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Reverend Doctor Lonnie Darnell FPC Interim Pastor



The Interim Pastor Committee is happy to present Lonnie Darnell to serve as an interim pastor for our church. He comes from Westview Presbyterian Church in Longmont, Colorado and is bringing his new wife, Roberta (Robbie.)

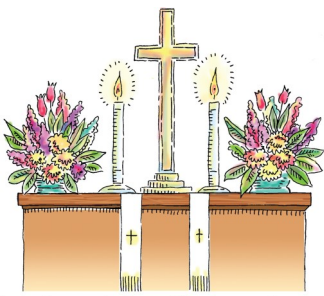
Our committee met with Lonnie several times on webinars, and he and his wife surprised us with a visit to Goldsboro. They surprised us out of respect for the Covid-19 restrictions, and they did not want to put any of us in jeopardy with a scheduled meeting. Needless to say, once we found out they were in town, we rushed out to Hettie's house to meet them, keeping a good social distance away (once we elbow-bumped.) He is very warm-hearted and engaging. Lonnie seems to be a good fit for our church.

Lonnie says that "guiding God's people to respond faithfully instead of reacting fearfully is the big picture of my work, as I try to inspire, build confidence and lead steadily through transitional times and seasons."

Robbie is a social worker, specializing in geriatric and Hospice work. She has two sons, and Lonnie has four sons and a daughter. They have seven grandchildren.

Lonnie will meet with the Committee on Ministry on May 12th, and with their approval, he plans to begin his ministry with us on May 15th.





Worship Schedule

May 3	TBD
May 10	TBD
May 17	Rev. Lonnie Darnell
May 24	Rev. Lonnie Darnell
May 31	Rev. Lonnie Darnell



ELDERS

May 3	Kim Brogden
May 10	Borden Parker
May 17	John Parker
May 24	Ellen Henderson
May 31	Bill Royall

DEACONS

Toby Brown
Pam Jennette
Toby Brown
Tim Haithcock
Teresa Smith



Sue Blackshear and Hettie Grisette



Birthdays of the Month



1	Mr. Bill Royall
	Mr. Randy Sauls
2	Mr. Rick Sumner
4	Mr. Wiley Leonard
7	Mr. George Joseph
9	Katie Graham
15	Mr. Steve Jara
16	Charlotte Suddarth

17	Mary Scott Best
17	Mrs. Sharon Stanley
18	Mrs. Michelle Phillips
19	Mr. Brad Gurley
20	Mrs. Mary Taneti
31	Karis Hawkins
31	Mr. John Rowan



"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know that full well." Psalm 139:14 (NIV)



Congratulations!



Outstanding Older Adult Recognition: Dan and Sue Blackshear

“Love is patient, and love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, and it is not proud. It does not dishonor others nor is it self-seeking. Love always protects, always hopes, always perseveres.” (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

The Blackshears exemplify this definition of love in their works and in their lives.

Dan has served as a Deacon, Elder, member of the PNC committee, member of IPNC committee, and has served three years on our Presbytery's COM committee. A sought-after church committee member, he has served and often chaired our Finance, Building and Grounds, and Personnel committees. At present, Dan heads the Building Committee to replace the windows in our Chapel, Activity Center, and Sanctuary. In addition, he is a faithful member of FPC's Troubleshooters, a group of men who gather every Tuesday to take care of the church, doing everything from putting up our Chrismon tree to painting to fixing toilets. Dan's intelligent insight and breadth of knowledge are welcomed assets to any committee on which he serves.

Sue serves as co-chair of Presbyterian Women's Nourishing committee. She pinpoints and addresses needs of our congregation whether establishing meals to take to shut ins, visiting, and sending cards. She also serves on Chancel Guild, Congregational Nurture, chair of Funeral committee and is a liaison to the A-Day-Away preschool program at our church. Sue puts beauty in planting and maintaining glorious pansies, tulips, hydrangeas – whatever is in season - to greet people as they enter through the portico of our church.

Generosity defines Sue and Dan. They opened their home for a church social where members gathered to eat and laugh together. They painted the parking lot lines at our church for our hosting of Presbytery. They often, at their expense, give gifts to our wonderful staff, minister, and A-Day-Away childcare workers.

This devoted couple, married for 52 years with two children and 4 grandchildren, work very hard for our mission projects. They are always willing to haul furniture, sort clothes, set up yard sale items - whatever is needed. They support every aspect of our church: Bible study, fellowship dinners, committees, church services among others. They serve our Lord, the minister, the staff, and the congregation with loving, cheerful generosity. Sue and Dan, this special couple understand the gospel and live it every day.





If you are a graduate, or parent of a graduate, please contact Mary at fpcgoldce@ncrrbiz.com.

High school graduates please list the school graduating from and the college you plan to attend.

College graduates, please list the college and the degree you earned.

The **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund** has been established to support FPC members to further their education. FPC seeks to nurture and support our young members training for vocations and careers. The monetary award will depend upon the amount of monies available and number of applicants selected. The application can be obtained by contacting Mary Taneti and must be submitted to the church office. The monetary award will be mailed in the fall. No formal presentation will be made.

I PRAY WE DON'T GO BACK TO NORMAL

1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
2. I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.
3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant, I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship, that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.
6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, go to a gathering, etc.

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal.

My goal is to pray more, love harder and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago.

Be Blessed Today!

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