

# The PRESSbyterian

Summer Edition

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August 2023



August  
BIRTHDAYS

The **Blessing of the Backpacks** will be held Sunday, August 27 during worship. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to church. Whether you're in daycare, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, or graduate school, we hope you'll bring your school bag. We also invite anyone who works in education (teachers, administrators, support staff, etc.) to bring their work bags, too!

Sarah Coggins

Youth and Children's Director

8/1	Cole Price	8/17	Phyllis Buie
	Gene Wilkes		Tanner Walen
8/4	Preston Walter	8/18	Zachary Leonard
8/5	Estelle Dominick	8/20	Rebekkah Brailsford
	Bowen Turner	8/21	Gordon Huddleston
8/7	Tripp Plummer III		Alexander Richardson
8/8	Olivia Strickland	8/22	Angela Burroughs
8/9	Curt Campbell	8/23	Billie Alexander
	Kay Stroman		Sandra Smoak
8/10	Robbie Myers	8/25	Sarah Johnstone
8/11	Jill Waters		Walker Whalen
8/12	Lyn Cuttino	8/26	Ed Dickson
8/13	Eddie Adicks	8/27	Robbie Gillespie
	Erin Richardson	8/28	Bill Clark
8/14	Sidney Adicks		Gerald Myers
8/15	David Bull	8/29	William Kuck
	Morrison Burroughs		Josh Ridley
8/16	Florie Brailsford	8/30	Tita Massie
	Laura Hewitt	8/31	Cammy Adicks

## GENERAL FUND 2023

For month ending June 30, 2023

General Fund Income

General Fund Budgeted Expenses

Month

\$43,867.42

\$47,359.58\*

-\$3,492.16

Year-to-Date

\$229,472.45

\$240,081.28\*

-\$10,608.83

\*Includes \$9,450.00 transfer to Missions.

## SAVE THE DATE

- August 27 - Study Bibles will be presented to Bourne Burroughs, Charlotte Nexsen and Charley Sterling. We pray you will be present to show support for these children and their families.
- August 27 - Blessing of the Backpacks at 11 a.m.
- August 27 - Deacon's Fall Fellowship at 6 p.m.
- Adult Sunday School - Meet in the John Knox Room at 10 a.m.
  - August 6: Jesus Reinstates Peter
  - August 13: Hot Jesus
  - August 20: Lord of the Harvest  
The Stoning of Stephen
  - August 27: Rahab  
Samson

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It is time for our youth Handbell choir to start ringing again. We will start rehearsals on September 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the handbell room. We are planning to play during the Christmas program, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> here at FPCO so go ahead and put that on your calendar. This choir is open to all middle and high school youth. Let's make this the best year for ringing yet.

In Christ,

Raymond E. Tucker



CHILDREN'S  
*Handbell Choir*

The Youth Kickoff will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Centre. Everyone in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!

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We are excited to begin a new children's program in September. The "Little Lambs" class will welcome toddlers, ages 3 and under, to joyfully sing, move, and play instruments while learning of God's love. "Miss" Trudy is looking forward to seeing all little lambs from First Pres, friends, neighbors, grandchildren, and children of the community. The Little Lambs, along with their adult, will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 4:00-4:30 in the downstairs choir room. We hope that you will plan to join the fun on any or all of the Sundays that work for you!

Trudy Frierson (803) 516-1552



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I am excited to tell you about a change to our Childrens Choir coming this fall. Cheryl Smith, Juliane Shuler and I had a meeting with the youth leader from Unity Church here in Orangeburg . We are pleased to announce that we will be combining our Childrens Choir with the children from Unity. The date is Sunday Sept 10, at 6:00 for choir and orff instruments. This choir will be open to children Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We have great fun plans for this upcoming fall and Christmas season . Don't miss out, come and be part of this exciting new choir adventure.

In Christ.

Raymond E. Tucker



# SAVE THE DATE

## **9/11 Remembrance: In Honor and Memory of First Responders**

A service dedicated to our First Responders, followed by a covered dish luncheon.



First Presbyterian Church  
650 Summers Ave  
Orangeburg, SC 29115



Sunday, September  
10th 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Come and join us!**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## GOD IS IN CHARGE

Have you ever read a devotion that just would not “let go” but remained in your thoughts for a long time? I have had three such devotions recently.

One was “The Wisdom of Waiting” and the scripture was “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you” (2 Peter 3:9). There were Biblical characters who were impatient and forged ahead of God. One prime example is Abram and Sarai who did not wait for Isaac and caused carnage in the wake of their rush. For many of us, it is easier to go ahead with our own plans than to wait on God. We all know in our heads that God’s timing is perfect, but we just forget and forge ahead because it is easier to work than to trust and wait. Like Abraham we may find that there is something worse than waiting on God and that is not waiting on God. The consequences can be dire. God’s timing is perfect and though it may be difficult to wait that is what we are called to do. While waiting, we must trust God to work out His good plan.

A second devotion was entitled, “From Lament to Praise” and the scripture is *Habakkuk* 3:18, “I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my savior.” This was timely in my life. Remember, Habakkuk lamented “God’s inaction, or what he perceived as God’s inaction, regarding the people in power who perverted justice”.

God heard his laments and Habakkuk learned to wait in faith meanwhile praising and rejoicing in God. He didn’t understand God’s ways, but he trusted Him. I have found myself with many laments and it is difficult to add praise. Both are acts of faith and expressions of trust. We trust God enough to go to Him with laments as a way of appealing to God and should praise Him that He is a God who welcomes all our feelings whether lament or praise. We, also, praise Him for Who He is---our amazing and

almighty Savior. One day all laments will turn to praise. Meanwhile for every lament I have, I try to find a praise element.

And finally, from “New Morning Mercies” and I quote, “Here’s the bottom line. The Christian life, the church, our faith are not about us. They are about Him.....His plan, His Kingdom, His glory.

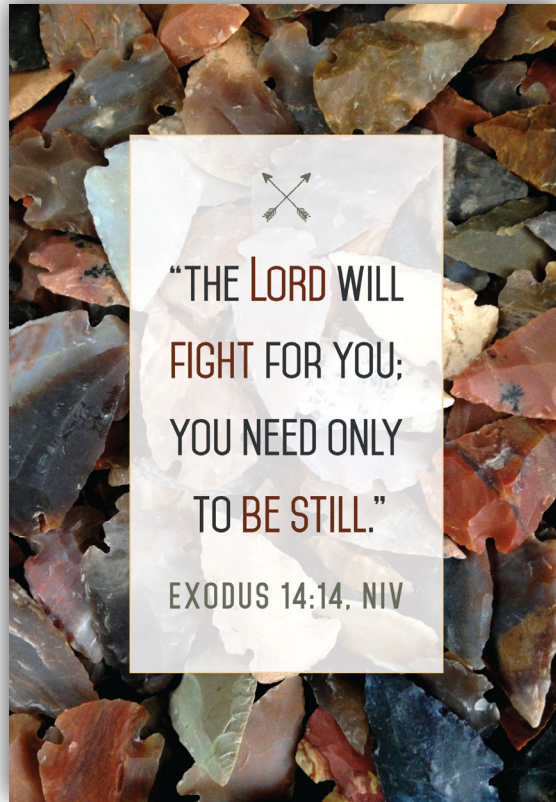
Three ideas from three different sources but interrelated and the bottom line is God is in charge! Have faith and trust.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Please grant me patience as I wait on Your timing. I know You have a plan for me. Help me trust You completely as I struggle with short-sighted impatience. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

**Challenge:** Step into the plan God has for you waiting patiently to see what He will do in and through you.

In Christ,

Kaye Borgstedt



# PRAYER LIFE

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORANGEBURG



## Prayer Cross

A tall wooden cross currently in the McLees gallery. The instructions on the cross say to take a slip of paper out of the bag, write your non-urgent not confidential prayer request and put it on a nail on the cross. If you want a prayer note, please include the full name and address. Intercessors will check the cross each week and pray.



## Intercessors

Tuesday Intercessors meet in the sanctuary at 11a every Tuesday. The primary focus is praying that our church will be filled with God's glory, be a house of worship overflowing with prayer, love and praise and that all our ministries will strengthen our relationship with God, each other and will reach the unchurched. Prayers are silent. We also pray for six families each week and send cards to them letting them know they have been lifted up in prayer. Praying for congregational and community needs is another part of Tuesday Intercessors. The sanctuary is open every Tuesday from 11a to 1p, and all are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for any length of time.



## Prayer Cards

If you are sitting in the sanctuary and want prayer for yourself and/or someone else, take advantage of the prayer request card in the pew racks. Complete the card and put it in the offering plate and intercessors will receive it. We will lift up your request and send notes if requested.

## Prayer Room

For those who may not know, it is combined with our library and is the last room upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. It is a comfortable place for meditation and prayer. There are prayer activities, prayer guides and books on prayer available if desired.

## Prayer Chain

First Presbyterian Church connects those who share a prayer need with a group of their church family members to offer prayer requests. You may submit a prayer request by sending an email to [prayer.request@1stpresbyterian.org](mailto:prayer.request@1stpresbyterian.org) or call the church office at 803-534-0088 and request extension 6 to leave a voicemail. Both of these sites are checked regularly, and any prayer requests are submitted to our prayer chain members through an email. If you wish to be added to our prayer chain group or to have your contact information updated, please contact Suzanna Crabb or Dawn Strickland so you will be included in future emails and share in lifting up these concerns in prayer.

## Confidential Prayer Group

While all of our pray-ers have been asked to keep requests private, many are public knowledge. We do have a confidential prayer intercessory group. This is a small group who have pledged to keep everything confidential. When you have a prayer need but want it to be confidential, Call 803 707 2225 (Kaye Borgstedt). The request will be labelled confidential and passed on to this group.

## Intercessory Prayer Groups



There are two intercessory prayer groups at First Presbyterian Church. One group meets at 12:30 pm each Tuesday to pray and use the weekly Congregational Care report as a guide for whom we pray. We also pray for any other prayer requests submitted by members of the congregation that week. Those for whom we pray receive a written note, letting them know that prayers have been lifted on their behalf.

## From the Word

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."  
-Ephesians 6:18



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Trust in the LORD  
*with all your heart,*  
and do not lean  
on your own  
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



**August 2023**

## MEMORIALS

### Given in Memory of

James "Jack" Dempsey

Steve Hinrichs

Margaret Weathers

### Given By

Shelby and Delle Bolen

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Irick

John and Jane Schuler