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Message from Rev. Cannon

The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! This week is Holy Week, where Christians all around the world will gather in houses of worship to celebrate our Risen King. Jesus died for us so that we might all have eternal life. He died for the rich and the poor, the educated and uneducated, those who despair and those who have joy, the wise and the foolish, the strong and the weak. He died for all.

But we must beware of the darkness that dwells within a man's heart, for it can block out the light that God is trying to instill. We must seek God in all things, while He can still be found. Seeking God allows us to focus upon Him and not upon ourselves, lest we begin to think too highly of ourselves. Reflect upon these words from 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Our Risen Lord died that we may have everything. And in God, we do have everything. As long as God comes first, we have His peace, His love, His joy, His home, His...well, everything. Sarah Young author of *Jesus Calling* captures this thought:

In Me you have everything. In Me you are complete. Your capacity to experience Me is increasing through My removal of debris and clutter from your heart. As your yearning for Me increases, other desires are gradually lessening. Since I am infinite and abundantly accessible to you, desiring Me above all else is the best way to live. It is impossible for you to have a need that I cannot meet. After all, I created you and everything that is. The world is still at My beck and call, though it often appears otherwise. Do not be fooled by appearances. Things that are visible are brief and fleeting, while things that are invisible are everlasting.

Focus upon Jesus Christ and put your trust in the Risen Lord! He is our all in all and in Him we have all we ever need.

Rev. Veronica E. Cannon

Stated Session meeting - March 17, 2015

- The Session primarily discussed the Church's finances:
 1. Noted that March was the first month since November 2014 that we had to transfer money to cover expenses.
 2. Need to start thinking on a revenue (income) stream to help close the approximate \$38,000 gap.
 3. Looked at expenses and what could be trimmed.
 4. Created a budget for the 3/22/15 congregational meeting.
- The Session also decided to hire a temporary sexton as soon as possible to fill-in while Doris is out.



We still need volunteers for the Soup Kitchen for May, September, November and December 2015. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Rick and Myra Jane Ramseur want to invite the First Presbyterian Church family to a gathering at their home, Woodside , on Highway 182 (only two miles from the church). On the afternoon of Saturday, April 25 we want to celebrate Earth Day. We are planning to have a lot of fun and outdoor games such as badminton, corn hole, parachute games, croquet, and more. Wear comfortable shoes to walk the woodland trail around the property. We want to share a labyrinth walk and our new Oriental garden. There will be much music and jamming with guitars, mandolin, bass, banjo, drums, maybe even bagpipes. Katie Henderson Self will sing Earth Day songs she composed and Allen Hubbard will share information about fracking. Please come and bring a story, a song, a covered dish or beverage of your choice to share. We plan to start around 3 pm and for those who stay until dark, will have two telescopes for star gazing. Please invite friends and family to join us, rain or shine. In case of rain, activities will move into the house and barn.



COMMUNION SCHEDULE 2015

- April 2: Prepare: Pam Sipe (**Maundy Thursday**)
Servers: Pam to appoint someone
- April 5: Prepare: Pam Sipe (**Easter Sunday**)
Servers: Thad Cloer, Greg McBryde, Kristy McBride-nursery
- May 10: Prepare: Paula and Denny McCorkle (**Mother's Day**)
Servers: Scott and Mary Smith, Betty Beaver-nursery
- May 24: Prepare: Betty Beaver and Judy Roberts (**Pentecost**)
Servers: Kathy Robinson, Mort Wadsworth, John Lafferty-nursery
- June 14: Prepare: Mary Smith
Servers: Joe Morgan, Jan Duncan, Pam Sipe-nursery
- July 12: Prepare: Ann and Randy Hallman
Servers: Judy and Davis Roberts, Peggy Lafferty-nursery
- August 9: Prepare: Pat and John Carpenter
Servers: Chip Crumley, Christine Thomas, Betty Beaver-nursery
- September 13: Prepare: Paula and Denny McCorkle (**Rally Day-Teachers**)
Servers: Mort Wadsworth, John Lafferty, Kathy Robinson-nursery
- October 11: Prepare: Pam Sipe
Servers: Greg and Kristy McBryde, Christine Thomas-nursery
- November 8: Prepare: Mary Smith
- November 22: Prepare: Betty Beaver and Judy Roberts (**Christ the King**)
- December 13: Prepare: Ann and Randy Hallman
- December 24: Prepare: (**Christmas Eve**)

Pam Sipe is diligently working on getting this list completed. The "finished product" will be provided at a later date.

Christian Education Happenings

- ◆ **Please contact Christine Thomas if you know of someone in the church that will be graduating high school or college this year.**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School plans are starting up. If you are interested in helping contact Christine Thomas.**

Ministry for the Church

APRIL 2015

Wed., April 1st	12:00 noon	Lenten lunch and service	First Methodist Church
Thurs., April 2nd	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service Feet washing & Communion	Sanctuary
Fri., April 3rd	7:00 pm	HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sat., April 4th	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Clean-up at Macpelah Great Vigil of Easter Service	Sanctuary
Sun., April 5th	7:00 am 10:00 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Easter Worship—COMMUNION SOUP KITCHEN	Macpelah Church Sanctuary
Wed., April 8th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., April 12th	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Church School Worship CE Meeting	Sanctuary
Wed., April 15th	11:30 am 7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	Kitchen
Sat., April 18th	9:30 am	Session Records Review	Fellowship Hall
Sun., April 19th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Church School Worship	Sanctuary
Tues., April 21st	6:00 pm	Session Meeting	Kitchen
Wed., April 22nd	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., April 26th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Church School Worship 5 cents-a-meal	Sanctuary
Wed., April 29th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	

APRIL WORSHIP TEAMS

Team Leaders—Betty Beaver & Peggy Lafferty
Soup Kitchen—Greg McBryde & others

April 5th

Greeters & Offering.....John & Peggy Lafferty
Worship Leader.....Kathy Robinson
Nursery.....Ann Hallman
Children's Time.....Jan Duncan
Lock-up.....Joe Morgan
COMMUNION:
Preparers.....Pam Sipe
Servers.....Thad Cloer, Greg McBryde, Kristy McBryde—nursery

April 12th

Greeters & Offering.....Joe & Karen Morgan
Worship Leader.....Sandy Eldridge
Nursery.....The Hodges
Children's Time.....Rick Ramseur
Lock-up.....Denny McCorkle

April 19th

Greeters & Offering.....Rick & Myra Ramseur
Worship Leader.....Thad Cloer
Nursery.....The McBrydes
Children's Time.....Barbara Crumley
Lock-up.....Pam Sipe

April 26th

Greeters & Offering.....Betty Beaver & Mary Smith
Worship Leader.....Adrienne Hodges
Nursery.....Leah Limone
Children's Time.....Greg McBryde
Lock-up.....Kristy McBryde

If you cannot serve, please find your own replacement and notify the office of the change.



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SCHEDULE
Church School: 9:30am
Worship: 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

MISSION:

REACH.
TEACH. FEED.
LOVE.

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Piano Lessons at FPC

Dr. Parker offers private piano instruction **Wednesdays from 3-5 pm**. Contact Patricia, 704-877-7418, or drpgparker@gmail.com.

Girl Scouts meet at FPC. Contact Tina Cloer, 704-732-8187

FPC's Calendar is updated on Google Calendar and the church website.