

THE SPIRE LIGHT

First Presbyterian Church
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December 25, 2016-
January 14, 2017

Worship with us
on Sundays!

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Worship Service

December 25, 2016
Rev. Adam C. Bowling

Lectionary
Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

Greeters
Sandra Morton
Ted and Holly Restel

Visitors Table
Susan McCann

January 1, 2017
Rev. Wyatt Aiken

Lectionary
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148
Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

Greeters
Anne Gamble
Mary Frances Young

Visitors Table
Linda Harris

January 8, 2017
Rev. Adam C. Bowling

Lectionary
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17

Greeters
Ken and Catharine Corn
Pat Franklin

Visitors Table
Linda Harris



Praise in Your Pajamas!

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2016
10:55 AM

Hey Kids!

Come to church in your pajamas on Christmas Day! Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR—
FROM THE STAFF OF FPC!**

Adam C. Bowling
Cornelio Juarez
Robyn Herrera
Lori Murray

Member Giving Through November 2016

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget/Actual</u>
Pledged Giving	\$489,620.12	\$453,753.00	(\$35,867.12)
Non-Pledged Giving	\$50,416.63	\$40,719.01	(\$9,697.62)

For a detailed analysis of revenues and expenses, please see the financial notebook located in the church library.

Year-end Giving

Church Treasurer Mark Buff will be in his office (located between the church office and the church library) on Friday, December 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, if anyone needs to drop off their end-of-the-year gifts.

Elective Sunday School Class

January 1 and 8: *Spiritual Formation—what it really means, how it applies to you, and suggested tools and techniques*, facilitated by Rick Leissner. We will talk about what Spiritual Formation is and what it is not, assess where we are in our lives, and get some recommended techniques for growth.

January 15: *Sharing with our South Korean Class*

Everyone is WELCOME and CELEBRATED!

Next Coin War Is January 1

Round Two of the Coin War is January-May and begins Sunday, January 1! It will continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month during the rest of the school year, and money collected goes to the Nickel-a-Meal Hunger Program. Each Sunday school class has their own collection jar, and jars are outside the fellowship hall before and after Sunday school on those Sundays. *Gain points* by adding *pennies, bills, and checks* to your class jar. *Lower* other classes' totals by adding *silver coins* to theirs. The class with the most points wins! The prize will be a McDonald's or Bojangles' breakfast for the class.



New Children's Choir

A new children's choir is forming on Sunday, January 22, under the direction of Music Director Robert A. Smith. Following the worship service, this group will eat a simple lunch and then practice until 1:30 PM. Look for a sign-up form on the church website soon.



Tree of Warmth

Now through January 8, we will be collecting clean, new, and gently-used blankets, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and coats (all sizes) for needy families and individuals here in Burke County. If you receive a new coat or hat for Christmas, consider donating your gently-used item to the Tree of Warmth! Look for the Tree of Warmth outside the fellowship hall, and please give generously.

Thank You!

Thank you for the most precious Christmas gift that I received for 2016! It was our beautiful children's musical—Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fireflies. What an expression of God's love! The Wednesday Backyard Bible Club children ministered to every person in the audience on December 14. Within our congregation are multi-talented volunteers who have built an atmosphere of affirmation for many children who live in our community. A single mother, whose son performed in the musical, said to me, "My son loves to come to the Wednesday Backyard Bible Club and has been coming for the last four years. It is a blessing for my family to have dedicated volunteers minister to my son and fill his life with creativity, friendships, time for study, and Christian love." May God continue to bless this FPC outreach program. --Nanette Marranta

Sunday, December 25—No PM Youth (Christmas Day)

Sunday, January 1—No PM Youth (New Year's Day)

Sunday, January 8, 6:30-8:00 PM—Final *Faith in 3D* Meeting

All *Faith in 3D* trip participants and parents should meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30 PM for our final trip meeting. We will go over the final schedule and organize into groups for travel and touring.

**Student
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Thursday, January 12-Monday, January 16—*Faith in 3D* Trip to Orlando, Florida

Faith in 3D All *Faith in 3D* participants that are traveling to Orlando are to meet in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall by 11:45 AM on Thursday, January 12, packed and ready to go. DO NOT BE LATE! Please load your luggage on the charter bus and then proceed directly to the registration table. Parents MUST come inside! Remember the following: Bible, swimsuit and towel, windbreaker/coat, spending money for offering and meals, and a good attitude! Please try to get some REST the night before the trip. Any last-minute questions may be directed to Pastor Adam. Participants will return Monday, January 16, around 10:00 PM.

Sunday, January 15—No PM Youth (Faith in 3D Trip)

Saturday, January 21, 4:30-10:00 PM—Tim Hawkins Trip

Sign up to reserve a ticket to see Christian comedian Tim Hawkins, with special guest Kenn Kington, at Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte on Saturday, January 21. Cost is \$15 per ticket. You also must bring \$20 for the dinner following the show. Tickets are limited and go to the youth and adults that are first to register and pay. Tickets and registration will be available in 2017. Watch your email for more info!

Sunday, January 22—No PM Youth

Monday, January 23—Ski Trip to Beech Mountain

Registration is now open on the church website for our day ski trip to Beech Mountain on Monday, January 23. Yes, you have no school! The basic package costs \$65.00 and includes Beech Mountain lift ticket for day skiing, shaped ski rental, transportation, and Saturday lunch voucher.

- \$65.00: Base Cost
- \$40.00: Non-skier or snowboarder deduction (no lift ticket or rental)
- \$15.00: No rental needed (own equipment)
- +\$10.00: Snowboard upgrade
- +\$25.00: Two-hour Snow Tube (pay at Beech)
- +\$15.00: Two-hour Ice Skating (pay at Beech)

Register by Sunday, January 1, 2017!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

First Presbyterian is a connectional church; let us therefore pray for other congregations within our Presbytery:

Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church
Hot Springs, NC

The next newsletter covers January 15-March 4 events.
Please submit your church news to the church office by noon on January 9.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25



No Sunday School

10:55 AM "Praise in Your Pajamas!"
Worship Service

No PM Youth

The church office is closed
December 26-January 2.

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

Friday, December 30

11:00 AM-1:00 PM Treasurer's Hours
—Finance Office

(located between the church
office and the church library)

Sunday, January 1



9:30 AM No Sunday School for
Children and Youth

10:55 AM Worship Service
No PM Youth

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Circle 1—Grace Ridge

7:00 PM Circle 2—Parlor

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Circle 3—Parlor

Wednesday, January 4

5:00 PM Chancel Ringers

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 8

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Chancel Choir

10:55 AM Worship & Baptism Service

6:30 PM Faith in 3D Meeting

Monday, January 9

12:00 PM Spire Light Deadline

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

9:00 AM Soup Kitchen

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

10:30 AM Spire Light Volunteers

5:00 PM Chancel Ringers

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

11:45 AM Faith in 3D Trip

Friday, January 13

8:30 AM Administration Meeting