

SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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From the Heart of Pastor Bryan Bult

In Psalm 84: 7 the Psalmist sings of the blessedness of those who find their strength in the Lord. "They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion." This magnificent phrase found its way to the title of a seminar taught by Dr. Mel Wines recently at our Catawba Presbytery Senior Connect Day: "From Strength to Strength: Serving the Lord Well in the Senior Years". Though assisting with another seminar kept me from attending Dr. Wines' talk, it was well attended and enthusiastically received by seniors in attendance. I find his theme Biblically resonant and compelling. Its momentum is much in sync with the heart of Seniors Ministry, as we seek by God's grace to minister to you and with you. As we labor together, we have every reason to be refreshed and encouraged. We can trust that the Holy Spirit's sanctifying grace is at work to mold us increasingly into the image of Christ. We can be assured that his unifying grace is deepening and fortifying the bonds of fellowship among us. We can know that when we are weary and worn with the advancing years, we can keep going as we find sufficient strength in Him. We can know that He who began a good work in us will complete it till the day of Christ Jesus, so that we will, in his perfect time, appear before Him in Zion. Until then, be encouraged, friends, to serve Him well.



May/June 2023

Seniors Ministry Staff & Elders

- Rev. Bryan F. Bult Assoc. Minister to Seniors
- Janet B. Altman Seniors Ministry Coord.
- Scottie Crawford Pastoral Intern
- Joe Walker, Chair 2023 Seniors Ministry Committee
- Rick Werts 2023 Seniors Ministry Committee
- Bond Nickles 2023 Seniors Ministry Committee
- Harry Jeffcoat 2023 Seniors Ministry Committee

May Gatherings

- 1 8:00 AM Senior Men's Breakfast
- 2 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Committee
- 5 12:00 PM Lunch followed by Organ Concert
- 10 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 12 9:00 AM Church Technology for Seniors
- 22 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee
- 24 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing

June Gatherings

- 3 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast
- 6 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Committee
- 26 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee
- 28 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing
- 29 5:30 PM Bluegrass & BBQ - Encouragers & CIA



Monday, May 1

8:00 AM

Jackson Hall

Reservations needed.

Books About Biblical Worship

REFORMED WORSHIP
Terry L. Johnson

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH
Arthur W. Pink

LET US WORSHIP GOD
Derek W.H. Thomas

DOES GOD CARE
HOW WE WORSHIP?
Ligon Duncan

THE DAY GOD MADE
Glen C. Knecht

WORSHIP BY THE BOOK
D. A. Carson, Editor

WORSHIP:
THE ULTIMATE PRIORITY
John MacArthur

CALL THE SABBATH
A DELIGHT
Walter J. Chantry

SINGING TO THE LORD
D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

WORSHIP IN
SPIRIT AND TRUTH
John M. Frame

These books are available
in the church library.
The Bridge
Room 200
Check-out is for 2 weeks and
procedures are posted.
Deborah Kirkland,
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ENCOURAGERS

FELLOWSHIP | PRAYER | SERVICE
Singles 50+ Years Old

Instead of a May Breakfast...

On Friday, May 5,
we will attend lunch and the
First Friday Organ Concert.

12:00 PM Lunch: Jackson Hall
12:30 PM Concert: Sanctuary
Cost for lunch \$6.00

Lunch reservations needed.

Breakfast

Saturday, June 3

9:00 a.m. in Jackson Hall
Small Dining Room
Cost: \$5.00

Encouragers Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 10
1:00 p.m. in Jackson Hall

*No June Steering
Committee Meeting.*

2023 Encouragers Steering Committee

Lin Hunnicutt, Chairman
Bill Bates, Secretary
Joyce Green
Barbara Jowers
Camilla Thompson
Maria Van Zanen
Rev. Bryan Bult, Pastor
Janet Altman, Coordinator
Scottie Crawford, Intern



Church Technology for Seniors

Connect



Friday, May 12
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Ministry Building
Rooms 300 & 301

Learn about the First Pres app &
website, Instagram,
YouTube Channels,
FaceBook page, Sermon Audio,
Vimeo and more!

The seminar will be presented
by members of the First
Pres staff.

Ashtyn DeBessonet
Communication Strategist

Gabe Hurst
Information Technology
Director

Rebecca Milford
Discipleship & Communications
Assistant

Reservations will be accepted
through May 8 via the app or
by calling Janet at
(803) 799-9062, Ext. 550.



First Pres Is One of 49 Churches Participating in a Local Prayer Movement

First Pres has claimed the 15th of each month with a goal to have members praying in 15 or 30 minute blocks from midnight on the 14th until midnight on the 15th. We have a few time slots yet to be claimed.

The sign-up form is on our church website under the MINISTRIES tab, and then MISSIONS.

The Music Ministry of First Presbyterian Church has a variety of instrumental ensembles that assist with worship services. We'd love to have you join an ensemble!

Recorder Ensemble

Jane Nevitt, Director
(803) 312-3096

Practicing weekly throughout the year, the Recorder Ensemble plays for worship services, outreach programs, and special events. *Rehearsals on Mondays at 10:30 AM in the Ministry Building, Room 107.*



What Are We Praying?

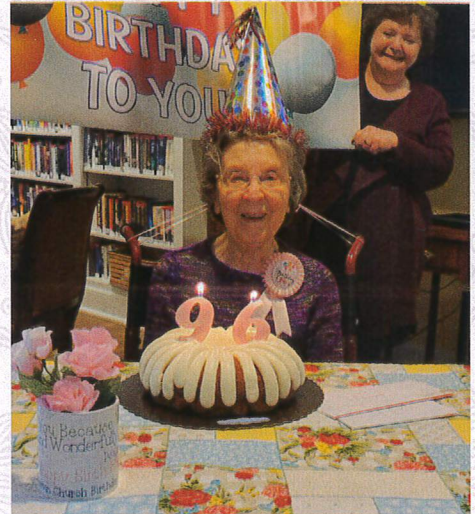
1. for unbelievers to be saved.
2. for a national spiritual awakening.
3. for the unity of the church.
4. for families.
5. for racial reconciliation.
6. for life to be valued & protected.
7. for local and national government leaders.

Cate Memorial Handbell Choir

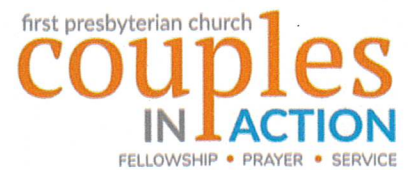
Judy Doudoukjian, Director
judydoudoukjian@gmail.com

Susan Jennings
jennings.susan.e@gmail.com

All are welcome to join this choir, which rings handbells for morning and evening worship services and outreach programs on occasion. *Rehearsals on Sundays at 4:30 PM in the Ministry Building, Room 107.*



Dot Rogers seemed to enjoy the visit of the Brigade on the occasion of her 96th. The Brigade was joined by some of Dot's family and two Laurel Crest caregivers sang a special song.



Married couples over the age of 50 (aka CIA) have gone on a forestry field trip, been kayaking, had a cookout in the country, celebrated a milestone with Derek and Rosemary, participated in supper clubs, gone bowling, and had an ice cream social. If you have a suggestion for an event, please contact Rob & Marnie Drummond, Wayne & Donna Davis, or Steve & Sara Folks.



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Save the Date
Thursday, June 29
Bluegrass & BBQ

