

## 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
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Abraham</b>	<b>Acts 7:1-</b>
<b>8</b>		
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.



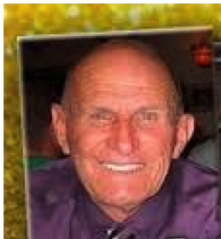
**Sunday August 6th  
"So Much to Sing About!" ~ A Choral Festival  
6:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary**

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  
Mary Smith & Pam Sipe  
Worship Leader Jan Duncan  
Nursery Pam  
Sipe  
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.

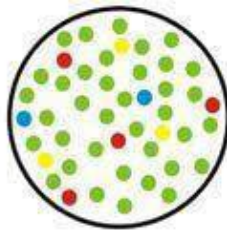
**Park** – Five young ladies from our Girl Scout Troop under the leadership of Tina Cloer have undertaken the park as the project to attain their Silver Award. Work has begun and is anticipated to last into September. The scope includes bench repair or replacement, tables, landscaping, planting and mulching.

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

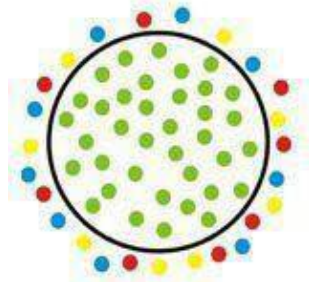
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**If you cannot serve, please find your own replacement and notify the office of the change.**

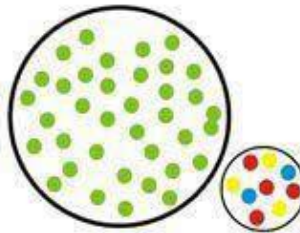
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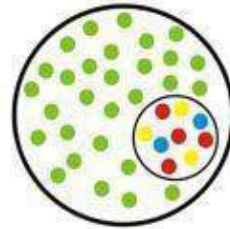
**Inclusion**



**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.**

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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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