

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

## 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27th

Prayer List

**Today:** 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Chapel  
 Blessing of the Backpacks  
 11:00 a.m. - Called Session meeting to accept new members, parlor  
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library  
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden Boy Scout Troop) f. hall

**Monday:** 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands  
 7:00 p.m. - Stated Session meeting, conference rm

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations Homeschool

**Wednesday:** Kim Berry out of the office  
 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group  
 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting  
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Parlor reserved  
 7:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal resumes, Choir room

**Thursday:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, Lower Level

**Next Sunday: 14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library  
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden Lutheran), fellowship hall

The flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in honor of the church's musicians by Jim & Sandra Teubner.

Personal hearing devices are available. Please see an usher. Persons interested in joining the church should speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, or contact the church office.

### Week of August 27th

Elder on Call: Mimi Michael  
 Lay Leader: Bill Long  
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

### Week of September 3rd

Elder on Call: Gary McDougal  
 Lay Leader: Melva Cooper  
 Greeters: Suzanne Rhinehart & Lily Sparks  
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

### Attendance - August 20

10:00 a.m. - 91  
 Shower Ministry August 17th - 4  
 Shower Ministry August 24th - 5

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoe family, Courtney Roquemore, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family, David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Sandra Teubner, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Norris & Gail McRee, Eric Ellis

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Larry O'Dell, Leenie Vallandingham, Nanelle McAlpin, Katie Day, Megan Bergman, Jennifer Stodden, family of Leah Lowdermilk, Gary Hefner, Sheila Jones, Melissa Girard, Amanda McDonald-Miller, Toby Hemphill, Sabryah Alghrari, the Frazier family, the Porterfield family, Nancy Kiser, Brock Long (son of Bill & Kay Long); Calvin Jenkins (Tammy Walker's father)

### Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

### Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Frances Inscoe, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton, Richard Hedrick

### Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK  
 (Cindy Baldwin's nephew)  
 Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC  
 (Brenda Smith's son)  
 Captain Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY  
 (Tammy Walker's son)  
 LT Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA  
 (Joan Inscoe's grandson)

### Prayers for El Redentor, our Sister Church in Guatemala:

- For the well being of all members of our sister church
- For all 20 scholarship students as they begin a new school year
- For Humberto Robles, elder, who is fulfilling requirements in secular education in order to continue his studies at the seminary
- For Dayana Rojas, who is receiving a university scholarship to study nursing
- For Yesmi Monterroso, who is receiving a university scholarship in 2023 to study business
- For the health of Timoteo Rodas, from our partner church of El Redentor

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of July 2023

2023 Pledge Budget	464,000.00
Pledge Budget through July 31, 2023	270,666.62
Pledge Receipts through July 31, 2023	288,075.99

## Announcements – Week of August 27th

### **Camp Grier Church Retreat**

The annual FPC Newton Camp Grier Church Retreat will be held September 8-10, 2023. Come enjoy fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, zip lining into the lake, hiking, puzzling, 4-square, campfires and rocking chairs on the dining hall porch. You can bring your tent or camper, stay in a cabin, which has been renovated or rent a cabin for your family. All ages are invited! Come up for the day on Saturday or for worship on Sunday morning. Invite your children and grandchildren for the weekend!

Brochures will be available soon in the church office and narthex for you to sign up with. Signing up helps the planning committee know who in your family plans on attending so they can ensure there are enough sleeping areas for family groups. Please contact Suzanne Rhinehart for additional information at 828-320-8013 or [Suzanne\\_Rhinehart@ncsu.edu](mailto:Suzanne_Rhinehart@ncsu.edu)

### **FPC Music Ministry**

As we move into the fall season, our music groups will be returning to regular weekly evening rehearsals. We invite anyone who loves to sing or play handbells,(or both) to come and join one or both groups. Fall is the perfect time to join as we begin rehearsing music to share for our worship services both for Sunday mornings and upcoming special services.

#### **Chancel Choir rehearsal**

Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm

Place – Choir room, bottom level below the narthex

#### **Handbell Ensemble rehearsal**

Wednesday evenings 6:15 pm

Beginning September 6th

Place – Choir room, bottom level below the narthex

If you are interested in becoming a part of the chancel choir and/or the handbell ensemble, or you have questions about participating in these music groups, please contact Cathy Murdock, Director of Music at 828-850-2862 or email her at [brucemurdock01@bellsouth.net](mailto:brucemurdock01@bellsouth.net).

### **Called Session Meeting This Morning**

New members will be received by the Session at a brief meeting this morning in the parlor following the worship service. We ask you to join us there and meet the elders so that we may welcome you into the church membership in an official way. You will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, September 17th during worship.

### **Parade of Cans**

The Parade of Cans is an annual event held in conjunction with the Old Soldiers' Reunion Week. Our church will be collecting canned goods which will be donated to The Corner Table. The collection bin will be located in the narthex throughout the month of August. A listing of foods most needed by The Corner Table are on the church's website. You may donate money instead of food. Every dollar donated is equivalent to two pounds of food. If you choose to donate money, we ask that you make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note on your check's memo line, "Parade of Cans".

### **The Corner Table Backpack Program**

The ongoing mission of the Backpack Program is to remove hunger as a barrier to a good education by providing nutritional meals every weekend. A large blue bin, marked *Backpack Program*, is located in the narthex for donations. Please consider purchasing the following items to help fill the backpacks.

Pop Tarts (4pk)

Canned Vegetables

Canned Chicken

Canned Tuna

Cereal Cups

Muffin Mix (small box)

Instant Oatmeal or Grits

Fruit Snacks

### **School Supplies**

Again this year FPC Newton will collect school supplies for area students. If you notice any of the following items on sale during the summer, please keep in mind that there are families in our county that can't afford these supplies for their children.

Backpacks

Three-ring binders

Lined paper

Spiral notebooks

Erasers

Markers

Crayons

Pencils (Lead & Colored)

Pens

Highlighters

Note Cards

A grocery cart is located narthex in which school supplies can be placed. These items will be collected through the month of August. Please help give area students what they need to be equipped to learn.