

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
302 W. Whitner Street  
Anderson, SC 29624  
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September 16—30, 2017

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# The First Word

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

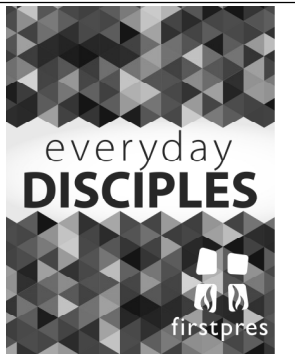
First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC  
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## Appetizer Extravaganza

Friday, September 22nd @ 6:30pm  
At the home of Brian & Roberta Cothran

Address: 100 Raspberry Lane (in Country Place neighborhood)

This event is for all FPC adults. Come join us for a great night of fellowship and food! Please bring an appetizer/heavy hors d'oeuvre to share.



## WORSHIP WITH US

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

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

September 24—10:30am

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17

Dennis Tedder preaching:  
"God's Way, Word and Will"

Announcer: Suzette Christopher

Extended Session:

Room 102—2's & 3's

Kent & Anna Becht

Room 101—4's & 5's

Jordan & Katie Laney

## Handrail Verse

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" - Genesis 1:31

AND IT WAS REAL GOOD!

### All dates/events subject to change.

**Saturday, September 16**  
9:00 a.m. Walk to End Alzheimer's—Wren Park

**Sunday, September 17**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship—Family Life Center  
5:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th Class Dinner @ Bufkin's home  
5:30 p.m. 9th—12th Class Dinner @ White's home

**Monday, September 18**  
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC  
5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC

**Tuesday, September 19**  
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—Parlor

**Wednesday, September 20**  
9:00 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**  
3:45 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. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, September 21**  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
4:00 p.m. Dayschool Board mtg—Rm 212  
5:45 p.m. Zumba—FLC

**Friday, September 22**  
6:30 p.m. Appetizer Extravaganza @ Cothran's home

**Saturday, September 23**  
No scheduled events

### Sunday, September 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship—Family Life Center  
5:00 p.m. Youth Open gym  
5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Youth Program

**Monday, September 25**  
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study-FLC  
5:55 p.m. Yoga—FLC

**Tuesday, September 26**  
9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC  
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal

**Wednesday, September 27**  
9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga—Rm 216  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—FLC  
**Wednesday Night Live**  
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  
5:30 p.m. Deacon's meeting—Parlor  
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

**Thursday, September 28**  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care—FLC  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry—Rm 110  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
5:45 p.m. Zumba—FLC

**Friday, September 29** No scheduled events  
**Saturday, September 30**  
9:30 a.m. Saturday Servants—Kirk

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
Richard Williamson Faculty  
Composition Recital  
Sunday, October 8 at 4:00pm  
FPC Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesday Night Live provides a midweek opportunity to study scripture and enjoy food and fellowship with your church family.

Wednesday Night Live is an important program here at FPC. Please make plans to join us so that we can continue to offer a variety of classes and dinner. For more information—Contact Jennifer Stewart (225-2551).

### WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Sept. 20—  
Salisbury Meatballs with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, salad bar, dessert

Sept. 27—  
Taco Bar, refried beans, Spanish rice, dessert

# 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 3: Friendship and forgiveness! Jesus and Peter  
 Week 4: How can we encourage each other? Job and friends  
*\*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.  
 \*Parents participate on Sunday, October 1st!  
 \*\*At the end of Worship Education, first graders are expected to participate in the full worship hour.  
 For more details, contact Alisa Gibson 314-0510.

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

Rhodes Respite Care will have a team in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. You are invited to give a donation. Make checks to Alzheimer's Association and leave in the office during the month of September. Your support is appreciated.  
 Rhodes Respite currently has a few openings for early stage dementia participants. Additional volunteers are always welcome to help once a month with the Tuesday & Thursday sessions. Call Gail Marion, Director for more information, 245-1694.

## SATURDAY SERVANTS September 30 at 9:30am In the Kirk

Join the Deacons as we prepare bag lunches for those in need in our area.  
 All are welcome to assist.  
 A great family experience.



## Sunday Night Youth

**Sept. 17th:**  
 Class Dinners: 5:30pm-7:00pm  
 6th & 7th & 8th: Allie's Bufkin's, 108 Carter Oaks Drive  
 9th - 12th: Issy White's, 102 Dursley Drive

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

**October 1st:**  
 Presbytery Youth Event at Fort Hill Presbyterian  
 For all Middle & High School Youth  
 Meet at the FLC at 4:45pm, Return at 7:30pm  
 Cost: \$10  
 Food truck, games, worship & more.  
 \*\*RSVP by calling/texting/emailing Kari so we can make sure we have enough transportation.

**October 8th:**  
 Church-Wide Fall Festival for the whole family  
 - Check front of bulletin for more information.

**Middle School Presbytery Retreat**  
 Oct. 21st - 22nd @ Bonclarken  
 REGISTRATION DUE SEPT. 20th - Forms & \$70

## High School Youth Ski Trip

January 12th - 15th, 2018  
 Winterplace, WV with Central Pres. Youth  
 \$100 non-refundable deposit due by October 1st.



**New FPC Youth T-shirts are in!**  
**\$5 each**  
**Blue & Orange**

## Middle Schoolers on Wednesdays

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, relaxation 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.**



The Christian sympathy of the pastor and congregation is expressed to the family of **Joseph Kritzer** on his death September 10.

## 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.

## Hurricane Harvey and Irma Assistance

We are collecting **NEW** towels and washcloths and deodorant for the Red Cross to assist those in the disaster areas affected by the hurricanes. Bring your donations to the church office and please continue in prayer for the rescue and recovery efforts.

## < SAVE THE DATE > First Fellowship

Do you love a good story & good food? First Presbyterian is hosting a lunch for older adults on Oct. 17 in the Kirk, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Come enjoy good food, listen to local storyteller, Judy Seeley, weave her tales of humor, wisdom and faith, and laugh with your friends. Contact Charmaine Smith-Miles for more information

## 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 into 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



**Annual FPC Women's Retreat**  
**February 9-10, 2018**  
**@ Kanuga Conference Center**  
**Keynote Speaker: Julie Schaaf**

\*Mark your calendars now for this wonderful event!  
 Sign ups will begin in October.

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FAITH FORMATION IS A LIFE LONG PROCESS!



We currently have eight Adult Sunday school classes (9:30am) and two Wednesday Night Live Classes (5:30pm) designed for adults. In addition to these two times, there are a variety of small group Bible studies that gather throughout the week in the day or evening.

Looking for a place to grow in your personal faith and need some guidance? Contact Jennifer Stewart (225-2551)



*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 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

## Trinity River Band

is coming back to FPC  
 on Saturday, October 21st at 6pm  
 in the Family Life Center

We are excited to welcome back this incredible musical group. For a fun night of music and fellowship. All proceeds will go to benefit our youth mission trips and conferences.

Adults & Kids 12 years old and up: \$10  
 Kids 4-11 years old: \$5  
 3 and under: Free

Concessions will be offered including hotdogs and pizza by the slice.

"Trinity River Band has a natural instinct for combining bluegrass, folk, pop, gospel and country influences to create a distinctive sound all their own. Each track pulls at a different heartstring, revealing raw and emotive melodies accentuated by sensitive instrumental and vocal work."