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March 16 - 31, 2019

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# The First Word

WORSHIP  
WITH US

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

First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC  
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What's for dinner this week?

March 20 - Beef Mushroom

Stroganoff

March 27 - Hamburgers and

Hot Dogs



## Building on Faith – Campaign Spotlight

We kicked off our *Building on Faith* capital campaign on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Since then, the campaign Steering Committee and volunteer visitors have been hard at work visiting many families. So far, we have received faith pledges from about 40% of our families which now total more than 75% of our \$3.4M campaign goal. We are grateful to the Lord for his rich blessing in the life and ministry here at First Pres!

There may be some who have questions about the capital campaign and why we have chosen this approach to fund our future plans. Here are some frequently asked questions with answers:

### Why do we need to make a pledge over three-years?

A multi-year pledge has a twofold purpose. Firstly, it enables us to give more over a defined period of time, over and above our regular annual tithes and offerings. We are able to plan for this and budget for it, similar to a car loan or mortgage. Secondly, the expectation of gifts for a specific purpose enables the Session and key leaders to make informed decisions about the future of the facilities and ministries at First Pres. Forward looking, long-range planning is key to any organization's longevity and stability.

### Do I have to fill out a pledge card?

The pledge card method is an effective way to gauge the commitment from our people. While the pledge card is not a binding contract, it does allow the Session to have some expectation of what the people have committed to, as the Lord enables them, for a defined period of time. The pledge card method enables planning for future expenditures and commitment to a contractor.

### Why are we making visits to every household?

Because a personal touch has the power to forge bonds of caring and a shared purpose, we have chosen to hold an every-member canvass this year. Our *Building on Faith* capital campaign will be communicated through written material and brochures, but also by conversation and personal visits.

We are in the process of contacting all of our members and friends to schedule visits. One of the main goals of our campaign is to strengthen the fabric and bonds within our church. We believe that personal visits are one way to accomplish this important goal.

The visits will not employ any high-pressure tactics, and you won't be required to make a decision on the spot. Your visitor wants to be in conversation with you – to rekindle a friendship or to make a new one. Please accept your personal visit from one of your fellow members when they call. These visits allow everyone an opportunity to be updated on our plans, to give input, and to ask questions in the privacy of your home.

If you would like to know more about the capital campaign, please contact one of our Steering Committee members or call the church office. We want you to be part of this process and will have someone contact you right away.

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## SATURDAY SERVANTS

March 30 at 9:00am in the Kirk

Come and help the Deacons prepare bag lunches for those in need in our community.

All are welcome - a great family event.

### All dates/events subject to change.

#### Saturday, March 16

Salem Presbyterian Church Meeting - Kirk

#### Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Youth meet @ Boulevard lanes

#### Monday, March 18

8:15 a.m. Young Mom's Bible Study @ The Bagel Shop  
1:00 p.m. Seekers Bible Study - Rm 212  
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 41 - Kirk

#### Tuesday, March 19

9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers - Session Rm  
2:00 p.m. Staff meeting - Library  
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212

#### Wednesday, March 20

9:15 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 124  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
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 and Fellowship - Kirk  
6:15 p.m. Zumba - FLC  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 21

10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group - Parlor  
10:30 a.m. Covenant Bible Study

#### Friday, March 22

No scheduled events

#### Saturday, March 23

No scheduled events

#### Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. High School Youth meet at Moe's

#### Monday, March 25

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Service Project  
1:00 p.m. Seekers Bible Study - Rm 212  
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
6:00 p.m. Pack 41 - Kirk

#### Tuesday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers - Session Rm  
2:00 p.m. Staff meeting - Library  
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212  
6:30 p.m. High School Guys - Arnold's

#### Wednesday, March 27

9:15 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 124  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
3:30 p.m. Middle School pick-up  
5:15 p.m. Pre-school & Children's Choirs  
5:30 p.m. Deacons meeting - Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Youth & Adult Bible Studies  
5:45 p.m. Pre-school & Children's Studies  
6:15 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship - Kirk  
6:15 p.m. Zumba - FLC  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm110  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
10:30 a.m. Covenant Bible Study

#### Friday, March 29

No scheduled events

#### Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Saturday Servants - Kirk

#### Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Youth Open Gym  
5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For our annual  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, April 20

For children: 5th grade and younger  
*More info coming soon!*



Updated directory photos still being accepted.  
Send to

debrak@fpcandersonsc.com

March 17  
8:30am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Dennis Tedder preaching:  
*"Disturbing Grace"*

Announcers:

8:30 Brantley Isom  
10:30 Jeff Kubu

Extended Session:

2's & 3's - Room 102  
Trey & Caleigh Thomas  
4's & 5's - Room 101  
Amanda Hanley

March 24

8:30am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Dennis Tedder preaching:  
*"Dressed for the Occasion"*

Announcers:

8:30 Jake Swygert  
10:30 Jack Buice

Extended Session:

2's & 3's - Room 102  
Andrew & Kari Morgan  
4's & 5's - Room 101  
Susan & Caroline Brown

March 31

8:30am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Dennis Tedder preaching:  
*"Ready or Not"*

Announcers:

8:30 Rosanne Pruitt  
10:30 Martha Burriss

Extended Session:

2's & 3's - Room 102  
Philip & Stacey Ganss  
4's & 5's - Room 101  
Kent & Anna Becht

**Foothills Presbytery  
Camp Fellowship Week  
is July 14 - 19, 2019.**

To see what camps are being offered go to:

www.foothillspresbytery.org & click on the Camp Fellowship link.

For more info—  
See Jennifer  
Stewart





### Pre-School Sunday School

2yrs—Room 102

3yrs & 4yrs—Room 101

Sunday school traditions begin at an early age. Expose your toddler to God's story of love in Sunday school!

*Sunday school traditions begin at an early age. Expose your preschooler to God's story of love in Sunday school! This month we are learning from New Testament stories about observing Lent with our families.*



### 252 BASICS - MARCH

5K-5th Grade

Sundays at 9:30 in Room 124

(room under the sanctuary)

God is one of a kind and He made each of us unique and special! We can reflect God in how we love, care for others, imagine, create, and solve problems...in the way we live out how God created us.

**Week 3:** God made me to make a difference.

1 Timothy 4:12

**Week 4:** God wants me to see what really matters.

1 Samuel 16:7

**Week 5:** God made me to love others.

Matthew 22:34-40

*Sunday school is important!*

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

### CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

The Children's Choir is working on the musical "Nailed It" this spring. The musical will be shared on March 31 during the 10:30am worship.

The Cherub Choir will sing March 24 at 10:30am.

**ANNUAL SWING FOR MISSION**

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>

TEE OFF: 1:30pm

Hosted at Boscobel Golf Club

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO YOUTH MISSION TRIPS**

Registrations are now open. We will be looking for golfers, teams, business sponsors, Sunday School classes to sponsor, prizes for our winners and more.

Contact Duane Loftis for more information, [wloftis@gmail.com](mailto:wloftis@gmail.com)



### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

**March 17th:**

**BOWLING NIGHT**

Meet at Boulevard Lanes at 5:30pm, pick up at 7pm.

Bring \$4 to bowl, plus \$ for dinner.

**WEAR/BRING your crazy socks!**

**Sunday, March 24th**

High School Youth ONLY Dinner

6pm @ Moe's

**Monday, March 25th**

Middle School Youth

10am-3pm

Service Project, lunch & fun!

RSVP to Kari.

**Sunday, March 31st**

5pm: Open Gym

5:30pm: Dinner

6-7pm:

Middle School Bible Study in McDougald Rm

High School Bible Study in Game Room

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm at Arnold's

Meet for dinner & Bible study with Dr. Tedder

**High School Youth: Come and help lead our middle school Bible study or help with one of our children's classes from 5:30-6:15pm. Please contact Kari if you are interested in helping.**

### Sunday Mornings: 9:30am

Did you know that we have a great Middle School Sunday school class that meets in heaven (3rd floor) each week? It's for all of our 6th - 8th graders who are not currently involved in Confirmation. Our teachers do a great job helping youth better understand Scripture and how it applies to our lives today! JOIN US!

High School Youth are encouraged to join the Come to the Table class that gathers in the Family Life Center. This is a laid back class that discusses the scripture Dr. Tedder will be preaching on during worship. We WELCOME your input and the perspective you add to the conversation.



**High School Youth Conference  
Montreat Conference Center  
July 7-13**

For: Rising 9th grade - graduated seniors.

Total cost: \$300,  
\$50 deposits due by March 27th

FOR FULL DETAILS CHECK YOUR EMAIL  
Contact Kari with any questions, [karim@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:karim@fpcandersonsc.com)



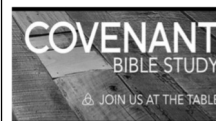
Our Mission emphasis for March is Safe Harbor, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence in the upstate of SC. We will collect shampoo and conditioner and deodorant. Please bring your donations to the blue bins outside the church office.

### Rhodes Respite Care

Rhodes Respite Care is a faith-based activity program for adults with early-to-moderate memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Our ongoing mission is to meet the social, spiritual, physical and emotional needs of adults with dementia. This ministry provides a well-deserved break, or respite, to those who bear care-giving responsibility. They entrust their family member to our experts' care, knowing they will be safe in a loving atmosphere. The respite program meets from 10:00am-1:45pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program gathers in the Family Life Center and is open to the community. Please inquire about openings for new participants. Contact Deborah Dunlap, Director at 864-245-1694 or [rhodesrespitecare@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:rhodesrespitecare@fpcandersonsc.com).

### NEW SUPPORT GROUP

A new Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Caregiver Support Group will be held every third Thursday morning at 10 AM in the Chennault Parlor. This group, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, is free and open to family and friends to provide education and coping support. If a no-cost, in-home sitter is needed in order to attend, call the Alzheimer's Association at 224-3045 to arrange. Facilitators will be Caroline Bell (353-7379) and Gail Marion (356-1174). Please share this information in the community.



**Covenant Bible Study**  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm or  
Thursdays at 10:30am

Here at First Presbyterian Church we strive to provide various opportunities for all ages to grow in faith through Bible study, outreach, fellowship and worship. If you are new to FPC and/or are looking for a new way to study God's Word, please contact Jennifer Stewart, Director of Christian Education. We have numerous Bible studies throughout the week, 7 adult Sunday school classes, fellowship groups and service projects. Jennifer can help you find the Sunday school, small group or other opportunity that is right for you!  
Jennifer Stewart  
[jennifers@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:jennifers@fpcandersonsc.com)  
864-276-1770

### Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday night church provides a wonderful, mid-week opportunity to gather as a church family for Bible study, singing, dinner and fellowship. We have choirs and classes for children, youth Bible study, and two adult small group Bible study options.

### Piano Player Needed!

Do you play the piano? If so, consider sharing your gift with our Men's Bible Class. They are looking for someone to play a few hymns each Sunday morning at the beginning of their Sunday school class at 9:30am in the chapel. It will only take about 10 minutes of your time on Sunday mornings.

If you can help, even 2 Sundays a month, please contact Jennifer Stewart (225-2551) or Paul Gallagher (226-3903)



**Are you visiting FPC and want to hear more? Are you a new member and not sure how to get connected?**



Join us on the first Sunday of each month in the Family Life Center for *Newcomer's Coffee* (a casual meet & greet) with our Minister, Dr. Tedder and Jennifer Stewart, Director of Christian Education. Bring your questions and hear about upcoming opportunities for you and your family.

**Next Gathering: Sunday, April 7 at 9:30am**



**COME TO THE TABLE**  
Sunday mornings at 9:30am  
in the Family Life Center

Don't have a Sunday school class? Looking for a way to plug in on Sunday mornings and meet some new FPC friends? Join us at 9:30 in the FLC for a light breakfast, fellowship and a short lesson on the day's Scripture passage.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Stewart.

3/17 The Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

3/24 The Wedding Banquet Matthew 22:1-14

3/31 The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:1-30

**Mark your calendars for VBS!**

June 10—14, 2019

9am—12noon

"Life is WILD...God is GOOD!"

Our 2019 Directors Jennifer Kinere, Jenny Pray, Tracy Harbert and Julia Evatt are beginning to recruit volunteers!

Let us know if you can help! VBS is designed for children completed 3k - 5th grade

