

# The PRESSbyterian

November 2010

## Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4: Senior High Lock-In  
Nov. 9: Circle Meetings  
Nov. 14: Service of Wholeness and Healing  
Nov. 20: PC Youth Day  
Nov. 21: Stewardship Sunday  
Nov. 25: Community Thanksgiving Meal  
Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent  
Dec. 5: Advent Breakfast  
Dec. 19: Lessons and Carols  
Dec. 24: Candlelight Communion

## From the Pastor

Friends,

On the Day of Pentecost, the Church was born and started a two fold mission - to equip and encourage believers in their discipleship and to put that discipleship into practice through mission. Mission takes many forms. There are foreign missions and local missions. The commonality of all missions is that they seek to witness and spread the gospel through word and deed.

This Thanksgiving, we have an opportunity to again engage in local mission. Twelve local churches have joined together to provide our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual community Thanksgiving meal to the underprivileged of our community. Our plan is to feed 1000 people at the First Baptist Life Center (FBLC) on Thanksgiving Day, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This meal will not replace our annual distribution of Thanksgiving boxes, a much needed mission to the impoverished community, but allow the greater Church to witness Jesus Christ.

There are many opportunities where you can be a part of this local mission even if you cannot attend the event. Simply select a service opportunity where you would like to serve and sign up. Sign up sheets are located around the church or you may call the church office at 534-0088. The service opportunities are:

1. Deliver an uncooked 20-22 lb. turkey to the FPC Centre on Tuesday, November 23, by 4:00 p.m.
2. Help prepare food in the Centre kitchen on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Time to be determined.
3. Transport food from FPC Centre to the FBLC at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.
4. Bakers. Non-refrigerated desserts delivered to Centre on Wednesday, November 24, by 4:00 p.m.
5. Prayer Group. Contact Bonnie Keeney at 536-2135.
6. Deliver meals to FPC shut-ins. We will prepare the meals at the FBLC and deliver them 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
7. Provide kitchen help on Thanksgiving Day at FBLC. Choose a one-hour shift.
8. Serve food at the FBLC. Choose a one-hour shift.
9. Table set-up and Clean up. Choose a one-hour shift.
10. Hostessing. Speaking with and seating people. There are one-hour shifts from which to choose.
11. Transportation. Assist with pick-up and drop-off of travelers on a prearranged bus route on Thanksgiving Day.

This is a wonderful way to engage the community and witness Jesus Christ. Come join the mission and experience Him moving!

In Christ,

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## New Hymnal Test Site



First Presbyterian has been invited to serve as a test site for the new Presbyterian Hymnal, due to be published several years from now. The denomination publishes a new hymnal every 20-25 years, or every generation. As a test site, we will receive several batches of hymns being proposed for the new hymnal. The hymns will be in many different styles. Each hymn will be used at least once in worship, then I will send feedback to the hymnal committee in the form of an online survey.

I will put an announcement in the bulletin each time we use one of the proposed hymns. Please let me have your feedback, positive or negative. This information is very helpful to the hymnal committee as they compile our next hymnal. Eric Myers, our former music director, and Charlie Frost, music director at Sea Island Presbyterian in Beaufort, are both members of the hymnal committee.

This is a rare opportunity for us to be a small part of the new hymnal process. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with your opinions. Thank you.

Sylvia Trimmier



Growing Through Fellowship  
First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

November	3	How to Prepare for the End Times
	10	Denominational Issues Dr. David Gillespie
	17	Stewardship Program
	24	Thanksgiving Eve
December	1	Chrismon Program
	8	Handbell Program
	15	Christmas Pageant

## Is Sunday Special?

Is Sunday special or just another day? Has it become a day to sleep late and to do your own thing or a day for worship and praise? Has Sunday worship become a routine and a time to just go through the motions? Are we as excited about worship as the believers in the early church? "They [the new believers] devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to breaking bread together and to prayer. Everybody was filled with awe...every day they continued to meet together...praising God and learning" Acts 2 40-47. Read Acts 2. Can't you just feel their excitement and enthusiasm and their joy at being together as Christian believers! Are you this excited on Sunday when you come to church?

### How can we make Sunday special?

- Go to worship with the anticipation of meeting God. We know God is with us all the time as we are told in Hebrews 13:5. According to Matthew 18:20, God is with us in a unique way as we come together with other believers. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name there I will be with them." We are to bring our praises and burdens to Him.
- Go to learn about and from God. Be encouraged by the Truths of God's Word. Expect to hear from Him! Listen for your message being delivered through the pastor.
- Go for fellowship with others. We all need each other in our Christian journeys. Encourage each other, challenge others in their faith, and pray for each other.
- If you want to be spiritually fed, go to church hungry for the Word. What is God saying to you? And remember, you may be the only Bible some people "read."
- And pray, pray, pray. Lord, please give each of us an enthusiasm of heart for attending church. Give each of us a passion for listening for and praying to You so Sunday won't be just another routine day. Amen.

### Assignment:

- Every time you complain or criticize, think of three blessings you have and thank God for them.
- List three of your God-given talents and use them to glorify God and be His hands and feet.

In Christ,  
Kaye Borgstedt,  
CE Coordinator

# Presbyterian Women News

## November and December Mission Projects

- The Summerville Presbyterian Residents' Council voted to do away with the gift giving to the Presbyterian Home at Christmas. Circle 2 will begin collecting items from the congregation November 1st until December 20th to go to the **Orangeburg Council on Aging**. There will be a box in the lobby of the Centre for the unwrapped gifts. Items for the elderly are as follows: flashlights, lotion, gloves for winter, denture cleanser, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, scarves, knit stretch hats for winter, handkerchiefs, Kleenex, and socks (one size fits all).
- Circle 4 is coordinating a local mission project for November. We will provide **"Snack Packs"** for 36 Presbyterian students at Claflin and SCSU on November 29th (exam time). We will gladly accept monetary donations from other Circle members to help with the purchase of snacks. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

## November Circle Meetings Tuesday, November 9

<b>Circle 1:</b>	11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Centre
<b>Circle 2:</b>	10:00 a.m.	Conference Room Presbyterian Centre
<b>Circle 3:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Kathy Johnson 3054 Bragg Blvd.
<b>Circle 4:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Frances Lytch 1453 Dogwood



If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Advent Season, your order must be received by **Sunday, November 14th**. Envelopes are in the pew racks, or information may be sent to the church office. *Orders cannot be accepted by telephone.* Poinsettias are \$12.00 each. (Please make checks payable to the church.)



# Steps to Tithing

Accepting Jesus as your personal savior is only the first step to becoming a Christian. We must then begin to shape our lives as Jesus taught us. It is a growing process and we grow by studying the teaching of Jesus, by associating ourselves with like-minded Christians and by praying for God's help to do His will. It is an everyday process.

Supporting the ministry of our church and spreading the gospel is a vital part of being a Christian. God has been generous with us and He loves us so much that he sent His son to reveal that love to us and to die on the cross to allow us to have eternal life with Him. Giving a tenth back to Him is a Christian's way of saying THANK YOU to God for His generosity.

For most Christians, it is certainly not easy to tithe. Studies show that Christians in the USA and Canada give an average of 0.62% of the income to church and other charitable organizations. This certainly is not what the Bible teaches us about giving. Therefore, there must be a process for **GROWING YOUR PERSONAL SHARE**.

The first thing you need to do is pray about it. The second thing is to determine your **net** income (the money you actually take home). Then look at what you gave in the last year to church and other charitable organizations. Divide the amount given by the net income and that would be your current percentage of giving.

A first goal would be to raise that percentage by **1% a year** until 10% is reached. The second goal would be to use your **gross** income (what your paycheck says without deductions) and do the same thing until 10% is reached.

Sunday, November 21, has been designated as **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**. Please begin praying about what your pledge for 2011 will be. On this day all members will have the opportunity to lay their pledges on the altar and dedicate them to be used for the Lord's work.

Also, on Wednesday, November 17, we will have a special GTF meal and fun program centering around how your money is used in the ministry of the church and spreading the gospel around the world. Please join us on that night for food, fun and fellowship.

**TRUST the LORD!** The joy you receive from growing your personal share will be overwhelming. In Malachi 3:10, God says "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 'Test me in this', says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough to store it.'"

**WILL YOU TRUST HIM?**

Stewardship Team

# Thank You Office Volunteers!

In this season of thanksgiving, the staff extends a special thank-you to our volunteers who do so many tasks that keep the church office running smoothly. They greet visitors to the office with a smile, treat us as friends and trusted colleagues, and are a credit to the perception of this church in the community. Saying "Thank you" is not an adequate response, but we do sincerely appreciate all that these ladies do!

First Presbyterian Staff

## November Birthdays

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|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|
| 11/01 | Mike Crapse           | 11/17 | Aaron Bruner     |
|       | James Shepherd        | 11/18 | Faye Bull        |
| 11/02 | Lib Davis             |       | Carol Felder     |
| 11/03 | Cally Patterson       |       | Rebecca Johnston |
| 11/05 | Shirley Salley        |       | Andy Trimmier    |
|       | Dean Flansburg        | 11/19 | Wayne Lorick     |
|       | Bert Shuler, IV       |       | Maddie Jordan    |
|       | Laura Murray          | 11/20 | Alex Spell       |
| 11/06 | Bill Cox, Jr.         | 11/21 | Kasey Haigler    |
| 11/07 | Janet Brailsford      |       | Emily Shirer     |
|       | Marty Smoak           | 11/22 | Norma Collins    |
|       | Katie Sutcliffe       |       | Billy Kelley     |
| 11/08 | Vivian Hutto          | 11/23 | Howard Shirer    |
|       | Lisa Boltin           |       | Al Thomas Hughes |
|       | Joni Thackston        | 11/24 | Donna Sims       |
| 11/09 | Nancy Runager         | 11/25 | Phyllis Wilson   |
|       | Mary Margaret Dempsey |       | Kurt von Besser  |
| 11/13 | Keith Byers           | 11/29 | George Ware      |
|       | Marty Journey         |       | Harris Murray    |
|       | Maggie Hughes         |       | Evan Campbell    |
| 11/14 | Edde Journey          |       | Abby Thackston   |
| 11/16 | Annie Blair Davis     | 11/30 | Gladys Byers     |

## Community of Character

November trait: Courage

# Family Nurture Team

The Family Nurture Team was busy last year working to provide discipleship and fellowship opportunities for families with children/youth. You may remember the Jessie Tree last Advent and the Resurrection Eggs during Easter. This past summer the Family Nurture Team hosted a "Minute to Win It" Family Fun Night and also a "Who's Who in Your Church Family" on two Wednesday nights.

This year we are planning more activities to foster the development of faith in Christ within the family and hope that you will enjoy them with your children at home.

Christian nurturing of our children and youth cannot solely be accomplished by their parents but through the love of the whole church family. If you're feeling the need to be more involved with your church family we would love to have you come join this wonderful discipleship opportunity.

Melissa Plummer

## Welcome New Members

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|------------------------|----------|
| Michael Crapse         |          |
| 1492 Beason Rd., 29115 |          |
| Suzanna and Kyle Crabb |          |
| 2002 Broughton, 29115  | 539-2325 |
| Bob Sharpton           |          |
| 321 Plantation, 29118  | 534-6466 |



# Children and Youth

- During the month of October, the Youth have been continuing their study of Jesus' parables, using the 36 Parables series. We have looked at the parables of the two sons, the good Samaritan, and the two debtors. I have been so impressed with our young people's deep understanding of Jesus' teachings and their ability to see the parables from a modern perspective. In the upcoming weeks, our Youth will work on a project where they'll split into groups to create a modern retelling of a parable. Each group will choose their own parable and will then record their retelling. My hope is that our Youth will be able to share their videos with other people in the church.
- First Presbyterian continues to work with YouthNet, which is the coalition of youth groups from around the Orangeburg area. Due to the success of the first Fifth Quarter in September, YouthNet hosted a second one in the Centre on October 15. It was wonderful seeing youth from all around Orangeburg fellowshiping, having fun, and growing in their faith. YouthNet is also planning a giant progressive Halloween event on October 31. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Northside Baptist with icebreaker games and supper. The group will then progress to First Presbyterian for team games in the Centre. Finally, we'll conclude at Trinity Presbyterian for a bonfire, s'mores, and a speaker. Transportation will be provided, and the event will be over at 9:00.
- The Youth are pleased to invite the Primetimers to join us during our regular Sunday night fellowship on November 7 from 6:00-7:30. We are looking forward to sharing a meal and participating in some games and activities. My hope is that our Youth can get to know our Primetimers better and this event will help bring our church family closer.
- On November 12-14, several of our Youth and advisors will be attending the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Presbyterian Youth Council Senior High retreat at Camp Bethelwoods. The theme of the retreat is "Why Can't We Be Friends," and I know it will be an encouraging and motivating experience for our young people. Our three Youth Council members, Sarah Frierson, Will Irick, and Virginia McCully, have been working hard to plan the event.

## Upcoming Youth Events

November 7	Youth/Primetimers Event
November 12-14	Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Bethelwoods
November 20	Presbyterian College Youth Day
November 21	Rake and Run
December 19	Zoo Lights

## Children

On Thursday, November 11, the children in 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades will be participating in a Thanksgiving craft and service project. The activity will be in the Fellowship Hall from 3:30 – 5:00, and a snack will be provided. If your child is planning on participating, please let me know (534-0088/[scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org](mailto:scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org)) by November 8.

Sarah Coggins

## PRESSbyterian Deadline

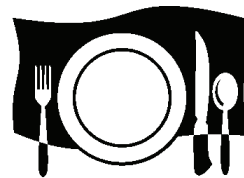
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## Lost and Found

Two rings have been found on the church campus. See Kaye Borgstedt for details.

## Primetimer Lunch

November 16, 2010 ▪ Noon



Meet your friends at noon in the Centre for food and fellowship. Call the church office to make reservations (534-0088).

# Memorials

## Given in Memory of:

Mr. Sheldon Salley  
Mrs. Dorothy Harper  
Mr. Leslie McCormick

Ms. Adina Allen  
Mrs. Helen Conrad  
Mrs. Ferrie Axon

Mrs. Emily Shuler  
Ms. Virginia McCormick  
Mrs. Harriet Gillespie

## Given by:

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Bair	Mr. Robert W. Shealy, Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Flansburg	Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hungerpillar
Mr. and Mrs. Melicue Metts	Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smoak, Jr.	Dr. and Mrs. Charles Smoak	Dr. and Mrs. Rocco Cassone
Mrs. Pauline Till	Mr. and Mrs. Bert Strock	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Covington	Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson
Mrs. Jewell Davis	Mr. and Mrs. William Smoak	Mrs. Gladys Byers	Mrs. Ruth McCormick
Ealon, Jr. and Ann Thompson	Julian and Ann Hanna	Cleva and Jim Hutcheson	Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson	Dr. Henry Frierson	Mrs. Peggy Crocker	Mrs. Frances Lytch
Mrs. Audrey Pace	Mr. Paul Miller	Mrs. Jewell Booth	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnum
Mrs. Vicki Williams Culler	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ayers	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spear	Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fogle
Dr. David Wood, Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Byrd	Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Newnam	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan
Mrs. Billie Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nickel	Mr. Hubert Shuler, Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Shuler
Mrs. Janet Whitaker	Mrs. Sarah Symmes	Mr. and Mrs. Uly Joe Tanner	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sharpton
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Huddleston		John Knox Sunday School Class	
The Family of D. Tally Wannamaker, Jr.			
Steve, Lee, Cynthia, Darla and staff, Advanced Diagnostic Imaging			

# Notes of Thanks

### ❖ Dear Church Family,

My family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for ALL that you have done for us during my mom's (Emily Shuler) illness and time of death. We cannot begin to express how much we have appreciated your prayers, support, words of encouragement, calls, cards, and food. We have felt your love and are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, caring church family.

Blessings,  
Lee Ann, Emily Ann, and Rylee Wofford

### ❖ Dear Church Family,

We can never thank you enough for the outpouring of love and support we received at the time of our dear Sheldon's death this summer. We appreciate everything; the reception, the funeral, the cards, the food, the flowers, the memorials, and the personal care and concern. Our family was overwhelmed by this church's loving generosity. We are truly blessed.

Thank you so much,  
Shirley and Austin Salley  
Jennifer and Austin Salley  
Geni and David Gillespie

❖ I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their cards, calls, and meals when I got home. It will be around a year before this is all over. Special recognition to you for caring for my home and animals. From one who is used to doing for others, it is hard to accept. I thank God for all of your visits.

Vic Meredith

### ❖ Dear First Presbyterian Church Members,

Wow! What a gift of school supplies you guys delivered to Mellichamp! The donation was huge and we really need the uniforms and backpacks. That was an extra special addition. Your church has always been so great to our school. Your church really puts God's love into action and we are so grateful. Please know how humbled we are by your generosity!

May God continue to bless your church.

Angela Burroughs

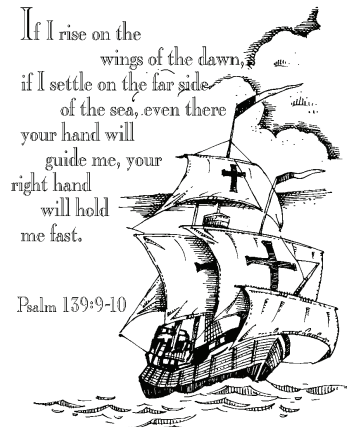


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If I rise on the  
wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side  
of the sea, even there  
your hand will  
guide me, your  
right hand  
will hold  
me fast.

Psalms 139:9-10

November 2010

## Children's Church and Nursery Schedules

### Infant Nursery

November 7	Virginia McCully
November 14	Sandra Borgstedt
November 21	Erin Buie
November 28	Renn Guthrie

### Two-to-Four Nursery

Dee Anne and Logan Miller
Peg and Abby Lee
Andy and Tiffany Hunter
Robbie and Tracy Myers

### Children's Church

Craig and Bonnie Cook
Earl and Lillian Whalen
Lawrence and Joni Thackston
Ben and Karen Davis