

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# The First Word

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

First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC  
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wednesday  
night **LIVE!** **Begin on Wednesday,  
September 13th!**

Wednesday Night Live is a  
mid-week program for all ages  
to gather for Bible study, music,  
dinner and fellowship.

- 3:45— Middle School Pick Up
- 5:15— Pre-school & Children's Choirs
- 5:30— Youth and Adult Bible Studies
- 5:45— Pre-school & Children Studies
- 6:15-7:00— Dinner and Fellowship**
- 7:00— Rejoicers: Women's Bible Study
- 7:00— Adult Chancel Choir

**Rest and Refuel**  
5:30 in the  
Resource Room.  
This year we will  
gather for laughter,  
fellowship and prayer  
as we study "First  
Corinthians: Living  
Love When We  
Disagree"

**NEW** **Disciple Fast Track** is designed for busy people who  
seek to gain a better understanding of the Bible and want  
to grow as disciples. We will meet for 12 weeks this fall  
as we walk through the Old Testament together.  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Room 212 (Resource Room).  
Call Jennifer to sign up. (225-2551) Student workbook is \$12

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for  
dinner & fellowship in the Kirk at 6:15pm. Chef Lou will  
prepare family friendly meals that are sure to bring you  
back for seconds. No reservations required!  
Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 kids 3 & under are free



**"PLANE OL' MISSION TRIP"**  
The 1st—5th graders will be working on a musical during  
Wednesday night Live beginning September 13. They will have an  
opportunity to develop an appreciation for missions and a desire to  
serve others as they work on the music, drama, set and props for the  
program which will be presented on November 15. Plan for your  
child to join in the preparations each week from 5:15-6:15pm in the  
Heritage Class Room 216.

## WORSHIP WITH US

Worship service will be in the  
Family Life Center for  
September Sundays  
due to HVAC renovations

September 3—10:30am

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-15

Charmaine Smith Miles preaching  
"The Answer Is Yes"

Announcer: Becky Hopkins, Deacon

Extended Session:  
Room 102 - 2's & 3's:  
Philip & Nancy Keller  
Room 101 - 4's & 5's:  
Linden & Catherine Ryan

September 10 - 10:30am

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2, 4a;  
Colossians 1:15-17

Dennis Tedder preaching  
"Good Work"

Announcer: Jim Stewart, Elder

Extended Session:  
Room 102 - 2's & 3's:  
Matt & Jenny Pray  
Room 101 - 4's & 5's:  
Amanda Hanley

September 17 - 10:30am

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Dennis Tedder preaching  
"A Terrifying, Teaching Moment"

Announcer: Cal Looney, Elder

Extended Session:  
Room 102—2's & 3's:  
Wes & Caroline Edwards  
Room 101—4's & 5's:  
Chandler & Kristyn Ball

## HANDRAIL VERSE

"Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and  
with all your soul and  
with all your strength and  
with all your mind; and,  
Love your neighbor as  
yourself." - Luke 10:27

<b>All dates/events subject to change.</b>	
<b>Friday, September 1</b> 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle—Mama Penn's	<b>Wednesday, September 13 (cont.)</b> 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—7:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study
<b>Saturday, September 2</b> No scheduled events	<b>Thursday, September 14</b> 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Zumba—FLC
<b>Sunday, September 3</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>Friday, September 15</b> 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle—Mama Penn's
<b>Monday, September 4—Labor Day</b> Church Office & Daycare Closed	<b>Saturday, September 16</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk to End Alzheimer's—Wren Park
<b>Tuesday, September 5</b> 9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC	<b>Sunday, September 17</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Youth Class Dinners (locations/time TBA)
<b>Wednesday, September 6</b> 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—Rm 216 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study	<b>Monday, September 18</b> 1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC 5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC
<b>Thursday, September 7</b> 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC	<b>Tuesday, September 19</b> 9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Mission Ministry—Library
<b>Friday, September 8</b> 1:15 p.m. Administration Ministry—Rm 212 3:00 p.m. Book Club—Parlor	<b>Wednesday, September 20</b> 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—Rm 216 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 212 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC
<b>Saturday, September 9</b> No scheduled events	<b>Thursday, September 21</b> 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Dayschool Board mtg—Rm 212
<b>Sunday, September 10</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast—Kirk 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth & Parent Night—FLC	<b>Friday, September 22</b> 6:30 p.m. Appetizer Extravaganza
<b>Monday, September 11</b> 1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC 5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC 6:00 p.m. Session meeting—McDougald Rm	<b>Saturday, September 23</b> No scheduled events
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b> 9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal	<b>Sunday, September 24</b> 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 Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Program
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b> 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—Rm 216 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 212 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC <b>Wednesday Night Live</b> 3:45 p.m. Middle School pick-up	<b>Monday, September 25</b> 1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC 5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC
	<b>Tuesday, September 26</b> 9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal
	<b>Wednesday, September 27</b> 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—Rm 216 12:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC <b>Wednesday Night Live</b> 3:45 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—7:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study
	<b>Thursday, September 28</b> 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC 5:45 p.m. Zumba—FLC
	<b>Friday, September 29</b> No scheduled events
	<b>Saturday, September 30</b> 9:30 a.m. Saturday Servants—Kirk

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# INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



**252 Basics**  
**September—Friendship**  
 5k—5th Grade  
**SUNDAYS at 9:30 in Room 124**

We'll spend the month exploring friendship in the Bible!  
 Week 1: What makes someone a good friend? David & Jonathon  
 Week 2: What does it mean to accept a friend? Paul and Barnabas

*\*Sunday school is important!*

*Get your kids here...we're busy building disciples!*

### Worship Education for First Graders!

Beginning September 17, we will take our first graders out of the 10:30 service for Worship Education—a five week class teaching why we do what we do in church! We'll learn about the sanctuary itself as well as the traditions of our worship service and the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. For more details, contact Alisa Gibson 314-0510.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circles resume this month. For more information, contact PW Moderators Amelia Nelson or Cynthia Owens.  
**Circle 2—Second Tuesday, 7:00pm in member's home**  
**Circle 3—Second Tuesday, 6:30pm at Downtown Café**  
**Circle 5 & 6—Second Monday, 12:00pm in Canteen/McDougald Room**

### The Alzheimer's Association SC Chapter WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S will be held at WREN PARK IN ANDERSON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. Since 1989, this all-age, all-ability walk has mobilized millions to join the fight against Alzheimer's disease. There will be an easy walk through downtown on **Saturday, September 16. Gather at Wren Park-rain or shine.** Register at 9 AM. Opening Ceremony starts at 9:45 AM. Can't walk? – come enjoy the festivities in the park that morning and show your support.

Will you support this important cause? Rhodes Respite Care from First Pres will have a Walk team and we welcome walkers and/or donations. Checks, made to Alzheimer's Association, can be left in the church office anytime in the next month. You may go online to [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk) and donate to the Rhodes Respite team, under the name Gail Marion. Let me know if you plan to come walk at 245-1694 Thank you for your support that enables the local chapter to support families struggling with Alzheimer's and related dementia.



**SUNDAY,  
 SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>  
 @ 5pm**

*Come join us for a great night of fun, fellowship and information about our upcoming year! Moe's will be catering dinner again!*

\$7: Youth & Adults, \$5: Children,  
 \$30 Family Maximum - Pay night of event.  
 Childcare will be provided for kids 5th grade and under. The kids will join us for dinner.

**RSVP Today to Kari Morgan,  
 #225-2551, KARIM@FPCANDERSONSC.COM**

### Sunday Night Youth In September

**3rd:**  
 No Youth, Labor Day Weekend  
**10th:**  
 Youth & Parent Night  
**17th:**  
 Class Dinners

Youth will meet in different youths homes for dinner and program for the night.  
 Directions will be sent out via email soon.

**24th:**  
 5pm: Open Gym, 5:30pm: Dinner,  
 6:00 - 7:00pm: Program

### Middle Schoolers on Wednesdays

We will pick up on Wednesdays starting on September 13th. Buses will pick up from Glenview, McCants, Southwood and Robert Anderson Middle Schools. Then the buses will take the kids to get a snack at QT, please send money each week for this. We will return to the church for recreation, relax or homework time.

Our bible study will begin at 5:20pm in the McDougald room. If you are not able to ride the buses please try and join us in time for the bible study. TO RSVP your seat on one of the buses please email or call Kari, #225.2551, KariM@FPCAndersonSC.com.

## MISSIONS EMPHASIS

The Mission Ministry for September is Calvary Home for Children. We will be collecting **crackers, breakfast bars, snack bars, fruit cups** for them. Please bring your donations and place in the blue bins outside the church office. Thanks for your continued prayers for Calvary Home for Children.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Eighth graders will be beginning their confirmation process September 10th, but any high school student who has not had the chance to participate in Confirmation class is invited to do so this year. We will have a Kick-off Breakfast on September 10 at 9:30am in the Kirk. If you would like to join the class, please RSVP to Debra Keeney, 225-2551 or [debrak@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:debrak@fpcandersonsc.com) by September 6th.

### APPETIZER EXTRAVAGANZA

All adults are invited to join us at the home of **Brian and Roberta Cothran** on Friday, September 22 @ 6:30pm.  
 Address: 100 Raspberry Lane  
 Bring your favorite appetizer to share and come enjoy fellowship with your church friends.



Dear Members of First Presbyterian,  
 Thank you for your generous expressions of appreciation to me on my retirement.

During my 12 years with you, you have become my second church family. You have been kind and welcoming to this one from across the railroad tracks. I have received blessings, love and compassion over the years. Your friendship is cherished and will continue as we part from weekly contact.

It has been my privilege to serve you in the financial area of your work in our community and beyond. I look forward to seeing you in and around Anderson.

God's blessings on you and your ministry.

*Linda Martin*

### FIRST PRES DAYSCHOOL IS HIRING

We are in need of a couple afternoon teachers to work with the children in the dayschool. If you are interested in some part-time work, please contact **Jeanne Zorn or Mary Haynes**, Directors at 225-2551 or [dayschool@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:dayschool@fpcandersonsc.com).

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

*New Sunday morning class being offered this fall:*

### BELONGING TO GOD: Confirmation for Adults



Do you wonder what we, as Presbyterians, believe? Did you grow up in a different denomination? Have you often wished you could learn as much as our confirmation students are learning? Well now is your chance! Sunday mornings, beginning September 3rd at 9:30am, we will host a confirmation class for adults in the FLC McDougald Room! Together we will learn that it is no small thing to be a part of a covenant community and to be a part of the body of Christ! All are invited.

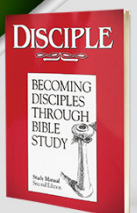
Led by: Misty Fretwell, John Lummus, Jennifer Stewart and Dennis Tedder

### A NEW SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE!

#### DISCIPLE: "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study"

With weekly Bible reading homework and accountability to one another, we will dive right in to a 12 week study of the Old Testament together. There are TWO small group times offered beginning Sept 13th/14th, so that you can choose the one that works best for you. Call Jennifer Stewart to register!

**Wednesday evenings at 5:30—6:15pm**  
**Thursday mornings at 10:30—11:30am**  
 Cost: \$12 for a student book



### PRAY AND PROVIDE

**For the children of Matthew 28 in Bohoc, Haiti**

Our next mission team is preparing to return to Matthew 28 and kick off a new school year. We are opening a 4k classroom this year and need your help!

For more information or join the team, please contact Jennifer Stewart or Debbie Williamson.

1. Pray
2. Plan
3. Prepare
4. Pray

*thank you!*

To everyone who helped make our Day Camp a huge success this summer. All of the children heard, saw and learned about the love of Christ in so many different ways and from many different people during the camp. Whether you prayed for the group, brought in food, volunteered to help with meals, driving, serving as a counselor or leader or prayed for our week, we thank you!