



The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

"Joseph: Living the Dream"



[Genesis 37:3-11](#) (click for Scripture)

[Acts 7:9-16](#) (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.

Do you remember your dreams? I usually don't, which I will say more about on Sunday. Part 3 of our Summer Sermon Series looks at Joseph, he of the

coat of many colors and interpretation of dreams. Dreams play a key role throughout the Bible but no one is more closely associated with dreaming than Joseph, except possibly Jesus' earthly father, his Gospel namesake. Stephen doesn't mention dreams in his sermon in Acts 7 but they hover just below the surface as the Joseph story illuminates God's unique interaction with the Hebrew people and the story's universal appeal beyond the borders of Palestine.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM as we continue to examine the origins of modern day Christianity through Stephen and the Old Testament patriarchs.

Blessings and Peace,

Danny

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 30-16	Joseph	Acts 7-9-
August 6-45	Moses	Acts 7:17-
August 13	David and Solomon	Acts 7:46-50
August 20	A Young Man Named Saul	Acts 7:54-8:3

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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)



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

Thirst No More!

The old water fountain is gone and has been replaced with a hot / cold drinking water system! Now enjoy cold water during the dog days of summer and hot chocolate and tea during the cold winter months. Many thanks to John Lafferty for providing the water and Davis Roberts for repairing the wall.



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



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



Upcoming Worship Teams

Glenn Jackson, grandson of Judy Roberts' friend
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Ted Larrison, Bill Larrison's brother
Yvonne Leatherman, Shortie McConnell's cousin
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
Janice Stroupe
Loren Ward, friend of Shortie McConnell
Tina Willis, Nancy Rudisill's cousin
Jeanne Wilson, Judy Roberts sister
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
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MEET OUR STAFF

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