

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of June, 2021

Whiteville, NC

"To be a light in our community reflecting Christ's love and compassion"



Sunday Worship: Parables are the oldest and most common tool for teaching. And it was also a favorite of Jesus. We begin our exploration of Jesus' parables by examining parables that relate to seeds and the planting/growing of seeds. The focus, through these common agriculture images will be on the Kingdom of God.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Luke 8:4-15, Matthew 13:31-32, and Mark 4:26-29
- Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: The Gospel Seed"
- Hymns:
 - "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
 - "Jesus Calls Us"
 - "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Changes in our Mask Policy!

1. The Session dismissed the mask and distancing protocols for worship and church gatherings.
2. Masks will continue to be necessary for those coming into the church office.
3. We will once again be offering nursery care during worship.
4. We will return to having hymn books and Bibles in the pews...but certainly feel free to bring your own Bible!

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.

Sermon Series: This Sunday we will embark on a sermon series that will carry us through much of the summer. The series, "Secrets of the Kingdom", will explore many of the parables of Jesus. I am really excited about this series. Now, it is obvious that we can't look at, or read, every parable during worship, but that doesn't mean we can't look at them. Each week will make available readings for you to do during the week. We will include these in the newsletter as well as the bulletin on Sunday. I hope you will take the time to read these passages as I believe they will give you a better sense of Jesus' teachings.

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:	6/13: Jonathan Medford	6/20: Jonathan Medford	6/27: Justin Smith
	Flowers:	6/13: Debbie Viets	6/20: Steve & Joan Dorsett	6/27: _____
	Nursery:	6/13: Susan Smith	6/20: Brent & Mary Wheatley	6/27: Susan Smith

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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

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June, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for June: Will Scott

June 13: Third Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

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

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:26-29, Luke 8:4-15

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: The Gospel Seed"

June 20: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

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

Scripture: Matthew 13:44, Matthew 13:45-46, Luke 15:8-10

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: The Worth of the Kingdom"

June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

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

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

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



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; Gail Crutchfield; John Hall; Judy Hester; 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
Anne Burney – Todd Burney's mother
Ronnel Burney - Todd Burney's father
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
Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogdon – stroke

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 the family of Anna Jane Collier upon her death June 2, 2021.
■ Congratulations to Will Scott, grandfather, and Diane Scott, great-grandmother, on the birth of Heath Ammon Scott, born to Andrew and Erin Scott on June 7, 2021.
■ The flowers today are given to the glory of God in congratulations to Erin and Andrew Scott and their new baby boy from Donnie & Debbie Viets.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 13: **Worship Service - 11:00 am**
Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 12:00 pm

Monday, June 14:
Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

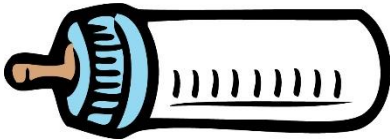
Wednesday, June 16:
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, June 17:
Worship Service - 11:00 am
MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Sunday, June 20:
Monday, June 21:
CLC Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am
Scout Roundtable, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, June 23:

Thursday, June 24:



Blessings in a Bottle Project
We will be

collecting the baby bottles for the Blessings in a Bottle Project Sunday morning. If you did not get a bottle, you may still participate by putting cash or a check (made out to Living Hope) in an offering envelope. Be sure to indicate that it is a donation to Living Hope. If you forget to bring your bottle Sunday morning, please bring it back as soon as possible. Return your bottle even if it is empty so that it can be used again. If you prefer, you can make an online donation at www.friendsoflivinghope.com

Thank you for participating.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14-19

"THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM: THE WORTH OF THE KINGDOM"

THE HIDDEN TREASURE
MATTHEW 13:44

THE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE
MATTHEW 13:45-46

THE LOST COIN
LUKE 15:8-10