



# The Grapevine

The monthly newsletter of  
First Presbyterian Church, Mount Airy, NC

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#### **Class of 2011**

Lee Daniels  
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## **WHENEVER TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED...**

One day this past month our office was inundated with phone calls and emails about a church member who had recently been admitted to the hospital. Well, let me take that back - "inundated" is probably an exaggeration. During the course of the day we had three or four phone calls, all independent of one another. I also received a couple of emails. I am always appreciative when folks do this; wanting to make sure that the church knows about someone in need – especially when it involves the hospital. Back before regulations changed, the church would receive daily phone calls from the hospital chaplain regarding any church members in their care. That is no longer legal. So we are always thankful when folks call the church to let us know.

Still, I often wonder: what are the needs out there we are *not* aware of? Are there people in the hospitals that we don't know about? Or what about our homebound members – are there folks who would appreciate a visit from myself or a church member; just a time of fellowship and being together as part of the body of Christ? I really got to thinking about this when I recently visited one of our homebound members. They made the remark to me, "I just don't want my church family to forget about me." There's nothing more disheartening than imagining that a member of our church feels we have simply forgotten them.

The good news is that we can do something about this. We as a family of faith can reach out to people who need nothing more than to know they are loved and cared for, even and especially when they're not here on Sunday mornings. And that's why I want to ask you to join me in something new and exciting.

I am looking to assemble a group of 10-12 individuals who will be the outreach of this church to our hospitalized and homebound members. I'd like for this group to consist of both adults and youth who feel called to spend some time with people who really need to have the body of Christ brought into their midst. No specific skills would be required other than engaging in good conversation and sharing yourself with another. I haven't given a lot of thought to specific plans on how this would unfold – part of what I want to do is convene the group and let everyone have a part in its creation. But I would imagine it'd involve a few visits a month for an hour or so.

I will be sharing this from the pulpit in the next few weeks but wanted to give everyone a "heads-up." Be thinking about whether God may be calling you to be part of this initiative to extend God's love to people who really need it.

Blessings to all of you as we enter yet another year of ministry at First Presbyterian!


## Church Financial Update

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| <b>Total Contributions Received for August:</b> (thru 8.23) | \$ 22,089.40  |
| <b>Total Contributions Received for 2009:</b>               | \$ 146,743.31 |
| <b>2009 Budgeted Pledged &amp; Non-pledged Giving:</b>      | \$ 248,494.00 |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yokefellow<br/>Ministry</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>September Food(s)<br/>of the Month:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Canned<br/>Vegetables</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cents-A-Bility Offering</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your offering to<br/>worship on <b>Sunday,<br/>September 6th.</b><br/>Remember - your small<br/>part can make such a big<br/>difference!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session<br/>Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will have our<br/>monthly Session<br/>meeting on<br/><b>Sunday,<br/>September 20th</b><br/>at 8:30 a.m. in the<br/>Fellowship Hall.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please submit your articles for the<br/>September newsletter no later than<br/><b>Monday, September 21st.</b> Any items<br/>received after this date will be published<br/>at a later time.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>September Ushers and Lockup</u></b></p> <p><b>September Head Usher:</b> Randy Keith<br/><b>September Side Usher:</b> Holly Mills<br/><b>September Alternate:</b> Josh Clark</p>           | <p><b><u>Little Church Volunteers</u></b></p> <p><b>September 6</b> Nancy &amp; Joseph Dixon<br/><b>September 13</b> Carla &amp; David Majure<br/><b>September 20</b> Jim &amp; Amy Robertson<br/><b>September 27</b> Shasta &amp; Sam Brown</p> |
| <p><b><u>Flowers for Sunday Worship</u></b></p> <p><b>September 6</b> Mike &amp; Legh Beal<br/><b>September 13</b> Jean Cook<br/><b>September 20</b> Open<br/><b>September 27</b> Eva Caldwell</p> | <p><b><u>Worship Nursery Volunteers</u></b></p> <p><b>September 6</b> Betty Street<br/><b>September 13</b> Kathy Moody<br/><b>September 20</b> Mariah Branch<br/><b>September 27</b> Terri Keck</p>  |

## U p c o m i n g   E v e n t s

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| <p>October 4    P C ( U S A )   V i c e   M o d -<br/>e r a t o r   B y r o n   W a d e   v i s i t s</p> <p>October 4    F a i t h   i n   A c t i o n<br/>S u n d a y</p> <p>October 4    F a i t h   i n   A c t i o n /<br/>S u m m e r   M i s s i o n   T r i p   L u n c h</p> <p>October 7    W o m e n ' s<br/>" P a t r i a r c h s "   B e t h   M o o r e   B i b l e<br/>S t u d y</p> <p>1 4 ,   2 1   &amp;   2 8</p> <p>October 9 - 11   P a r k i n g   &amp;   P u m p k i n s   f o r   A u t u m n</p> |  |
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**Bob Chilton Memorial  
Bible Study**

2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays  
8:00 a.m.  
Good Life Café

**Our Sunday School  
Ministry Needs You!**

Our New Sunday School year has begun! It's not too late to help make it a success. We are looking for adults who will commit to a minimum of **3 weeks** or a maximum of **6 weeks** to teach one of these fun & exciting classes. Classes begin at 9:45 a.m. We have a great year ahead of us! We've already got some wonderful teachers geared up to lead us - won't you help too? If you would be willing to share your faith and love of God with our children, please call Shasta. Help us help our Sunday School program continue to grow!!



**Voice Recital**

The students of Sandy Beam will perform a voice recital on **Sunday, September 27th**, at 3:00 p.m. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. Two of First Presbyterian's members, Shelley McCluskey and Sam Brown, are students of Sandy.

**Circle 1 Meeting**

We will meet in the Ladies Parlor on **Tuesday, September 1**, at 10:30 a.m.

**September Birthdays**

3-Jeannie Chilton  
4-Gary Bowers  
5-Robert Taylor  
6-Ben Gatchel  
6-Wade Moody  
7-Eric Warren  
8-Tim East  
8-Hampton Hatcher

9-Connor Lindsley  
9-Chandler Hatch  
9-John Scott  
12-Liesa Hawks  
13-Buck Faw  
13-Patrick Blevins  
14-William Pike  
16-Jai Daniels

17-Blanche Badgett  
17-Jane Manfredi  
18-Mark Merritt  
21-Teresa Chilton  
21-Gary Chilton  
21-Teresa Bouma  
21-Jerri Mayberry  
22-Malcolm Malone

22-Jacob Dodd  
24-Terri Keck  
24-Catherine Rives  
24-Thomas Keith  
26-Dr. Jack Snow  
27-Ginny Mills  
29-Wilborn Rives  
30-Ed Anderson



**September Anniversaries**

- September 1** Mike and Kim Branch
- September 2** Mark and Lisa Blevins
- September 4** Mike and Susan King
- September 4** Burke and Carolyn Robertson
- September 5** Jim and Amy Robertson
  
- September 7** Mike and Linda Gatchel
- September 15** Frank and Jerri Mayberry
- September 23** Garrett and Anna Bush
- September 25** Gary and Sandy Bowers
- September 27** Robert and Lillie Edwards

