

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Week of March, 2019

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: For the fourth Sunday in Lent we will explore what may be the most well known parable of Jesus, the story of the Good Samaritan. Through this story we are challenged to think about how we really define our neighbor and how do we actually show compassion in our day to day lives. In preparation for Sunday morning worship, I encourage you to read through, and pray over, our passage from Luke 10:25-37.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
- Sermon: "Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself"
- Hymns:
 - "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
 - "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
- Choral Anthem: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
- Offertory Hymn: "Come, Ye sinners, Poor and Needy" (Hymn of the Month)

Sermon Note Sheets: Please remember that if you would like to take notes on the sermon, we make available "Sermon Note" sheets. These can be found in the fellowship pads as well as the Narthex.

Wednesdays Together Bible Study: Throughout the season of Lent we will be in a study entitled, "The Cross of Good Friday" which is an exploration of Psalm 22. Join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Friends and guests are always welcome!

Unify Columbus County: I want to invite you to mark your calendars so you can attend the upcoming "Unify Columbus". This will be an interdenominational and interfaith service that seeks to help us, the residents of Columbus County, to celebrate who we are as a community and to focus on those things that we share in common.

First Presbyterian Church Introduction Cards: Please be sure to pick up our new cards about First Presbyterian Church. On one side you will find information to the times of our regular programs. On the other are all of the ways to follow us on Social Media and live stream. This is a great resource intended to be handed to people you meet or want to invite to join us for worship. These cards can be found in the Narthex and in the church office.

Invite a Friend: Together we can grow God's church...each one bring one! Bring a friend to worship with you!

*In Christ,
Pastor Joe*

March, 2019 Worship Schedule

Head Usher: March: Anne Branch

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself" Luke 10:25-37
Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "Called and Sent" Luke 9:1-6
Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

April 14: Palm Sunday

Sermon: "The God of All Grace" Matthew 21: 1-11
Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

VOLUNTEERS

March 31: A/V: Josh Horne Nursery: Suzanne Blackmon
 April 7: A/V: Jonathan Medford Nursery: Susan Smith
 Flowers: Steve and Paula Smith
 April 14: A/V: Fuller Royal Nursery: Mandy Horne
 *The MVE Committee will pack backpacks on Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Backpack Ministry

1st Sunday: Men of the Church
 2nd Sunday: Young Adult Sunday School
 3rd Sunday: Youth
 4th Sunday: MVE Committee
 * 5th Sunday (as needed): Scouts or
 Young Adult Sunday School

For information on Online Giving through
 the Presbyterian Foundation, go to
<https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> to sign up for
 automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!



April's Family Night Supper will be a week early, Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

BIRTHDAYS



1- Joe Kamberger, 3 – Sidney Gibson, 3 – Diane Scott, 3 – Mary Anne Tyndall, 4 – Steve Smith, 8 – Cooper Ware-Rudnik, 11 – Wyche McColskey, 11 – Will Neisler, 18 – Kim Smith, 18 – Bill Turner, 19 – Kate Meekins, 20 – Doug Spivey, 21 – Ann Coburn, 21 – Liz McLean, 23 – Coke Gray III, 23 – Barbara Grigsby, 24 – Walter Munroe, 24 – Chandler Thurston, 26 – Ginger Scott, 28 – Marty Ensley, 30 – Anne Branch



1- Thad Thomas, 4- Greg Blackmon, 4- Anna Capps, 5- Kim Neisler, 7- Ethan Scott, 10- Judy Harritan, 11- Ellie Horne, 14- Emily Kea Gray, 17- Mark Smith, 18- Liam Scott, 19- Suzanne Blackmon, 19- Nick Logan, 22- Margaret Gray, 24- Miriam Davenport, 25- Janet Royal, 25- Rachel Smith, 30- Miriam Schulken.

- ***Congratulations to Emily Owens on the birth of her great-granddaughter Margaret Walker, born to her granddaughter Miranda and her husband on March 14, 2019.***
- ***Sympathy to Mark Smith and his family upon the death of his father, Don Smith, on Thursday, March 21, 2019.***

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Walter Strickland; Will Thompson.

Assisted Care: Arlene Blaha; Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Grace Palmer; Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston.

Friends:

Pat Allen – *friend of Butch Row, cancer*
 Sara and Rob Armstrong
 Annette Caldwell
 Jay Coker - *friend of Pastor Joe, cancer*
 Billie Joe Conrad
 Shari Dutton – *friend of Bookie and David Trogon*
 Betty Faircloth – *friend of Janet Gray*
 Melinda Gavasto – *Jason Klara's aunt, upon the death of her husband.*
 Shelby Hodge
 Barry Housend – *friend of Steve Smith, cancer*
 Daphne McLeod – *friend of Butch Row, cancer*

Jerome McPherson

Gail Moyer

Paul Pipkin, Jr. – *friend of David Trogon, stroke*

Hollis Salyer – *friend of the church, cancer*

Ken Smith – *friend of Butch Row, cancer*

Tori Tarro - *friend of Mandy Smith, cancer*

Melba Ward – *mother of Janet Royal, stroke*

Willie Wilkins – *friend of David Smith*

Lacey Wilson – *friend of Jason Klara, surgery*

Please notify the office when names can be removed

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

Cell: 910-625-8023

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville or Channel 1304 (Spectrum)

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F

Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31:

Centsability Offering

Monday, April 1:

Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2:

Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am

Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am

Evening Circle, A. Branch - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3:

Habitat for Humanity, Wilmington - 7:45 am

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays Together, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 4:

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 6:

Unify Columbus, Bowers Auditorium, 11:00 am

Sunday, April 7:

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30 am

Session, Choir, and Handbell Choir Lunch, Lawn or Fellowship Hall - 12:30 pm

Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm

Monday, April 8:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Southeastern Oratorio Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9:

Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 10:

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays Together, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 11:

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 7:

Session Meeting, Conference Room - 8:30 am

Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm



Saturday, April 6, 2019—11am

Bower's Auditorium

Whiteville High School

Come and join your fellow Columbus County neighbors and friends, as we celebrate who we are as a community. We will focus on what unites us together, pray for healing and forgiveness from what divides us, and rejoice in the common good that makes us who we are. Come and bring your entire family!

For more information, contact 910-642-2155

Does your dog want to walk for to raise awareness for a GREAT cause?

Pups for a Purpose



Help Us Raise Awareness

\$10 entry fee on Saturday April 13th

Join Families First Inc. in a walk to raise awareness of Sexual Assault. The entry fee will get you and your furry friend a leash, matching collar bandana, and a treat bag! We will meet at 9 a.m. at our Whiteville office, there will be a t-shirt sale and a silent auction for you to try and get some fun prizes for your pooch! Call or email us for more information.

CALL

[910] 642-5996

EMAIL

ffirst1995@embarqmail.com

<http://familiesfirstnc.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/familiesfirstnc/>



Lenten Services 2019

511 North Thompson Street Whiteville, NC 28472
fpcwhiteville.org | 910-642-2253

Thursday, April 18:

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 19:

Good Friday 6:00 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

307 South Franklin Street Whiteville, NC

Sunday, April 21:

Sunrise Service 7:00 am (Outside)

Easter Breakfast after service

Sunday School 10:00 am

Easter Celebration 11:00 am (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays Together Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm

Lenten Study: "The Cross of Good Friday"

Beginning Wednesday, March 13



Lenten Services 2019

Whiteville United Methodist Church

902 Pinckney Street Whiteville, NC 28472

whitevilleumc.org | 910-642-3376

Worship 12:00 pm | Lunch 12:30 pm

Wednesday, April 3:

Rev. Joseph J. Yaeger, Pastor

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Whiteville NC

Wednesday, April 10:

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville NC

Wednesday, April 17:

Rev. Bob Hankins, Pastor

Hallsboro United Methodist Church, Hallsboro, NC



*Please consider taking a Sunday for placing
flowers, a plant, or a vase of greenery in the
sanctuary during worship!*



Centsability Offering

Sunday, March 31, 2019



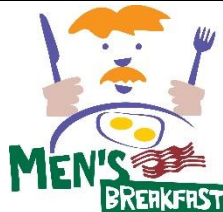
"The Cross of Good Friday"

Wednesday,
April 3 & 10, 2019

6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study

Fellowship Hall



Men's Breakfast

April 7, 2019

8:30 am

Fellowship Hall



The SDO Committee is excited to share that we are able to partner with Saint Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilmington to help with their goal of building four new Habitat for Humanity homes before the first anniversary of Hurricane Florence.

We are planning to take a team down to Wilmington on Wednesday, April 3.

Our goal is to take at least 8-10 people on this trip. The work day is 7:45 am - 2:00 pm. If you are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Joe at 910-625-8023 or pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org. If you would like to go, we ask that you: 1) Sign up on line at <http://vhub.at/sacpc> for April 3, 2019. 2) Please let the office know so we have an idea of who is attending. Hope that you can join us!

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Easter Dedications

may be made through April 17, 2019

Each dedication is \$5.00 and checks should be made to First Presbyterian Church.

In memory of: or In honor of: (Name)

From:

Amount enclosed:



The spring concert of the Southeastern Oratorio Society will be Monday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Musical selections in seven different languages are folk tunes from around the world - the U.S., South Korea, Greece, Germany, Israel, Ireland, Malaysia, and Africa. Familiar tunes include "The Gift To Be Simple," "Black Is The Color Of My True Love's Hair," "Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit," and "Danny Boy."

Southeastern Oratorio Society is a 45-year old community choir dedicated to singing the "world's great music and oratorios." It is composed of volunteers from several counties and two states. Seven of the singers this semester are members of FPC's congregation! The concert is free.