

# September 8, 2020

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## Adult Sunday School News!

We have some exciting plans for NEW adult discipleship (Sunday School) opportunities starting NEXT SUNDAY, September 13 at 9:00 am. Two of our discipleship classes are short-term, which means there will be something new few weeks or months. For example, after Terry Widel's twelve week video series ends, Jeni Hartley will teach another short-term class. Then back to Terry Widel again. Set your alarm clocks a little earlier to enjoy great fellowship and participate in one of three excellent studies:

Agents of Babylon – a twelve week video series by Dr. David Jeremiah, led by Terry Widel, exploring what the Book of Daniel tells us about the “end of days.” This class will meet in the Daily Living Room (last room on the right at the end of the Education Building, first floor).

40 Days of Purpose – a seven week study of Rick Warren's life-changing book, The Purpose Driven Life, led by Pastor Peter Smith. Participants will read one short chapter each day for 40 days, which we will discuss each Sunday morning in the Gathering Area. This short-term commitment is a great opportunity for new people to check out Sunday School. We are not sure what we will do after this seven week study is over; it will be exciting to see where the Lord takes us!

Bible Explorers Class – led by Bill Robertson, meeting in the Music Room. Each week begins with reading the prescribed Lectionary passages for that day and then discussing them together for meaning and purpose. Conversations may range far and wide, which makes this class always interesting.

Invite someone to join us for Sunday School as well as worship at First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome! The nursery is always open

for young children during the Sunday School hour, and soon our Children's Sunday School program will resume.

## **Children's Ministries Resuming September 27!**

*Starting Sunday, September 27 ...*

Martha Corum will teach our elementary school age Sunday School class in Room D-08 (second floor of the Education Building, end of the hall on the right). Bring the children out for lots of love and teaching time with Martha every Sunday!

Children's Church will resume September 27 as well, meeting in the Activity Room (second floor of the Education Building, end of the hall on the left). Tables and chairs will be arranged for safe social distancing. Children may be excused to Children's Church immediately after the Children's Sermon.

## **Children's Field Day – Sunday, September 20!**

A fun event for children of all ages right after the worship service! Pizza will be provided for lunch, the bouncy house will be set up in the playground, and there will be games as well. For more information, please speak to Leslie Wyatt.

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## **This Week at FPC**

The complete and up-to-date church calendar can be found at the bottom of the Home Page of our website: [www.fpceden.org](http://www.fpceden.org).

### Tuesday, September 8

- 9:00 am – Food Pantry ministry

### Wednesday, September 9

- 6:00 pm – Gospel of John Bible Study (Gathering Area)

### Thursday, September 10

- 6:30 pm – Celebration Praise Team rehearsal (Worship Center)

### Sunday, September 13

- 9:00 am – Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am – Worship Service, Food Pantry Offering

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## **Gospel of John Bible Study**

Everyone is invited to join our in-depth study of John's Gospel Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm! We are meeting in the Gathering Area for safe social distancing. Bring your Bible and invite a friend for a great adventure in exploring one of the best loved books of the Bible together! Study guides are provided each week, and may also be obtained by email ... speak to the pastor or send a request to [peter@fpceden.org](mailto:peter@fpceden.org).

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## **Sunday, September 13**

We will continue the story of Samson with a sermon called, "From a Champ to a Chump" (Judges 16:15-22). We will also receive our Food Pantry Offering (second Sunday of the month). Please invite someone to worship with us in person with social distancing and face masks, or

ONLINE at [www.fpceden.org](http://www.fpceden.org). You can also click on the link below:

<https://bit.ly/FPCEden>

A reminder that adult Sunday School classes begin next Sunday at 9:00 am. See the information above, and invite someone to study God's Word together with us.

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## Christmas Cantata Choir

Christmas Choir members will begin rehearsing our Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Worship Center where we can spread out for safe social distancing. Sopranos and altos will rehearse from 7:00 to 7:30, tenors and basses from 7:30 to 8:00. If you love to sing, and especially if you love to sing Christmas music, please speak to Lisa Smith about joining our Christmas Cantata Choir!

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## **40 Days of Purpose, starting September 13 at 9:00 am!**

If you read Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life when it first came out 18 years ago, you might benefit from reading through it again. If you were too young or too busy to read it back then, you will definitely benefit from going through it one day at a time, a few pages each day, for 40 days starting Sunday, September 13 during the Sunday School hour. Join Pastor Peter Smith each Sunday morning for seven weeks to discuss what we have read and how to apply Rick Warren's invaluable lessons to our lives. It is only a seven week commitment, but a great way to make Sunday School a new priority for each of us. Books will not be provided; participants are encouraged to find copies of the book online or in some book stores. We will follow up afterward with another short-term adult discipleship study.

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## Online Giving at FPC – Safe, Easy, and Convenient

Our website ([www.fpcden.org](http://www.fpcden.org)) has a DONATE button at the top of the home page, which takes users to a secure site for making financial contributions to the church using credit and debit cards. It is safe and very easy to use. Please remember to support our General Fund for daily operating expenses, as well as our Building Fund for monthly mortgage payments.



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## Stew Pot Success!

Thank you to Pat Smith, Henry Thornton, and Curt Southard for all your help in securing a 100 gallon iron stew pot for First Presbyterian Church. The cost was \$1100, which everyone agrees is a good deal. Session had authorized up to \$500, and there have been additional donations toward the purchase price. Donations are still being received. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. We look forward to cooking lots of delicious stews as fundraisers for the church!

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## Fall Fest – October 31, 2020



## **30th ANNUAL FALL FEST**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**582 SOUTHWOOD DR., EDEN, 623-3962**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020**

**9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

**AN OUTSIDE EVENT – RAIN OR SHINE  
(Masks & Distancing if Required by Governor)**

**CHRISTMAS & EVERYDAY CRAFTS BAKE SALE  
VARIETY OF VENDORS BRUNSWICK STEW  
RED TICKET RAFFLE – 40+ ITEMS**

**BRUNSWICK STEW (NEW RECIPE) available by the Quart  
Tickets are \$7 for a quart & may be purchased from members  
beginning September 6 or pre-ordered by phone accompanied by a  
check and tickets will be mailed or picked up at the church**

**GREAT DOOR PRIZES: Drawn from Stew Ticket Stubs**

**HEALTH FOCUS – 9 AM – 2 PM  
FLU VACCINES AND ANTIBODY TESTING BY EDEN DRUG**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
TUTTLE FARM COW TRAIN & FUN ACTIVITIES**

### **2 SPECIAL RAFFLES**

**3 PRIZE RAFFLE - (3 Drawings) \*\$500 VISA CARD  
\*\$400 APPLE 10.2 Latest Generation IPAD W/CUSTOM  
COVER & APPLE PENCIL \*\$350 CASH \$2 a ticket**

**BEACH HOUSE – 1 Week Off Season, Oceanfront, with  
4 Bedrooms and 4 ½ Baths at Pine Knoll Shores,  
between Emerald Isle and Atlantic Beach, NC \$5 a ticket**

**Drawings begin at 2 p.m. – You do not have to be present to win.**

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## **Sermon Series on the Beatitudes**

New this fall ... the pastor will begin a brand new sermon series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12, from the Sermon on the Mount) starting Sunday, September 27 and ending right before Thanksgiving. Some call them Jesus Christ's secret of happiness, also the essence of Christian living.

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# Prayers

Madison Shook and family  
Carol and Larry Helms  
Janice McDaniel  
Ben Gammon  
Brad Wortham (Charlie Hall's uncle, bypass surgery)  
Wayne Evans  
Pam Throckmorton  
Elaine Brown  
Garry Tilley (Darryl's brother, cancer)  
Andrew Cundiff (Pam's uncle, leukemia)  
Mac and Sherry McDowell  
Paul Brown and family  
Rhonda and Denny Hale  
Larry and Lib Roberson  
Shirley Carter  
Ron and Suzon Martin  
Mike and Merle Gentry  
David and Carol Grogan  
Gen Critz  
Jeannie Wilde  
Joy Outland  
Bobbie Felizzi  
Karen Dolbere  
Joice Pucket  
Kevin Thompson  
Rosie Morris  
Hazel Horton

First Responders  
Victims of violence and civil unrest  
Local, state, and national leaders  
People infected with COVID-19  
Families of loved-ones who have died from COVID-19  
Health care workers who treat COVID-19 patients  
Business-owners and employees who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19  
First Presbyterian Church and other congregations  
America's health and economic impact from COVID-19

