



Who We Are

Mission

The library at First Presbyterian Church invites you to explore, discover, and grow in faith.

We provide resources to deepen your understanding of the Bible, Christian faith, the church, and other beliefs, while also offering books that bring comfort and encouragement for daily living.

Our collection reflects the heart and mission of First Pres and its ministry team, and through it all, we seek to share and live out the good news of the gospel.



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The Library

at
First Presbyterian Church

A Place For You

- From quiet devotionals to thought provoking theology, our shelves are stacked with books that comfort, challenge and encourage you to live your faith in daily life.
- Look for our monthly featured selections on the conference table. You will see more information on these books in the church's monthly newsletter.
- Enjoy a peaceful spot to read and reflect.
- The library also maintains a cart of free books. Please take as many as you would like for yourself and others.

Checking Out Books

Checking out books is self-service. Pull the card from the back pocket of the book, sign and date it legibly and place the card in the file box on the desk.

More detailed instructions for finding and checking out books can be found on the library desk.

If you have questions about the library or need help finding a book, please e-mail or call the church office, and staff will relay your question to a librarian.

Helpful Library Tips

Search the catalog on your phone, tablet or computer by title, author or subject.
(Correct spelling is important.)



You can access the catalog using the QR code or via the church's website, under Formation > William Lee Hawkins Library

- When you choose a book from your search results, note the "call number," such as 226.06 PET to find your book.
- Several sections have prefixes to the call numbers (REF for Reference sets, FIC for Fiction, DVD for DVDs, and FPA for First Pres Authors, such as FPA 230 BEN).
- The books are shelved by subject using the Dewey Decimal System and the first three letters of the author's last name.
- Children's books are located around the corner from the library in the alcove, and young adult books are located across the hall in the youth room.
- Looking directly in front of you as you enter the library are the First Pres Authors shelf and the New Book shelves. If you can't find your book on the regular shelves, be sure to look on the NEW shelves and in the green file box on the library desk to see if the book is currently checked out.

Donating to the Library

The library of First Presbyterian Church, New Bern welcomes donations of new and gently used books, DVDs, audio materials and other media formats, as well as cash gifts.

In recognition of limited physical space and to assure that our collection reflects the library's mission, the following policies have been adopted by the Session.

1. All donations are subject to approval by the librarians and by the Adult Education Commission.
2. Donations may be added to our collection, dispersed to persons needing resources, or donated to other libraries or used book stores. Books in poor condition may be recycled.
3. Books and media may be disposed of without notice to the donor. Materials are not returned to the donor. No provisional gifts will be accepted.
4. The library maintains a shelf of books by First Presbyterian authors. Due to space limitations in the library, books by First Presbyterian authors that do not support the mission of the library may be disposed of after two years.