

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20

<b>Sunday, February 20</b> Newsletter Deadline		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Logos Choir	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	VBS Planning Committee Meeting	Room 222
5:00 pm	Congregational Care Meeting	Room 301
6:30 pm	Worship Meeting	Room 307
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Finance Meeting	Room 222

<b>Monday, February 21</b> No Preschool –Virtual Parent Conferences		
9:30 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
11:30 am	Saints Alive Lunch Bunch	Olive Garden
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Personnel Meeting	Room 222
7:00 pm	Property Meeting	143 Broad

<b>Tuesday, February 22</b>		
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300 & 301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

<b>Wednesday, February 23</b>		
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms
5:30 pm	Wed. Night Dinner Together	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Bible Study w/Dave	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad

<b>Thursday, February 24</b>		
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad

Friday, February 25

<b>Saturday, February 26</b>		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad

<b>Sunday, February 27</b>		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service/MSM Sings	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Chili Cook-off	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Stated Session Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Membership and Outreach	Room 300

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

<b>David Rockness, Moderator</b>		<b>Mark Auten, Clerk</b>
<u><b>Class of 2022</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2023</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2024</b></u>
Phil Heilman	Mark Auten	Allen Brawley
Zach Miller	Chris Creech	Judy Daniel
Trent Newell	Ross Culp	Garrett Howard
Bill Omohundro	Lynda Robinson	Tom Kirkland
Liz Rader	Scott Mauney	Karen Shore
Mickey Russell	Sue Stevens	Ken Stissel

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
**February 20, 2022 ♦ 11:00 A.M.**  
\*Please stand as you are able.  
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”  
Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE: Bethany Howard, Piano

WELCOME Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 71:     *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear;  
now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining! Have you  
not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life  
and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound  
from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;  
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD’S PRAYER  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*SPECIAL MUSIC: Kerri Smith, Solo  
Laura Rumble, Piano/Vocal

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:1-13  
“This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. <sup>13</sup>I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.”

SERMON “Unity in Christ: Uncommon Perspective” Dave Rockness

\*HYMN 671: “Lord, We Hear Your Word”  
Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken we rejoice;  
words of love and life and freedom help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you; spoken,  
written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led; may the  
springs of all our being by your Living Word be fed; may our hearts  
accept with meekness all the grace your light make known; may  
obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

You have spoken yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:  
debtors, as living letters we must make your Gospel heard! By your  
Spirit’s power transform us; shed your saving Light abroad  
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

\*INVITATION Dave Rockness

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: Bethany Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are **you a first time visitor?** If so, please make sure to check-in at the welcome table in the church parlor after the service. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

**Wednesday Night Together (WNT)** - Pastor Dave will be leading a 12-week Bible study on the Book of Acts 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 (704-664-5275) to register. This will give us an idea of how many people to plan for.

**Midweek Lenten Luncheon Services** - Starting on March 2 the church is hosting a luncheon service on Wednesdays from 12:05 until 12:50. These services will have some music, a short message, and an opportunity to discuss the message over a meal. The seven-week study will look at the life of the Apostle Peter in relationship to Jesus. You are invited to bring your own lunch or register for a box lunch for \$12 on the church website.

**Saints Alive:** The Saints Alive “Lunch Bunch” plans to meet for lunch tomorrow, Monday, February 21, at 11:30 am at Olive Garden, located at 438 Talbert Road. Please note the change in day of the week to the 3rd Monday of the month (previously met on Tuesdays). Saints Alive is our “older” adult group. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) by today to make a reservation.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Committee:** There will be a VBS Planning Committee meeting this afternoon at 5:00 pm in Room 222. This year’s VBS is scheduled for July 11 – 15, from 9:30 am – noon. If you are interested in helping decide this year’s theme and curriculum, please plan to attend to provide input and suggestions.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. **Prayer concerns will remain for six weeks. If you wish people to remain longer, please contact the church office and ask to have the period extended.** If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Joan Gibson	Billie Brawley	Kathleen Bates
Alecia Miller	Mary Mason	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Peggy Davidson	

Members of the Church – Fern Alexander

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Adonna Dickerson
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Ron Chislaghi
Marilyn Beaver & Family	Jeff Stonestreet	

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Patti Dancoff	Renee Long	Sibyl Newton
Robb Parker	Cathy Moore	Tillie Coyne
Jane Scovil		

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Maj. William Matheny, Army	LTC Rodney Tatum