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August 2022 Newsletter



Guiding Us Through Change

Unceremoniously we celebrated ten-years in the Family Life Center this past month on July 15th. It's hard to believe it's been ten years. The process toward our dedication of our new building on July 15th, 2012, began years earlier with the Session deciding it was time to move forward with exploring the idea of a new building. They formed a Planning Committee made up of John "Bingo" Barringer, Denise Edmonds, Angie Medlin, Linda McCaskill, and J.D. Monroe. They explored many churches and gathered ideas. Later the Building Committee was formed with Benny Cole, Robert Gordon, Jim Lucas, Linda McCaskill (Chair), Angie Medlin, Otis Patterson, Scott Tortora, and Carol White. This committee's work was endless, or so it seemed, but they were steady and faithful. During the process we formed a Capital Campaign Committee with Margaret Cleetwood, Jeff Medlin, Geraldine Moore, Kay Patterson, Jennifer Thomason, and Paul White (Chair). They along with Bun Perkinson helped with the difficult task of raising funds for our first of two capital campaigns. The final committee formed was the Kitchen Committee composed of Elizabeth Barringer, Angie Medlin, Max Muse, Otis Patterson, and Scott Tortora. All of those listed plus each of us were faithful in helping to make a huge change to FPC. It has been one we have come to relish and hopefully appreciate each day.

We might not look forward to change in our lives because not all change is good but much of it can be…even the times when change appears to hinder our "normal" way of life. Good or bad, change can draw us closer to God.

I still remember standing outside during the dedication on that hot, sunny afternoon. I also remember all the amazing things we have done since that day. God has created amazing changes at FPC!

What personal changes have come your way recently? I hope some of them were good. I'm sure some of them were challenging. For many of us, our bodies have changed over the last ten years and not necessarily in a good way. It's called growing old. ☺ But even as some body parts have failed us, other aspects of our lives have gotten better.

As most of you know, the Martindale's are getting ready for a big change very soon. Elizabeth and Catherine are getting ready to head off to State and LR, respectively. I pray that it will be a good year for them, as well as for all our college students. As for Kelly and me, I'm not sure what a quiet house will look like but one thing is for certain…change is a constant in our lives. How we decide to embrace that change might say a lot about our faith in Jesus as we confront those changes.

As we encounter the changes of life, in its endless forms, let us be grateful that God's love for us does not change. It is eternal. It will sustain us through all the highs and lows of life. God's love conquers all the changes of life because God's love is greater than every change that comes our way.

Grace and Peace,
Rick



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

Debby Albright
Elizabeth Barringer
Anna Belle Campbell
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Barbara Danley
Lee Edmonds
Robert Gordon
Judi Kelly
Carol Lucas
Linda McCaskill
Gail Meeks
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks
Ina Sue Parks
Tom Stewart's Family
Phillip Warmbrod

Artie Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Billy Barber, *Regena Nugent's nephew*
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*
Rexine Lloyd, *Kelly Martindale's mother*
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
Gordon Prescott, *Geraldine Moore's brother*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Family of Gio Rincon

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.



June 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of June 1, 2022		88,601.68
Tithes and Offerings Received		+7,967.05
	Sub-Total	96,568.73
Expenditures		-10,887.19
Balance in checking account as of June 30, 2022		85,681.54

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of June 1, 2022		41,396.58
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for June 2022		+428.92
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $71.34; PW Meal Fund $75; PW Donations $200; Pentecost $324; Truist Dividend $1.92		+672.26
	Sub-Total	42,497.76
Expenditures: None		-0.00
Balance in Restricted Funds as of June 30, 2022		42,497.76

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	85,681.54
Building Fund:	1.92
Restricted Funds Balance	+42,495.84
	128,179.30
Apr-June 2022 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 1,033.35; FW/H 261.63; SW/H 39.00)	-1,333 98
5/31/2022 Checkbook Balance	
*Actual balance is **$126,845.16**; Cannot find the $.16; Will continue to look for error and correct report when found	126,845.32*

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,146.23
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+192.80
	22,339.03

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



- Reviewed suggestions from Brotherhood Mutual;
- Will donate some of our Hymnals to a church in need; and
- Elected Paul White to serve as Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee with Jennifer Thomason, Chair.

August Birthdays



3	**Ruth Tyson**
5	**Aubrey Tortora**
6	**John McDonald**
7	**Marie Monroe**
9	**Ruby Ingold**
9	**Ashley Bibey**
11	**Sheree Kelly**
11	**Gail Meeks**
15	**Carl Nunnery**
16	**Jeff Key**
17	**Will Thomason**
21	**Ty White**
22	**Meredith Marshburn**
22	**Linda McCaskill**
25	**Denise Edmonds**
26	**Brayden Kelly**
27	**Rick Martindale**
29	**Alex Thomason**
30	**Connor Faircloth**

August Greeters

7th	Lucinda Casey
14th	Paul White
21st	Debbie Gordon
28th	Debby Albright
	Debbie Thayer

August Sunday Flowers

7th	JoAnn and Dell Wahala
14th	Diane and Tom Pangborn
21st	Judi and Archie Kelly
28th	Marie and J. D. Monroe

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.

July



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	33	62
2nd Sunday	6	30
3rd Sunday	9	40
4th Sunday	8	36
5th Sunday		
Average	14	42

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

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. For the month of August, FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank on August 13th from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

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:

September 3 and October 1 (tentative date)

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



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.

Our children are now collecting this offering during the Moment with our Children.

A little bit can go a long way!

This month Presbyterian Women are collecting school supplies for the children at Carthage Elementary School. Supplies being collected include:

glue sticks (no bottles)
clear pencil boxes
primary composition books
spiral notebooks wide ruled
scissors
pencils
crayons (box of 24)
colored pencils
dry erase markers and erasers
1 inch binders
pocket folders
yellow highlighters
paper towels
clorox wipes
tissues

Our donations help provide supplies for children whose families cannot afford to purchase them. Please be generous. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION REPORT

Please continue to remember others by contributing to the various FPC Basket Ministries located in the Family Life Center.

FPC ANNUAL PICNIC

FPC Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 5:00 p.m. Be thinking about what you would like to do to help with: desserts, ice cream, cooking, setting up, cleaning up etc. We will have sheets prepared for signing up soon. This will be our first picnic since Covid appeared and we want it to be the best, with lots of food, fund and fellowship.

ANGEL TREE

Just a reminder, Angel Tree will be coming up in November

God is Great! God is Good!

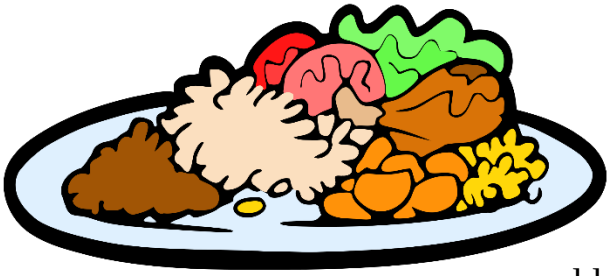
We had fun with 33 children at our Food Truck Party "On a Roll with God" VBS July 17-20!



A special thank you to our VBS volunteers:

Registration:	Kathryn Buie
Music:	Cristy Dean, Riley Medlin, Jennifer Thomason
Video/Sound:	Chad Thomason
Bible Lesson:	Megan and Scott Phillips
Crafts:	Kelly and Rick Martindale
Recreation:	Damon Dean
Crew Leaders:	Josh Barnes, Denise Edmonds, Debbie and Robert Gordon, Angie Medlin, Kimberly Oakley
Youth Support:	Murphy and Ginny Buie, Carolyn Coffey, Catherine and Elizabeth Martindale, Caroline Oakley, Abby Phillips, Alex Thomason

PW Meal Ministry



August Meal Leaders:

4th	Lucinda Casey
11th	Gail Hardin
18th	Diane Isom
25th	Helen McDonald

If you would like to help with our Meal Ministry by providing meals or a part of a meal (dessert, salad, etc.) please contact the person in charge of the meal that week.



Presbyterian Women will host a ladies evening on Monday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. All ladies of any age are invited to gather for a sandwich/salad supper with a program to follow the meal. Cheryl Hardy Gilmore will share the messages God provides through her unique ministry with her beautiful teapots. Mark your calendar and bring a friend.

All ladies are invited to the Presbyterian Women's 2022 Fall Gathering, *Celebrating Sabbath* will be held on Saturday, August 13th at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, NC. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with light refreshments. Gathering is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Look for more information in the upper and lower vestibules and the lobby of the Family Life Center by August 1st.

The 2021-2022 PW Bible Study begins on Thursday, September 1st. A catered brunch will be provided at 10:00 a.m. followed by a speaker to introduce the new Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath.* If you need a study book contact Helen McDonald, hmcd2946@gmail.com or text/call 910-690-2463.

CHURCH CALENDAR

August 2022

Saturday, August 1st	6:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Program
Sunday, August 7th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School in library
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
Saturday, August 13th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
	9:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering
Sunday, August 14th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School in Library
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday, August 16th		Deadline for September Church Mouse Newsletter
Sunday, August 21st	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School in library
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
Sunday, August 28th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School in library
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, August 29th		First Day of School
Tuesday, August 30th	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Mission Committee

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Leon Monroe

Class of 2022
Debbie Gordon
Ann Key
Elizabeth Martindale
Angie Medlin
Leon Monroe
Marie Monroe

Class of 2023
Lucinda Casey
Cristy Dean
Tom Leonard
Scott Phillips
Jennifer Thomason
Paul White

Church Staff

Rick Martindale, *Minister*
Ann Key, *Sexton*
Marie Monroe, *Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
Avery Smallwood, *Nursery Attendant*

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for Fpc members, friends and family! Share your thoughts with us
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or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!