

In Contact

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



Meet Our New Youth Director Caleb Courtney



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I would like to introduce myself to you as a church. My name is Caleb Courtney and I am the new Youth Director here at FPC Boone. I am a rising senior at Appalachian State University majoring in Recording and Production. I have a passion for youth ministry that traces back through my parents. I have lived my whole life involved in youth ministry and now I am excited to use that experience to point our next generation to Christ. I am so excited about my future here at FPC Boone!

Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2013

First Light: 8:45 am

Sunday School: 10:00 am

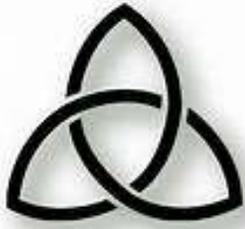
Traditional Service: 11:00 am

Sermon: Trinity...A 3-Point Sermon

Scripture: II Corinthians 13:11-13

Please remember in prayer Rev. Joel 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.

THIS WEEK
AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

**Trinity Sunday, May 26**

8:45 am First Light Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:30 pm PNC

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

6:30 pm ESL
Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, May 29

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 am Congregational Care
2:00 pm Prayer Group
6:15 pm Handbell Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 30

5:30 pm First Light Practice

Please email articles/announcements for the [newsletter](#) and the [bulletin](#) to jennifer@firstpresboone.net

Deadline is 12:00 pm - Thursdays

There will not be an issue of In Contact the week of May 26.

FPC KIDS' CONNECTION

Join us for fellowship, worship and discipleship
training at our end-of-the-school-year
and summer events!



If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the children's programs, please contact Sharon Carlton at the church office 264-3906.

* **At Rally Day** on June 9th, kids 2 yrs-5th grade and their parents will gather for a pot luck brunch during the Sunday School hour. Rising students will meet their classmates and teachers for next year after we recount highlights from this past year. If you have yet to sign up at the church to bring a favorite breakfast dish, please do so this week.

* **GiGi's** Year-End Party details are coming soon!

* What did Paul feel as he entered Athens, Greece, where statues of many gods lined the roads? How did he teach about the One True God that helped the Greeks understand God's love and Jesus's sacrifice for us? We will find out when we head to **ATHENS** to re-visit Paul's Dangerous Journey at **Vacation Bible School- July 15th-19th!** Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for Greek flavored activities, lessons, Olympic games, songs, crafts, science, history, and snacks. Register through our FPC Website: www.firstpresboone.org



* **Little Rockers** and **Rocking Tots** learn more about how God wants us to be His "helping hands" when they learn how Aaron helped Moses this week.

* **Kids Rock Sunday School** K-5th graders learn the "Proverbs Principle" as they wrap up May's study about **Patience**. Their Bottom Line: "When you think you can't wait, don't lose your cool."



* **Spring Church Family Mission Project** has grown! Your families will have more opportunities to help this summer as we support the efforts of the Watauga County School food pantries by hosting a food pantry and distributing food on four dates to pre-approved families. One Wednesday at WNL! Summer Style kids will participate in the organization and packing process with their peers. We still need LOTS of food items. How are you and your families participating? Updated lists of requested items for children and families are located with the collection boxes throughout the church.

* Plan now to attend our **WNL! Summer Style** fun nights in July. Kids will have play/program/projects with their pals as we learn about being the church.

We need scrap lumber measuring 1X 4 and 1X 6 (12" minimum) to build nesting boxes for the FPC Rain Pond. Our Kids Rock K-5th graders will be working on this service project during WNL! Summer Style in July with Doug Hall. If you have any donations, please contact Doug at 297-1332 or canddhallnc@skybest.com. Thank you!

VBS PREPARATION REQUEST LIST...As we prepare for our Athens VBS, we are gathering materials for our marketplace and costumes. We need lots of fabric (sheets, scraps, bolts...) for draping pop-up tents (aka shops), rugs, and large baskets for our marketplace. We also need fabric for Bible-times costumes. Our VBS display in the Gathering Space will present additional ways you can contribute to this community outreach. If you can lend or donate any of these materials, please bring them to Sharon's office.

Thank you, *Sharon and the VBS team*

FMO End of the Year News

This week was our final week of preschool until we return for the new school year in August! This past Tuesday we invited our classes and our families to share in an outdoor fun day complete with a school-wide picnic, bouncy houses, and cupcakes for everyone! It was a blessing to see so many families, most of whom do not attend FPC, gathered together to celebrate our preschool program that you continue to make possible each year. We are so grateful to this church, the staff, the leadership, and the congregation for your continued support. Thank you for giving graciously through your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

We are hiring a new lead teacher for our older four-year-old class as well a part-time assistant for this class as well. If you or someone you know may be interested, please tell them to contact the preschool at 264-9427 or fmo@firstpresboone.net. We also have some spaces for next year still available in the Monday/Thursday Toddler Class, the Tuesday/Thursday Threes and the older Four-Year-Old class. Registration forms are available on the church website and interested families can call the preschool for more information.

If you get the opportunity, please check in on the preschool playground this summer. It's been undergoing a transformation this year thanks to the generosity and talent of Dr. Ron Stanley and his team of landscapers. The changes have almost rendered us speechless! A HUGE sandbox, a wide path between the two play levels and out to the circle drop-off, an arched bridge, a new play fort surround with new rubber mulch, and beautiful new trees and shrubs. We don't know how to begin to say thank you for this amazing gift that will be enjoyed for years to come.

In Christ, *Shelley*



Red Cross/First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive Set for June 6



Now that the cold stormy weather has (hopefully) passed, we have scheduled our blood drive on Thursday June 6, from 2:00 – 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a critical time for the Red Cross in their efforts to provide blood services; our efforts here at First Presbyterian are both timely and essential.

We ask for your help:

- Donate blood on June - to set up an appointment, call Jennifer in the Church office at 264-3906
 - Volunteer for an hour to welcome and sign-in donors
 - Volunteer for an hour to staff the snack area our donors visit after donating
 - Pray for the success of our Blood Drive and of the American Red Cross
- To volunteer to help at the Blood Drive, call Stephen Sorrell at 773-0386.



SAVE THE DATE...

Church Picnic at Valle Crucis Park on Sunday, June 23.

Vacation Bible School - July 15-19 from 9 am –Noon

Church Retreat at Camp Holston on Saturday, August 24.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT *LIVE...* *Summer Style!*



7/10/2013 – 7/31/2013
5:30 – 7:30 pm @ FPC

***Bring your own dinner!
(tables/chairs provided)
Stick around for fellowship,
service and discipleship opportunities
for every age!***

Stay tuned for more details...

Questions? Contact Sara Bentley,
[828-264-3906](tel:828-264-3906) or sara@firstpresboone.net

MAY FINANCIALS

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| BUDGET: | \$ 40,056 |
| RECEIVED: | \$ <u>24,587</u> |
| DEFICIT: | \$ 15,469 |

Seasonal Members Reception June 2nd at 12:00 Gathering Space

Everyone is invited to join us in welcoming back our seasonal members. These friends make a difference in the life of our church and we are excited to have them back!

See you in the Gathering Space on June 2nd following the 11:00 worship service, as we enjoy light refreshments with our seasonal members.

Spring Church Family Mission Project Update...

At our recent meeting, we felt it would help our church family if we would issue an updated suggested list of items to pack into a box to be distributed to selected families on 4 Wednesdays beginning June 26. We have been given a list of items most used at the Food Pantry at Hardin Park, which is listed below. We will be making a trip to the local Walmart to prepare a suggested box and we'll let you know how much that box costs. You will have the option to:



- fill a box from the shopping list and return it to the church
- bring items to the church from the list below and volunteers will pack up the boxes
- provide a check for the cost of part of a box or a whole box, one of our volunteers will shop for the items
- pack boxes at Wednesday Night Live
- deliver boxes to the selected families

Hopefully, this will give you several ways in which to get involved. Here is a list of suggested items for your consideration. The boxes will not include all the items in this list, but will include some of the items so that the boxes won't be too expensive.

Soups with meat in them

Spaghetti sauce -Meat flavored

Banquet Homestyle Bakes (complete meal with meat included)

Tuna Helper

Chicken Helper

Canned tuna

Canned Chicken

Chef-Boy-Ar-Dee products

Peanut butter

Macaroni and Cheese

Canned vegetables (green beans, green peas, corn, carrots most popular/most used)

Canned fruit (pineapple, applesauce, peaches, pears)

Cold boxed cereal

Instant grits

Instant Oatmeal

Canned beans (most used - pork and beans, pintos)

Synopsis of the May Session Meeting

The PNC/Transition Committee presented the *Mission Study Report* to the Session. The Church Information Form should be ready for approval at the June 9 Session meeting, with it being sent on to the Committee on Ministry, and then we will be ready to advertise the position of pastor publicly on July 1.

We have approximately \$30,000 to pay on the Wells Fargo New Church Loan.

We are down \$10,000.00 in pledges per the budget. Electricity is still over budget. Church Management is still looking into electric usage to determine what our choices are. The possibility is that conversion to gas will probably not be possible until the Phase II of our facility is built. The Waste Reduction Energy Report by Waste Reduction Partners of Asheville, NC was distributed to Session.

Caleb Courtney has been hired as the youth director.

The following members of FPC have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Alice McRae (Elder), Todd Abel (Elder), Melissa Bryan (Deacon), Roy Barthel (at large), Shelly Dewey, (at large), Jackie Jones (at large), Ben McKethan (at large).

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on June 9 at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary of FPC in order to approve the members of the Nominating Committee, and to conduct the Annual Meeting with the 2012 Annual Reports of the church.

FPC Stewardship Survey Results:

Thank you to the FPC congregation members who completed the Spring 2013 online Stewardship survey. Every ministry area at FPC had at least one respondent who wanted to join some aspect of the ministry. The results have been reviewed and Congregational Care Coordinator Tammi Zaidel is working to distribute the names and results to the various committees for further follow-up and engagement. If you still feel that "tug" to get more involved in the life of FPC, contact Tammi at 264.3906 and talk with her about the many areas and opportunities where you may serve.

Each one of us has been blessed to be a blessing. Be thinking about, and praying about, how God is calling YOU to share your time and talents throughout the ministry areas at FPC... and then Just Do It!

- Your FPC Stewardship Team

