

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10

Sunday, September 10

9:00 am - First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am - Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am - Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Group	Thelma Vaughan's home
3:00 pm - MS PYF	Room 313
5:00 pm - HS PYF	Room 313
5:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm - Committee Meetings	Classrooms

Monday, September 11

2:00 pm - Circle 1	Parlor
5:30 pm - MCM Circles	rooms 300, 301 & F.H.
6:15 pm - Exaltation Ringers	Music Room
6:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop Meeting	Room 307
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts	Scout Building
7:00 pm - Personnel Committee	Library

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 am - Young Dad's Group	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am - Circle 4	Chloe Gildberg's home
12:00 pm - Circle of Friends	Anne Telford's home
6:15 pm - Circle 3	Kim Streb's home
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	Scout Building

Wednesday, September 13

1:00 pm - Prayer Meeting	Library
4:15 pm - Logos/MSM	Classrooms/F. H.
4:45 pm - Final Logos Parent Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm - Supper Club	
7:15 pm - Chancel Choir	Music Room

Thursday, September 14

6:00 pm - Fun and Fellowship	Captain's Galley
7:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - Nominating Committee Meeting	Rog McCrea's home

Friday, September 15

Congregational Retreat to Camp Grier	
10:00 pm - Fifth Quarter	Room 313

Saturday, September 16

Congregational Retreat at Camp Grier

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am - First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am - Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am - Worship	Sanctuary

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2017

Phil Heilman
Sparky Hitchcock
Rog McCrea
Dot Nelson
Trent Newell

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2018

Mark Auten
Karen Shore
Sue Stevens
Harry Weyer

Class of 2019

Bill Brawley
C. P. Chappell
Janice Plier
Steve Robinson
John Streb

DIACONATE

Chris Creech, Moderator

Class of 2017

Chris Creech
Dave Culler
Tom Kirkland
Jane Peterson
Susan Poore
Amy Williams

Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator

Class of 2018

Sandy Bickett
Maria Heilman
Pat King
Paul Manning
Scott Mauney
Tom Trosuk

Class of 2019

Fern Alexander
Ross Culp
Lorra Lee Holshouser
Joyce Lytle
David Ramey

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff dave@moorestvillefpc.org

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	Sandy Bickett
Assistant Usher	Fern Alexander
Ushers	Lynelle Owen, Thomas McMillan
Youth Usher	Dan Davidson
Greeters	Bob Amon, Millie Amon
Acolyte	Caroline McMillan
Bell Ringer	Mary Grace McMillan
Soundboard	Paul Manning



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
September 10, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."
Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE: *Come Christians Join to Sing* Jack Jones
Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 82: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liz Rader

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24:36-44

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PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Our Lord Reigns*

Stan Pethel

Chancel Choir

Our Lord reigns, let all the earth rejoice, let the islands of the sea be glad, come people, lift your voice! Righteousness and judgment shall remain, the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns.... A fire goes before him burning unbelief, all idols fall before him, slain by heavens heat. For you, O Lord, are worthy; before you all shall bow and worship you forever as King of Glory now!

*THE DOXOLOGY 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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SERMON: *Grief Tempered by Hope*

Dave Rockness

*HYMN 321: *At the Name of Jesus*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: *Our Lord Reigns*

*POSTLUDE: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Edward Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are our guest today, welcome! We’re so glad you’re here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession or reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership. Please speak with our pastor following the service for information. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary. **Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age** during both worship services. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **First graders and older children remain in the sanctuary** following the *Time With The Children*. Worship bags are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

Hurricane Harvey Support - The following websites are just a few ways you can financially support those effected by Hurricane Harvey:

worldrenew.net, eco-pres.org/hurricane-harvey-donations; samaritanspurse.org.

While there are many other great ways to give, these are organization and churches that are in ECO, partner with ECO, or have good reputations with regard to disaster response. Thank you all for your expressed concern and desire to give.

The Fun & Fellowship Group will be dining at Captain’s Galley this Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to join them!

Camp Grier Retreat: Today is the deadline for registering for the Camp Grier Retreat, scheduled for next weekend, Friday, September 15- Sunday, September 17. Come for all or part of the weekend. Registration brochures may be found in the church parlor, the fellowship hall and the church office.

First Kids Worship: We are launching First Kids Worship, a children's worship service held during part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service, on Sunday, September 24. The service is designed as an age-appropriate worship service for children in 1st - 5th grades, and will be held in the fellowship hall.

Those interested in church membership: Please set up an appointment this month with Pastor Dave Rockness. Our next date for receiving members is October 22, 2017.

Join us in sharing the joy...with our youth pastor Bryan and his wife Victoria as well as their two adorable daughters, Clara and Ruthie, as they prepare their hearts and home for a beautiful baby boy! All church members are invited to “shower” our love on their family and celebrate the impending arrival of Baby Cerrone #3 (due in November) on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. *Please RSVP to the church office (704) 664-5275 by Sept. 21.*

Attention Ladies! This fall we are excited to offer a slightly different variation of our Fall retreat. On November 3-4, we will be taking the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed at Lifeway’s Abundance Conference for women held at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, SC. **Event cost:** \$69.00 **Hotel rooms:** \$99 per room includes breakfast. (Cost will be reduced based on the number of occupants) **Registration and more information is available beginning Sept. 10** following both services or by contacting the church office at (704) 664-5275. *Sign up early as the deadline is Oct. 1! More info about the actual event can be found at <http://www.lifeway.com/Abundance>*

BSA Troop 166 is looking for adults to assist in serving as troop committee members. The committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout the year here at the church at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please reach out to Harry Weyer at 704-654-1135 or corfpc166@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Willie Allison	Margaret Carrigan	Diane Crymes
Shirley Crowley	Mary Fortanbary	Joan Gibson
Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt	Mary Matheson
Lecie Miller	Estelle Mott	Margaret Sanders
Claude Voils	John Westmoreland	Opal Westmoreland

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Jean Chislaghi	Bedo & Pat Culberson
Al Culp	Shirley Crowley	P. J. Decastro
Bill Harris	Rosemary LaBarre	Joyce Lytle
Shirley Morrow	Betty Pearce	Joyce Sloop

Friends of the Church

Ava Lawrence, niece of John Redding

Joseph Unrue, friend of Harry & Lucinda Weyer

John & Connie Ammons	Amos Family	Ed Barber
Cami Barger-Jones	Donna Buyer	Genie Carns
Jackie Coates	Becky Compton	Diana Davies
Libby Ebert	Rick Ervin	Barbara Gepford and family
Mike & Candi Hawkins	Jayden Hoppel	Gordon Jenkins
Darren Jones	Karen King	Jade Knittel
Teresa Knutsen	Brian Leon	Thomas McMillan, Sr.
Anne Moore	Christine Morgan	Louis Newton
Judy Nickliss	Robb Parker	Linda Rice
Joseph Ross and family	Glenn Scott	Jane Scovil
Dick Scovil	Patt Seyller	Deb Shultz
Ronnie Shultz	Becky Smith	Markie Smith
Isaac Sobek	Tina Swanson	Jennifer Torsiello
Jenny Wheeler	Linda Wilson	Dwight Windsor
Donella Wright	Ashlyn	Daniela
Ella Laurel	Maureen & Madelyn	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	LT James B. Eilers, USN
Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	Maj. William Matheny, Army
Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF	Ens Dylan Powell, USN