

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
302 W. Whitner Street
Anderson, SC 29624
(864-225-2551)

January 16—31, 2018



January 17th
Mustard Glazed Chicken
Vegetable, Soup, Salad, Dessert

January 24th
Salisbury Meatballs, Mashed potatoes/
gravy, Vegetable, Soup, Salad, Dessert

January 31st
Baked Potato Bar & Soup
Salad, Dessert

Kid-friendly meals available also

Wednesday Night Meals:
\$7 adults
\$4 kids
\$25 family max

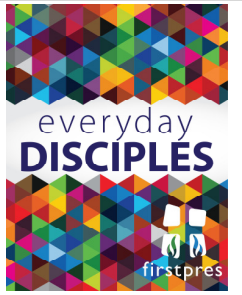
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The First Word

"Strive first for the kingdom of God." Matthew 6:33

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WORSHIP
WITH US



January 21
8:30am & 10:30am

Debbie Foster preaching

Announcers:
8:30 David Segers, Elder
10:30 Cal Looney, Elder

Extended Session:
Room 102 - 2's & 3's:
Trey & Caleigh Thomas
Room 101 - 4's & 5's:
Bruce & Jennifer Kinere

January 28
8:30am & 10:30am

Scripture: John 3:16-17
Dennis Tedder preaching:
"The Gospel"

Announcers:
8:30 Dallas Jones, Elder
10:30 Suzette Christopher, Elder

Extended Session:
Room 102 - 2's & 3's
Kent & Anna Becht
Room 101 - 4's & 5's
Brian & Marie Bolt

DARKNESS TO LIGHT: Keeping Our Children Safe Leadership Training: Sunday, January 21st 3-5pm in the Kirk



Here at FPC, we are committed to providing a safe place for all children, youth and vulnerable adults. One of the ways we do that is by educating our leaders/volunteers on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to signs of abuse. This program is nationally recognized and VERY IMPORTANT! We are asking all of our volunteers who work with children and youth to plan on attending. The church will cover the cost. **Please contact Jennifer Stewart to register so we will have plenty of training booklets.**

*This training is for: Sunday School Teachers, Wednesday Night Live Teachers, Youth Advisors, VBS Directors, Elders, and Deacons

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER: Contact Jennifer 225-2551 or jenniferw@fpcandersonsc.com

Dear First Presbyterian Church family,
Since my time serving on the staff for First Presbyterian Church is finished, I wanted to share my gratitude with you. For in my short time here, you welcomed me into your lives. Many of you shared your stories with me, allowed me to see your grief, your vulnerable places and you embraced me with hugs and your hospitality. Thank you for being there when I was taking those first steps into the pulpit (nearly three years ago now), for helping me live into what it means to be a pastor to God's children, and helping me wrestle with big questions. I know so many of you have prayed for me, because I have felt those prayers. I will forever treasure my stole, and I cannot say thank you enough for your financial gifts and support too. Now, I am taking the next step in this journey. I am searching for a church to pastor. So, if I may ask one more favor, please continue to pray for me and my family. Pray that God guides us to the community that we are meant to serve (since being a pastor is never a solo job!). I promise to keep in touch, and when I can, I will come back to worship with you. Thank you so much. Peace in Christ, *Charmaine*

All dates/events subject to change.

Monday, January 15
Daycare / School Holiday
Church Office Holiday
Youth Ski Trip Return

Tuesday, January 16
9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212
3:30 p.m. Rhodes Respite Board Meeting - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Mission Meeting - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Office Training (make-up) - Kirk

Wednesday, January 17
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC
Wednesday Night Live
3:30 p.m. Middle school pick-up
5:15 p.m. Pre-school & Children's choirs
5:30 p.m. Youth & Adult Bible Studies
5:45 p.m. Pre-school & Children's Studies
6:15 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship—Kirk
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study - FLC
7:00 p.m. Festival Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
10:30 a.m. Disciple Bible Study - Rm 212
4:00 p.m. Dayschool Board Mtg - Rm 212

Friday, January 19
7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle—Mama Penn's

Saturday, January 20
Private event - McDougald Rm

Sunday, January 21
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Safe Church Training - Kirk
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Event at Central Pres

Monday, January 22
7:00 a.m. Pink Ladies - Chick-fil-a
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study—FLC
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC
6:00 p.m. Session - Kirk

Tuesday, January 23
9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212

Wednesday, January 24
9:15 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 216
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC
Wednesday Night Live
3:30 p.m. Middle school pick-up
5:15 p.m. Pre-school & Children's choirs
5:30 p.m. Youth & Adult Bible Studies
5:45 p.m. Pre-school & Children's Studies
6:15 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship—Kirk
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study - FLC
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl - Rm 110
10:30 a.m. Disciple Bible Study - Rm 212
6:00 p.m. Bro Time @ Sakura

Friday, January 26
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 27
No scheduled events

Sunday, January 28
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Open Gym
5:30 p.m. Youth Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study & Fellowship

Monday, January 29
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study—FLC
5:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting - Parlor
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC
6:30 p.m. Scouts—McDougald Rm

Tuesday, January 30
9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212

Wednesday, January 31
9:15 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 216
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Wednesday Night Live
3:30 p.m. Middle school pick-up
5:15 p.m. Pre-school & Children's choirs
5:30 p.m. Youth & Adult Bible Studies
5:45 p.m. Pre-school & Children's Studies
6:15 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship—Kirk
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study - FLC
7:00 p.m. Festival Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4
11:45am—2:00pm—in the Kirk
**CHURCH SECURITY
AND INTRUDER
RESPONSE TRAINING**
By Sgt. Danny Hart

This is for all who serve as Ushers
and Church Officers.

Lunch provided

Please RSVP to the church office or
debrak@fpcandersonsc.com

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Parents, did you know that we have 4 wonderful teachers ready to teach our 2yr-4yr olds on Sunday mornings at 9:30am?



Pre-school is a wonderful age to begin teaching your child the importance of learning Bible stories in Sunday school. *We have classes for you too!



252 Basics
JANUARY— COMMITMENT
5K – 5th Grade
SUNDAY at 9:30 in Rm 124

During January we will study the New Testament to help us make a new plan for the New Year – a plan of **commitment** to an ongoing relationship with Jesus!
Sunday school is important!
Get your kids here...we're busy building disciples!



FLOWER CALENDAR

Our 2018 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. We have many dates available for you to put flowers in honor or memory of loved ones.

You choose the florist of your choice to order flowers from. Check the calendar and mark the date you would like or contact us in the church office to schedule the date for you. The flowers on the altar under the cross are a meaningful tribute for your loved ones.



Please lift our women up in prayer on

February 9-10 as they travel to Kanuga Conference Center for our Annual Women's Retreat. This year we have 44 ladies participating. Our theme is "God is Closer Than You Think" and will be led by keynote speaker: Rev. Julie Schaaf.

Ladies who have signed up: Final payment is due to Jennifer Stewart by February 5th.

January 10—March 28.



Wednesday night is a great time to gather with your church family. Everyone is encouraged to join us for Bible study, fellowship and dinner. Contact Jennifer

Stewart, jenniferw@fpcandersonsc.com or 225-2551 with questions.



Sunday, January 21st

Youth Group Event @ Central Presb. Church, 5:30 pm
Dinner, games & special concert with Sam Burchfield

Sunday, January 28th:

5:00pm: Open Gym 5:30pm: Dinner
6-7pm: Youth Fellowship

Sunday, February 4th

SOUPER Bowl Sunday

Youth will collect donations after both worship services. Email Kari which service your youth can help with.

After worship: we will load up in the buses and go get lunch together (bring \$) and then do a service project. Parents pick up at the church at 2pm.

Pink Ladies/High School Girls

Breakfast Gatherings: Monday, January 22 & Feb 12 at Chick-fil-a on Greenville Street at 7:00am.

Bro Time/High School Boys

Will meet at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 25 for dinner & study at Sakura on Hwy 81.

High School Youth Presbytery Retreat "Mini-Montreat"

March 16th - 18th, 2018 in Montreat, NC

\$50 deposit due Feb. 4th

Amazing leadership, youth from all over the upstate, weekend in the mountains of Montreat, recreation, worship, small group and more!

YOUTH & SUMMER 2018

Summer Trip Extended Deadline

Deposits DUE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th.

*Details have been sent in the mail and by email. Let Kari know if you have any questions at all.

Middle School Mission Trip

Asheville, NC - June 17th - 22nd

High School Mission Trip, RHINO Project

New Orleans - June 17th - 23rd

High School Youth Conference

Montreat, NC, July 8th - 14th

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Middle School—We are studying the Gospel of John. Teachers are working hard to connect your Sunday school lesson with Dr. Tedder's sermon! Join them in 'heaven.'

High School—Our teachers have committed 4 weeks each to preparing and leading discussions with you on the Gospel of John. Bring your Bible and make a commitment to connecting to Scripture more in 2018. (FLC)

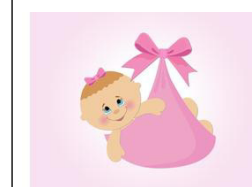


MISSIONS EMPHASIS

The Mission Emphasis for January is Shalom House. This ministry provides holistic recovery for women addicted to alcohol and drugs. The women stay for nine months while undergoing treatment. The Mission Ministry asks that you pray for these ladies, and to support them we are asking for donations of 13-gallon kitchen trash bags and kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies. Please bring your donations and place in the blue bins outside the church office.

RHODES RESPITE CARE

There are a few openings in Rhodes Respite Care now. Please let friends outside the church know about this special activity program for persons with early stage Alzheimer's or other dementia. If any church members would like to provide a light lunch for 12 persons one day, call Gail Marion to schedule at 245-1694. Prospective volunteers can come to observe the program any Tuesday or Thursday.



Congratulations to David and Elizabeth Ann McCuen on the birth of their daughter **Blakely Ann** on January 1, 2018. The proud big brother is **Woods**.



The Christian sympathy of the pastor and congregation is expressed to:

...Linden and Catherine Ryan and family on the death of his grandmother **Tina Smith**.

...Fred and Sandi Tolly and family on the death of his mother **June Gasaway Tolly** on December 29, 2017.

...Jordan and Katie Laney and family on the death of his grandfather **Col. James O. Taylor, Jr.** on January 1, 2018.

...Ted and Becky Morlok and family on the death of his father **Bill Morlok** on January 2, 2018.

...Jeff and Stacy Kubu and family on the death of his father **Jerry Kubu** on January 8, 2018.

Missing Worship Bags

We provide bags for our younger disciples to use each week in worship. Over the past few months it seems that many of these worship bags have accidentally been taken home. Please check around your home and in your cars to see if you may have one or two and return them to the church office so that we can continue to provide these activity bags for the children. Thanks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES



The New Year is a great time to join a **Sunday morning class!**

Adults have a variety of options within our seven classes offered each Sunday at 9:30am. There are also various small group studies that meet throughout the week. Please contact Jennifer Stewart for more information. 225-2551

Highlighting this month:

Essentials Class (2nd floor resource room) will begin a study of The Dead Sea Scrolls, taught via video by Dr. Gary Rendsburg of Rutgers with group discussion following the lectures. All are welcome.

Faith and Family Class (1st floor parlor) will walk through the Gospel of John in January as they read and discuss scriptures that Dr. Tedder is preaching on each week.



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: NEW TESTAMENT

Looking for a way to deepen your knowledge of the New Testament? Ready to commit to reading God's Word weekly?

JOIN ONE OF OUR DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES: NEW TESTAMENT SMALL GROUPS!

There will be two opportunities to meet (attend 1 per week):

Wednesday evenings 5:30—6:15
Thursday mornings 10:30—11:30

Please contact Jennifer Stewart to sign up for our spring, New Testament class.

Groups begin the week of January 10/11
Cost: \$12 per participant for workbook

Want to study God's Word but can't make it to a small group? Read and reflect on the passages Dr. Tedder will be preaching on at home. Our church library has books and Bible commentaries that can help us better understand and connect scripture to our lives.

January 14—John 2:1-11
January 21—John 2:13-25
January 28—John 3:16-17

