

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of July, 2021

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: I can't believe we are nearing the end of July...nor the end of this sermon series. But this Sunday will be the next to last week in the series and we will look at three different parables...the parable of the wise and foolish builders, the parable of the workers in the vineyard, and the parable of the man with two sons. I hope you will read over our three parables...pray over them...as we draw our attention to the theme of a sure foundation in Jesus Christ.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Luke 6:47-49, Matthew 21:28-32, and Matthew 20:1-16
- Sermon: "Secrets of the Kingdom: A Sure Foundation"
- Hymns:
 - "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
 - "Seek Ye First"
 - "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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:	7/18: Jonathan Medford	7/25: Caroline Smith	8/1: Caroline Smith
	Nursery:	7/18: Ethan Scott	7/25: Kaye Pope	8/1: Sara & Coke Gray III



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 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; Bob High; 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
Family of Betty Faircloth - friend of the church, passed away
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.

Sympathy to Mark and Kim Smith and their family upon the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Rita Lewis, on July 7, 2021.

First Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School



July 25, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Forty Day
Prayer
Challenge

Beginning Saturday, July 31, 2021

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 18:	Worship Service - 11:00 am
Monday, July 19:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 21:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 22:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am Scout Roundtable, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, July 25:	Worship Service - 11:00 am SDO Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School - 2:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm
Monday, July 26:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 28:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together Bible Study, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 29:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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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