



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.*

**GATHERING SONGS**

Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

stanzas 1 and 4

Hymn 250

*Hymn of Promise*

all stanzas

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As farmers wait for rainfall, as prisoners wait for freedom,

**People: We wait for the coming of God.**

Leader: As exiles yearn for home, as peacemakers yearn for justice,

**People: We long for the coming of God.**

Leader: As travelers search for shelter, as disciples look for answers,

**People: We prepare for the coming of God.**

**All: And so we have come to worship God, bringing our hearts and our minds.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace which is life in you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

Ash Grove

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

**You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

ANTHEM

*To God Be the Glory*  
Adam Jolly, piano

arr. Melody Bober

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, open our hearts and minds that the message of the gospel may come to us in power. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Zechariah 9:9-12](#)

Pew Bible, page 833

A WORD FROM ZECHARIAH

Ben Jolly

SERMON

*Prisoners of Hope*

Mrs. Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN 175

*Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Communion*

Charles Gounod

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

hymnal, page 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Cwm Rhondda

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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\*All that are able may stand.

**We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today.** If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

**The acolyte today is Graham Chapman.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to Ben Jolly** for his portrayal of the prophet Zechariah and to Adam Jolly for sharing his musical talent with us this morning.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude and Jim Boysworth.

**The prophet for August 27 is Malachi.** Take some time to read this last book (only 4 chapters) of the Old Testament in preparation for worship next week.

**Ushers:** Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe  
**Outside Ushers:** Josh Campbell; Lee McManus **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson, Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Emily Andrew **Preschool Partners:** Dona & Greg Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Gayle & Ned Russell

**There is no Children’s Church** in August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Dale Benson (brother of Ann Crutchfield; recovering from a stroke), Elizabeth Knight (daughter of Ken Knight; thyroid cancer), Marlene Sanges (undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream**  
**7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20 at the home of**  
**Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)**

We’ll gather for summer vespers and ice cream.  
If you can bring ice cream, let us know (704-982-2722).  
We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.

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**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sunday, August 27**



The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 27. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack and participate in this ritual as they return to school.

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**Worship Workshop for Families on Sunday, August 27**

A workshop for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents is planned for Sunday, August 27 from 4:00 pm-5:30 p.m. We will have activities that introduce the elements of worship and help children understand the meaning of worship. Please let the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) know how many in your family will attend and/or if you need childcare.

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Join us for a

**Reception & Celebration of Ministry**

to honor Gina Martin for her ten-year tenure  
as the Director of Christian Education of First Presbyterian Church.  
Sunday, August 27 in the Pit Stop and Parlor  
Light Refreshments will be served.



**Labor Day Worship at the YMCA Park**

**Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.**

We'll worship together at the YMCA park and revel in the sights and sounds of God's good creation. Following worship, the Fellowship Committee will provide light breakfast refreshments. Worship will focus on the places we've seen and/or experienced the work of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit during the summer.

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**Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?**

First Presbyterian Church has 19 students who will be in college for the 2017-2018 school year. We will need 19 people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. More details are available from Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com). Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 if you would like to be a Silent Partner.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE COMMUNITY INN**  
**BBQ FUNDRAISER**

The Community Inn will have a BBQ fundraiser on Friday, August 25 at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle). Can you help in one or more of these areas? Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.

- Make a pound cake (un-iced & delivered to West Albemarle Baptist Church).
- Set-up and/or Clean-up.
- Assemble Take Out Orders.
- Assist with the Meal.
- Be a Delivery Driver.

**Contact Skeet Ayscue at Homes of Hope (704-982-3634).**

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**The Personnel Committee is actively seeking new leadership for our Christian Education program.** If you know of anyone who may be interested in working with our children and volunteers in providing innovative educational programming, please contact any member of the Personnel Committee by **August 20.**

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| Martha Sue Hall        | hallmsh@hotmail.com      |
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| Mary Kesselman         | manapier@msn.com         |
| Sarah Michael (ad hoc) | scmichael@windstream.net |
| Lynn White             | g_lynn_white@yahoo.com   |

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**DONATE TO CHANGE A LIFE**

On August 26, Alexis Poolos and Kelsey Pandiani will be kayaking a marathon across Cape Cod Bay to raise money for the CT Burns Care Foundation. This foundation supports the Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp...a safe, natural outdoor environment for kids ages 8 to 18 from around the world who have survived life-altering burn injuries. Alexis and Kelsey have a goal to raise \$5,000 in order to sponsor two campers. Visit the link to learn more and donate to the cause:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/kelsey-pandiani-and-alexis-poolos/fundraiser/kelseyandiani>

**COMMUNITY INN FUNDRAISER**  
**A Homes of Hope Program**  
**\*Stanly County's homeless housing program since 2005\***  
**GOOD OLE' BOYS BBQ!**  
**Friday, August 25 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**  
**West Albemarle Baptist Church Family Life Center**  
**336 Church Street, Albemarle**

**-Purchase tickets before August 25<sup>th</sup> for best price!**  
**BBQ Plate – BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, dessert - \$8**  
**BBQ Pound container - \$8**  
**BBQ Tray 6½ lbs. - \$48 (½ pound free)**  
**\*Day of BBQ Prices\*: BBQ plate or pound - \$10; BBQ Tray - \$55**  
**Drive-thru \* Delivery \* Dine-in**

Will deliver within Stanly County with minimum order of 5 plates.  
 Checks made payable to: *The Community Inn*  
 Call or text 704-985-8798 with orders or questions

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**GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS**



On Grandparent's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 10**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST**

The 2017-18 school year is drawing near and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Uniform shirts for youth are \$10.00 (these are plain polo shirts).**

**Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.**

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put:**

**CES uniform donation**

**Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 31.**

**If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.**

**Student Supplies**

Pencil Box	3 Subject Notebook Hard Plastic Cover	Glue Sticks	Highlighters
Zipper Pouch Pencil Holder	Hard Cover Composition Books	Post-It Notes	3-prong folders
#2 Pencils	1 Subject Spiral Notebook	Elmer's Glue	2 pocket folders
Lead Pencils	Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper	Scissors	Headphones
Pencil Sharpener	Expo Dry Erase Markers/Erasers	Earbuds	
24 pack Crayola	Colored Pencils Pencil Erasers	Small Index Cards	
24 pack Crayola Crayons	Spiral Notebooks with pockets	Pink Block Erasers	

**Classroom Supplies Needed Include:**

Kleenex	Hand Sanitizer	Ziploc Bags (Sandwich/Gallon)
Anti-Bacterial Wipes	Band-Aids	Paper Towels

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**The Power of Story**

**First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat**

**September 22-24 in Montreat, North Carolina**

Join women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends for this week-end of study, worship, fellowship, and relaxation. We will gather in Montreat at the William Black Lodge.

Cost for the week-end is:

\$241.00 (single room occupancy)

\$183.00 (double room occupancy)

Contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) for scholarship assistance.

**Deposits of \$75.00 must be received by August 28.**

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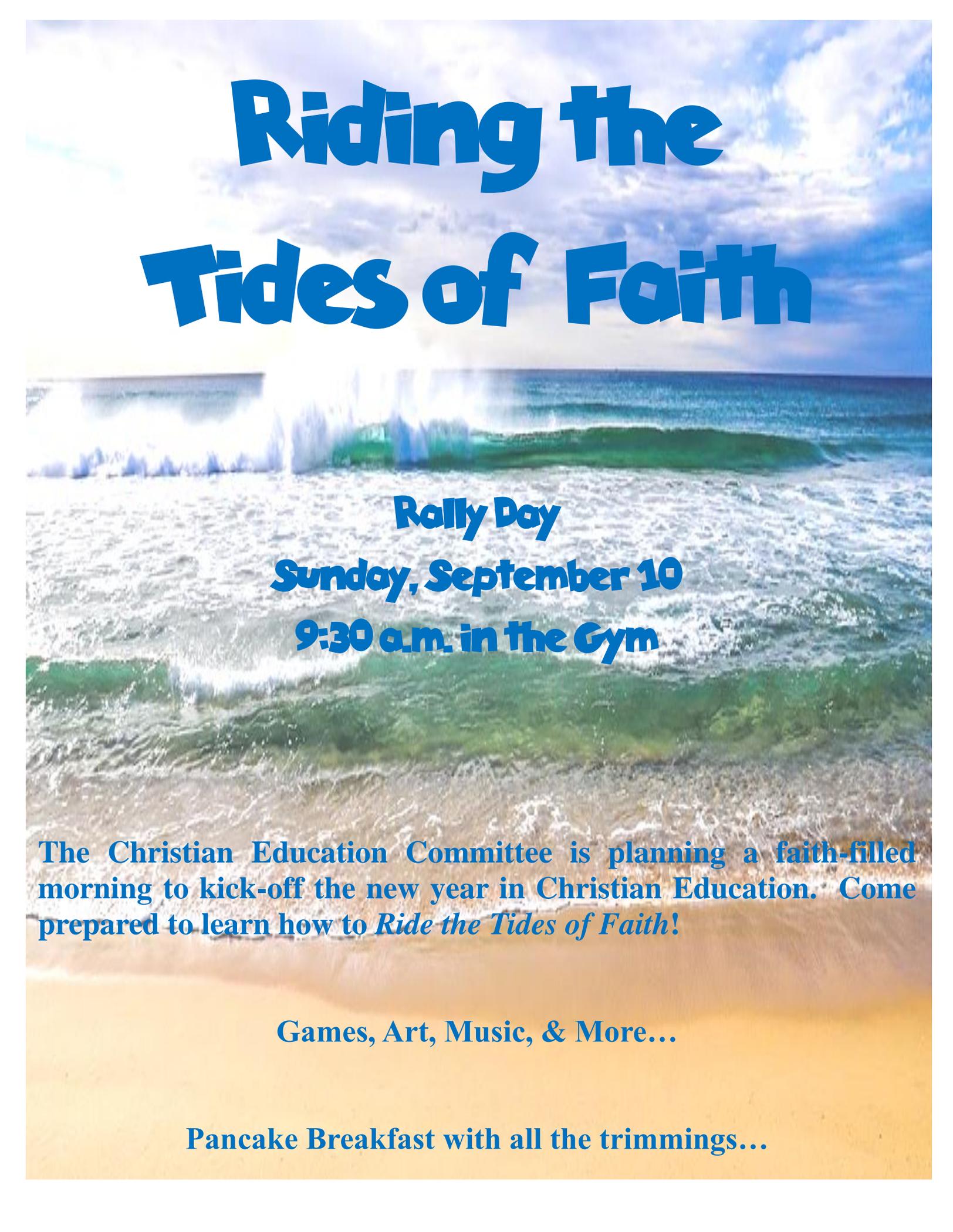
**Attention College Students & Parents**

Please contact the church office

([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722)

with your college mailing address and email address.





# **Riding the Tides of Faith**

**Rally Day**  
**Sunday, September 10**  
**9:30 a.m. in the Gym**

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Come prepared to learn how to *Ride the Tides of Faith!*

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 20

10:00 am \*Worship

7:00 pm Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream at the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight  
(45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)

### Tuesday, August 22

12:00 pm Deadline for September Newsletter Articles

### Wednesday, August 23

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Friday, August 25

*Church Office Closed*

11:00 am-6:00 pm Community Inn BBQ Fundraiser at West Albemarle Baptist Church Family Life Center  
(336 Church Street, Albemarle)

### Sunday, August 27

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

10:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Reception & Celebration of Ministry in honor of Gina Martin

4:00 pm-5:30 pm Worship Workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents

**\*childcare provided**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

##### **AUGUST**

20-Jack Boling

Doris Forte

Frankie Palmer

22-Hannah Domenech

Colette Johnston

24-Adrienne Averette

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

##### **AUGUST**

20-Chris & Anissa Chapman

23-Ben & Liz Jolly

Bill & Jane Pickler

25-John & Robin Howell

26-John & Angie Earnhardt

#### **Gardening for SCCM**

Bring extra garden produce to the Pit Stop on Sunday mornings.  
All donations and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.

#### **SCCM CHALLENGE AUGUST:**

##### **Staple Items**

Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Cooking Spray, Broth