

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT UPDATED COVID INFORMATION

The church COVID Task Force met on Thursday, August 12. After much discussion, for the health and welfare of our members and our community, and with GREAT emphasis placed on keeping our children safe, the committee has set the following guidelines:

BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

- **❖** Masks are required for all individuals, 2 years of age and up, at ALL FPC <u>indoor</u> functions/activities/SS/Worship, etc.
- There is NO limit on numbers at this time. Please be thoughtful in your actions.
- ❖ Masks will always be provided at the church for adults and children in case they are needed.
- ❖ After worship, the Supply Minister will stand outside the door at the sanctuary so *crowding* will not take place.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- **&** Bulletins will continue to be available.
- Singing will continue.
- Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ Acolyte can wear robe.
- No Elder Greeters.
- Ushers will continue their duties.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children's program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- No activity in the Education Building other than Sunday childcare & Wednesday Youth Club.
- All toys, chairs, tables and bathrooms, (used that day) are to be wiped clean with a Clorox wipe or sprayed and wiped clean.
- ❖ UPDATE: Individually packaged snacks/drinks will be provided for Youth Club children on Wednesdays.
- ❖ UPDATE: First Family meals will be drive-thru.
- Church Committees, Community Committees/groups are welcome to use the main building for meetings. However, any child that might accompany a parent to a meeting must stay in the same room with the parent at all times.
- All surfaces (chairs and tables and bathrooms if used) have to be wiped clean (with spray or wipes) after any committee meets.
- ❖ NO gym use EXCEPT FOR WEDNESDAY YOUTH CLUB.

Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we continue to deal with the pandemic. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (704-982-2722). Thanks to the COVID Task Force for their work in keeping our church community safe: Debbie Bennett, Bob Johnston, Ben Jolly, and Ellen Snyder.



Beginning September 5, worship returns to 11:00 a.m. Join us in-person or online!



Please join us for a morning of celebration as we kick off our Christian Education year! Sunday, September 12th from 9:30 a.m.-10:40 a.m. We can't wait to see you!

In an effort to accommodate everyone and keep this event safe during this season of COVID, plans are for Rally Day festivities to take place in the gym and back parking lot (elevator side of the church), weather permitting. This event will have activities for children & adults spread out, as well as plenty of tents and tables for enjoying prepackaged breakfast food & drink. Thank You Rally Day Planning Team: Adrienne Averette, Rebekah Ayscue, Ann Duckwall, Angie Earnhardt, Nathaniel Eudy, Debby Johnston, Katherine Jolly, Kim Marshall, Ronnie Michael, Sarah Michael, Gayle Russell, Billie Jean Snuggs, and Lee Snuggs.

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education Sunday, September 12 during worship

On Rally Day, teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned during worship. Please plan to come to Rally Day (which begins at 9:30 a.m.) and worship (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) to support and encourage our 2021-2022 teachers and leaders as they begin guiding our congregation in various ways.



Sunday School is for Everyone from 9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m. beginning September 19

The children and youth of the church will be using a brand new curriculum published by PCUSA called **Follow Me-Bible Practices for Faithful Living.** *Follow Me* is a curriculum that helps people of all ages follow Jesus. This up-to-date study is for lifelong Christians and those beginning to ask questions. Each unit centers around something Jesus told his followers to do. Jesus took these practices (behaviors, feelings & attitudes) and showed those around him how we can love God and love others. Participants will discover how we can take this practice out into the world and share faith in our community and beyond.

Sunday School groupings are as follows:

<u>Class</u> <u>Location</u> <u>Teachers</u>

Preschool (3-5 yr olds) Preschool Room Becky Andrew; Hannah Domenech; Angie Earnhardt

Grades K-3rd Children's Church Room Kim Andrew; Adrienne Averette

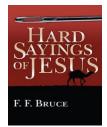
Grades 4th-5th 2nd Floor Classroom Heather Hatley; Penny Morton; Jill Niebler

Grades 6th-12th Teen Room Al Andrew; Emily Andrew

Substitutes: Carol Sasser (Preschool-5th Grades) Billie Jean & Lee Snuggs; Steve Cumming (6th-12th grades)

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Lee McLaurin will serve as Sunday School attendant.



Seeker's Class (Old Session Room-Basement) Led by: Dr. Bill Jolly

Like his original hearers, many people today find Jesus' sayings hard. Some sayings are hard because they are difficult to understand, others because the demands they make on us are only too clear. F. F. Bruce examines seventy of the hard sayings of Jesus to clear away the cultural and historical difficulties which keep us from grappling with the real challenge of Jesus' message. Evident in each chapter is Bruce's keen evangelical scholarship and pastoral insight. Participants will look at a different hard saying each week and discuss. One example of a hard saying of Jesus is, *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*.

Book Study Sunday School Class (Classroom 2-Basement) Led by: Kim Marshall and Courtney Niederer Books provided.

Greenwood Reading Schedule (from the paperback version):

September 12 - Rally Day, overview of the book
September 19 - Discuss pages 1 - 102
September 26 - Discuss pages 103 - 212
October 3 - Discuss pages 213 - 314
October 10 - Discuss pages 315 - 394
October 17 - Discuss pages 395 - 501



Greenwood Summary: It's 2038 and Jacinda (Jake) Greenwood is a storyteller and a liar, an overqualified tour guide babysitting ultra-rich vacationers in one of the world's last remaining forests. It's 2008 and Liam Greenwood is a carpenter, sprawled on his back after a workplace fall, calling out from the concrete floor of an empty mansion. It's 1974 and Willow Greenwood is out of jail, free after being locked up for one of her endless series of environmental protests: attempts at atonement for the sins of her father's once vast and violent timber empire. It's 1934 and Everett Greenwood is alone, as usual, in his maple-syrup camp squat, when he hears the cries of an abandoned infant and gets tangled up in the web of a crime, secrets, and betrayal that will cling to his family for decades.

And throughout, there are trees: a steady, silent pulse thrumming beneath Christie's effortless sentences, working as a guiding metaphor for withering, weathering, and survival. A shining, intricate clockwork of a novel, *Greenwood* is a rain-soaked and sundappled story of the bonds and breaking points of money and love, wood, and blood—and the hopeful, impossible task of growing toward the light.



The Wired Word Sunday School Class (Church Parlor) Led by: Various Facilitators

The class meets each week and discusses current events and Bible verses that relate to that event. Every Thursday morning, an email is sent to class members from *The Wired Word* organization (a non-denominational group) that contains three key elements: 1) a two-page summary of a specific current event or news item, 2) a few *key questions* to stimulate your thinking about the article and 3) several Bible verses which relate directly to issues in the news article or the key questions.

You can read the lesson at your convenience and spend as much (or little) time thinking about it. In class on Sunday, the facilitator will briefly review highlights of the news article and lead the discussion of the key questions and Bible verses. Importantly, there are no right or wrong answers, and you are free to take an active role in the discussion or just listen to the thoughts of others. No one is put on the spot to answer a question. Our group has fun together, and we learn a lot about how the Bible encourages us to think about current events/issues. Because the lesson is different every week, it does not matter if you

miss a week or more at a time for whatever the reason. Please come and give it a try! You may just get *hooked* as so many of us are.



Rev. Steve Mitchell will preach. Elizabeth Bryson will serve as liturgist. Sunday, September 5

Sunday, September 12 **Dr. Scott Bullard will preach.** Lillie Hancock will serve as liturgist.

Sunday, September 19 **Dr. David True will preach.** Emily Andrew will serve as liturgist.

Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, Associate General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte, Sunday, September 26

will preach. Jim Hesley will serve as liturgist.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on September 5. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$143.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for July 2021.

2021 Flower Calendar

The 2021 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. Flowers may be ordered from any local florist. Contact Emily Andrew (704-322-5510 or em.andrew21@gmail.com) for more information.



Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume beginning Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary





Silent Partners Needed for 2021-2022

First Presbyterian Church college students will begin the 2021-2022 school year soon. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. Contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.



Attention College Students & Parents...Please contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) with your college mailing address and email address. Thank you.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparents' 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 7. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for Grandparents' Day Flowers. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on Grandparents' Day, September 12.

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Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.					
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Given by:					
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From the Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee...

What happens next?

In August, Jan Edmiston, Charlotte General Presbyter, gave a brief overview of what this transitional time will look like for First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle. Through September, Matt Drumheller organized supply pastors for our congregation. (This is not typical, and we are grateful!)

The Transitional Pastor Search Committee began meeting July 27. This committee is tasked with creating a job description, organizing the salary package, reviewing resumes, and identifying our Transitional Pastor. The committee prayerfully considered four candidates and has made an

offer to the candidate the committee unanimously supports. More information will be shared in the coming weeks, but we will have our new Transitional Pastor in the pulpit for the first Sunday of October. After our Transitional Pastor is in place, the pastor and committee will work together to conduct a mission study. We will use the mission study to identify our priorities as a congregation, so we can call our next pastor who will best fit for us going forward.

If you have questions, please reach out to one of the committee members: Rebekah Ayscue, Peggy Finley, John Howell, Andy McLeod, Art Rogers, and Barbara Whitley.

Pastoral Emergencies

Though we are without a minister, we are not alone. Charlotte Presbytery is providing us a minister, Ardy Skidmore, Locust Presbyterian Church, for pastoral emergencies. Please call Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821, and they will contact Rev. Skidmore.

Who do I contact now that we don't have a Head of Staff?

Pastoral Care & Pastoral Emergencies:

Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821

Prayer Concerns for the Bulletin:

704-982-2722, share the information with a church volunteer or Pam Knighten

General Christian Education Questions & Kids Crew:

Kim Marshall, 980-621-6577 or Gayle Russell, 704-438-2779

Sunday School & Youth Club: Gina Martin, 704-982-2722 or 704-244-0186

Youth Group: Melissa Eudy, 704-439-6747

From the Personnel Committee...

Gina Martin has hit the ground running as she leads our Christian Education program on a part-time basis. Many thanks to those who have agreed to assist Gina with re-establishing our programs set aside during the pandemic. As Matt encouraged us before he left, we will need to be prepared *to step up and help out* with our church's programming needs. I hope you will respond affirmatively when Gina or anyone who is helping her reaches out to you to ask for assistance.



As a result of Gina's recent hiring, Jane Snyder's title has changed from Director of Christian Education & Fellowship to Director of Fellowship & Congregational Care.

Ben Jolly, Chair

TOGETHER, CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP



From the Stewardship Committee...

Our committee composed of Sandy Rogers, chair, Debbie Bennett, Jim Sawyer, and Mike King met by phone conference on August 9 with several purposes, one of which was the following up on the receiving of answers for the questionnaires sent to the committee chairs. Most have been returned and have been found very valuable to the committee for budge considerations.

The theme for this stewardship season is Together, Called to Discipleship. Our committee is working hard along with Kyle and Pam to stay on a timeline. Brochures, letters, and pledge cards are being written with plans to mail in October. We plan to present several Minute for Missions to encourage folks to be good stewards of their time and finances.

Respectfully submitted: Sandy Rogers, Stewardship Chair

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH....JULY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual: **Budget-to-Date** Year to Date Total Income Received: 271,637.00 303,279.00 246,700.00 313,020.00 **Total Expenses:** 24,937.00 (Shortage)/Surplus (9,741.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021 Pledges: 466,936 Total Income: 523,978 523,978 **Total Expenses:**

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,076 We are ahead \$5,089 in pledges. Average Weekly Amount Received in July: \$8,821 Ten-Cents-A-Meal for July: \$143.00



DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide exists to:

- offer resources that encourage daily spiritual practice,
- call Christians to a life of living prayer,
- create meaningful, transformational experiences and studies for individuals, small groups, and congregations,
- help people grow deeper in love with God and neighbor,
- support churches in becoming centers of prayer and spiritual formation,
- inspire spiritual leaders to lead with a listening heart, and
- invite the spiritually curious to living waters.

The Upper Room devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help focus your prayer and study. The *Upper Room* can be found in the pit stop, the church office, and the narthex.



First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the 1st Friday of the month at the Community Inn. The next date to serve is Friday, September 3. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com).



SCCM PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER



Toothbrushes (individual) **Canned Mixed Vegetables** Canned Black Eyed Peas **Canned Greens** Canned Kidney Beans Canned Lima Beans

Peanut Butter & Jelly 2lb bags of flour 2lb bags of sugar **Beef Broth** Chicken Broth **Ramen Noodles**



Canned Fruit – Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce

SCCM does not need corn, green beans, or chickpeas.



zoom

Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Our online Morning Prayer Group continues to meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings during this transitional period of our church. We spend some time discussing our joys and concerns, and especially the needs of our church members. The group is open to anyone who wishes to participate. If you have a prayer request or questions, please contact Debbie Hahn at 704-985-9419. To access the Morning Prayer Group Link, you may go to the church's website (firstpresalbemarle.org) and click on the Morning Prayer Link or type in the URL below: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82675799531?pwd=enR2WUVZdGRyeHpFN2VRK0EwN2kwUT09

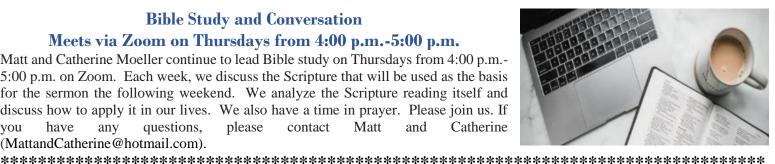
or go to zoom.us click on Join a Meeting at the top of the page and type in the Meeting ID and passcode, which are listed below, when prompted to do so.

> The Meeting ID is: 826 7579 9531 The passcode is: 295190

Bible Study and Conversation

Meets via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Matt and Catherine Moeller continue to lead Bible study on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Each week, we discuss the Scripture that will be used as the basis for the sermon the following weekend. We analyze the Scripture reading itself and discuss how to apply it in our lives. We also have a time in prayer. Please join us. If any questions, please contact Matt Catherine (MattandCatherine@hotmail.com).





PFEIFFER PFRIENDS

The Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University continues its presence in downtown Albemarle. Students from across the United States and the world are working on a degree in the Physician's Assistant or Occupational Therapy Programs.

First Presbyterian, along with some other churches in downtown, are in partnership with these students which is similar to our Silent Partner program for our college students. The main difference is the length of the relationship (each program is 27 months long), and the Pfeiffer student will know who their friend is. It is the hope that there will be communication at least once a month between the friend and the student.

A member of one of our churches is matched with a Pfeiffer student. The student understands that this relationship is not a pull into church, but that of a person who wants to be a friend to the student while the student is in school in our community. The friend will send notes of encouragement; gift cards; gift boxes or the like in order to give the Pfeiffer student some support. Many of these students are a long way from home; have taken a leap of faith to be in this program and at the same time have committed to work hard, get this degree and go in to Rural Healthcare. For your convenience, these items can be dropped off at the Pfeiffer campus in downtown Albemarle or mailed directly to your student. For more information, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.



Sympathy

To Lee McManus and family upon the death of his father, George C. McManus, on May 15.

To Bob Johnston and family upon the death of his brother, Brad Johnston, on June 18.

To Steve Cumming and family upon the death of his father, Fred Cumming, Jr., on July 4.

To Nathan Sanges and family upon the death of his brother, David Sanges, on July 9.

To Billie Jean Snuggs and family upon the death of her sister, Judy Portner, on August 7.

To Mary Lane upon the death of her father, Mike Lane, on August 14.

Session Notes

Session held its monthly meeting on August 22. Please note the latest news in this newsletter pertaining to the church's current COVID precautions including a mask mandate for in-person worship. The Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting during the month of August; updates on their work are expected soon. Worship service will return to the 11:00 a.m. starting time beginning September 5. Rally Day will be held on September 12, Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday on September 19. Please consult this newsletter and weekly worship bulletins for contact people regarding pastoral care and concerns plus prayer requests.

Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session

New Addresses

Mark & Paula Donham Matt & Claire George-Drumheller Lee & Barbara McManus Sam Shepherd

145 Wellesborough Rd. 618 East Chestnut Street 466 Woodbury Ct. SE 2124 Averette Rd.

Winter Salam NG 27104 Legisland Rd. 17602

Thanks to the following people for helping at the church recently: Linda Anderson, Rebekah Ayscue, Keith Bryson, Wiley Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Martha Sue Hall, Jim Hesley, John Howell, Ben Jolly, Katherine Jolly, Mike King, Ken Knight, Barbara Lindley, Jim Marshall, Kim Marshall, Catherine Moeller, Anne Montgomery, Courtney Niederer, Piederer, Natalie Niederer, Frankie Palmer, Evan Sanges, Rich Schaefer, Jim Sawyer, Martha White, and David Whitley.

Thanks to our 2021 Music and Arts Camp Volunteers...On June 13-17, we hosted our annual Music and Arts Camp for completed Kindergarten through 6th graders. We were excited to return to an in-person camp this year. A big thank-you to all who helped: Linda Anderson, Elizabeth Bryson, McKinley Coble, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Angie Earnhardt, Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Martha Sue Hall, Oliver Henkenjohann, Jim Hesley, Geordyn Hraczo, Margaret Ivey, Debby Johnston, Merrin Kinley, Chris Mabry, Addison Marks, Penny Morton, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Gayle Russell, Stan Scheer, Jane Snyder, and Connie Wallace.

COOKING CAMP THANK YOU - What a wonderful in-person Cooking Camp experience this year!! It would not have been possible without these wonderful volunteers: Linda Anderson, Elizabeth Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Sally Grantier, Tyler Horton, John Howell, David Kilde, Merrin Kinley, Ken Knight, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Frankie Palmer, Caroline Snyder, Finley Sutton, and Martha Wolf. Thank you so much for your help, your energy, your ideas, and your generous spirit. Your presence and enthusiasm are a rich blessing to our church and these precious children. We appreciate you!!!

We would like to thank the following people for their help with feeding lunch to the teachers and staff at Central School. Rebekah Ayscue, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Joan Eudy, Peggy Finley, Margaret Ivey, Debby Johnston Chris Mabry, Gayle Russell, Marlene Sanges, and Ellen Snyder. These are the people who made the food for the boxes. The following people helped pack the boxes: Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, and Chris Mabry. Due to broken air conditioning at Central School, we served the teachers and staff in the gym. Thanks again to all of you from Ruth Cotton and Jane Snyder.

The October Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, September 21.
Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:

pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org

In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

Thank you.



Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following that month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so. Critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

Friends of the Congregation:

David Bailiff, friend of Debbie Hahn; previous kidney transplant concerns & immunity issues.

Debra Barnard, daughter of Gloria Bryson; liver cancer.

David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.

Tom Bonekemper, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.

David Bryson, son of Gloria Bryson.; recovering from surgical hip replacement.

Gus Feather.

Debbie Gabriel, sister of Gayle Russell; breast cancer.

Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.

Lindsey (Whitley) Harward, daughter of Carolyn & Mel Whitley.

Anna Hartsell, daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell; colon cancer.

Ann Hatcher, mother of Ann Snuggs; recovering from a fall.

Sean Hickey, brother-in-law of Lori Ivey; colon cancer.

Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.

Betty Lambert, mother of Penny Morton.

Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.

Fred & Wendy McInturff, parents of Michelle Cumming.

Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.

Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Bern Morehead, III, son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard "Bernie" Morehead; diagnosed with brain tumor.

James Nunn, nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; continuing health concerns.

Sally Ormand, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.

Susan & John Prevatte.

Mark Rodgers, son of Laura and Tim Rodgers.

Sam Roper, father-in-law of Marsh Rogers; cancer diagnosis.

Judy Ross, friend of Tom & Holly Norwood; diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Jane Scheer, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.

Gail Shields, friend of Martha Sue Hall; battling COVID.

Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.

Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Mary Troutman, diagnoses & treatment of breast cancer.

Kim & Jimmy Underwood, friends of Martha Sue Hall; bad car accident.

Jason Washburn, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

Members of the Congregation:

Don Abernathy.

Gloria Bryson.

Anita Gower, recovering from eye surgery.

Claude Harwood.

Don Joines.

Nancy Jolly, Trinity Place.

Jane Pickler.

Jean Rabe, recovering from hip surgery; Trinity Place Room F1.

Marshall Rogers, recovering from back surgery.

Pete Smith.

Cards of encouragement would be greatly appreciated:

Anna Hartsell 30109 Westridge Ct. Albemarle, NC 28001



- 01- Frank Poolos
- 02- Betty Crook
- 03- Wayne Palmer
- 04- Margaret Ivey
- 05- Emily Jones
- 06- Laura McLeod
- **10-** Grace Richards
- 11- Kelly Lentz Ned Russell
- 13- Jane Pickler
- 15- Jim Hesley
- 16- Kyle Marks David Morgan

- 17- Peggy Rogers
- 18- Nathaniel Eudy
- 19- Becky Miller
- 20- Angus Currie
- 21- Oliver Henkenjohann Mary Lane
- 22- Jake Whisnant
- 25- Kristie Bryson
- 27- Carter Gibson Caroline West
- 28- Desmond Bullard Ruth Goforth
- 30- Kennady Atwater Jordan Morgan



- 03- Miller and Teryn Morgan
- 05- Jim and Leslie Carter
- 09- Myron and Nancy Lowder
- 10- Richard and Janet Schaefer
- 12- Mike and Heather Hatley
- 15- Banks and Susan Garrison
- 16- Don and Sheryl Stewart
- 26- Joe and Ann Snuggs
- 27- John and Jessica Palmer



!!! SNL (Sunday Night Live) Is Back !!!

The start of the school year brings about a new youth calendar! We are excited to get started with some gatherings on Sunday evenings! For now, middle and high schoolers will gather from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings beginning with a meal together. Rebekah Ayscue, Melissa Eudy, and Jim Hesley will be leading youth this fall.

September 12	Rally Day SNL	9:30 in the Gym 6:00 p.m8:00 p.m.
September 19	SNL	6:00 p.m8:00 p.m.
September 26	SNL	6:00 p.m8:00 pm.

Summer Recap

This summer was full of a variety of trips! From Montreat, NC to Maryville, TN for conferences, to right here in Stanly County! Our youth assisted with Meals on Wheels, helped at SCCM, enjoyed water games at the Senior Center, discussed their faith at the coffee shop, played games in the park, and participated in Summer Vespers. Our youth have a heart for service, and they put those hearts to work this summer by bringing smiles to many people! Check the bulletin board in the Pit Stop for pictures of them in action!

Middle School Retreat Recap

Five middle school youth attended middle school camp in Maryville, TN at Maryville College. Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, and Leo McLeod went along with adult volunteers Michelle Cumming and Jim Hesley. All enjoyed three days of meaningful worship services along with much fun in their small groups. All in all, fun was had by all and the group cannot wait for next year!

Notes of Thanksgiving!

- Thanks to Kristie Bryson for helping coordinate meals for our youth! If you would like to help provide a meal, please contact Kristie (864) 230-3074.
- Thanks to the Kilde family for hosting our back-to-school pool party on August 8!
- Thanks to the McLeod family who took us out to the ball game! On August 28, a group of youth and their families attended the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers game. Thanks to the McLeod family for hosting.



BERTHONY WISHES September 18-Nathaniel Eudy

18-Nathaniel Eudy 20-Angus Currie 21-Oliver Henkenjohann 22-Jake Whisnant 27-Caroline West 28-Desmond Bullard



Our next prayer shawl gathering will be on Wednesday, September 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please contact Peggy Finley (704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net) if you have questions.

FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 1! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family in September. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 1 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff wears masks and gloves while preparing your plates.



Menu:

Boston Butt, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Kabob, Homemade Rolls, and choice of Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake, or Brownies

Suggested Donation:

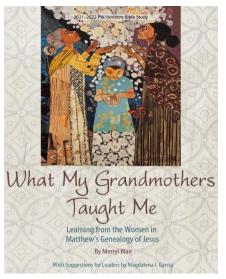
\$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to

First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

Call or email Anne Montgomery (704-796-5841 or johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com) and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).



Circle 5 will meet Wednesday, September 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop

Circle 5 is a small group Bible study – using the Presbyterian Women/Horizon nine month study book. We will continue meeting in the Pit Stop on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. when groups of 10 can gather using COVID guidelines.

This year's study title is What My Grandmothers Taught Me...Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. They are a diverse, sometimes colorful, group of women! The author, Merryl Blair, suggests their stories call out for our attention, and we are invited to hear, wonder, and anticipate what Matthew might be about to tell us in the rest of the gospel.

Fellowship is an important part of small group study, and we welcome others to join us. We begin the study in September and end in June. For more information, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498).



DRIVE-THRU MEAL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

We had such great success with our drive-thru meals last year, therefore, we have decided to add a drive-thru meal on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358) to let her know if you would like to volunteer in any capacity. This will not work without volunteers! Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 15! Please RSVP by Monday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 15 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff wears masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

Spaghetti and Meatballs with Marinara, salad, garlic bread and Skeet Ayscue's Chocolate Chip Cookie Vegetarian Option: No meatballs, just marinara

> Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family. Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

> > All we need you to do is:

Call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like the vegetarian option and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).



PRIMETIMERS' BOXED LUNCHES

Drive-Thru or Delivery Thursday, September 16 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Menu:

Debbie Wainwright's Chicken Salad, Croissant, Grapes, Chips, Oatmeal Cookie, Water Please RSVP to Laura McLeod by Noon on Monday, September 13. Call or text: 704-796-0487

Email: mcleod2@windstream.net

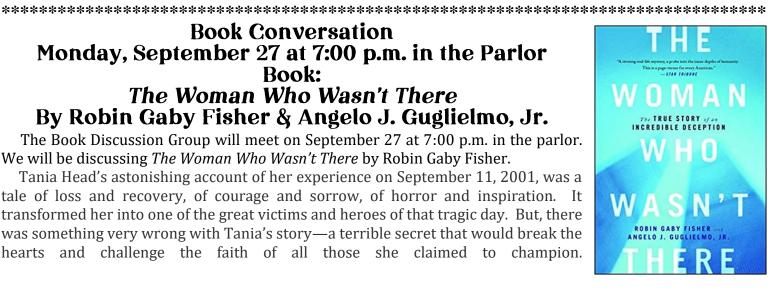


Book Conversation Monday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor **Book:**

The Woman Who Wasn't There By Robin Gaby Fisher & Angelo J. Guglielmo, Jr.

The Book Discussion Group will meet on September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. We will be discussing *The Woman Who Wasn't There* by Robin Gaby Fisher.

Tania Head's astonishing account of her experience on September 11, 2001, was a tale of loss and recovery, of courage and sorrow, of horror and inspiration. It transformed her into one of the great victims and heroes of that tragic day. But, there was something very wrong with Tania's story—a terrible secret that would break the hearts and challenge the faith of all those she claimed to champion.





!!! YOUTH CLUB IS BACK !!!

The theme for the year ahead, *Welcome All* loving God and others by practicing what Jesus told his followers to do, will focus on four aspects of Christian hospitality:

Welcome others as God welcomes you.
See Christ in every person: friend, stranger, enemy.
Know your gifts of hospitality and encourage others' gifts.
Challenge othering.

Youth Club 2021-2022 begins Wednesday, September 15 from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Kindergarten-3rd grade (Trusty Travelers)

4th-5th grade (Faith Explorers)

Join us each week for recreation, snack, Bible time, art/activity, mission, & music!

Handbells led by Mr. Frank Poolos will be offered to children in grades 3-5 from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Contact Gina Martin for more information (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org).

Trusty Travelers...Kindergarteners – 3rd graders will kick off the year by identifying where we feel welcome at home, school, church, in the community & world, with focus on how they benefit from God's welcome.

Faith Explorers...4th & 5th graders will begin the year by looking at welcoming all as it relates to each one of them. They will ask the question, *How can we practice what Jesus taught his followers to do?* Throughout the year, children will keep a *Faith Connections Journal* to reflect on experiences where they have witnessed hospitality, care, kindness, compassion & love.

Youth Club COVID Protocols: We are taking every precaution possible to keep everyone safe, while reducing the risk of COVID exposure/transmission for your child, as well as the staff & volunteers. All volunteers & staff working with your child have been vaccinated.

Cleaning Surfaces: Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between groups.

Mask Wearing: Masks will be worn at all times, including recreation & music (covering the nose & mouth) by staff, volunteers, and participants. If a child forgets their mask, one will be provided for them.

Drop Off & Pick up: Parents, please pull in the back parking lot (elevator side of the church) where you will be greeted by a volunteer each Wednesday to drop-off, no earlier than 3:20 p.m. A volunteer will bring your child to the car when you arrive for pick-up at 5:30 p.m.

Snacks: A pre-packaged snack and drink will be provided to the children, and they will spread out in the pit stop or gym to eat.

Washing Hands: Children will need to wash their hands when they arrive and hand sanitize often.

Please go over these precautions with your child so that everyone knows what to expect, and our time can be spent learning of the many ways Jesus welcomed others and practice what he told his followers to do.



Faith Explorers

Our 4th & 5th graders are invited to a...

Pool Party & Pizza after worship on Sunday, September 12 at the home of Penny & Jack Morton

Text Taylor Barbee (704-796-8302) by Friday, September 10 to let her know your Faith Explorer will attend.

Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen to church. We'll carpool from church to the Morton's home.

Pick-up time: 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's home (40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)

!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Graders !!!

Who can come? 1st, 2nd, & 3rd graders

What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.

When? Sunday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Where? Media Room

Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith Please let Rebekah Ayscue (rebekah.ayscue@gmail.com) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.

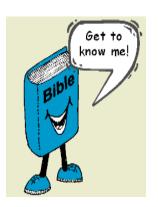




!!! Welcome back to Children's Church !!!

Children's Church is a wonderful opportunity for children Kindergarten through 3rd grade to enjoy a simple worship experience in the chapel, where they will learn about communion, elements of worship and scripture in a fun, age appropriate, interactive way. Children will leave the sanctuary with their leader, following the Faith Sharing time and go to the chapel. Parents may pick-up their child in the Educational Building at the conclusion of worship and delight in hearing about their weekly worship experiences. Children will share in learning The Lord's Prayer, take turn

as acolyte and sing simple songs each week. Laura McLeod and Liz Jolly are coordinating the schedule for Children's Church this year. If you would like to volunteer as a Children's Church leader, please contact Laura McLeod (704-796-0487 or mcleod2@windstream.net). Laura McLeod & Liz Jolly are the Children's Church leader for September.



Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders

By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading the Bible for themselves. As an expression of our baptism vows, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parent in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop.

Date: Sunday, October 10

Bibles will be presented in worship,
and parents and third graders will spend the afternoon with Gina
to get acquainted with the new Bible.



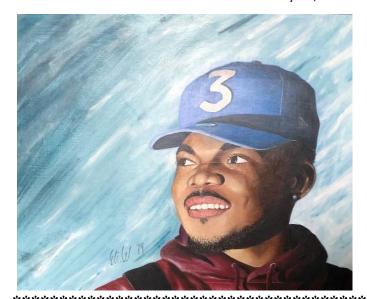
First Presbyterian Church **Fall Art Gallery Exhibit** Featuring the artwork of John Williams, Jack Williams, and Eli Williams

Artistic talent has been part of the Williams family for generations. Ironically, John, Jack, nor Eli embraced their love of visual arts until later in life. John dreamed of being a train engineer or architect, but settled into teaching art because it was a good career with benefits. After teaching elementary students for eight years, an opportunity to instruct at the high school level unlocked his passion to paint and draw pieces of local history. Creating art came naturally for Jack, but he did

just enough to appease his father who taught his visual arts classes in high school. It was not until his sophomore year in college, he decided to major in Fine Art and truly express himself through his passion for public art. As a young boy, Eli devoted most of his time to sports and very rarely created art. He, too, had John as his Visual Arts teacher in high school, but did not take it seriously until his second semester when he picked up a paintbrush and began painting portraits. He has not stopped since.

For all of the negative impacts COVID-19 has had on our lives, it did allow Jack and Eli the time to really create and try new things as artists. Jack's work on an abandoned gas station in Albemarle jumpstarted his career just prior to graduating from UNCW in December 2020. Likewise, Eli created multiple portraits of famous rappers and musicians that have created quite a following on social media, including the rappers themselves. Now a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill, he accepts commission pieces when not pursuing a degree in Fine Art.

All three Williams men have different styles, but come together often to help one another on projects.







COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH (230 SOUTH 2ND ST, ALBEMARLE) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 FROM 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

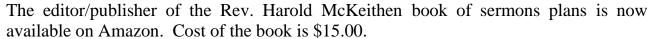
The Community Christmas Dinner will be held at First Lutheran Church this year. First Lutheran is in the process of working on the logistics of the dinner due to COVID and plan to meet with community More information will be volunteers within the next month. forthcoming. If you are interested in helping, contact Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com).

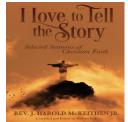


Save the Date for Kirkin' o' Tartans & Scottish Communion Sunday, October 31

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans and Scottish Communion will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 31. Plan to join us as we celebrate our denomination's Scottish heritage with tartans and bagpipes!

I Love to Tell the Story **Selected Sermons of Christian Faith** by Rev. J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. **Compiled and Edited by Wilford Kale** Available on Amazon







Updated Information

The Women's Retreat for October 2021 has been **postponed**. Women's Retreat may be planned for the spring of 2022. We have booked the William Black Lodge in Montreat for October 7-9, 2022! Please mark your calendars.

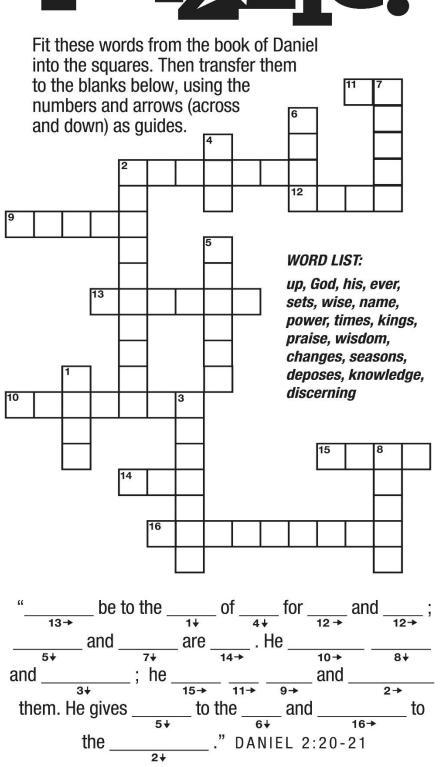




The National Society of the Daughter's of the American Revolution- local chapter Yadkin River Patriots- will celebrate Constitution Week, September 17 to the 23.

We will be ringing bells on September 17 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. from the Albemarle library to the town square and back. If you cannot attend, we encourage you to ring a bell at your home!

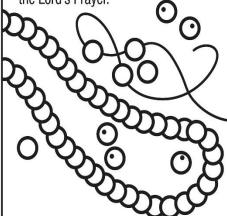
Puzzle!



Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21

Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

- 1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
- 2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
- 3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):
 - blue = the Father
 - white = God's holiness
 - **gold** = God's kingdom
 - **green** = the earth
 - yellow = wheat (bread)
 - red = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
 - **black** = temptation
 - **orange** = God's power to deliver



Wednesday, September 1

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal

Thursday, September 2

 $4{:}00~\text{pm-}5{:}00~\text{pm}$ Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt

Moeller

Friday, September 3

Meal for the Community Inn

Sunday, September 5

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, September 6

Labor Day/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

Deadline for Grandparent's Day Flower Form

Wednesday, September 8

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Circle #5 meets in the Pit Stop

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 9

 $4{:}00~\text{pm-}5{:}00~\text{pm}$ Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt

Moeller

Sunday, September 12

Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Grandparent's Day

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8:45 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person & via Zoom

9:30 am-10:40 am Rally Day

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers (4th & 5th Graders) Sunday Pool

Party Outing at the home of Penny & Jack Morton

(40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, September 13

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for PrimeTimers' Luncheon

2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Drive Thru Meal

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of

Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, September 15

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Drive Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 16

11:30 am-12:30 pm PrimeTimers' Drive-Thru Luncheon

 $4{:}00~pm\text{-}5{:}00~pm$ Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt

Moeller

*childcare provided



Sunday, September 19

8:30 am Session Meeting In-Person & via Zoom

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, September 20

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:00 am Staff Meeting

 $8{:}30\ pm\mbox{-}9{:}30\ pm\$ High School Faith Conversations at the home

of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Tuesday, September 21

12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, September 22

First Day of Autumn

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 23

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt

Moeller

Friday, September 24

Esther House BBQ Chicken Fundraiser at Anderson Grove

Baptist Church (2225 East Main Street, Albemarle)

Sunday, September 26

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, September 27

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Book Conversation in the Pit Stop & via Zoom

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home

of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, September 29

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

 $5{:}30~pm\text{-}6{:}00~pm$ Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 30

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Ushers: John Howell (captain), Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Jim Hesley

Acolytes:

September 5: Leo McLeod September 12: Nathaniel Eudy September 19: Emily Deese

September 26: Ellie Niederer

Sound:

September 5: Wiley Crutchfield September 12: Wiley Crutchfield September 19: Wiley Crutchfield September 26: Wiley Crutchfield

Nursery: Kate White

Kids Care Crew:

September 5: Kate Gibson September 12: Penny Morton September 19: Sarah Michael

September 26: Carol Sasser

September 5: John Earnhardt; Jack Morton September 12: Steve Cumming; Wes Eudy September 19: Ronnie Michael; Tom Norwood September 26: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley

Filming:

September 5: Katherine Jolly September 12: Andy McLeod September 19: James Cotton September 26: Leah Kilde

Children's Church for September

September 5: No Children's Church September 12: Liz Jolly; Laura McLeod

September 19: Laura McLeod

September 26: Liz Jolly

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