

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30

Sunday, September 30

9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
6:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
6:00 pm	Chancel Choir sings	Providence Baptist Church
6:30 pm	Stated Session Mtg.	Room 300

Monday, October 1

Preschool Closed

1:00 pm	FPC Volunteers	Soup Kitchen
5:30 pm	MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
6:15 pm	Exaltation Ringers	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Vision Team Mtg.	
7:15 pm	Christian Edu. Mtg.	Room 222

Tuesday, October 2

2:00 pm	Essential Jesus Bible Study	Parlor
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Room 300 & 301

Wednesday, October 3

10:00 am	Women's Affinity Group Council	
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	PYF Supper Club	Bojangles'
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, October 4

7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, October 6

9:00 am	Essential Jesus Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, October 7

9:00 am	First Praise w/Communion	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	PYF Bake Sale	
4:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
6:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313

Important Oct. Dates for PYF:

- Today – (4-6 pm) MS PYF; (6-8:30 pm) HS PYF
- Oct. 3 – 6:15 pm Supper Club – Bojangles'
- Oct 7 - (4-6 pm) MS PYF; (6-8:30 pm) HS PYF
- Oct. 10 – 6:15 pm Supper Club – Moe's
- Oct 12 -- 5th Quarter – First Baptist Church

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2018

Mark Auten
Roger Hyatt
Karen Shore
Sue Stevens
Harry Weyer

Class of 2019

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

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2020

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

DIACONATE

Scott Mauney, Moderator

Class of 2018

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

David Ramey, Associate Moderator

Class of 2019

Fern Alexander
Ross Culp
Lorra Lee Holshouser
Joyce Lytle
David Ramey

Class of 2020

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Teresa Trimble

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff

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The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

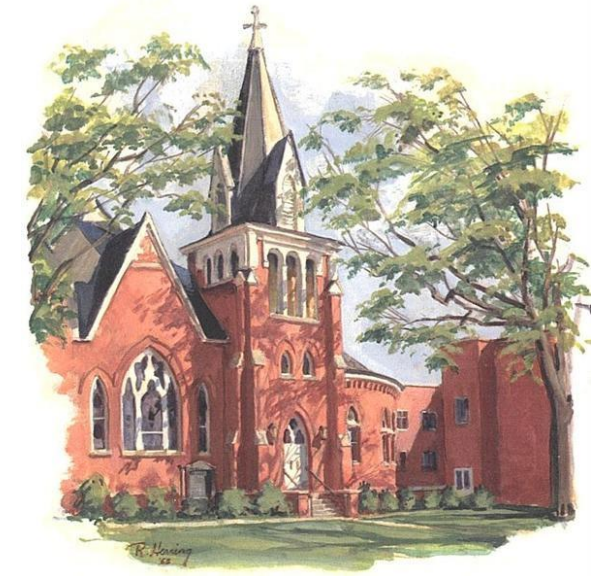
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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher
Assistant Head Usher
Ushers
Youth Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Bell Ringer
Soundboard
Lay Reader

Beverly Chappell
Pat King
Tom Kirkland, Emily Kirkland
Kinnon Rockness
C.P. Chappell, Kathi Landis
Weston Mauney
Bennett Dame
Tony Ervin
Terry Skeen



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
September 30, 2018 ♦ 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: *O God of Earth and Altar* James Mansfield
Greg Thompson, Organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 99: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

*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.

ANTHEM: *Send the Light* Charles Gabriel

Logos Choir

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave, "Send the light!" There are souls to rescue there are souls to save, "Send the light!" Send the light! The blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore. Send the light! The blessed gospel light; Let it shine forevermore. Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound; "Send the light!" And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found, "Send the light!" Let us not grow weary in the work of love, "Send the light! Let us gather jewels for a crown above, "Send the light!"

TIME WITH CHILDREN Jason Sentas

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION Tom Trosuk

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Terry Skeen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18 pg. 872 - 873

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION & 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: *Amazing Grace* arr. John Rutter
Chancel Choir

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound.

*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: Jeremiah 23:1-5 pg. 633

SERMON: "*The Essential Jesus: The Righteous Branch*" Dave Rockness

HYMN 405: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 405: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (refrain only)*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

*POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary* John Stanley

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. The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary. **Preschool and elementary children during worship:** Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age during all Sunday morning activities. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **First graders through fifth grade children** are invited to participate in First Kids' Worship following the *Time With The Children*. The service is designed as an age-appropriate worship service for elementary age children and is held in the fellowship hall; parents will pick their children up in the fellowship hall. **Worship bags** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Roger and Debbie Hyatt to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Essential Jesus Reading Program - There are three Sunday school classes and two reading groups that will meet most weeks throughout the reading program to discuss the Essential Jesus readings. Those who wish to join a reading group may do so by signing up in the fellowship hall, church parlor, or church office.

- Tuesday at 2:00 pm in parlor. Facilitated by Pastor Dave Rockness -
- Saturdays at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Pastor Jason Sentas. This group starts on Sept. 29.
- The Men's Bible Study Class - Meets under the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.
- Connect Four Class - meets at 10 a.m. in Room 222 on Sunday Mornings - Facilitators - Jason Sentas and Jodi Rockness

Newsletter transition: Newsletters will only be available digitally by way of email and the Website. In an effort to reduce costs and increase quality, we are scaling back the print copies to only those that request them. If you still wish to have a hard copy of the Newsletter please contact Marian or Tonya in the office.

The Chancel Choir will travel to Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte this afternoon to participate in the Metropolitan Music Ministries Annual Worship Service. This free event titled "Seven Gifts of Christ to Believers" will begin at 6:00 p.m. and all are invited. The church is located at 4921 Randolph Road. This ministry is a Christian service organization of volunteers committed to sharing the gifts of music to the community for the Glory of God by awarding scholarships to aspiring church musicians and presenting programs of music and devotionals. Organist Greg Thompson serves on The MMM board as Vice President. Check out metromusicministries.org for more information.

The Choir anthems today are both hymns from centuries ago. The Logos Choir presents *Send the Light*, by Charles Gabriel. This early American hymn was first sung in 1890 and published a year later. The text is believed to be based on Acts 16, when Paul has the vision of the man in Macedonia asking for help and to "please send the light." *Amazing Grace* is one of the most sung hymns in the English speaking world with estimates as high as 10 million performances a year. The text, published in 1788, is the personal testimony of John Newton, a man whose early life on a slave ship was turned around by an "amazing grace" that "saved a wretch like me."

Diana Matthews and Austin Lovelace

Extraordinary Women Conference: All women are invited to attend the *Extraordinary Women* Conference at Cabarrus Arena in Concord, Oct. 26-27, 2018. The event will feature inspiring guest speakers and worship artists including Chonda Pierce, Liz Curtis Highs, Angie Smith, and Jeremy Camp. For more information and/or to order tickets go directly to the Extraordinary Women website at: www.ewomen.net Tickets can also be purchased through the Cabarrus Arena website at: cabarrusarena.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

Joan Gibson	Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt
Lecie Miller	Margaret Sanders	Estelle Mott
John Westmoreland	Mary Fortanbury	Lynelle Owen

Bereavement

Glenn Crowley and Sarah Deese, death of mother; Noah, death of grandmother, Shirley Crowley
Pat King, death of son-in-law, Jerry Wells.

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Rosemary LaBarre	Bedo & Pat Culberson	Dick Nelson
Tom Morrow & Family	Bob Campbell	Ginny Swedenberg

Friends of the Church

Glenn Scott	Maureen & Richard	Ronnie Shultz
Judy Nickliss	Teresa Knutsen	Jenny Wheeler
Jane Scovil	Christine Morgan	Ken & Ginny Lawton
Joseph Ross and family	Paul Sharp	Becky Smith
Wanda Cravens	Jeff Kelly	Sharp Family
Dick Wall	Abby	Jack Esala
Matt Childers	Asa Thurston McNeely	John Redding
Mason Swanson	Ryder Woeckener	Lois Carns
Amanda Hall	Linda Rice	Jacob Cameron
Doug Vinez	Judith McLean	Louis Newton
Shirley Abele	Karen Ketchie	Genie Carns

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
P03 Dylan McIntyre, USN	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC	Major Ben Peacock, USAF
Maj. William Matheny, Army		