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The First Word

"Strive first for the kingdom of God." Matthew 6:33
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Two exciting events for our community!
Make sure to read all of the details.

Morning Watch Gathering

On Sunday, August 23rd at 9am at the home of Mike and Janie King, 732 Woodlake Road, Anderson 29621, those who are able are invited to join us for a lakeside gathering! Folks can come by boat or by car but will need to bring your own masks and chairs. If come by car you will park and walk out to their backyard for the gathering.

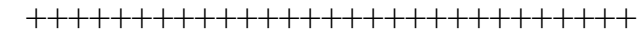


Social distancing and masks are required for attendance. See the full list of precautions we are committing to take together on page 3. Check with Pastor Dennis or Pastor Chad for more details or with any questions.

* Please bring your own water/drink if needed.

Our online 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service will still be shared on Facebook, YouTube, and our website as usual at 9:30 a.m. or later to watch when you are able.

The 9:00 a.m. in-person gathering is an additional Sunday event.



Back to School Celebration

On Sunday August 30th from 4:30-5:30pm we're having a **Back to School Celebration in the church parking lot!** All who are able to are invited as we celebrate our students, teachers, and families as they begin the journey back to school. We want everyone to come, you do not have to be a student or teacher to join us, **come one... come all!**

We will have designated parking spaces to keep us spread out and you can park your cars and pull out chairs/blankets or stay in your vehicles.

Masks are required at all times during the event.

We'll enjoy:

- ◆ Pink Mama's Ice Cream Truck is coming!!
- ◆ Prayer cards will be handed out to any individuals and families who want to have a prayer partner for the school year. We will have all of our kids and teachers names on these.
- ◆ Fun socially distanced games/activities
- ◆ We will hand out blessings bags for all who attend with some fun treats!
- ◆ We will have a time of prayer and blessings for the new school year!

* Please bring your own mask and chairs.



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

The family of Harold Hicks on his death, July 1, 2020

The family of Becky Walter on her death July 2, 2020.

Henry and Kristi Martin and family on the death of his uncle Dr. John B. Martin, Jr. on August 7, 2020.

John and Kellie Martin and family on the death of her father Dan Henderson on August 8, 2020.

Mike and Janie King and family on the death of his aunt Betty Jo Black on August 9, 2020.

Penny Lovelace and family on the death of her husband Steve Lovelace on August 10, 2020.

Gail Nichols and family on the death of her husband Brogdon Nichols on August 15, 2020.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben McDougald on their marriage August 1, 2020. Ben is the son of Douglas and Tricia McDougald and the grandson of Doug and Peggy McDougald. The bride is the former Kinley Powell.



Congratulations to Gabe and Amy Marroni on the birth of their son Luke Samuel Marroni on August 6, 2020. The proud big brother is Adam and proud grandparents are Bobby and Sandra Altman.



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WORSHIP WITH US

**IN-PERSON
WORSHIP SERVICES
TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED**

**Join Dr. Dennis Tedder
and Rev. Chad
Wright-Pittman
for online Worship each
Sunday morning at
9:30am**

Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/256345949772/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/256345949772/)

You Tube

[https://www.youtube.com/
firstpresbyterianchurchofanderson](https://www.youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofanderson)

Website

www.fpcandersonsc.com

CD's AVAILABLE

If you are not able to see our Sunday worship and would like a CD of the service, please let a deacon know or contact Debra in the church office. If we can assist you in any other way, please let us know also.

TEMPORARY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday

9:00am - 12:30pm

#864-225-2551



Sunday Mornings at Home!

Check your email for easy, fun faith lessons you can enjoy together at home!



Preschoolers will join the big kids in learning about *Creativity* using **252 Basics** curriculum.

Elementary kids, check out our streamlined lessons including a short video.

If you haven't been receiving the emailed lessons, contact Alisa! alisag@fpcandersonsc.com

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Our Mission Emphasis for August is for our neighbor, Clean Start. We are collecting: liquid laundry detergent and bleach.

Please bring your donations to the church Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm and Friday 9am - 12:30pm. Place in the blue bins outside the church office.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Church ministry budget as of July 31, 2020

Year to Date Contributions	\$519,323
Year to Date Expenses	\$506,560
Year to Date Budget	\$582,291

Give/Pay Online

Online Giving

Our website, www.fpcandersonsc.com, now offers you the option to give online. Use the Give/Pay Online button near the bottom of the home page to make your contribution.

You may also mail your contributions to:
First Presbyterian Church
302 W. Whitner Street, Anderson, SC 29624

Contact Emily Marr at 864-225-2551 or emilym@fpcandersonsc.com for information on setting up your Realm account or with any financial questions.



FPC Youth Families,

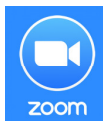
We are excited to announce that we have been given approval to begin small groups this fall with outdoor, distanced gatherings at peoples homes. We are thankful for the opportunity to gather safely and see each other soon. Please be on the look out for more information and policies coming your way! We will be in need of a few families to volunteer to host (shade would be wonderful). Let me know if you are able to or would like more information.

We want all of our youth to know how much we miss them and love them during this time! Families, please let us know if there is anything else we can do to continue to connect with your youth as a group or individually.

Please help us by encouraging your youth to join us for anything we have going on. Know you are in our constant prayers and we are all in this together.

Grace & Peace,

Kari + all of youth ministry leaders



Look for emails about our weekly or bi-weekly zoom calls for the different age groups.

Back to School Celebration

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in the church parking lot.
Check for all of the details on the front page.



Our 1st Sundays at First ministry

has still been able to serve our community during this time and we are so thankful for this. We are so thankful for the churches support. In August, we were able to serve 100 meals to our neighbors.

We need approximately 4-5 youth per month to help serve. Please contact Kari if you would like to help. Must wear a mask, we provide gloves and available to work 4:30-6:30pm on the day of the event.



Our next date is Sunday, September 6th.

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Contact for Kari Morgan
Director of Youth & Recreation
#314.3691, KariM@FPCAndersonSC.com

For the safety of our community, we commit to the following:

Pastors, worship leaders and congregation will ensure that they, as well as any and all visitors adhere to the following guidelines:

Absent themselves from all in-person gatherings if they feel sick, have a fever or a cough or gastrointestinal illness, have knowingly come into contact within the past two weeks with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Notify the pastors if they or anyone in their household or anyone with whom they have had contact within the past two weeks tests positive for Covid-19.

Quarantine for 14 consecutive days if tested positive for Covid-19 or if coming into contact within the past two weeks with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Wear a mask (medical or two-ply handmade) correctly (covering nose and mouth) at all times while attending an outdoor worship service.

Wear gloves if they choose.

Practice social distancing (remain at least 6 feet from everyone except members of their own household).

Refrain from touching (hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, high fives, etc.) any person other than those in my own household.

Refrain from group speaking and singing.

Refrain from using any shared materials such as writing utensils, papers, craft/project materials.

Refrain from serving or sharing food other than that which each individual brings for his/her own consumption.

Refrain from congregating in pairs or groups of any size.

In addition to the guidelines and protocols listed above, the pastors, worship leaders and congregation will adhere to the following:

Limit meeting time to a total of 60 minutes.

Have available at each gathering disposable masks for those who forgot and hand sanitizers as needed and requested.

Clean and disinfect continually during the gathering any and all high-contact areas. **Immediately notify** the pastors when a worshipper or any visitor gives notice of his/her own Covid-19 diagnosis or contact within the past two weeks with a person diagnosed with Covid-19.

Take Attendance at all gatherings in order to help share information to those potentially exposed.

The FPC Session has approved small group gatherings of 12 or less to meet in the Kirk or outdoors...such as Sunday school classes, Bible study groups, etc...Masks must be worn at all times and stay socially distanced.

Reservations for use of the Kirk to be made with Debra in the office, #225-2551. Must adhere to Covenant/Guidelines (above) as prepared by Session.