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The First Word

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

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SUNDAY, JULY 2ND 9:30AM

RED, WHITE AND BLUE

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE KIRK



Join us for a church wide pancake breakfast and devotion before worship.
All ages invited!

SUMMER SIZZLE JULY EVENTS

July Sundays, 9:30am - Adult Sunday School meets in Kirk

July Sundays, 10:10am Summer Choir meets in Choir Loft

July Wednesdays, 11:00am & 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study,
McDougald Room

July Online Bible Study - join by emailing jenniferw@fpcandersonsc.com

July 6, 5:00pm Furman Music by the Lake Concert & Picnic

July 9, 10:15am South Main Chapel and Mercy Center

July 9—14 Camp Fellowship

July 9—15 High School Montreat Youth Conference

July 12, 10:30am—12:00pm Faith & Figs (completed 3rd—5th graders)

July 16, 11:45am Family Hike !!

July 18, 9:30am—2:00pm Backpack Snack pack Program,
Golden Harvest Food Bank

July 19, 10:30am—12:00pm Faith & Figs (completed 5K—2nd graders)

July 20, 10:00am Devo's Drives & Diners
Grits and Groceries & Callaham Orchards, Belton

July 20, 10:00am—1:00pm Preschool Create & Recreate Day

July 25, 10:30am—4:30pm Elementary Discovery Island Waterpark

July 26, 10:30am—12:00pm Faith & Figs (completed 3rd—5th graders)

July 27, 9:00am—5:30pm High School Whitewater Rafting Adventure

July 27, 6:00pm The Big Read—Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

July 29, 9:30am Saturday Servants, Kirk

July 31—August 3, 9:00am—11:30am Basketball Camp

July 31—August 3, 12:30pm—4:30pm Art Camp

Call the church office, 225-2551 to sign-up for events or to obtain a
Summer Sizzle brochure or registration form.

WORSHIP WITH US

July 2 - 10:30am

Scripture: John 21:9-19

Dennis Tedder preaching
"If You Love Jesus..."

Announcer: Billy Epps, Elder

Extended Session:

Room 100 - 2's & 3's:
Chandler & Kristyn Ball
Room 101 - 4's & 5's:
Brandon & Gretchen Haynie

July 9 - 10:30am

Scripture: I Peter 5

Dennis Tedder preaching
"Peter's Word to Presbyters"

Announcer: Mike Brock, Deacon

Extended Session:

Room 100 - 2's & 3's:
Wes & Caroline Edwards
Room 101 - 4's & 5's:
Brian & Courtney White

July 16 - 10:30am

Scripture: II Peter 1: 3-11, 16-19

Dennis Tedder preaching
"Until the Day Dawns"

Announcer: Tibby Hobson, Deacon

Extended Session:

Room 100—2's & 3's:
Philip & Nancy Keller
Room 101—4's & 5's:
Andrew & Kari Morgan

July 23 - 10:30am

Scripture: II Peter 2:1-3; 17-21

Charmaine Smith Miles preaching
"A Strong Word from the Rock"

Announcer: Henderson Wise, Elder

Extended Session:

Room 100—2's & 3's:
Trey & Caleigh Thomas
Room 101—4's & 5's:
Bruce & Jennifer Kinere

July 30—10:30am

Scripture: II Peter 3:8-15

Dennis Tedder preaching
"While We Wait"

Announcer: Scott Carothers, Elder

Extended Session:

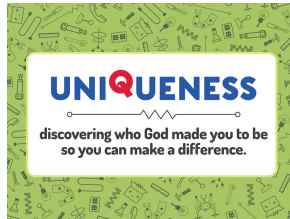
Room 100—2's & 3's:
David & Elizabeth Ann McCuen
Room 101—4's & 5's:
John & Wendy Wright

ONE FIRST WORD PUBLISHED FOR EACH MONTH—JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

All dates/events subject to change.	
Saturday, July 1	No scheduled events
Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast—Kirk 10:10 a.m. Summer Choir rehearsal-Choir loft 10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday, July 3	Daycare Closed 1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC
Tuesday, July 4	Daycare Closed Church Office Closed
Wednesday, July 5	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 212 10:00 a.m. CPC Bible Study—Parlor 11:00 a.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC 6:00 p.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study
Thursday, July 6	10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 5:00 p.m. Furman Music by the Lake Concert & Picnic—meet at Kirk
Friday, July 7	No scheduled events
Saturday, July 8	No scheduled events
Sunday, July 9	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Kirk 10:10 a.m. Summer Choir rehearsal-Choir loft 10:15 a.m. South Main Chapel & Mercy Center 10:30 a.m. Worship High School Montreat Conference
Monday, July 10	High School Montreat Conference 1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study—FLC 5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC
Tuesday, July 11	High School Montreat Conference 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC
Wednesday, July 12	High School Montreat Conference 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—McDougald Rm 10:00 a.m. CPC Bible Study—Parlor 10:30 a.m. Faith & Figs (3rd-5th grades) 11:00 a.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC 6:00 p.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study
Thursday, July 13	High School Montreat Conference 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC
Friday, July 14	High School Montreat Conference 3:00 p.m. Book Club—Parlor
Saturday, July 15	High School returns from Montreat
Sunday, July 16	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Kirk 10:10 a.m. Summer Choir rehearsal-Choir loft 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Family Hike—Opossum Creek
Monday, July 17	1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC 5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC
Tuesday, July 18	9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Backpack Snackpack Program—Golden Harvest Food Bank 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 5:30 p.m. Mission Ministry—Library
Wednesday, July 19	9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—McDougald Rm 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 212 10:00 a.m. CPC Bible Study—Parlor 10:30 a.m. Faith & Figs (5K—2nd grades) 11:00 a.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC 6:00 p.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study
Thursday, July 20	9:00 a.m. Preschool Create & Recreate Day 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 10:00 a.m. Devo's Drives & Diners— Grits & Groceries
Friday, July 21	No Scheduled events
Saturday, July 22	No scheduled events
Sunday, July 23	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Kirk 10:10 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal-Choir loft 10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday, July 24	1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC 5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC
Tuesday, July 25	10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 10:30 a.m. Elementary Discovery Island
Wednesday, July 26	9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—McDougald Rm 10:00 a.m. Daycamp Prep Day 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 212 10:00 a.m. CPC Bible Study—Parlor 10:30 a.m. Faith & Figs (3rd—5th grades) 11:00 a.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC 6:00 p.m. Sm Grp Bible Study—McDougald Rm 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study
Thursday, July 27	9:00 a.m. High School Whitewater Rafting 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 6:00 p.m. The Big Read—McDougald Rm
Friday, July 28	No scheduled events
Saturday, July 29	9:30 a.m. Saturday Servants—Kirk
Sunday, July 30	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Kirk 10:10 a.m. Summer Choir rehearsal-Choir loft 10:30 a.m. Worship

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INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



252 Basics
July—Uniqueness
 5k—5th Grade
SUNDAYS at 9:30 in
Room #124

No one is like our God and He created us in His image! Let's see what makes us *uniquely wired, wonderfully made!*

**Sunday school is important!
 Get your kids here...we're busy building disciples!*

FIRST KIDS

Preschool Create & Recreate

Thursday, July 20 from 10:00am – 12:30pm
 Join us for a morning of crafts and play. We will get creative in the craft room. Then we will move to the gym or outside to burn off some energy before eating lunch.
***Bring a bag lunch. Cost \$8.**

Elementary Kids Faith & Figs

We will gather at Wren Park at 10:30am for Bible study and then walk over to Figs for ice cream. We will practice navigating the Bible and study some of the wacky stories inside! BRING YOUR BIBLES! Parents—pick up from Figs. ***Bring money for ice cream.**

Wednesday, July 12—10:30am—12:00pm
 Completed 3rd—5th graders
 Wednesday, July 19—10:30am—12:00pm
 Completed 5K—2nd graders
 Wednesday, July 26—10:30am—12:00pm
 Completed 3rd—5th graders

To sign up call Alisa, 864-314-0510 or use the Summer Sizzle registration form.

Elementary Discovery Island Waterpark in Greenville

Tuesday, July 25 from 10:30am—4:30pm—Meet at FLC. We'll beat the heat and have a blast! After sharing a devotion, we'll head to Greenville. Wear your bathing suit, bring a towel, sunscreen and a change of clothes for the ride home.

*** \$20 for admission, lunch at the park and a snack**

Contact Alisa Gibson, alisag@fpcandersonsc.com



Have you ever wanted to see Montreat, N.C., or go back for a visit? Travel to the beautiful retreat in the mountains with some of your church family on Wednesday, August 2. All of our older adults are invited to come along on this day long adventure to see a truly unique, hand-illustrated copy of the Bible called the St. John's Bible and to explore the Chapel of the Prodigal. Sign up with Charmaine Smith-Miles charmainemiles1107@gmail.com or call 225-2551.



Upcoming Dates:

High School Montreat Youth Conference,
 July 9 - 15

High School Whitewater Rafting Adventure
 Thursday, July 27, 9:00am - 5:30pm
 For all rising 9th graders - graduated seniors.
 Cost \$65. Sign up with Kari.

Day Camp Prep Days - Wednesday, July 26 and
Wednesday, August 2, 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Meet at church to help set up for upcoming kids day camp. We will be making decorations, painting, prepping, and more. Bring \$ to go and grab lunch together.

***Parents & Youth, check email and social media regularly for fun pop-up events throughout the summer such as - ice cream dates, lunch and dinner opportunities, trips to the movies and more.**

Have questions or need more information:
 Kari Morgan, Director of Youth & Recreation Ministries
 Office: 225.2551, Cell: 314-3691
KariM@FPCAndersonSC.com

Mission Project with the Backpack Backpack Program

July 18 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join the FPC family and help pack bags full of food that will go home to children in Anderson County schools each Friday during the school year so they can have food on the weekends. More than 8,500 packs are needed when the school year starts.

Meet at the Golden Harvest Food Bank at 9:30 a.m. Located at 311 Alliance Parkway, off S.C. 81 North (near Interstate 85). This is a warehouse. **Dress in cool clothes and closed-toe shoes.** The phone number at the Golden Harvest Food Bank is 864-222-9510.

All ages kids - adults are welcome to come help. We will work for about two hours and then will head out for lunch together.

SIGN UP with Charmaine or Kari.
 Charmaine can be reached at 864-202-0442 or charmainemiles1107@gmail.com.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS



The Mission Ministry for July is **Meals on Wheels**. We will be collecting *Little Debbie cakes* or any *individually wrapped dessert*. Please keep this organization in your prayers. Please bring your donations and put in the blue bin in the hall by the church office.



All are welcome to join the **Summer Choir**. Meet each Sunday in July/August at **10:10am** in the choir loft to rehearse a familiar hymn. This is an opportunity to sing in the choir with a minimal investment of time.

Music by the Lake
Furman Concert Series
 Thursday, July 6th
5:00pm - meet at the FLC



Join us for a night of great music and fellowship as we head up to Furman for a great concert on the lawn including our very own Matthew Storie! Chicken fingers & drinks will be provided—bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone! This is a family event for all ages. We will return to church at approximately 10:30pm.

Call the church office to reserve your seat on bus. Families may also choose to drive their own car—but let us know so that we'll have plenty of chicken!



Let's take a hike!!
Sunday, July 16
11:45am—5:00pm

Get your hiking shoes on and get ready to join your church family in the great outdoors this summer. We will gather after worship, change clothes, and head out toward Opossum Creek Falls, stopping for lunch on the way.

Devo's, Diners and Drives
Thursday, July 20th 10:00am
Destination: Grits and Groceries and Callaham Orchards, Belton



All adults are invited to gather in the chapel at 10:00am for a shared devotion before loading the bus for lunch. Cost: \$3 for gas and money for lunch & goodies at the Orchard. Call the church office to reserve your seat on the bus.

*One of the best ways to deepen your faith and grow as a disciple is by studying God's Word!
 Adults, join us this summer...*

Large Group Sunday School: July—9:30am in the Kirk. We will study 1 & 2 Peter along with Dr. Tedder's sermons.

Online: If you can't be here, make sure to sign up for our online 1 & 2 Peter Bible study! Each week we will email out a passage of scripture and 2—3 reflection questions.

Contact Jennifer Stewart for more information 225-2551

SERVING SOUTH MAIN CHAPEL AND MERCY CENTER—Sunday, July 9



Join us at the South Main Chapel and Mercy Center on South Main Street as we serve a hot meal to those in their congregation, many of whom are in need. Set up will begin at 10:15am, worship is 11:00am—12:00pm, after which we will serve the meal & join them for table fellowship. Contact Charmaine to sign up and help coordinate the meal.



The Big Read

This summer we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to join in our "Big Read." Those who are interested, are invited to gather for a book discussion group at the end of each month.

July: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"

Book discussion: Thursday, July 27th at 6pm in the McDougald Room. Led by: Laura Bell

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesday Mornings -9:00-9:45 - Starts July 12
 Family Life Center

A gentle form of stretching and breathing for **Every Body** to help maintain strength & mobility.

*The body is constantly changing depending on how you use it. *Led by Kathy Roser*

Consult your physician before starting any new form of exercise.

CHURCH GIVING AND NEEDS
 Thank you for generous gifts to our ministry and programs. As of June 1st:

Contributions/Revenue \$390,558.38
Budgeted Expenses \$401,196.50

Please keep the church in mind during the summer!