

## PEWSLETTER WEEKLY

**First Presbyterian Church  
Lincolnton NC**

### "As For Me And My Household"

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 John 6:56-69**

[\(Click on Scripture Passage\)](#)



In our passages from Joshua and John this week the concern is serving God. More specifically, will people take the easy way out, just serve the same local gods as everyone else, or walk away from Jesus and turn from his hard teachings. Or will they commit right then and there to the Lord with a capital "L". The Father with a capital "F".

Joshua famously declares in verse 15 "...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." For Joshua it's not just a personal thing, it's a family thing.

The notion of a "family" as just a couple of parents, kids and a dog is a relatively recent understanding. Throughout the long arc of history in all varieties of cultures families, households if you will, were much less narrowly defined. They included multiple generations, cousins, aunts, servants, even working animals. As head of the household, the family, Joshua opts the serve the Lord and that includes everyone.

## Lay Leadership

### August 26th

Greeters & Offering  
Randy & Ann Hallman  
Worship Alice Gene Abrams  
Nursery Jamie & Adrienne Hodges  
Children's Time Rick Ramseur  
Lockup John Carpenter  
Refreshments Mary Smith

### September 2nd

Greeters & Offering  
Peggy and John Lafferty  
Worship Leader Kathy Robinson  
Nursery Pat Carpenter  
Children's Time Barbara Crumley  
Lock-up Pam Sipe  
Refreshments Chip Crumley

### September 9th

Greeters & Offering  
Rick and Myra Jane Ramseur  
Worship Leader Sandy Eldridge  
Nursery Mary Smith/Sharon Williams  
Children's Time Danny Trapp  
Lock-up Mort Wadsworth  
Refreshments Jeanene McConnell

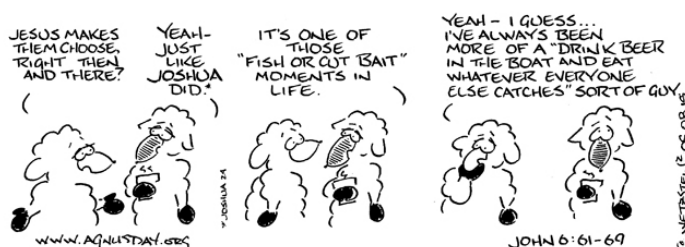
Another kind of family is the local church. The congregation. We span multiple generations as well as various levels of social, economic and political tendencies yet we hold in common the choices made by Joshua and Jesus' disciples. We choose to serve the Lord. We opt for the Holy One of God.

**Join us this Sunday at 10:30 AM as we worship God and explore our own "household" in light of Joshua and Jesus.**

Blessings and peace,

Danny

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



- Doris Bales**, Tina Cloer's grandmother
- Tom Bowen**
- Helen Caskey**
- Jeaney Church**, Joy Fortenberry's sister
- John Cloer**, Thad Cloer's father
- Hazel Dills**
- Helene and Henry Fox**, Evelyn Ross' parents
- Ann Haire**
- Judy Holland**
- James Johnston**, Kim Fitzpatrick's father
- Bob Lafferty**, John Lafferty's first cousin
- Bill Larrison**, friend of John Lafferty
- Carolyn Lee**
- Virginia Lineberger**, John Lineberger's grandmother
- Bonnie Mullen**
- Susan Rhodes**, Sue Bowen's friend
- Eric Sipe**
- Janice Stroupe**
- Cynthia Tanner**, Tina Cloer's aunt
- Simmons Trapp**, Danny's daughter
- David Wulf**, friend of John Lafferty



### Five Cents A Meal

During Sunday's offering please consider coming to the front of the sanctuary with a donation to 5 Cents A Meal. This ministry of the Presbytery of Western NC returns funds collected throughout the year to local communities in the form of grants to hunger focused ministries.



### Celebrating Across Generations

Mark your calendars for worship on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> as we kick off the new program year. Traditionally a "rally day" to kick off Sunday school, we will widen our focus to include children, youth, Preschool teachers and the rich mix of

Pastor's Bible Study

experience our multi-generational congregation has to offer.



Bible study will resume on Tuesday September 11th. Scripture passages are Isaiah 50:4-9 and Mark 8:27-38. Bible study takes place each Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Apple Room. – Danny

*Thank you*

### Rummage Sale Wrap-Up

The rummage sale held in the Fellowship Hall last weekend was a big success. Traffic was heavy both days as the community descended on our campus in search of good deals. Many thanks to Nancy Rudisill who brought the idea to fruition as well as all who helped set up, advertised, worked on Friday and Saturday and shopped. The church netted \$420.00, which will be used to fund exciting initiatives in our ministry with our preschoolers and elementary aged children.

### Punctuation Matters



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“He’s not a beggar. He’s collecting money for the church.”



### Presbytery In Brief

(Click to Read The Report from The July 31st Presbytery Meeting)

## Financial Snapshot

| \$,00    | July 2018 | July YTD | July 2017 | July 2017 YTD |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Income   | 8,162     | 55,596   | 11,559    | 59,846        |
| Expenses | 13,054    | 73,164   | 11,299    | 81,577        |
| Net      | (4,892)   | (17,568) | 260       | (21,731)      |

**Notes:**

- Many churches, including our own, tend to receive 25-50 % of their annual income during the last 3 months of the year.
- Our balance of reserve funds was \$159,705 on July 31, 2018.

## Serve the Lord with gladness... Psalm 100:2

### "Working Hand in Hand With The Lord"

Emergency Services  
Soup Kitchen  
LINC Meals  
Nursing Home Ministry  
Amazing Race Against Hunger (replaces Hunger Walk)  
Christmas Ministry  
Souper Bowl of Caring



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## REACH TEACH FEED LOVE

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### Office Hours

8:30-Noon Mon.-Wed  
8:30-1:00 Thur.  
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

With refreshments and  
fellowship  
immediately following the  
service

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