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JOIN A NEW CLASS OR BIBLE STUDY THIS NEW YEAR!

THIS MONTH: SCOUTS BINGO NIGHT, LOGOS, & MORE...

PASTOR'S LETTER

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." -Hebrews 6:19-20

Dear Church Family,

My prayer for you as we enter 2022 is that you may do so with a deep-rooted perspective of hope. Emil Brunner, a reformed theologian, once said, "What oxygen is for the blood, hope is for the soul." That being said, I cannot promise you an upcoming year void of covid, political unrest, or deep cultural tensions. We live in a broken world and even the central figure of our faith, Jesus Christ, was not exempt from the realities of suffering and pain.

However, I can promise hope for 2022 to any heart that is rooted in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He equips the soul with vitality of life, confidence to combat daily challenges, and courage to face the future with a spirit of adventure. The Lord says, "I know the plans I have for you...plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 19:11-13).

In Christ, you can experience this hope, not by human effort or achievement or the absence of suffering, but by giving this year over to Him. That is my prayer for you- that Jesus will be the anchor that grounds you for a year filled with hope!

May the Lord bless and your loved ones in 2022!

In Christ,

Pastor Dave Rockness

STEWARDSHIP



“Giving your time, your talents, and your tithes to God’s work...”

Prayer- Lord of all, I praise you for your might and power. And I pray that I will be a good steward of all the things that you have given me in this life.

Everything Is Mine! - Psalm 108:7-9

Psalms remind us over and over again of the truth: all the wealth of the world one day will be returned to its rightful Owner. Listed below is an anonymous tale to reflect on. Despite its lighthearted tone, it is difficult not to squirm at its truth:

Mr. and Mrs. Thing are a very pleasant and successful couple...

At least, that's what the verdict of most people who tend to measure success with a "thingometer." When the "thingometer" is put to work in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Thing, the result is startling.

There is Mr. Thing sitting down on a luxurious and very expensive thing, almost hidden by a large number of other things. Things to sit on, things to sit at, things to cook on, things to eat from, all shiny and new. Things, things, things.

Things to clean with and things to wash with and things to clean and things to wash. And things to amuse and things to give pleasure and things to watch and things to play. Things for the long, hot summer and things for the short, cold winter. Things for the big thing which they live in and things for the garden and things for the deck and things for the kitchen and things for the bedroom. And things on four wheels and things on two wheels and things to put on top of the four wheels and things to pull behind the four wheels and things to add to the interior of the thing on four wheels. Things, things, things.

And there in the middle are Mr. and Mrs. Thing, smiling and pleased as punch with things, thinking of more things to add to things. Secure in their castle of things... Well, I just want you to know that your things can't last. They're going to pass. There's going to be an end to them.... And someday, when you die, they only put one thing in the box. YOU!

Romans 11:36 “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

Message from your Stewardship Committee

Excerpts from NIV Stewardship Study Bible

Christian financial stewardship leaders Larry Burkett and Ron Blue (Page 750)

LOGOS/MSM

Logos / Middle School Ministry Registration for 2nd Semester

Logos/MSM 2nd semester will begin on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. We are looking forward to more great Wednesday afternoons of recreation, choir, Bible study, and dinner in 2022, with fun themes, great games, delicious dinners, Bible studies, and choir times.

Children in 1st – 8th grades are welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Parent participation is required (usually involves volunteering in the kitchen) and a fee is charged (\$35 per year registration fee and \$55 per semester tuition fee). Scholarship help is available.

If you are interested in registering as a new participant for 2nd semester, please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@mooresvillefpc.org) by Sunday, January 9. A parent meeting (for new participants only) will be held Wednesday, January 19 at 4:45 pm in the fellowship hall.

Parents of current participants (those who came to Logos/MSM in Fall 2021) should turn the Spring 2022 2nd semester intent form in to Ellen Auten by Sunday, January 9. The form also includes a place to indicate dates you are not available for kitchen duty.



Logos/MSM January Dates

Sunday, January 9

Logos/MSM 2nd semester registration deadline

Wednesday, January 19

Winter semester begins
Parent meeting (new participants only)
- 4:45 pm
Frozen / Let it Snow Night

Wednesday, January 26

I've Been Working on the Railroad

CHRISTIAN ED

First Kids Worship

First Kids Worship is our age-appropriate worship service for children in 1st – 5th grades. Held during the Contemporary Worship service, the group meets in the coffee shop area of 143 Broad after the singing, and then goes to the fellowship hall for First Kids Worship.

The group has been studying the catechism during Fall 2021, and will continue instruction in the catechism during the next few months. The children have done a great job of learning basic Bible truths, using lessons from scripture as they learn these biblical concepts. They have great questions, wonderful observations, and an amazing capacity to memorize!

January lessons include:

Sunday, January 2

The Visit of the Wise Men

Sunday, January 9

Catechism study: Atonement

Sunday, January 16

Catechism study: Justification
and Sanctification

Sunday, January 23

Catechism study: Faith

Sunday, January 30

Catechism study: Faith

Sunday School

We continue to offer a split schedule for Sunday School classes, using the following schedule of classes:

9:45 – 10:30 am

2 adult classes are meeting

Covenant Bible Class

Location: Room 309

Teacher: Bob Amon

Curriculum: International Sunday
School lessons

Upper Room Class

Location: Room 301

Teachers: John and Judy Daniel

Curriculum: "That the World May
Know" DVD teaching lessons

10:45 – 11:30 am

3 year olds through High School classes
are held on the 3rd floor of the education
building.

3 & 4 year olds and kindergarten –
Room 308

**Temporary location

1st – 3rd grades – Room 326

4th – 5th grades – Room 324

6th – 8th grades – Room 310

9th – 12th grades – Room 313

Essential Scriptures Class (adult class)

Location: 143 Broad

Teacher: Zach Miller

Curriculum: Books of the Bible
study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Together (WNT)

Pastor Dave will be leading a 12-week Bible study on the Book of Acts, beginning Wednesday, January 19th in the 143 building. It will meet weekly (6-7pm) and is open to men and women of all age groups. Pizza and salad will be available for dinner (5:30-6pm) for a suggested donation of \$5 per/person. If interested in dinner, please contact the church office (704-230-0875) to register. This will give us an idea of how many people to plan for.

Jodi Rockness will simultaneously be leading a women's group in the front of the 143 building. Further detail will be included with announcements at church. Ladies from the study interested in dinner should register through the church office as well.

Saints Alive "Lunch Bunch"

The Saints Alive "Lunch Bunch" group plans to meet for lunch on Tuesday, January 18, at 11:30 am at Olive Garden, located at 438 Talbert Road. The Saints Alive group is our "older" adult group, and enjoys lunch and fellowship together. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@mooresvillefpc.org) by Monday, January 17 to make a lunch reservation.



PRESCHOOL

Happy New Year, Preschool Families!

We hope you made many wonderful memories with your little ones during the Christmas season. We look forward to starting 2022 off healthy and strong!

2022-2023 Enrollment

Enrollment Forms come home the week of January 5th, so be on the lookout for them. We have a checklist to help you keep track of your child's paperwork. Please complete these forms and include your Registration fee (\$80 for Church Members,



PRESCHOOL

\$90 for non-church members) by Friday, January 21st. Specific class assignments will be sent to you in the mail in July. We open the enrollment to the public, January 24 so be sure to turn in your forms as soon as you can.

Pancakes & PJ Day

We are excited to have Preschool-wide Pajama Days on January 13th and 14th. It's a fun day for all the children to dress in their PJ's and we'll have pancakes for a special snack (GF waffles will be available for those gluten allergies). Please send your child in tennis shoes or regular school shoes, as slippers can be a bit slippery. This is your easiest day to dress your child for preschool... just roll them out of bed!



Preschool Closed

Just a quick reminder, Preschool is closed on January 17th in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday.

Christmas Program

I know many of you are anxiously awaiting to hear when we will schedule the postponed program dates. We will evaluate the health of our community and school upon the return of preschool and make decisions then. We want everyone to be healthy to enjoy this performance. If it is not a healthy time overall to perform in person, then we will record the students and make up a video for everyone to enjoy.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the health of our school. We saw a drastic increase in COVID-19 cases with our families and several teachers. We are concerned that we will see an influx again after the Christmas break. Please pray for the health of our community, our preschool families and teachers. We all are working hard to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Mark Your Calendars

- January 5: Preschool Returns
- January 5 & 6: Enrollment Forms Come Home
- January 13 & 14: Pancake and PJ Day
- January 17: Preschool Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- January 24: Open Enrollment for Preschool
- Christmas Program: TBD

SCOUTS

BSA TROOP 166 (BOYS) &
TROOP 1166 (GIRLS)



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NIGHT

FEBRUARY 4TH, 7-9:30 PM

AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

First Presbyterian Church
249 McLellan Ave.,
Mooresville, NC 28115



Ten dollars gets you four cards to play,
but more cards are available to purchase.

Winners will get a chance to win gift baskets.
In addition, a silent auction of gifts will be available to win.
Scouts will be making their delicious cobbler with ice cream.



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CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 PYF Snowbird Camp 9:30 am Contemporary Worship/Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship/Communion	3 Office/Preschool Closed- New Year's Holiday 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	4 Preschool Closed- Christmas Break 6:00 pm MCM Circles	5
9 Logos Registration Deadline 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:15 pm Congregational Meeting/Slate of Officers 5:00 pm MS PYF 7:00 pm HS PYF	10 2:00 pm Circle 1 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	11 10:00 am Circle 4 12:00 pm Circle 5 6:00 pm MCM-Circles 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	12
16 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship/Officer Installation 5:00 pm PYF Combined	17 Office/Preschool Closed- MLK Jr. Day 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	18 11:30 am Saints Alive "Lunch Bunch" 6:00 pm MCM Circles 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	19 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM starts 5:30 pm Wed. Night Dinner Together 6:00 pm Bible Study w/Dave 6:00 pm Lost and Found Bible Study 4:45 pm Logos Parent Meeting- new participants only!
23 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 5:00 pm MS PYF 7:00 pm HS PYF	24 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	25 6:00 pm MCM Circles 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	26 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM starts 5:30 pm Wed. Night Dinner Together 6:00 pm Bible Study w/Dave 6:00 pm Lost and Found Bible Study
30 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm MS PYF 6:30 pm Stated Session Meeting	31 5:00 pm MCM Circles 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 116-B 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 116-G		

CALENDAR

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

6		7 7:15 am Men's Bible Study	8
13 Preschool Pancake & PJ Day 6:00 pm PYF Parent Meeting	14 Preschool Pancake & PJ Day 6:00 pm Officer's Retreat	15 7:15 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Officer's Retreat	
20	21	22 7:15 am Men's Bible Study	
27	28	29 7:15 am Men's Bible Study	

Birthdays:

1/1- Rebecca Auten, Jen McNeely, Jan Stilwell, Richard Stilwell, Mary Beth Stutts
1/2- Dennis Winter
1/4- Amanda Garvin, Ron Gragg, Emily Meehan, Caitlin Riefner, Paul Trimble
1/7- Nick Smith, Emerson Stutts, Harry Weyer
1/8- Laura Christman, Maria Heilman
1/10- Chris Creech, Linda Ervin, Maria Reid
1/11- Amanda Boone
1/12- Melissa Campbell, Mark McNeely
1/13- C.P. Chappell, Margie Gallman
1/14- Chet Carpenter
1/15- Weston Mauney, Claire Omohundro
1/17- Tom Trosuk
1/18- Abby Copeland, Martha McDonnell, Stacy Windsor
1/19- Steve Gallman, Elizabeth Miller
1/22- Megan Lynch, Thomas Miller, Natalie White
1/23- Hazel Cole
1/24- Greg Fillnow
1/26- LuAnn Sledge
1/29- Ciarra Rockness, Peggy Rogers
1/30- Bob Amon, Charlie Heilman, Ryan Trimble
1/31- Debbie Hyatt, Bill Payne

Bereavement

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Pat Hunter in her passing on December 1.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Marilyn Beaver and family in the passing of her sister, Margie Overcash, on December 4.

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9:30 am Contemporary Worship
11:00 am Morning Worship

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