



## The Pewletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church  
Lincolnton NC

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"Like A Rock"



[Isaiah 51:1-6](#) (click for Scripture)

[Matthew 16:13-20](#) (click for Scripture)

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" "Who do you say that I am?" "You are

the Messiah."

While this well known conversation between Jesus and his disciples is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke, only Matthew includes the pronouncement in vv. 17-19 that seems to bestow Peter with unique authority. "...on this rock I will build my church" says Jesus touching off 2,000 years of vigorous debate over messiahship, Peter, church, and papal authority. What was happening in Matthew's community that inspired this singular declaration and can this ancient text inform Christians today as the Church struggles to retain its' relevance in secular culture?

**Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM as we explore "the rock" and it's implications for our life as a community of faith.**

**Blessings and Peace,**

**Danny**



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## Opportunities To Serve



### Supporting The Soup Kitchen in 2018

Since I joined this congregation as your pastor on February 1, 2016 I have witnessed the constant challenge of maintaining our commitment to Christian Ministries to staff the Soup Kitchen one day per month. When I arrived that day was set as the first Sunday of each month. That schedule was problematic for several reasons.

1. Sunday worship is the hub around which the life of a congregation revolves. It is the heartbeat of the church. To schedule a church activity, even one of discipleship and mission such as feeding the hungry, during the worship hour is counter to the health and vitality of a worshipping community.
2. Additionally, our worship attendance had decreased and then stabilized to where 30-40 people were in worship each Sunday. Taking 5 to 7 of us out of worship became increasingly difficult to absorb and still maintain a meaningful worship experience for the rest of us.
3. One of the guiding principals of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is that we are a "connectional church" and one of the ways that is tangibly expressed is through the celebration of The Lord's Supper. The vast majority of Presbyterian Churches (actually Protestant Churches) celebrate the sacrament of The Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. We were operating counter to that schedule, having communion on the second Sunday due to our soup kitchen commitment.

In 2017 we established the first Sunday of the month for regular celebration of the Lord's Supper while continuing our monthly commitment to the soup kitchen by alternating months between Saturday's and Sunday's (usually the 2nd Sunday). Securing volunteers has remained a challenge and two dates are still open for this year; Saturday October 21 and Saturday December 16.

The session has been working with the staff at Christian Ministries to determine our congregation's engagement with staffing the soup kitchen in 2018. Understanding our constraints due to our decreased size from years past they have presented a schedule that commits us to 4 Saturday's. Those Saturday dates in 2018 are:

**January 6, May 5, August 4, December 1**

Before we commit to this new schedule we want to be sure there is willingness and availability to volunteer in the soup kitchen. Over the next several weeks please let us know if you wish to be included by returning the provided form in the offering plate or contacting the pastor or church office.

First Presbyterian Church was instrumental in the founding of Christian Ministries in the 1970's and has remained engaged in a number of ways ever since. Please prayerfully consider if you can help in 2018.



### Upcoming Worship Teams

#### 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 Anna & Rachel Gilbert

#### 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

#### September 10th

Greeters & Offering  
Rick & Myra Jane Ramseur  
Worship Leader Sandy Eldridge  
Nursery Pam Sipe  
Children's Time Danny Trapp  
Lock-up Mort Wadsworth  
Refreshments Christian Education

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



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

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## Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

**Paul Bailey**, Bud Bailey's son  
**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  
**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  
**Linda Wright**, Peggy Lafferty'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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