

# The PRESSbyterian

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## FROM THE PASTOR



Sometimes we need a few things... However, we need God all the time.

I know summer can be a busy time. We have so much to accomplish in just a few short months, but remember the most important part of yourself. Remember to nurture and care for your soul even as you enjoy what summer offers.

Take time and pray each day. Take a few minutes and focus your attention on the needs of others. Give thanks! Read your Bible. If you are traveling and out of town on a Sunday, find a church near you and attend. If you are here in Orangeburg, come and worship with us. Enjoy the mall, the lake, the beach, the mountains, a good laugh, your friends, your family and also some rest.

Perhaps dial back the frenetic pace and consider Jesus' words to us from Matthew's Gospel:

"Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

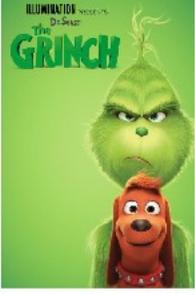
"If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes." (The Message, Eugene Peterson.)

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,  
Pastor Darren

## Summer Movies at First Presbyterian

Each of the movies will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Centre, and we'll have popcorn and drinks. You may want to bring a comfy chair or a beanbag.

<p><b>Wednesday, June 12</b></p> 	<p><b>Wednesday, June 26</b></p> 
<p><b>Wednesday, July 17</b></p> 	<p><b>Wednesday, August 7</b></p> 

## URGENT

We are in need of intercessors to pray on Wednesdays. We meet in the prayer room upstairs in the Centre at 11:45 and the focus is on praying for our church: minister and all staff, officers and congregation. We have prayer guides. Notes that we have prayed are sent to our members.

At 1:00 p.m. in the conference room, we pray for those on the congregational care update and any other requests. We have sample prayers. Once again notes are sent indicating we have prayed.

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry even if you cannot commit to every week. Contact Kaye Borgstedt for more information or if you can join us.

## FPC Meal Angels



For those times when filling their table will warm their hearts.

Over the past year, Meal Angels has turned to technology, using Take Them a Meal to schedule meals for our church members. Over one hundred meals have been prepared and delivered to church family members who have been ill, recovering from illness, bereaved, or experiencing some challenge in life. The numbers of volunteers to prepare meals has grown significantly as meal preparers choose dates and menus that suit their schedules.

We realize that there may be some members who might want to participate in this valuable ministry that do not have access to the internet. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Janet Gilchrist at 378-3221 or Lessie Gayle Dickson at 378-9333 to be added to the list of volunteers. *All we need is your email address or a desire to help.*

This First Presbyterian ministry is extremely rewarding to everyone involved. We need you too! [Takethemameal.com](http://Takethemameal.com)



## DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to everyone who prayed in our sanctuary on the National Day of Prayer. Lots of our church members and others prayed and we had someone in the sanctuary for most of the 24 hours. Also, we appreciate those who prayed at home or elsewhere. Let's use the "Love one Another" brochure as a guide for continuing to pray. Let's take this country back for God by praying and loving one another.

Kaye Borgstedt



## TO MARS AND BEYOND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10-14

Join First Presbyterian June 10-14 for **To Mars And Beyond VBS** for a fun filled time of learning about Jesus! All children 3K (completed) through 5th grade (completed) are invited.

Please register online at

<https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/1stpresbyterian/>

by June 1, as the registration website will be closed after that date.

The cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. This includes a T-shirt and one CD per family! Money can be turned in to the church office or mailed (536 Stanley Street, Orangeburg 29115). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and include VBS in the memo line. Once you've paid, you can pick up your VBS CD, so your child can begin learning all of the fun, new songs! If you want to ensure that your child gets a certain shirt size, you need to register by May 15.

We also need youth and adult volunteers! If you'd like to help during VBS, please sign up at

<https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/1stpresbyterian/>.

Sarah Coggins

## BETHELWOODS CAMP-IN-A-VAN JULY 15-19

Bethelwoods Camp-In-A-Van will be July 15-19 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. until noon on Friday).

All children 5K (completed) through 5th grade (completed) are invited to join us for an exciting day camp at the Centre. The camp will be led by counselors from Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center and will include games, Bible stories, songs, crafts, and fun!



There are only 30 spaces available, so register soon! Registration forms are available on the church website, and you can drop off registration forms at the church office or email them to Sarah at [scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org](mailto:scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org). The cost is \$25 per child, and this includes lunch each day.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian and put "Bethelwoods" and your child's name on the memo line.

Sarah Coggins

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## PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our congregation to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PCUSA, for children, youth, and young adult volunteers. This offering will be received on Sunday, June 9.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Dear fellow church members,

I would like to give a word of thanks to all who have prayed for me during the past 60 days. The cards have been most appreciated and have lifted my spirit during this difficult illness. As a new member to the church I have felt most cared for and I thank God for guiding me to First Presbyterian.

Yours truly,  
Bobby Vaughn

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## LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

At *THE OAKS*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 ♦ 11:30 A.M.

*THE OAKS DINING ROOM*



To minimize the disruption of residents and guests and insure adequate seating arrangements, reservations must be confirmed by noon on Tuesday, June 4. Call Norma Shaffer (516-6135) if you wish to come. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception

Desk in Woodard Commons.

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01	Hugh Smith	6/18	Darren Bess
	Will Hutto	6/19	Shawn Boltin
6/02	Ren Albergotti	6/21	Cal Bruner
6/03	Lillian Whalen		Anne Griffin Tafel
6/05	Shelby Bolen	6/22	Jay Nexsen
	Martin Gilchrist	6/23	Herb Bradley
	Lyn Byrd	6/25	Gail Tourville
	Kaden Kell	6/27	Karen Johnson
6/07	Vivienne Hutto		Vicky Ware
6/13	Delaney Ridley		Clay Price
6/14	Reuben Ridgeway	6/29	Melissa Camp
6/15	Pat Bartholomew		
	Morgan Gué		

## ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning June 2 and continuing thru August 25 the adult classes will be combined and meet in the fellowship hall. If you are not currently attending Sunday school, try this combined class for the summer.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS-JUNE

**NURSERY:** Leslie Lovelace

### 4 AND 5 K

June 2	Kaye Borgstedt
June 9	Tracy and Robbie Myers
June 16	Tracy and Robbie Myers
June 23	Kaye Borgstedt
June 30	Jane Jeffords

### ELEMENTARY

June 2	Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
June 9	Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
June 16	
June 23	Susan and Jimmy Smoak
June 30	Catherine Cuttino

**YOUTH:** Katherine and Craig Smith

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

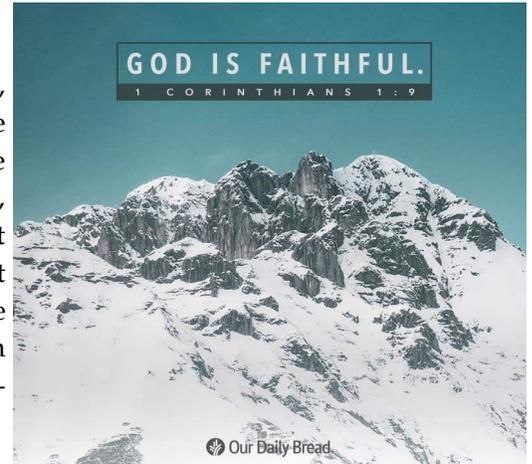
## CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

## LIVING FAITHFULLY

*"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* Galatians 5:22-23.

Let's look at FAITHFULNESS.

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear/read the word, faithfulness? To what are you faithful? To whom are you faithful? The children know that God is always a good answer as do adults but do we have other loyalties that are put ahead of God? Family, friends, work, sports and the list goes on and on. Did you ever think about what it would be like if God responded to us as we relate to Him? Scary thought for many of us. Thank God for His grace and mercy extended to us. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: great is [God's] faithfulness." Lamentations 3: 21-23



Every day God is faithfully there. Every day God renews his faithfulness to us. As with the other fruits, love, joy, kindness, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, and self-control, God gives us the fruit of faithfulness to enable us to use it to worship and serve Him. Remembering His faithfulness in the past helps give us confidence in Him today and tomorrow.

In Hebrews 11, we read about what happened by the faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham. How would the passage end if it said, by faith \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in your name)?

"God who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord is faithful." 1 Corinthians 1:9 and 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." In addition to these verses and the quote from Lamentations there are close to 200 verses about faithful/faithfulness in the Bible. Which is your favorite?

We know God's ways are truly far greater than our ways. He is faithful and will never abandon us! We know and need to remember the unfathomable reliability and dependability of God. So, let us respond to God's faithfulness with joy, awe, and the security of knowing that God is working in the darkest and brightest days of our lives.

God,  
even when we're faithless,  
You're faithful.

**Thought:** Accept God's unconditional love and faithfulness and let Him guide your life. Step back and let go. Feel the meaning God has for your life. Use this to become a joy to others!

**Prayer:** Dear Lord and Father, Sometimes it is easy to get discouraged when faced with challenges. Help us to persevere and grant us the strength to be faithful to what you have called us to do. Help us to recognize that challenges are designed not to break us but to bend us to your will. Amen.

Serving together in love,

Kaye Borgstedt

# CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE!

Congratulations to Copeland Reed who graduated from Calhoun Academy on May 24. He will be attending Clemson University.



## FLOWER FUND OPPORTUNITY

A Living Flower Fund has been established at our church through the gift of anonymous donors. Money from this fund is to be used to purchase and plant annuals and perennials on the church grounds. Additional gifts can be made to this fund through memorial gifts or gifts in honor of someone. Checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church designating the money for the Living Flower Fund.



# Hands of Christ Collection

Help us support the children of Rivelon Elementary (PreK— 2nd grade) by contributing items for Hands of Christ. You can leave your items in the labelled boxes in the Centre lobby through July.

<p><b>Classroom Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand sanitizer</li> <li>• Baby wipes</li> <li>• Clorox/Lysol wipes</li> <li>• Ziploc bags (quart/gallon)</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Children's Books</b> (New or gently used)</p> 
<p><b>Children's Socks</b> (New)</p> <p>Sizes needed— Girls &amp; Boys /Small, Medium, and Large</p> 	<p><b>Children's Underwear</b> (New)</p> <p>Sizes Needed—Girls &amp; Boys/ Sizes 6-10</p> 

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

Are you or a family member a recent college graduate? If so, please contact the church office so that we may recognize this accomplishment. Email Denise at [dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org](mailto:dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org) or call 534-0088.

## GENERAL FUND 2019

For month ending April 30, 2019

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$52,355.80	\$193,914.80
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	\$48,283.86	\$155,032.92 *
	\$ 4,071.94	\$ 38,881.88

\* Includes 1st quarter \$5,000 transfer to Missions account.

# HOPE 2018

Our older adults enjoyed a Wednesday night in May dedicated to honoring them. Special thanks to the cooks, kitchen workers, facilitators, and planners who made this night possible.



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## **MEMORIALS**

### **In Memory of:**

Mrs. Katherine Campbell  
Dr. Gerald "Geb" Runager

### **GIVEN BY:**

Mr. Donald R. Frampton  
Mr. and Mrs. Moss Perrow, Jr.  
Mrs. Millie Colvin  
Ms. Katherine Zeigler

A decorative graphic featuring several sunflowers with yellow centers and brown petals, along with green leaves and stems. The background is a teal color with a white rounded rectangle containing text.

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flower calendar has open dates on August 4 and November 10. If you wish to beautify our sanctuary by placing flowers in the church on one of these Sundays call Katherine Patterson (536-5340).