

The “Press”byterian – September 2018



A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

This letter comes amidst some recent signs of new life in our church family.

One of those signs of new life in our congregation is the presence of young kids having a good and fruitful time in our facilities. I'm referring to our new scouting program. Our new scouting pack is up and running. All the paperwork that is required to document the official establishment of our pack has been finished. Our new ministry is Pack 11.

The next steps are taking place even as I speak. This past Thursday, the new scout pack, their parents, and scout officials met in our facility for their first meeting. What an exciting time for us as well as for them. Super-excited kids having a blast in their new environment doing their new thing in our place, a Christian place.

By the way, 27 kids signed up to be scouts in Pack 11! The Scout official for this area, in charge of the recruitment process, was delighted with their number, considering it unusually high.

Sometime in the next few weeks we will invite our pack members and families to join us for worship one Sunday morning so that we can meet each other and pray together for them and our partnership. Lea Fantem, the scouting representative for our area, will be present that Sunday and we will introduce her and hear from her.

As pastor of our church, I am more than pleased that this sign of new life in our congregation has taken place, and I have to be struck by the fact that this new development has taken place at the initiative of the scouting organization and not us. We have been looking for God to show us the way into a new future and “BAM!”, right out of nowhere, the scouting organization contacts us and asks us to consider sponsoring a pack. It sounds like the steps of Christ leading us into our new life in Christ!

We are happy to announce that Mikeal and Sharla Smith have agreed to chair the committee that serves as the bridge between the church and the scout pack. Thank you, Mikeal and Sharla! I believe that our new pack could not have better church representative leadership for their beginning time than you two.

We can all be excited about what we are contributing by hosting a scout pack. On their website the scouting organization states their objective with the following words...

Scouting is adventure, family, fun, character, leadership and so much more. In scouting, boys and girls start with their best right-now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

The scouting organization greatly values the kids' spiritual growth in the midst of their physical, intellectual, and emotional growth. Plus, we can appreciate that the kids learn responsibility. They learn to earn what they get!

The pack will be meeting most every Thursday evening and you are encouraged to drop by anytime and see what's going on.

Blessings in Christ,

David

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Barbara Burnham
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Dreama Giles
Retha Haddock - Chair
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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm



September Birthdays:

- 3 – Ken Greeson
- 4 – Sherry Burgess
- 4 – Judy Greeson
- 4 – Lamar Harrison
- 4 – Elaine McDonald
- 6 – Rebecca Foley
- 11 – Bo Burgess
- 16 – Cheryl Melis
- 21 – Pat Tatham
- 23 – Grayson Hyde
- 29 – Alan Marvel



September Anniversaries:

- 10 – Ed & Sandi Donn (1960)
- 25 – Johnnye & Barbara Burnham (1988)
- 26 – Mikeal & Sharla Smith (1992)
- 27 – Seth & Andrea Smith (2014)
- 28 – John & Nancy McPhearson (2013)
- 29 – Randy & Melody Parker (1994)



- Adult Sunday School – Retha Haddock
- Adult Bible Study – Lamar Harrison
- Buildings & Grounds – John McPhearson
- Christian Education –
- Lydia Circle – Gay Little
- Men of the Church – Jim Clark
- Membership Team – Martha Ann Haley
- Missions Team – Judy Greeson
- Personnel Team – Ed Donn
- Sanctuary Choir Director – Khim Nalzarro
- Stewardship & Finance – Lamar Harrison
- Worship – Peggy Smith
- Ushers – Jim Clark
- Warriors of Christ Sunday School – Judy Greeson
- Water Walkers Sunday School – Tammy Foley
- Women of the Church – Sandi Donn/Dreama Giles
- VAC – Jim & Joan Clark

Give Thanks
to the
Lord
for he is good.

First Sunday of the Month

We observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion and collect our Missions Offering on the first Sunday of the Month.



MEN OF THE CHURCH

The MOC met on August 16 for our regular monthly meeting. We set some activities for the next few months.

We set up clothing racks for Women of the Church Work Group for their annual ladies clothing sale on August 21 at 5:15 PM.

We plan to set up tables and clothing racks for the fall Little Lambs consignment sale on Tuesday evening, September 18 at 5:15 PM.

We set the date for the MOC yard sale, which will be Friday and Saturday, October 19 & 20.

The tentative date for the Yankee Trader Christmas Dinner and gift exchange is set for Sunday evening, December 9.

We will need a lot of help for these coming events! Please volunteer!

We voted to donate \$500 to the Gordon Central Co-Op Store and to Orphan Aid Liberia. We also donated \$250 to Ray of Hope Foundation (Shelia Callaway) and Feed the Children (Haiti) mission.

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday evening, Sept 18 at 6:00 PM after we set up the racks and tables at 5:15.



LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle would like to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the 2017-2018 officers. You all did a great job. Andrea Nebel Smith your leadership was a blessing. In leading, you exemplified kindness and it was inspiring to each of us. Your dedication to the mission of our church and community remained a priority. Thank you.

Thank you to our 2018-2019 new and returning officers: Gay Little-President; Anne Judah-Vice President (thank you for stepping in to help when the President cannot attend meetings); Debbie Baue-Secretary (thank you for your continued attention to details in completing the minutes all year long); Gloria Brown-Treasurer (thank you for helping keep our record reporting up to date).

As we begin our new year, we invite all ladies to join our planning meeting on September 18th at 6 pm. We will also be setting up for Little Lambs.

LITTLE LAMBS FALL / WINTER CONSIGNMENT SALE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 (8AM-5PM) SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 (8AM-NOON) CALHOUN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We fed 115 people at VAC on August 22. They again enjoyed hotdogs and all the trimmings. We were short volunteers, but we got the job done! If you would like to help us, we would love to have you come on September 26 and help us cook, serve and minister to some wonderful folks. We start at the VAC about 9:00 and we would love to have you for any amount of time you can help! We will be serving pinto beans in September and vegetable soup in October.



All are invited to join us in Bible study. We are a group of learners attempting to better understand the message of God to us through scripture with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We share our thoughts of what the Scripture says to us openly and without criticism. We pray for each other and others on our list, sharing actual experiences of blessings and answers to prayer. We also have Bible quizzes and a little humor, which enhances our camaraderie. You will feel welcomed and comfortable with us.

Join us if you are available on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.



The Mission Team welcomes Bob Lichy from "Love the Children" on Sunday, September 16th. After the service, there will be a potluck luncheon. The Mission Team will provide the meat along with some side items and drinks. We are asking the congregation to help out also with side items and deserts.

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Visiting the Senior Center on August 23rd was as much fun for the participants from CFPC as for the Seniors. Ron Jackson entertained us with "Seven Spanish Angels". Phyllis Joy played the guitar and sang a folk song. a small group from CFPC sang folk songs and ended with "Written in Red". Pastor David gave a meaningful devotional, and we all visited with those attending. Believe me – they want us back! We were asked many times to please come back. We hope to do that again next month – maybe adding Morning Pointe to the schedule.

"Just Walk Across the Room" Groups 1 & 2 had a bountiful potluck lunch on 19th. Our discussion after lunch was significant ways to share the Good News of Following Christ. We plan to continue next quarter.

We are so excited to have 27 scouts coming to our church – Scout Pack 11. They will meet every Thursday evening!

Be on the LOOK OUT for the Time and Talent survey coming soon. It will help all of us get to know each other better.

Fifth Sunday breakfast on September 30 will be hosted by the Water Walkers Sunday School Class. All are invited – please come and bring a breakfast dish to share!

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SOUND BOARD OPERATOR NEEDED!!

We are in need of someone who is interested in learning the sound board. There is one Sunday each month where we are in need of someone to run the sound system during the worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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2:00 PM

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The holidays will be here before we know it. I am looking for craft vendors for this fundraiser. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in our event, please have them contact me (Sharla Smith) at sjerroldsmith@gmail.com or 706-383-8854. I know with God's help and your help we can have a successful fundraiser.

VENDORS WANTED
FOR
CFPC MISTLETOE
MARKET

NOVEMBER 16th & 17th

Friday 10:00-8:00
Saturday 10:00-2:00

SHARLA SMITH
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BUILDING & GROUNDS

A mailbox up has been installed on the outside curb of the breezeway for street-addressed mail and small packages to be delivered directly to the church. This was by request of the post office to avoid them having to hold our street-addressed mail.

We are waiting for two bids for the roofing work. They are expected by next Friday. Work on the roof should begin soon after a contractor is chosen.

The playground is almost complete! Some safety equipment needs to be installed before allowing children to use it.

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The weekly sermons are now uploaded to the church's website!

<http://www.calhounfpc.org/>

In addition, recordings of the entire worship services are available on CD each week for your use. Please contact the church office if you would like one.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The Pumpkins Are Coming!

Our annual "Pumpkin Patch" fundraiser will get underway Saturday, Sept. 29, at 9:00, when a truck delivers nearly a thousand pumpkins of every imaginable size to CFPC. We'll need the help of everyone...plus your friends, neighbors and relatives...to help unload the truck. Steve Connell will bring in equipment to unload the big boxes, and Gay Little is working with Gordon County and Calhoun high schools to provide several teenagers to help.

This year's "Pumpkin Patch" will be open to the public from Noon-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturdays and 1:00-6:00 p.m. Sundays.

This is one of our church's biggest fundraisers and mission projects, with nearly 70% of proceeds from the pumpkins going to the Navajo Indians, one of the poorest tribes in our nation. CFPC's "Pumpkin Patch" profits go toward subsidizing our monthly mortgage payment. Our profit last year was \$8,294.58!!!

We need the help of every member to make this year's event a success. Decide which day or days of the week you'd like to help and sign up on the chart displayed on the bulletin board just inside the narthex. Tasks include assisting with sales, greeting customers, setting up and taking down the sale table each day, etc. Although the "Pumpkin Patch" lasts from the last two days of September through the entire month of October, you're only asked to help out 4 or 5 days. Of course, anyone who wants to help additional days will be more than welcome! There's a place for everyone to participate.



Helping Hands for September

Ushers:

Ron Jackson
Bill Giles
Ronald Jackson
Trisha Nebel

Liturgists:

Sept 2 – Gay Little
Sept 9 – Ed Donn
Sept 16 – Bob Smith
Sept 23 – Retha Haddock
Sept 30 – TBD

Sound System Operators:

Sept 2 – Barbara Jackson
Sept 9 – TBD
Sept 16 – Tony Judah
Sept 23 – TBD
Sept 30 – Tony Judah

Money Counters:

Sept 2 – Connie Connell / Lamar Harrison
Sept 9 – John McPhearson / Ken Greeson
Sept 16 – Judy Greeson / Doug Marvel
Sept 23 – John McPhearson / Martha Ann Haley
Sept 30 – Ken Greeson / Connie Connell

Children's Church:

TBD

Deacons of the Week:

Week of Sept 2 – Debbie Baue
Week of Sept 9 – Barbara Burnham
Week of Sept 16 – Sandi Donn
Week of Sept 23 – Retha Haddock
Week of Sept 30 – Dreama Giles

Refreshment Providers:

Sept 2 – Randy & Melody Parker
Sept 9 – Gene & Brenda Simmons
Sept 16 – Potluck Luncheon
Sept 23 – Seth & Andrea Smith
Sept 30 – Mikeal & Sharla Smith

Communion Servers:

June Antony
Charley Little
Connie Connell
Martha Ann Haley
Trisha Nebel
Gay Little
Ron Jackson



Let's Pray For...

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS

Roma Melton – Recovering from heart surgery at home; no visitors or phone calls at this time!

Barbara Burnham – Water retention

Sandi Donn – Dialysis treatments at home (prayers also for Ed and Cheryl)

Warriors for Christ – Pray that more kids will be come to this new Sunday School class!

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Family of Harley Giles (Bill's brother) –
Passed away last week

Family of Monte Clark (Paul & Barbara Clark's son) –
Passed away last week

Aria Lakier (Friend of Judah family) –
Continued cancer treatments (age 5)

The Bryant Family (Charley Little's cousin) –
Their only son passed away

Zelma Guzman (Rafael's sister) –
Ongoing battle with cancer

Jake Roberts (Jim & Joan Clark's grandson) –
Recovering from surgery

OUR SHUT-INS

Pat Glasser – Morning Pointe

Max & Teri Thomas – Home

Jack Sloan – Home

**“Press”byterian Newsletter
Deadline for Articles**

September 25

**Please submit articles to Debbie Baue by
email if possible. Thank you!**