



# First News

## June 2016

*This way forward*

### Summer Worship Schedule

**Chapel Worship** - 8:30 am

**MorningSong** (Fogartie Hall) - 10:30 am

**Sanctuary Worship** - 10:30 am

#### **Worship - June 5** **Communion**

*Rev. Christi O. Brown (MS)*  
*Dr. Thomas E. Evans (C & S)*

#### **Worship - June 19** **Father's Day**

*Rev. Joanne R. Hull (MS)*  
*Dr. Kirk H. Neely (C & S)*

#### **Worship - June 12**

*Jason Moore (MS)*  
*Dr. Thomas E. Evans (C & S)*

#### **Worship - June 26**

*Rev. Christi O. Brown (MS)*  
*Dr. Thomas E. Evans (C & S)*



*\*Pictured above:  
Dr. Kirk H. Neely leads the  
Children's Time during  
worship at the Church-Wide  
Retreat in April.  
Pictured Left: The 2016  
Confirmation Class on  
Confirmation Sunday,  
April 24.*

Dear Members of FPC,

For over 300 years, Presbyterians in the United States have witnessed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and worked together to bring God's love, justice, and peace to the world. We have spread the gospel all around the world but with special success in Korea, Brazil, and the Congo. Even today our mission around the world continues to thrive!

For this country, our national church works with presbyteries and congregations to teach evangelism, stewardship, Church redevelopment, and much more. We have National church agencies that help congregations in difficult financial times and during great celebrations. The national church has brought us our new hymnal, resources to commemorate Calvin's 500th birthday, and resources such as the Thoughtful Christian that helps us address difficult topics from a theological and Biblical perspective.

I have personally experienced the very important role our national church plays in making a difference in society, in the lives of those most vulnerable, and for strengthening our congregations.

In other words, the national church has served God faithfully for generations upon generations.

However, there is one part of the national church, the General Assembly, which convenes every two years that

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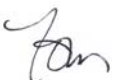
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has been a source of controversy.

Our Session has worked diligently and prayerfully to reform, to refresh, and to renew the General Assembly, through Foothills Presbytery. Our church has two representatives elected by Foothills Presbytery to attend this year's General Assembly, June 18-25. I will be there as an Overture Advocate to help move our overtures forward and our Clerk of Session, Elder Lee Close, will serve as one of the Elder Commissioners.

Please keep us in your prayers as we look to reform the General Assembly and give thanks to God for all our denomination has done over the course of centuries.

Peace be with you,

  
Tom Evans

## New Fitness Attendant



Please welcome our new Fitness Attendant, Dominique Lesine. He is a recent graduate from Ferrum College, with a degree in Health Promotion. Dominique will be manning the FLC desk every afternoon and keeping the Fitness Area in great working order.

**Think you're not in good enough shape to start?  
Think again!**

Classes are designed to keep everyone challenged regardless of fitness level. It doesn't matter if you are a newbie or a triathlete. Every exercise performed is effort based making sure all levels are able to participate!

## NEW! Summer Fitness Classes

All Classes are free - begin June 13



### FAMILY AND ME FITNESS

MON. WED. FRI. - 9:30 AM  
TUES. & THURS. - 1 PM

Family and Me Fitness Classes. What better way to start off your morning than with an amazing workout with your kids? Each of our Family and Me Fitness Classes are uniquely designed to encourage cooperative habits, teach new fitness activities, but most of all to be fun for all ages. From obstacle courses, relay races, and balloon games your kids will love coming to workout at the FLC this summer!

### XTRME BOOT CAMP

MON. WED. FRI. - 7:15 AM  
TUES. & THURS. - 12 PM

Looking to amp up your cardio and strength training routine? This workout will get your heart rate high and your muscles strong! You will be challenged with high intensity cardio intervals, functional training moves, strength training exercises, and more. Get out of your regular routine and into your next level of fitness.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30

Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion of God's word. Want more information? Visit our website at [fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults](http://fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults)

## **Adult Classes**

**FAITH DRIVEN & SPARK (Young Adult)**  
Combined Class in Room C210

**OPEN CLASS** Room 2213

**PURNELL CLASS** Purnell Room

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** Room 2201

### **The Story of the Bible, Part I: From its Origins to the Middle Ages**

A Lecture Series by: Luke Timothy Johnson,  
Professor at Emory University, mentor of  
our own Dr. Kyle Keefer

Johnson is an engaging speaker who explains in this series how the Bible came to be written and assembled, as well as how various versions were developed, circulated, and preserved over hundreds of years.

Each lecture is 30 minutes. Kyle Keefer, Tom & Nan McDaniel, and other First Presbyterian teachers will lead discussion before and after the lectures. There will be special Mission presentations on June 5 and August 14.

## **Children and Youth**

Nursery (Birth-2K)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Family Life Center

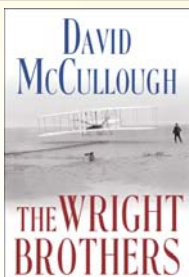


JOIN US ON  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016**  
**Bill Arthur Center**

**Kennedy Street -10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.**

### **June Selection**

***The Wright Brothers*** - by David McCullough  
David McCullough, master historian and two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, tells the surprising, profoundly American story of Wilbur and Orville Wright. They were men of exceptional courage and determination.



# Youth SUMMER EVENTS



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL BONCLARKEN RETREAT**

June 9-11, 2016

Rising 6th-8th grade ~ Cost: \$125

## **SALKEHATCHIE MISSION TRIP**

June 18-25, 2016

Ages 14 and up ~ Cost: \$230

An opportunity to share the love of Christ by helping  
make homes in the area safe, dry and warm.

## **MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE**

July 16-23, 2016

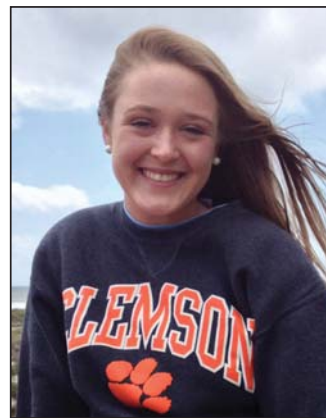
Rising 9th-12th grade ~ Cost: \$350

The Youth Conference aims to challenge and empower  
students to discover their gifts so that together they can  
reach out to the church in the world.

## **WELCOME Out Youth SUMMER INTERN**

Please welcome our Youth Summer Intern, Caroline McCauley. Caroline started at FPC on May 15 and will work in the Youth Department until mid August. She will be 20 in June and is from Travelers Rest, where she has lived her whole life. Caroline has a 22 year old brother who is finishing up school in Boulder Colorado. Through high school, she

played soccer and cheered. Once Caroline graduated from Travelers Rest High School in 2014, she started college at Spartanburg Methodist College for these past two years. This coming fall, she will start school at USC Upstate majoring in Exercise Science to further her goals of becoming an Occupational Therapist.



# This Month @ FPC

## June 2016

### Wednesday, June 1

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 2

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

### Friday, June 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Genesis Choir  
8:30 a.m. Blood Drive  
8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Summer Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)  
11:30 a.m. Summer Sizzle  
5:15 p.m. SPARK Outdoor Worship & Potluck

### Monday, June 6

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
12:00 p.m. Officer Prayer Lunch  
6:00 p.m. Speaking Down Barriers

### Tuesday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
10:30 a.m. BBC  
7:00 p.m. BBC

### Wednesday, June 8

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

### Friday, June 10

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Summer Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

### Monday, June 13

1:00 p.m. Camp Arcadia

### Tuesday, June 14

7:00 a.m. Officer Prayer Breakfast  
1:00 p.m. Camp Arcadia  
3:00 p.m. Congregational Nursing  
6:00 p.m. Homeless Feeding Program

### Wednesday, June 15

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Camp Arcadia

### Thursday, June 16

12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group  
1:00 p.m. Camp Arcadia

### Friday, June 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Camp Arcadia

### Sunday, June 19

8:00 a.m. Genesis Choir  
8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Summer Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

### Monday, June 20

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl

### Wednesday, June 22

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 23

12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

### Friday, June 24

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Summer Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)  
11:30 a.m. Summer Sizzle

### Monday, June 27

5:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, June 28

5:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Homeless Feeding Program

### Wednesday, June 29

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 30

12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

*\* Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. in the Scout Hut.*

## FITNESS CENTER

The Family Life Center Hours  
Monday-Thursday 6am-9pm,  
Friday 6am-5pm  
Saturday 8am-12pm, Sunday 2pm-6pm

### FAMILY AND ME FITNESS

In the Gym on Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Fridays at 9:30 am  
Tuesday & Thursday at 1 pm

### XTREME BOOT CAMP

In the Gym on Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Fridays at 7:15 am  
Tuesday & Thursday at 12 pm

### GENTLE YOGA CLASS

Tuesdays at 11:00am ~ Activity Room

### COMMUNITY OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Monday & Friday at 1-3:00pm

### MORNING YOGA (All levels)

Check website calendar

## Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. ~ Chapel Service

9:30a.m. ~ Sunday School

10:30 a.m. ~ MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

10:30 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Service



## Volunteer for Camp Arcadia

Camp Arcadia week is June 13-17; 1-4pm at Arcadia Elementary School and we need your help! Please email Chris Curtis (curtis1120@gmail.com) to volunteer for one day, a few or all. Also please indicate your area of interest or any other info you'd need to know.

# Summer Choir

Anyone high school age and above is welcome to be a part of the Summer Choir, which sings for the 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Services. Come to the Choir Room at 9:45 any Sunday from now through Labor Day. We rehearse music for one Sunday at a time, so no one has to worry about being behind. For those who feel uncertain are strong Chancel Choir singers in every section to lean on. Summer Choir is a great option for those who like to sing but cannot be a part of our regularly rehearsing choirs, out of town guests who sing, college students home for part of the summer, etc.

*For more information, contact Holt Andrews;  
208-2134 / rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.*

## Musical Opportunities For Adults At FPC

**As you begin to think about your plans for the fall, consider one of our musical ensembles at FPC. Whatever your level of experience (and whatever your schedule!) we have an option for you:**

**Chancel Choir:** the flagship musical group of FPC, the Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and sings most Sundays at the 11:00 AM worship service, and offers special programs in the Advent and Lenten seasons. This December the choir will be singing seasonal portions of G. F. Handel's *Messiah*.

**Genesis Choir:** perfect for singers whose schedule is difficult. The Genesis Choir meets at 8:00 AM two Sundays a month and learns music for that day's 8:45 AM sanctuary service. The music is manageable enough to be prepared in 30 minutes and this choir is a valued part of our early services.

**Chamber Singers:** an auditioned group of no more than 30, the Chamber Singers are known for their varied repertoire and their Christmas music. The group rehearses on Sundays from 6:00-7:30 PM, sings several times during the Christmas season and presents a popular spring concert.

# KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

## Banner Sponsorship Form

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service in October of 2016.

The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so we need your payment no later than Friday, July 29. The cost of a banner is \$155.

- If you want a particular pattern, please indicate below. Otherwise, we will order your most common clan pattern.
- You will receive an acknowledgment of your order and payment.
- At the conclusion of the service, the tartan banners will be given to the sponsor for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church.

### 2016 KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS BANNER SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Clan Tartan \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this form and check for \$115.00 to:

First Presbyterian Church ~ Kirkin' Fund  
393 East Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29302,  
Attn: Lynise Clarke

*If you have any questions or wish to confirm which tartans have already been purchased, please call David Tate (699-5103).*

**Handbell Choir:** this group is limited to 12 ringers, but there is at least one opening this fall! Ringing in a bell choir is a unique and fun way to be a part of a musical ensemble. The ability to read music is helpful but not required. The group plans it's performing schedule at the beginning of each season. A commitment to weekly attendance at rehearsals is needed.

**For information on these groups or any aspect of the music program, contact Holt Andrews at rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.**

Please  
Welcome  
Our New  
Members



**Bert & Elizabeth  
Shuler**



**Hunter Brown**



**Margaret Craft**



**Russell  
Calicutt**



**Brenda  
O'Bannon**



**Kevin & Cynthia  
Rhodes**



**Deborah  
Yirenyi**



**Norman  
Mayfield**



**Tiffany Tyner**



**Floye Tayman**



**Kenneth Lally**



**Rob & Cindy  
McCormick**



**Courtney  
Mayfield**



**Jim Weller**

**Not pictured: Anne Dobbs**

## The Blood Connection

### ***Blood Drive***

**Sunday, June 5 - 8:30am-1:30pm**  
**Gym and FLC parking lot**

One donation of your blood can save three lives.  
All donors will receive two free movie tickets and 500 TBC reward points. To make an appointment to donate, contact Beth Cecil (208-2136/  
[bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org))



## 4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen

**Please donate for our June 27th meal:**

The theme for the night is Southern Comfort Food. We need volunteers to help serve the meal. We also welcome donations of chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn, green beans, rolls, fresh fruit and desserts. We have requests for these items: men's/women's jeans, shorts, t-shirts, undergarments, tennis shoes, socks, sunscreen, bug spray, chap stick, toothbrushes, first-aid, baby wipes, sleeping bags, book bags, toilet tissue, individually wrapped food items, bottles of water.

**Contact: Tina Hamilton (864) 908-8753**



## Pastoral Concerns

Prepared May 18, 2016

### IN MEMORIAM

MARY ANN ELLIS

Thursday, April 21, 2016

*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.*

John 11:25

**Christian sympathy** is extended to

**Mr. Bob Grier** on the death of his father; **James Thomas Grier**;

**Mrs. Miriam Vannoy** on the death of her mother; **Miriam "Anne" Ellis Benson**;

**Mrs. Annamarie Kish** on the death of her mother; **Katalina Eva Donovan**.

**Congratulations** to:

**Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Wayne Thompson (Jennifer Caitlin France)** who were married on Saturday, April 30;

**Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Barnard Wade (Jing Guo)** who were married on Saturday, May 7;

**Mr. and Mrs. Edward Groves Jones, III (Jill Stanley Durham)** who were married on Saturday, May 14;

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrew McKee, III (Caroline Ruth Brown)** who were married on Saturday, May 14;

**Jennifer and Tim MacPhail** on the birth of their son, **William Russell MacPhail**, born on Friday, April 22, 2015.

### Pastoral Care On-Call System:

If you have a pastoral emergency after 5:00 p.m. during the week or anytime over the weekend, please call **208-2142**. The message will be sent to the pastoral care team member who is on-call and your call will be returned as soon as possible. **For youth**, contact **Jason Moore** (804-9244).

## Thank You!

### From the Kairos Prison Ministry

The recent Kairos prison ministry weekend held at Tyger River Correctional Institute was a big success. A total of 28 men completed the 4-four day program which presented the basic elements of our Christian faith through a series of inter-related talks and meditations followed by group discussions. As always, the wonderful cookies (**a record 150 + dozen baked by our congregation**) helped to make a deeply spiritual impact on each of the 1,200 residents who enjoyed eating them. It is significant to note that one member of our outside volunteer team is an ex-offender who is living in Anderson, SC. He made the round trip drive daily to join us at the prison. He is a great speaker and musician who is an inspiring Christian example to all of us.

*We are always grateful for this generous outpouring of cookies and prayers provided by members of FPC Spartanburg!*



## Congratulations 2016 GRADUATES!

### College Graduates:

Louis H. Ike  
Washington & Lee University

James R. Freeman IV  
Washington & Lee University

Matthew J. MacPhail  
College of Charleston

Madison C. Howell  
University of South Carolina

James C. Foster  
Clemson University

Alden G. Terry  
University of South Carolina

Barbara C. Lee  
Wofford College

### Doctorate:

Case M. Wood  
Medical University of S.C.

### High School Graduates:

David W. Adamson  
William D. Bailey  
Alexander M. Barrett  
William A. Bradley  
Winston N. Bridges  
Abigail Y. Britton  
Albert B. Bullington  
Daniel B. Burgess  
Solomon S. Cantrell  
Alexander P. Chambers  
Lillie M. Croes  
William C. DeLaney  
James E. Eastin  
Spencer E. Edwards  
Cameron C. Gaubert

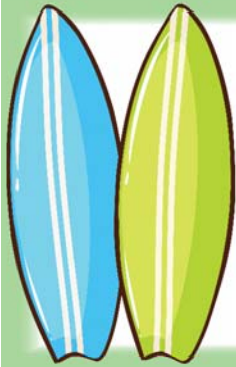
Emery R. Hollar  
Evans K. Hollingsworth  
Chandler W. Jenkins  
Drew W. Keefer  
Owen R. Keefer  
Graham R. Keith  
Morgan E. Kimbrell  
Davis T. Kleman  
Mary K. Mahon  
Thomas K. Mitchell  
Elford W. Morgan  
Sarah A. Mullins  
William B. Mullins  
Meredith C. Murff  
Charlotte E. Neidenbach

Hudson R. Orders  
Sadie E. Ouzts  
Bonnie E. Parrott  
Mazzie R. Phinzy  
Matthew M. Poliakoff  
Samantha L. Pressley  
McKenzie K. Shearon  
Jake K. Singleton  
Jon T. Singleton  
Anna D. Smith  
Stephen M. Thornton  
William M. Webster  
Jackson W. West  
Madison A. Workman

# First Presbyterian Church

# SUMMER SIZZLE

Join us for fellowship on select Sundays at 11:30a.m.



Come catch the  
VBS wave on the  
cupcake surfboard!

## JUNE 5

Gather with your church family in the Social Hall  
after worship. Choose a cupcake from the  
surfboard to satisfy your sweet tooth and  
pick-up your VBS t-shirt.



## JUNE 26

### Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us immediately after the 10:30  
worship services on the front lawn for  
lemonade, cookies and conversation.

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