Walk for Life Report
From Sue Parker …

Over $16,000 was raised with Walk for Life for the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center. Bird McSwain was the TOP individual fund raiser (no surprise). Our church team came in second place behind Reidsville Christian Church. Thank you to everyone for your great support.

Guest Speak Next Sunday
Please invite someone to worship with us next Sunday, September 22, and hear Alyona Eakes (guest mission speaker) tell about her experience of receiving an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox from Samaritan’s Purse when she was a child living in a Ukrainian Christian orphanage. Operation Christmas Child is an important mission outreach of our congregation, and First Presbyterian Church is the collection location for other churches and organizations in the city of Eden.
No running water or electricity could be found in the small Ukrainian village where Alyona Eakes was born, but that was the least of her concerns. When she was 8, her parents passed away. The following year, her grandmother and older sister also died. By age 10, Alyona found herself in a Christian orphanage, angry at God. Come find out how an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift became part of God’s lavish pursuit of her young soul and how it inspired her to pack gift-filled shoeboxes for other children.

Date: Sunday, Sept. 22
Time:
Place:
New Member Luncheon – Sunday, September 22
Recent worship visitors are invited to join Peter and Lisa Smith for lunch after worship on Sunday, September 22. Food will be provided (also childcare if needed), and the pastor will provide information and answer questions about First Presbyterian Church. There will be opportunity afterward to be received as members of the church for anyone interested. Please speak to Peter if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR COOKOUT – Saturday, September 28 at 6:00 pm!
Lisa and Peter Smith invite anyone interested in singing with our Christmas Cantata Choir to their house for a cookout (hamburgers and hot dogs), followed by a fun time of listen to this year’s Christmas Cantata, Canticle of Joy. Speak to Lisa Smith about the cookout and singing with our Cantata Choir. This is a great opportunity to be part of leading Christmas worship without having to make a long-term Choir commitment. Our Christmas Music Sunday this year will be December 15!

This Week at FPC
The complete and up-to-date church calendar can be found on the Home Page of our new website: www.fpceden.org.

Monday, September 16
• 6:00 pm – Soul Sisters women’s fellowship (bring your own dinner)

Tuesday, September 17
• 9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Preschool in session
• 9:00 am – Food Pantry ministry
• 10:30 am – Video Study Series, “Pleasures of God” (Daily Living Room)
• 12:30 pm – Young at Hearts Luncheon (bring extra food for guests)
• 4:00 to 7:00 pm – Music Room occupied

Wednesday, September 18
• 9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Preschool in session
• 6:00 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study, Introduction to Christian Theology
• 7:00 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 19
• 9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Preschool in session
• 6:30 pm – REVERSE GIVEAWAY fundraiser for Building Fund

Friday, September 20
• 7:00 pm – Home Study Group hosted by Stuart and Everall Peele

Saturday, September 21
• 7:00 to 9:00 am – Music Room occupied

Sunday, September 22
• 9:00 am – Sunday School
• 10:00 am – Worship Service, guest mission speaker Alyona Eakes
• 11:15 am – New Members Luncheon
• 4:00 to 6:00 pm – Science with Jesus children’s program

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New FPC Website and Email Addresses
A reminder that we have a new website and staff email addresses:
Souls Sisters Today at 6:00 pm!

*From Donna LaPrades …*

September 16 at 6pm the Soul Sisters will meet in the Gathering Area at the church. Please bring your own dinner and a dessert to share if you would like.

Lori Lowrimore with Friends of Eden Animal Rescue will speak to us about the work of the Friends group and the exciting things going on for the animals in our community.

Our mission focus for September will be items for the rescue group. **PLEASE understand this is an optional activity and no one is obligated to participate.** The immediate needs include disposable bowls (styrofoam), baby wipes, small dog beds ($5.88 at Walmart), small jars of baby food meats only. They also need old cotton blankets. Blankets need to be close knit so the dogs toenails do not get caught in the blankets. If you can’t shop, one idea is to donate cash or change to give to the group.

Everall will then teach us how to make a dog bed out of a sweater!

Time permitting we will play games so bring one you enjoy to share with the group.

**We are trying to find someone to be at the church to babysit for the ladies that will need a sitter. Please RSVP to me if you need a sitter and for how many kids. We need to know by Friday, September 13 if possible!**

And finally we will be giving away a door prize to someone that evening. If you bring a friend or 2 you will be eligible for additional entries based on the number of people that you bring. So grab a friend and join us on the 16th!

Donna
Soul Sisters Planning Team
Young at Hearts this Tuesday, 12:30 pm!
Our Young at Hearts fellowship group for older FPC members and friends resumes tomorrow at 12:30 in the Whitley Gathering Area. Please invite friends to join us, and bring food for our covered-dish luncheon. Several firefighters will be our honored guests, so plan to bring a little extra food. Young at Hearts is always great fellowship as well as delicious food!

Tuesday Study Series – 10:30 am in the Daily Living Room
From David Grogan, Director of Presbyterian Adult Christian Education …

THE PLEASURES OF GOD: MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S DELIGHT IN BEING GOD. In this study, John Piper fully discusses the question: "What brings delight to the happiest Being in the universe?" The answer is crucial to joyful Christian maturity, because it is by knowing what makes God glad that we can drink deeply – and satisfyingly – from the only well that offers living water.

September 17  "God's Pleasure in All That He Does - Part 1"
September 24  "God's Pleasure in All That He Does - Part 2"
October 1    "God's Pleasure in All Creation - Part 1"
October 8    "God's Pleasure in All Creation - Part 2"
October 15   "God's Pleasure in Election"
October 22   "God's Pleasure in Bruising His Son"
Pastor’s Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Come and join us for an Introduction to Christian Theology every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Parlor. We will discuss major themes for understanding our Christian faith as discerned in the pages of Scripture.

Reverse Giveaway this Thursday, 6:30 pm!
Thank you to everyone who has purchased and sold tickets for our annual Reverse Giveaway. There are no tickets left, so this promises to be another wildly successful fundraiser for our FPC Building Fund. Thank you especially to Tim and Cheryl Jenkins for coordinating this event! Please speak to Cheryl Jenkins if you can help with food for the dinner, or see the sign-up poster on the podium near the covered entrance. See you Thursday!

Home Study Groups!
Everyone is invited to grow our faith and fellowship together in small groups that meet in peoples’ homes each week. Each group has a different study, but they all share food and fun and fellowship bathed in prayer. Invite a friend!

- First Friday, 7:00 pm – hosted by Terry and Katie Widel
- Second Friday, 7:00 pm – hosted by Stuart and Everall Peele
- Third Friday, 7:00 pm – hosted by Mike and Martha Corum
- Fourth Saturday, 6:00 pm – hosted by Curt and Jessie Southard
Read the Bible in 90 Days!

Our Discipleship Class that meets in the Parlor every Sunday at 9:00 am will start reading the Bible in 90 days next week. Every Sunday we will discuss what we have read and learn about what is to come, as well as ask and answer questions together. Everyone is invited to join us! Please speak to the pastor if you would like to order one of the specially-marked NIV Bibles – 12 pages every day for 90 days.
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You really CAN read through entire Bible, and Bible in 90 Days (B90) makes it possible. B90 is a group-oriented, Bible reading plan that engages people in a 90-day, cover-to-cover reading of the Bible. Reading just 12 pages a day in a specially designed Bible, with weekly teaching videos, and group accountability combine to make a life changing experience. Churches across denominations, prisons, drug rehabs, corporate Bible studies, neighborhood small groups — almost a quarter million people — have used B90 successfully. So turn your aspiration into inspiration!

All Bible in 90 Days materials can be found at ScriptureAwakening.com/B90

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— PASTOR RUFFIN STEPP
PALMS WEST, FLORIDA

READ B90
Tech Booth Volunteers Needed!
Every Sunday we rely on a very small group of volunteers to help lead worship by providing audio and video technology support for our worship services. One volunteer controls the slides and videos on the big screen, and another controls the sound board (microphones, volume, sound tracks as needed). Please take a moment to thank our dedicated tech volunteers: Stephen Castle; Scott Flanagan; Shirley Prescott; Larry Robeson; and WC Wrangham.

It is not difficult to learn. If the pastor can do it for Celebration Praise Team rehearsals every Thursday evening, anyone can do it! We will provide training. Please speak to Scott Flanagan if you would like to help!

Free Bluegrass/Gospel Music Concert
The Churchmen will play a free Bluegrass/Gospel music concert at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 pm. They have played at our church before, and currently have a top 10 song on the Gospel music charts. They will also be at the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Hall of Fame awards ceremony in September. They tour all over North America, and it will be an honor to have them in our church. Please invite someone to attend! An offering will be received to cover the cost.
Free Concert by
The Churchmen
Bluegrass/Gospel Music

Sunday, October 6, 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church
582 Southwood Drive, Eden
(behind Walmart)

An offering will be received
Raleigh Ringers Tickets Available Now!
Sunday, November 3rd
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Exclusive performance of
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The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally-acclaimed concert handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers has been dazzling audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock ‘n’ roll tunes arranged just for handbells.

Limited seating $20 per ticket for more information and to purchase tickets please email Pam Cundiff pam@edentravelconsultants.com

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Prayers

Hurricane Dorian victims, Bahamas & NC coast
Ben and Ellie Childs
Lisa Smith
Mike Corum
Rhonda and Denny Hale
Larry and Lib Roberson
Mariam Wilson
Shirley Carter
Jackie Chandler
Paul Brown and family
Jerry and Mary Owens
Ron and Suzon Martin
Mike and Merle Gentry
Mac and Sherry Mac McDowell
Gen Critz
Betty White
Elsie Denney
Joy Outland
Hazel Horton
Marion Robertson