

# The “Press”byterian – November 2020



## A Note from Pastor David

Dear First Friends,

It’s nice to be in the saddle again! I was into the office this past week. I am preaching this coming Sunday. As we say so much about how abnormal things are now, at least, being back to the church feels more normal to me. And I am thankful for the feeling. It’s nice seeing you all again.

I look forward to leading worship and preaching again. Worship consists of sacred moments in a sacred space doing sacred things. I have always considered it a great privilege to be up front in the midst of all that highly spiritual activity. I take very seriously my responsibility for opening the truth that comes from scripture. I cannot think of a more holy thing to do and always feel completely unworthy of the privilege. Yet, I am forever grateful that Christ has given me the unique adult life-long experience of ministry as a pastor.

Aren’t we all getting tired of the restrictions imposed upon us by the virus? And, we still can’t see a certain time when it will clearly be over. There are hopeful references of a vaccine soon. There are already quite a few medicines that help alleviate some or many of the discomforts and dangers of the virus, even reducing the level of deaths.

But, we know that we live in the world that God created and even now oversees. Despite the complications that the virus has placed upon us, God is more powerful than that force. He is in charge. We can trust Him, whatever happens. He has His plans and intentions, and they are perfect. Even as the virus lingers and periodically surges, let us have confidence that Christ will bless us in the midst of it and will one day put it in its place.

Finally, be sure to vote by Tuesday. Every presidential related election carries a lot of weight and promises a lot of consequences. Most everyone I talk to seems to have the strong opinion that this election has the potential to deliver more consequences than others normally do. Let us pray and vote!

It is always a privilege and joy to serve with you.

Pastor David

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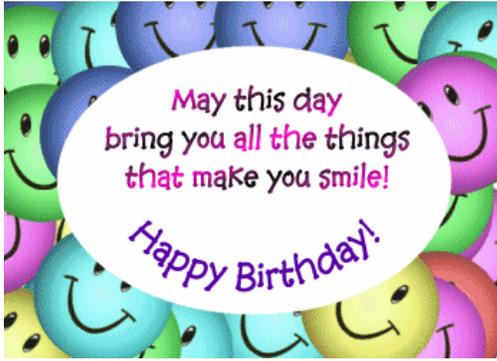
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### Office Hours:

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

Wednesday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm



### **November Birthdays:**

- 3 – Rafael Guzman
- 11 – Bob Welch
- 18 – Andrew Fisher
- 22 – Melody Parker
- 24 – Shirley Marvel

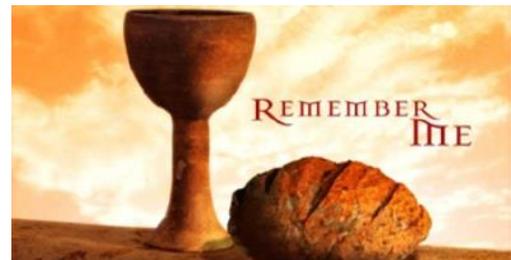


### **November Anniversaries:**

None known



- Adult Sunday School – Retha Haddock
- Adult Bible Study – Lamar Harrison
- Buildings & Grounds – Jim Clark & Ken Greeson
- Christian Education – Trisha Nebel
- Lydia Circle – Megan Little
- Men of the Church – Jim Clark
- Membership Team – Megan Little
- Missions Team – Doug Marvel
- Personnel Team – Ed Donn
- Sanctuary Choir Director – Khim Nalzaró
- Stewardship & Finance – Lamar Harrison
- Worship – Sharla Smith
- Ushers – Jim Clark
- Warriors of Christ Sunday School – Judy Greeson
- Water Walkers Sunday School – Tammy Foley
- Women of the Church – Fran Johnson
- Voluntary Action Center – Jim & Joan Clark



### **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 annual MOC Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, Nov 6 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, Nov 7 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for both days! We will have items outside (weather permitting) and in the Gathering Room. Face coverings will be required.

A meeting will be scheduled in late November or early December to decide on which mission projects to assist this year.

Thanks to everyone who has donated items. A special thanks to Cathy Harrison who has priced and helped display all the items!

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## **WORSHIP TEAM**

“Hanging of the Greens” will take place on Saturday, November 28 @10:00 AM. Please come and help the Worship team decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season!

If you are interested in helping with worship service technology, Megan will be having a meeting on Thursday, Nov 5 @7:30. Please RSVP to Megan if you are interested.

Just a reminder that we will continue to social distance and wear our masks for the safety of all in the sanctuary. We appreciate your willingness to help keep all of us safe. If you cannot attend in person, please join the zoom meeting to worship with us. If you have any questions or concerns with our service, please let us know. We value your opinion.



Hope this finds everyone well. This is just a reminder that we will NOT be serving at VAC until further notice. Food donations are being accepted for the food pantry. Take-out meals are being provided during lunchtime.

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The Christian Education Team continues the search for a teacher for the Children’s Sunday School Class. Currently, there are two children, one age 4 and one age 6. Since we are not providing a nursery these days, the younger child has been coming to this class.

Also, if anyone has any Bible story puzzles suitable for young children, please let Trisha Nebel know.

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## **MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

Let’s join together for a night of fellowship! We’re calling it “Zoom”Giving! Please make a small (or big) sign saying something you are grateful for to hold.

Wednesday, Nov 25 @6:30-7:00

Meeting ID: 992 627 9286  
Passcode: 267914





LYDIA CIRCLE

### VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOMES

As Christmas approaches, let's plan to share our traditions together! If you're interested in virtually sharing your decorations, please contact Megan Little. Everyone is welcome to join in and share!

--Date and Time TBD--

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### WOMEN OF CHURCH WORK GROUP

Ladies, it has been a very unusual year to say the least!!!! And I have missed having our committee meetings with the food and the *awesome* fellowship. Hopefully we will get back to normal in 2021.

As you know, our cook book sales went great, selling all the books. Also, we purchased the fountain in front along with the flowers making the small garden beautiful, and the larger garden is coming along. Maybe we can help with some flowers for it again next spring. We really accomplished a lot for a very tough 2020.

As you know, it is time to choose a new president for 2021, so be thinking about who you would like this to be and also any ideas you might have on projects we could do in the coming year.

Thank you for voting on letting the Men of Church have the old clothes to sell at their yard sale. They are outdated and just taking up space.

My prayer is *God will Bless and keep all of you safe! Fran*



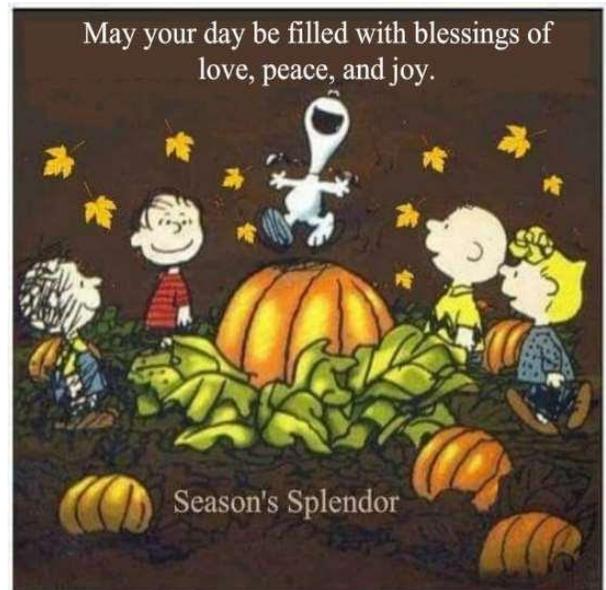
The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will not be meeting until further notice.

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### Cub Scout Pack #11

The popcorn has arrived, so please see Sharla Smith to pick up your order! The scouts would like to say thank you for purchasing popcorn. This fundraiser will help with their projects during the year.



**“Press”byterian Newsletter  
articles are due the week of**

**Sunday, November 22!!**

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

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**Helping Hands for November**

**Ushers:**

Ronald Jackson  
Sharla Smith  
Tammy Foley  
Ed Donn

**Liturgists:**

Nov 1 – Gay Little  
Nov 8 - Ed Donn  
Nov 15 – Bobby Smith  
Nov 22 – Retha Haddock  
Nov 29 – June Antony

**Deacons of the Week:**

Week of Nov 1 – Retha Haddock  
Week of Nov 8 – Debbie Butler  
Week of Nov 15 – Jim & Joan Clark  
Week of Nov 22 – Tammy Foley  
Week of Nov 29 – Ronald Jackson



**The weekly sermons are 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.



**PRAISE**

- Pastor David is back with us in the office and in the pulpit!!

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR  
CHURCH FAMILY**

- Jim Clark – Follow-up scan Nov 11
- Samuel Hughes – Two surgical procedures went well; several biopsies were taken; should have results in about a week

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Tami Pass’ sister – Returning with her family from Singapore; decision where to live
- Hurricane recovery efforts in Lake Charles, Louisiana (June Antony’s hometown) as well as John & Nancy McPhearson’s home in Alabama.
- Forest fire victims in California and Oregon!
- President Trump, our leaders and our country!
- Upcoming election!
- Healthcare workers fighting the pandemic!

