



September 2023



See You In September . . .

***Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,
just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11***

When I was growing up, one of my favorite songs was the classic pop song, *See You In September*. It was originally released by a group called The Tempos, then re-released and gained more popularity as a version by The Happenings. But, the original version had a resurgence when it was included in the soundtrack of the classic movie, *American Graffiti*. The song speaks about a longing to see a loved one. Specifically, it speaks about a romance put on hold for the summer and the singer's concern that his loved one might be lost to a summer love. But, hope abounds because the chorus repeats that he will see his love in September.

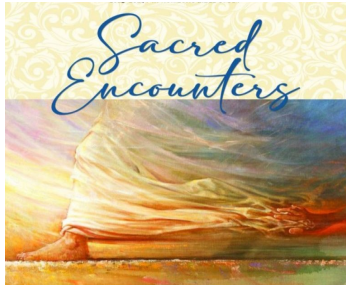
There's something catchy about that phrase, See you in September. September typically offers opportunities for reconnection or new beginnings, even now when school starts back in August. In September, many groups - church, school, and sports - resume and we are getting back into routines after the more relaxed schedules of summer.

This is also an opportunity to renew or begin anew a relationship with Christ and this community. Our small groups are resuming and children and youth activities begin again. Our worship focus is on building stronger relationships with Christ and our mission focus is building stronger relationships in this community.

We are all called to encourage one another and to build up one another. To do this, we need to come together and find ways to grow in Christ and as a community. I invite you to find one way you can do both - grow in Christ and in this community, building up one another and our commitment to be the body of Christ.

There are many ways to do that - from our small groups, to mission opportunities, to being a part of worship. There is a list of those small group opportunities on the website and in this Loveletter. Or, reach out and speak with me or one of our Elders about opportunities. I would love to get a cup of coffee (tea for me) with you or chat in my office. Just give us a call and I would love to meet with you. I hope to see you in September as we all seek to encourage one another and build one another up, just as we are doing.

Pastor Leigh



Please join us
Thursday, September 7th at 10:30 AM
in the Cornerstone
Room as we begin
this year's Women's
Bible Study. We will

be using the PW/

Horizons study entitled "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." Books are available in the church office for \$10. We look forward to you joining us the first Thursday of every month for this study.



Calling All Young Singers!

The new FPC Children's Choir (1st-5th grades) is forming for the Fall.

There is an informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall for all families who may be interested in participating. This is a VERY IMPORTANT meeting and we will be praying and talking about both interest and availability/scheduling for this opportunity. For more information, contact the church office.

On Sunday, September 17, following worship, Faith Development will host a symposium on "Exploring Grief," to be facilitated by Frank Weathersby. Interested adults should contact Pastor Leigh Jones, Frank Weathersby, or Jean Gilliland. A light lunch of sub sandwiches from Publix will be served. Information on resources and services related to the grieving process will be offered. All adults are welcome. Please let us know if child-care is needed.

This is a special thanks to all at First Presbyterian
Church of Cartersville...

*We both feel truly blessed to be a part of the
music program at First Presbyterian, and look forward
to many memorable moments in the future. Thanks to
all for the warm welcome and support we have re-
ceived!*

With God's Blessing,

Fred and Alice Drifmeyer

Small Group Opportunities

Sunday Mornings

Cornerstone Class, 10:00 AM in the Cornerstone Room, studying Acts

CE Building Class, 10:00 AM on the 2nd floor of the CE building, studying the Lectionary, suggested Scripture readings for each week.

Children and Youth Activities, 10:00 AM, in the Christian Education building

Youth Group, Sundays, 4:00-6:30 PM, Dinner included (volunteers needed to provide food - contact Andrea Roche, Director of Children and Youth)

1st Sunday of the month - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

5:45-6:30 PM, Coffee House Bible Study at Noble & Main

Thursdays

1st Thursday of the month - 10:30-11:30 AM Women's Bible Study Group (Cornerstone)

2nd Thursday of the month - 7:00-8:00 PM, 12 Women of the Bible Study (Cornerstone)

3rd Thursday of the month - 6:30 PM, Ladies Night Out

4th Thursday of the month - 10:30AM-12:00 PM, Book Club (Cornerstone)

Don't Forget the Exploring Grief Group September 17th 12:00 Noon (Cornerstone)

For More Information: Jean Gilliland, Faith Development Elder

Mission Opportunities

Friendship Table

Volunteers and donations needed
Every Tuesday evening, 4:30-6:00 PM (cooking and set up) and 6:00-7:00 PM (serving and clean-up).

For more information - Rick Shireman, Deacon, Friendship Table Coordinator

Sunday, September 24th 4:00 PM,

Good Neighbor Cook-Out

Volunteers and donations needed.
For more information-Betty Dundee,
Mission Elder

From the Session:

Following are the highlights from the 8/15/2023 Session Meeting:

1. Garey Wilkins was hired for Janitorial Services under a trial period on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the Pre-School Board. Garey's duties will extend to the 2nd Floor Educational Building and 'as needed' for other functions/activities.
2. Rich Gaffoglio reported that Lindsay Scoggins has resigned as Pre-School Director and Jennifer Graves has been hired to replace Lindsay. Kerri Vessels has been hired as a kindergarten teacher.
3. Sonya Noble has agreed to serve a 1-Year Term on the Pre-School Board.
4. Suzanne Collins reported that a program is being planned on advance directives/wills.
5. Jean Gilliland reported that Sunday School will resume 9/10/2023 with a kickoff event.
6. Paul Green provided the Session with a list of 'issues' that include (a) Education Building HVAC, and (b) Security System.
7. Mark Bridges reported that FPC is in good financial shape but with two clouds on the horizon: Education Building HVAC replacement and Security System replacement.
8. The Session approved the 12 Month renewal of our FNB of Dalton Line of Credit.
9. The Fall Stewardship will begin 10/1/2023 with dedication Sunday on 10/15/2023.
10. Peter Olson reported from the Endowment Committee that 2022 Interest of \$10,043 is payable in 2023 and is available for Missions.
11. Robert Sims reported and the Session approved the terms of call for Jim Stanley (Director of Music) and Fred Drifmeyer (Organist/Accompanist).
12. Pastor Leigh announced a Session Visioning Retreat on 11/4/2023. The incoming class of new officers will be examined at the 9/19/2023 Session Meeting.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of
CARTERSVILLE BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, September 13

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Gathering Space

All presenting donors will receive a COOL T-SHIRT

For more information, to schedule an appointment,
& to do RAPIDPASS, go to www.redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville

Community Needs - Friendship Table's Shopping Cart will continue to be outside the Sanctuary with an emphasis on canned fruit, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, and cookies.

**Mission Opportunity - Cookout with
Good Neighbor Families - September 24**

Volunteers and donations needed. For more information contact Betty Dundee, Mission Elder

**MEN'S MONTHLY
BREAKFAST - Sunday,
September 3rd at 9am** in
the Fellowship Hall Come
and enjoy good food and
conversation. All men are invited.



Ladies Night Out At El Charro

700 Douthitt Ferry Rd.

September 21st

6:30 – 8:00pm

All ages are welcome to participate!



FPC Book Club

September 28

at 10:30am

Cornerstone Room

The book selection this month is
West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Come
join us. Everyone is welcome.



Current enrollment: Total: 91

Nursery and Toddlers 11 2 year olds 29

3 year olds 27 Pre-K 17 Kindergarten 7

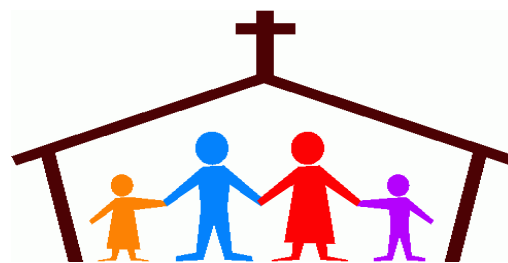
We have enjoyed an exciting first few weeks at preschool! We've loved welcoming our new and returning families back to school. All our ladies at FPP thoroughly enjoyed worshipping together and having a delicious lunch at FPC before beginning our Open House. Thank you for having us and praying for us! Thank you, to the FPC family for feeding the preschool staff before Open House. Our Open House and First Day of School were both great successes.

Thank you to the Properties Committee and others who made sure our preschool looked amazing! Thank you for helping with the air conditioning, making sure the playground was spruced up, cleaning up our throw away piles, fixing all our items on our To-Do-List, etc. Thank you to every church member who contributes to, prays for, and supports our preschool. We are so very honored to be blessed and supported by you! Our entire staff is beyond grateful to be a part of the church's ministries!

Coming up we will be honoring grandparents in September with a special time that they are available to have snack and a visit to the Book Fair with their grandchild. We will also have our 2 and 3 year olds visit the fire station and the firemen will bring the firetruck and Fire Safety House to our campus for the 4 year olds and Kindergarten students. We're looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Yours in Christ, *Jennifer*

First Presbyterian Pre-School



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Sept. 4 – Labor Day
(No School)

Sept. 18–22, Scholastic Book
Fair/Grandparent's Week





Youth & Children Texting/Communication

Flocknote is the texting app we use to communicate with youth & parents. A texting group for parents of our Elementary aged children is being created. If you would like to be put on either list to stay up to date on our children and/or youth events and events for the whole congregation, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org or text her at 678-910-6026 to sign up.

Have you been thinking about and praying about teaching Sunday School this year at FPC?

We could really use your help. Teachers are needed for all ages. If you can teach once or twice a month, or teach for a whole month at a time (rotating months with another leader), or if you want to be a substitute SS teacher, let Andrea know. We will find a perfect place for you! If you feel called to teach our children or youth this year, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org or Jean Gilliland, Chair of the Faith Development Committee.



Sunday School for Children & Youth begins September 10th at 10 a.m.

Youth Group

We will begin our Sunday afternoon Youth Group on Sunday, Sept. 10. A full calendar of youth events through December will be sent out via our Constant Contact and Texting system soon. Be on the lookout for that. If you are not receiving our Youth emails or texts, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org to be added to the lists.

Youth Group Dinners

We need help providing dinners for our youth during Youth Group on Sunday nights. Anyone, any group, any family is invited to sign up to prepare, cook, & serve dinner for our youth group one Sunday evening. It doesn't have to be a fancy meal. Delicious meals we have had in the past: Breakfast for Dinner, Pasta Bar, Publix subs, southern cooking (with Zaxby's chicken), and a Taco Bar.

To sign up for a date or for more information contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Dates available: Sept. 10, Sept. 17 (+Children event), Oct. 1, Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Dec. 10

Save the Date: Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat October 28 Put Saturday, Oct. 28 on your calendar for our Fall Festival. More information and a Sign-up Genius will be sent out in September asking for help with face painting, decorating a trunk & passing out candy, leading games, etc.



Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze & Haunted Maze - Saturday, September 30

RSVPs are required by Sept. 26, so tickets can be purchased ahead of time.

On Saturday, Sept. 30 the youth will be going to [Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze](https://www.uncleshucks.com) & Haunted Maze in Dawsonville, weather permitting. We will leave the church parking lot at 4 p.m. and return around 10-11 p.m. Invite friends! Cost is \$25 and includes the corn maze, haunted trail, corn cannon, wagon rides, bonfire with marshmallows, goat walk, etc. Bring extra money for dinner, buying pumpkins, funnel cakes, etc.

We will need some adults to chaperone/drive as well. Let Andrea know if you want to join us.

Cost is \$25 – Pay by Cash, check, or online – memo Youth Corn Maze - <https://cartersvillepres.org/give/>

Youth Group September Calendar

5 (Tues) – Friendship Table – Help needed anytime between 4:30-7 p.m.

10 – Sunday School Kickoff for Children & Youth – 10 a.m.

10 – Youth Group Kick Off (4-6:30, Dinner included)

17 – Youth Group + Dinner + Children (4-6:30)

24 – Mission Opportunity – Cookout with Good Neighbor Families

30 – Youth Trip to the Corn Maze – RSVPs Required

September Birthdays

1	Heather Pullen	13	Sam Godfrey
1	Bailey Campbell	14	Lisa Morrison
2	Jane Dysart	18	Lee Davis
2	Zach McAlexander	19	Mike Stodgall
3	Hayden James	22	Jenny Brannan
5	Sam Sullins	23	Martha Choate
6	Rebecca Carr	24	John Panter
7	Sonya Noble	26	Sheilah Simons
7	Amy Bergman	29	Karen Anderson
10	Mary Barnes	29	Caroline Morrison
10	Candler Ginn	30	Cynthia Ball
10	Jackson Farnon		
12	Will Noble		
12	Amelia Jones		
12	Olivia Whatley		
13	Tracey Baker		
13	Ben Bridges		
13	Grey Olson		
13	Judd Bailey		



In September Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Becky Ferguson, DeDe Hatfield (Preschool), Paige Lathem (Preschool)

Officers: Mark Bridges (Session), Sheilah Simons (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Care Ministry

Families: September 1-7: John and Lori Cummings (Jack, Maggie), Norman Daugherty, Bill and Marilynn Devine, Blake and Jean Dudley (Ethan), David and Betty Dundee

September 8-14: Jane Dysart, Randy and Sharon Ellis (Alaina), Nannette Enloe, Kathy Farnon, Matt and Jessica Farnon (Jackson, Audrey)

September 15-21: Vernon and Becky Ferguson, Bonnie Floyd, Walt Floyd and Sunny Brown, Rich and Rhonda Gaffoglio, Trey and Beth Gaines (Margaret and Meredith)

September 22-30: Jessica Gardner (Patrick), Mark and Veletta Gebert, Betty Gilbert, Jean Gililand, Mary Gilreath

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Jennifer Graves, preschool director

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September Calendar

September 3

9:00am - Men's Monthly Breakfast

September 4

Labor Day Holiday - Church office closed

No Preschool

September 5

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

September 7

10:30am - *Sacred Encounters* Women's Bible Study

September 10

10:00am - Sunday School for All Ages resumes

September 11

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

September 13

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

September 14

7:00pm - 12 Women of the Bible Study

September 17

12:00pm - Exploring Grief Symposium

September 18 - 22

Preschool Book Fair Week

September 18

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

September 19

7:00pm - Session Meeting

September 21

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out/El Charro

September 24

9:15am - Children's Choir Informational Meeting
Mission Opportunity/Cookout with Good Neighbor

September 25

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

September 28

10:30am - FPC Book Club

September 30

4:00pm - Youth Trip to Corn Maze

Weekly Prayer Group

September 6, 13, 20, 27

11:30am - Wednesday Prayer Group/Prayer Room

5:45pm - Coffee House Bible Study at
Noble & Main

