

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday,
The Lord's Day
 9:00 Worship Service
 Outside on the Church
 Lawn and
 Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video
 Available

Worship Service 11:00
 in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 7

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, Feb. 8

11:30 Staff Meeting
 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Feb. 9

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Pastor's Book Study
 6:00 Youth

Saturday, Feb. 12

10:00-12:00
 Loss of a Spouse
 Workshop

Tuesday, Feb. 15

11:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 GriefShare
 6:30 Mission Ministry

Wednesday, Feb. 16

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Monday, Feb. 21

1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry
 6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 22

11:30 Staff Meeting
 5:30 Soup Kitchen
 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, Feb. 23

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

A Note from Our Pastor

Prayer is the Engine Room of the Church

The pastor of the church came out to greet us on the dusty, well-worn path leading up to his church. We could see in his smile that he was excited to introduce us to the powerful ministry happening with his people and his small Ethiopian village. We had already been tipped-off to what the Spirit was up in his region, but this was our chance to peek behind the curtain of the Holy Spirit rival. After all, that was the purpose of our entire trip—we were young American pastors who had come to see what the Spirit was doing in and through the Ethiopian church. We exchanged greetings, via our trusty translator, and followed him toward the sanctuary. I could tell with his energy, we were about to see something special.



As we stepped into their worship space, I expected it to be empty. It was a weekday. What would this pastor be so proud of? A renovated worship space? Historic architecture? A sound system? Nope. None of that. It was prayer. Like pillars, holding up the building, spread throughout the sanctuary, there were a dozen or more followers of Jesus in deep prayer. Some on their knees, some standing with hands raised, others seated. Some smiling. Some weeping. Some silent. Words won't do justice to what I felt. It was like walking into a spiritual cloud. I could feel and see (but not with my eyes) a heat, a fog, a thickness of prayer in the room. *This was holy ground.* One of the pastors in our group didn't hesitate. He knew what to do in a room like that—join in. James slid onto a bench, then dropped to his knees and began praying with this local church prayer team. We followed. **It was an invitation to join God in his work in the world.**



Later, the pastor debriefed with us what we had experienced. It's been said that the Holy Spirit is "out of control" in the Ethiopian church. This pastor explained that prayer ministry is one of the core foundations of the Holy Spirit's movement. He said that this church is run by 24/7 prayer. Of course, there are many factors contributing to the kingdom impact for our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia, but this pastor wanted us to know the power of prayer.

One thing I've learned in ministry, is that prayer is the engine room of the church. It may not be glamorous, but it's where stuff gets done. It's the beginning of all ministry that's truly kingdom ministry. I read a recent interview of a well-known pastor in the sunset of his life. He was asked what was the one thing he wished he did more of as a young pastor. His answer, "Prayer. I wish I had spent more time in prayer." There are days that I know—without a doubt—that the ministry of this church is sustained by prayers of the people of God. Frankly, there's just NO other explanation. Ministry happens because of prayer. It changes things. It alters, it shapes, it gets things done.

So, I want to invite you to join God in his work in the world. Any time *(continued on page 2)*

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual
 Formation

Angeline Brock

Editor

Sally Harvey

of course, but specifically, I'd like to welcome you to the engine room of our church on Wednesdays at 11am.

There is a faithful team who gathers each Wednesday at 11am, and we'd love for YOU to join us.

Ways to contribute in prayer:

- 1) Join us in the FPC Library at 11am on Wednesdays
- 2) If you can't join us in person, set an alarm for 11am on Wednesdays and pray with us wherever you are
- 3) Text or email a prayer request to Timothy, Angeline, or Sally
- 4) Post a prayer or prayer request in our Facebook group: "FPCMoCo"

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Ministry Teams

Building & Grounds	Worship	SPF	Christian Education	Pastoral Care	Hospitality & New Member	Mission & Evangelism
Sam Brock (D) <u>Outside</u> Sam Brock Larry Propst (D) David Riley Preston Ussery <u>Inside</u> Len Graham (D) David Harris (E) Roy Smith Ronnie Hewitt Mitch Jones <u>Specialty</u> Jerry Stuckey (security) Ken Fansher (lighting) David Harris (HVAC)	David Brown (E) Charles Matthews Ellen Berry Laurie Carter Margie Roberts Doug Bowles	Jane Hood (E) David Harris (E) Ed Stehmeyer (E) Eugene Oliver Craig Mims (D) Rick Ollic Chris Wilson Don Saturday	Clisha Weather (D) Neva Peagler Shelly Rucker(D) Kelly Brown Martee Fansher Jennifer Worten Kay Colley Steve Nettles JoAnn Bryant Larry Propst Ann Williams	Doris Partlow (E) Mike Stasiak (D) Charlene Atkins (D) Marie Bowles Neva Peagler Pearl Miller Peggy Bennett Arnetta Ackerman Janet Lucas Ruth Lusk Carol Kennermur Ann Williams Cyndy Britt <u>GriefShare:</u> Charlene Atkins (D) Sue Cook	Don Brown (E) Visitors: Gene Williams (E) Doug Bowles	Rin Page (E) Suzie Wilson (E) William Tanne (D) Don Cribb Jesse Cannon Elizabeth Cannon Rebecca Riley Kyndra Bui-tenhuis
*The first name listed is the chair						

Save the Date—April 1-2, 2022



This is the **first-ever** Southeastern Grandparenting Conference. Conference location is St. Paul's Church., Summerville.

More information to follow. Brochures will also be available on the table outside the church office.

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Larry McCall, Calvin Harper, and Sherry Schuman



Henry Bonner Memorial Offering

Sunday, February 20 & 27

Sunday, February 20 and 27, we will have the annual Henry Bonner Memorial offering at First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner. Special envelopes will be available in the atrium or you can designate it for this special offering on your check. All funds collected will go to support the Habitat for Humanity in Berkeley County. Mr. Bonner had a long and distinguished career in public education, serving as a coach, teacher, principal, and eventually, as Superintendent of Schools for Berkeley County in 1959. He served in this position for nearly 30 years, retiring just before Hurricane Hugo in 1989. The Henry E. Bonner Elementary School in Macedonia was named in his honor. After his retirement, he became active as a volunteer in many civic endeavors, and chaired the Habitat for Humanity effort which was just beginning in Berkeley County. Henry died on July 3, 2007. The session wanted to remember Henry in a way that would honor him. Because his influence was so important in getting Habitat for Humanity started in Berkeley County, it was decided that a memorial offering would take place annually in February, with the funds designated to support Habitat for Humanity that was so important to Henry. *Please give generously.*

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Minutes in a Minute

On Saturday, January 22nd the Session of First Presbyterian Church met as part of our Annual Officers' Retreat and:

- Opened with prayer and signing of our "Covenant Agreement" for community life and conduct as a Session
- Approved minutes from the November and December Session meetings and the January 9th Congregational Meeting
- Approved the membership transfer of Heather Boyd to High Street Baptist in Canton, NC
Approved Communion for the first Sunday of every month in 2022, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve
- Approved the wedding of Elaina Stuckey and Christian Hawley on November 19, 2022
- Elected Gene Williams to serve as Clerk of the Session
- Elected Eugene Oliver to serve as Treasurer
- Received the request for dismissal of membership from Troy, Rebecca, and Sarah Cribb and Troy's request for resignation from the diaconate
Received Colleen Anderson into membership by letter of transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale, Brandon, FL
- Received Ministry Team Assignments
- Closed with prayer for pastoral needs of our community

The next session meeting will be Monday, February 21 at 6pm.



Roll Up Your Sleeves and Bring Your Gloves

Church Wide Work Day for Outside Spring Clean-up Saturday, March 5 - 8:00 to 12:00

Main Objectives: Cut the grass for the first time of the year, weed eat, spray round-up, broadcast fire ant prevention, prune/shape shrubs, rake leaves out of children's playground area, and remedy some erosion issues along the west side ditch (bring old bricks, filled sandbags or bags of gravel if you have them laying around).

Things That Will Already Be On Site: Church riding mower, church blower, church weed eater, church gas hedge pruners, church wheelbarrow, church spreader, church backpack sprayer, fire ant prevention, and two 5-gallon water coolers.

Things To Bring: Gas pruners, hand pruners, loppers, 6-foot ladder, side walk edger, tine rake, shovel, mower, mower trailer, weed eater and string, blower, 50:1 fuel, oil, non-ethanol fuel, spreader, gloves, dust mask, safety glasses, wheel barrels, leaf bags, tarp, and all the young people you can find.

If You Do Not Enjoy Yard Work: We need some volunteers to cook hot dogs and provide water/refreshments for the workers, especially around lunch time.

Encouragement and support is definitely welcome.
Any questions or for more information, contact Sam Brock at 843-729-7050



Grief Share 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 with 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 will start with a workshop on Saturday, February 12 at 10:00am, Loss Of A Spouse.

Then every Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00pm and run through May 10. (You do not have to attend the workshop to attend the weekly meetings.)

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

If you know someone that is grieving, please tell them about Grief Share.

An Opportunity to Show Our Welcome and Hospitality



mission and vision



Habitat has asked us to partner with their Collegiate Challenge program again this year.

Habitat's Collegiate Challenge program provides year-round alternative school break volunteer opportunities to college students across the United States. College students have chosen to travel to Moncks Corner to spend their spring break serving in *our* community.

We have the opportunity to house two groups in the well. In the past we have had some of you provide a meal to spend time with the students. If you would like to bake cookies or show welcome and hospitality in any way, please let me (Angeline Brock) know.

We will host:

CUA (Catholic University of America, Washington, DC), March 5th—12th
Dennison University (Granville, Ohio), March 13th—18th

IT IS **POSSIBLE** TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE
IT IS **POSSIBLE** TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE
IT IS **POSSIBLE** TO TRUST IN DIFFICULT TIMES
IT IS **POSSIBLE** TO TELL A
REDEMPTION-LOVE-KIND-OF-STORY

D-NOW
March
18th—20th

D-NOW (Discipleship Weekend) March 18th - 20th

Parents, Youth, Congregation—Save the Date!

A weekend to grow in our relationship with Christ, each other, and our community, as we join with other local congregations for worship, service, and fellowship.

More information to follow!

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Christian Sympathy to John and Pam Loesch and their family. Pam’s mother, Ruby Williams, passed away on Saturday, January 22.



It’s a baby boy-Congratulations to Devlin and Jennifer Worten on the birth of their son, Fletcher Wayne. Fletcher was born on Thursday, January 20th. Big brother Cullen is doing fine along with mom and dad. Welcome to our family little one.



Dear Congregation,
In November, the Butterfly Team was able to deliver 170 Blessing Bags to the teachers and staff of Berkeley High School. This would not have been possible without all the donations and support from our wonderful church members!! Thank you to all those who donated money or items for the bags. They were greatly appreciated by the staff at BHS.

Love, the Butterfly Team

- BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Ansley Riddle
 - 2 Martee Fansher
 - 4 Waites Wilson
 - 5 John Carter Propst
 - 7 Ashley Scoonover
 - 8 Charlene Atkins
 - 8 Jackie Keene
 - 8 Deanna Riddle
 - 9 Sarah Brown
 - 9 Zach Simmons
 - 12 Cory Knight
 - 15 T Williams
 - 16 Bill Britt
 - 16 Jay Jackson
 - 16 Clisha Weathers
 - 17 Anna Brown
 - 17 Robbie Robinson
 - 17 Maya Valdovinos
 - 18 Sister Beaty
 - 18 Preston Ussery
 - 23 Susan Cook
 - 24 Anna Murchison
 - 27 William Brinson
 - 27 Colin Murchison
 - 29 Angeline Brock




Dear First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 to the Hands of Christ and for your commitment over many years. We hope to return to a normal distribution this summer, but will have to see what God has in his plans for us. Prayers for all.

Blessings, Jim Deavor, Executive Director



Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
	<u>January 23</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 10,502.40	\$ 27,355.20
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,907.00	\$ 35,628.00

February 2022 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service		1 8:30 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting	2 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Pastor's Book Study 6:00 Youth	3	4	5
6 <i>communion</i> 	7 1:00 Prayers & Squares	8 8:30 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen	9 11:00 Prayer Ministry Pastor Timothy Study Leave 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Pastor's Book Study 6:00 Youth	10 Pastor Timothy Study Leave	11	12 10:00-12:00 GriefShare Loss of a Spouse Workshop
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