

The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

“Astounding Love”



[Acts 10:44-48](#) (click for Scripture)

[John 15:9-17](#) (click for Scripture)

I hope everyone had a good weekend... ;)

What are your boundaries? We all have them. They can be geographically strict like living in Lincolnton and rarely leaving the county. Or like Ken Mast, Don Stroud, the Ramseur's and some others they can be geographically loose with gravity and the

planet earth being the only restrictions. They can be social, maybe restricted primarily to the club or a particular group you are in. At the most recent presbytery meeting Sandy Eldridge and I spent the afternoon in a training called *Sacred Boundaries* where we discussed boundaries in the church setting related to appropriate conduct, child protection and healthy communications.

We find in our two Scripture readings for Sunday that apparently God has no boundaries. Jewish followers of Jesus are "astounded" to discover that the Holy Spirit can fall on Gentiles, even without them asking for it. And according to the Gospel of John, all of the boundaries and restrictions the disciples had learned as good Jews who tried to follow the law have been boiled down to just one boundary-less commandment; to love each other.

Astounding Love! But that was then, what about now? Can our boundary-loving society recapture what it means to follow Jesus like the disciples and the early Church? With walls torn down and possibilities limitless?

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM as we consider old and new ways to be a boundary defying congregation in today's world.

Blessings and Peace,

Danny



Pastor's Bible Study – Looking Toward Sunday

Join me downstairs in the Choir Room on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm for a study of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. This Tuesday, May 8th, we will look at Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-11. Feel free to bring lunch or just come as you are for an hour of fellowship and study. - Danny



Last Sunday School for Children and Adults is May 20th

Formal Sunday school classes will not meet over the summer. Stay tuned for alternative Christian Education opportunities and for the new program year beginning Sunday September 9th.

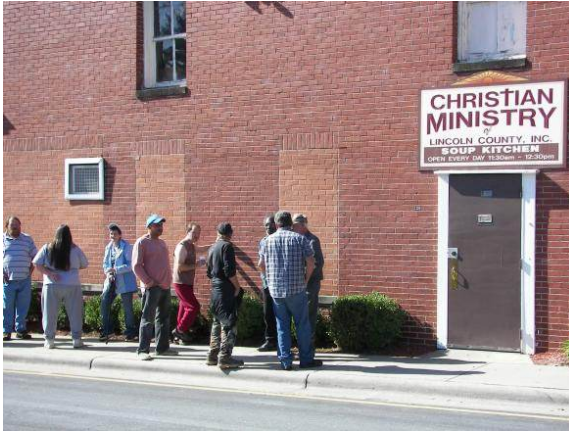
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Opportunities To Serve



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"



Soup Kitchen This Saturday

Disciples from First Presbyterian Church will be hosting lunch at the Christian Ministry Soup Kitchen this Saturday May 5th. Many thanks to **John and Pat Carpenter, Emily Carpenter, Anna Gilbert, and Myra Jane and Rick Ramseur.**

If you would like to see how the kitchen operates or help out feel free to join them. Doors open to clients at 11:30 and our volunteer disciples usually arrive an hour before that.

The Saturday menu always includes hot dogs so it is fairly quick and easy.

Lay
Leadership



Fellowship
After
Worship

May 6th

Greeters & Offering
Davis & Judy Roberts
Worship Leader Jan Duncan
Nursery Jamie & Adrienne Hodges
Children's Time Rick Ramseur
Lockup Jan Duncan
Refreshments Jan Duncan

Please volunteer to provide refreshments after worship. It's a simple way to participate in the life of FPCL!

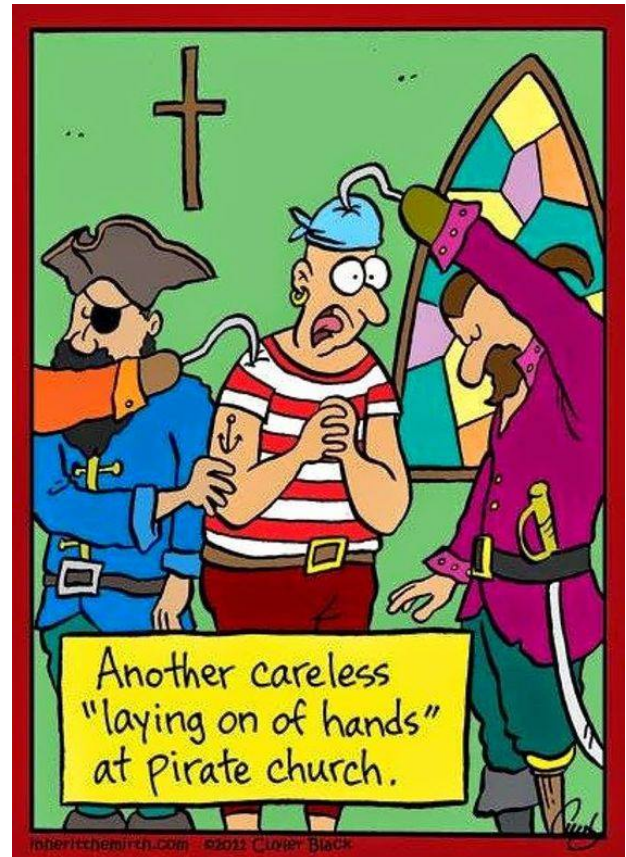
May 13th

Greeters & Offering
Rick and Myra Ramseur
Worship Leader John Lafferty
Nursery Nancy Rudisill
Children's Time Jan Duncan
Lock-up John Carpenter
Refreshments Sandy Eldridge

May 20th

Greeters & Offering
John and Peggy Lafferty
Worship Leader Alice Gene Abrams
Nursery Pat Carpenter
Children's Time Barbara Crumley
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

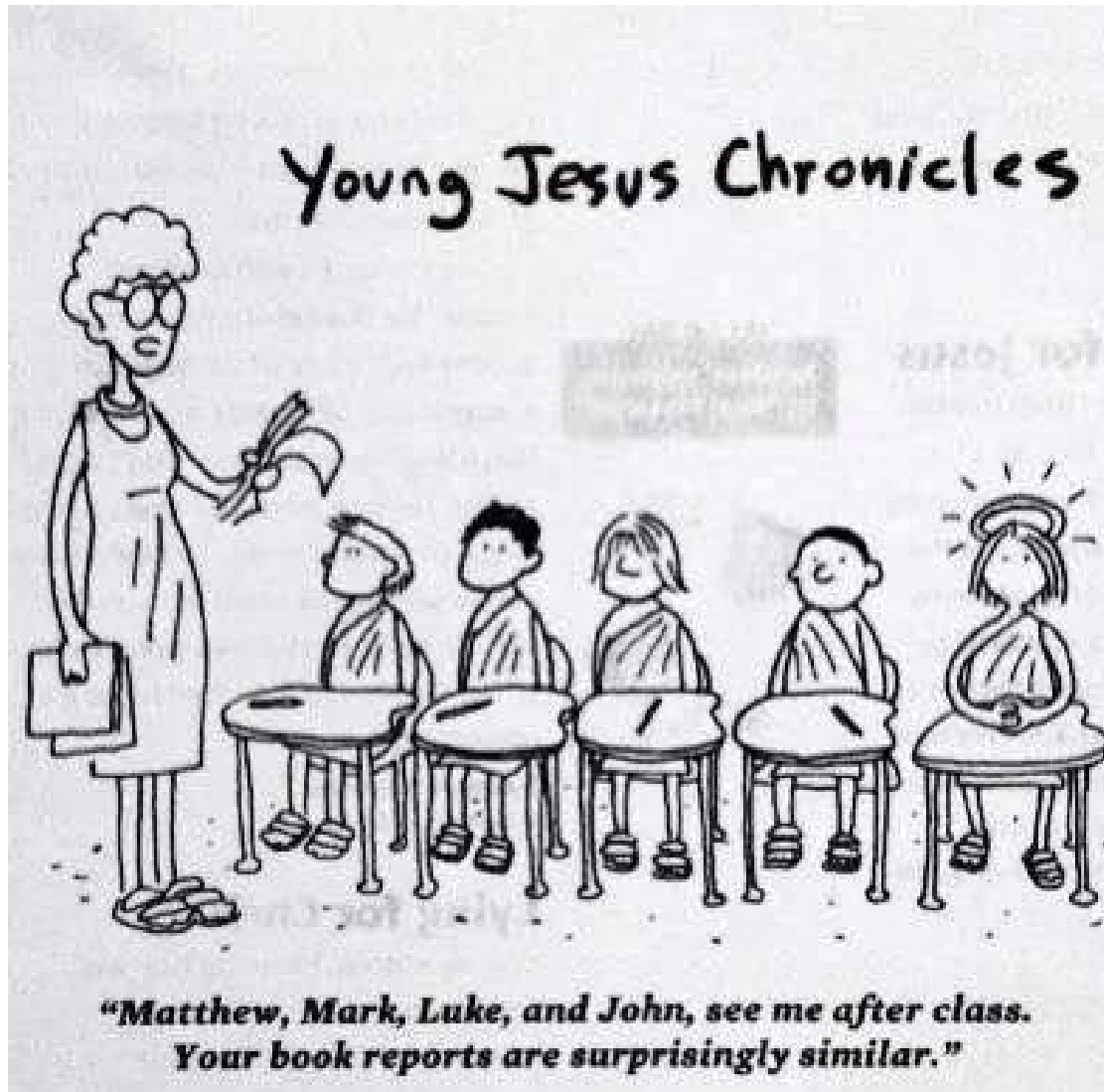
Paul Bailey, Bud Bailey's son
Doris Bales, Tina Cloer's grandmother
Tom Bowen
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Helen Caskey
Jeaney Church, Joy Fortenberry's sister
John Cloer, Thad Cloer's father
John Craig, friend of Jan Duncan
Jan Duncan
Ann Haire
Pauline Heavner, Nancy Rudisill's mother
Judy Holland
James Johnston, Kim Fitzpatrick's father
Bob Lafferty, John Lafferty's first cousin
Peggy Lafferty and family, on the death of Peggy's cousin Linda Wright
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Carolyn Lee
Bonnie Mullen
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
Elizabeth Ross, friend of John Lafferty
Van "Hook" Shepherd, friend of John Lafferty
Janice Stroupe

Cynthia Tanner, Tina Cloer's aunt
David Wulf, friend of John Lafferty
Virginia Yates and family, on the death of Virginia's sister, Dot Mullis

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

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.



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