FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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May 2022 Newsletter



God's Love Is Greater Than Even a Mother's

May is full of good times and celebrations. Birthdays are celebrated. Spring has arrived, even in places like Iowa. We celebrate Memorial Day as we recognize those who died for the sake of our freedom. Jesus ascends into heaven and leaves His disciples, but they will not be alone, for Jesus will give them the Holy Spirit to guide them. Our children and youth programs are ending as the school year winds down. It's also Mother's Day this month.

In John Killinger's book "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise" he includes the following words.

"I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,
who was born of the promise to a virgin named Mary.
I believe in the love Mary gave her Son,
that caused her to follow Him in His ministry
and stand by His cross as He died.
I believe in the love of all mothers,
and its importance in the lives of the children they bear.
It is stronger than steel, softer than down,
and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside.
It closes wounds, melts disappointments,
and enables the weakest child to stand tall
and straight in the fields of adversity.
I believe that this love, even at its best,
is only a shadow of the love of God,
a dark reflection of all that we can expect of Him,
both in this life and the next.
And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world
is a mother who lets this greater love flow through her to her child,
blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch and the tears of her joy."

Many of our mothers have entered God's Kingdom, while many are still alive. How we treat them proclaims not only our love for them, but also our love for God. For all of us, whether we had a great or challenging relationship with our mothers, we must always remember this… a mother's love is only a slight reflection or shadow of God's love.

God's love inspires us to live with hope and grasp a love that is sometimes difficult to find on earth. As we count down the days to another school year; as we remember the days of old; as we enjoy picnics outside, celebrations, and so much more; let us never forget the love that is given to us daily through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Rick



Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.

Debby Albright
Anna Belle Campbell
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Judi Kelly
Linda McCaskill
Dennis Parks
Tom Stewart
Phillip Warmbrod
Elizabeth Barringer
Benny Cole
Lee Edmonds
Carol Lucas
Gail Meeks
Ina Sue Parks
The Ukrainian People

Artie Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Abe Caviness, *great-nephew of Debby Albright*
Willis Clark, *brother of Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe*
June Greeson, *Susan Cole's mother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Jada, *friend of Geraldine Moore*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*

All of our military men and women and their families, especially the following:
Jonathan Baker, Kyle Bryant, Cody Fitzgerald,
Chris Mohan, Patrick Mohan,
Greg Riyevski, Michael Schwartz, and Quinn Wicker.

If you would like to add someone, or remove yourself from First Presbyterian's Prayer Requests, please contact the church office at (910) 947-2924 or infofpc397@gmail.com.



March 2022

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of Mar 1, 2022		97,472.37
Tithes and Offerings Received		+11,563.00
	Sub-Total	109,035.37
Expenditures		-14,980.25
Balance in checking account as of Mar 31, 2022		**94,055.12**

RESTRICTED FUNDS: (Funds designated for specific projects, etc.)

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of Mar 1, 2022		42,477.71
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for Mar 2022		+501.10
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $41.86; PW $150; Truist Div $1.92; Regular Memorials $70		+263.78
	Sub-Total	43,242.59
Expenditures: None this period		-0.00
Balance in Restricted Funds as of Mar 31, 2022		**43,242.59**

RECAP:

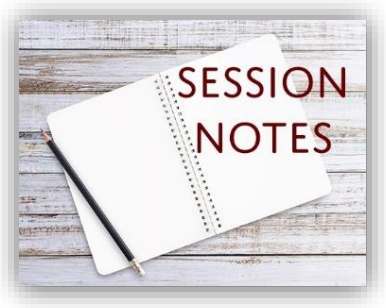
Operating Funds Balance	94,055.12
Building Fund: Equip 93.54 + Grant 265.67 + 174.75 + 1.92 =	+535.88
Restricted Funds Balance	+42,706.71
	137,297.71
Jan -Mar 2022 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 1,126.70; FW/H 261.63; SW/H 39.00). Plus Adjustment $.07	-1,427.40
3/31/2022 Checkbook Balance	**135,870.31**

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,146.23
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+221.32
	22,367.55

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank Yous & More!



Session approved the following at the April 2022 meeting:

- Removing the social distancing in the pews (seating in every other pew).
- Choir returning to worship.
- Passing the Offering Plate resumes in May.
- Graduation Sunday will be June 5th followed by a covered dish luncheon.
- Summer Worship Schedule at 10 a.m. begins on June 12th – August 28th.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 17th – 20th in the evening.

May Birthdays



1	Damon Dean
2	Ella Buie
9	John Scott
12	Seth Bennett
12	Miranda Estep
12	Scott Rives
12	MacKenzie Smith
13	Hartley Carter
13	Tucker Medlin
16	Tracy Thomas
16	Ann Currie
22	Evan Ritter
23	Roger Ingold
23	Owen Thomason
24	Andy Marshburn
28	Lee Edmonds
29	Nancy Carter
29	Kay Patterson
30	Ryan Gordon

May Sunday Flowers

1st	Ann Key
8th	Helen and C.J. McDonald
15th	Angie and Jeff Medlin *in honor of Tucker Medlin's birthday*
22nd	Susan and Benny Cole
29th	Ruby Ingold

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963, or Tom Leonard at (910) 693-3356.

March



	Sunday School	Worship
6th	20	39
13th	25	40
20th	22	51
27th	21	48
Average	22	45

Send church news and announcements to FPC
by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / infofpc397@gmail.com.



FPC Fellowship & Mission
Serving Carthage & the greater community in Christ.

Visit www.fpccarthage.com/ways-to-serve to learn more.

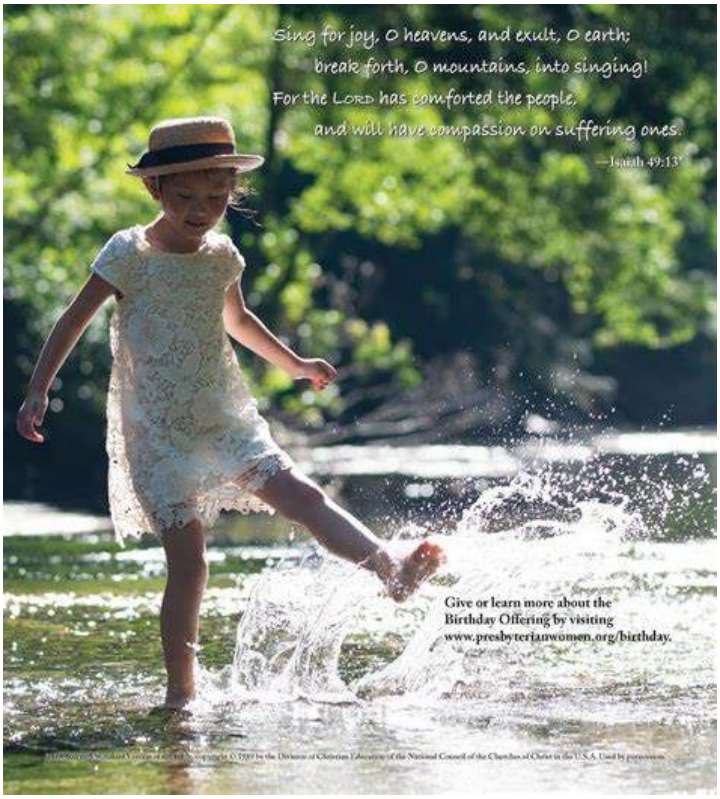
camp Monroe
A PLACE SET APART

Older Adult "50 & Better" Program
May 19th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Trip Down Lumber River
Canoeing 101 Water Safety Tips & Tricks

Camp Monroe's
Active Older Adult Program
"50 & Better"
is on the third Thursdays of the month.
Cost is $40 per event with lunch provided.
To sign up for May 19th
and/or upcoming events,
please call the camp office at (910) 276-1654.

Camp Monroe Workday
May 21st 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring your friends, and your tools.
Sign up and reserve your lunch
by emailing the Camp Office
at office@monroecamp.org
or calling (910) 276-1654.



BIRTHDAY OFFERING
Presbyterian Women

Help celebrate 100 years!!!

Presbyterian Women
collects their annual Birthday Offering
on May 22nd
- celebrating 100 years and
collecting over $37 million –
to help improve lives here and around the world.

Look for information in the lower vestibule,
and be sure to celebrate
with a cupcake after worship on May 22nd!

Food Bank

On the first Saturday morning of the month,
FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank
of Robbins Area Christian Ministries from 7:30-10 a.m.
to serve our friends and families in need.

You can help by donating non-perishable foods
and double-bagged plastic grocery bags at our
Family Life Center Basket Ministries Donation Station,
and/or by joining us at any upcoming dates you're available:

April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2 (tentative date),
August 6, and September 3 (tentative date)

To carpool, meet in the FPC parking lot at 7 a.m.

two cents

Don't forget to give us your
"two-cents"
the first Sunday of every month
as we continue to support our
Children's 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.

Give any amount in your regular offering
envelope and write
2-Cents on the special offering line.
Or on a separate envelope
with 2-Cents written on the outside.

A little bit can go a long way!

HOSPICE

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

FPC Basket Ministries collects items of comfort and necessities year-round for residents of Carthage's Peak Resources Pinelake nursing home do not have family or loved ones close by to help – and for Hospice patients and families in need of blessings. As you shop, please consider purchasing an extra item or more for our neighbors in need including: lotion, body wash, chapstick, shampoo, toothpaste, hair accessories, back scratchers, blankets, socks, pajamas and sweats (various sizes), bird feeders, small radios, word searches, games, coloring supplies, and puzzles.



Fellowship & Missions collects raisins and crackers during the school year to provide local schools with snacks to send home with children affected by food-shortage. Please drop snacks off in the BackPack Pals basket at Fpc's Family Life Center Donation Station located near the main church office.



You are important to God and to First Presbyterian Church.
Led by God and sustained by the Holy Spirit, FPC supports you as you grow in your faith.
We strive to help you strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ, and challenge you to be God's servants and disciples. Come as you are, and bring your hopes, gifts and imperfections. We will!
To learn more, visit us www.fpccarthage.com.



4-5p.m., May 1st

Children ages 4 through 6th grade
(and families too) are invited to join us for
the final Sunday Funday of the school year.
Invite a friend for fun, faith and fellowship!



Ladies Bible Study
11 a.m. Thursday, May 5th
in the Family Life Center
Join us in fellowship!
We'll discuss Lesson 9, complete our study.



Mark your calendars!
All ladies are invited to a picnic lunch
at 12 p.m. on May 5th.
Gather at the picnic tables behind the
Family Life Center for food and fellowship.
In the event of rain, we'll picnic inside.



Come out for a cookout
for the final Youth Group
of the School Year!
5p.m. Sunday, May 22nd

SAVE THE DATE!
June 5th is
PENTECOST AND GRADUATION SUNDAY.
Join us for a special luncheon after church
In celebration of our graduates.



Newsletter Feedback…
We'd like your feedback on how
to improve our
Church Mouse Newsletter
for Fpc members, friends and family!
Share your thoughts with us at
infofpc397@gmail.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 2022

Family Life Center (FLC) Conference Room (CR)

Sunday, May 1st	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Virtual / 1st Sunday 2 Cents a Meal Offering
	4:00 p.m.	LAST Sunday FunDay of the school year*, ages 4 through 6th grade*
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group, *grades 7-12*
Monday, May 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women
Tuesday, May 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 4th	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, May 5th	11:00 a.m.	Women's Day Circle & Bible Study (FLC)
	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Luncheon Picnic
Saturday, May 7th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
Sunday, May 8th		Mother's Day
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Virtual
Wednesday, May 11th	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday, May 15th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Virtual / Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group, *grades 7-12*
Tuesday, May 16th		Deadline for May Church Mouse Newsletter
Wednesday, May18th	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday, May 22nd	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Virtual / Communion / Annual PW Birthday Offering
	5:00 p.m.	LAST Youth Group of the school year, *grades 7-12*
Wednesday, May 25th	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday, May 29th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Virtual
Monday, May 30th		Memorial Day, *church office closed* / No School
Tuesday, May 31st	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission meeting



The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.