

Weekly Worship

Sunday,
The Lord's Day
 9:00am Worship Service
 10:05am Assembly &
 Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 5
 11:00 Youth Sunday
 Worship Service
 (no 9:00 service)

Monday, May 6
 1:00 Prayers and Squares

Wednesday, May 8
 6:30 Mother/Daughter/
 Friend Banquet

Sunday, May 12
 10:10 New Members Class

Monday, May 13
 9:00 Circle 1 at the church
 6:00 Circle 2
 To be Announced

Wednesday, May 15
 5:30 SPF Meeting
 6:30 Worship Service

Sunday, May 19
 10:10 New Members Class

Monday, May 20
 1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry
 6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 21
 9:00 Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, May 26
 10:10 New Members Class

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In case you missed it, a note from our church planting partners...

Lyndsay and I have been reflecting on Luke 5. What is interesting in this passage is that Jesus approached Peter, a wealthy experienced fisherman who just finished fishing for the day. It was mid-day, and they toiled all morning and caught nothing. Jesus then says to them to put out into the deep water and cast their nets down.



Now at first glance it just seems like Jesus is saying, "Hey let's just try casting the nets one more time to see if we then catch anything." But it is much more than this. First off in the Sea of Galilee, you

do not fish in the deep like that; if you fished you would fish in the shallows where the fish gather. Secondly, anyone who fishes knows the best time to fish is in the morning or at dusk. Middle of the day fishing was just foolish.

So when you give some context to what Jesus is asking he is saying go to the deep, (FOOLISH), and also fish mid-day (FOOLISH). What Jesus was asking them to do was complete foolishness in the world's eyes and by the standards of what a fisherman would know to do.

Okay, let's get some more context, this passage is directly related to church growth, building, planting, and evangelism, or however you want to categorize it. The passage is about fishing for people, as later in the passage Jesus says, "Now you will fish for people."

So, what does this mean for a church planter? Lyndsay and I have put ourselves in a very vulnerable position; we have taken a huge risk in our lives, with our family, with our well-being, and our careers. We stepped out in faith and did something that to many might seem foolish. We quit our jobs and tried to start something that has no tangible evidence at first, it is a huge risk! And at times we both feel like Peter, we look at Jesus and say, "Okay Lord, we have toiled all day fishing, but if you say put the nets in, if you say be missional, if you say start a church, though it at times seems foolish, and at times we are unsure of how this will come about, because you say so we will put the nets in." We almost do it at times like Peter, with tongue in cheek. It feels scary, and seems foolish, but when we do it this way, look at what happens when the Lord shows up. Peter is humbled in the passage and declares himself a sinner.

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When we minister in the midst of risk, we are in such a vulnerable place that we in our own power are helpless, the Lord must show up! But when the Lord shows up in this way, I believe it brings him great joy, because he truly receives all the glory, and we are humbled like Peter.

Lyndsay and I dove into a neighborhood and have committed ourselves to a people. We are slowly gathering and meeting people. But we are also very vulnerable, we have to continually remind ourselves that the Spirit of the Lord has gone before us, and he can and will do a supernatural work and bring us a net so full of people we can't haul it into the boat. Do we really believe this?

What does this mean for you? It means that whatever church context you are in, you are called to step out in risk, to take risks, and do things that might seem foolish to the world! But if done with a heart that seeks to bring the gospel to those hurting, to build his church and make disciples, no matter how foolish it may seem, in the midst of risk Jesus will show up!

Be risk takers for Jesus!

In Christ, David, Lyndsay, Sammy, and Evelyn

If you would like to receive newsletter updates from or donate to David and Lyndsay, email them at lyndsaybaruch@gmail.com or ddbaruchjr@gmail.com.

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, April 15th the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion led by Elder Marie Bowles
- Approved minutes from the 3/18/19 Session Meeting
- Approved weddings for Matt Hoffer and Kim Murchison (July 20, 2019) and for Christopher Bailes and Elliot Huxford (March 20, 2020)
- Evaluated the implementation of Connect Cards
- Elected Rin Page as commissioner to the May Presbytery meeting
- Received reports from each ministry team
- Received a report from the pastor to include study leave (June 17-22) and vacation request (July 8-15)
- Closed with prayer for pastoral needs of our community

The next session meeting will be Monday, May 20 at 6pm.

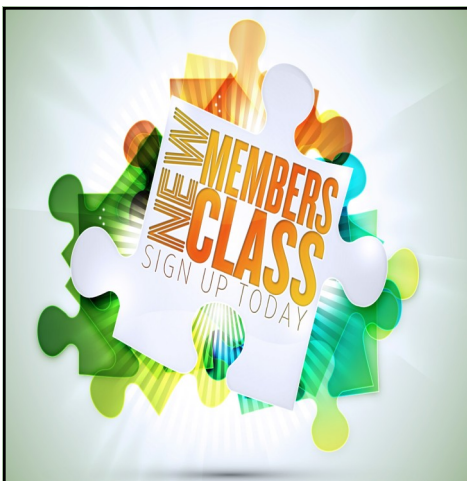
"Come and See..." Inquirers and New Member Class

During May, Pastor Timothy will be leading a class in his office for those who are interested in learning more about our church and who may be interested in joining FPC.

We will meet at 10:10am on Sundays, **May 12, May 19, and May 26.**

Those who wish to join will have the opportunity to be received as members on **Sunday, June 2.**

Already a member? – Please share this opportunity with a friend who might be interested.





CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church is honored to **host** the May
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Meeting
on **Tuesday, May 21.**

This is quite an honor, and a big day for our church.
If you would like to help in anyway, please contact the church office.

Moment for Missions

Our congregation recently had the opportunity and privilege to hear from David and Lyndsay. Each month our Mission Ministry Team looks to highlight prayer requests of one of our mission partners. Lyndsay and David challenged our congregation to pray so each week throughout the month of May. We will lift up specific prayer requests for Three Taverns Community Church. These are requests David and Lyndsay shared in their recent newsletter.

Week 1—Every week we have on several different nights people over to our house for dinner and fellowship. These are people who have welcomed us into their lives, some claim to know Jesus, and some don't but we are beginning to have spiritual conversations around who Jesus is. Please pray for these dinners and those conversations.

Week 2—We are still meeting with about 100 people regularly through various venues and are now beginning to have gatherings at our home. These are social gatherings where people are getting to know one another and us. We pray that these will lead to Bible studies. We have many one-on-one meetings and are doing pre-discipleship meetings with people who could potentially be in our core team (we have some event almost every night of the week and give ourselves a day off). Before they join our core team for our church, we understand that they must first learn to trust us. Pray for these continued efforts and pray for the 8 people that we believe God is leading to join that core group.

Week 3—Pray for the moms group Lyndsay is a part of. Several times each week Lyndsay is hanging out with different moms and developing pre-discipleship relationships and creating new friends. Pray for her efforts and that the spirit will go before her and guide the conversations.

Week 4—David has been officially added to the Community Improvement Board for Dutchtown. He will be putting on several big events to build community (example - organizing movies on the lawn for the neighborhood). He will also be overseeing revitalization efforts for the neighborhood and park. This is a big position to get voted into. Please pray that it becomes a vehicle for David to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this neighborhood, make connections, and through this build a church. Pray for these efforts. Jesus opened a huge door with this one!

Mid-week Intergenerational Worship Service

Join us on **Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm.**

**Our entire church,
youth, children, adults—worship with one voice.**



Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm

This year we're having a humorous play called "The Church Ladies." Hang on — it's going to be a wild ride with these irresistible ladies. Each one has her own quirks yet they're all part of the same zany sisterhood.

Come and see your friends performing on stage and enjoy a night with your sisters-in-Christ.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, children 5 and under are free, and a nursery is provided.

SAVE THE DATE!

Church-Wide Vacation Bible School

July 26 — July 28 Mark your Calendars
VBS will be featuring speaker and author of
Reciprocal Church, Dr. Sharon Ketcham.

We Love Vacation Bible School!



Come Join Us!

Visitation Ministry

Our Visitation Ministry is open to anyone that would like to join us. We meet once a month and send out cards to those that are sick or just need a note to let them know that we care and are praying for them.

We also visit those that are homebound and sometimes take them a treat. A visit and spending time with someone goes a long way to lift their spirits.

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 3:00pm at the church. For more information, contact Marie Bowles at 843-901-9813.

GRIEF SHARE®

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. It is a warm, caring environment that you will find as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

A new session started on April 30 and will continue till July 23. If you miss a session, that's OK because each session is "self-contained".

For more information,
contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249
or charatkins17@yahoo.com.

If you know someone that is grieving and could use the support this group can offer, please tell them about GriefShare.

April was filled with activities and some night shift work!



Girls overnight with Mary Nettles and a boat ride.



Trained technicians on the flamingo night shift.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, May 5 — Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 19th at 1:30

Kickball Tournament to support the Youth Mission Team

June 7th—11th—White Water Rafting Trip

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

We extend Christian Sympathy to the family of
Glenn DeVaun. Glenn passed away on Sunday, April 21.

Christian Sympathy to Jennifer Wadford and her family. Jennifer's father,
Jimmy LeCroy, passed away on Saturday, April 27.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Thank you so very much for my beautiful prayer quilt and for your prayers. Being in church with you and receiving the quilt was one of the most humbling, precious moments in my life! I could literally feel the Holy Spirit in your church that day! I won't ever forget it! I feel at home when I visit and can't wait to be able to visit again! Thank you again for the quilt and your prayers...they mean everything to me.*

With warmest personal regards, Sandy Floyd

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you sooo much for your concerns, prayers, and the beautiful prayer quilt. I got the news that I'm cancer free!!! I'll need some treatments but the worst is over. I'm sure all your prayers were answered. You are a testimony of God's love. Thank you sooo much.*

Love in Him, Kay Towne

Thank you very much for the prayer quilt. I am truly blessed to have received this with so many "prayer knots."

Thank You, Bonnie Mitchum

Grass Cutting Season



Please sign up to cut grass at the church.

There's a sign up poster in the hallway. Contact the church office for more information.



May

- 2 Kenneth Fansher
- 4 Austin Murchison
Wil Robinson
- 6 Addison Guerry
- 7 Buddy Harvey
- 9 Troy Cribb
- 11 Charles Belhassen
Clay Brock
- 12 Sarah Swan
- 13 Barbara White
- 14 Kelly Brown
Johnna Livingston
- 17 Jane Harris
- 18 Seth Tipton
- 19 Benjamin Miller, II
- 22 Madeline Buitenhuis
- 23 Jacob Buitenhuis
- 24 Michele Metts
- 25 Camden Guerry
Laurie Bell
- 27 William Tanner
Miller White
Suzie Wilson
- 29 Jim Brogdon
- 31 Kyndra Buitenhuis

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, May 13 at 9:00 at the church. Contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420.

Circle 2—Monday, May 13 to be announced.



2019 Financial Report




	Year to date through 4/30/2019		Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 122,818	\$	454,801
Expenditures			
Personnel	\$ 83,741	\$	273,321
Operations	\$ 37,590	\$	106,330
Missions	\$ 10,574	\$	30,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 5,355	\$	21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 2,265	\$	10,610
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,358	\$	10,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 142,885	\$	452,271

May Ushers

- 9:00 David and Rebecca Riley
- 11:00 David Baumann, Cindy & Clair Orvin, Jerry Stuckey

May Food Pantry Dried Beans and Beef Stew

May 2019 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Assembly & Sunday School 11:00 Worship		7 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare	1 11:00 Prayer Ministry 6:00 Middle/High Youth 6:00 Choir	2 6:00 Early Service Worship Team 6:30 Mission Ministry	3	4
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(No 9:00 Service)



Come and hear what God is doing in their lives!

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