

The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

"A Young Man Named Saul"



[Leviticus 24:10-23](#) (click for Scripture)

[Acts 7:54-8:3](#) (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.

So this week a mob is angered by Stephen, a Hellenistic Jew, who has offended them by his speech and actions which he claimed to be from God. They didn't reason with him or try to understand him. They drug him outside the city limits and stoned him to death. And to think, some people say the Bible is no longer relevant. Our final installment of the summer series concludes with the stoning of Stephen and the persecution of the early church by Saul, who later became the Apostle Paul. Those of us searching for a sign of civility and redemption in today's world need look no further than this turning point in the movement begun by Jesus.

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 young man named Saul.

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.

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



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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
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

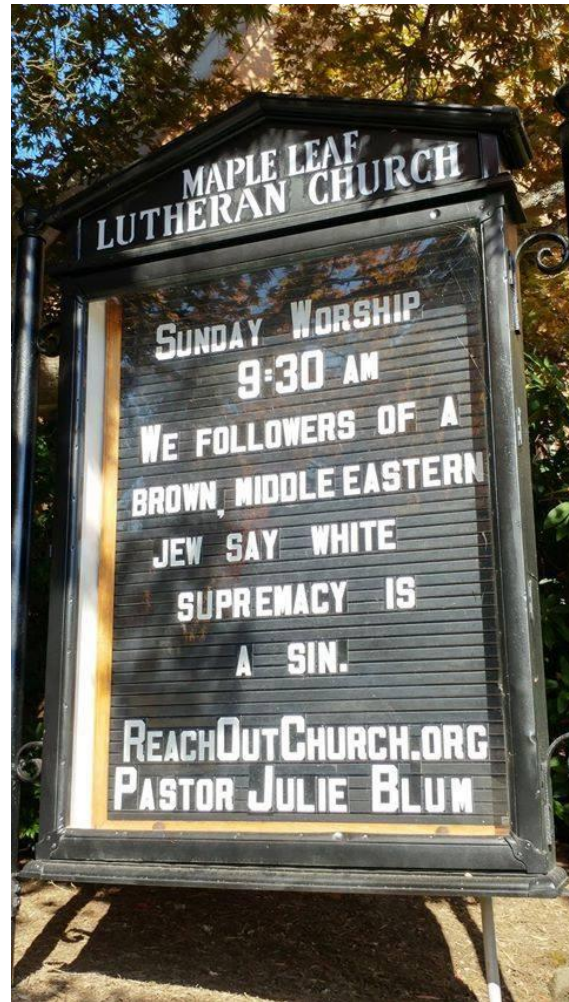
August 20th

Greeters & Offering
Pat and John Carpenter
Worship Leader John Lafferty
Nursery Anna Gilbert
Children's Time Danny Trapp
Lock-up Thad Cloer
Refreshments
Pat Carpenter and Rachel Gilbert

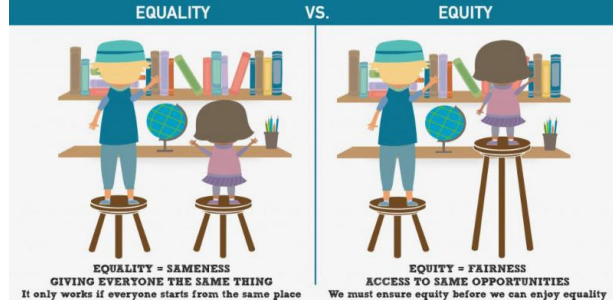
August 27th

Greeters & Offering
Tina and Thad Cloer
Worship Leader Alice Gene Abrams
Nursery Pat Carpenter
Children's Time Thad Cloer
Lock-up John Carpenter
Refreshments

September 3rd



Greeters & Offering
 Peggy and John Lafferty
 Worship Leader Kathy Robinson
 Nursery Sharon Williams
 Children's Time Barbara Crumley
 Lock-up Pam Sipe
 Refreshments Jan Duncan



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

Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

Randy Baucom, friend of the McBrydes
Oliver Bone, John Lineberger's great-uncle
Cindy Boone, Karen Morgan's sister
Tom Bowen
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Lisa Gary, friend of Jan Duncan
Amy Harrison, Kristy McBryde's sister
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Ted Larrison, Bill Larrison's brother
Yvonne Leatherman, Shortie McConnell's cousin
Carolyn Lee
Rich & Angie Lukes, friends of Nancy Rudisill
The Family of Mike Randleman
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
Janice Stroupe
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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