

The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

“Healed for Hospitality”



[Isaiah 40:21-31](#) (click for Scripture)

[Mark 1:29-39](#) (click for Scripture)

Once a week the 3 and 4 year-old preschool classes come to the sanctuary for "children's chapel" led by the pastor. This week I summarized the Gospel passage for Sunday, *Jesus heals a great many people well into the night and then goes out early the next morning to be by himself.* I then asked them if they ever wanted to be by themselves. Some honestly did not and spoke of stuffed animals they take to bed

so they are not alone. One 4 year-old said that when her little sister is aggravating her she likes to get away and be alone and several others chimed in with similar stories. My favorite answer was probably from the 3 year-old boy who said he likes to get away by himself if his *Mom* is aggravating him! Little does he know how often that shoe is on the other foot.

The point I was trying to make, and that we eventually got to, is that it's ok to want to be alone and that even Jesus needed to get away from it all. Not only that but we are reminded that all of that nice stuff Jesus did like healing lepers and casting out demons can be exhausting.

Ministry can be exhausting. I was exhausted by simply hearing some of the statistics shared at the Christian Ministry annual meeting this week. 46,305 meals served at the soup kitchen in 2017. 27,609 individuals requesting emergency services such as help with rent, utilities or baby formula. 22,864 volunteer hours in 11 different areas of ministry operations. Yes, ministry can be exhausting.

Ministry doesn't have to just be about serving the poor or healing the sick to be exhausting. It can be anything in our lives that requires our attention. Caring for a sick family member, working multiple jobs to make ends meet, raising children, maintaining a healthy marriage...exhausting.

If you are exhausted by something in your life remember that you are not alone. If you need a break don't feel guilty; even Jesus needed some "me time." The very human portrait we see of Jesus in Mark's Gospel should serve as a reminder that no one is immune to life's challenges, even Jesus. The one who beckons all who are weary and burdened to come to him and receive rest was indeed in need of rest himself.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM where we will consider the healing ministry of Jesus begun with Simon's mother-in-law and what it can teach us about hospitality, gratitude, exhaustion and our purpose in life.

Blessings and Peace,

Danny



Pastor's Bible Study – Looking Toward Sunday

Join me in the Apple Classroom on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm for a study of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. This Tuesday, January 30th, we will look at 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Mark 1:40-45. Feel free to bring lunch or just come as you are for an hour of fellowship and study. - Danny



**First United Methodist Church
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"The Never Ending Story"

Come and hear the stories of Holy Week told to make you feel as if you were there!

Wednesdays 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch 12:00pm Worship Service 12:30pm

February 14 Rev. Danny Trapp, First Presbyterian Church
February 21 Rev. Stanley Spence, First Baptist Church
February 28 Rev. Franklin Lowery, Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church
March 7 Rev. Rosa Erickson, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
March 14 Rev. Tyrone Perdue, Greater Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church
March 28 Rev. Michael Collins, Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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Opportunities To Serve



Christian Ministry of Lincoln County

**Emergency Services
Soup Kitchen
LINC Meals
Food Packing and Supplies
Winter Food Drive
Nursing Home Ministry
Blankets, Coats, Socks
Hunger Walk
Souper Bowl of Caring**

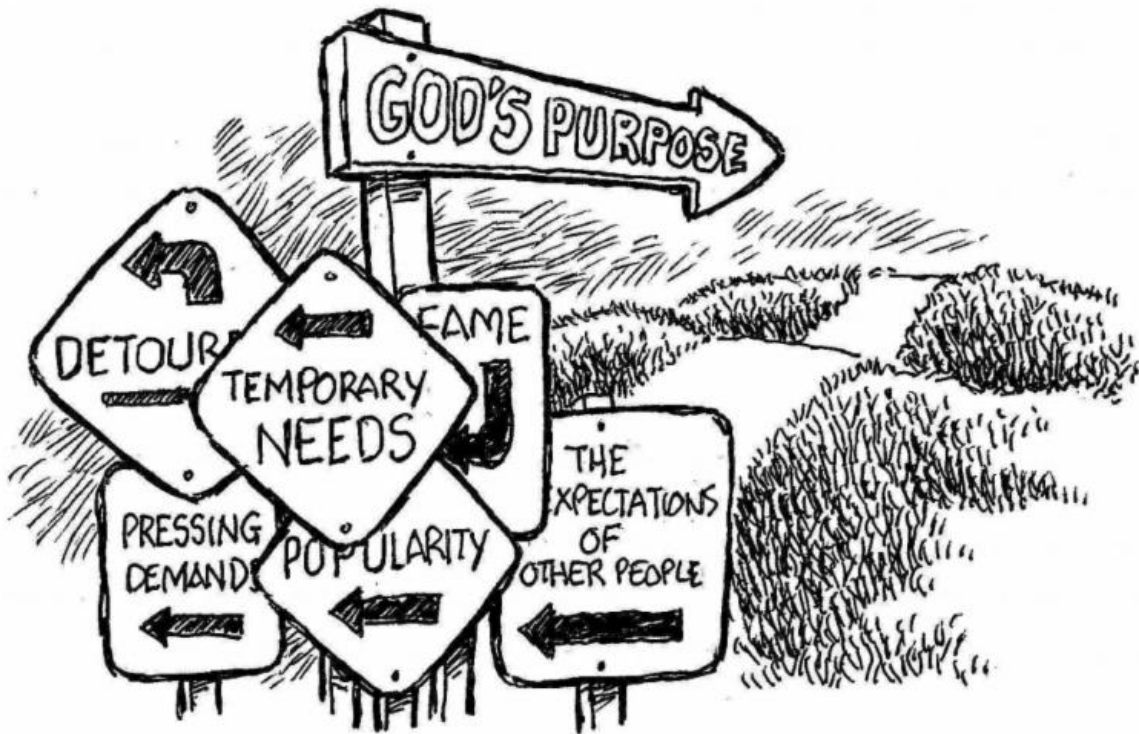
40 Years

"Working Hand in Hand With The Lord"



Christian Ministry to Receive Souper Bowl Bounty

On Sunday there will be containers in the sanctuary for your donations to the 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring. Please donate money or non-perishable food items that will go directly to Christian Ministry of Lincoln County for use in their hunger ministries. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Souper Bowl" in the reference line.



CHURCH
LEADERSHIP



Worship

February 4th

Greeters & Offering
John and Peggy Lafferty
Worship Leader John Lafferty
Nursery Ann Hallman

Please volunteer to provide refreshments after worship. It's a

Children's Time Rick Ramseur
Lock-up Adrienne and Jamie Hodges
Refreshments Scottie Trapp

simple way to participate in the
life of FPCL!

February 11th

Greeters & Offering

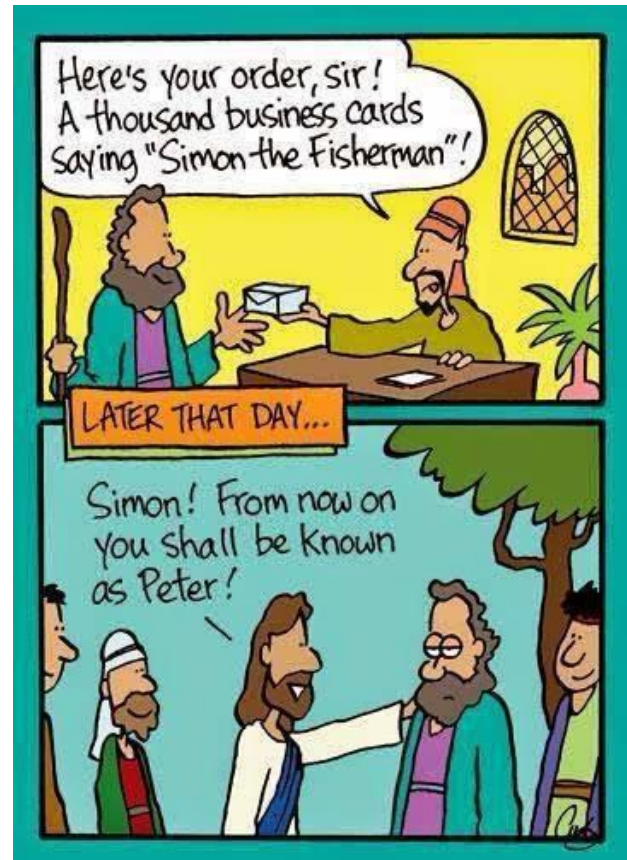
Mort Wadsworth and John Carpenter
Worship Leader Jan Duncan
Nursery Adrienne and Jamie Hodges
Children's Time Christine Thomas
Lock-up Jan Duncan
Refreshments Mary Smith

February 18th

Greeters & Offering

Pam Sipe and Mary Smith
Worship Leader Alice Gene Abrams
Nursery Pat Carpenter
Children's Time Danny Trapp
Lock-up Pam Sipe
Refreshments Pat Carpenter

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



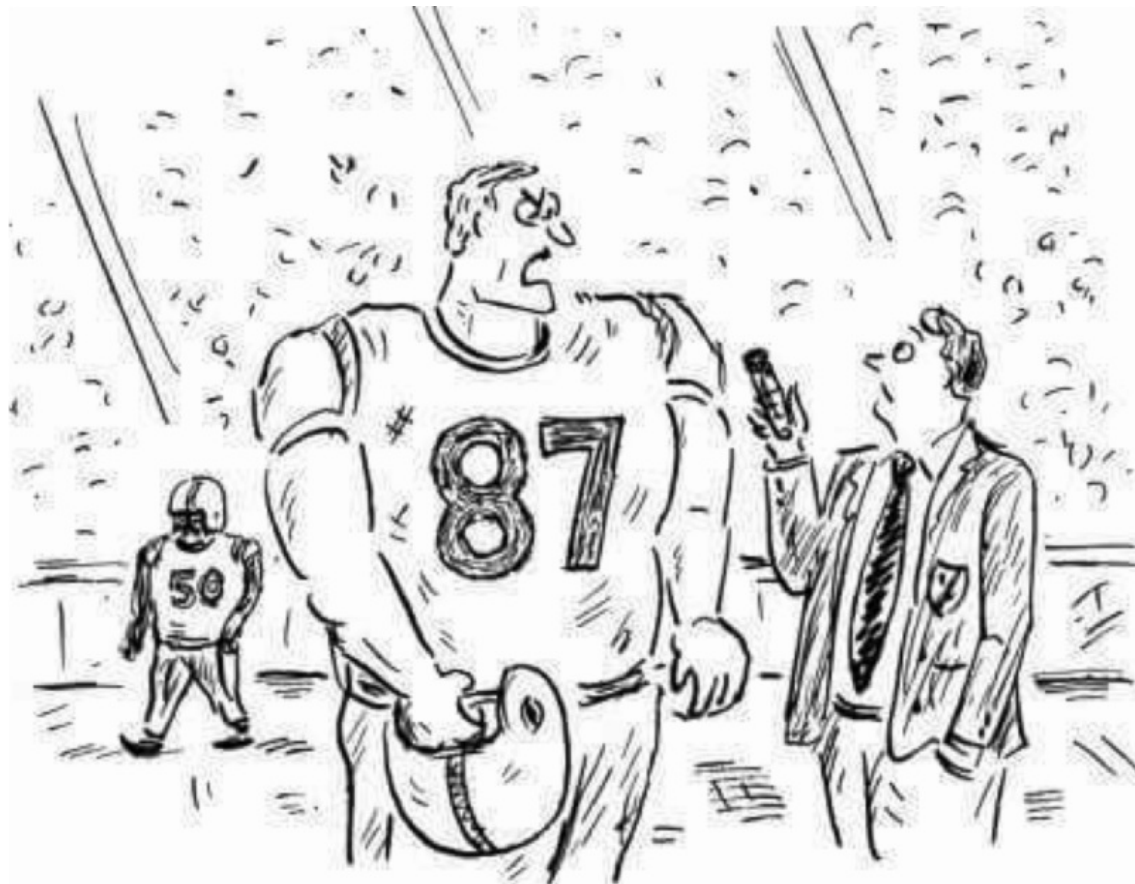
Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

Paul Bailey, Bud Bailey's son
Doris Bales, Tina Cloer's grandmother
Tom Bowen
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Helen Caskey
John Cloer, Thad Cloer's father
Jan Duncan
Lori Garcia, Jan Duncan's sister
Ann Haire
Judy Holland
The Family of Terry Huss, Betty Beaver's son-in-law
The Family of Glenn Jackson, grandson of Judy Roberts' friend
James Johnston, Kim Fitzpatrick's father
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Carolyn Lee
Bonnie Mullen
Esther Prince & family, on the death of her son, Marc
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
Janice Stroupe
Cynthia Tanner, Tina Cloer's aunt
Mady Vassey
Linda Wright, Peggy Lafferty's cousin
David Wulf, friend of John Lafferty

Our Homebound or Those Unable to Attend: Carolyn Lee, Imogene Long, Frances

Our Partners in Ministry: Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan, South Asia

Please contact the church office to inform us of those needing prayer as well as those who should be removed from the list.



"First, I'd like to blame the Lord for causing us to lose today."

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