

## Teen Valley Ranch Christian Camp July 15—July 20, 2024

Ten of our youth and four leaders spent the week at Teen Valley Ranch in North Carolina. Activities included climbing and rappelling, horse back riding, hiking, rafting and competitive games. They also had devotional time, worship and testimonies. There was no cell phone coverage in the area and no electronic devices were allowed during the week. Campers and leaders were asked “What is your favorite part about Teen Valley Ranch Camp?”



**Ansley:** “The hike was fun and a great experience.”

**Abby:** “I enjoyed cabin huddle time as well as the worship. It seemed especially impactful this time, and the Sloparoo!”

**Cooper:** “For me it was talking to the counselors who are deep in their faith about different obstacles in life and how we can show others by our actions that we love and respect God. Also, I love both of the ziplines!”



**Rebecca (leader):** “The morning quiet/devotion time was my favorite. Forced me out of my comfort zone and truly brought me closer to God. Great way to start each day!”

**Sullivan:** “My favorite part was the ‘cabin/huddle’ time. I had deep, meaningful conversations about God and how we should have faith in Him through the ups and downs of life.”



### Weekly Worship

#### Sunday August 4 & 11

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service  
10:00 Facebook Live  
11:00 Sunday School

### Weekly Worship

#### Sunday August 18 & 25

9:00 Worship Service  
9:00 Facebook Live  
10:10 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday, August 2

2:00 Worship Ministry

#### Monday, August 5

1:00 Prayers & Squares  
1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares  
1:00 Wildcat Bible Study  
3:00 Visitation Ministry

#### Tuesday, August 6

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Grief Share

#### Wednesday, August 7

6:00 Youth

#### Thursday, August 8

12:00 Mission Ministry

#### Sunday, August 11

10:00 Fellowship Sunday

#### Tuesday, August 13

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Blood Drive  
5:30 Soup Kitchen  
5:30 SPF Meeting  
6:00 Grief Share

#### Wednesday, August 14

6:00 Youth

#### Thursday, August 15

11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

#### Friday, August 16

3:30 Fuller Retreat

#### Saturday, August 17

8:00 Fuller Retreat

#### Sunday, August 18

9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services  
10:10 Pastor Bo/Greece Trip

#### Monday, August 19

1:00 Prayers & Squares  
1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares  
1:00 Wildcat Bible Study  
6:00 Session Meeting

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## Pastor Bo Traces the Footsteps of Paul Sunday, August 18

### Tuesday, August 20

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Grief Share

### Wednesday, August 21

6:00 Youth

### Tuesday, August 27

8:00 Home School  
11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Soup Kitchen  
6:00 Grief Share

### Wednesday, August 28

6:00 Youth

Greece has often been called the birthplace of democracy and the cradle of Western Civilization. It is also the earliest home of Christianity outside of Israel. On August 18, Pastor Bo traces the footsteps of Paul across Greece, including the well-preserved ruins of Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, and more. You'll see pictures of some of the world's most ancient and fascinating historical sites, such as the Acropolis, Roman Forum, and Mars Hill, and ancient Corinth. The pilgrimage included a 3-night cruise through the Greek islands including Mykonos, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. Join us in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour at 10:10 a.m. for this special time of sharing.



## Things You Need to Know

### Fellowship Sunday August 11

**This is our last combined service.** We will have new members joining with dinner and fellowship after the service. The church will provide fried chicken. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Every one is welcome!

### Blood Drive Tuesday, August 13

FPC Blood Drive 1 p.m.—6 p.m. in the gymnasium. Contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149 to schedule an appointment or for more information. Walk-ins are always welcome.



### Resume Two Services Sunday, August 18

We will resume our normal schedule of two worship services on Sunday, August 18, with a 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Worship Service.

### Grief Share

Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. It's 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. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. We meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. through October 15 in the Well (gymnasium). 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.

### Our Soup Kitchen Needs Help

We need help delivering meals. Our soup kitchen prepares meals and delivers them twice a month on Tuesday afternoons. Delivery time is usually less than half an hour. Please give Mike Stasiak a call at 843-518-1315 if you can help this ministry.

### Classical Conversations Looking for Child Care

Classical Conversations of Moncks Corner, the homeschool community that meets at our church is seeking two women who would be willing to provide child care for children ages four and under on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. throughout the academic school year. This is a paid position. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. If interested, please contact Melissa Williams at 843-822-5582.



## Exciting News From Our Stewardship, Personnel and Finance Committee

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God is so good! Every time the Stewardship, Personnel and Finance Committee meets, we thank God for trusting us to do the business of the church, and we thank Him for the resources He has trusted us to manage. Then we pray that we will make decisions that He wants us to make about how to use those resources.

In 2016, the SPF Committee, along with the Session, decided to take out a big loan. We borrowed \$300,000 to provide additional funds to support some big projects - the Well, the Columbarium, and the new organ. This was a big step of faith, but we did it after much discussion and prayer. We added a substantial mortgage payment to our monthly expenses as a result. There have been some years where finances have been tight, but we have always been able to make ends meet and continue to do God's work.

2024 is the first time since we took on the mortgage that we have projected having more income than expenses, and in April, the SPF Committee discussed how to best use our funds. We agreed to pray for God's guidance on our decisions about how to use our resources, and to make decisions in our May meeting. Then exactly one day before our May meeting, the bank notified us that the interest rate on our adjustable rate mortgage was doubling! We evaluated the additional cost of interest and the balance on the mortgage. And now for the awesome part... the mortgage payoff was almost exactly equal to the funds we had available! So the SPF and then the Session voted to **PAY OFF OUR MORTGAGE!**

Everything we have is given by God, and we are just trusted to manage it for Him. But I have to tell you, it sure feels great to tear up that mortgage and announce that First Presbyterian Church is debt free!!!! We will continue to seek God's guidance on how He wants us to use the resources He trusts us with. And I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see what opportunities He gives us next!

In the love of Jesus Christ, Jane Campbell, Chair of SPF Committee

### Scam Alert

**There are scammers who continue to impersonate Pastor Timothy asking for gift cards. DO NOT fall for this.**

Since we can't really stop them, we need to keep educating everyone to:

- 1) Double check the sender against Timothy's contact information
- 2) Know that Pastor Timothy will **NOT** ever ask for gift cards like that
- 3) Spread the word to others in the congregation - this is a **SCAM**
- 4) You can always contact the church office if you have a question

One way to help the scam from spreading is to select "report to junk" under the message.



### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

A reminder that we will again participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in November. While school supplies are on sale, this is a good time to get pencils, erasers, colored pencils and sharpeners for all aged children. Also good quality pens for ages 10-14 in black, red, green, and blue. It's never too early to start thinking about this ministry and start shopping for items to put in your shoebox. It will be here before you know it.



# VBS 2024 — The Lord is My Shepherd

We learned during the week that The Lord is MY shepherd. Day 1-We learned that I am a sheep. Day 2-He is my provider. Day 3-He is my defender. Day 4-He is my Guide. Day 5-I am both a sheep and a shepherd. Psalm 23 was the memory verse for the week. We learned that we can be little shepherds by providing for others like giving food, water, shelter. Little Shepherds can stand up for what is right and share God's word and tell people He loves them and wants them to be His sheep! We can guide others by acting and speaking like Jesus! We had a good week of learning, singing, crafting, painting, eating snacks, activities in the gymnasium, and a water day outside.







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## Saturday, August 24

The Charleston Atlantic Presbytery will have their 2024 S.T.E.P.S. program this year on Saturday, August 24; 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for preregistration (deadline is August 12). Walk-ins the day of the event is \$35. Events and workshops are for everyone striving to grow in Christian faith, service and knowledge of the love of God. The theme this year is "One Vine, Many Branches." Information about the workshops and registration are available in the church atrium.

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you very much for the lovely prayer quilt you gave me. Your prayers were effective and God honored them. Please accept this gift to help continue this wonderful ministry (donation to the church). I appreciate the encouraging visit of Pastor Bo Hamilton and Mike Stasiak.

Mary Olmstead

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you for delivering the meals. We appreciate it.

Love, Willie & Johnnie Baylors  
The soup kitchen delivers meals to Willie and Johnnie.



### Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, August 15 at 11:30 a.m.** Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.



Please bring Jell-o and spaghetti sauce  
for the month of August

### August Birthdays

2 Brenda Beckham  
2 Melissa Cox  
2 Sharon Landis  
3 Michael Belken  
3 Marie Hyman  
3 Isabella Skipton  
3 Marissa Skipton  
4 Fred Thornton  
7 Laura Miller  
9 Smiley Causey  
9 Eugene Oliver, Jr.  
9 Maddison Wadford  
10 Cindy Orvin  
11 Imogene Russell  
12 Libby Cannon  
13 Hugh Smith  
13 Jarrid Wood  
14 Loretta Graham  
15 Mike Lucas  
15 Jimmy Moore  
15 Jennifer Worten  
16 Carol Guerry  
16 Jerry McSwain  
16 Betty Orvin  
16 Seth Orvin  
16 Jackson Weathers  
17 Shelby Harrelson  
17 Ann Katharine Williams  
18 Eli Matthews  
20 Jack Carter  
20 Walker Riddle  
21 Lynn McHoney  
21 Michael Nelms  
21 Cooper Propst  
22 Bobby Espy  
22 Carol Kennemer  
22 Richie Mills  
24 Bill Dalasio  
24 Ben Miller  
24 Jennifer Skipton  
25 Ann Hodges  
25 Drew Patrick  
27 Trace Cusick  
28 Nancy Payne  
29 Sam Brock  
30 Lauren Jackson

#### Commitment Report

Budget for 2024

\$495,184.00

July 28

Year to Date

Budget Offering

\$ 8,587.33

\$ 319,823.89

Weekly Budget Requirements

\$ 11,081.37

\$ 332,451.10

# August 2024 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 communion 10:00 Worship Service	5 1:00 Prayers & Squares 1:00 Prayers & Granny Sq 1:00 Wildcat Bible Study 3:00 Visitation Ministry	6 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting  6:00 Grief Share	7   6:00 Youth	8  12:00 Mission Ministry	9  2:00 Worship Ministry	3
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# Our Summer Schedule for August

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