

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

First Week of July, 2021

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: On this 4th of July weekend, we continue our sermon series looking at the parables of Jesus. This week we will be exploring two parables that Jesus used to teach on mercy.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Matthew 18:23-35, Luke 7:36-50
- Sermon: “Secrets of the Kingdom: Blessed are the Merciful”
- Hymns:
 - “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”
 - “Change My Heart, O God”
 - “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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:	7/4: Jonathan Medford	7/11: Justin Smith	7/18: Jonathan Medford
	Flowers:	7/4: Thurston Pope	7/11: _____	7/18: _____
	Nursery:	7/4: Mandy Horne	7/11: Steve and Joan Dorsett	7/18: Ethan Scott



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 or texting me at (910) 625-8023. You can also contact Karen in the office.

July, 2021 Worship Schedule

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"

July 18: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no children's Sunday School) [Nursery now available!](#)

Scripture: Luke 6:47-49, Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: A Sure Foundation"

July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no children's Sunday School) [Nursery now available!](#)

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 12:42-48

Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: Stewardship"



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.



1- Judy Nelson, 2- Mandy Horne, 4- Tom Caperton, 7- Samuel McColskey, Brent Wheatley, 11- Rick Maxwell, 11- Taylor Smith, 12- Judi Thompson, 18- Robert Nelson, 19- Debra Gibson, 22- Charlene High, 22- Nancy Thurston, 23- Kathryn Humphreys, 24- Laura Spivey, 26- Jacob Washburn, 30- Joan Dorsett

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; 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
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
Melba Ward - Janet Royal's mother, fall
Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe
[Please notify the office when names can be removed.](#)

- The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of the tireless service of Paul and Kaye Pope and Kaye Pope's birthday by Thurston Pope.

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 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 1:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, July 4:	Worship Service - 11:00 am
Monday, July 5:	Church Office Closed - Independence Day Observed Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 7:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 8:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 10:	Southeastern NC Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall

Mona Watts Kahl Scholarship Recipients

*Congratulations to **Mandy Horne, Abigail Owens, and Olivia Smith** for receiving the Mona Watts Kahl Scholarships for 2021-2022. The independent reviewers noted that, "...all candidates displayed admirable qualities of scholarship, dedicated community spirit, and Christian character." Mandy will continue graduate school in history education at UNC-Pembroke, Abigail will begin dental school at East Carolina University, and Olivia will finish pre-nursing at Cape Fear Community College, then transfer for spring semester to UNC-Wilmington's nursing program.*

Heads up for Spring 2022-2023! High school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students seeking degrees in K-12 education, a medically related field, the ministry, or Christian education are eligible. This includes those who received a scholarship for 2021-2022. At least two scholarships will be awarded. The application period will be announced in May 2022.

The Gifts & Memorials Committee members are Anne Branch, Emily Owens, Jenny Meekins, Paul Pope, chair, and Justin Smith.

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

Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org

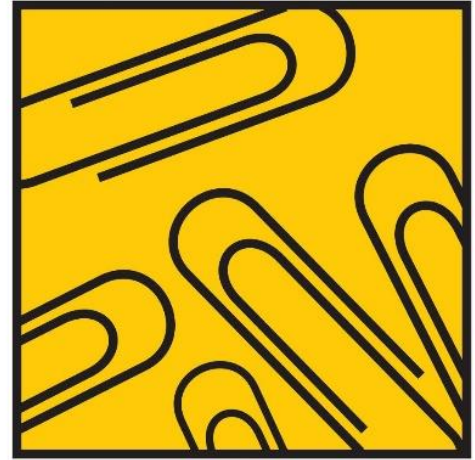
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Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

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



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



CHURCH

OFFICE

Closed
Friday, July 16, 2021
and will reopen
Monday, July 19th
at 8:30 am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5-11

"THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM: HUMILITY"

PRODIGAL SON
LUKE 15:11-32

PHARISEE AND TAX COLLECTOR
LUKE 18:9-14