



August 2024

## **Beyond “*Beyond the Bumper Sticker*”**

*Tune your ears to the world of Wisdom;  
set your heart on a life of Understanding.  
That’s right—if you make Insight your priority,  
and won’t take no for an answer,  
Searching for it like a prospector panning for gold,  
like an adventurer on a treasure hunt,  
Believe me, before you know it Fear-of-God will be yours;  
you’ll have come upon the Knowledge of God.  
(Proverbs 2:1-5, The Message)*

Our summer sermon series, *Beyond the Bumper Sticker*, is drawing to a close, but are there ways we can live into the series beyond the month of July? We can always keep an eye out for a clever bumper sticker! But, we can also prayerfully seek to model some of the practices we reflected on in the past month.

We can continue to look beyond the one line or even one passage. There is a wealth of depth in just a single line of God’s Word, but there’s also more beyond any one line. Next time you are praying about or reflecting on a line of Scripture or even a passage, consider how you might look beyond it. What are the passages that come before and after? Around when was the book written and by whom and for whom? What were the circumstances around the writing of the book? How are those circumstances similar to or different from our circumstances today?

These insights can help us consider Scripture from a broader perspective and learn more about how God’s Word speaks to us today. As our Fall ministries begin to roll out, there are many ways to continue to tune our ears to God’s wisdom - from Adult small groups to our children’s ministries to our Fall Retreat, from worship to service, I invite all of us to find ways to go beyond and look deeper into God’s word and will for our lives.

*Pastor Leigh*

**Faith Development Upcoming Dates**

- ◆ **Monday, August 5, 7 PM** Faith Development Meeting
- ◆ **Sunday, August 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Adult Sunday School classes resume.  
--The Cornerstone Class will be reading *Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths*, by Adam Hamilton.  
--A new Sunday School class will begin listening to and discussing the sermons of R.C. Sproul. This class will be led by Phil Bridges.
- ◆ **Children's Sunday School** will resume on September 8 with a special kick-off event. Watch for details!
- ◆ **Coffee Shop Theology** is taking a break in August, and will resume on a date TBD. Watch for details in the worship bulletin and September Loveletter.
- ◆ **The Thursday evening Bible study** is taking a break in August, and will tentatively resume on a monthly basis beginning in September. Watch for details in the worship bulletin and the September Loveletter.

**Fall Retreat Reminder!** Anyone interested in joining our Spiritual Retreat/Mission Trip to the North Georgia Mission Lodge on October 11-13, please contact Jean Gilliland or Jenny Brannan. Seven overnight slots are still available! The cost is \$100 for overnight on Friday and/or Saturday and includes the Friday night meal and Saturday sack lunch.



**FPC Book Club  
August 22 at 10:30am  
Cornerstone Room**

Our selection for the next book club meeting is The Bumpy Road: Farm Life in the Great Depression, by Quentin F. Veit and Ellen M. Meyer. Come join us. Everyone is welcome.



**Resumes August 4th at 10:00 AM**

**Cornerstone Class**

We will be studying *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton. We plan to have representatives of other major religions as guests to share their beliefs. Books are available for purchase on Amazon and Thrift Books but are not required.

**New Class Adult Class**

**Meeting in Room 114 (next to Children's Library)**

We will be listening to and studying sermons by Dr. R. C. Sproul of Ligonier Ministries.

**August class schedule**

- 8/4 - "A Jewish Look at Jesus" Matthew 1: 1-17
- 8/11 - "The Birth of Jesus" Matthew 1: 18-25
- 8/18 - "Visit of the Magi" Matthew 2: 1-12
- 8/25 - "The Slaughter of the Innocents" Matthew 2: 13-18



**The 2024-25 PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* will begin on Thursday, September 5 at 10:30 AM in the Cornerstone Room.**

This study, with emphasis on creation care, social justice and environmental justice, will meet the first Thursday of each month September-May. There will be a time of scripture, study of the lesson, and guest speakers who will add local interest. "We are called to care for creation because the earth and its members belong to God as well as a healthy creation sustains human well-being" according to the study author, Patricia K. Tull. Study books can be purchased in the church office for \$10. Please join us on September 5 at 10:30.

### *From the Session:*

- On July 21, the Session welcomed Celeste and Tom Green, Linda Boynton and Jaycee Fonceca into church membership.
- The Session approved the use of the church Cornerstone Room on Friday nights by an addiction support group.

Brothers and Sisters!

Scott Johnson here, sometimes-Electronic Ministry Coordinator at FPC.



If you aren't already aware, we are making a transition from streaming worship on Facebook to streaming worship on YouTube in August. But we need your help! Please follow us on YouTube, hit the subscribe button @cartersvillepres

In other electronic ministry news: in case you missed it, we launched an Instagram page a few months back! Drop a follow there if that's your primary platform and be sure to send any pics you want posted to the staff. @fpccartersville (pending retrieval of @cartersvillepres from a former account)

Thanks for reading, and let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions!

Blessings, Scott



**The men's breakfast group will start back on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.** We are happy to announce that our guest speaker for this breakfast will be coach Conor Foster, head coach of the Cartersville High School Purple Hurricanes. Coach Foster will give us an overview of the Purple Hurricane football program and maybe some insight into the Hurricane 2024 season. Coach Foster grew up in the First Presbyterian Church and let's all welcome him back home.



### **Ladies Night Out**

**Thursday, August 15 at 6:00pm**

**At Okinawa, 1010 North Tennessee St.**

**We hope everyone can join us!**

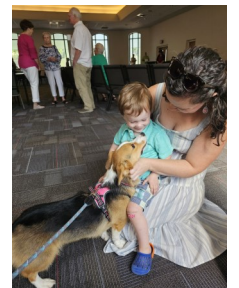
### **Community**

#### **Learning and Growing in the ways we serve**



Thank you to all who welcomed representatives from some of our ministry partners in the month of July and to those ministry partners who shared. If you would like to learn more about any of those who shared

or any of our other ministry partners, contact any member of our Mission Committee. The ministry partners who we learned more about in July are: Advocates for Children (Thrive and Children's Shelter); Hickory Log Home for Men; Live2540; Presbyterian Paws; and Thornwell.



### **Friendship Table Food Drive**

**We are in need of individual fruit cups and cookies.** The shopping cart will be outside the Sanctuary for donations.

Again, thank you as a congregation for always being supportive of this ministry.





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It's almost time for another great school year to begin at the

~ **First Presbyterian Church Preschool** ~

**Open House: Friday, August 16th** from 4:00-6:00 pm

**First Day of School** for 2 and 5 Day Classes: **Monday, August 19**

**First Day of School** for 3 Day Classes: **Wednesday, August 21**



Our preschool currently has 96 students for the 2024-2025 school year! We have 3 more slots to fill in Pre-K so we will have a full preschool!



*We have hired a few new teachers this year!*

*Sherry Ellis will be teaching one of our 5-Day, 3-Year-Old classes this year. Sherry has taught in Hall County as a paraprofessional and as a church Pre-K teacher in South Carolina. Allie Garner will join our pre-school family as a teacher in the nursery. Allie is the parent of a former student of our pre-school and a mother of 3. Carol Tanner is returning to our preschool as an Assistant. Last year, she was one our most beloved and dedicated substitute teachers. The year prior, she taught in one of our 2 year old classes. We are so thankful God has provided us with a full preschool and an amazing staff to teach our little ones! God is great and He always provides!*





**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](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) or Jean Gilliland, Chair of the Faith Development Committee.

**Sunday, September 8: Kick Off Sunday**

Children’s Choir at 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School for All ages at 10 a.m.



**VBS at FPC**

We had a wonderful time with Camp Firelight at VBS last month, partnering with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who made our VBS week an amazing adventure. We could not have done it with-

out all of those fun, hardworking youth and adults who created an exciting week for the children who came to VBS.

The kids got to explore Bible stories, play games, create crafts, experiment with science, eat tasty snacks, and sing and dance all week long!! We even had a visit from Smokey Bear and rangers from the Georgia Forestry Commission.



**Youth & Young Adult Lake Day**  
**Sunday, August 4 (after church)**

Join us for an end of summer celebration & a fun afternoon together before some go off to college. All youth & young adults are invited to Lake Allatoona for an afternoon at the Roche Family Floating House. Swimming, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, etc. Lunch & drinks provided. Friends are welcome! **RSVPs are REQUIRED.**

Email or text Andrea to RSVP.

Contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org)



**Middle School Montreat**

We had a great time at the Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 17-21. We explored the theme of “In the Middle of it All,” enjoyed being together,

made new friends, and deepened our relationship with God. Meredith Gaines was on the conference Work Crew, so we also got to spend time with her as well. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were there. We really appreciate all of you!



## *August Birthdays*

1	Debra Tatum	22	Nancy Kelly
1	Abby Allen	25	Peggy White
3	Lois Hill	29	Wren Russell
3	Betty Dundee	31	Hunter James
9	Zim Choate		
10	George Crim		
10	John Waters		
12	Sam Wilson		
13	Rich Gaffoglio		
14	Ellie Johnson		
14	Gracie Meckley		
15	Earl Williamson		
15	Faith Burke		
16	Matt Bailey		
16	Andrea Roche		
17	Randy Wrinkle		
17	Jerry Brownlow		
18	Veletta Gebert		



## *In August Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Gary Wilkins, Rosemary Purdy (Preschool), Shelia Rosser (Preschool)

**Officers:** Scott Panter (Session), Elizabeth Baxley-Bowen (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Worship Ministry

**Families: August 1-7:** Broderick Lumpkin, Janet Martin, Frank McAdoo, Laurie McAfee, Bob and Anita Meadows

**August 8-14:** Tom and Molly Mendenhall, Neal Miller, Becky Morris, Karl Mosley, Jennifer Nebergall (Lee and Logan)

**August 15-21:** Tom Nebergall, Terry Nelson, Joe and Carolyn Noble, Billy and Sonya Noble (Will and Jake), Ellyn Olson (Grey and Eden)

**August 22-31:** Peter Olson, Scott and Susan Panter, Brac and Louise Panter (Marion and John), Bettye Parker, Lauren Paul (Conner and Harrison), Sara Payne



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## ***August Calendar***

### **August 4**

10:00am - Adult Sunday School Classes resume

11:00am - **Worship in Sanctuary**

12:00pm - Youth & Young Adult Lake Day

### **August 5**

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

### **August 6**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

### **August 12**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **August 15**

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Okinawa

### **August 16**

4:00pm - Preschool Open House till 6:00pm

### **August 19**

1st day of Preschool

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

### **August 20**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

### **August 22**

10:30am - FPC Book Club

### **August 25**

12:00pm - Pot Luck Lunch/Caring for Our Community/Fellowship Hall

