

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

*"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:19b-20*

In the spirit of Thanksgiving I want to pause and reflect on what I am most grateful for as a child of God, as a person, and as your Pastor. This is my bullet list of gratitude:

I am grateful as a child of God for:

- A Heavenly Father's love that endures forever.
- His Son Jesus and the redemption price paid on the cross for His beloved.
- The Holy Spirit who empowers gospel ministry.
- God's precious Word that is living and active in our lives.

I am grateful for blessings in this world:

- My beautiful partner in life and ministry, my wife Julie.
- Two amazing daughters and one wonderful son-in-law.
- A close knit extended family and the joy of having many of them in my church family.
- Friends near and far who love and encourage me.
- A beautiful creation to appreciate and explore.
- Delicious meals and baked goodies that entertain the taste buds.
- A nice comfortable pair of socks.

I am grateful for the blessings of our church:

- A leadership team that is Spirit led, loves the flock, and is committed to unity in Christ.
- A staff that is filled with faith, dedicated, talented, and trustworthy.
- A new Assistant Pastor Thad Davis and his family as they join us in God's Kingdom work.
- For new faces of those God is drawing to our body, as well as the many families whose ancestors helped shape and build our church.
- That we value and celebrate all generations from the infants being baptized, to our oldest member Helen Lieurance at 98 years young.
- For all the ministries in which you invest your lives and resources (too numerous to list), both inside and outside the church. God is using you to accomplish His purposes.
- A people with a heart for fulfilling the Great Commission of going to the ends of the earth making disciples.

Finally I am grateful to be a part of a church family that is open to pursuing God's will and ready to step out in faith as we are led by the Spirit into an exciting future. I join the apostle Paul in saying:

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6*

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Steve*



## MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR

We are excited to introduce our new **Assistant Pastor to Youth and Young Adults**. **Thad Davis** is coming to us from Charlotte, NC where he has been teaching Middle School English at Covenant Day School in Matthews for the last 8 years. Thad has also been a pastoral intern as a Minister of Discipleship at Cross Park Church (PCA) for the last several years. In addition he serves as a Chaplain in the NC Air National Guard in Charlotte. Thad brings a great blend of experience and spiritual gifting that will undoubtedly be a blessing to our church.

Thad and his wife Laura have been married for 16 years. They have two children: Lilli is 9 and in the third grade, and Koen is 4. Thad relaxes by mountain biking, woodworking, reading and camping. Laura is a supportive partner in ministry who is a web developer and runs a website solution business from their home. She has fun cooking, baking, hiking and making crafts. Lilli likes jumping on trampolines, biking and fishing. Koen is into playing with cars, Legos and soccer.

Thad will begin serving here full time in January, but will be around during the coming weeks in a transitional phase. Please be in prayer for the Davises as they pack up and move to Stanley to follow God's calling here at First Presbyterian!



**Our Children's Ministry Department**  
will present

**A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS**  
on  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
**6:00 PM**

The children are really excited about this play and they are working hard to learn their parts. Make plans to come out and support our children as they share the gospel "Charlie Brown" style.

### **Reminder to our parents...**

We will have a very important **dress rehearsal** this Sunday, **November 25**, beginning at 5:30 with supper. Please be sure your child is at this rehearsal.



## WIC NEWS

### Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner Monday, December 3 at 6:30 PM

Concert by Redeemed by Grace in sanctuary  
Dinner will follow in Founders Hall featuring a Parade of Tables

**\$5/person**

Sign-up slips are located on the table in the main hallway.  
Please place sign-up slip and money in the designated box.

**Deadline to sign up is November 26!**

WIC Council meets  
Sunday, November 25  
at 4:00 pm.

### Angel Tree Gifts

The deadline for bringing in your Angel Tree gifts is Sunday, November 25. Remember to wrap your gifts and place them in a large bag attaching the colorful angel tag including your child's number to the bag. If a gift is too large for the bag, attach the child's number to the top of the gift or in a prominent place. Place the gifts in Room 104 (next to the Parlor) no later than Sunday, November 25.

### CHRISTMAS SCENES DATES TO REMEMBER



- \* December 1: Set-up scenes (Rain date will be Dec. 8)
- \* December 9: Dinner and dress rehearsal starting at 5:15 pm
- \* December 13 - 15: Christmas Scenes will be presented from 6:30 - 8:00 pm each night.
- \* December 16: Tear down/Clean-up (Time TBD)

If you haven't signed up for a part in our annual Christmas Scenes, there are still opportunities available. Stop by the bulletin board across from the mailroom for details.


We are looking for *home baked* goods to serve in our Christmas Village. Would you be willing to bake a dozen or two cookies? If you are signed up for our women's online Sign-up Genius, you will be getting an email and you can sign-up using the link. Otherwise you can call Sandra in the church office.

We are also looking for golf carts to use during the scenes. If you have a golf cart you are willing to loan us for a few days, please contact Ronnie Smith or the church office.

### BEST YEARS CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 20, 12:00 PM

Join us for a Christmas lunch with ham, corn, sweet potato casserole, green beans, roll and a dessert. We will play games, decorate sugar cookies and even have a photo op with Santa Claus. Be sure to sign-up in Sunday School or call Sandra in the church office no later than December 3.

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Christmas Scenes Set-up 2:00 Men's Basketball 6:00 Children's Christmas Play
<i>2</i> 9:45 Congregational Mtg.  5:30 Children's Ministry Christmas Adventure 6:00 Youth, Care Groups	3 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  ←	<i>4</i>  6:30 CDC Christmas Program 6:30 Barton Care Group	<i>5</i> 10:30 Wed. AM Care Grp. Gym All Week for Christmas Scenes	<i>6</i>  6:00 AHG Awards 6:30 CE Committee Mtg.	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 7:00 Deacons' Meeting →
<i>9</i>  <i>No evening activities.</i>	<i>10</i>  6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg ←	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>  Gym All Week for Christmas Scenes	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>  Christmas Scenes 6:30 - 8:00 pm ← →	<i>15</i> →
<i>16</i> Christmas Scenes Tear Down/Clean Up(Time TBD)  <i>No evening activities.</i>	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 Facilities Comm Mtg	<i>18</i> Pre-school closed (Afterschool will be available)	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 12:00 Best Years Christmas Lunch 7:00 Session Meeting	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 2:00 Men's Basketball
<i>23</i>  <i>No evening activities.</i>	<i>24</i>  7:00 Christmas Eve Service 	25 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!</b> Church Office closed	<i>26</i> CDC (Pre-school and afterschool) closed	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 2:00 Men's Basketball
<i>30</i>  No evening activities.	<i>31</i>					

**The Stanley Community**  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**  
 will be  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DEC. 1ST AND 2ND**  
**3:00 PM EACH DAY**  
 in the sanctuary of  
**First Baptist Church Stanley, 409 Old Mt. Holly Road**



**ANNUAL SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 - 11:00 AM**

at (drop in)  
**Christ Lutheran Church, 203 S. Main Street, Stanley**

Hosted by the Stanley Police Department.

## WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

News from **Kenton and Adriana Wood** in **Mexico**: We are expanding the ministry in Rebalcito (this is where we sent a team this past summer). We are sending a doctor and his family from our Rey de Reyes Church in Guadalajara to live in Rebalcito. They will rent a house and we will remodel an area that can be used as a consulting office and a pharmacy.

Pastor **Miguel Diaz** and his wife **Pinchi** from Barrio Parque in **Peru** are making plans to visit North Carolina and Virginia in January. Please pray for all their permits to be approved without difficulty.

Good news from **Sid Druen** at Davidson College concerning his ocular melanoma – November 8: Overall, there is a lot of good news. The doctor measured the tumor, and it has shrunk 25% (the average is 10-20%), and he's confident it will shrink another 10-20% in the next 3-6 months. Also, my left eye somehow continues to be 20/20. All so encouraging! The only sad note is that it's likely my left eye's overall vision will not improve (my peripheral vision won't come back, and the radiation treatment should over the next several years affect my 20/20). All that said, the goal of the radiation treatment was to save my life, save my eye, and save my vision (in that order). Thus far and with good percentages for the future, my life, my eye, and my overall vision are intact. I am thankful to have all three, and I am thankful for your care and support during this process.

### Happy December Birthday Wishes

05 – Elijah K. (2007)	18 – Daniel J. (2009)
08 – A. J. Babel	19 – Ellie Casson (2008)
11 – Kimberly Wadhams (2004)	21 – Liviu Lepadau
12 – Marty Clark	27 – Hudson Dye (2000)
13 – Victoria Weaver (1998)	28 – Emma Wadhams (2001)
14 – Ruth Schweitzer (2013)	30 – Rita Williams



## DECEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES



### NURSERY (Volunteers should be in place at 10:00 am.)

- December 2:** **Babies:** Leslie and Kaleigh Smith  
**Toddlers:** Lee and Kristen Henderson
- December 9:** **Babies:** Josh, Melissa and Peyton Clevenger  
**Toddlers:** Stacy, Natalie and Devon Helms
- December 16:** **Babies:** Ashley and Madison Abernathy  
**Toddlers:** Lisa and Allie Grice
- December 23:** **Babies & Toddlers:** Lauren Henderson; Olivia, Jake and Ashleigh Fox
- December 30:** **Babies:** Sally Ormsby  
**Toddlers:** Lauren Henderson;  
Olivia and Ashleigh Fox

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- December 2:** Chris Graham  
**December 9:** Lauren Henderson  
**December 16:** Ryan Abernathy  
**December 23:** Steve Jessen  
**December 30:** Jimmie Mitchell

*Train a child in the way he should go, and  
when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

## WITH LOVING THANKS

*Dear, dear FPC Family,*

*Thank you all for your notes, cards, calls, flowers, meals and visits as we go through this time; but most of all, thank you for loving us and continuing to lift us up in prayer. You make it easier to persevere in trials. I'm looking forward to worshipping with you again soon.*

*Lovingly,  
Carol (and Dan) King*

## MAN DAY UPDATE



25 participants came together on November 10 to serve God with their time and talents. It was a beautiful day and we were involved in many projects including tree cutting, hedge trimming, curtain rod hanging, skylight replacing, mattress flipping, shed cleaning, fence building, window blind installing, SOAR banner repairing... just to name a few. One item that you might want to check out are the three permanent wooden crosses that were constructed for the Christmas Scenes behind the gym. We followed up our work time with a gourmet lunch of pizza and wings! Thanks to all who served, you have made a difference in God's Kingdom!

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Eloise Hamilton** suffered a broken arm after a fall. She had outpatient surgery to repair the break on November 12.

**Mason Friesenhahn** is undergoing treatment and awaiting surgery details for a very serious wound to his hand that occurred when the gun he was cleaning accidentally discharged.

After a very brief time out of the hospital, **Lynn Holcomb** was been re-admitted to Caromont Regional.

Several of our members are still receiving medical attention although they have moved since our last report. **Jimmy Abernathy** has been moved to University Hos-pital Continuing Care Unit for continued medical care. **Carol King** is at home as she continues recovery from her hip surgery. **Ellen Beam** remains at the TLC for ongoing rehab from her back surgery.

Pray for God’s comfort for one of our **SOAR families**, the **Biggerstaffs**, as they grieve for their infant son who passed away recently.



**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
AS WE CELEBRATE  
YOUTH SUNDAY!**

Our youth will have a part in assisting Pastor Steve during our Sunday worship! We hope you will be in attendance to support our youth on this special day. Joel Jessen will be delivering the message.

## OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	65,149.24
Received in October for budget .....	57,668.62
Needed to date for budget .....	651,492.40
Received to date for budget .....	715,794.55
Needed monthly for Faith Promise .....	13,156.67
Received in October for Faith Promise .....	16,185.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise .....	131,566.70
Received to date for Faith Promise .....	131,076.00

# *Birthdays to Celebrate in December*

1 Betsey Theodossiou

3 Peyton Clevenger  
Ginny Haley  
Charles Hamrick

4 Lynn Burrell  
Judy Lucas

5 Chris Abernathy  
Annalise Sotelo

7 Libby Chaney  
Harrison Revels



8 Daniel Deese  
Billy Roberts

11 London Brooks  
Ed Faggart  
Debbie Smith

12 Janet Ratchford  
Sarah Robinson  
Wren Theodossiou

14 Sharon Morton  
Torie Teague

15 Kevin Rhyne

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Senior Pastor, Steve Jessen  
Sunday School 9:00 AM • Worship 10:15 AM



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...adult classes continued...

### **20 SOMETHINGS** (anyone post high school to 29)

Room 11

Teacher: Joel Jessen

Theme: Attributes of God

Christians are called to be in a relationship with God. In order to grow in that relationship, we need to have a better understanding of who He is and what He is like. This class will look through the Scriptures to better understand and delight in the glory of God.

### **EQUIPPING MEN FOR SERVICE**

Activity Building

Teachers: Scott Deneen, Ronnie Smith

Theme: Galatians w/ Joni Erickson Tada

The Galatians had enjoyed the incredible freedom that Jesus gives us. However, "religious" people had joined the Galatian fellowship, claiming to have deeper knowledge from the ancient Scriptures, claiming to have a bigger picture than the simple good news that they had heard.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Founders Hall

Teachers: Ron Ensley, Rick Herd,  
Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell

Theme: Gospel of John

The Fellowship Class will continue studies in the Gospel of John during the winter quarter, exploring the last half of the book. Expect to hear God speaking to you in these chapters.

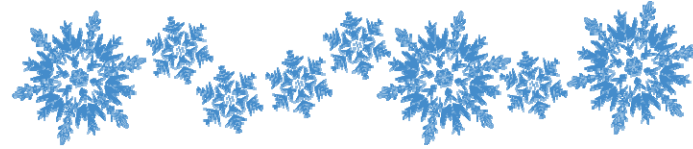
### **OPEN BIBLE**

Conference Room

Teachers: Don Hensley, Robert Rhyne

Theme: Gospel of John

There is much to learn in the gospel of John. Come, read and study the great truths found there.



### **JOURNEY**

Room 12

Teacher: Dan King

Theme: The Gospel of Mark

This careful study of the Gospel of Mark will be guided by Timothy Keller's book *King's Cross* which the class will read together. At a time when interest in Jesus has never been higher, Dr. Keller takes a deep and thought-provoking look at the life of Christ. The class will discover how Jesus' identity as king and his purpose in dying on the cross have meaning and significance not only for us as individuals but also on a cosmic scale.

### **NEW EVE**

Room 15

Teachers: S. Deneen, T. Neely, C. Rhyne, S. Wagstaff

Theme: Wednesday's Word w/ Paul Tripp

Paul Tripp is a pastor, event speaker and best-selling author whose driving passion is to connect the transforming power of Jesus Christ to everyday life. In his weekly devotional that you can receive in your e-mail inbox, he gives thoughtful teaching on a variety of ways to make this connection in your own life. The class will use the devotionals and discussion questions provided to probe more deeply and consider how we can bridge the gap between Biblical truth and life's circumstances.

### **BIBLE**

Room 119

Teacher: Chuck Jessen

Theme: The Book of Jonah

The next quarter for the Bible Class will be a study on "The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy" using as a resource the Tim Keller book by that title. "An angry prophet. A feared and loathsome enemy. A devastating storm...and a merciful God."

# Sunday School

## Winter Quarter 2018

December, January,  
February

Superintendents:

Sandy Lasley and Freida Robinson



Security Policy update will take place  
in the adult Sunday school classes  
on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Children's Ministry Director: Lauren Henderson

### **NURSERY** (Ages 0-17 months)

Room 112

Teachers: Brent & Lisa Grice, David & Donna Hill  
We seek to provide a safe environment for our smallest members. As they experience God's love through play, song, and rest when needed!



### **TODDLERS:** (Ages 18 months – 2 years)

Room 114

Teacher: Sherry Teague

Theme: God's Son

This quarter covers the birth and early years of Jesus. The students will learn how to "sight read" the word 'JESUS' during this quarter using different activities and teaching methods. The Bible stories will begin with John's birth in Luke chapter one and continue on through an angel's visit and Jesus' birth.

### **PRESCHOOL/Kindergarten:** (Ages 3, 4, 5)

Room 106

Teachers: Ellen Deese, Julie Jessen

Theme: God's Son

Stories: The wise men traveled to find the Christ child. Jesus grew into manhood and preformed many miracles. The children will be taught that Jesus cares for His children and forgives their sins. They will learn that they can follow Jesus by trusting, loving and obeying Him.

### **PRIMARY BOYS/GIRLS** (Grades 1, 2)

Room 10

Teachers: Amanda Huss, Taylor Mundy

Theme: Knowing Jesus

Our children will be studying the life of Jesus. The first unit of study, "The Coming of the Promised Savior," begins with John the Baptist. God kept His promise to His people when He sent the prophet to prepare the way of the Lord. They will learn that Jesus grew from infancy to manhood and that God was with Him in a special way. The quarter will conclude with "Believing in the Power of God's Son". Jesus has the power to GIVE LIFE!

### **GRADE SCHOOL BOYS/GIRLS:** (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Room 18

Teachers: Stacey Hall, Lauren Henderson

Theme: God's Design for Worship

Our students will study the tabernacle and what it means for God's people to live in His holy presence and worship Him. God has commands and one of them is that His presence will be central in our worship. We will show through the Old Testament that all people are guilty before God and need a Savior to pay for their sins. Because we have this Savior, we are able to worship and serve the true Christ and welcome His love and mercy.

Welcome to Sunday School



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS/GIRLS** (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Room 16-17

Teachers: Ken & Heather Dake

Theme: The King Comes

This quarter's study of the Gospel of Matthew focuses on Jesus as the covenant King promised by God in the Old Testament. After years and years of promises, the Messiah came in power to save his people. The students will examine proof that Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Messiah.

### **HIGH SCHOOL** (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Room 14

Teachers: Kristen Henderson, Lisa Revels

Jesus Changes Everything: Teenagers often feel trapped, but Jesus offers a way out. He reaches down to give life—a new path to follow. He has the power to free us from habits, redeem our relationships, and give us a new identity. It all begins by deciding to follow Him, because a life surrendered to Jesus is a life transformed.

Identity: Eric Mason compares the message the world constantly tells teens about their identity with the truths found in Scripture.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

### **NEWCOMERS (January 20 – February 24)**

Room 13

Teachers: Steve Jessen and Ministry Leaders

Theme: Introduction to First Presbyterian

This class is designed for those who may be considering membership or who would simply like to know more about First Presbyterian and the Presbyterian Church in America.

# ARMORBEARER

## Prayer Calendar – December 2018

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Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain who accompanied him in dangerous missions; they held huge shields sometimes surrounding their leader to protect him. **Intercessory prayers** by church members can **protect** their leaders from “the flaming arrows of the evil one” and uphold them “that words may be given to me [Paul] in opening my mouth boldly to **proclaim** the mystery of the gospel” (Eph 6:16, 19)

### A Prayer Prompter from God’s Word for December

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone...

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

### Pray for Pastor Steve Jessen, Pastor Dan King, Chaplain Ivan Davis (TLC)

Pray daily as the Holy Spirit guides you in thinking about, and praying for our pastors. Some suggestions for prayer are included, but pray also as you are aware of other particular needs and concerns they may have.

**Monday:** To love God with all their heart, and to love others as themselves. (Matt. 27:37-39)

**Tuesday:** To trust the Lord completely for their wisdom, so that he will direct their daily path. (Prov. 3:5,6)

**Wednesday:** To pray always, putting on the armor of the Lord to stand against the wiles of the Devil. (Eph. 6:11ff)

**Thursday:** To love their wives and manage their family in ways that honor Christ. (Eph. 5:25, I Tim. 3:4,5)

**Friday:** That God’s word will be their reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. (II Tim 3:16)

**Saturday:** To care faithfully for the flock and have compassion for lost sheep. (John 10:16, Lk. 15:4)

**Sunday:** To empower them to preach and teach the Gospel in the power of the Spirit. (Matt. 4:23, Rom. 10:15).

### Prayer for Our Ministry Leaders and Staff

Pray daily as the Holy Spirit guides you in thinking about, and praying for, our ministry leaders and staff:

**Monday:** Debbie Smith, Director, Child Development Center

**Tuesday:** Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell, Global Outreach

**Wednesday:** Lauren Henderson, Director of Christian Education and Children’s Ministry

**Thursday:** Lisa Revels, SOAR Director

**Friday:** Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant

**Saturday:** Eric Beam, Music Director

## Prayer for Our Elders and Deacons

- 1 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for my nephew and family as they are in final preparations to go onto the mission field.
- 2 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for God's direction for the new elders and deacons as they serve at FPC.
- 3 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray our Lord's blessing for an easy transition of our new pastor's family into FPC life.
- 4 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray that I would be more committed to personal prayer life.
- 5 **Will Robinson:** Pray for Rev. Thad Davis and his family as they relocate and begin ministry at FPC.
- 6 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray for good weather and a great turnout for the Christmas Scenes.
- 7 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that my upcoming knee surgery will be as successful as my first one.
- 8 **Ryan Abernathy:** Pray for the Lord's guidance and wisdom for the church leadership and our deacons as we head into 2019.
- 9 **Chris Baker:** Please pray that I look to the Lord as I start planning for the new year.
- 10 **Tommy Barton:** Pray for our faithful prayer and giving follow-through to our Missions Conference.
- 11 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that we all remember that Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas.
- 12 **Lynn Burrell:** Pray that we all take the time to remember why we really celebrate Christmas.
- 13 **Dean Chaney:** Pray for God's Spirit to bless the Christmas Scenes - "A Christmas Journey."
- 14 **Ken Dake:** Pray for our new Asst. Pastor as he begins ministry with our youth and young adults.
- 15 **Ron Ensley:** Pray for our Christmas Scenes community outreach, bless those working in this ministry, and that God would send un-churched people to hear about Jesus Christ.
- 16 **Andrew Deese:** Pray for people traveling over the holidays and people for whom the holidays can be a struggle because of the loss of loved ones.
- 17 **Ed Faggart:** Pray that I wait on God's timing for everything in my life and trust that his time and plan is best and not grow discouraged in waiting.
- 18 **Mason Friesenhahn:** Praise God that my accident wasn't worse than it was and pray that the doctors can fix my hand, and for a speedy recovery.
- 19 **Mike Gamage:** Pray that God's light shines through our volunteers this SOAR volleyball season and touches those He has prepared for His word.
- 20 **Chris Graham:** Pray for the upcoming SOAR Volleyball season, that all participants learn of Jesus and grow in their faith.
- 21 **Mark Harper:** Continue to pray for healing and little or no side-effects for my mother who has begun treatment for a mass found near her kidney.
- 22 **Rick Herd:** Pray for God's help in my continued heavy work load.
- 23 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray for guidance as I plan to retire as Missions Coordinator of FPC during the first quarter of 2019.
- 24 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray that God will touch our hearts through the Christmas Eve service.
- 25 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for Janet as she deals with some health concerns.
- 26 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray that the new officers will find their special places in the service of the Lord.
- 27 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray new work opportunities will be quickly found by all Duke Energy employees who lose their former jobs this year due to company downsizing.
- 28 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray that 2019 would be a memorable season of spiritual growth for both members and newcomers at FPC.
- 29 **Will Robinson:** Pray for the many responsibilities with family, work, and business.
- 30 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray for Debbie's nephew, Jerry Morrow, recovering from serious health issues.
- 31 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for God's guidance as we make a decision about my possible eye surgery.

### Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise for outgoing and incoming officers.
- Praise for our new Asst. Pastor, Thad Davis and his family, Laura and children Lilli and Koen.
- Praise for reaching the goal for 300+ Mission Prayer Partners, and continuing Faith Promise giving that is now beyond our 2nd tier goal.