

The Pewletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church Lincolnton NC

Summer Sermon Series



The Birth of Christianity: Patriarchs, Saints and Sinners.

Using Acts chapters 6 and 7 as our primary Scripture, we will look at a pivotal moment in the life of the early church that set the stage for the ministry of the Apostle Paul and the beginnings of the modern Christian Church.

The protagonist in this drama is Stephen, who criticizes the Jews' obsession with the Temple and their rejection of Jesus as predicted by the prophets, and becomes the first martyr in Christian history.

Acts 6-7 is often called the 'Acts of Stephen'. Within Acts these chapters serve as a bridge concluding the story of the earliest community in Jerusalem and at the same time setting the stage for the spread of the Gospel beyond Palestine.

Not merely a history lesson, we will consider how Stephen's speech and subsequent execution inform us today as a church in the 21st century in need of a seismic event of our own.

Date	Title	Scripture
July 16	Stephen: Full of Grace and Power	Acts 6:1-15
July 23	Abraham	Acts 7:1-
8		
July 30	Joseph	Acts 7:9-16
August 6	Moses	Acts 7:17-
45		
August 13	David and Solomon	Acts 7:46-50
August 20	A Young Man Named Saul	Acts 7:54-8:3

"Abraham: Patriarch of the Patriarchs"



[Genesis 11:27-12:3](#) (click for Scripture)

[Acts 7:1-8](#) (click for Scripture)

Stephen, the first recorded Christian martyr, first appears in Acts 6:5 and takes his last breath at the end of chapter 7. In between he is singled out for his faith, grace and powerful spirit. His wondrous works and signs irritated the Jerusalem church to the point that, like Jesus, he was drug before the Council on trumped up charges. He is allowed to speak in his own defense at which point he launches into an impassioned overview of God's work through the great patriarchs of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 10:30 AM for the second of our six-week series where we will encounter Abraham, the father of the three great world religions and the foundation of Stephen's great sermon in Acts 7.



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An Evening With Scott Barker Sunday July 23rd - 6:00 PM



**Sunday July 23rd "An Evening With Scott Barker"
6:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary**

You will not want to miss this energetic performer as he serenades with favorites from church as well as popular American standards.

Gastonia native Scott Barker is an accomplished pianist with a storied career. After graduating from Hunter Huss High School in 1977, Scott earned a Classical Music Performance degree from Erskine College. From there Scott's musical talents have taken him far and wide playing professionally with such groups as The Platters, The Larry Hart Band, The Full House Band and many others. Currently Scott is the pianist at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Gastonia.



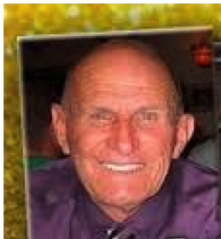
**Sunday August 6th
"So Much to Sing About!" ~ A Choral Festival
6:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary**

A reprisal of one of last year's highlights, this choral festival will again feature choir members from a variety of area congregations led by:

John Lineberger, Conductor & Director
(Director of Music & Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton
Organist for Saturday Mass, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Gastonia)

Andrew Barbour, Organist
(Director of Music & Organist, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lincolnton)

Loretta Beam, Pianist
(Director of Music & Organist, Cedar Grove Lutheran Church, Vale)



**3rd Annual Don Goodson Memorial Concert - July 22nd at 7 pm
For The Love of God, Family & Bluegrass Music**

Don Goodson was a beloved and devoted church member who passed away in 2015. Since then his family has honored his life and legacy with a concert of music after Don's own heart, bluegrass. The family bluegrass ensemble Deeper Shade of Blue performs Saturday evening at the Lincoln Cultural Center. Click on the link below to read the article from Wednesday's paper

[Lincoln Times-News Article](#)



**Vacation Bible School
Camp Out: "Getting S'More of Jesus!"**

**First Methodist Church
201 E. Main St.
Lincolnton, NC 28092**

**July 30, 2017 – August 2, 2017
5:30pm – 8:30pm – Includes Dinner!**

All activities and dinners are offered free of charge

July 30 - Bible exploration, games, projects, music
July 31 - Boy and Girl Scout night!
August 1 - Bible exploration, games, projects, music
August 2 - Outdoor carnival!

Participating Churches

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Emanuel Reformed Church
Exodus Missionary Outreach Church
First Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church
Greater Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

This Vacation Bible School is for all ages! Pre-school through 5th grade are in the camp, and 6th grade through high school graduates can be junior camp counselors.

Please register your child as soon as possible! Registration forms are available at participating churches, or contact Joanna Underwood at 980-241-0692 or junmor61@gmail.com.

Registrations due by Sunday July 23

Opportunities To Serve



**Christian
Ministry**

Soup Kitchen dates are filling up! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered time to feed and be fed.

The 2017 dates listed below are still available. Sign up at the Government St. vestibule or call the church office.

October	Saturday 21st
November	Sunday 12th
December	Saturday 16th



Worship

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



Upcoming Worship Teams

July 23rd

Greeters & Offering
Myra and Rick

Ramseur
Worship Leader Sandy Eldridge
Nursery Adrienne
Hodges
Children's Time Jan Duncan
Lock-up Sandy Eldridge
Refreshments Pam Sipe

July 30th

Greeters & Offering
Adrienne and Jamie

Hodges Worship Leader Kathy
Robinson
Nursery Myra
Ramseur
Children's Time Rick Ramseur
Lock-up Sandy Eldridge
Refreshments

August 6th

Greeters & Offering

Worship Leader Mary Smith & Pam Sipe
Nursery Jan Duncan
Sipe Pam
Children's Time Thad Cloer
Lock-up Sandy Eldridge
Refreshments

Communion Pam Sipe

Property Update

Fellowship Hall / Kitchen Roof – after inspection we chose an inexpensive “fix” which included securing some shingles and caulking holes. This should stop leaking but simply delays the inevitable.

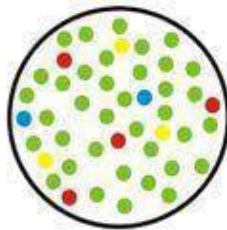
Vestibule Water Fountain – has been removed and will be replaced by a hot/cold water cooler dispenser gifted by a generous church member.

Campus Wi-Fi – existing Wi-Fi did not extend much beyond the offices and choir room. Comtek is working with us to boost the signal to cover both buildings. This is especially important to allow the preschool the ability to stream educational material and to replace our sanctuary sound system with an efficient digital one. This initial work is inexpensive and costs are being shared with the preschool.

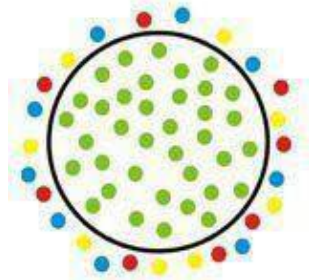
Park – Five young ladies from our Girl Scout Troop under the leadership of Tina Cloer have undertaken the park as the project to attain their Silver Award. Work has begun and is anticipated to last into September. The scope includes bench repair or replacement, tables, landscaping, planting and mulching.

Many thanks to session property representative Sandy Eldridge for her good work on all of this.

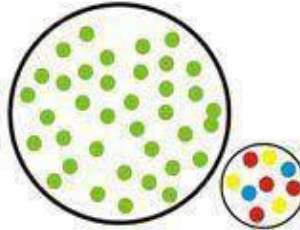
If you cannot serve, please find your own replacement and notify the office of the change.



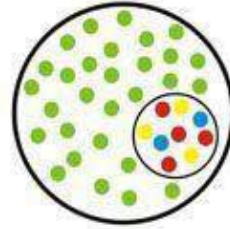
Inclusion



Exclusion



Segregation



Integration

Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

Randy Baucom, friend of the McBrydes
Oliver Bone, John Lineberger's great-uncle
Helen Bone, John Lineberger's great-aunt
Cindy Boone, Karen Morgan's sister
Tom Bowen
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Helen Caskey
Dick Eckburg
Amy Harrison, Kristy McBryde's sister
Charles & Judy Holland
Glenn Jackson, grandson of Judy Roberts' friend
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Ted Larrison, Bill Larrison's brother
John Lineberger and family
The family of Jim Moore
Joe Morgan and family
The family of Margie Payseur
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
The family of Lesa Ritter
Rasheem Sinclair, friend of Deede and Khalilah Young
Janice Stroupe
Loren Ward, friend of Shortie McConnell
Tina Willis, Nancy Rudisill's cousin
David Wulf, friend of John Lafferty

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.

Phone: 704-735-8671 www.fpclincolnton.org

Church School: 9:30am Worship: 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm Wednesdays

MISSION: Reach. Teach. Feed. Love.

MEET OUR STAFF

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