

## A Note from Our Sabbatical Team

*“For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops.  
 But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord.” -Leviticus 25:3-5 (NIV)*



### Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service Outside on the Church Lawn and Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video Available

11:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, April 13**

5:30 Sabbatical Meeting

**Wednesday, April 14**

3:00 Children Bible Study

**Thursday, April 15**

5:30 SPF Ministry

**Monday, April 19**

3:00 Visitation Ministry  
 6:00 Session Meeting

**Wednesday, April 21**

3:00 Children Bible Study

**Saturday, April 24**

10:00 Self Defense Class

**Wednesday, April 28**

3:00 Children Bible Study

*Pastor*

Timothy Scoonover

*Director of Spiritual Formation*

Angeline Brock

*Editor*

Sally Harvey

Pastor Timothy has completed a little over seven years of ministry at our church, so the session has voted for him to have a three-month sabbatical this summer. In order to prepare, the session has commissioned the following team: Gene Williams (chair), Don Cribb, and Laurie Carter. We would like to use this space to explain some of the details.

### **What is a sabbatical?**

It's rooted in our understanding of Creation and God's resting on the seventh day. Sabbath literally means to "cease" or "stop." This practice gets expanded through the Old Testament to include years, see the Leviticus reference above. But fear not, Timothy is not taking an entire year off. But, as our Presbytery suggests, he'll be taking three months off this summer. "The purpose of the Sabbatical Policy is to provide, in cooperation with the sessions of the congregations involved, an opportunity for full-time professional staff members to spend three months away from the parish for the purpose of study, rest, and travel" (Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery Sabbatical Policy, May 2006).

### **What to expect for Timothy**

Pastor Timothy will be away June 7 – August 31. His session-approved proposal includes: travel with and worship with his family, study and review of his doctoral materials, and focus on spiritual disciplines. The cost of Timothy's portion of sabbatical will be entirely covered by his continuing education allowance. Please be praying for his rest and growth... that he may know that he's not an *employee for God*, but a *child of God*.

### **What to expect for the church**

This is a gift to our church, as much as it is to Timothy. It's an opportunity to for us to reset, to see the various gifts in our congregation, and celebrate God's work and provision in and through our church. In Timothy's absence, the Sabbatical Team is (continued on page 2)

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working to cover both the Teaching Ministry and Pastoral Care for our congregation.

*As for the Teaching Ministry*, Sunday mornings won't skip a beat. We will be welcoming several mission partners throughout the summer: Sherry Schumann (Grandparenting Ministry), Clint Echols (FCA), David Ensor (Hope Repair), Tron Severe (Healing Farms), and many more. We will also hear testimonies and ministries from within our church—like GriefShare and our budding Soup Kitchen. We will keep you informed of the schedule as the summer gets closer, but we can assure you, you won't want to miss a Sunday.

*As for Pastoral Care*, the Pastoral Care Team—led by Doris Partlow—will be overseeing the pastoral needs of our church. Our congregation excels at caring for one another, and we are confident this will continue over the summer. In the event of a pastoral emergency or an emergency or a funeral, the Sabbatical Team has secured an “on-call” Commissioned Lay Pastor through our presbytery named Bo Hamilton. Pastor Bo is currently serving as the Supply Pastor at the Cane Bay Presbyterian Church. While he won't be part of our “daily operations,” we are blessed to know that we do have pastoral care coverage if there are needs beyond the scope of our typical congregational care.

We cannot emphasize enough, the opportunity this presents to our congregation and our pastor. We trust God's rejuvenating work in Timothy and our church, as we are mutually restored to our calling and spiritual health. To God be the Glory!

In Christ, Gene Williams, Don Cribb, Laurie Carter, and Timothy Scoonover

## Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, March 15 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with joint worship and prayer with diaconate
  - Approved minutes from the February Session meeting
  - Welcomed Vale Baker into membership by Reaffirmation of Faith
  - Updated our “Return to Worship COVID Response Policy” to allow for 180 participants in worship (roughly 2/3 capacity) in the sanctuary
  - Received Ministry Team, Pastor, and Sabbatical Team Reports
- The next Session meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 6pm.

## Self-Defense Class

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# F.P.C. KIDS

## Dedication of the Children's Wing

What a wonderful Palm Sunday service celebrating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem! Here at MCFPC there was the additional celebration of the dedication of the Children's Wing and most especially celebrating and honoring JoAnn King Bryant for 53+ years of teaching the Primary Sunday School Class. She has had a major role in bringing so many of our children to Christ. Special thanks to Pastor Timothy for making the service so meaningful. Also, thanks to Reverend Sam Cooper for coming and participating and to our own John O. Williams for sharing their thoughts, stories, and memories of Mrs. JoAnn!!

**By attempting to keep this event a secret from JoAnn, it was difficult to "get the word out" to many of you about the need for pictures of former students. Thanks to those of you who provided the ones used to create the collage and it was obvious many enjoyed viewing the results. With all those years teaching, however, there are many more children whom she taught, and we would like to collect additional pictures to create another collage.**

**Please allow us to borrow some pictures that can be copied or send pictures via email/text messaging that can be printed and used. School pictures, family pictures, pictures of events occurring at church or elsewhere would be appreciated and especially if they happen to include Mrs. JoAnn!! We promise to return all pictures. Just make sure the student and/or family names are included.**



You are invited to drop by the nursery and view the lovely mural on the end wall and visit the Grade 3-5 classroom to see the completed cross. A special "Thank You" to Mrs. Peggy Bennett for this beautiful artwork.

Thanks to everyone for your help with this special celebration.

In the Love of Jesus Christ,  
Ruth Lusk,  
Melissa Williams,  
and Marie Bowles







**Wednesday Church? Kid's Group? Kid's Church?**  
 (We'll have the kid's weigh in before we give it a name.....)

**Spring is here, and we are so excited to start *something new!***  
 (Don't fear we haven't decided to replace LOGOS.)

**Starting Wednesday, April 14th**

We will have an opportunity for children (ages K-5th grade) to gather together!

We will continue to follow the model of the Early Church in Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers". We will have snacks, time for fun and games, Bible study, and prayer and worship.

***So, what's new -***

- \*Time: 3:00-4:30 pm Every Wednesday (April 14th - June 9th)
- \*Drop Off/Pick Up: On the front lawn in front of the church.
- \*We will spend as much of our time together each week outside as possible, learning about God's Word outside in His creation.
- \*Children will be split up into smaller groups by age. Children will stay in those small groups for the entire time - with the same adults.
- \*We will have a picnic style snack at the beginning of our time together. We will not have dinner at the end.

**If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbors, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, invite them to join us!**  
**We are so excited to see what God has in store for us as we gather together in this new expression.**



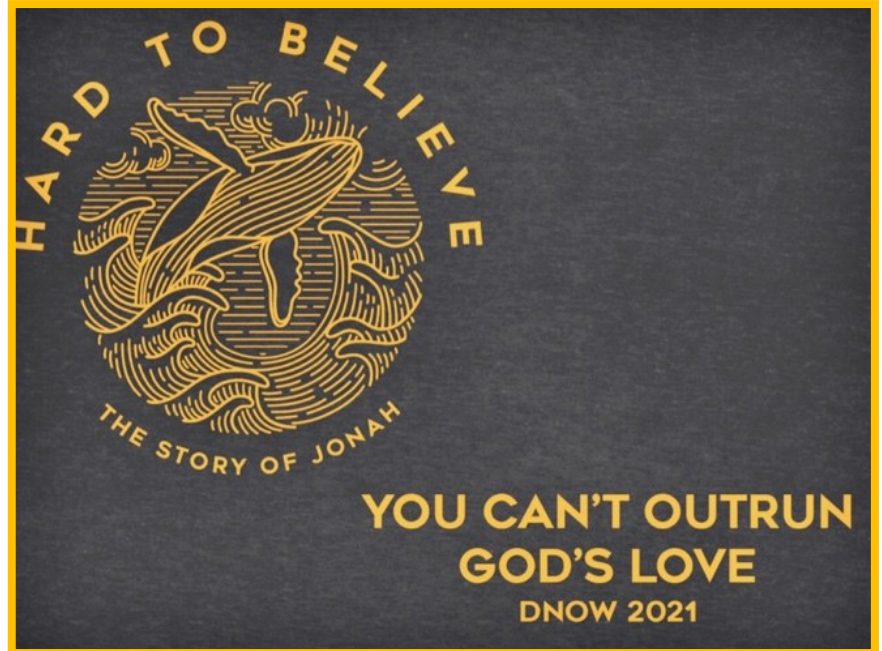
Please remember to give to our food pantry. The Covid Pandemic has a lot people out of work. We can use any non-perishable food items. They will be gratefully accepted. If you wish to make a monetary donation, we can do the shopping for you. There is a GREAT need in our community and anyone that comes to our doors at this time will receive food.

Thank you, Doris Partlow

Commitment Report	Budget for 2021	\$443,620.00
	<u>April 4</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 6,247.49	\$ 97,371.61
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,531.00	\$119,434.00

# DNow

**Weekend Lock In  
Discipleship Retreat  
April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**

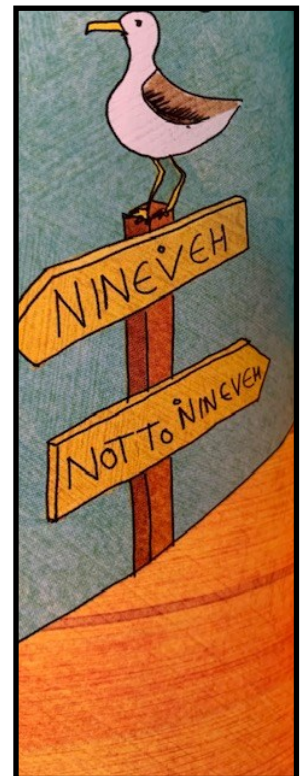


**The Youth have been invited to participate in this year's  
D(iscipleship) Now Weekend.**

**We will join with four other local youth groups for  
worship, service, and fun!**

**We'll explore the "Hard to Believe" story of Jonah and listen  
for how God may be calling each of us into a deeper relationship  
with Him, to live more fully the life of a disciple.**

**\*If you have a youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup>) you would like to register  
or if you would like more details about the weekend,  
contact Angeline Brock.**



## **Our Mission:**

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We extend Christian Sympathy to Pam Brogdon and her family. Pam's father, Dr. William "Roy" Peele, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021.

We extend Christian sympathy to Cindy Orvin and her family. Cindy's brother, Jerry Davis, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

*Dear Friends, Thank you doesn't seem sufficient to express the heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, love, and support to our family after my daddy's stroke. It has been an emotional roller coaster, and your prayers, cards, texts and calls have certainly helped sustain us. The prayer quilt is beautiful. Each knot is a reminder of the power of prayer and of the comfort that your love and support offers during this difficult time. Daddy has it on his bed, and I know he feels covered with prayers. Daddy has a long way to go. Please continue to lift him up in prayer. Again, I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your prayers and the beautiful quilt, along with your love and support.*

*Love, Pam and Jim Brogdon "Roy Peele" Family.  
(written prior to Roy's passing on March 19)*

*Dear Church Friends, Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you so much for the large gardenia bush. I can't wait to plant it and see those beautiful white flowers.*

*A friend is a treasure, Nancy Holcombe*

*Dear Church Friends, I just wanted to let you all know how much your cards and prayers have meant to me these past few years! I am happy to share with you my last PET scan showed no signs of a tumor!! Will see the oncologist in July for my follow-up! Please express my sincere thanks to all!! I am so blessed.!*

*Fondly, Linda Denny (Cindy Britt's cousin)*

*Dear Church Family, I want to express my thanks to all of my church family who prayed for me and called to check on me when I had my pace maker implant. I also would like to thank the Helping Hands for the delicious meal they brought and the nice card sent by the 11:00 prayer team. May God's blessings be upon each of you.*

*In the love of Jesus Christ, Ronnie Hewitt*

*Dear Church Family, I have never been so surprised in my life as I was a few Sundays ago! To receive such an honor is a very humbling experience. There is nothing I like more than working with young children, and especially, at church. And I like working with others who have this same desire. So I just thank you so much for this honor you have given me. It will always be a cherished memory in my life.*

*And I also want to thank you for the love shown to me and my family since Don's death. He loved his church family and especially his Sunday School Class. When we married, we agreed that there was not the two of us, but always the three of us—me, Don, and God. And that was a good life for almost 58 years! So, thanks one more time for being such a wonderful, loving church family. You are the best!*

*With Love, JoAnn Bryant*



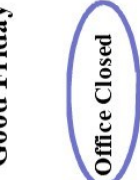



## April

- 1 Carole Edwards
- 5 Ben Shuler
- 7 Brant Bayless
- 8 Laura Bates  
Jane Hood  
Jary Hulst  
Corinne Page
- 9 Susan Ford  
Oliver Harrelson  
Claudette Lusk
- 10 Pompey Harvey  
Madeline Williams
- 11 Abby Bell
- 13 Kevin Lusk  
Nancy Svagerko
- 14 Margaret Huggins
- 15 David Baumann  
George Svagerko
- 16 Ellen Berry  
Barbara McRee  
Lynne Shepherd
- 17 Tom Williams
- 21 Samantha Belken
- 23 Elizabeth Cannon
- 25 Jesse Cannon  
Kevin Murray
- 26 Melissa Matthews  
Lynnette Oliver  
Devlin Worten
- 28 Pearl Miller
- 29 Katy Bates  
Will Davis  
Arilynn Murray



# April 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship Service on the Lawn 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service in sanctuary				<b>1</b> Maunday Thursday  <b>6:15 Service</b>	<b>2</b> Good Friday  	<b>3</b> 9:00 Prayer Walk
<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 11:00 Prayer Ministry  	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Pastor Timothy Vacation</b>						
<b>11</b> <b>Pastor Vacation</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting  5:15 Sabbatical Mtg.	<b>14</b> 11:00 Prayer Ministry  3:00-5:00 Children's Bible Study 6:00-7:30 Youth Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
					<b>Youth Retreat at the Well</b>	
<b>18</b> <b>Youth</b>	<b>19</b> 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry  6:00 Session Meeting	<b>20</b> 11:30 Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> 11:00 Prayer Ministry  3:00-5:00 Children's Bible Study 6:00-7:30 Youth Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00—12:00 Self Defense Class in the Well
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