

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Sue McManus, Mike Starling, Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Ronnie Cundiff, Laura Harris, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Mondell & Henry Brasington (Debbie Adams' mom and dad), Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph's niece), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Misty Kennedy (Julia Jones friend), Andrew Cullinan (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Dick Mullis (Holly Miles friend), Frances Leppard (Julia Jones friend), Mary Hillard (Jimmy Duffy's friend), Rhett Butler, II (Rhett & Marcia's son). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

<p>Sunday, September 17, 2017 8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 4:00pm UMW Quarterly Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 5:00-6:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut) (*Bring money for meal and parents please, pick up at Wendy's at 6:30pm)</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>Wednesday, September 20, 2017 5:30pm WATF Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:30-7:30pm UMKF Activities (Kid's Nook) 7:30pm Choir Practice</p>
<p>Monday, September 18, 2017 5:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 5:00-6:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut) (*Bring money for meal and parents, please pick up at Wendy's at 6:30pm)</p>

LIFE TOUCH/NEW DIRECTORY – We now have Wednesday, September 27 as our beginning date for pictures for the new directory. The last day will be September 30 at 2:30pm. Make sure you secure a date to have your pictures included in the directory.

LEADERSHIP NOTE: The enemies of positive leadership are busyness and stress. Research shows that where we are busy and stressed, we activate the reptilian part of our brain, which is associated with fear and survival. "If you know anything about a reptile, you know they will never love you. They are incapable of love because they are about survival."

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Meal at 5:30. The menu is: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, butter beans, fat back, rolls, dessert and tea. Cost will be \$7.00 for individuals and maximum \$21.00 for a family. Our Study this Wednesday will be Revelation 15-19. Join in the fun. Choir practice follows at 7:30 p.m. Join the choir and lend your talents

LUNCHEON BIBLE STUDY: It is under consideration to offer a study in the lunchtime hour. This would be on Tuesdays in October and we would study the "I AM" sayings of Jesus. Bring your own lunch, and after a short lunch, we will look into the study and have you back to work in one hour. If you are interested, please indicate it in writing in the offering plate or by calling the church office.

UMW QUARTERLY MEETING: Today, September 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Ken Timmerman will present the program and the mission project for the UMW will be Health Kits. They are needed by tomorrow. All women of the church are asked to participate.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who participated in our ministry at Palmetto Ridge last Sunday. Our next date is October 8, 2017 at 9:30am. Thank you for being a blessing.

THANK YOU: Dear Friends, I have been so blessed to have so many friends remember me with card, prayers, food, calls, and visits. Please know that I appreciate all of your thoughts and good deeds. I plan to be back as soon as I get stronger. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. In Christian Love, Flo.

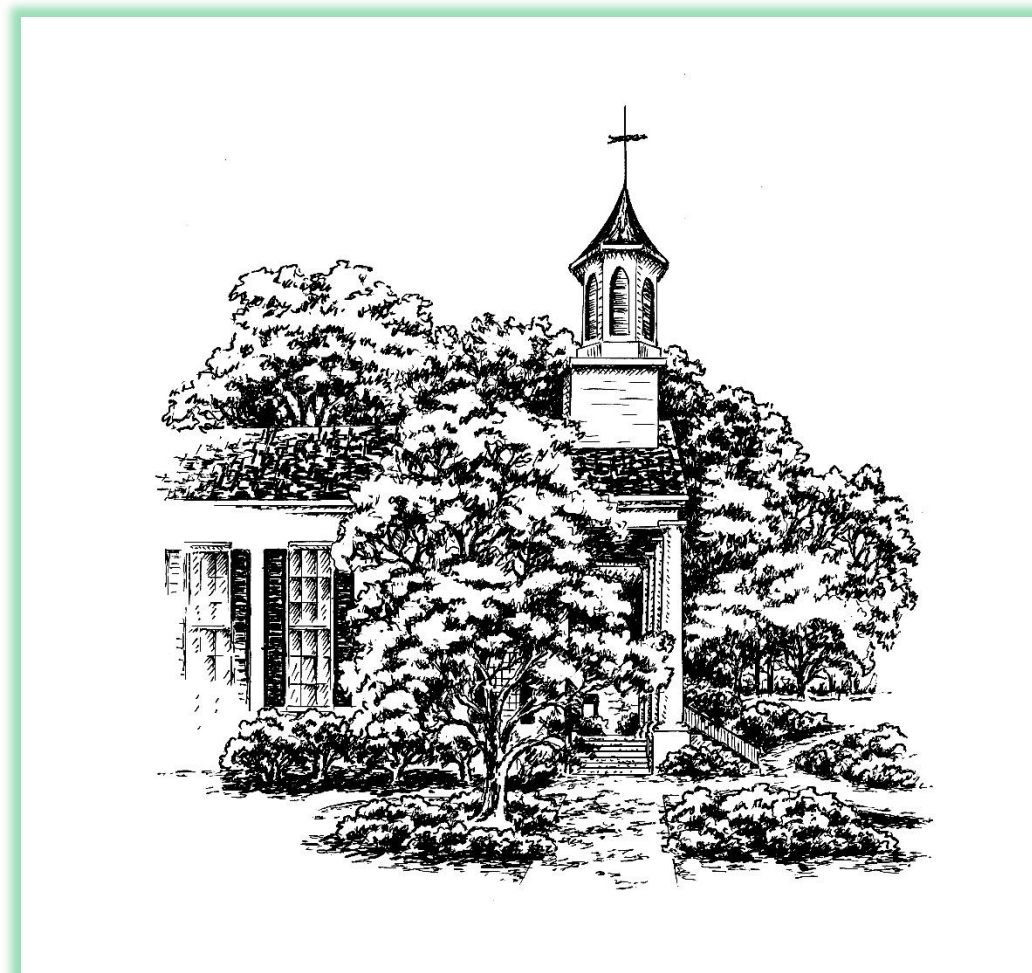
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

PARSON TO PERSON

In the movie *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Indiana must take a "leap of faith." He stands before a great chasm and the place he needs to go is on the other side. There seems no apparent way to get there and he makes a leap of faith because he knows there has to be a way that this chasm is bridged. Sure enough, he is right but he would not have confirmed it with the first step of a "leap of faith." Kirbyjon Caldwell says such "leaps" are determined by belief. Belief impacts thinking; thinking impacts doing; doing creates character; and character determines destiny." (Kirbyjon Caldwell, *The Gospel of Good Success*, page 106)

He calls it the Faith Walk, and it is filled with "leaps of faith." First Church celebrates "leaps of faith" regularly. If one was to check the heartbeat of First Church, one would discover numbers of people involved in ministry to and for others. In the next few weeks we are going to hear some First Church "heartbeats." Those "heartbeats" will be the making of health kits for people harmed by the recent storms, individuals agreeing to serve the church in official capacity on committees, people joining the choir and lending their voice to Sunday's ministry, coming to Bible Study on Wednesdays in order to grow in faith, and giving to help strengthen our endowment. Our "faith walk" is seen in commitments to worship, Sunday School, prayer ministry, giving as investment rather than as cost, caring for neighbors and friends, serving the church weekly, and undergirding all the church's ministry.

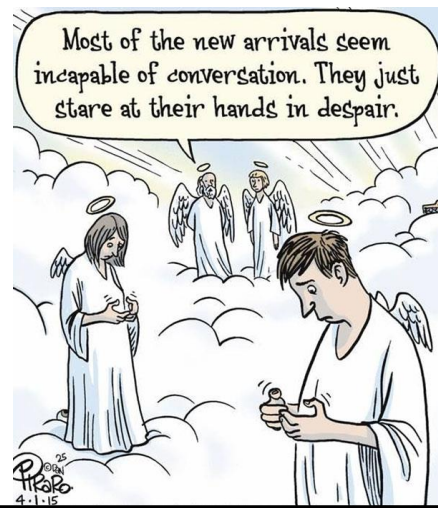
First Church is praying for growing heartbeats and "leaps of faith." Growth means our faith walk must be relevant, credible, and one of quality. Our faith must be relevant to our time and day. Our words must be credible and trustworthy. Our ministry, programs, worship, buildings (which include accessibility needs), and grounds must reflect ongoing quality.

Every week we serve Christ through worship. Walking into the church and making time for the church are acts of service. We have a bright future before us because we have faithful people who love the Lord and this church. "For the love of God and for this church we must continue to make "leaps of faith." That shouldn't be too hard for a church "where hearts are set fire and people know that if we "want to walk on water, we gotta get out of the boat." Today is another "leap of faith" for Christ. *Ken Timmerman*

HP WIRELESS SCANNER/PRINTER/COPIER: We have had a HP Wireless Scanner/Printer/Copier given to us to give away to anyone that needs it. If you need this machine, please come by the church office during office hours. First one that comes will get it.

STATE FAIR OUTING: This outing has been moved to Sunday, October 22.

FALL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: October 1, 8, and 15. Each evening we will begin at 6:00 p.m. Make plans to be in attendance as we worship in the evenings.



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M John Sanderson
Lobby Door Greeter: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Erika Smith
Next Week's Lay Reader: Alex Lee
Flowers Next Sunday: Rayfield
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby
Worship Attendance, September 10 — 149; **Attendance in Sunday School, September 10** — 92
Received to Date: \$288,531.91 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$290,956.14
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week September 10:** \$7,274.01

Head Usher: Todd Becker

Acolyte: Lydia Lee

Cross Bearer: Alex Lee

McArn Item: Kool-Aid or other drink mixes

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

****Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.
 This is a sacred time when God communes with His people.**

Prelude Welcome to every visitor. Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.

Call to Worship

***Hymn No. 98**

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We gather as those who know that we cannot prove our faith to people. We thank you we are allowed to exhibit our faith and show how it has changed our living. We praise you that you are the God of living faith and the God of promise. Too many want you to be a God of proof, where we are able to point and say, "There's God!" Forgive us when we speak of you in ways that are not true. We have a tendency to want to make you like us, instead of us becoming more like you. Guide us in the way that leads to eternal life. Help us to empty our hands of trophies and prizes so we may hold on to your glory. In you is our life, and we thank you for it through Jesus our Lord in whose name we pray. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 769

Psalms 34

Leighton Becker, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 886**

"The World Methodist Social Affirmation"

Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

***Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 2065**

"More Precious than Silver"

DESHAZO

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

As we open the Scriptures this morning, give us receptive hearts and minds that we might hear the Truth and respond to it. Teach us your Word, O God. AMEN.

Scripture

John 11: 1-15

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

"Fortunate When He is Not Present"

***Hymn No. 398**

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and to commemorate Jimmie and Kim Williamson's 34th wedding anniversary. They were married at First Church on September 17, 1983.

FOOD PANTRY: First Church's food pantry is getting a little bare. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable dry goods for the pantry. You may put these items in the church office.