



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rocky Mount

## First Pres News

April 2018

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Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

*Scott*

*Interim Pastor:* The Rev. Dr. Scott Solether      *Parish Associate:* The Rev. Dr. Preston Smith  
*Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator:* Lydia Wingo Kane      *Church Ministry Coordinator:* Dionne Seale  
*Financial Secretary:* Jeanne T. Shannon      *Director of Music:* Jim Smith      *Organist:* Virginia Vance  
*Sexton:* J. J. Jeffries      *Assistant Sexton & Nursery Attendant:* Charity Lodge      *Nursery Assistant:* Mary Hilliard

# Faith & Fellowship

...with First Presbyterian!



## BROWN BAG Bible Study

*Brown Bag Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon in the Session room unless otherwise*

*noted. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join in for fellowship and thoughtful biblical discussions!*



**Men's Breakfast Fellowship**  
**Tuesday**  
**April 10, 2018**  
**7:00 a.m.**

Start your day off on the right foot and gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast and thoughtful discussion. Make plans to meet at the Hardee's restaurant on Sunset Ave.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.

All are welcome for a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by a program in the Session Room at 6:45 p.m.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 4	TBA
April 11	TBA
April 18	TBA
April 25	Presentation on Covenant Homes



**Monday, April 16 at noon**  
**Church Parlor**

Join us for good food and fellowship as the Lunch Bunch gathers to break bread! We will enjoy chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit, muffins and dessert. If you are not already on the "permanent list", please notify the church office if you can attend. Faithful volunteers prepare and serve the food, and a basket is passed for contributions to offset the cost of the meal. While geared towards retirement age folks, all are welcome!



### Agape Village Luncheon

Our next intergenerational luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 22 right after church in the fellowship hall. Join Mickey and Jackie Bailey as they share an update on Apape

Village. Our menu will include fried chicken, sweet potato casseroles, corn and butter beans, deviled eggs, rolls and an assortment of pies and cakes. Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, April 19.



The Session met on March 20, 2018 at 6:30 in the Session Room and took the following action:

Approval for FPCRM to host a concert of Parts II & III of the Messiah featuring a choir of over 50 voices including choir members from local churches and the Rocky Mount Chamber Singers on April 15 where a special offering will be collected for United Community ministries. Additionally approval of up to \$1700 for the music fund to be added to a grant secured by Jim Smith from the NC Arts Council and funds from the Rocky Mount Chamber Singers to help pay for the concert.

Approval of a recommendation from the Worship Committee to serve communion on the following dates: 3-29, 4-1, 5-20, 8-5, 9-9, 10-7, 12-2, 12-24 & 1-6-19. This revision to the communion schedule is to align communion with the liturgical calendar.

Approval of a recommendation from Christian Ed. for the youth to meet at the home of Beth and John Turnage for breakfast and worship on April 15 and then for the high schoolers to remain at the Turnages and the middle schoolers to go the Winnie and Mike Gaynor's house for further meeting.

April 22, will be a great and busy day in the life of our church. Kath Tharin our Christian Education chair reported that our youth will lead us in worship that day and we will receive two newly confirmed members to our congregation. Jackie and Mickey Bailey will also be with us to share experiences from Agape Village both during worship and after worship at our April fellowship luncheon hosted by our "Church Ladies". This is a Sunday you will not want to miss.

Discussion was also had regarding wireless fire alarms, communion and usher training, and ideas for celebrating the National Day of Prayer at FPCRM on May 3. We also received a report from Clif Hayworth, chair of our Nominating Committee who is working to select officers and members of our church self study committee which will eventually become our Pastor Search Committee.

Please continue to pray for our church, the Session and the committees who serve the church. If you ever have any questions concerning any matters at church please feel free to ask an Elder and we will be happy to share more with you.

*Submitted by Mike Gaynor, Clerk*

## MAKES CENTS



Please review the below church income and expense data for the month shown. The prior month is not available as of the newsletter print date. Please call or email Jeanne Shannon in the church office with any questions.

Correction for January - expenses reported were the net total (revenue - expenses, not the total expenses)

Pledges and Loose Offering through January, 2018  
 Month - to - date \$ 177,183.69  
 Year - to - date \$ 177,183.69

Expenses through January, 2018  
 Month - to - date \$ 64,116.62  
 Year - to - date \$ 64,116.62

February Data  
 Pledges and Loose Offering through February, 2018  
 Month - to - date \$ 38,734.74  
 Year - to - date \$ 215,918.43

Expenses through February, 2018  
 Month - to - date \$ 40,900.05  
 Year - to - date \$ 105,016.67

Church office phone: 252.446.9121  
 Jeanne's email: [jeanne.shannon@fpcrm.org](mailto:jeanne.shannon@fpcrm.org)  
 Jeanne's office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:30-2:30



*Our Heritage,  
 Our Mission*  
 Capital Campaign Update

**TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE:**  
**\$1,184,095.11**  
**FUNDS RECEIVED (through 2/28/18):**  
**\$1,106,051.99**



*The church office will be closed Monday, April 2 for the Easter holiday.*



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE

With the support of First Presbyterian, I have had the opportunity over the past few months to take two amazing classes that will help me become a Certified Christian Educator in our denomination. Last October I traveled to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond to take a course on Presbyterian Polity. I did not anticipate how much I would love being immersed in The Book of Order and our Book of Confessions. It was a wonderful learning experience. In February I traveled to Union in Charlotte to learn about Worship and Sacraments. This course was another incredible learning experience that has deepened my understanding and appreciation for how we give glory to God on Sunday mornings and how that act of worship frames who we are and what we do as the body of Christ. Thank you, First Presbyterian, for supporting me in continuing my education. I am using what I am learning as I teach, talk to, and have fun with your children and youth and, of course, every time we are all together in worship.

The children and youth have been busy this spring! Some highlights from the Children's Ministry in March include collecting donations for Children's Hope Alliance, learning about communion on Maundy Thursday, and having fun at the Easter Egg Hunt. The Youth Group had an eventful month that wrapped up with hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the church. Communion, what it means and how we practice it, has been our ongoing focus during Youth Group this winter and spring. Hosting the Easter Egg Hunt gave us an opportunity to practice offering the hospitality that extends from our communion table.

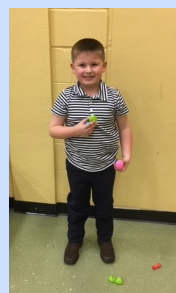
*Submitted by Lydia Wingo Kane, Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator*

*Below: FPC Children and Youth enjoying Easter Egg hunt fun on March 25.*



*Above: Parents' Afternoon Out kids celebrated "Pi" Day on March 14 and enjoyed a game of Pie Face!*

*Below: Senior High Youth enjoyed a "Fancy Dinner" out at On the Square in Tarboro on March 16. This night of fellowship celebrated their theme of communion.*



## Children's Ministry Activities in April

- 11 Parents' Afternoon Out at 4:30  
25 Parents' Afternoon Out at 4:30



## Youth Ministry Activities in April

- 1 No Youth Group (Spring Break)  
8 No Youth Group (Spring Break)  
15 Sunday morning brunch and worship at the Turnages' home from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Middle and High School Youth will meet together for a casual brunch and worship and then will split up to work on Youth Sunday planning.  
22 Youth Sunday and Confirmation—arrive at the church at 9:30 for breakfast and then practice for the worship service.  
29 Youth lunch after church



**Sunday, April 22** will be a special day for our youth here at FPC. The youth will lead worship, preach, and Abbey Lewis and Walker Rose

will be confirmed. We have three senior preachers this year: Lauren Seale, Tucker Carrier, and Thomas Griffin. Youth Sunday will be a special day to celebrate new confirmands, graduating seniors, and to see our youth leading and planning worship.



We celebrated the baptism of William Durham Renbarger on Sunday, March 11, 2018. William is the son of Brian and Catherine Durham Renbarger. His proud grandparents are Vince Durham and Mary & Lee Scott. William received a Children's Bible from the Christian Education Committee as well as a Baptism Memory Box filled with sweet notes from the children of First Presbyterian who witnessed the special event.



Vacation Bible School is June 11-15 at Church of the Good Shepherd this year. The theme is "The Adventures of David"! Children ages 3 (by June 11) through completed Grade 5 can register at

[www.goodshepherdmt.org/vbs-registration](http://www.goodshepherdmt.org/vbs-registration). Early Bird registration ends April 15 and the fee is \$15/child and maximum \$30/family. We are also looking for adult and youth volunteers! Youth and adult volunteers will also register on the Good Shepherd website. The youth registration deadline is May 21 and youth are required to attend a volunteer training in order to participate. If you would like to help, please contact Lydia.



Scholarships!

**Fountain Scholarship:** Richard T. Fountain, Jr. established a scholarship in loving memory of his wife Katherine B. "Kacky" Fountain. The purpose is to further the educational achievements of college bound applicants who have made a contribution to the life of First Presbyterian Church.

**A.P. Thorpe Endowment Fund Scholarship:** the purpose of this scholarship is to further the educational achievements of worthy young people in Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

*Applications for both are in the church office and the deadline is June 1. Questions can be directed to Sydney Phillips at [sydphillips@msn.com](mailto:sydphillips@msn.com).*





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



For more information, visit  
[www.rockymountpeacemakers.org](http://www.rockymountpeacemakers.org).

If you have large items to donate for the Peacemakers Thrift Store, simply contact Peacemakers at 252-212-5044 to schedule a pick up of items.



The Presbyterian Women will once again host a Prom Closet for local youth. We will be open April 4 and 5 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Prom Closet is located upstairs in the room next to the craft room in the Education building (across from the elevator). If you can help, please sign up on the PW bulletin board. Please help us spread the word about this mission project our church provides.



First Sunday  
Donations Needed

The following items can be brought to the narthex area of the church on the first Sunday of each month or you are welcome to drop items off anytime in the volunteer office beside the church office vestibule:

### Tar River Academy

As the students at Tar River Academy head into the last two full months of school, the following school supplies are needed: flashdrives, glue sticks, colored pencils, and new or gently used bookbags and drawstring bags. Seniors also need the following clothing items for graduation: Small, Medium, and Large black dresses (above the knee length), Small and Medium white dress shirts for boys, black pants and ties for boys, and black shoes for boys and girls. Clothing items may be placed in the blue tote labeled Tar River Academy found in the Narthex.

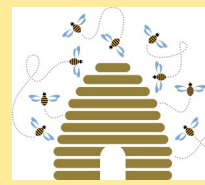
### United Community Ministries

Paper products and #10 size cans (preferred) of either vegetables or canned fruit are especially appreciated. \*\*They are especially in need of men's boxers & socks and men's and women's tennis shoes.



Volunteers are needed to serve as substitutes on occasion...

Contact the MOW office for more information at 252-446-4336.



Conetoe Family Life Center  
 Help is needed to paint/  
 assemble beehives for  
 Conetoe! Come to the  
 basement of the Church of the

Good Shepherd these dates anytime between 8:30-1:00:

Painting: April 14, 21  
 Assembly: April 28 and May 5

## Troop 7

Our younger scouts and members of the Cub Scouts WEBELOS II group went camping this month at Pamlico Sea Base located on the Pamlico River. The Sea Base is the high adventure camp for the East Carolina Council. One of our Asst. Scoutmasters had won a free weekend in one of the cabins during a fundraising raffle. The scouts were able to sleep in bunk beds, cook in a kitchen and watch the ACC tournament on the T.V. After our last campout in 9 degree wind chill this was definitely “glamping” and not camping.



We worked on knots, teamwork and were able to go kayaking and canoeing as the weather was in the 60's! The younger scouts also got their first taste of being the leaders for this event.

*Below:* Using rope and lashed poles the scouts had to “walk” a man across 25 feet.



*Above:* New scouts had to use a clove hitch, bowline and taut line to put up the banner. Sounds easy but it took over an hour to teach and complete!

*Below:* Using 8 different knots in a single line the scouts had to lift a log off the ground. (You thought the banner was hard!?)



## Covenant Homes UPDATE

- ◇ Debbie Morris, Director of Covenant Homes would like to express her gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 7 for the wonderful pancake supper that they provided for the residents there on March 19!
- ◇ Members of our church recently helped residents make Easter ornaments for their seasonal tree. Easter treats were enjoyed by all.



## Troop 55

Troop 55 is finishing their friendship badge. They delivered cookies to the Bassett Center along with the police department and are happy to announce that they had a successful, profitable sale!

## Troop 434

Troop 434 is making plans to visit Savannah, Georgia, the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts. This is made possible through our successful cookie sale! Our Journey is completed, and we will be receiving our Silver award in June.



## Presbyterian Women Update

Presbyterian Women (PW) is a churchwide organization whose membership is open to all women of the PC (USA) who choose to participate in or be supportive of the organization in any way. PW intentionally seeks the membership of women from all racial ethnic groups so that the organization reflects a vision of the whole church as a community of mutual interdependence in which diversity contributes to wholeness. PW gives strong support to the mission of the PC(USA) and determines its own leadership, program and budget. PW is organized at all levels of the PC(USA) - in congregations, presbyteries and synods as well as General Assembly. This connectional system allows ideas and information to continually flow back and forth to strengthen the work of Presbyterian Women and the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

- The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on Monday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the History Room.
- The Circle of Friends will meet on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Chris Feno with Kay Wester co-hosting. Bettie Kirkpatrick will help lead the lesson.
- The Circle of J.O.Y. will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the History Room. The Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick will lead our study, "In Community with the Hope of the Future".

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

Janice Smith, Moderator  
Diane Dixon, Vice-Moderator

Tempie Fuller, Secretary  
Frances Guerry, Historian  
Bobbi Weeks, Together in Service  
Roslyn Gragg, Circle of Friends Leader

Martha Tesoro, Treasurer  
Leigh Skeen, Spiritual Nurture  
Linda Amerson, Together in Service  
Nancy Richardson, Circle of J.O.Y Leader



### The Handcraft Ministry

will meet on  
Thursday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the  
home of Pam Gragg,  
4216 Fairhaven Dr.



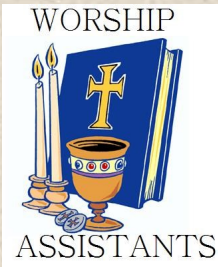
*This wonderful ministry  
provides prayer shawls,  
blankets, etc. to those in need  
of God's warmth!*



**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

Presbyterian Women in the Rocky Mount area are excitedly looking forward to seeing you here at the Spring Birthday Gathering! The event will mark the 30th anniversary of PW. That means a few changes to the annual gathering schedule. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.; call to order at 10:00 a.m.; brunch will be served at 11:30, and the business meeting will follow. Then it will be birthday celebration time! PW Executive Director Susan Jackson Dowd will be the keynote speaker. Come and worship & celebrate with PW from all over New Hope Presbytery.





*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,  
serve one another  
with whatever gift each of you has received.”  
1 Peter 4:10*

**April 1, 2018 *Easter Sunday***

*\*Communion will be served by trays\**

*All are invited to bring fresh flowers to “flower the cross” located outside the sanctuary entrance.*

Head Usher: Jay Gardner

Ushers: Clif Hayworth, Stephanie Hayworth, Walt Wiggins, Cleve Wiggins

Greeter: Mike Braswell

Liturgist: Preston Smith

Children’s Sermon: Lydia Wingo Kane

Acolytes: Walker Rose and Mari Robin Tharin

Nursery Helper: Lydia Wingo Kane

Communion Preparers: Marianne Farris, Kate Tharin, Clif Hayworth

Communion Servers: Linda Amerson, Joe Brown, Lige Daughtridge, David Farris, Marianne Farris, Clif Hayworth, Nancy Richardson, Kim Sutton, Kate Tharin, Wicky Thorpe, Andy Warner, Cleve Wiggins

**April 8, 2018**

Head Usher: John Turnage

Ushers: Steve Rowe, Lisa Rowe, Graham Turnage, Beth Turnage

Greeter: Mike Braswell

Liturgist: Janice Smith

Children’s Sermon: Marianne Farris

Nursery Helper: Stephen Chesnutt

**April 15, 2018**

Head Usher: Randy Adams

Ushers: Sally Adams, Marie Kem, Ike Amerson, Linda Amerson

Greeters: Winnie and Britt Gaynor

Liturgist: John Etheredge

Children’s Sermon: Jim Lilley

Nursery Helper: Liz Woodard

**April 22, 2018 *Youth Sunday***

Head Usher: Mike Gaynor

Ushers, Greeters, Children’s Sermon: FPC Youth

Nursery Helper: Martha Chesnutt

**April 29, 2018**

Head Usher: Rob Barnhill

Ushers: Edward Barnhill, Bea Barnhill, Michael Mosley, Anne Mosley

Greeter: Chrissy, Nan and Margaret Barnhill

Liturgist: Samuel Phillips

Children’s Sermon: Lydia Wingo Kane

Nursery Helper: Jay Gardner

# Keeping in touch...

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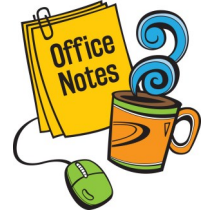


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**Contact Information Updates:** Kindly notify Dionne Seale in the church office at 252-446-9121 or [dionne.seale@fpcrm.org](mailto:dionne.seale@fpcrm.org) of any email, address, or phone number changes so we can keep our database up to date.



*Unless otherwise posted, our office hours are Monday—Thursday from 9:00-5:00 p.m. Please contact the church in advance should you need access to the building during non-office hours.*

Frances Guerry brought us a beautiful vase of flowers from the sanctuary last week. They were beautiful and lasted more than a week. Earl and I thank you for thinking of us. We appreciate your calls, cards, and flowers. We miss all of you and hope one day to be there with you for worship.

Love to all of you,  
Earl and Phyllis Goodwin

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,  
Thank you for the wonderful cake delivered to us Saturday afternoon. It was simply lovely and delicious.

We are truly blessed to be remembered by our wonderful "family".

Thank you for all your many ministries.

Les and Marie Mullins

Dear Presbyterian Women,  
Thank you for supporting IMA World Health with your donation of two medical kits. Our mission over the years has been to create a world where there is enough health, healing and well-being for all. Your support for many years has been very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Hackworth  
IMA World Health

Dear Friends,  
Your caring words and thoughtful actions have warmed my heart and those of Michael's family members. I appreciate so much the uplifting service celebrating his life, the lovely luncheon, the greenery arrangement for the service, as well as the gifts of bouquets from Sunday services, food, prayers, and encouraging messages on your cards.

You have brought reminders of love and God's grace into a time when the sense of loss prevailed. Michael and I have always loved the First Church family and valued being a part of this wonderful community of faith.

In Christ's love,  
Bettie Kirkpatrick

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Our family extends their most sincere thanks and appreciation to so many "angels" that have shown love and support over the years to our father "Bud" Hagler. He loved the Church and felt very much at home there. From Hannah Diedrick's beautiful birthday cakes to the precious prayer blanket by Frances Guerry and finally thinking of his family with comforting food after his passing. What a blessing you all are.

All our love,  
Lana Winberger, Lisa Rodgers, Laurie Graham, Mary Bess Simmons, Suzanne Hinman, Billy Hagler

Dear Church Family,  
Community of faith is astounding! I was delightfully surprised when Laura and David delivered such a beautiful vase of church flowers. Thank you for caring and for your thoughtfulness. Most important, our son Matt, L.M. and I are very grateful for your continued prayers for Logan. You have touched our hearts and lifted our spirits. We are truly blessed to be in your midst.

With love,  
Margaret Barnes

My Church Friends,  
At the end of February I went to the First Presbyterian office to tell Dionne that it scared me, but I thought it was time to get off the Prayer List. Oh well! My basket, once again, is filling up with beautiful cards and prayers filled with love. Oh, I so much believe in all the prayers and concern you are sending my way. Last Monday, our angel, Laura Dudley, came to our home with the flowers that blessed the church the day before. I am improving daily, but it has been rough because of all the previous health events that have happened. I am trying hard to get this monkey off my back, and with my church friends, I can do this.

Love and blessings to you all,  
Bobbi Weeks



Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to honor someone or mark a special occasion in the coming year, please sign up by the date you prefer on the flower chart that is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Dionne Seale can place the order on your behalf at a cost of \$75 that will be billed to you or contact her for names of approved floral arrangers that you can contact and pay directly. The following dates are available for flowers to be placed in the sanctuary:

April 8, 29  
May 6, 13, 20, 27



- ◆ Our love and sympathy is extended to Sandra Drum upon the death of her father, Roger A. Michailoff, on March 4, 2018.
- ◆ Our condolences are also extended to Joanne Hagler and family upon the death of Angus W. (Bud) Hagler, Sr. on March 8, 2018.



Kimberly and Matthew Feno, and big sister Millie Kate of McMinnville, Tennessee announce the birth of a second daughter, Piper Ward Feno, born March 8, 2018. Piper's proud grandparents are Chris and Jerry Feno.

#### Communications Deadlines

- We publish the "First Pres" newsletter monthly. The newsletter is either emailed or a hard copy can be mailed to those without email. The deadline to submit information is the third Thursday of each month.
- The weekly email update is sent out via Constant Contact on Wednesday afternoon. The deadline for information is noon on Wednesday.
- The church bulletin is printed on Thursday afternoon. The deadline for information is noon on Thursday.



*Our thoughts and prayers are with...*

THE FOUNTAINS AT THE ALBEMARLE—  
Tarboro

- ▶ Tom Dill

CARDINAL AT NORTH HILLS—Raleigh

- ▶ Dick Fountain

TWIN LAKES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY—  
Burlington

- ▶ Liz Cole

HOMESTEAD HILL—Winston-Salem

- ▶ Nancy Liipfert

BRADLEY CREEK—Wilmington

- ▶ Gerry Gardner

BROOKDALE—Rocky Mount

- ▶ Lila Michael

#### *ADDITIONAL CONCERNS*

Logan Barnes  
Mayo & Jean Boddie  
Miley "Mike" Braswell  
Janet Cooper (mother of Elizabeth Rose)  
Augusta Daniel  
Geraldine Donnell (sister of Janice Smith)  
Si Fuller  
Earl and Phyllis Goodwin  
Richard Gragg  
Wilda Jenkins  
John McInnis (Mary Perry's brother)  
Georgia Mixon  
Gerry Niece (friend of the church)  
Anne Wilgus Podesta  
Evelyn Reese  
Blanche Robinson  
Jean Rowe (Steve Rowe's mother)  
Maida Sessoms  
Nancy Smith (mother of Jeannie Lane)  
Alice Watson (daughter-in-law of Mary Watson)  
Bobbi Weeks  
Susan Yenney





Plan to attend a performance of Parts II and III of Handel's "Messiah" in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, April 15th at 4:00. The performance will include soloists, a chamber orchestra, and a chorus of approximately 50 voices comprised of members of our Chancel Choir, the Rocky Mount Chamber Choir, members of the Salvation and Deliverance Church Choir, and several singers from the community. The performance will be free and open to the public. An offering will be received to benefit Rocky Mount's Bassett Center.

The familiar Part I, which is often referred to as the "Christmas Portion" and has been presented here several times, speaks of the Messiah's coming and his birth as predicted by the Old Testament prophets. Although it is customary to conclude the Christmas Portion with the well known "Hallelujah" chorus, this chorus actually concludes Part II, which covers Christ's passion and his death, resurrection and ascension. Part III speaks of the promise of redemption, followed by a prediction of the day of judgement, and ending with the final victory over death.

Scheduled for two weeks after Easter, it is my hope that you will find this performance to be very meaningful and uplifting.

## Early Spring Luncheon

**Thanks to all that set up, prepared food and cleaned up on March 11! A special thanks to Clif Hayworth on his presentation from the Special Gifts Committee. We served 65 members of our church and sent home 5 meals to shut-ins. A good time was had by all!**

