

First Presbyterian News

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Dear First Folks,

As we enter a Fall blessed by God with beautiful colors, the blessings of change of the season weather, and a re-focus on faith and ministry here at First Presbyterian Church, we share news and blessings in these pages of our newsletter. Be in prayer and action when you can as we re-start Sunday School for all ages, move toward our annual Stewardship Campaign in November, and prepare to celebrate the blessed birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. Thanks be to God for your part in ministry and faith from the first day until now, as Paul says in the Scriptures. Let us be blessings to one another and to the world in the same way that God has blessed us!

In Christ,

-Russell



October 7

Sermon: "In These Last Days!"

Scriptures: Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

October 14

Sermon: "One Thing You Lack"

Scriptures: Psalm 22:1-14; Mark 10:17-31

October 21

Sermon: "Out of the Whirlwind"

Scriptures: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Mark 10:35-45

October 28

Sermon: "Let Me See Again"

Scriptures: Psalm 126; Mark 10:46-52

November 4 - All Saints Sunday

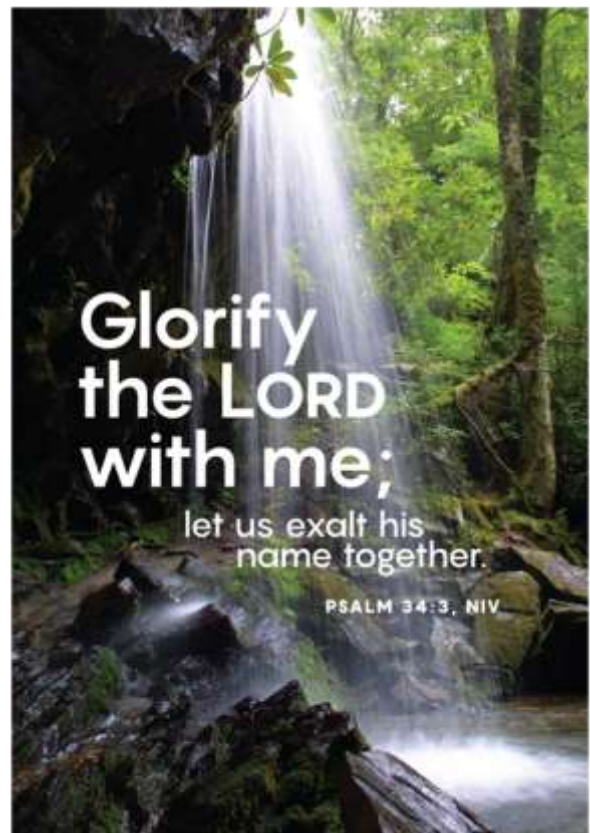
Sermon: "See How He Loved Him"

Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9; John 11:32-44

November 11 - Missionary Sunday

Sermon: "Everything She Had"

Scriptures: Psalm 146; Mark 12:38-44





Patrick Cherry and family Update

(A Presbyterian Ministry)

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August and September have been a blur and I wanted to sit down and write to you while I have a moment. First, I want to thank all of you for your continued prayers. We feel them and appreciate them more than words can express. We have been quite busy these months. We saw our oldest, Micah, off to Kindergarten. Our youngest, Liam turned 3 in August and began Preschool in September. We are excited about Micah's new school and overjoyed that Liam has one of Micah's previous teachers this year.

Kate has been very busy carrying the weight of the bulk of the parenting of the two rambunctious boys. She has also been very busy with photography most evenings and weekends.

I have been very busy job searching, writing and rewriting resume's, networking, and learning new skills in computer programming through online courses. For the month I have been even busier working a temporary job at the Slingshot Coffee Co. helping brew, bottle, package, and ship cold brew coffee. Their warehouse is located just south of downtown Raleigh, so I have a bit of a commute. It is very hot and physically demanding work, so I come home pretty exhausted every evening. I have been invited to stay on part-time while I continue my search for a fulltime position with benefits. I have decided to concentrate my search in the area of technology and seeking ways to improve and utilize my technical skills. I continue to search, with the help of some very kind friends, but have yet to land a position. In the meantime, I am also helping with occasional pulpit supply at a small country church about 1.5 hours south.



When I have not been preaching, our family has been taking advantage of this new season to visit other churches as we discern where God is leading us next.

Due to my chaotic schedule, I have not been as easy to get in touch with or able to communicate as much as I would like, but please know that I do appreciate your kind notes, listen to your voicemail messages, and read my emails (though I can't always easily respond since I am away from my computer much of the day.) Like anyone, I have good days and other days that have been very challenging. Knowing that you are lifting us in prayer has been a great encouragement.

As we grow in our trust of God's provision we welcome your continued prayers.

Thank you for your support!

Grace & Peace,

The Cherry's



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Special Missionary Sunday—Many of our Missionaries will be in the U.S. for home assignments. We are honored to have many here in the area in November. We are planning a special weekend on November 18th during our 11 o'clock service. We will be able to hear from them about their missions and how things are going, and how we can continue to support them. They will be set up to share about their ministry and answer questions after services.





Ladies Circle – Our next Circle group will meet on Tuesday, October 2nd at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. Our study this year is taken from the book *Attitude is Your Paintbrush*. It colors every situation by James W. Moore. Our discussion will be on the topic: *The Attitude of Joy – “Them That Has Does”*. Carol Foster will lead our class. Carol Foster will lead our discussion.

Bible Study – our new Bible study class has begun. We meet each Thursday at 10:30 in the Philathea Room. We are studying *The Invisible War* –by Chip Ingram. Learn more about how to recognize Satan’s deceptive schemes, and hold strong to the Word of God to win the spiritual battles. Answer questions on pages 18 & 19 before class, so we can discuss. Books are \$7.00. If you have any questions, contact Karen Henderson.



Pig Pickin' In November

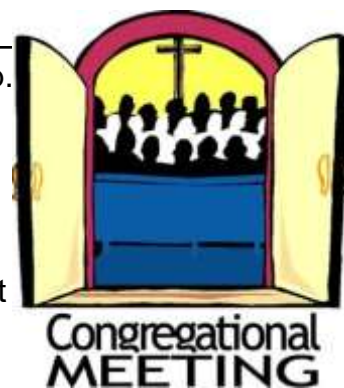


Our annual Pig Pickin' is scheduled for November 11th at 5 pm. We have been blessed to have the picnic shelter area, and this will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family members to join us with some fun, food, and fellowship under the picnic shelter. We will have many outdoor activities available for the kids and adults (ex: soccer, football, volleyball, and corn-hole). We will plan to eat under the picnic shelter, but the Fellowship Hall will be available as well. Hope to see you all out!

Congregational Meetings Coming Up in November after 11am worship.

November 4- To elect remainder of Nominating Committee. There will be two elders, one deacon appointed by their respective bodies, and a majority elected by the congregation.

November 18- To hear budget, approve Pastor's terms of call, and elect officers.



We will begin to collect items for The Good Samaritan in September. As Fall and Winter approach their needs increase. We just reached out to them to find out what items they are in short supply. They asked for three items: Canned meats, peanut butter and Large Men's shoes. We appreciate all the help and donations. The Good Sam box is in the main lobby, and ready to accept any donations as they come in.

Memorial Garden—The Memorial Garden and Columbarium are nearing completion. Attached is a recent picture. Dedication time will be on Veteran's Day, November 11, right after 11 am worship. Opportunities to make small and large contributions to this project are available. We have had many ask about donating funds, or purchasing an area for loved ones. A special account has been set up to receive contributions. We will be sending more information to you by mail soon. In the meantime, feel free to reach out if you wish to contribute and we can give you more details.



Stewardship Drive - November 4 will be the kickoff for our annual stewardship drive. Please be in prayer about how God has blessed you and how you can be a part of this important effort to support the church and honor Your Lord.

November 18 will be Stewardship Dedication Sunday. On that day we will celebrate God's blessings to us and our tithe and offering pledges for the coming year.



Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

I Stand All Amazed

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This song is so powerful!

I stand all amazed at the love Jesus offers me.
I marvel that He would descend from His throne divine
To rescue a soul so rebellious and proud as mine,
That He should extend His great love unto such as I,
Sufficient to own, to redeem, and to justify.

My topic last month was repentance, and of course we all have need to repent. I feel much like Paul who said "Oh, wretched man that I am!" and another prophet exclaimed "O wretched man that I am! Yea, my heart sorroweth because of my flesh; my soul grieveth because of mine iniquities." It amazes me that Christ loves me and knows me so well and was willing to atone for my sins and go through the agony at Gethsemane, and then the brutality of the crucifixion, all for me.

I think of His hands pierced and bleeding to pay the debt!
Such mercy, such love and devotion can I forget?
No, no, I will praise and adore at the mercy seat,
Until at the glorified throne I kneel at His feet.

Because we all sin and will never be perfect in this life, we need and hope for mercy. Christ has told us to "follow (Him)", and to "learn of (Him)". The more we know Him the more we can gain some of His characteristics as our own. We are told that if we "humble (ourselves) before (God); He will extend the arm of mercy towards them that put their trust in Him". And in Proverbs 16:6 "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil." One of the characteristics of Jesus we should try to emulate is being merciful. Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful for the shall obtain mercy". We are commanded to "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful". Because we cannot be perfect we do not want the Lord to be "fair" and "just" when we are before Him, but merciful and forgiving for all the mistakes we have done



along the way. The people of Israel were blessed when they humbled themselves and "cried mightily" and they were delivered out of bondage and this is how the "Lord work(s) with His power in all cases among the children of men, extending the arm of mercy towards them that put their trust in Him." I am so grateful for Jesus, and His love for me, His mercy, His willingness to sacrifice for me. These words express so much and I can't say it better:

"I stand all amazed at the love Jesus offers me".

~ Sherolyn

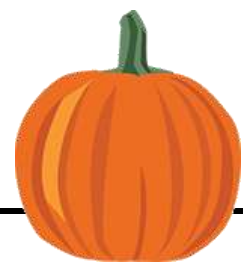
Young Adult Ministry - We are in the process of beginning a new Young Adult Ministry along with new ministry for kids. Be in prayer about this journey, and your part in it. It could involve a new Sunday School class, fellowship or Bible study, and will certainly involve ministry for our kids as well.



Hurricane Relief – We will be working to help those affected by hurricane Florence. We are planning to provide water to the affected areas. We'd like to donate 2000 bottles or more to the effort. If you would like to contribute please bring cases of water in, or mark donations "Florence Relief" and we'll purchase water on your behalf. We'll collect water through Sunday, October 7. So far we have collected \$110 and 5 cases (~125bottles).



October 2018



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| 1 Bobby Owens | 18 Michael Berry | 26 Kathy Farley |
| 4 Susie Luedtke | 20 Virginia Crutchfield | 26 Red Guthrie* |
| 7 Laurie Edwards | 21 Pat Guthrie | 26 Joni Owens |
| 13 James Wyatt Barczak* | 22 Les Powell III | 29 Rowena VanDuser |
| 15 Loretta Brown | | |





September Session Report

Since the last newsletter the Session has in their monthly and other meetings:

1. Received updates on Young Adult Ministries.
2. Received prayer updates on hospital and other needs.
3. Received updates on Rally Day and Stephen Ministry.
4. Set congregational meetings for November 4 and 18.
5. Set Stewardship Kickoff for November 4.
6. Set Stewardship Dedication for November 18.
7. Set Pig Pickin' for November 11.
8. Were updated on Missions Weekend for November 18.
9. Approved balance sheets.
10. Received updates on Memorial Garden and Fundraising for Project.
11. Heard that the new AED was placed.
12. Set next communion for October 7.

October 15

7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting

7:30 pm - Elders Meeting

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Weekly Happenings

Praise Team Rehearsal: Wednesday at 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Men of the Church: Thursdays at 7 pm

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