

The “Press”byterian – January 2019



A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

We have just now concluded our first two full years of life and ministry together. As we make this transition into a third year together, I would like to share some reflections.

One, another year together has continued to deepen the appreciation we have for all of you. Each of you in your own way has endeared yourself to us. We have enjoyed getting to know you better over this past year, and that additional knowledge of you continues to enhance our confidence in you as partners Christ has chosen us to be partners with in His ministries here.

Two, we have developed even greater gratitude for the life that Christ has given all of us together. This is a wonderful church because it is full of wonderful people. We find it to be a personally comforting and spiritually energizing place to be. We feel good about being here because we sense that God is here.

Three, we also find our confidence in the future of our church engendered as time goes by. Yes, we still have quite a ways to go. We still have much work to do. We still have a lot of traction to gain from the new initiatives we have felt led by Christ to have begun. We sense that we have laid some worthy foundations upon which the Holy Spirit can make some headway with us and our community, and beyond.

So, we look forward with joy to spending our next year in ministry with you, helping each other grow in Christ, vigorously worshiping, and doing Christ's work. We surely look for God to bless our time and efforts together!

We love you and pray for you to have a delightful beginning to 2019.

Your friends in Christ,
David and Frances

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm



January Birthdays:

- 1 – Sandi Donn
- 1 – Robert Mitchell
- 5 – Jessica Thomason
- 7 – Gloria Brown
- 12 – Bill Giles
- 18 – Barbara Burnham
- 22 – Jim Clark
- 28 – Suzanne Driscoll



January Anniversaries:

None Known



- 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 – Cathy Keeter
- 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 – Judy Greeson
- 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'S MINISTRY

MEN OF THE CHURCH

The MOC held its annual Yankee Trader dinner and gift exchange on Sunday, December 9. We had 44 participants. The food was great. A special thanks goes out to Shawn Keeter, Charley Little, and Roger Peace for preparing the meal and to Bob Butler for being our MC. Thank you also to Cathy Keeter for decorating the tables, and to everyone who made a dessert.

We purchased 25 \$10 food vouchers which were put in the senior citizen food bags at VAC. The Missions team also purchased 25 vouchers for the same project.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 PM. All men are invited.



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 Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM.



We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal on December 12 at VAC with about 115 great folks. We served delicious chicken, dressing and gravy made by David Burton at a wonderful low price. Thank you, David. We had candied yams, green beans, rolls, desserts and tea.

Our next VAC meal will be January 23. Hope to see you there.

Hope everyone had a happy and blessed Christmas and never lost sight of the Reason for the Season.

Happy New Year everybody!!



The Itchin' 2 Stitch craft group will meet on Saturday, January 26 @9:00 in the Gathering Room. All crafters are welcome!!

**"Good humor and laughter
are far too wonderful
not to come straight from
the heart of God."
- Beth Moore**

membership

Our monthly team meeting was held on Wednesday, December 5 with Brenda Simmons, Connie Connell, Debbie Baue, Sandi Donn and Martha Ann Haley in attendance. Hopefully the absent team members can attend on Wednesday, January 9 @ 5:00 (please note the new meeting time).

The Time & Talent Survey will be coming out soon with Pastor David's sermon series he has planned (Ephesians 4:7 in the Contemporary English Version).

Our website is being reviewed and additions made each week. Sermons are available and new pictures of various activities are added.

Information about our next visit to the Senior Center will be announced after our next meeting.

Christmas cookie decorating was a big success! Thanks to Gay and Megan Little – great job!! We could see the smiles on lots of faces.



A newspaper ad for our Christmas Eve services was run on Wednesday and Saturday the week before Christmas.

Visitor folders for first-time visitors are now available on Sunday morning. They contain a current newsletter, a church brochure and a pen.

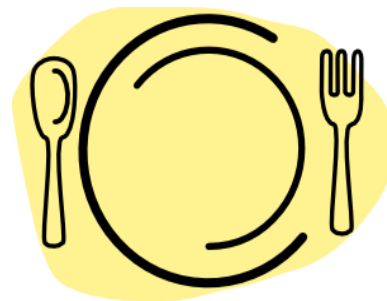
Happy New Year to all!!



The CFPC Youth finished 2018 by delivering 120 Christmas bags to the residents of Gordon Health Care Nursing Home. They then came back to church for their Christmas party. A big thanks to the following: Peggy Smith for donating the money for the food, Cathy Harrison for donating the fruit, Fran Johnson for picking up food while we were delivering gift bags, and Jim Clark for helping the youth load and unload at Gordon Health Care.



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Our next **DINER'S CLUB** is set for Saturday, January 19 @6:00 (restaurant to be determined). A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up if you will be attending so that we can get an accurate headcount.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2018 REPORT

Month of December	Year to Date:	
<u>Total Budget Requirement:</u>	<u>\$ 14,065.75</u>	<u>\$ 168,789.00</u>
Budget offering :		
Individuals:	22,678.00	155,827.58
Mortgage Loan offering:		
Individuals:	1,944.00	30,549.81
Fund Raisers:	-0-	12,280.22
Designated gifts/special offering:	13,576.36	63,380.04
Building Use:	-0-	4,100.00
Total Offering	\$ 38,198.36	266,137.65

Budget Analysis

Budget Requirement to Date:	\$168,789.00
Total Receipts to Date:	155,827.58



Missions

Church Mission Giving 2018:

Month:	Year to Date:	
November	\$ 1,691.08	\$ 25,533.84
December	\$ 2,066.26	27,600.10

***Please contact Stewardship & Finance for additional information.**

Helping Hands for January

Ushers:

Ken Greeson
Judy Greeson
Bill Giles
Jim Clark

Liturgists:

Jan 6 – Gay Little
Jan 13 – Ed Donn
Jan 20 – Bob Smith
Jan 27 – Retha Haddock

Sound System Operators:

Jan 6 – Tony Judah
Jan 13 – Bob Smith
Jan 20 – Tony Judah
Jan 27 – Megan Little

Money Counters:

Jan 6 – Connie Connell / Lamar Harrison
Jan 13 – Judy Greeson / Doug Marvel
Jan 20 – Martha Ann Haley / Judy Greeson
Jan 27 – Ken Greeson / John McPhearson

Children's Church:

TBD

Deacons of the Week:

Week of Jan 6 – June Antony
Week of Jan 13 – Debbie Baue
Week of Jan 20 – Barbara Burnham
Week of Jan 27 – Debbie Butler

Refreshment Providers:

Jan 6 – Jim & Joan Clark
Jan 13 – Connie Connell
Jan 20 – Ed & Sandi Donn
Jan 27 – John & Suzanne Driscoll

Communion Servers:

Ken Greeson
Judy Greeson
Connie Connell
Joan Clark
Charley Little
Gay Little
Jim Clark



Let's Pray For...

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS

Max Thomas – Gravely ill

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

David Melton (Roma's son) – Defibrillator
Bobby Davis – ICU Hamilton Medical Center –
Car accident
Nephew of Sue Van Buren – Back surgery
Faye Ralston – Redmond Hospital
Ronnie Blankenship – Health issues
Family of Jerry W. Evans (Stepfather of Scott Ray) –
Passed away
Preston Evans (Jim Clark's nephew / age 6) –
Cancer treatments

OUR SHUT-INS

Pat Glasser – Morning Pointe
Max & Teri Thomas – Home
Jack Sloan – Home

“Press”byterian Newsletter Deadline for Articles

Sunday, January 27

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



**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.