

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

First Week of March, 2020

Whiteville, NC

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



From the Pastor

Sunday Worship: This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday...which marked the beginning of Lent. During this Lenten season we will be doing a sermon series that focuses on the final 24-hours of Jesus' life. We begin by exploring his observance of the Passover meal with his disciples...which we know as the Last Supper. I want to encourage you to do a couple of things. First, take some time to read through, and pray over, the scripture passage for Sunday. Second, reach out to a friend, or neighbor, and invite them to join you for worship on Sunday.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Mark 14:12-25
- Sermon: "The Final 24-Hours: The Last Supper"
- Hymns:
 - "Here, O Our Lord, We See You"
 - "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"
 - Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together"
 - Choral Offertory: "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

Wednesdays Together Bible Study: After a couple of weeks off for some other events in the life of the Church, Wednesdays Together Bible Study will resume meeting this week. Currently Angela is leading us in an exploration of the book of Ephesians. Join us on Wednesday evenings, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Biking for Bibles: Basically, we are two weeks away from my upcoming bicycle trip from Whiteville to Charleston. If you haven't already, I invite you to check out my blog at www.pjoutdoors.blogspot.com. There you will find information not only on my trip, but also on some of my preparation for this type of trip.

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.

Welcoming Others: When we have the moment of fellowship during worship and you have the opportunity to greet one another, be sure to look around for any visitors we may have. And when you see them...be sure to go speak to them!

In Christ,
Pastor Joe

March, 2020 Worship Schedule

March Head Usher: Todd Burney

March 1: First Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "The Final 24 Hours: The Last Supper" Scripture: Mark 14:12-25
10:00 am Sunday School | 11:00 am Worship

March 8: Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "The Final 24 Hours: Gethsemane" Scripture: Mark 14:26, 32-42
10:00 am Sunday School | 11:00 am Worship

March 15: Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "The Final 24 Hours: Courtrooms and Courtyards" Scripture: Mark 14:53-72
10:00 am Sunday School | 11:00 am Worship

March 1: A/V: Justin Smith
Nursery: Diane Scott
Backpack Ministry: Men of the Church

VOLUNTEERS

March 8: A/V: Donald Hester
Nursery: Janet Gray
Backpack Ministry: Young Adult Sunday School

March 22: A/V: Jonathan Medford
Nursery: Suzanne Blackmon
Backpack Ministry: MVE

March 15: A/V: Josh Horne
Nursery: Brent and Mary Wheatley
Backpack Ministry: Youth

March 29: A/V: Fuller Royal
Nursery: Susan Smith
Backpack Ministry: Young Adult

BIRTHDAYS



1- Joe Kamberger, 3- Sidney Gibson, 3- Diane Scott, 3- Mary Anne Tyndall, 4- Steve Smith, 11- Wyche McColskey, 11- Will Neisler, 18- Kim Smith, 18- Bill Turner, 19- Kate Meekins, 20- Douglas 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

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Jayne Smith; Walter Strickland; Will Thompson; David Trogon.

Assisted Care: Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

Friends:

Pat Allen – *friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's*
 Tricia Bowen – *friend of Bookie Trogon, cancer*
 Michael Brown – *friend of Carrie Burney, cancer*
 Billie Joe Conrad
 Shari Dutton – *friend of Bookie and David Trogon*
 Betty Engen Faircloth – *friend of the church, cancer*
 Shelby Hodge
 Barry Housend – *friend of Steve Smith, cancer*
 Phyllis Howlett – *friend of Martin Scott, cancer*
 Roger Kennedy – *friend of David Trogon - stroke*
 Julie Malone – *cousin of Butch Row, dementia*
 Jerome McPherson
 Hollis Salyer – *friend of the church, cancer*
 Michael Sellers – *friend of Butch Row, cancer*
 Jim Short – *uncle of Carrie Burney, cancer*
 Shiryl Smith – *friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues*
 Mike Spradley – *friend of the church, cancer*
 Nancy Washburn - *mother of Pastor Joe, hospitalization*

Please notify the office when names can be removed.



Whiteville
 Community Lenten
 Services 2020
 Whiteville United
 Methodist Church
 Worship 12:00 pm
 Lunch 12:30 pm
 Wednesdays,
 March 4, 11, 18,
 25,
 April 1, & 8



Ephesians

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and
 April 1
 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study

Our spring Women's Bible Study began **Thursday, February 20th from 9:00-10:30**. We will be using "Better, a Study of Hebrews" by Jen Wilkin. Each participant will need to purchase a study book. (Can be purchased from Amazon, Lifeway or Christian Book Distributors) It is a 10-week study that we will complete in 9 weeks by combining lessons 1 and 2 in the first session. Please complete pages 17-29 (week 2 lesson) before our first meeting. You will need your Bible, study book, and a set of colored pencils.



Begins March 8, 2020

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1:	Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30 am
Monday, March 2:	Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 3:	Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am
	Cub Scout Leaders Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
	Evening Circle, B. Owens - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 4:	Lenten Service, Methodist Church - 12:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm
	Wednesdays Together Bible Study: Ephesians, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 5:	Women's Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am
	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, March 8:	Daylight Saving Time starts
Monday, March 9:	Session Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11:	Lenten Service, Methodist Church - 12:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm
	Wednesdays Together Bible Study: Ephesians, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 12:	Women's Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am
	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 14:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - SENC GS
Monday, March 16:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 18:	Lenten Service, Methodist Church - 12:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm
	Wednesdays Together Bible Study: Ephesians, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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