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This fall's *Adventures in Faith* will be featuring Leighton Ford, brother-in-law of Billy Graham and a dynamic evangelist in his own right. He will be preaching in a joint worship service on Sunday morning, October 1st, at 11am in the sanctuary. There will be an early evening dinner that same day in the Fellowship Hall combined with worship and a panel discussion led by Leighton. The focus of this discussion will be "Sharing Our Faith in Everyday Life." Leighton will interview a panel of folks, including his son-in-law (OB/GYN), a public defender, and an artist friend. I encourage you to take advantage of this exciting experience! We will provide further details as we get closer to the event.

Also, please know that our church's Vision Team is diligently working through the outcomes from our recent leadership retreat. We hope to soon make a few short-term recommendations to our session related to spiritual growth, welcoming aspects of our facility, and giving attention to more effectively reaching a younger generation (while being faithful to who we are as a church). Rest assured that we are fully committed to communicating any vision, short-term or long-term, that our session feels led to implement. Keep our leadership in prayer (elders, deacons, staff, Vision Team) as we seek the Lord's guidance in this process. It is an exciting time in the life of our church!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dave Rockness



Dr. Leighton Ford is President of Leighton Ford Ministries which focuses on raising up younger leaders to spread the message of Christ worldwide. He has spoken to millions of people in 37 countries on every continent of the world and served from 1955 to 1985 as Associate Evangelist and later Vice President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Dr. Ford is the recipient of many awards including 1990 Two Hungers Award, which recognized his contributions to addressing the physical and spiritual hungers of people around the world and the Preacher of the Year award by the National Presbyterian Center. Time Magazine singled him out as being "among the most influential preachers of an active gospel." He is also Honorary Life Chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. He has served as a board member for World Vision US; the Duke University Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Dr. Ford is also author and co-author of numerous books. He lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife, Jean.

Camp Grier Fall Fellowship Retreat

Dates: Friday, September 15 – Sunday, September 17

Come for all or part of the weekend!

Theme: "Consider the Stars"

"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place..." Psalm 8:3

- ☆ New this year: Friday night outdoor movie with popcorn.
- ☆ Saturday night supper will be prepared by Camp Grier kitchen staff.
- ☆ Returning this year: Canoe races on Lake Refuge, along with our traditional homemade boat races in Refuge Creek. Prizes and great fun for all!



Registration information: Retreat brochures with registration forms are in the church parlor, fellowship hall and the church office.

All participants must pre-register and pre-pay by Sunday, September 10. No online registration this year. Turn registration forms in to church office.

Questions: Contact Ellen Auten or Jason Sentas.

Getting in the Game for Spiritual Growth

Any chance they can, my children will grab my phone, open up one of the many games they have downloaded, and play till either a sibling demands a turn or I grab my phone back. While I am often annoyed that my battery is mostly drained when the phone is returned, I am always amazed at how adept they become at these games. They are willing to play over and over again, getting better with each effort.

I am not a huge fan of video games, but I am reminded by my kids that when we do a task or activity over and over again, we grow in our capacity to do that task. This is the case in our efforts to become better disciples. The more time we spend in study of God's word and with other believers, the more we grow. One of the great strengths of First Presbyterian Church is our faithfulness over the years to stay committed to the Christian Education of its children, youth and adults, and this year is no different. In our continued effort to give the FPC community an opportunity to grow in faith we offering a variety of classes, events, and activities that will spur you on in your relationship with the Lord. We have just released this years CE flyer and it is full information about ways you can get plugged in. My prayer and encouragement is that each of us will find a place to plug in and get our game on with God.

In Christ,

Jason

Sharing Joys and Sorrows

Congratulations to Joe and Melissa Campbell and big brother, Liam Campbell upon the birth of Braelyn Kathryn Campbell, born August 15.

Please remember our bereaved members in prayer as they grieve the death of loved ones:

Lorra Lee Holshouser, death of brother, Richard Holshouser

Sandra Harris, death of sister, Susan Brown

Rosie Crouch, death of brother, Charles Moore

Ann Manning, death of daughter-in-law, Marilyn Gaither

Note of Thanks

Church Family,

Thank you for your love and concern for Susan, my sister, over the years. Your prayers, cards, visits and food have meant so much to me. I want to especially thank Circle 5 for the meal they brought to my family on the day of the funeral. I am so thankful for the care and love of this church family.

Sandra Harris

Dear Family in Christ,

I want to thank you for the love and prayers that have surrounded me and my family during my brother's recent death. All the calls, cards, visits, and food are such a beautiful expression of encouragement from a very caring family.

Thank you,

Lorra Lee Holshouser

I am truly humbled by the outpouring of love, prayers and cards which I have received from our church family while going through daily radiation treatments. God works miracles and I believe He's performing one on me as a result of all the support I'm being shown. Thank you to a wonderful church family at FPC.

Rev. Rosemary LaBarre

God Bless America

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the your many prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent health scare. I truly believe that I'm still here because of your prayers and that God still has work for me to do. I am close to being back to normal.

In Christ,

John Streb

First Kids Worship, a Children's Worship Service



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

About First Kids Worship

Children begin worship in the sanctuary, then convene in the fellowship hall for the remainder of their worship service.

Parents should pick their children up in the fellowship hall. Leadership is provided by adult church members who have undergone background checks and safety training.

Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during Communion Sundays and receive Communion with their family.

Visitor nametags are available in the Friendship Pads in the sanctuary.

Elements of First Kids Worship

- Music, emphasizing scripture songs
- Bible memory, scripture readings, learning how to use a Bible
- Prayer, including corporate prayers, prayer requests and learning the Lord's Prayer
- A Bible-centered message, using David C. Cook's Children's Church curriculum
- Benediction

Planning and preparation for this children's worship service has been through a sub-committee of the Christian Education Committee. Those involved in planning include Ellen Auten, Jean Coates, Angie Creech, Lisa Davidson, Valerie Mauney, Jodi Rockness, and



We have recently had a couple of donations made to our church library. The first book is "They Say We Are Infidels" by Mindy Belz. When we think of the Middle East, it seems we think of Muslims. However, journalist Mindy Belz gives historic background reminding us that Mesopotamia was one of the places where followers of Jesus were first called "Christians," and reminds us that Iraq is now in the area of ancient Mesopotamia. She introduces us to Christians in Iraq, many whose families have held lands for centuries. She shows us clearly how ISIS has been eliminating Christians in the area and also introduces us to people in Iraq, Syria, and America who are doing all they can to help the survivors in the area. This is a must-read for those who want to more clearly understand the horrors that our fellow believers are experiencing, and for those looking for a way to reach out and help.

The second book is "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton.

We studied Adam Hamilton's, "24 Hours That Changed The World" several years ago during Lent In The Living Room. "Half Truths" is equally helpful in understanding scripture accurately. Adam discusses five "half truths", such as "God helps those who help themselves", and "Love the sinner, hate the sin," and clearly describes why these sayings can actually be confusing, discouraging, and can alienate people from Jesus.

Let's show God how much we love Him...

STEWARDSHIP



Prayer - My Lord and Savior, you have given me so much. You have guided me. I ask for the will and the grace to obey your commands so that I will have no regrets when, at last, I meet you face to face.

Life's blessings are many...time, talents, finances, spiritual gifts, the ability to love and the ability to give ourselves to others - just to name a few. What happens when we decide to try to step out and be great, good stewards in one of these areas of our lives? The enemy will come against us. Doubts will arise. The unknown will feel scary, uncertain and challenging.

Numbers 14: 6-9 describes the reaction of God's people when He called them to move forward to a new land occupied by giants! The people were scared and doubted their God. Joshua and Caleb, who had scouted the land and knew its goodness, urged them to trust God. They knew, by faith, that God would bring them safely to the Promised Land and bless them richly. Because of fear, the people did not enter and they suffered for forty years.

When God calls you to be a stronger, more sincere steward of the gifts He has given you, follow the example set by Joshua and Caleb. How much greater is our responsibility to obey and serve God – we have the whole Bible, and we know God's son, Jesus Christ.

Message from your Stewardship Committee
Excerpts from NIV Stewardship Study Bible



We are celebrating the upcoming arrival of Baby Boy Cerrone and on Sunday, September 24, we will host a baby shower at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a gift will find Bryan and Victoria's baby registry at Target.

If you have questions, please contact Nathan Glad (704-431-3366).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
3 9:00 am First Praise 10:00 am Church School 11:00 am Worship	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	6 Logos/MSM Registration Deadline 10:00 am PW Council 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm Logos Staff Meeting and Dinner 6:15 pm Supper Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
10 Camp Grier Retreat Deadline 9:00 am First Praise 10:00 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group 3:00 pm MS PYF 5:00 pm HS PYF 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Committee Meetings	11 2:00 pm Circle 1 5:30 pm MCM Circles 6:15 pm Exaltation Ringers 6:30 pm BSA Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Personnel Meeting	12 6:30 am Young Dad's Group 10:00 am Circle 4 12:00 pm Circle of Friends 6:15 pm Circle 3 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM 6:15 pm Supper Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
17 Congregational Retreat 9:00 am First Praise 10:00 am Church School 11:00 am Worship	18 5:30 pm MCM Circles 6:15 pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	19 12:30 pm Saints Alive Luncheon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Men's Dinner	20 Newsletter Articles Due 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM 6:15 pm Supper Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
24 9:00 am First Praise 10:00 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's Church begins 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Cerrones 3:00 pm MS PYF 5:00 pm HS PYF 6:30 pm Session Meeting	25 5:30 pm MCM Circles 6:15 pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	26 6:30 am Young Dad's Group 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	27 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM 6:15 pm Supper Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

			September Birthdays	
Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1	2	09/01	Noah Fleming Bill Lackey
			09/03	Duncan Jordan
			09/05	Ashley Norton
			09/06	Walter Morgan
			09/07	Courtney Rockness
			09/09	Josh McClure Stephanie Sentas
			09/10	Jimmy Pearce
			09/11	John Donelson Jacque Junkins Sue Stevens
			09/12	Sandra Blalock Pat King Caroline Ladd
			09/13	Marsha Cornelius
			09/14	Walt Jones John Neely Jeff Stonestreet
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7	8	9	09/15	Bruce Telford
			09/16	Dot Campbell Nancy Davidson
6:00 pm Fun and Fellowship 14 7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	Congregational Retreat at Camp Grier 15	Congregational Retreat 16	09/17	Dan Davidson Shelly Rhyne
			09/18	Lizzie Brumley Ester Kann Caroline McMillan
			09/20	Steve Abernathy Gene Vaughan
			09/23	Angie Copeland Pat Culberson Trish Glad Jodi Rockness Jordan Sledge
11:30 am Ladies to Lunch 21 12:30 pm Pastors' Luncheon 7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	22	23	09/24	Eliza DeCastro
			09/25	Caroline Micklow
			09/26	Rose Sink Maddie Teeter
			09/29	Jerry Bickett Evelyn Giles Andrew Merrill Faye Wright
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 28	10:00 pm Fifth Quarter 9:30 am Saints Alive trip to Mount Airy 29	30	09/30	Ross Culp



Preschool Parents,

Preschool is off to a great start! This year our theme is "Superheroes!" We have super teachers, students and parents! We know we're going to have a super year!

We had our orientation days and the children adjusted well to meeting their friends and teachers. We now are on a regular schedule. The children are playing *Get to Know You Games*, studying *All About Me* and learning the classroom routine.

We thank everyone for all our start-up supplies! We appreciate you labeling all your items. Don't forget to send in a full change of clothes for your child. Accidents and messes do happen at preschool!

Mark your calendars:

September 4: Closed, Labor Day

September 13-15: Picture Days

September 28 & 29: Fire Safety/Fire Truck Visit

We are looking forward to getting to know all our new families!

Blessings,

Mrs. Lori & The Preschool Teachers



Luncheon

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held Tuesday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We are ready to resume our monthly luncheons following our summer break, and look forward to another year of good fellowship, delicious meals and time together as friends.

The September luncheon will focus on D.E. Turner Hardware Co., which has been part of the downtown Mooresville business community since 1899. Members of the Jack Moore family will begin the presentation in the fellowship hall, focusing on a brief history of the store, along with some interesting facts. Then the group will head across the street to get a closer look at the historic hardware store. We'll hear some interesting stories and have an opportunity to take in some local history. Come and bring a friend!

We have been donating items each month to a local mission group, and contributed a different item each month last year. This month we will be donating new school supplies to Mooresville Christian Mission.

Trip

The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Mount Airy to visit the Andy Griffith Museum and related sites in the area on Friday, September 29. The museum houses a large collection of Andy Griffith memorabilia from his life and career. We'll plan to eat at Snappy's Lunch, where pork chop sandwiches are the specialty. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m. and return in late afternoon. Cost is \$8 to tour the museum + lunch. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.



Logos/MSM Leadership for 2017-2018

We are pleased to announce the leadership team for the 2017-2018 Logos/MSM year. Valerie Mauney will be serving as the program's Director, and Stephanie Sentas will be serving as Assistant Director. Valerie and Stephanie bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to these positions, and we look forward to seeing their creativity and talents at Logos/MSM. Valerie served as Logos/MSM director for three years 2005-2008 and we all enjoyed her creative leadership! Stephanie served as Logos Recreation Coordinator and table parent last year, and we all benefitted from her faithful and dedicated leadership! To Scott, Colton, Landon and Weston Mauney – thanks for sharing Valerie! And to Jason, Nate, Morgan, Peter and Olivia – thanks for sharing Stephanie!

The 2017-2018 Logos/MSM Council is as follows:

Director: Valerie Mauney

Assistant Director: Stephanie Sentas

Bible Coordinator: Ellen Auten

Dinner Time Coordinator: Jessica Blair

Kitchen Coordinator: Nikki Robinson

Recreation Coordinator: Kristin McMillan

Worship Skills Coordinator: Alan Sledge

Logos/MSM begins its 39th year at First Presbyterian

We are working hard behind-the-scenes to get ready for the 39th year of Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM) at First Presbyterian. Following are some details as we begin the new year:

Logos Program 1st – 6th grades

MSM Program 7th – 8th grades

Logos/MSM Registration Deadline

Wednesday, September 6

Logos/MSM Staff meeting/supper

Wednesday, September 6 – 6:00 p.m.

First day of Logos/MSM

Wednesday, September 13 – 4:30 p.m.

Tuition \$55 per semester

Registration \$35 per year

Early-bird discounts \$5 off registration &
\$5 off tuition if paid by Sept 6
\$5 off total fee if entire year's fees
paid by September 6

Logos/MSM September dates

Wednesday, September 13 Super Hero Night

Wednesday, September 20 Western Rodeo Night

Wednesday, September 27 Camp Out Night

The Fun & Fellowship group will meet at
Captain's Galley on September 14
at 6:00 p.m. Join us!



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

It's been a summer of adventure and accomplishments at Troop 166

Starting with Cub Scout day camp, Devin, Dalton, Adam, Marc, Magnus, and Calvin volunteered for the week as Den Chiefs at Cub Scout Day camp. A dozen cub scouts from Pack 166 participated in archery, bb's, campfire cooking, learned first aid, built and launch water bottle rockets, and learned about all things scientific. Thank you to adult leaders in the troop Melissa Trimbach and Annabelle Camarata for their transportation and volunteer efforts that week. The Scouts celebrating with slushes at QT after a successful week.



Zoot McClure, Del McDaniel, and Scott Lusted led a group of 23 Boy Scouts to Summer Camp at Camp Bud Shiele. After a week of Swimming, Catapult Making, and Merit Badge activities the Scouts were awarded Honor Unit, placed first in plant identification, and earned over 100 merit badges from swimming and first aid to environmental science and the Nova Award. The Scouts created a very unique set of golf clubs (a longer range golf bazooka and putter) for the Adult leaders to bring home the win and golden golf clubs trophy.

The Scouts at 166 are actively pursuing rank advancement this summer. Daniel Hardiman and Brad Lowe achieved the honored rank of Eagle. Magnus, Bradley, Adam, Marc, and Gabe earned Life Scout. New scouts to the troop completed Trailhead at summer camp working towards tenderfoot, second, and first class ranks.

Assistant Scout Master Bryan Blackwelder led the Boy Scouts from Piedmont Council to National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel in WV. Robbie, Devin, Eli, Adam, Gabe, and Nick, Scouts from Troop 166 participated in a variety of activities for the week. High adventure activities like zip lining and white water rafting, to merit badge and STEM activities, listening to the Secretary of State and the President, several scouts made the pledge to become eagle, and an important day of service.



Harry Weyer, Chartered Org. Rep – TR 166
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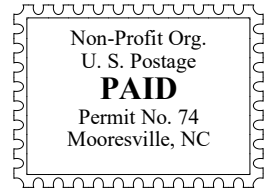


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our mailing list, please send an email to
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9:00 a.m. First Praise
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

September 2017



Address Service Requested

Church School Starts a New Year

We are off to a new start in Church School as we begin the 2017-2018 year! There is always excitement surrounding a new year - new opportunities for growth, new rooms and teachers for some, new possibilities, new commitments ... all wonderful ways to start a "new" year, halfway through 2017!

We welcome all to attend church school on a regular basis. The opportunity for study, growth and fellowship is at church school every Sunday, for all ages, from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Our Church School is blessed with many wonderful teachers, who graciously give their time to their classes and help to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples and to teach. Thank you to all the teachers for their faithfulness.

Classes, room numbers, and teachers are listed below:

Church School Superintendent: Kristen McMillan

Treasurer: Keith Windsor

Children and Youth Classes

Infants and Toddlers (Room 211): Shannon Bates, Beth Hall, Becky McIntosh, Shannon McIntosh, Lynelle Owen

3, 4 & 5 year olds (Room 210): Abi Abercrombie, Margaret Curtis, Teresa Moore, Faye Wright

1st & 2nd Grades (Room 326): Lucy Hastings & Sheryl Davis, Connie & Mickey Russell

3rd & 4th Grades (Room 324): Jim and Lisa Davidson, Angie Copeland & Stephanie Sentas

5th & 6th Grades (Room 322): Jodi Rockness, Fern Alexander, Sheryl Davis

7th & 8th Grades (Room 310): Leeann DeCastro, Valerie Mauney

9th - 12th Grades (Room 313): Mark Auten, Zoot McClure

Adult Classes

Connect 4 Class (Room 222): Jodi Rockness, Jason Sentas

Covenant Bible Class (Room 309): Bob Amon

Discovery Class (Room 307): Jim McDonnell

ISH Class (Church Library): Paul Dame, Thomas McMillan

Men's Bible Class (under sanctuary): Ernie Crymes, Brent Curtis, Cate Vaughan

Pastor's Class (Room 301): Fred Coates, Fred Hummel

Rejoice Class (Room 300): Bill Morrow, Linda Ervin, Joyce Sloop

Thanks to "retiring" Church School Superintendent

Thanks to Jessica Blair for serving as our Church School Superintendent the past two years. We have appreciated her leadership and energy as she has helped to keep things running smoothly at Church School. Thanks also to Jason, Raleigh and Reagan for the help they have also provided as a family!

