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Weekly Schedule

Sundays
8:55 AM Musical Preparation for Worship
9:00 AM Sunday Morning Praise Singing (Choir Room)
9:00 AM Library Open until 9:45 AM
9:45 AM Bible Study
10:55 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Library Open until 12:30 PM
5:00 PM Adult Handbells (Bellissimo)
5:00 PM Youth Deep Impact
6:00 PM Youth Snack Supper
6:30 PM Youth Choir (Genesis)

Tuesdays
11:00 AM Senior Adult Choir (Joy Choir)

Wednesdays
3:00 PM Tinkerbells (grades K-2)
4:00 PM Children’s Bells (Grades 3-5)
5:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Music Makers (Grades K-2), Young Musicians (Grades 3-5), Creative Arts Team/Missions
6:15 PM Mission Friends
6:15 PM Adult Bible Study
6:45 PM RA’s, GA’s, and Cherub Choir
6:45 PM Youth Bells (Exodus 1 & 2)
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Church Office Hours
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Monday—Thursday
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Friday
Closed for Lunch from
12:00-1:00 p.m.
If there is an emergency, you may contact Kendell at 704-214-1022.

Church Life
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Family Life
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Weekly Schedule
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Calendar/ Homebound

Holy Week
Palm/Passion Sunday March 20
11:00 AM Palm/Passion Sunday Worship
Maundy Thursday, March 24
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion
Good Friday, March 25
12 Noon Cross Walk
3:00 PM Veiling of the Cross
Resurrection Sunday, March 27
7:00 AM—Sunrise Service and Breakfast
11:00 AM—Resurrection Sunday Worship

Lenten Luncheon Series
First Presbyterian Church in Belmont invites you to join them for their annual Lenten Luncheon series A Musical Journey Through Lent every Thursday continuing through March 17. Reservations are not required. Lunch includes soup, sandwich, dessert and tea-$5.00.
Gifts Given to the Building Fund
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by John & Alice Jones
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Yates & Sarah Pryor
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Bobby & Melanie Black
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Peggy Holden
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Cheryl Lineberger
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Bemie & Shirley Brookshire
- In memory of Sally McIntosh by Winsome Sunday School Class
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Kathy Teague
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Doug & Linda Mullis
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by C.E. & B.L. Frazier
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Ted & Dollie Sellers
- In memory of Gene McClure by John & Alice Jones

Gifts Given to the Regular Budget
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Baxter McIntosh

Gifts Given to the Dr. Robert & Virginia Winecoff Scholarship
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Gene & Martha McClure
- In memory of Gene McClure by the Fellowship Sunday School Class
- In memory of Gene McClure by Mike & May Jane Hinkle
- In memory of Gene McClure by the Mt. Holly Sole Patrol

Gifts Given to the Library Fund
- In memory of Sue Eldridge by Mike & Mary Jane Hinkle

Gifts Given to the Youth Mission Fund
- In memory of Jerry Heavener by Aubrey & Benda Horton
- In memory of Gene McClure by Aubrey & Brenda Horton

Christian Sympathy
- The Helton Family in the death of Ethel Helton
- Roscoe Hanner and Family in the death of his sister
- Martha McClure and Family in the death of Gene McClure
- Dickie Hipps in the death of his brother

Youth Choir Festival
We will be going to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship youth choir festival in Winston-Salem on March 4-5. See Kendell or Peter for details.

Youth to the Charlotte Hornets
We are headed to see the Hornets play the Detroit Pistons on Friday, March 11. The cost is $25. See Kendell ASAP to reserve your ticket. Go Hornets!

Continue to be in prayer for our youth as they prepare for their upcoming Daytona Beach Mission Trip this Summer and their leaders. There is a lot of work that goes into a mission trip such as this and we covet your prayers during this time of preparation.
CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT  
SATURDAY, March 26  
10:00 A. M.—12:00 P. M.  
We are in need of candy donations. Suggestions are small candies that can fit into an Easter egg such as starbursts, mini candy bars, M & M's, etc.

Worship At A Glance

March 6—Dr. Kendell Cameron preaching “Which Lost Son are You?”
March 13—Dr. Kendell Cameron preaching “What Will We Do for Him?”
   John 12:1-9
March 20—Dr. Kendell Cameron preaching “Will We Join Jesus on the Road?”
March 27—Dr. Kendell Cameron preaching “Who Wins the Race?”
   John 20:1-18

Service Opportunities

Church Security
Feb. 29–March 6—Ken Fortsch  
March 7-13—Ricky & Beverly Wrenn  
March 14-20—Corey Rhyne  
March 21-27—Keith Piercy  
March 28-April 3—Ed Ealey

Extended Care—Infants
March 6—Brooke Shepherd Lopez & Peggy McGlohon  
March 13—Evelyn Rodden & Becky Causby  
March 20—Carrie and Amanda Haverty  
March 27—Donna & Jeff Dobbins

Extended Care—Toddler/Preschool
March 6—Rosalee & Steve Noles  
March 13—Linda Richardson and Linda Piercy  
March 20—Suzanne Griffin and Leah Allen  
March 27—Ashley & Patrick Hoger

Psalm Readings
March 6—Corey Rhyne  
March 13—Youth  
March 20—Mark Batdelor  
March 27—Felge Sisk

Pianist
March 6—Ginai Poole  
March 13—Tom McLain  
March 20—Elaine Crosby  
March 27—Tom McLain

January Record  
Totals
Sunday School Average  124
Total Receipts  $35,936
Building Fund  $973
Building Fund YTD  $973
Other Designated  $3,014
Other Designated YTD  $3,014
2016 Church Budget  $433,153
Avg. Needs through 1/31  $36,096
Budget Receipts through 1/31  $31,953
March Birthdays

March 2 - Walter Batchelor
March 3 - Dana Dobblins & Tracy Whitlock
March 4 - Pam Davis & Daniel Noles
March 5 - Dana Hawkins & Pat Kinney
March 6 - Carl Baker, Bailey Groepner, Brent Green, & Emily Green
March 7 - Jan Pohl-Porter-Cameron
March 8 - Colleen Boggs, John Frierson, & Steve Sikk
March 10 - Angie Hildesmin, Will Rogers
March 11 - Maggie Ferguson
March 12 - Jimmy Baxter
March 13 - Emily Arndt, Ken Barrow, & Jack Hough
March 14 - Brianna Lewis & Lisa Rhyne
March 15 - Kelly Sprinkle
March 16 - Joe Allen
March 17 - Tammy Napier
March 18 - Linda Mullis & Amy Smith
March 20 - Elaine Crosby & Ron Featherstone
March 21 - Tony McGee
March 22 - Kathleen Lindsey
March 23 - Tom McQuarrie
March 24 - Hunter Hawkins
March 25 - Lauren Skidmore
March 26 - David Cauthen, Rita Howard, & Sarah Pryor
March 27 - Becky Hoffman
March 29 - Jesse Little, Sara Little, & Susan Wright
March 30 - Scott Collier, Joy Flowers, & Aubrey Horton
March 31 - Nicholas Wrenn

Happy Anniversary

March 15 - Tom & Angela McLain (30 years)
March 16 - Derek & Sonye Helton (25 years)
March 21 - Robert & Tammy Napier
March 24 - Aaron & Lynette Brewer
March 24 - Bill & Vickie Flowers (49 years)
March 25 - Yates & Sarah Pryor (60 years)
March 31 - Todd & Jay Flowers

Senior Week March 6th-12th

This is the time for all seniors to celebrate and be thankful that we have lived lives to this stage. A time to be thankful that we have this church family to celebrate it with us in so many different ways. A time that seniors can get together with activities to bring some fellowship for our extra enjoyment in life.

So Jubilant Seniors

Meet your Jubilant Team in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 8th at 4:00 PM for “Big Band Sounds” presented by Charles Domiter from Huntersville. The cost is $5.00 per person. A light dinner will be served after the performance.

Start calling Frances 704-900-5775 or a Team member to get your name on the list, and pay the cost to Frances Garley before the cut off date of Tuesday, March 1st at 3:00 PM.

This is a time to relax and go back into those of those great BIG BAND DAYS of long ago with Frank, Lawrence, Bing and others!!

Lectio Divina...

Read the Bible as though it were something entirely unfamiliar, as though it had not been set before you ready made... Face the book with a new attitude as something new... Read aloud the words written in the book in front of you, hear the word you utter, and let it reach you.

-- Martin Buber

In church history, we usually describe two different ways to approach the Scriptures: Sacra pagina and Lectio Divina. Sacra pagina, the sacred pages, is what we most often do for Bible study, sermons and Sunday school. It is the process of breaking the Scriptures into its constituent parts — what we preachers call exegesis of the text. This is where we consider the author’s intention of the text, the geographic or historical underpinnings of the text, or the style of the text. On the other hand, Lectio Divina, the Divine Reading, is an ancient method of devotionally reading the Scriptures or “praying” the Scriptures.

For most of us, we read the Bible a few minutes in a devotional or for our Sunday school class, but, to be honest, we probably spend more time reading someone’s reflections on the text, either in a devotional or a quarterly, than we actually spend in the Holy Word itself. I confess that I am not immune to this. Indeed, I may be the most guilty as I read the text to mine it for sermons and Bible studies. I may spend hours in my library on a particular text without taking the time to just listen for and to the text. As Jan exasperatingly asked me once, “So, how many books do you have on the Gospel of Luke?” (By the way, when you include complete commentaries, the answer is 12!) For this reason, several years ago, I started working to include the Lectio Divina into my spiritual disciplines. This is a method where you listen to the text and what the Spirit may be saying to you in that text. The Lectio Divina is meant to be two-way communication — God speaks to us through the Word and we respond to God’s calling.

The following is a model you can use. I suggest using a Bible that you find very readable that does not have a bunch of study notes. Indeed, it is best done with a Bible with no study notes (use them for Sacra Pagina). The method is to listen for God, not some writer of notes. Read the text three times. Read slowly each time and pause between readings for a minute or two. During the second reading, take note of the word or phrase that caught your attention. During the third reading, stop when you are touched by a word or phrase. You have found the Word for you that day. Then follow through with reflecting on that passage. Take several minutes to think about that word or phrase and what it tells you that day. Then, respond; talk to God about what struck you. Vocactivate a prayer of love or praise or lament or thanksgiving as you feel at that moment. Finally, rest. Take a few minutes to listen to God and enjoy being in God’s presence.

Unfortunately, space here does not give me the option of telling you all my feelings about the Lectio Divina, but I can tell you that it is one of the most rewarding spiritual disciplines in my life. It reminds me to listen for God’s still, small voice through the Scriptures.

We are in the season of Lent — a time for spiritual renewal. The Lectio Divina would be a wonderful discipline for the season. As a discipline for the season, you could focus on what we call the “7 Pentitetial Psalms” as a time of confession before God. They are Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143. Other possibilities include the 23rd Psalm, the 121st Psalm, Psalm 139:1-18 (only six verses at a time), Romans 8:26-27 or Romans 8:37-39. Listen for God’s Word; it is amazing what you will hear.

Grace and peace, Kendall Cameron
The Future of the Church in America ...

The Deacons and the Pastor are inviting us all to share together in a workshop on the future of the Christian church in the 21st Century on Sunday evening, April 3 at 6:30. Dr. Bill Wilson, Executive Director of the Center for Healthy Churches, will lead our workshop.

Bill served for over 33 years in congregational ministry. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalton, GA and Farmville Church and First Church of Waynesboro in Virginia.

Dr. Brett Younger of the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer has this to say about Bill: “What impresses me most about The Center for Healthy Churches is the way Bill Wilson and his team use their understanding of pastors and churches to help congregations see better, bigger, more Christlike possibilities than they saw before. When church leaders are looking for advice, recommending they talk with Bill Wilson is the best guidance I give.”

We will be joined by the First Baptist Church of Cramerton. We invite all to come and share as we learn together.

A Note from the Personnel Team …

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We will offer the survey on 2 Sundays as well as offering an online version. If neither of these options works for you, please call the church office and we will mail you a survey. We hope to have all surveys back by March 5.

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Dear Church Family,

A few weeks ago, my father requested financial contributions for the Highland Swim Team over Facebook. Thanks to you, I have raised $105. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely, Amanda Cameron

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your love & support during the passing of mom. She lived a long (100 yrs +) and fruitful life and was ready for her final journey! My heartfelt thanks for all you do!

David & Diane Helton

Dear Church Family,

We visited First Baptist, Mount Holly about three years ago, and we enjoyed the services so much. Especially at Easter and Christmas when the services were absolutely spectacular! We joined the church several years ago. We sang in the choir, and really enjoyed this so much under the direction of Brian Childers. It was such a privilege.

We also enjoyed all of the Senior activities we attended with our wonderful director, Frances Gurley. David was diagnosed with Parkinson in 2009. I saw a big difference in him as early as 2005. He was doing pretty well until about a year ago. The Parkinson had progressed so much that we had to drop out of the choir and eventually the Senior activities.

We love all the members at the church. Everyone has always been so nice to us. We remember your kindness before and after we joined the church. David is now at Huntersville Oaks, which is one of the best facilities available in and around Charlotte. He would love to receive cards and visits. His address is: David Drinkard Huntersville Oaks 12019 Verhoeuff Drive Huntersville, NC 28078. He is in room 264.

Thank you and God Bless!

Jewel Drinkard

The family of Gene McClure want to thank the bereavement team for preparing such a delicious meal for our family. Thank you for such a wonderful service to our church family.

Our love to you all,

The McClure Family