



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

February 1, 2015

Sermon:

*"5 Healthy Habits
of Faithful
Discipleship:
#3 Sacrificial Giving"*

Scripture:

Romans 12:1-2
Psalm 1

January 30, 2015

In Contact

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



***"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing
to God – this is your true and proper worship."*** Romans 12:1

This Sunday is "big game" Sunday and many Americans will gather around their television sets enjoying the fellowship of friends, eating lots of food, and either cheering for or against the Seattle Seahawks or the New England Patriots. Did you know that this Sunday is the second biggest day of the year for food consumption in the United States (Thanksgiving is the biggest)? I read a post online this week that estimated that: 5,000 pounds of hot dogs will be sold during the game, 49.2 million cases of beer will be sold on that day, 1.23 billion chicken wings will be eaten, 8 million pounds of guacamole will be eaten and 14,500 tons of chips will be consumed. That's amazing isn't it?

And yet, in the midst of all the consumption there are nearly 50 million Americans who live in poverty, more than 630,000 people in the U.S. are homeless, 23% of those struggling went to college, and that 16 million children live in food insecure households. (www.feedingamerica.org and www.endhomelessness.org) These are staggering statistics! So what do we do about this?

I do not wish to guilt you and keep you from enjoying the football game and eating with friends; rather I share this so that we are mindful of the reality before us. As we enjoy this Sunday and participate in the statistics of food consumption, we also should pray for those who do not have the privilege of eating a meal. We need to pray about intentional ways for us to be a proactive part of the solution of hunger in the name of Christ. While we cannot solve the issue of hunger for all people we can make a difference in the lives of a few. May we be living sacrifices as we seek to honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed all for us!

Grace and Peace,

First Light Service - 8:45AM

Sunday School - 10:00AM

Traditional Service - 11:00AM

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

A Service of Worship & Celebration

Giving thanks to God for the life of Ann Warner Graham

Receiving of friends - 10:00 AM

Memorial Service - 11:00 AM

Reception - after the service

There will be a service for Ann Graham, mother of Peggy Buckner and grandmother of Will Buckner, Saturday, January 31.



Wednesday Night Live!

Menu for February 4

**BBQ, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese**
PB&J option available

Prayer Warriors February / March

Jackie Jones / 828-964-3666

Dottie Sykes / 828-262-1255

If you have a prayer concern you may contact our Prayer Warriors.



First Light Greeter / Ushers

February 1

The Dewey Family
The Talton Family

February 8

The Abel Family
The Wilson Family

February 15

Tim, Jennifer and Adam Hendrix
The White Family

February 22

The Lehman Family
The Hutelmyer Family

THIS WEEK

AT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



Saturday, January 31

11:00 AM Memorial Service
for Ann Graham

Sunday, February 1

8:45 AM First Light
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Service
5:30 PM Youth

Monday, February 2

6:30 PM ESL

Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM Circle 1
10:00 AM Circle 2
7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
2:00 PM Women's Prayer Group
5:30 PM WNL!
6:15 PM Handbell Practice
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, February 5

6:00 PM First Light Practice
7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study

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

FPC KIDS' CONNECTION



2015 Children's Ministry themes of worship and Bible knowledge are woven through these discipleship-building opportunities:

Wednesday Night Live is happening!

- * Praising! Worshipping! Moving! Fun! That's what our **NEW Joy Choirs** have our kids doing! Joyful Noise Choir is for 2-5 year olds and the Shout 4 Joy Choir is for K-5th grade students.
- * Kids Rock K-5th kids bring a "Go Home Card" with questions that are sure to reinforce lessons from the engaging "What's in the Bible" curriculum from Veggie Tales's creator Phil Vischer.
- * Little Rockers are learning Bible lessons told by their favorite Veggie Tales characters.
- * Wild and Wacky Recreation provides "run & fun" time.
- * Dinner starts at 5:30 pm; activities start at 6:00 pm.
- * Parents are reminded to promptly retrieve children at 7:30.



GiGi's and Princesses Mission Project February 15th

- * Christy Welch and Jennifer Woods invite all the ladies of the church to join the K-5th grade GiGi's and Princesses in making "Pillowcase Dresses" for girls in Africa.
- * Bring your sewing machine, thread, pillowcases and ribbon. (Sewing skill not required!) Meet in the gym from 3-5:00 pm.



Sunday School Preview

- * As February Sunday School classes revolve around the virtue "kindness" for Kids Rock K-5th graders, their memory verse is Luke 6:31, "Do unto others as you want them to do to you." * Little Rockers and Rocking Tots learn "How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ," (Ephesians 3:18 NIV) this month as their lessons reinforce how Jesus loves us.



Lenten Devotions for Kids

- * Children's Ministry planning Team members will be passing out children's Lenten devotions at church to parents of children ages 4 years through 5th grade.
- * Use these tools to teach your children as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Sign up to serve as Rock-Kid Launchers on Sign Up Genius

- * Rock-Kid Launchers are volunteers in the Sunday School classes for children 2 years-5th grade and at Children's Church services for children 4 years-1st grade.
- * Besides providing additional safety and structure for children and support for teachers, Rock-Kid Launchers experience exciting connection with children as they learn God's Word and learn how to apply God's truths in their lives.
- * Parents are asked to sign up to serve in classrooms four times each year online at the following Website: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AAEA62CA7F49-2015
- * Thank you to those who have already signed up!

*** Ideas? Send them to Sharon at 264-3906, or Email: sharon@firstpresboone.net ***



February 27-March 1 (Friday-Sunday)
Leave 5:00PM on the 27th
Return after worship on the 1st
Myers Park Presbyterian Church - Charlotte, NC

Cross lines that divide. Eliminate stereotypes. And share Christ's love.
CROSS Missions challenges you to feed the hungry, house the homeless and love those in need.

Join us for a weekend of Service, Fellowship, Fun and Prayer. You will get to work with people of all ages from our Church... you will get to know one another better all while serving others. We will drive down on Friday, stop and eat dinner on the way. All three meals on Saturday and breakfast Sunday are included. Once we arrive, we will do a devotional together. Saturday will be a complete day of service. We will break up into work teams and go out and serve others as we are charged to do by Christ. We will mostly work for at Urban Non-Profit agencies in the downtown Charlotte area. Saturday night will include another devotional as well as some free time for fellowship and fun in Myer Park's gym. Sunday morning we will attend the Praise and Worship service at Myers Park Presbyterian prior to returning to Boone.

Cost: About \$60 per person

Ages: 6 and Up

Any children older than 6 and younger than 6th grade must have parents on the trip.

6th graders - High School are considered part of the Youth Group and don't need special supervision.

The Sponsoring Organization is CROSS: <http://cross.myersparkpres.org/#/home>

If you are interested in going, please contact Web Alexander: H: [828.264.2668](tel:828.264.2668)

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**Communion on
Wheels**

**Did you know that our church offers
Communion each quarter to those
who are not able to make it
to church for Communion?**

If you are incapacitated for any reason (young, middle aged or more mature) and are unable to attend our Communion Service on February 1, 2015, we will be happy to provide you with communion at your home/hospital/rehab center/retirement home, etc.

Our team is affectionately called "Communion on Wheels" and is made up of current/former Elders and Deacons who have been called to share the sacrament with others! Please let the church office know the week before if you are interested in receiving communion on February 1. We would be blessed to serve our Lord's Supper to you.

Mary Hall, Chair of Communion for the Homebound



Words are inadequate to thank you for the prayers, meals, food, cards, visits, calls, telephone prayer from Pastor Jeff until his schedule allowed him to come for a visit, and many more expressions of your Christian love during my extended recuperation from surgery complications. The good news is I have no more back pain nor lightning bolt pain down my leg. We praise God for that and for each of you. As we sit in church each Sunday we are reminded of the sweet, sweet spirit of our friends at First Presbyterian Boone! God Bless!

Carlton and Judi Bryant