage. Cost is lunch at Elizabeth's Italian Restaurant. We will depart the church at 10:30 a.m.

RSVP by September 4th to Nancy Billman via phone or text at 910-916-5994 to secure your ticket.



Friday, October 23rd North Carolina Museum of Art

SALT will visit the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh for the special exhibition *Ancient*

Nubia: Excavating Treasures of the Nile. The exhibition highlights the powerful Kingdom of Kush and artifacts excavated from Middle Nile tombs and pyramids. We will leave the Church by 8:15 am.

Cost is \$10 per person plus the cost of lunch.

RSVP by September 15th to Nancy Billman via phone or text 910-916-5994 to secure your ticket.

FIRST SCHOOL FALL MUMS SALE

12" Fall Mums (orange, red or yellow)
\$15 each

Order by September 11 at 12 p.m.

Payments can be made by cash or check
(made payable to First School).

Please bring payment to the First School Office.

Order forms are available in Eller Hall.

Pick up on Sept. 15, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Interested in learning more about
First Presbyterian Church or
becoming part of our church family?

We'd love to meet you!



Join Dr. Cagle, church staff, and leaders for a Newcomer's Luncheon at
12:15 p.m. on September 20 in the Activity Room.

Enjoy fellowship, conversation, and a complimentary lunch
featuring Jersey Mike's subs while discovering more about the
congregational life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church.



Please RSVP. Scan the QR Code, visit bit.ly/NewToFPC
or call the church office at (910) 483-0121.

Wednesday Together
We'll save a seat for you!



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH
POTLUCK SIDES, FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Join us at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide
the main entrée. Please bring a side to share with 8-10 people.

SALAD, VEGETABLE, SIDE DISH, DESSERT, BREAD

Prefer to pay? No problem. The pay at the door option will be available.

Vegan and gluten free options are available.

For childcare requests, please contact
wanda@firstprez.com the Sunday before the meal.

September 16 - Fall Kick Off
Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, dressing & bread

September 23 - Day of Peace Celebration
Stewed beef, rice & gravy

September 30 - Taco Bar Celebrating Hispanic Heritage
Featuring shredded chicken, ground beef & beans



Deep Roots, New Fruit: Growing Together in Christ



Join us for a special intergenerational presentation as we explore FPC's new Mission Statement, "Deep Roots, New Fruit". Through Scripture, conversation, and an interactive table discussion, we'll explore how we can remain rooted in Christ, grow together, and bear new fruit for God's Kingdom.

9:30-10:10 a.m. Pancake & Potluck Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

- David's Mighty Men will cook pancakes and sausage.
- Bring your favorite breakfast item to share!

10 :10 a.m. Christian Education Presentation

11 a.m. Unified Worship in the Sanctuary

- Commissioning of Christian Education Leaders.
- Acknowledgement and promotion of the upcoming Christian Education Year.

Friends and guests are welcome!

We look forward to celebrating
the start of a new season of learning,
growth, and community together.

Please RSVP for breakfast.
Visit bit.ly/FPCFallKickOff
scan the QR code or
call the church office.





Help Us Feed the Fun!

Sundays | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Each week, our Kingdom Kidz and Youth group S.U.R.G.E, gather for fun, faith, and fellowship—and one of the most meaningful parts of their time together is sharing a meal!

We need your help to keep this tradition going. Meals are made possible by our amazing volunteers, families, and church members. Would you consider signing up to provide dinner one Sunday this season?

Past favorites include: Hot dogs • Tacos • Pizza • Pasta • Chicken tenders
(Feel free to team up with another family!)



Sign up today! Visit bit.ly/KidzMeal or scan the QR code.

Have questions? Contact Britany at christianed@firstprez.com or Casey MacLuskie at youth@firstprez.com.



Sign up here!

Thank you for being a part of nurturing both the bodies and hearts of our young disciples!





NEW TO KINGDOM KIDZ
& S.U.R.G.E. YOUTH?

SURGE

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Scan Me

VISIT [BIT.LY/KIDZANDOUTH](https://bit.ly/kidzandouth) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



NEED MORE INFO? CONTACT
BRITANY AT CHRISTIANED@FIRSTPREZ.COM
OR CASEY AT YOUTH@FIRSTPREZ.COM



S.U.R.G.E. FAMILIES!

Please join us in welcoming Casey MacLuskie, our new Director of Youth Ministry. Casey is originally from Pennsylvania and spent most of his life there before moving to Fayetteville, North Carolina, for the first time in 2021. After living in North Carolina for about two and a half years, he relocated to Virginia and then to Ohio the following year, where he married his wife, Meagan. In 2026, they moved back to Fayetteville to pursue youth

ministry in the South.

Casey and Meagan enjoy spending time outdoors, whether it's a relaxing day at the beach or on the lake. They also love staying in and playing a variety of board games, card games, and video games together. Casey is an avid golfer and pickleball player. While he enjoys both sports equally, his skill level in one is noticeably better than in the other.

KINGDOM KIDZ & S.U.R.G.E. YOUTH RESUME SEPTEMBER 13!

BIBLE STUDY, MUSIC, DINNER & FUN



SUNDAYS - 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

First Prez's fabulously successful and wonderfully enjoyable dining program,

Dinner For Six-ish

is starting a new session!

This session will run September to November.

To sign up or ask questions contact:

Lou Brooks at 804-928-5057 or

lobpt01@verizon.net

Ann McRae at arm_3@yahoo.com

If you're already participating, just send us an email to let us know that you're in (or not).

If you want to join in, look for the sign up spot in Eller Hall or email us and we'll get you set up. It's very easy.

Hope to see you all at one of the dinners!

Bon Appetit



MOMCO'S THEME THIS YEAR IS:

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Your MomCo Coordinators are:

Kathryn Boyette and Vicki Kelly

For questions or more information, contact the church office at (910) 483-0121



Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

food • community • sustainability

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

**MEAL PACKING BEGINS
AT 9 A.M.**

Help us pack 25,000 meals to fight hunger around the world. Every meal provides hope and nourishment for children and families in need. Join us for this hands-on mission opportunity — every pair of hands makes an impact!



All volunteers must register.

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCRAH

Childcare will be provided for younger children. Elementary age and up are welcome to help with packing. To help with planning, please register for childcare by visiting bit.ly/RAHKids



September Birthdays

1 Lewis Baltz	17 Chloe Hall
1 John Burgess	17 Carrie McMahon
1 Carolyn Butler	17 Marcia Mervin
1 Kim Hulon	18 Wayne Autry
2 Janene Aul	18 Timothy Duhon
3 Suzanne Clarke	18 Mary Stiles
3 Ron Darden	19 Gary Cooper
4 Lily Andrews	19 Eli Deaton
4 Bucky Brown	19 Rush Ringrose
5 Beth Lee	19 Betty Jo Wilkins
5 Mark Regensburger	19 Eliza Williams
5 Cole Spencer	20 Glenn Blue
6 Joyce Carlton	20 Diana Godwin
7 Michael Dunn	20 Debbie Williams
7 Rhonda Gooding	22 Timothy Dwyer
7 Ann Highsmith	22 Heraldo Navejas
9 Bristol Barnette	23 Laura Byrd
9 Joey Hall	23 Arianna Hunter
9 Wanda Ussery	23 Susan Kirby
10 Bud Lafferty	24 Henrietta Jutson
10 John Carter McFadyen	24 Allyson Wherren
10 Jewel Vann	25 Cathy Clayton
11 Kevin Read	25 Emily George
12 Kaye McRainey	25 Kelli Howle
12 Katherine Nickell	26 Madeleine Clarke
13 Hallie McLaurin	27 Ryan Aul
14 Loretta Holmes	27 Bill Boyette
14 Malcolm McFadyen	27 Sebastian O'Keefe
15 Carol Williams	28 Devin Brown
16 Debbie Cooper	29 Lyn Hankins
16 Colt Deaton	29 Courtney Sistrunk
16 Susan Dunn	30 McBryde Grannis
16 Ashton Megson	30 Jack Noland
17 Kay Gilbert	30 Ramona Ray

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 1 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
• Worship Committee Meeting
- Sep 3 • Engagement Committee Meeting
- Sep 7 • Church Office Closed
• H3 F Birthday Bash
- Sep 8 • Martha Circle
• Stated Deacons Meeting
- Sep 10 • Hannah Circle
- Sep 13 • Fall Kick-Off & Pancake Breakfast
• Unified Worship Service at 11 a.m.
• Stephen Ministry Meeting
• Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. resume
- Sep 14 • Mission Committee Meeting
• CE Committee Meeting
- Sep 15 • Mums Pick Up
• Finance Committee
• Stated Session Meeting
- Sep 16 • All In Fellowship Meal Resumes
• Dr. Cagle's Adult Class Begins
- Sep 17 • Tapestry Begins
- Sep 18 • S.A.L.T. Trip to Temple Theater
- Sep 19 • Calvin Lectures
- Sep 20 • Newcomers Luncheon
- Sep 21 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Sep 24 • Property Committee Meeting
- Sep 29 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- Oct 3 • Rise Against Hunger



Memorials

Quincy Scarborough
Ann Eller
Linda Huff

Delores Breswitz
Fred & Eliza Williams

Carolyn Carter
Linda Huff