



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



CELEBRATING
75 YEARS
IN MINISTRY

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*"Equipping Ordinary People to Lead
Extraordinary Lives in Christ"*



Homecoming 2014, This Sunday Celebrating 75 years of God's Faithfulness! 9:30am Sunday School & 10:30am Worship Service Covered Dish Luncheon following Worship!

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give you – a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant – then when you will eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto Thee! What a wonderful opportunity we have this Sunday to join together as a church family to reflect and remember what God has done through the last 75 years of First Presbyterian's history in the High Country. Our family of faith will be an extended family as we welcome back former members, friends, and pastors who have helped nurture the faith formation of so many who have been wonderful witnesses of Jesus Christ over the years. We are grateful to God that Dr. Ron Bowie and Dr. David Long will once again use their gifts to the glory of God by participating in worship and leading us in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Let us remember God's words: *to be careful that we do not forget the Lord*, who ultimately has provided for First Presbyterian throughout our history and who continues to lead us in faithfulness as we diligently seek to worship and serve Him. Friends, please remember that we will have Sunday School at 9:30am, and we will have one combined worship service at 10:30am in the sanctuary together. Following worship, we will break bread together and fellowship with one another as we enjoy barbeque and chicken from Bandana's, and we invite you to bring a covered dish or two so that we may have plenty to share.

We will have tables and chairs setup outside under several tents, and we welcome anyone who would like to bring their own lawn chairs or a blanket to picnic with their loved ones on the lawn to do so. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the multi-purpose room. For those who would like a tour of the former building, a tour has been setup at 2:30pm for you to see what ASU is doing with the property. Folks will leave the church at 2:00pm to go over and check it out. I'm excited about what God has done, what God is currently doing, and what God has in store for us as we look ahead! I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, as we all reflect and proclaim with our lips and our lives together, *Great is They Faithfulness, Lord unto Thee!*

Grateful to be your new Shepherd,
Jeff Smith

September 14, 2014

Sunday School –9:30 am Combined Service - 10:30 am

Sermon: "Reflection...Projection" **Scripture:** Lamentations 3:22-24; First Thessalonians 5:23-24

Please remember in prayer Rev. Jeff Smith, Dr. Ron Bowie, Dr. David Long, the Session, the Diaconate, our staff, and our congregation in preparation for worship. Children's Bulletins by age are available in the Gathering Space.

THE CONGREGATION OF
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

The Installation Service
 For our new pastor,
Reverend Jeff Smith

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 28TH
 4 O'CLOCK
 IN OUR SANCTUARY

Please make every effort to be present
 for this occasion which sanctifies the
 official pastor call and charge to
 First Presbyterian Church of Boone.

...Reception to follow...

FRIDAY CLUB will meet at noon on
 Friday, September 19th at
 Primo's in the Boone Mall.

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Presbyterian Campus Ministry

@ ASU needs your help feeding God's hungry college student sheep! Meals are needed for our weekly Tuesday meetings (Sept 16, Nov 4) as well as Sunday evenings (Sept 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, Nov. 2, 9, 16) for our weekly Bible study. Additionally, once a month a local church member opens their home for the students to have a Moveable Feast (Oct. 21, Jan 27, May 5). Please call Stephanie Hankins [404-915-9830](tel:404-915-9830) or email stephaniehankins@hotmail.com to sign up to help.

Stephanie Hankins



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- Sunday, September 14**
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Combined Worship
 4:00 pm Youth Planning Team
 5:30 pm Youth
- Monday, September 15**
 5:30 pm Church Life
- Tuesday, September 16**
 7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

- Wednesday, September 17**
 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm Wednesday Night *Live!*
 6:15 pm Handbell Practice
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

- Thursday, September 18**
 6:00 pm First Light Practice

- Friday, September 19**
 12:00 pm Friday Club

Deadline for articles - noon on Wednesday.
 Please email article to jennifer@firstpresboone.net

FPC KIDS' CONNECTION

Fellowship with our extended FPC Family this week:



This Sunday- Our 75th Anniversary Homecoming! Special Times and Lunch!

- * FPC celebrates our 75th Anniversary with a Homecoming worship event.
- * Sunday School begins at 9:30 am; one special blended worship service is planned for 10:30 am.
- * Children have their 75th Anniversary Lego Tribute pieces on display downstairs.
- * Lunch follows worship service.
- * Nursery caregivers and children's caregivers will be available AFTER lunch until 1:00 pm downstairs.



Wednesday Night Live! ROCKS!

- * There were lots of smiles at our first Wednesday of WNL!
- * K-5th graders are walking through the New Testament with "The Story" curriculum, enjoying Wild and Wacky Recreation and WOW Worship.
- * Ms Josie leads the pre-schoolers in "The Story" Old Testament lessons.



GiGi's and Princesses meet September 21st

- * Join pink-loving K-5th grade princesses in learning great life-skills befitting "Daughters of the Greatest King of All."
- * Sunday's meeting is from 3:30-4:30 pm in Room 129.
- * Printed program dates for the school year are available downstairs.

Sunday School

- * Two to five year olds continue to learn how "God's Got It!" through the story of Moses and the Burning Bush.
- * Kids Rock K-5th graders' September Bible lessons instruct kids about the virtue responsibility, "Showing you can be trusted with what's expected of you."
- * "Parent Cues" resources for parents to reinforce Sunday School lessons were Emailed to parents last week, and are available to download from the FPC Website. Printed monthly PC's are at the bulletin boards on the lower floor.



Children's Church

- * This Sunday children 4 yrs old-2nd grade are invited to make a "Flat Jesus" at Children's Church in Room 144.
- * Starting September 21st, second graders will remain with their families in the sanctuary to participate in the full worship service.
- * Children's bulletins, worship bags and clipboards with age-appropriate activities are available in the Gathering Space.

Rock-Kid Launchers Need You!



Sunday morning children's ministry by the numbers:

55 regularly attending children ages birth- 5th grade

32 families represented

9 adult serving roles per Sunday

PLUS 5 paid caregivers covering both services and Sunday School

WOW! Our growing children's ministry has several terrific, low-commitment opportunities for you to fulfill your baptismal vows and have a blast!

We are currently asking parents to serve two hours a quarter as an assistant in a Sunday School class or Children's Church service, OR to rock precious babies in the Rock-a-Bye Nursery.

In addition to families of our children, we need additional helping hands and open hearts to serve in those roles to ensure FPC children have safe, nurturing, inclusive environments for discipleship training.

Please check your calendars for October, November and December, then sign up this Sunday in the Gathering Space, OR visit Sign-Up Genius Website below.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AAEA62CA7F49-rockkid/17603480

Contact Sharon (264-3906 or sharon@firstpresboone.net) for more information. Thank you for your support.



**DISCOVERY! CLASS -
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 26**
DISCOVERY! An introductory class for friends desiring to join the church or interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church Boone. Class will be held at 10:00 am, Sunday mornings, in the multi-purpose room. If you are looking for a church home or seek to follow Christ with other friends, we invite you to join us. Child care provided.

Tammi Zaidel,
Community Connections Coordinator



Wednesday Night Live! Menu

September 17

BBQ, cole slaw, baked bean,
sweet potatoes, banana pudding

September 24

Pizza and salad
Ice cream sandwiches

October 1

Chicken, green beans, salad,
mashed potatoes, & brownies

October 8

Ziti / Pasta Bar
Salad, cookies

Seventy-five Years, Six Ministers, Three Buildings, Two Names, One Congregation: The First Presbyterian Church of Boone by the Numbers



On September 10, 1939, exactly seventy-five years ago this week, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Boone held a meeting in the old Appalachian High School for the purpose of extending a call to Rev. John I. Rhea to become its pastor. The Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery fixed Dr. Rhea's salary and the church's part was a princely \$700 per year.

Some time between December of that year and February 1940, the name of our church changed from First Presbyterian Church of Boone to James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church of Boone. Dr. Vance, a physician and preacher who lived in Tennessee and vacationed in this area, had died at his summer home in Blowing Rock in late 1939, and our organization, with the consent of his family and permission from the Holston Presbytery, renamed the church. Later in the decade, the name would be changed again to its original form.

In early 1942, Dr. Rhea resigned to enter the Army as a chaplain. In July of 1942, Mr. Marion Currie of Augusta, Georgia was called and installed as our second minister. Sixteen months later, Rev. Currie resigned to take a pastorate in Kingsport, Tennessee, and the congregation secured Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian as supply pastor. A month later, the congregation issued a formal call to Mr. Yelanjian to become the pastor, but he seems to have declined the offer and continued to serve as supply until October of 1944.

On September 13, 1944, the congregation extended a call to Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., of Concord, North Carolina, to become our minister. He accepted and was installed six weeks later. Mr. Parker remained the much-loved pastor of this church until his retirement in 1975.

Coming from Columbia, South Carolina to serve the church from 1975 to 1991 was Dr. David A. Long, III. Under Dr. Long's leadership we held our first genuine Seder service and annual Reformation Sunday services. Dr. Long supported the beginning of the Friday Club for retired members of the church, organized services and programs with outstanding guest ministers and teachers and Holy Week services that connected the disparate church communities in our area, and oversaw the renovation of the Howard St. church, completed in 1989. In 1991, he left to begin a Presbyterian congregation in Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Dr. Ron Bowie accepted our call in 1993 and stayed at First Presbyterian until his retirement from the ministry in 2011. First Morning Out, the inclusion of a Stephen Ministry, the formation of a church history committee, praise and worship services, and a number of support/social programs for retired singles and senior members of the congregation in a new church on Big Valley St. are hallmarks of his time with us.

In the times between installed pastors, First Presbyterian has been fortunate to have been served by outstanding interim ministers. Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, 1944, Dr. Don Price, 1991-1993, and Rev. Joel Long, 2012-2014, provided leadership and stability.

In 2014, Rev. Jeff Smith came from Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina to become our sixth minister. We welcome him to his new church home and look forward to a long and productive association with him and his family.

Seventy-five years, six ministers (and three very important interim pastors), three buildings, two names, and always, always, always, we have been one congregation stepping forward in service to God.

The History Committee

Celebrating
75 years
of ministry



January 13,
1939 - 2014

Important Events for Homecoming Sunday – September 14

- **Sunday School at 9:30 am**
- **Combined Worship Service at 10:30 am** – led by former and current FPC pastors David Long, Ron Bowie, and Jeff Smith, our choir, First Light Praise Team, and a variety of church members.
- **Covered Dish Dinner** after the service – bring a side dish and/or dessert. Due to a large number of expected guests, please **bring plenty of food to share**. Tables and chairs will be set up under tents on the lawn on the upper side of the church. If you have a blanket or lawn chair you'd like to use instead, bring it along.
- **75th Anniversary tote bags** will be handed out to those in attendance.
- **A display of documents, artifacts, and photographs** from our church's history will be set up in the Gathering Space.

An interactive **Snapshots of a Congregation** poster will give people a chance to add their own information to a display of important life events in our church's history.

- **A tour of the old Howard Street building** will be at 2:30 pm – the church bus will leave from the parking lot at 2:00 pm, and Wes Weaver will lead the way in his 1939 Plymouth. See how ASU is using the lower part of the building as the Lucy Brock Child Development Center. Unfortunately, the upper floors are a construction zone and unavailable for touring, but one can get a sense of how they will be used in the future.



If you haven't been reading the *75 Years ... 75 Stories of God's Faithfulness* blog on our website (www.firstpresboone.org), you've been missing out on some wonderful stories of God's faithfulness. They are a daily encouragement.

Over the past two months, we've collected approximately 63 stories of God's faithfulness. Individually, they are amazing testimonies. Taken together, they prompt an overwhelming flood of joy, thanksgiving, and praise.

We need only a dozen more stories to reach our goal of 75. They can be of any length and any format (and anonymous if you prefer!) – any testimony to God's faithfulness that you feel led to share. The only requirement is that it ends with the 75th Anniversary theme: "Great is Thy Faithfulness". Send your submissions to 75years75stories@gmail.com or turn them in to the church office. Please take part in this wonderful testimony to the glory of God.