

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

As we celebrated our graduates this past Sunday, I was reminded that times of transition are filled with mixed emotions. There is often sadness when a season of our lives is over, but it is ameliorated by excitement about new things to come. The book of Ecclesiastes is a book that deals with the transitions of life. In the third chapter there is a discourse titled "A Time for Everything." These well-known words were even adapted into a number one billboard hit by the Byrds in 1965. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every purpose under heaven."

In our Kingdom of God sermon series we are talking about the Monarchy in the Kingdom of Israel. Next to David, the most famous of Israel's kings was Solomon, David's son and chosen successor to the throne. Evidence indicates that the book of Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon. He was a man who reached the highest heights of kingly success, but was distracted by the things of this world and lost his way. This interesting book of the Bible seems to be a reflection of Solomon's realization at the end of his life that the pursuits of the things of this world are ultimately meaningless.

One of the most instructive verses in the book is 3:14 that gives us this challenge "*I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything take from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.*" (ESV) What God does in and through our church will endure forever, but anything done in our own strength and wisdom will not have eternal significance. This does not mean that we can sit back, do nothing, and expect God to do all the work. There is much work to be done, and He chooses to use us in that work. But the key factor is that we are working according to His will, not our own.

This drives us again to prayer. Asking, begging, pleading with God to do His work at First Presbyterian. As we rely on the enduring work of Jesus on the cross and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will discover that God's work is exciting, powerful, miraculous, and life changing!

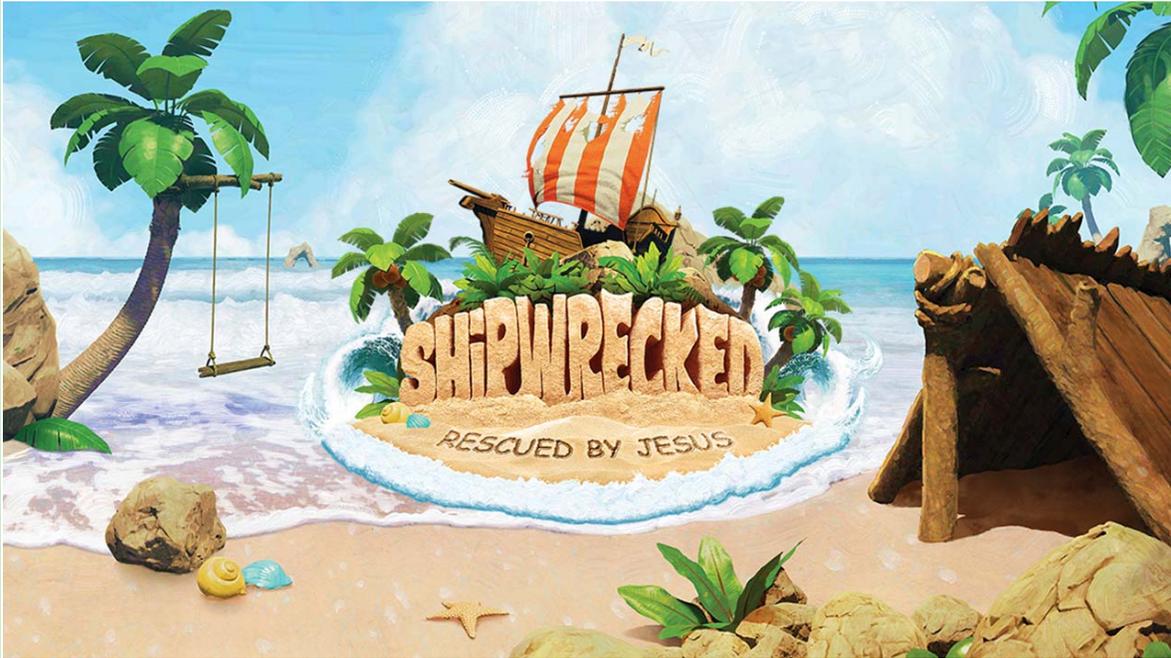
For our graduates and for our church, let us enter into this next season of life acting on this challenge from the great missionary William Carey who said "*Expect great things FROM God, Attempt great things FOR God.*"

With Great Expectation,

*Steve*

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season  
for every purpose under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

# Vacation Bible School



June 25 - 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages 3 - 11

Please fill out a registration form and return it to the church office!



Our children will take a voyage on CS Lewis' Dawn Treader this summer on select Wednesday evenings:

June 13 & 20, July 11, 18 & 25, and August 1  
6:00-8:00 PM

Ages 5-11

Drop off will be downstairs in the IB classroom.



Our first Children's Ministry trip of the summer will be on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>! We will be departing around 10:30 AM to go and see the movie *The Incredibles 2*. Cost of \$8 per child includes a movie ticket and a snack. Please sign up on the trip bulletin board or email Lauren ([lauren@fpcstanley.org](mailto:lauren@fpcstanley.org)) if you would like your children to attend.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 29**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



Join us for a night of fun and fellowship starting at 6:00 pm. We will have a hamburger and hot dog supper, water slide, dunking booth and games! We'll also have a big tent for shade! It's all FREE!!

Bring your family! ✦ Bring a friend! ✦ Bring a chair!



We still have volunteer opportunities available!



Stop by the bulletin board in the main hallway or contact the church office to volunteer.



**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR OUR**  
**UPCOMING BEST YEARS OUTINGS**

**June 21: Lunch at Rankin Lake**

Join us at Rankin Lake for lunch! The bus will depart the church parking lot at 11:30 am. We will enjoy a hotdog lunch and time of fellowship. There is seating under the shelter but feel free to bring a chair if you prefer. We will leave the park around 2:00 pm.

**July 21: NarroWay Theatre**

We will leave the church at 10:30 am for the live showing of *The Gospel According to Tennessee* at the NarroWay Theatre in Fort Mill. We will also have lunch at the show. Lunch will include Southern Fried Chicken, Homemade Macaroni and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Hot Cornbread and Butter, Country-Style Chow Chow, Homemade Blackberry Cobbler, Sweet Iced Tea or Water. ***Gluten and Vegetarian options are available but we must know in advance to notify the chef.*** Since ticket reservations are required, we are signing up for this outing now. **Deadline to sign up will be July 1.**

Look for sign-up sheets in your Sunday School class this Sunday, 6/10 and the following Sunday, 6/17. We hope you can join us for BOTH events!

*Do this in remembrance of me.*  
**Luke 22:19**



We will observe  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**  
 during the morning worship.

## MISSIONARY NEWS



### Palmer Home Team

Please pray for our 19-member Palmer Home Mission Team leaving early(6 am!) Sunday, June 10, for a week of ministry at Palmer Home for Children in Columbus, Mississippi. Team members are: Zack Bedford, Judy Billings, Luke Bynum (co-leader), Rachel Bynum, Jake Fox, Allie Grice, Ryan Grice, Mason Hamrick, Clay Harper, Debbie Harper (co-leader), Emma Harper, Mary Ruth Heffner, Jayda Killian, Grace Kopka, Bobby McCall, Bebe McMinn, Jake Teague, Tori Teague, Tracy Withers.

### A Note From Tim Barton

Dear Brothers and Sisters at FPC,

I have recently resigned as the pastor of Grace Church in Layton and will not be pursuing another call in pastoral ministry at this time. Over our fifteen years in Utah we have seen the Lord do so much in the way of conversions, spiritual growth and church planting/revitalization. It has been at times exhilarating and at others exhausting. I have considered making a vocational change for some time now even though our ministry here was growing. The reason for this change at this time is personal sin, which I committed. So, while there is no need to relive it I am taking time away from ministry for now and will be taking a job that will move us to the Raleigh, NC area.

I cannot begin to express the gratitude that Vicki and I feel towards you all. FPC is home to us. It always will be. We miss you terribly and during this transition we perhaps miss you more than ever. We have loved our time and experiences in Utah and look back with satisfaction and joy when we think of the number of people we have had the privilege of meeting and ministering to. But our time here is over now. And so we turn our focus to a future that looks bright. We will be around more often now as we have family among you and we look forward to seeing you all whenever we can.

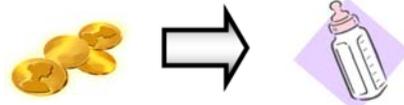
Sincerely, Tim and Vicki

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathies are extended to **Garry and Judy Lucas** in the death of Judy's mother, **Mae Davis**. Mae, along with her husband, Frank who passed away last October, worshipped with us until their declining health would not allow it. Our sympathies are extended to **Scott and Pam Burgess** as well as **Trevor and Alana Burgess** in the death of Scott's mother, **Carole Burgess**, 89, passed away June 2 at her home in Charlotte. Our Christian sympathies are also extended to **Mark and Debbie Harper** and family in the death of Debbie's **Uncle Naymon Kuykendall**. Uncle Naymon, 75, was cared for by Debbie and her siblings as he aged and experienced declining health.

Congratulations to our 2018 graduates! High school graduates are: **Jennings Black, Ryan Grice, Kindyll Killian, Tanner McMinn, Jake Teague and Justin Vinyard**. We have one college graduate, **Annalise Sotelo**.

Congratulations to **John and Britney Ludeman** on the birth of their 3rd child. **Abigail Eileen** was born May 21. She is welcomed by big sister **Sydney** and big brother **Sammy**.



**Baby Bottle Blessings**  
**"Change for Change"**

Remember to collect your change and turn in bottles on or before Sunday, June 17!

## WITH LOVING THANKS

*We thank God for surrounding us with a church family and friends to help us through this difficult time with the passing of my mom. Thank you for comforting us with visits, calls, prayers, and the meal.*

*In His name,  
Judy and Garry Lucas*

# Birthdays to Celebrate in June

17 Miriam Jessen  
18 Dalton Lawson  
19 Seth Abernathy  
21 Ruth Kerley  
25 Ethan Dake  
Heather Ormsby



28 Brandon Lawson  
Lisa Revels  
29 Mary Ruth Heffner  
Robin Mundy  
30 Melissa Clevenger

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