

First News

"To be a light in our community reflecting Christ's love and compassion"

From the Pastor's Desk...

- **BIBLE STUDY:** I am excited to invite you to join us for "Wednesdays Together" Bible Study beginning Wednesday, November 8! This is a study for ALL adults...and I hope you will invite your friends and neighbors. We will gather at 6:30, in the Fellowship Hall, for a time of fellowship and exploring God's Word!

Our first study will be "Fear Free Evangelism". Evangelism is at the heart of who we are as a community of faith...and it is really at the heart of living into our vision statement, "To be a light in our community reflecting Christ's love and compassion..." So, what is evangelism? How do we do evangelism? How do we overcome our fear and anxiety of evangelism? These are some of the questions and ideas we will be exploring. This study will begin on November 8 and end on December 13...but we will be taking the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off.

Make your plans now to join us...and go ahead and invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Dress is casual...and don't forget your Bible!

- **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** is quickly approaching...mark your calendars for Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. This year we (yes, First Presbyterian Church) will be the host church. This is a great event where churches of different denominations and traditions come together to worship our common God! Following the service of worship there will be a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- Each Sunday morning at 10:00, we have people gathering together throughout the church...for Sunday School. Sunday School is an important ministry of this, and all, churches. It is in Sunday School that we build friendships and connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ; it is in Sunday School that we not only hear and study stories in the Bible, but can ask questions; Sunday School is a time to grow in our faith. We offer a class for all ages of children and youth, as well as three different adult Sunday School classes...each one a little different...so one should meet your needs. If you don't currently have a class that you attend regularly I invite you to come visit one of our classes until you find the one that meets your needs.
- **TIME CHANGE:** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4!

Remember...together we CAN grow God's Church!

- Pastor Joe

The office has been updating our records and trying to make everything as accurate as possible. Please take the time to make sure all phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdays, etc. are in the church database. Thank you!



November 2017 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, November: Joan Dorsett

November 5, Daylight Saving Time Ends

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Communion

1 Chronicles 29:14-18 "But Who Am I?"

Nursery Attendant: Diane Scott

Sound Team: Jonathan Medford

Communion Servers: Mandy Horne, Fuller Royal, Debbie Viets, Ben Kilpatrick (juice), Sally Medford (bread)

November 12

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1 "From Good to Very Good"

Nursery Attendant: Will Scott

Sound Team: Fuller Royal

November 19

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 1:12b-14 "With a Grateful Heart"

Nursery Attendant: Janet Royal

Sound Team: Jim Brooks

November 26

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Revelation 1:4b-8 "Christ Our King"

Nursery Attendant: Suzanne Blackmon

Sound Team: Josh Horne



Cents-Ability was kicked off on Sunday, October 15th.

The Cents-ability Offering will be taken on the **last** Sunday of each month.

A goal of \$500 will be set for December. Banks are available in the Narthex.

25% raised remains at our congregation (percentage decided upon by our presbytery),

70% is used for international mission,

25% used for local area grants within the presbytery, and 5% used for administrative expenses.

Session Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, moderated by Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn. Items discussed were:

1. Dr. Washburn reported on his activities during the prior month. He continued to encourage the session to stay connected and involved.
2. Hospice gave a copier to our church and the clerk sent them a thank you note for the donation.
3. A review of the current year to date statement of income and expenditures, including an increase in giving since Joe arrived. The stewardship campaign will be kicked off with the fish fry October 25, 2017.
4. \$500 has been approved to purchase TV equipment for the nursery.
5. Nominees for Elders for the 2018 election will be completed soon.
6. A multimedia policy.
7. Securing an annual copyright license for print, audio and video and include in the budget starting in 2018.
8. The baptism of River Langdon Scott, son of Katherine and Ethan Scott, on November 26, 2017.
9. Hosting the community wide Thanksgiving Service the Sunday before Thanksgiving, 2017.
10. Approved the use of the Pastor's Loan Fund in the amount of approximately \$27,911.00 for the purchase of a home by Joe Washburn. Specifics for the loan will be worked out by Joe Washburn and the Nuts and Bolts committee prior to closing on the home.
11. Approved to call a congregational meeting to: 1) Reduce the number of elders from five to four for each class of elders. and 2) Elect the elders for the class of 2018.
12. Request for the ladies of FPC to use the church crib nursery as a Ladies Exercise Room.
13. Approved a gifts and memorials committee as a subcommittee to the Worship Committee.

A Note from The Outreach Committee:

FPC will once again be holding a Sole Hope Shoe Cutting party! This program aims to outfit people in Uganda with shoes to prevent jiggers in feet, and to provide a sustainable job and income for Ugandans. The party will be held in the fall, and even though a date has not been finalized, there is a way to help now. Each shoe pattern we send off needs to be sponsored for \$10--this includes shipping, extra materials, and payment for the Tailors and Shoemakers. If you are interested in helping sponsor a pair of shoes (or several!), please make your check out to FPC with "Sole Hope" in the memo line.



Training will be provided for all who will serve in our church's ministry to take our light into the world through our Livestreaming Ministry. At least two people are needed each Sunday to work on a rotating basis. Older youth are encouraged to volunteer to assist the adult in charge. Please notify Karen in the church office if you would be willing to commit to this ministry of our church.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be collected the week of November 13th. We hope to collect 50 shoeboxes.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>
What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

What goes in my shoebox?

Start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. See our gift suggestions according to age and gender listed for other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to fill the shoebox.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>



Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

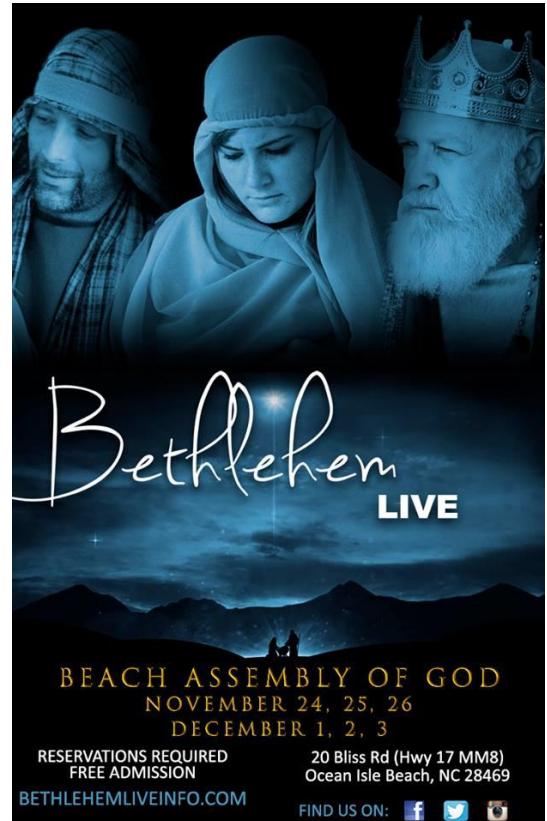
How to Pack a Shoebox

1 Find a Shoebox Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.	2 Girl or Boy? Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.	3 Fill with Gifts Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4 Pray Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.	5 Follow Your Box Labels Donate \$9 online and receive a tracking label to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.	6 Drop-Off Take your shoebox gift to the church office during National Collection Week, November 13–20.

YOUTH Ministry

The youth had a Back to School event in September at the “new” Coke & Janet Gray cottage. It was a very nice afternoon of boat rides, food and fellowship. Thank you to the Grays and the other parents that contributed food. Some of the youth also participated in the meal preparation for the Rise Against Hunger Project. In October, we watched a great movie about a modern-day Joseph story called “Seasons of Gray”. Thank you to Mr. Robert and Ms. Judy Nelson for the delicious Taco Pie and brownies! We are also doing pumpkin carving and helping with games for the Trunk or Treat.

We have reserved 25 spots to go see “Bethlehem LIVE” at Ocean Isle Beach on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 8:30 pm. All youth please sign up ahead of time. We would like all to attend. If spots are still available, we will open them up to the congregation. This event is free, but reservations were needed and out of the 1000 reservations, all are taken!



Stay up to date at www.fpcwhiteville.org/calendar

Our hen house needs more hens! Please join us on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. If you can't join us at this time but can knit or crochet at home, contact Judy Nelson to get yarn and patterns. Our ministry is growing faster than we can produce!

Dolls are being made for children and adults in the county who need comfort. Blankets are being made for babies in our church, chemotherapy patients, nursing home residents, Guardian Ad Litem children, and Families First. We continue to make wash cloths to give where needed.

We have dolls and washcloths for your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes if you're interested.

“Knockers” are available when requested.

BIRTHDAYS



2 Scott Caperton
5 Sarah Gray
5 Carrie Medford
6 Carroll Branch
7 Gail Crutchfield
7 Sydney Kilpatrick
8 Kathon Ramey
14 Charlene Hinnant
16 Ri Love
17 Jeff Kindschuh
19 Emily Bannerman
25 Jenifer Hester
27 Jean Lee
27 Paul Woodall
29 Colette Michaud

5 Price Wheatley
10 Mary Eplee
10 Tom Owens
11 Carrie Burney
11 Chris Cook
12 Junius Lee
13 Melena Hester
16 Mary Moody
16 Chris Smith
16 Ken Thurston
18 Kathryn Clark
18 Maggie Horne
18 Sally Smith
19 Sarah Kindschuh
19 David Smith
20 Fran Thomas
21 Madison McLean
22 Meredith McColsky
24 Bob High
27 Debbie Viets
27 Don Viets
28 Natalie Royal



SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19 | 2017

6:00 PM

THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 511 NORTH THOMPSON ST. | WHITEVILLE, NC 28472

Sunday

Pledges Due

November 26

Save the Date!



Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 1:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, November 2:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 5:	Daylight Saving Time Ends Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Youth Meeting - 6:30 pm
Monday, November 6:	Boy Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony - 6:30 pm Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Tuesday, November 7:	Ladies Bible Study concludes, Conference Room - 9:00 am Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am Evening Circle, J. Dorsett, E. Hooks - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 8:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together: Fear Free Evangelism, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 9:	AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Scout Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 11:	Veterans Day
Monday, November 13:	Boy Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Tuesday, November 14:	Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 15:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together: Fear Free Evangelism, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 16:	AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 18:	Presbytery Officer Training, Fellowship Hall 8:30-1:30 pm
Sunday, November 19:	Thanksgiving Service, Sanctuary - 6:00 pm
Monday, November 20:	Boy Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm Oratorio Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm Spiritual Development Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Wednesday, November 22:	Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
Thursday, November 23:	AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm Office Closed
Friday, November 24:	2018 Pledge Cards Due
Sunday, November 26:	Boy Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm
Monday, November 27:	Oratorio Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, November 29:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together: Fear Free Evangelism, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 30:	AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 7:00 pm AA, Community Room - 8:00 pm



November 5, 2017

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