

The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

"Good News From Bad News"



[Isaiah 5:1-7](#) (click for Scripture)

[Matthew 21:33-46](#) (click for Scripture)

Apparently what happens in Vegas no longer stays in Vegas. We awoke on Monday morning to news of yet another mass shooting, this one the largest in modern history. Las Vegas is now added to the list we have come to hear much too often: Virginia Tech, Columbine, Orlando, Boulder, San Bernadino... the list goes and grows. After a week in the constant news cycle this one feels different to me for a few reasons.

1. Motive. We are as yet unable to assign any sort of logic to it. Usually by now a shooting of this magnitude would be placed in the broad category of terrorist or terrorist leanings, mental illness, bullying, revenge. We don't have that here.
2. The sheer firepower. The arsenal that has been recovered from the shooters hotel room, house and van is incomprehensible. So much so that we might even see at least the beginnings of conversation in Congress on ways to address the most unique of American plagues: daily gun violence.
3. The scene. Many of us have or will attend events where this scene could be repeated.

Festivals, concerts, football and baseball games, etc. Any place with a lot of people and a tall building nearby. Even though the citizens of many nations around the world live in fear in their everyday lives this is new to us.

As chance would have it (or is it?) the Gospel passage for this Sunday is the parable of the wicked tenants which may just be the most violent words to ever come from the mouth of Jesus. Jesus is still duking it out with the temple authorities and weaves a tale of violence and destruction that ultimately lands at their very feet.

Where is God in this? Is there good news here? How about in Las Vegas? Afghanistan? The streets of Chicago? I think we can find good news in the midst of tragedy but it doesn't come easily. Hard questions and a lack of simple answers is the path we must journey.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM where we will ask these questions together and look for a way forward in these increasingly distressing times.

Blessings and Peace,

Danny



Pastor's Bible Study – Looking Toward Sunday

Join me in the Apple Classroom on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm for a study of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. This Tuesday, October 3, we will look at Exodus 32:1-14 and [Philippians 4:1-9](#). Feel free to bring lunch or just come as you are for an hour of fellowship and study. - Danny

John Lineberger



It is with both sadness and joy that we must say good-bye to our organist and Director of Music, John Lineberger. John's last Sunday with us will be October 15.

We have been blessed by John's ministry of music for the past 2 years and he will be impossible to replace. At the same time we rejoice with him as he takes important steps in his life and career. John has accepted a call to serve in the same capacity at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vale, NC. He is also leaving his 2nd shift hospital lab job and joining John Dower at Lincoln Pipe Organ where he will assist in servicing church organs up and down the East coast. This will feed John's passion for the organ while also helping him get a decent night's sleep ;)

Thank you John for your service to First Presbyterian Church and Godspeed as you answer God's call.



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Opportunities To Serve



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hurricanes and earthquakes have pummeled the US, Mexico and the Caribbean in the past 30 days. Several in our congregation have been impacted because of friends and relatives in Texas, Florida and elsewhere. Our prayers go out to these communities and people. To learn more about our denomination's response to these cataclysmic events go to www.presbyterianmission.org or call their office at 1-800-872-3283.



October Mission Opportunity – Packing Food

First Presbyterian Church will be volunteering at Christian Ministry of Lincoln County during the week of October 9th. Disciples from our church will work that week, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to pack boxes of food for distribution to our neighbors in need. Come enjoy fellowship with church members while providing a vital volunteer service for Christian Ministry.

Whether you can work every day or just an hour or two, please volunteer to take part in this mission opportunity. To schedule a time slot or get more information please contact Betty Beaver at 704-735-6818.



October 8th

Greeters & Offering
Ann and Randy Hallman
Worship Leader Alice Gene Abrams
Nursery Anna Gilbert
Children's Time Thad Cloer

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

Lock-up John Lafferty
Refreshments Sandy Eldridge

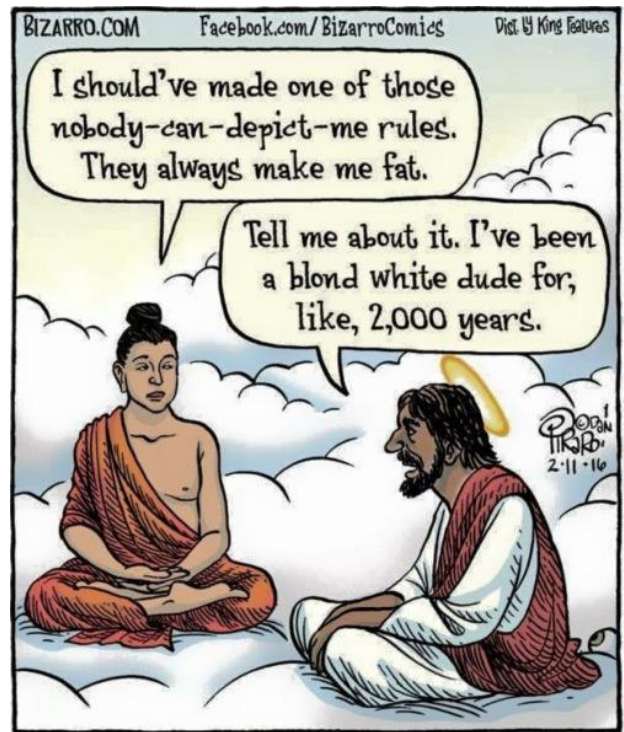
October 15th

Greeters & Offering
Tina and Thad Cloer
Worship Leader Adrienne Hodges
Nursery Pat Carpenter
Children's Time Barbara Crumley
Lock-up John Carpenter
Refreshments The Choir

October 22nd

Greeters & Offering
John & Pat Carpenter
Worship Leader John Lafferty
Nursery Sharon Williams
Children's Time Chris Thomas
Lock-up Jamie Hodges
Refreshments

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



Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

Paul Bailey, Bud Bailey's son
Oliver Bone, John Lineberger's great-uncle
Family of A.V. Bowen, Shortie McConnell's neighbor
Tom Bowen
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Helen Caskey
Martha Fulbright, Betty Beaver's cousin
Family of Christine Hovis, Shortie McConnell's neighbor
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Yvonne Leatherman, Shortie McConnell's cousin
Carolyn Lee
Shortie McConnell
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
J.T. Smith, Shortie McConnell's friend
Janice Stroupe
Carolyn Waters, Bill Thomas' sister
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.



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

"Reconciling Men to God and to one another"

BIBLE STUDY
9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 AM

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JUST COME TO CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church

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Church School: 9:30am Worship: 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm Wednesdays

MISSION: Reach. Teach. Feed. Love.

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