

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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From the Heart of Pastor Bryan Bult

Just this week, I listened to several of you sharing poignantly, even tearfully, how much the Body of Christ at First Pres meant to you when you went through difficult times. It was so encouraging to hear of believers bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ. You spoke of your church family weeping with you, offering practical help when you didn't know what to do, bringing food to stock your freezer, and opening their hearts and homes to you. These are all examples of what is sometimes called incarnational ministry, or the ministry of "being there." There is no substitute for simply being present for one another, and I am encouraged by the way you do it. It's a good sign of the Spirit of God active in a church. And why shouldn't we love one another that way, since that is the way we have been loved by God. God did not just watch us from a distance. God is not an aloof and unconcerned deity. No, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Emmanuel has come, and one of the the best ways to show our grateful joy for God being with us is to keep being there for each other.



Jan/Feb 2023

Seniors Ministry Staff

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

January Gatherings

- 3 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 7 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast Off-Site
- 11 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 19 11:30 AM Encouragers at Grecian Gardens
- 25 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing
- 30 8:00 AM Seniors Ministry Men's Breakfast
- 30 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee in WOC room

February Gatherings

- 3 10:00 AM Self Defense for Senior Ladies
- 4 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast Off-Site
- 7 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 8 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 16 6:00 PM 5th Annual Spaghetti Soirée
- 22 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing
- 24 9:00 AM Light Breakfast in Atrium
- 10:00 AM Lifelong Learning in Wardlaw
- 27 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee in WOC room



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couples
 IN ACTION
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A New Round of Supper Clubs, With a Twist

March, April, May 2023

Reports received from couples who have participated in CIA Supper Clubs have been glowing and very encouraging. Couples that sign up to participate in Spring 2023 will be divided into groups of 3 couples each. And now for the "twist." It is suggested that the couple who hosts each meal invite a 4th couple or single member to join the group for that meal. The 4th couple or single can be in the 50+ age group, or not. Friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members are options. The comment heard most often from participating couples is: "We got to know other couples and when I see them at church now, we have a connection and conversation just happens."



Sign-up for Spring Supper Clubs Ends January 27.

SENIORS
 MINISTRY
 Men's Breakfast

Monday, January 30
 8:00 a.m. Jackson Hall



Friday, February 24
 9:00 a.m. Light breakfast
 10:00 a.m. Social Security Administration Presentation in Wardlaw Auditorium, Mr. Tony Williams

CATAWBA PRESBYTERY
SENIOR CONNECT DAY

Friday, March 17
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Speaker: Dr. Steven Adamson, President Erskine College
 Host: First Presbyterian Church

Please contact Janet at (803) 799-9062 Ext. 550 or jaltman@firstprescolumbia.org with questions.

Senior Adult SPOTLIGHT



Jack & Bonnie (Williamson) Haynes

were both born in Columbia and were married in 1968. When Jack began attending First Pres, J. Sherrard Rice was pastor and when Bonnie began attending a few years later, Hugh W. McClure was pastor. Before retirement, Jack was Active Duty Army National Guard and Bonnie worked as a Registered Nurse (RN). Bonnie taught 4-K Sunday School for over 50 years and is active in Circle 12. The Haynes attend Sunday worship at 8:30 a.m. before Bonnie attends the Remnant Sunday School Class and Jack takes his post as Sunday School Superintendent, greeting all ages as they arrive. Jack is an Elder Emeritus and serves on the Wild Game Supper Committee. The Haynes have a Gamecocks Van with a USC FAN tag. Jack has missed only 6 home games in 69 years. The Haynes have 2 children and 6 grandchildren.



The Lord's Prayer
Thomas Watson (226.96)

Praying the Saviour's Way
Derek W.H. Thomas (226.96)

The Prayer of the Lord
R.C. Sproul (226.96)

Prayer
John Bunyan (241)

A Praying Life
Paul E. Miller (241)

The Secret Key to Heaven
Thomas Brooks (241)

Choosing Gratitude
Nancy Leigh DeMoss (241)

Daily Acts
Lalla Lee Laffitte Campsen (241)

Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Alexander Whyte (241)

Pray Big: Learn to Pray Like an Apostle
Alistair Begg (241)

Do You Pray?
J. C. Ryle (241)

The Valley of Vision
Arthur Bennett (241.1)

Church Library, Bridge 200.
Deborah Kirkland,
Church Librarian
library@firstprescolumbia.org



Thursday, February 16
6:00 p.m. in Jackson Hall

This is an intergenerational dinner (senior adults/middle & high school students) with keynote Bill Currier, who served as Ben Lippen's Athletic Director for 22 years, following a nine-year NFL career with the Houston Oilers, New England Patriots, and the New York Giants.

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A New Episode Will Be Released Soon
New host: Scottie Crawford,
Seniors Ministry Pastoral Intern

ENCOURAGERS
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Singles 50+ Years Old

Saturday, January 7
9:00 a.m.
Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket
818 Elmwood Ave

Thursday, January 19
11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Grecian Gardens
2312 Sunset Blvd.
West Columbia

Saturday, February 4
9:00 a.m.
Breakfast at IHOP
813 St. Andrews Rd.



January

Gideon's International
Capital City Capitol
Ambassadors

February

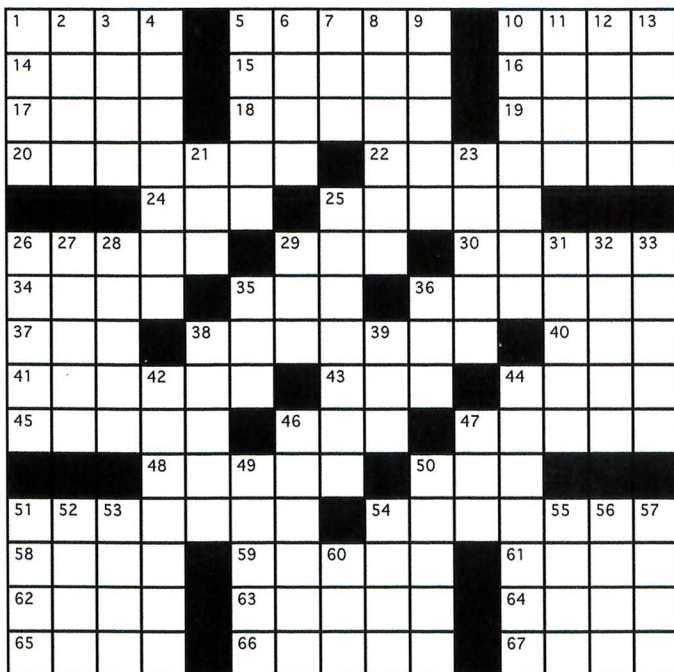
Camp Joy of SC
Teen Challenge

Please stop by the Local Missions table in the Atrium on Sunday mornings to get information and find ways to support these ministries.

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Thick drink
5. Racer's concern
10. Mature
14. Words on a sale tag
15. Means of transportation
16. Famous garden
17. Frost
18. Burr, for one
19. Voice range
20. Hook or Cook
22. Not worth keeping
24. Source of light
25. One who acts for another
26. European language
29. Silvery-gray color
30. Sheer linen
34. Female sandpipers
35. Type
36. Bible chapter divisions
37. Everyone
38. Arguer
40. Notes of the scale
41. Calorie counter
43. Crackpot
44. ___-majesty; offense against the king
45. Wash
46. Perform
47. Communion plate
48. Analyze grammatically
50. Esses' forerunners

DOWN

1. Spanish dances
54. Defend
58. Israeli airline
59. Watery part of the blood
61. ___ fixe
62. Boy; Sp.
63. Make accustomed: var.
64. Upside-down six
65. Digits
66. Swift animal
67. Understands
1. Artist Chagall
2. Hong Kong's location
3. Drooping
4. African flies
5. European nation
6. Design
7. Word with drops or rings
8. Sufficient
9. Slow to understand
10. One who sits on a house
11. Lazing
12. Gerbils and pooches
13. Baseball's Slaughter
21. Diving bird
23. Penetrate
25. With a sideways glance
26. Last year's srs.
27. Memento
28. Moray seeker
29. Priest's garment

31. Small land in the sea
32. Written agreement
33. Ruhr Valley city
35. Ending for wind or sand
36. Nov. honoree
38. Exclude
39. King ___
42. Black gum trees
44. Eternal
46. Okay
47. For
49. Kennedy & namesakes
50. Ready to fight
51. Crooked
52. Mixture
53. Passageway
54. Unsullied
55. ___ Adams
56. Copper
57. Ball holders
60. Feel awful about

