

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Week of June, 2021

Whiteville, NC

“To be a light in our community reflecting Christ’s love and compassion”



Sunday Worship: As we continue our exploration of the parables of Jesus, we turn our attention to a group of parables that seem pretty familiar. These parables can be grouped together under the theme of others. In these parables, Jesus not only opens our eyes to the value of others in the Kingdom of God and to our role to live our faith in the community, but he also challenges us to live with a radical love for others.

Worship information:

• Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16, Luke 13:20-21, Matthew 18:12-14, Luke 10:30-37

- Sermon: “Secrets of the Kingdom: What About Others”
- Hymns:
 - “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
 - “God of Great and God of Small”
 - “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Giving: There are three ways you can use to keep current with your church giving.

1. If you attend in-person worship, there are collection plates at each entrance/exit.
2. Online giving is an option, simply go to our web page (www.fpcwhiteville.org) and follow the link to on-line giving.
3. Or you can mail/drop off a check to the church office.

Hymns: Do you have a favorite hymn, or two, that you love to sing? Well, we would love to know. Over the summer, we will be trying to sing some of our favorite hymns so we would like your help. Let us know what your favorite hymns are. In the bulletin will be a form you can fill out and place in the offering plate. But you can also email me (pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org) or text me at (910) 625-8023.

*In Christ,
Pastor Joe*

Volunteers:	A/V:	6/27: Justin Smith	7/4: Todd Burney	7/11: Justin Smith
	Flowers:	6/27: Kathryn Clark	7/4: _____	7/11: _____
	Nursery:	6/27: Susan Smith	7/4: Mandy Horne	7/11: Steve and Joan Dorsett



WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

Wow...it seems so long since we met on Wednesday evenings for our Wednesdays Together Bible Study. And, honestly...it has been a long time. Like so much in life, Covid-19 interrupted our weekly gatherings. But...we can see the light ahead as we begin moving towards restarting Bible Studies.

Our first time meeting together in person will be Wednesday, July 28. Our first study, however, will be something a little bit different. Rather than working our way through a book of the Bible or exploring a particular topic related to our faith, you will be invited to join a 40 Day Prayer Challenge. We will be using Mark Batterson’s book, Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge to guide us through this time of prayer and study. In this devotion book Mark challenges us to discover the power of bold prayer and even bolder faith in God’s promises. By starting this study at the end of July, we will wrap up our 40 Day Prayer Challenge around the time of our annual Rally Day, which marks the kick-off of so many things in the life of the church.

Participants in this study will need to have a copy of Mark Batterson’s book, Draw The Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge. To be sure we all have the same book and edition, we will be placing the order for the books. They will be \$11 and you can make a check out to the church. Please let us know if you want to participate in this journey...I think it will be well worth your time! You can sign-up for the class and get on the book order list by email me at pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org or texting me at (910) 625-8023. You can also contact Karen in the office.

June and July, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for June: Will Scott

June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no children's Sunday School) **Nursery now available!**

Scripture: *Matthew 5:13-16, Luke 13:20-21, Matthew 18:12-14, Luke 10:30-37*

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: What About Others"

Head Usher for July: Joan Dorsett

July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no children's Sunday School) **Nursery now available!**

Scripture: *Matthew 18:23-35, Luke 7:36-50*

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: Blessed are the Merciful"

July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no children's Sunday School) **Nursery now available!**

Scripture: *Luke 15:11-32, Luke 18:9-14*

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: Humility"



1- Paula Smith, 3- Ed Grigsby, 5- John Lawson Cook, 5- Susan Smith, 7- Ann Hall, 7- Helen Holden, 8- Riley Medford, 9- Scott Smith, 10- Campbell Thompson, 14- Steve Dorsett, 15- Sealey Scott, 20- Tanner Hester, 21- Danny McNeill, 22- Kelly Prince, 24- Coke Gray II, 24- Cherye Moody, 24- Will Scott, 25- Rita Lewis, 27- Caroline Smith, 29- J.B. Elkins, 29- Pete Kindschuh, 29- Butch Row, 30- Mary Wheatley



1- Elizabeth Turner, 2- Kaye Pope, 5- Jonathan Medford, 6- Mary Janet Maxwell, 7- Kirk Clark, 7- Laura McNeill, 8- Annette Powell, 8- John Thompson, 11- Janet Gray, 12 - Clark Owens, 14- Kathryn Thompson Davenport, 15- Mark Bannerman, 17- Julie Stocks, 18- Fred Meekins, 19 - Ariel Thompson, 20- R.L. Lewis, 20- Julia Smith, 22- Matthew McLean, 25- Kyle Ramey, 28- Matthew Thomas, 31- Lacey Hooks.

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Butch Row; Walter Strickland.

Assisted Care: Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

Friends:

Pat Allen – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's
Sarah Anglin - family of Todd Burney, stroke.
Richard Blake –friend of David Trogdon, back & spine surgery
Jack Branch – friend of Donald & Judy Hester, cancer
Hugo & Paula Caesares–friends of the Trogdons, mission trip
Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant
Billie Joe Conrad
Mary Donnan - friend of Butch Row, cancer
Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer
Richard Hobgood – Kathryn Clark's brother, burns
Shelby Hodge
Rhonda Housend – friend of Steve Smith, health issues
Martha & PW Jessup – family of Kirk Clark, COVID-19
Family of Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogdon , passed away
C.P. Lewis - friend of Steve & Joan Dorsett, health issues

Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia

Jerome McPherson

Helen Reid – grandmother of Jonathan Medford, COVID-19

Thetus Sessions – mother of Janet Gray, age related issues

Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues

William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke

Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

■ *Sympathy to Lou Ogden, Kathryn, Isabel, and Evans Humphreys, and the family of Dr. Billy Ogden upon his death on June 15, 2021.*

■ *The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Dolores Harris, Ginger Scott, David Goldston, Freddie Stell, Anna Jane Collier, and Billy Ogden from Kathryn and Kirk Clark.*

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Angela Washburn: joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku

Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org

Cell: 910-625-8023

Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 27:

Worship Service - 11:00 am

SDO Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Monday, June 28:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, June 30:

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 1:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am

Sunday, July 4:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Monday, July 5:

Worship Service - 11:00 am

Church Office Closed - Independence Day Observed

Wednesday, July 7:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 8:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am

Saturday, July 10:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Southeastern NC Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28- JULY 4

"THE SECRETS
OF THE KINGDOM:
BLESSED
ARE THE
MERCIFUL

UNFORGIVING SERVANT

MATTHEW 18:23-35

CREDITOR AND DEBTORS

LUKE 7:36-50

BARREN FIG TREE

LUKE 13:6-9



**The Church Office will be
Closed
Monday, July 5, 2021
and will reopen Tuesday, July 6th
at 8:30 am**