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Rev. Dr. Robert F. Bardin

Dear Ones,

“Picking up paw paws,
Puttin ‘em in your pocket,
Way down yonder in the paw paw patch.”

I was walking last week, dodging the Sweet Gum balls that had scattered on the pavement like the seed in Jesus’ parable that fell on the path. This childhood ditty bubbled up out of my strange subconscious. I found myself mumbling it in time with my steps—“picking...up... paw...paws...puttin ‘em...in...your...well, you get the idea. For all of my childhood and most of my adult life, I thought that Sweet Gum balls **were** paw paws. They’re not. They’re just spiked landmines that will make you holler something far worse than the innocuous Paw Paw song if ever you should step on one barefooted. Turns out paw paws are a fruit that looks like a cross between a kiwi and a mango. We didn’t have any of these in my growing up years. Our go to fruit was fruit cocktail. It came in a can and you fought over the cherry. So Sweet Gum balls sufficed for the song.

As I sang I relished that phrase, “Way down yonder.” That’s Southern colloquialism at its finest, right up there with “Mash the button.” In his book, *Mother Tongue*, Bill Bryson says that it’s not the hoity-toity who do’s whose speech patterns hold on to authentic old English, but Southerners, particularly along the coast. Most of the country will turn their nose up at you, make fun of you if you utter the phrase, “over yonder,” in a sentence. Don’t let it get to you. Just quote the Shakespeare soliloquy for them: Romeo: “But soft, what light through **yonder** window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun. That thou, her maid, art far more fair than she.” Then tell them to go mash the elevator button to the lowest floor and leave you alone.

As for me, I’m partial to “over yonder.” It’s a great all-purpose descriptor of direction. It can mean across the room or, over in the next county. It doesn’t reach much further than that, because much further than that really doesn’t really matter all that much. Nobody says, “over yonder” when talking about the Ukraine, for example. I’m partial to the expression, too, because you have to look at somebody when they say it to you in order to get some idea of just what direction “yonder” means. They will indicate it to you by a subtle eye shift or head nod, or by actually pointing, if you’re dense. But if you are looking at your phone or “multi-tasking” while carrying on a conversation (a mortal, not venial sin in my book) you won’t have the foggiest idea of where “yonder” is. If you get lost, it serves you right.

All of this is just to say to you, if you’re wondering where we are, now that we are retired, well, we’re just over yonder, which means, of course, very close by. Until the day we’re in the pew beside you again, know that we love you and pray for God’s richest blessing to rain down on you. That would be love, like that above. We’ll love you until the day envisioned by Edward Perronet in his hymn, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”:

“O that with **yonder** sacred thron’g
we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all.”

Who knew he was a Southerner?

Much love,
Bob



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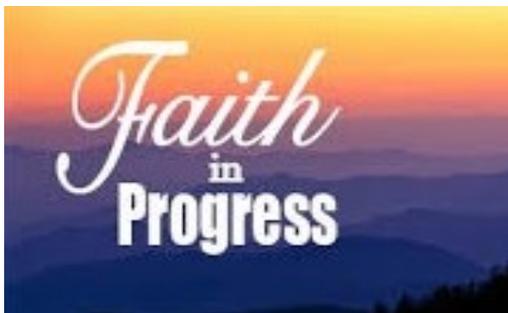
Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership is presented for outstanding service and leadership in the church. It is presented to a woman chosen by those who know her for her commitment to Christ and the mission of the church.

Nominations forms for this honor must be completed and returned no later than February 24th. The forms are on the credenza in the reception area and may be placed in the PW box in the church office.

Evening Circle will meet on Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m.
PWCT will meet February 25 at 9:30 a.m.



Would you like to help with the refreshments on Sunday morning? If so, you can donate \$10 for a box of donuts. A coupon or fundraiser certificates will be acceptable also. Thank you very much. The \$10 donation may be given to Teresa Smith, Hospitality Committee Chair.



“Faith in Progress”

A lively discussion about spirituality.

Meets second Thursday of the month
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Downtown @ Well Traveled Beer

Men's Breakfast

Join us for breakfast at

Dee's Diner

1314 W Grantham St, Goldsboro, NC 27530

Last Saturday of each month

From 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Bring a friend!

Questions: contact Jason Blackburn.

FPC Yard Sale

MARCH 7th

ACTIVITY CENTER

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Donate
Items**
We need
your items!



**Donate
Time**
We need
your help!

It is Yard Sale time! Donations are needed and greatly appreciated! Our **Annual Missions Yard Sale** is always a big event, and we want this year's sale to be a success. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**

If you have items that are too large to bring in, please call the church and a pick-up will be arranged.

Volunteers are needed as well. We will need helpers to prepare ahead of the sale and to work on the day of the sale. Please call the church and let us know if you are willing to help.



Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

February 9, 16, 23
March 1, 22
April 26, May 3, 10, 31

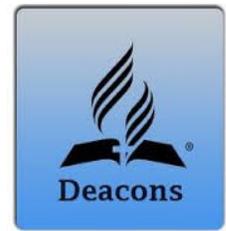
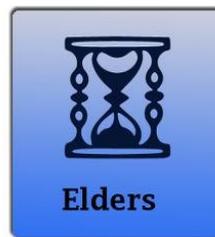
Please contact Susan Stackhouse
or the church office
if you are interested in placing flowers
in the Sanctuary.



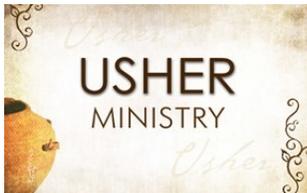
Preaching Schedule

Feb. 2 Rev. Sid Batts
 Feb. 9 Rev. Sid Batts
 Feb. 16 Rev. Sid Batts
 Feb. 23 Rev. Sid Batts

Feb. 2 Chris Martin
 Feb. 9 Wiley Leonard
 Feb. 16 Sam Hunter
 Feb. 23 Kim Brogden



Coleen Leeper
 Anne Fidler
 Kent Warren
 Lynn Branch



Deacon-in-Charge: Anne Fidler
 Co-Deacon: Kent Warren

Ushers: Al Grisette, Sam Hunter, Tim Judd, and Troy Pate



Chancel Guild Matilda Faircloth and Louise Huffman

Committees meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 (Congregational Nurture Committee meets the first Monday at 10:00 a.m.)
 (Personnel Committee meets the first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.)

Diaconate meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m..
 (Memorial Committee meets the second Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.)

Session meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



The *Foundation of First Presbyterian Church* annually provides gifts and support for worthy causes, and it is time for all interested parties to make application for this support. The Foundation funds cannot be used for operating expenses of the church. Only benevolent and non-operating “causes” can receive gifts, such as local and foreign missions, Christian educational support, and special music worship enhance-

ment. All requests should be submitted using an FPC Foundation Grant Application. **We have an updated application this year**, and these applications are available from the church office and on the web. All requests should be submitted **no later than March 31, 2020** to The Foundation of First Presbyterian Church, C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1101 East Ash Street, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution to the FPC Foundation, brochures and envelopes are available. Your gift will be wisely invested in God’s service.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2	Mrs. Hope Derby	15	Mrs. Kathryn Spicer
	Ms. Leslie VanHoy	18	Mrs. Mary Hope Crocker
4	Mrs. Jewel Sauls	19	Mrs. Leslie Hunter
	Mr. Stephen Stackhouse	22	Mrs. Ali Blackburn
5	Mr. Borden Parker	23	Mr. Jim Parker
6	Bob Bardin		R.J. Parker
	Mrs. Anne Fidler	24	Mr. Troy Pate, Jr.
	Vismitha Taneti		Dr. Charlotte Campbell
7	Mrs. Katherine Parker	25	Mr. Will Spicer
11	Mr. Ron Jennette	26	Mrs. Christine Coward
12	Mr. Norman Goss	27	Mr. Gary Patterson
	Mr. Lee Coward	28	Mrs. Ellen Henderson
13	Mrs. Sadie Rowan		Caroline Suddarth



PP&K was established in 1950 by several churches in our community. Saralynn Vied currently serves as school director, supported by a staff of ten teachers. The school is governed by a Board of Directors, and each supporting church has positions on the Board for lay persons and staff.

One important mission of the Board of Directors is to have the highest quality of education possible for PP&K students, while having the most reasonable tuition price in our area, which allows the school to reach as many students as possible. Support of churches and community is critical to the success of this mission.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts Protestant classes.

Checks may be made to Protestant Preschool & Kindergarten and are 100% tax-deductible. A special offering will be received on **February 9th** to benefit the school's scholarship fund, which supports qualified, deserving students.



The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940's and is most always the Sunday preceding February 8th. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship

aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith.

On February 9, 2020 First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro is honoring Scout Sunday. First Presbyterian has been the charter sponsor for BSA Troop 0003 since 1934. The current Scout master Ronnie Meeks will be presenting to the Church the original charter for the troop to be displayed in the Church. We welcome all scouts and eagle scouts that have been members of the Goldsboro Troop 0003 to attend worship at 10:00 am. Look forward to seeing you at FPC,



The following members have earned their Eagle Scout rank.

Hugh A. Tate, Jr. (Buck)	Matthew Ryan Jennette
William Jay Derby	Benjamin Layton Grisette
C. Munroe Best III	Wylie Fort Parker
Joh Paul Hunter	Charles Brown Doss
Robert Bruce Malpass	Frederick Cliff McCall III
Bradford Dean Gurley	Michael Henry McCall
James Williams Spicer III	Daniel Ginn Richter
	Julius A. Grisette

CAST CALL for *Living Last Supper* 2020! Any men interested in a role in *Living Last Supper* at the Maundy Thursday worship service April 9 should notify Rosalyn Lomax immediately (rosalynlomax@gmail.com or text at 919-344-2080). Volunteers will also be needed to help with costumes, makeup, and set. Please pray for this drama to be meaningful to all.



FPC Youth Group meets the first and third Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Please make plans to come and bring a friend. There are games, fun and food at every meeting. The next meetings are February 2 and February 16.

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Young Presbyterians will meet Saturday, February 15

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
For Pre-School and Elementary children.
Snacks are provided.

Presbyterians



Monday – Friday

July 27-31, 2020

If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact

Mary Taneti.



Plans are underway for this summer's mission trip to Chiapas. If you are interested in being a part of the mission team and missed the interest meeting, we encourage you to let us know.

Please call Kim Brogden, Ann Hunter or Sam Hunter for more information.

February Calendar



2	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
	5:00	Youth Group
3	10:00	Congregational Nurture Meeting
	6:30	Evening Circle Meeting
4	9:00	Troubleshooters
	10:00	Morning Circle Meeting
	5:30	Personnel Committee
	7:00	Committee Meetings
5	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
	7:00	Choir
9	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
11	9:00	Troubleshooters
	4:00	Memorials Committee Meeting
	7:00	Diaconate
12	5:30	Wednesday Family Night
	7:00	Choir
15	4:30	Young Presbyterians
16	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
	5:00	Youth Group
18	9:00	Troubleshooters
	7:00	Session
19	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
	7:00	Choir
23	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
25	9:00	Troubleshooters
	9:30	PWCT
26	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
	7:00	Choir