

The PRESSbyterian

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April 2017

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9 Palm Sunday
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to breakfast in the Centre. Come and enjoy good food and watch an artist paint Holy Week.

Service of Worship 11:00 a.m.

April 13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

April 14 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

A Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held in our sanctuary. The First Baptist Choir will join our Chancel Choir to present music of the season. Both ministers will participate in the service, which will also include poetry readings and the extinguishing of candles.

April 16 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Thursday and Sunday.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

We were elected to the PNC last April. However, it was June before we met and started to work. We determined early on that our church website needed updating. This was completed by late September and in October we began our search for our next pastor.

The PCUSA system provided us with some 35 candidates from our initial match. We were advised to tweak our requirements and try again. We received another match which provided us some 25 more candidates. We also received a number of recommendations from church members. As our Ministry Information Form continues to be in the system, we are continually getting self referrals from Pastors that are interested in moving.

Our PNC is constantly listening to sermons online. We are also visiting pastors, both in state and out of state, that we feel may be a good 'fit' for 1st Presbyterian.

Our PNC appreciates your prayers and your patience. We also solicit your recommendations.

Our PNC has faith that God is preparing us and our next minister. We ask for your continuing prayers and support.

Our PNC: Cal Bruner, Suzanna Crabb, Amy Delaney, Ann Edwards, Leslie Lovelace, Gerald Myers, and Kathryn Nexsen.

Please visit our website. It is quite attractive and informative.



A musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar,
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Music by Buryl Red
Book and Lyrics by Grace Hawthorne

Presented by the Carol and Crusader Choirs

Wednesday night, April 5, 2017
6:30 p.m.
in the church sanctuary

THE SINGING PANTHERS

The Claflin Men's Ensemble

Wednesday night, April 19, 2017
6:30 p.m.
in the Centre

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01	Abigail Sterling	4/24	Charles Clanton
4/02	Bari Cuttino		Ruth Horger
	Augustus Burroughs		Dodd Buie
4/10	Ben Davis	4/25	Lee Shroads
4/15	Robert Richardson		Kim Reed
4/17	Bill Thomas	4/26	Jean Davis
	Jim Fowler	4/28	Peggy Crocker
	Drew Shuler		Janet Branan
4/18	Rachel Crane Brown		John Hutto
4/19	Hayla Banish		Courtney Sterling
4/22	Emily Shepherd		Madison Felder
	Carson Gué		Rylee Wofford
			Charley Sterling
		4/29	Leslie Lovelace
		4/30	Walt Turner

PRIME TIME NEWS

- On April 18, 2017, the PRIMETIMERS will tour the Ellore Museum and have lunch in Santee. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:45.
- May 16— Gerald and Elise Myers have invited PRIMETIMERS to their river house for lunch. More details later.

APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1	Wednesday, April 12	10:15 a.m.
	Conference Room	
Circles 2 & 4	Tuesday, April 11	10:00 a.m.
	Conference Room	
Circle 3	Tuesday, April 27	6:00 p.m.
	Thai Orchid Restaurant	

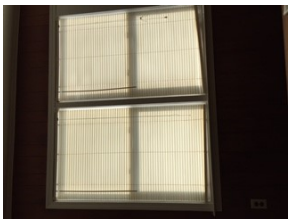
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIVING FAITHFULLY
BELIEVING

SERVING BOLDLY
DOING

Our minister, Dr. Massie, has been preaching a series of sermons on prayer and he said, "The purpose of prayer is having a relationship with God and we should pray persistently and with expectation. The greatest benefit of prayer is not results but a relationship with God. God knows all about us and prayer is the way for us to know God."

Do the following pictures relate to your prayer experience?



On March 12, Dr. Massie mentioned a wall between the pray-er and God. I know, sometimes, I feel as if my prayer is going nowhere and that I am totally closed off.

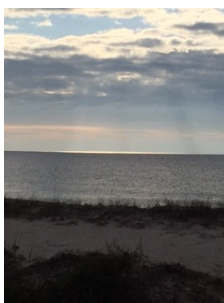
Feeling a little closer to God, but still have "things" getting in the way.



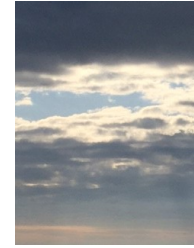
Making progress. Me. Not God. He has not changed nor moved.



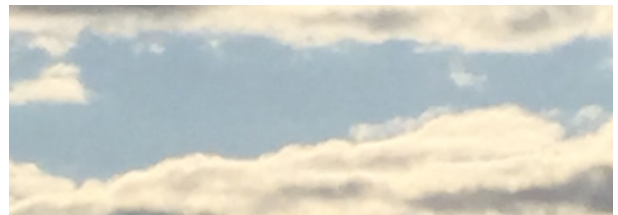
The "rays" shining down tell me God is still reaching for me. Even though we can't see the sun, we know it is there, just as we also know God is always there.



God is right where He has always been. He is clearing my path.



Totally open.



This is not to say, prayer is a progression and goes thru steps. These are just pictures of how I have felt at various times. We know God has not moved. I have. God has not changed. I have. He is always present and open and desires a relationship with His children. Some more excerpts from Dr. Massie. "Prayer is more than speaking and thinking. Words are important but so is the heart which we need to expand in the presence of God. Speaking, silence, listening and focused attention are all part of prayer."

THOUGHT: Again from Dr. Massie—if we pray with expectations and persistently, we "reveal our sincerity, deepen our faith, underscore our dependent need for God, strengthen our bond with God, keep our focus on God, and helps us remember on what we need to work." As Christians, how can we not pray-----even if we feel a wall or closeness. Pray persistently and with expectation.

PRAYER: Lord, Help me pray, Amen.

In His Service,
Kaye
Director of Christian Education

NOTES OF THANKS

I am absolutely overwhelmed with the goodness of the members of First Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg. I would practically have to print a new Directory to express my gratitude for all your prayers, visits, cards, gifts, food, etc. and Denise won't let me use that much space. So, in the space I do have, please know how much I love each and every one of you. My rehab is continuing nicely and there is and has been zero pain since surgery weeks ago.

I look forward to complete restoration of activity and, as always, I'll see you in church.

Blessed indeed,
Nancy Runager

PRESCHOOL NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 2	Smith
April 9	Holladay
April 16	Turner
April 23	Myers
April 30	Wolfe

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

April 2	Coggins
April 9	Riley
April 16	Burroughs
April 23	Guè
April 30	Ridley

GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAYS—6:30 P.M.

April 5	<i>It's Cool in the Furnace</i> Children's Choirs
April 19	The Singing Panthers Claflin Men's Ensemble
April 26	Church Variety Show

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Katalin Elizabeth Brambltt

and

Stephen Garrett Jordan

March 18, 2017

April Sunday School Teacher Schedule for Children and Youth

Middle and High School

April 2	Catherine and Lyn Cuttino
April 9	Palm Sunday Breakfast
April 16	Katherine and Craig Smith
April 23	Catherine and Lyn Cuttino
April 30	Katherine and Josh Nexsen

Pre-school –first grade

April 2	Kim Reed
April 9	Palm Sunday breakfast
April 16	Sandra Borgstedt
April 23	Kaye Borgstedt
April 30	Kim Reed and Marcia Wood

Second thru fifth Grades

April 2	Jane Holladay
April 9	Palm Sunday Breakfast
April 16	
April 23	Geni and David Gillespie
April 30	Joni and Lawrence Thackston

MEMORIALS

Given in Memory of

Mrs. Jeneal Huddleston
Mrs. Lee Ann Wofford
Ms. Nancy Cassone

Mrs. Laura Weathers
Mr. Mikey Bozard
Mrs. Bobbie Miller

Mrs. Betty Cruise
Dr. Henry Frierson
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Nancy and Francis Burriss
Dr. Daniel Massie
Dr. James Edinger
Mr. Lee Richardson
Ms. Michelle Tindall
Mrs. Darlene Paul
Mr. Ray Davis
Ms. Jean Gasque
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Chuck and Joyce Cleveland
Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Matthews
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shuler
Sandy and Caroline Bryant
Tom and Lynette Moss
The Dove Club
Dr. and Mrs. James Harvey
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hungerpillar, III
Wayne and Lynn Axson
Mrs. Nancy Ayers
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dudley
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Anne and Flynn Bowie and the Bowie Family

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650 Summers Avenue
Orangeburg, SC 29115
Return Service Requested



April 2017

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 3
6:00 p.m.

We will have a delicious supper
and honor our
more experienced folks.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Beginning June 4, there will be one adult class.
Dr. Massie will teach and will begin with a study
on the book of Ruth. All adults will meet in the
fellowship hall.