



**First Presbyterian Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

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Dear Ones,

I'm back at work today, and glad for it. I'll look forward to seeing you on Sunday, when we will be doubly blessed to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Sacrament of Baptism.

I visited a church in Hampstead, NC on Sunday. The preacher told a story at the end of his sermon. I thought I would use my space to share it with you:

A man stopped at McDonalds for lunch. He sat down at a table with his combo and began munching away. An older couple sat adjacent to him. He noticed that they had ordered only one hamburger, one small order of fries, and one drink. He watched the man carefully divide the hamburger in two, half for him, half for his wife. Then, he divvied out the fries.....one for you, one for me, one for you.....one for me. Finally, he poured half of his drink into an extra cup, and passed this to his wife.

Their captivated neighbor noticed that while the husband tucked into his half, his wife was staring straight ahead, not eating a thing. The picture broke his heart and moved him to do something about it. He wiped his mouth and hands, stood up and made his way to their table.

"Excuse me," he said.

"I couldn't help noticing that you only had one meal. That's hardly enough food. I'd like to buy you another."

"Oh no thank you," the wife said, as her husband continued to chomp away.

"We always do this. We share everything 50/50."

"But you're not eating," their would-be-benefactor protested.

She answered, "It's his turn to have the teeth first."

Bet you didn't see that coming!! I know I didn't. Now if you ask me what this story had to do with the rest of the sermon, I'd have to tell you, very little, as far as I could discern. It was a good joke, though, and the congregation seemed to get a kick out of it. They were a happy lot, and you could tell that from their hearty laugh. Chances are, that joke will be what they remember about an otherwise fairly ordinary, ho hum Sunday.

It felt good to laugh in church, and felt good to be preached to for a change, rather than be on the other end of that equation.

Preaching.....especially good preaching.....is always a kind of 50/50 proposition. What the listener brings to the sermon is every bit as important as the preacher's words. "A good sermon," renowned homeleticist Fred Craddock said, "isn't making a deposit in your hearer's minds. Rather, it's writing a check on the balance that's already there."

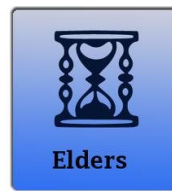
I hope to see you on Sunday, and will do my best to do my part. Bring your teeth.

Love, and lots of it.
Bob

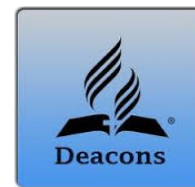


August 5 Rev. Bob Bardin
 August 12 Rev. Bob Bardin
 August 19 Rev. Bob Bardin
 August 26 Rev. Bob Bardin

Aug. 6
 Aug. 13
 Aug. 20
 Aug. 27



Lee Futrelle
 John Dees
 Susan Stackhouse
 Bill Royall



Elva Graham
 Curtis Stackhouse
 Hettie Grisette
 Michael Ellis



Deacon in charge: Hettie Grisette
Co-Deacon: Ellen Jordan
Ushers: Charlie Dees, John Dees,
 Al Grisette, Michael Jordan



Chancel Guild
 Barbara Bradshaw
 Gail Shearin



Birthdays of the Month



1 Mrs. Becky Bolduc
 Hunter Wilson
 Mr. C. V. Sutton, Jr.
 Dr. Oz Wilder
 3 Mrs. Alice Huneycutt
 4 Mrs. Connie Scott
 5 Mr. John Paul Hunter
 6 Mrs. Joyce Pate
 Mrs. Jane Richter
 7 Mrs. Betty Wampler
 Mr. Timothy Judd
 9 Mr. Jack Best
 Virginia K. Best
 10 Mrs. Ava White
 Mr. Bill Warren
 11 Mr. Mickey Nance
 13 Mrs. Sarah Casey
 Mrs. Matilda Faircloth

17 Mr. Michael Wilson
 18 Mr. Phil Eubanks
 19 Mr. Brad Graham
 20 Mrs. Megan Suddarth
 21 Sarah Best
 22 Mr. Tommy Franklin
 23 Sarah Gibson
 24 Rory Blackburn
 25 Mr. Fred Lomax, III
 Tanya Hawkins
 26 Mr. Dan Blackshear
 28 Mrs. Susan McCall
 29 Brook Albertson
 30 Paul Richter
 Katie Gibson
 31 Mrs. Susan Cottle
 Mrs. Sandy Jeffreys

Church Calendar

Wednesday, 8-1		Elementary Camp
Thursday, 8-2		Elementary Camp
Friday, 8-3		Elementary Camp
Sunday, 8-5	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary/Communion
Tuesday, 8-7	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
Thursday, 8-9	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, 8-12	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
Tuesday, 8-14	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
Sunday, 8-19	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Kick-off
Tuesday, 8-21	7:00 p.m.	Session
Sunday, 8-26	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sanctuary
Tuesday, 8-28	9:28 a.m.	PWCT
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters (Every Week)

COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESS

Please make sure to send in the new address for your college student so that we may keep in touch with them throughout the school year!

Email Lisa Royall at lisaroyall1111@gmail.com.



PWCT will meet Tuesday, August 28th at 9:30 a.m.



ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

You are cordially invited to the
PW Kick-off Dinner.

September 5th, 2018

6:30 p.m.

McChesney Hall



2018 Summary of Operating Budget

Total Revenue & Expenses

June, 2018

(This is the most current information available thru June, 2018. If you would like a more detailed budget, please see Jean Whitaker in the office and she will gladly provide that information or answer any questions.)

Total Revenue as of June 30, 2018	\$ 225,159
Total Expenses as of June 30, 2018	<u>249,340</u>
Net Loss	\$ 24,181 (deficit)
Offering for June 2018	\$19,723
Average Attendance	97

Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

August 12, 19, 26
 September 2, 16, 23, 30
 October 14, 28
 December 30

Please contact Susan Stackhouse or the church office if you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary.



If you have clothing you wish to donate, you may bring these items to the church. **PLEASE MAKE SURE CLOTHING IS IN A STRONG PLASTIC BAG, IN BOXES OR ON HANGERS!**



Camp Albemarle



Elementary school summer camp at Camp Albemarle—August 1-3

Please pray for Lilly Eason, Matilda Parker, Lily Spicer, and their friends:
Lila, Miller, Merritt, Gracie, and Will.



There is a need for members to volunteer to usher for the remainder of the year. If you could help, please contact Curtis Stackhouse at (919) 922-0209.



SUN., AUGUST 19

5:00 P.M. TILL 7:00 P.M.

Activity Center

COME AND
BRING A FRIEND!



2018 Vacation Bible School



2018 Mexico Mission Trip



~Class of 2021~

Candidates to be considered for Nominations for Church Officers

Members of the congregation are asked to submit names of candidates to serve as officers for the Class of 2021. We are seeking four persons for the Session and four for the Board of Deacons. Ruling Elders and Deacons must be active members of First Presbyterian Church, may or may not have served previously on the Session or Diaconate, must be men and women of good character and strong faith who love Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and must be elected by the congregation. Officers may be elected to consecutive terms as long as their total continuous service does not exceed six years. If possible, please check with your nominees to be sure they are willing and able to serve. Every member may make single or multiple nominations. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Names of candidates may be submitted by completing the form and placing it in the offering plate; giving the forms to Rosalyn Lomax, Chair of the Nominating Committee or any member of the Nominating Committee; or leaving the forms at the Church Office. **Acceptance of candidates will close via these forms on August 26th.** Recommendations will be consolidated and considered by the Nominating Committee during the month of September.

The forms are available in the bulletins and on the credenza.

The election of officers will take place at a Congregational Meeting.

The *Book of Order* permits nominations from the floor at the Congregational Meeting.

~THE SESSION~

Class of 2018

Linda Brown
John Dees
Bill Royall
Sue Wooten

Class of 2019

Dan Blackshear
Scott Gibson
Jewel Sauls
Malcolm Shearin

Class of 2020

Kim Brogden
Lee Futrelle
Harold Rose
Kathryn Spicer

~THE DIACONATE~

Class of 2018

Ellen Best
Toby Brown
Phyllis Patterson
Curtis Stackhouse
Robin Wilson
Sonny Wooten

Class of 2019

Hettie Grisette
Rosalyn Lomax
Linda Stevens
Elva Graham

Class of 2020

Michael Ellis
Anne Fidler
Pam Jennette
Ellen Jordan

~THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE~

(Approved by the Session June 19, 2018)

Committee Members

Rosalyn Lomax, Chair
Ellen Best
Lee Futrelle
Brad Graham
Meredith Gurley
Kathryn Spicer
Hunter Wilson
Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin, *ex officio*