

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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FROM THE HEART OF PASTOR BULT

Early in his letter to them, The Apostle Paul tells the Romans why he is so pastorally driven to travel to Rome and be with them: "So that I can impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong." And then he seems to catch himself. While this is true enough, it doesn't tell the whole story. Paul seems to realize he personally needs what the Lord has given the Romans just as much as they need what the Lord has given him. He continues: "That is, that you and I might be mutually encouraged by each other's faith- both yours and mine." This reminds us that God has built into his church a beautiful mutual interdependence. God has given you specific spiritual gifts that other people in the church need you to recognize, cultivate, and use. In the same way, he has given other people specific abilities and talents that you need them to harness, develop, and use. This is the way the Lord builds up his church. Many examples abound in the life of First Pres. One of these is the mutual sharpening of iron that takes place at the men's Bible study on Tuesday mornings in the Bridge Basement at 10:30. To grow spiritually, the church needs the gifts of pastors. But no less than pastors need the gifts of church members. I am so glad that I get to benefit from the unique gifts that God has entrusted to you!



Nov/Dec 2022

Seniors Ministry Staff

Rev. Bryan F. Bult Assoc. Minister to Seniors
 Janet B. Altman Seniors Ministry Coord.
 Scottie Crawford Pastoral Intern

November Gatherings

- 1 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 4 6:30-8:30 PM HUG PACKATHON in FLC
- 5 9:00-11:00 AM HUG PACKATHON in FLC
- 9 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 12 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast - Offsite
- 18 11:30 AM Encouragers Thanksgiving Meal
- 23 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing
- 24 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Service in Sanctuary

December Gatherings

- 3 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast - Offsite
- 6 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 9 5:30 PM "The Majesty of Christmas" Dinner
- 14 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 16 3:30 PM Encouragers Christmas Caroling
 5:30 PM Encouragers Christmas Supper



CHRISTMAS
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Available From the Book Service

Stephen Charnock

Edited by Carolyn B. Whiting
DIVINE PROVIDENCE: A Classic Work for Modern Readers

Dale Ralph Davis

GOD'S RASCAL: The Jacob Narrative in Genesis 25-35

Kevin DeYoung

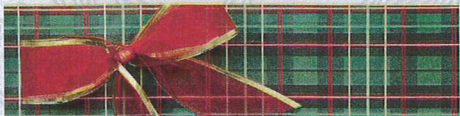
THE BIGGEST STORY BIBLE STORYBOOK (Children)

Sinclair B. Ferguson

THE BIG BOOK OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT JESUS (Children)
CHILD IN THE MANGER: The True Meaning of Christmas

Derek W.H. Thomas

HEAVEN ON EARTH: What the Bible Teaches About Life to Come
LET US WORSHIP GOD: Why We Worship the Way We Do



ENCOURAGERS
FELLOWSHIP | PRAYER | SERVICE
Singles 50+ Years Old

Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 12
Lizard's Thicket Elmwood Ave.

Saturday, December 3
I-HOP 813 St. Andrews Rd.
(just off Interstate 26)



Christmas Caroling and Supper

Friday, December 16
3:30 p.m.

Meet at First Pres for Caroling
5:30 p.m.
Supper in Jackson Hall



Thanksgiving Meal
Friday, November 18
11:30 a.m. in Jackson Hall

The Encouragers Steering Committee and Chef Rich invite single members over 50 for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. There is no cost for the meal. Reservations are needed.

November 23
No Wednesdays@First
No Centerpoint



November Is National Family Caregivers Month

Included in this season of giving thanks is National Family Caregivers Month, which pays tribute to the family members and friends who provide care and support for a loved one in need. The annual observance honors the estimated 45 million caregivers across the U.S. If you know a family caregiver, please pray for them and find a way to encourage them. If you are a family caregiver, your First Pres. family is ready and willing to assist you in very practical ways.

I love my Family



www.haitiundergod.org/packathon

Friday, November 4

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
and

Saturday, November 5

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

HUG needs our help to pack 100,000 nutritious meals to be distributed in Haiti! Ages six and older are welcome.

HUG Board of Directors

Donald Lyons, *Founder*

Bruce Williams, *CEO*

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Dave Van De Water

Kevin Vickery

HAITI UNDER GOD
PACKATHON

Friday, November 4, 6:30-8:30PM

Saturday, November 5, 9-11AM
(Coffee and Doughnuts from 8:30-9AM)

Family Life Center at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

2023 Bus to Ligonier Conference in Orlando



The world around us is constantly changing, yet "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). As Christians are pushed toward the margins of a hostile society, we cannot afford to surrender our convictions or to retreat in fear. By God's grace, we have the truth that this lost world needs. Now is our time to stand with unrelenting devotion to God's unchanging Word.



Seventeen seats have been reserved which leaves 13 seats still available for \$50 each. Money will not be collected until February of 2023. Each traveler will register themselves for the conference and make their own hotel reservations for 3 nights. We will depart at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22 & return to Columbia at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. If you have questions, contact Janet at (803)799-9062 Ext. 550.



Christmas Celebration for
Encouragers & Couples in Action

Friday, December 9

Jackson Hall - 5:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the meal, but reservations are needed. The program will feature a Brass Quintet and the reading of Puritan writings, curated by Mark Levine, concerning the majesty of Christ.

What Child Is This?

What Child is this,
who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are
keeping?

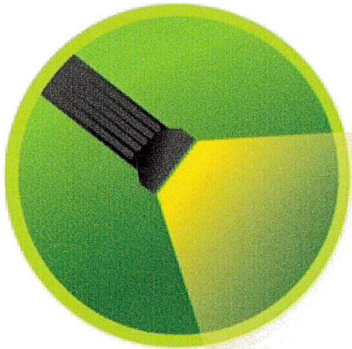
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!





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COMING IN JANUARY 2023



Senior Adult
SPOTLIGHT

