

## Weekly Worship

Sunday,

The Lord's Day

9:00am Worship Service

10:05am Assembly &

Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:00 Missional Small Group

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 3

8:00-1:00

Church Campus Workday

Sunday, Nov. 4

Stewardship Dedication

Monday, Nov. 5

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Sunday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day and  
Veterans Recognized

Monday, Nov. 12

10:00 Circle 1 home of Cindy  
Orvin

6:00 Circle 2 home of Pam  
Coffey

Wednesday, Nov. 14

5:30 Stewardship, Personnel &  
Finance Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 18

Samaritan's Purse  
Shoe Box Dedication

Monday, Nov. 19

1:00 Prayers & Squares

3:00 Visitation Ministry

5:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 20

7:00 Community  
Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 22 & 23

Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

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## A word from Jane Hood, Chair of the Stewardship Campaign...

**Stewardship: "The responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving." (dictionary.com)**

"Worth caring for and protecting" – **definitely our church!**

October is the season when we begin to develop our plans for the next year, and these plans include our financial plans. We presented a balanced budget to the congregation for 2018, and that is our plan for 2019 as well.

Our budget for 2018 is \$433,900, and we are on track to meet that target and cover all our expenses. In 2019, the Stewardship, Personnel and Finance Ministry Team has proposed a budget of \$453,200. What does this mean? A proposed budget is everything we would like to accomplish in 2019, including absorbing the costs of operating our church, which increase every year.

Let's look at what our budget covers:

- Personnel – 60%
- Operations – 25%
- Mission – 6%
- Programming and Ministries – 7%
- Other – 2% (This is primarily expenses associated with our membership in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery)

You will see that many of our expenses are **inward focused**—salaries, operations, and program support, and many of these costs increase every year, just as the cost of living increases.

**In 2019, our goal is to take a step OUT—to increase our mission giving.** The most significant area where we have increased our budget, accounting for \$10,000 of the almost \$20,000 increase for 2019, is mission. This is still only 6% of our total budget, and an area that many of us in church leadership have wanted to see grow as our church grows. This is the area where we propose the largest increase in spending. Following is a recent history of mission spending at our church, and where we would like to go.....

*The Mission and Evangelism Ministry Team began in 2015. At that time, we set a goal of intentionally supporting evangelism, mercy, and justice in local, regional, and international contexts. Other than Thornwell's Building Families program, our budgeted funding level has remained essentially constant ever since, with inherited built-in line items including Habitat for Humanity, the food pantry, Hope Repairs, Presbyterian Homes of South Carolina, Thornwell, etc.*

*Meanwhile, the Lord has worked through our members to establish* (continued on page 2)

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mission partnerships in Mexico and France, thanks largely to your generous support of our short term international missionaries outside the budget, bringing total missions support to approximately 16% of current spending. Being a part of the Lord's work in this way has been very exciting, and we're encouraged to think of how God is using us and shaping us through these efforts. However, up to now this growth hasn't been as comprehensive as we might have wished, and for good reason: for a church of our size, it is difficult to provide intentional, meaningful support for mission partnerships in the evangelism, mercy, and justice categories at each of the local, regional, and international levels. In particular, previously we've been able to provide little support for "regional" mission partnerships (i.e., domestic mission outside of the Charleston area).

**To this end, the Mission and Evangelism Ministry Team has requested an additional \$10,000 for 2019, to support a long-term plan to facilitate domestic and international church planting efforts - other line items in the Mission budget will remain unchanged. Plans are for the \$10,000 to be spent supporting domestic and international church plants according to the following 5-year schedule:**

- Year 1: \$10,000 domestic plant, \$0 international plant
- Year 2: \$8,000 domestic plant, \$2,000 international plant
- Year 3: \$6,000 domestic plant, \$4,000 international plant
- Year 4: \$4,000 domestic plant, \$6,000 international plant
- Year 5: \$2,000 domestic plant, \$8,000 international plant

We'll select a new domestic church plant to support every five years. Joe Yu will help us find church planters in the developing world for whom this level of funding will provide a great deal of support. This will help us meet the goal of establishing regional and international mission partners who will conduct ministries of evangelism, mercy, and justice in their local contexts. We believe that support for church planting will provide the ability to more efficiently select mission partners and develop longer-term relationships with them, through local church bodies, rather than attempting to do so by selecting individual evangelism, mercy, and justice ministries as partners while – by necessity – providing each of them lower levels of support.

It is exciting to see our church grow and introduce more people to Christ! Please prayerfully consider what you can do to participate in His growing kingdom through First Presbyterian Church. Please make a commitment for 2018, or increase your current commitment to support our growing work in God's mission!

Pledge cards are attached, and additional cards are available at the church. Please complete one for yourself or your family, and return on it on **Dedication Sunday – November 4!**

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and plan to turn in on Dedication Sunday, November 4th.**

**Saturday, November 3 at 8am**



**WORKDAY AT THE  
CHURCH**

This day is dedicated to cleaning up the church property. We will have work for all ages and abilities (even some inside work). Bring gloves, yard tools you're comfortable using, and a willing spirit! Lunch will be provided. Remember: many hands make light work!

Signup on the poster in the hallway.  
There's something for everybody!



**By pledging to return to God what He has given to us to support the work of His church, we are demonstrating our faith and trust in God.**

## **Stewardship Pledge Card**

**Attached is a pledge card for 2019 and an envelope to insert your pledge. Please fill out the card, make sure you include your name and your pledge. Place your card in the offering plate. Cards need to be at the church by Sunday, November 4 for dedication. You can also leave them on Sally's desk. Cards will also be available at the church. If you have any questions, give Sally a call at 843-761-8469.**

## **Minutes in a Minute**

On Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> your session:

- Called to order with prayer and devotion
- Approved the minutes from the August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> Session meetings and from the October 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting
- Approved the transfer of membership of Rhoda and Wyman Boyd to Dutch Cove Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, NC
- As an outgrowth of "Story Night," approved our new core values:
  - Welcoming people into the family of God
  - Teaching the Word of God
  - Connecting people to the mission of God
  - Raising the next generation for God
- Received written and oral reports from SPF and Pastoral Care
- Closed in prayer for the needs of our church and community

The next session meeting will be Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God,  
IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**

## Hurricane/Flood Assistance Drive Deadline is Sunday, November 11

We are collecting items to send to those in need due to the devastating floods caused by Hurricane Florence and Michael. Items can be placed in the room across from the kitchen. Items needed are: those similar to what we collect for our food closet (non-perishable goods), bottled water, cleaning supplies, bleach, rubber gloves, mops, personal hygiene items, hand sanitizer, diapers and baby wipes, dog and cat food. For more information, contact Neva Peagler.

## Jewelry and Hair Accessories Sale for Hurricane/Flood Victims

Ellen Berry will be selling her daughter's jewelry and all money will go to the hurricane victims. Martha Berry makes and designs jewelry in New York and owns her own boutique.

**When: Tuesday, November 6 from 3:00—6:00pm**

**Where: Ellen Berry's Home, 123 Church St., MC**

Necklaces \$10, Ear rings, bracelets and hair pieces \$5.

All proceeds donated to hurricane/flood victims. Contact Ellen Berry for more info., at 843-899-2315.



Last year, due to the kindness and generosity of this congregation, we were able to furnish over 150 bags of food. Each bag contained enough food for several days. Due to the increase in donations, we were able to provide fresh fruit and a better variety of food for each bag.

We are hoping to exceed last year's total. If, after your church pledge, you can donate for this, we and the recipients would appreciate it. Please contact Jerry Stuckey or me with your gift.  
Gratefully, Hugh Smith



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication is **Sunday, November 18**

Our church has been collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child for many years. We have many ways to express our feeling for missions, now, but we still include these Christmas gifts as one way to reach children and whole families who have never heard the gospel. This is a very meaningful way for our children to learn how to express God's love for all the world.

Katie Garrett, missionary in Senegal, has provided some advice about shoeboxes from what she has experienced.

Great Gifts: jump ropes, band-aids, hair elastics or head bands for girls, marbles, harmonica, a simple watch for older kids, a solar calculator for older kids, sunglasses for older kids, socks, youngest girls, a baby doll with light brown skin and no hair, toy car, truck or airplane for young boys. (The ones with bigger wheels that are made for toddlers and are larger than Matchbox size are good. Matchbox wheels are so small, they don't work well in dirt.)

Best Gifts: soccer balls or any ball, small flashlight with batteries, soap AND a plastic soap dish that has a cover, toothbrush in a tooth brush holder, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, and sharpeners for all aged children, good quality pens for ages 10-14 in black, red, green, and blue (the pens from America last much longer).

### **NO CANDY AND NO TOOTHPASTE**

Have your boxes here by Sunday, Nov. 18.  
Leaflets and more materials will be here soon.

For more information,  
Samaritan's Purse is on Facebook.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Women's Christmas Party**  
**Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:30pm**



Middle School and High School Youth meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm

Happy Fall! Thanksgiving is Right Around the Corner!!

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Biblical gratitude is at the core of what it means to faithfully walk with Christ. It is the habit of turning our hearts and minds to the active work of God. True gratitude is a posture of worship, of taking time in all circumstances to notice, remember, and praise God for who He is, what He has done, and what He continues to do. For the month of November, the youth will be reading what Scripture has to say about giving thanks in all seasons — in times of joy, sorrow, want, waiting, rest, and more.



Important Dates: Saturday November 3rd (8am-1pm) - Church Work Day

Youth are invited to come and Fellowship as we clean and organize the space they use every Wednesday Night!!

Wednesday, November 14th – Friendsgiving! We will spend our regular YG time having a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner and Fun! Bring a side or dessert!

Wednesday, November 21st – NO Youth Group – Happy Thanksgiving Week!

Our Mission: Making disciples of the next generation who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!

*To My Church Family,  
Thank you all for the prayers and beautiful plant you sent for my brother, Edison's funeral.  
Yours in Christ, Advina Stewart*

*Dear Church Family,  
We are so grateful to all of you who cared about Pop, who spoke to him, gave him kisses and shook his hand every Sunday. He delighted in your greetings and looked forward to seeing all of you every Sunday. Thank you for making him feel special and a welcomed member of this church for the last 6 years.  
Sincerely, The Family of David Bauman Sr.,  
Susan Ford & Dave Bauman, Jr.*



*Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,  
I wanted to thank you for all of the prayers, cards, words of encouragement, and support you've offered me over the last several months. What a blessing each one has been to me during this time of uncertainty! While I don't have the answers I would like, I have found comfort in the love and support and prayers of believers like you and on passages like 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness!" I am using this time to prayerfully consider my pride and independent will and to begin to rely more fully on God's grace, love, and power in my life. Thank you again for loving me and lifting me up in prayer.  
Love, Saralyn Crowell*

- November**
- 1 Clair Britt
  - 3 Sheryl Gooch  
Margie Roberts
  - 5 Owen Ravan
  - 7 Ann Williams  
Robbie Fleming
  - 9 Jason Rucker
  - 10 Cody Gooch
  - 11 Ireland Cusick
  - 12 Russell B. Brown
  - 13 Roy Brown
  - 17 Steve Nettles
  - 20 Marie Bowles  
Craig Watson Mims  
Bette Wood
  - 24 William Peagler  
Larry Propst
  - 25 Joyce Mitchell
  - 27 Mary Witt Cannon
  - 29 Roger Holcombe
  - 30 Blaine Fairman  
David Berry

*Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,  
I am so grateful and thankful for the love offering you gave me for my 15 years of service at the church. You have blessed me more than I could have ever imagined. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this family and helping you do the work God has for you.  
Love, Sally Harvey*

**Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings**

If you would like to know more about our Circles, please give the ladies below a call. All women of the church are welcome.

**Circle 1**—Monday, Nov. 12 at 10:00am at the home of Cindy Orvin, 932 Fishburne Rd., Pinopolis.  
Call Cindy for more information at 843-761-7708.

**Circle 2**—Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:00pm at the home of Pam Coffey, 1107 Butter Rd., Bonneau. Call Pam for more information at 843-825-6565.

**November Food Pantry**  
**Peanut Butter & Jelly**

2018 Financial Report	Year to date through	
	10/24/2018	Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 325,729	\$ 436,612
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 214,570	\$ 263,304
Operations	\$ 88,673	\$ 106,350
Missions	\$ 21,692	\$ 32,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 17,606	\$ 21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 8,064	\$ 10,260
Total Expenditures	\$ 350,605	\$ 433,924

**November Ushers**

- 9:00 Bobby & Joyce Mitchell
- 11:00 David Harris, Ruth Lusk, Rin & Tanner Page

# November 2018 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Assembly &amp; Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>				<p>1 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:00—1:00 <b>Church Campus Workday</b></p>
<p>4 <b>Dedication of Pledges</b> 2:00—4:00 Officer Training 5:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>5 1:00 Prayers &amp; Squares</p>	<p>6 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>3 11:00 Prayer 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 Middle/HS Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>8 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Christian Ed. Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 VETERANS DAY <b>Veterans Recognized</b> 2:00—4:00 Officer Training 5:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>12 10:00 Circle 1 home of Cindy Orvin 6:00 Circle 2 home of Pam Coffey</p>	<p>13 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>14 11:00 Prayer 3:30 LOGOS 5:30 SPF Ministry 6:00 Middle/HS Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17  3:00 Knowlton/Bass Wedding</p>
<p>18 <b>Shoebbox Dedication</b> 5:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>19 1:00 Prayers &amp; Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 5:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>20 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Group 7:00 <b>Community Thanksgiving Service</b></p>	<p>21 11:00 Prayer</p>	<p>22 <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>23 <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 5:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Group</p>	<p>28 11:00 Prayer 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 Middle/HS Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

# Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00pm

We will host the Berkeley Ministerial Alliance  
Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service.

This is a unique and powerful witness to the unity we have in  
Christ across denominational differences and racial diversity.

## Come Join Us!



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**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.**  
*In Everything Give Thanks!*