



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Variations on Ein' Feste Burg*

Marburg

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

God has sent redemption to the people;

God has commanded the covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name!***Hymn of Praise No. 512**

BEECHER

*Now with Joyful Exultation****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Sovereign God,**we cannot hide from you the sinfulness of our hearts.****You know our every thought and deed.****You see the evil that we do,****and the good that we leave undone.****You see our selfishness and pride,****our petty scheming and our grand designs.****Pursuing our own desires, we distort your truth.****We trust our own knowledge and cleverness
more than your life-giving Word in Jesus Christ.****Look upon us with mercy, O God.****Forgive our sin and purify our lives.****Live and rule in us, by your Spirit,****that each thought, word, and deed****may service your will, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.***(Please continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

Leader:

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People:

In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!***Song of Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Preparation No. 15** *The First Place*

Blessing of the Book Bags

Jennifer Smith & Larry Efird

10 Cents a Meal

Sharon Stricker

(Four year olds through 2nd graders may now be excused to Children's Church. An adult will now escort the children to the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reconciliation in Oneself

Darryl Evans

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children"

-Ephesians 5:1

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Offering & Offertory

Ariosto

Young

Special Missions Offering (for Mexico trip)

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment No. 897**

CONVERSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude

Jubilee Promenade

Young

***All who are able please stand.**

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. If you have a prayer request, please see Darryl or call us at 704-938-4623.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to Grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

Children's Church is available for children, 4 years to 2nd Grade. After the "A Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to the Children's Church. After worship, parents may pick up children in the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building.

Upcoming

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor Lincoln Williams birthday.

Today, our **adult "Call to Action" Sunday School** will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM following our continental breakfast at 9:30 AM. Both men and women are invited to join together for Summer Sunday School. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join us. Upcoming speakers are August 26: Holly Teeter with Sole Hope; September 2: Jennifer Linn will share info about her recent trip with fellow teachers to China. If you are not a regular participant in Sunday School, this is a wonderful time to strengthen your Faith and support our missions. Please come and bring your children for their regular classes upstairs!

Today is Missions Sunday. A special offering will be collected for our upcoming Mexico Missions trip. Collected funds will be used to help pay for the trip and for materials for building gates at a church in Mexico. The cost for the gates is \$1,700. Please write "Mexico" on your checks or envelopes.

Blessing of the book bags TODAY! We will have a special Blessing of all the children and youth during worship for the upcoming school year. Teachers and anyone associated with Education will be blessed, as well. We will be praying for a safe and successful school year for everyone.

Come help at the next workshop making **hair bows for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** on Thursday, August 30 at 12:30 p.m. We will be making the hair bows with leftover

fabric that matches the pillow case dresses. A glue gun and a good pair of fabric scissors would be greatly appreciated. Come and share the fun!

The Missions Team has planned a week for First Presbyterian to **staff the Salvation Army Hope Night Shelter**, located at 216 Patterson Ave in Concord, on Sept. 23 - 29. Volunteers are needed each night by 7pm to provide dinner for approximately 30 people, serve, and clean up. 2 gallons of milk and cereal will also be needed for the following morning's breakfast. Deadline to volunteer is August 31. Please return the following form to the Church Office by August 31 if you would like to help:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Genesis Sunday will be on September 9 beginning with breakfast supplied by the Fellowship Team from 9:30 to 10:10 am. Following breakfast, Tracy will introduce the teachers for Pre K through 8th grade and students will go to their classrooms as their teachers are introduced. Danny Bost will introduce adult teachers and each teacher will give an overview of the curriculum they will be teaching this year. Adults will be dismissed for worship at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Night Life begins on September 12 with a service night as we move yard sale items to the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Team will once again be providing the meals for \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family. Beginning September 19, Larry Efird will be leading an adult Bible study based on the C.S. Lewis book, The Great Divorce. If you would like to purchase a book for the study, contact Danny Bost or Terri Pruett in the office by September 9. Children will resume their classes as well.

We will be holding our **annual yard sale** to raise money for the Mission Committee. The date is **September 15**, 8am-1pm. We will also sell sausage biscuits and hot dogs. The room next to the choir room is available now for donations.

The Missions Team is seeking our talented church members to donate their goods, time or services for a **Missions Auction!** If you make specialty items, can cook a meal, offer babysitting, clean someone's house, do landscaping, teach a skill, or offer other services that you think we can auction off, please fill out your proposal and place in the offering plate. Auction time is to be determined. Proceeds will support our Missions Fund.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Auction Item(s): _____

The Missions Team continues collections for our **400 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!** For the month of August, the focus will be school supplies. We need packs of 24-count crayons, packs of markers and colored pencils, pencils and pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks and scissors. Collection bins are in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall. Of course, we will still gladly accept donations of hygiene items (bar soap, wash cloths, wet wipes, lip balm, brushes

& combs). Facial tissue and toothbrushes are fulfilled. Thanks as always for your support! A **shoebox recipient** will share with us on September 16 over a covered dish lunch after worship.

We hope everyone in the **“Bad Girls” Thursday Morning Bible Study** has had a restful and relaxed summer, but now its time again to learn more what God has to teach us. We will kick off on September 6th with a tea. Everyone, please bring a small platter of goodies and your favorite tea cup. We will be studying Anxious about Nothing by Max Lucado. Books will be handed out then. The price of the book is \$14.00. Please make checks payable to Frank Gibson. We welcome anyone new who would like to join us. Please contact Kay McAllister at (704) 723-1158. Deadline for ordering books is August 25th.

Saltshakers Ladies Bible Study of First Presbyterian Church opens its registration beginning August 5 and runs through September 10, 2018. The Bible study will begin on September 17, 2018 and end on April 15, 2019 (with scheduled breaks). A calendar and notebook will be provided at the first Monday evening meeting. The study will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the church. Sarah Knott is the lecturer. The title of this year's study is **“KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY”** based on the book of Romans. Registration forms can be found in the narthex and various places around the church. Please place your form in the offering plate, place in the church office, or give to Judy Goodnight. This is a life-changing study that you won't want to miss. Invite a friend and join us on Monday evenings beginning in September.

The **JOY Group will have a “Welcome Back” covered dish** on Friday, September 21 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor.

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56. Or, if you would like to purchase something permanent that can be rotated during the weeks we don't have a live arrangement, please contact Jill McLain.

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks.
Please help us keep **Prayer Concerns** current with weekly updates.

MEMBERS

Danny Bost - health concerns.

Judy Goodnight & family - on the death of Judy's father, Bruce Davis, last week.

Jason Burris - on the death of his grandmother, Carolyn Gray, last week.

Emily Griggs - fractured her fibula while traveling.

Iris Efird - Health concerns.

Donna Whitley - surgery went well.

Mike Williams - at home making good progress!

Juanita Holt - at Five Oaks.

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks.

Barbara Wise - health concerns.

Mary Johns - recovering from procedure.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Special Church Member of the Week

Betty Overcash

1438 Oak Pond PI NW
Concord, NC 28027-4187

Betty's birthday is August 28.

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or offer a prayer. All to say "God loves you and the church cares about you."



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The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator
Wren Philpot, Clerk of Session

Class of 2019
Garrett Brady
Mike Freeman
Allison Hammett
Carol Lowder

Class of 2020
Jeff Barnhardt
Frank Gibson
Phil McLain
Gip Rumble

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans
Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Lynn Efird - finished with chemo.

Ellen Little - continued prayers for the health issues of Ellen and family.

Connie Rary - still fighting cancer, went to Duke specialist.

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Mark McDaniel - brother of Mal McDaniel, in remission and making great progress!

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter: stage 4 Breast Cancer.

Thomas Dishman - friend of Judy Hunter: problems with LVAD.

Lamar Coward - brother of Sheila Grey: terminal lung disease.

Chuck Rogers - friend of Judy Hammond: suffered stroke following surgery.

Shelia & Steve Dobson - friends of Judy Hammond: Steve had brain surgery last week.

Russell Gardner - friend of Mike Freeman: cancer and recurring pneumonia.

Ernest Miller - friend of Mike Freeman: lung cancer and PTSD (Viet Nam Vet)

Chris & Gabby Goodnight - son of Connie Rary: for a healthy pregnancy.

Jay McKinney - son-in-law of Jim Johnston: a captain in Afghanistan.

Landra Goodnight Staab - daughter of Steve & Judy Goodnight: Receiving treatment for Leukemia and is involved in a clinical study.

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister: Suffering with MS.

Arthur Fu - brother of Jessica Bell: Fighting cancer.

Teresa Alexander - friend of Renee Goodnight: Diagnosed with brain tumors.

Dave Viscount - friend of Mark Goodnight: Suffering with ALS.

Hope Community - church plant in Wilmington, NC with Nate Stratman.

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

Servants

Greeters: Garrett Brady & Phil McLain

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Sharon Stricker

Children's Message Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader: Emma & Shannon Sechler

Children's Church Leader next week: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Luke Burris & Abigail Malinovsky

Acolytes Next Week: Amelia Caskey & Will Evans

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Danny Bost, Mel Eaton, Todd Pless & Tony Rary

Ushers next week: Mark Goodnight, Amy Hurst, Mal McDaniel & Tony Sherrill

This Week

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
New Connection Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

6:00 p.m. - **Missions Team Meeting**

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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