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SUMMER IS HERE! MINISTRY UPDATES INSIDE...

THE LATEST ON THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN: READ MORE!



PASTOR'S LETTER

“God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7–8

Dear church family,

I have been asked to give an update on *The Legacy Campaign*. Last December, we launched the campaign in two phases. Phase I focuses on the sanctuary, which has been the heart of worship for more than 100 years. This phase will preserve its beauty while improving comfort and accessibility for generations to come. Planned improvements include replacing the sanctuary HVAC system, improving accessibility, repairing stained glass windows, renovating the parlor bathroom for ADA accessibility, replacing windows in the education building, replacing the elevator, and refurbishing the organ. The funds needed for this phase total \$1.85 million.

Phase II will focus on the education building, renewing classroom and community spaces for learning, fellowship, and ministry for all ages. You can read the full list of proposed improvements on our website. The funds needed for this phase total \$2.5 million.

Thus far, we have received \$1.9 million in pledges and gifts, including a recent \$500,000 donation from the Fronnie Gardner Foundation. Because of this generosity, we now have enough pledged to move forward with Phase I, with \$1.5 million already in cash on hand. God is good!

We give thanks for generous lead gifts and for every gift offered faithfully to the Lord. Scripture reminds us that God sees not only the amount given, but the heart behind it. As the body of Christ, we can accomplish far more together than any one of us could alone.

Meanwhile, we must remain faithful to our operating budget, which is essential to the ongoing mission and ministry of the church. Through the first four months of the fiscal year (33% of the year), we are at 31.5% in giving. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you feel led to give toward *The Legacy Campaign*, we strongly encourage you not to do so in place of your giving to the operating budget.

Lastly, please remember that the church is not simply bricks and mortar. Our buildings are facilities in the truest sense: they facilitate the ministry God has called us to do by providing spaces for worship, discipleship, fellowship, missions, and evangelism. If you feel led to give to *The Legacy Campaign*, you may do so in person through the offering plate or church office, or online through our website. It continues to be a blessing to serve alongside you in ministry.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dave Rockness



STEWARDSHIP

GIVING YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS, AND YOUR TITHES TO GOD'S WORK...

PRAYER: *God, show me the ways in which I can fully express my commitment to you and to sharing your story.*

The Aroma of Christ - 2 Corinthians 2: 12 – 17

Paul is speaking of the believer's witness as "to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing" (2Co 2:15). Believers have been "sent from God" (2Co 2:17) for this task. This commissioning is part of the stewardship legacy of our calling as "servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God" (1Co 4:1). Evangelical Anglican preacher, teacher and author John R. W. Stott elaborates.

(Mission) arises from the heart of God himself, and is communicated from his heart to ours. Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God. If, then, we have resisted the missionary dimension of the church's life, or dismissed it as if it were dispensable, or patronized it reluctantly with a few perfunctory prayers and grudging coins, or become preoccupied with our own narrow-minded, parochial concerns, we need to repent, that is to change our mind and attitude. Do we profess to believe in God? He's a missionary God. Do we say we are committed to Christ? He's a missionary Christ. Do we claim to be filled with the Spirit? He's a missionary Spirit. Do we delight in belonging to the church? It's a missionary society. Do we hope to go to heaven when we die? It's a heaven filled with the fruits of the missionary enterprise. It is not possible to avoid these things.

If some of us need to repent, all of us need to take action. The authentic Christianity of the Bible is not a safe, smug, cozy, selfish, escapist little religion. On the contrary, it is deeply disturbing to our sheltered security. It is an explosive, centrifugal force, which pulls us out from our narrow self-centeredness and flings us into God's world to witness and to serve. So we must find practical ways, individually and through our local church, of expressing this commitment.

Pastor & author Gifford tells us what needs to be said about stewardship of the gospel if Christians are to be authentic and effective as evangelists.

First, the good news is not a human invention. As it has been revealed, so we reveal it to others. And our witness is not simply in words; we witness by our actions, our attitudes, our very lives.

Second, the good news is not something we can keep to ourselves. Once he had heard the gospel, Paul was acutely aware that he needed to share it with others (see 1Co 9:16). It was not a choice; it was a necessity. And the same is true of us. Once we have been touched by the good news, we will feel compelled to share it with others.

Third, when people's lives are touched by our witness to the gospel, it is the work of the Holy Spirit ... The evangelist does not go alone. When we go to share the good news, the Holy Spirit goes with us.



Dear Church Family,
It is with great pleasure that we, the Rockness family, announce the marriage of
KAILIE MADDISON ROCKNESS
to
STEVEN MATTHEW RYAN

**on Saturday, June 20th, 2026
at 3:00 pm in the afternoon.**

The ceremony will be held in the
Main Sanctuary
of the First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville



*We cordially extend an invitation to all of you,
our church family (truly our "extended family") to join with us in celebrating this beautiful
occasion and God's goodness in our lives!*

Kailie and Steve will greet guests after the close of the ceremony.
A light reception will follow in the church parlor.

*RSVP is not required.
The honor of your presence is truly a gift to our family.*

(If you are unable to attend, our hearts would be filled with gratitude to have you join us in prayer for Steve and Kailie and over this special day, that God would be glorified in and through every detail!)

DISCIPLESHIP

“Making Disciples” - FPC Discipleship Initiative: An Invitation to Go Deeper in Discipleship

Church family,

Over the past couple years, one conviction has continued to grow in my heart:

Many churches today, including good and faithful churches, know discipleship is important, but often struggle to know what it actually looks like to intentionally follow Jesus together in everyday life.

We live in a time where it is possible to attend church regularly, know a great deal about the Bible, serve faithfully, and still feel spiritually isolated, unknown, or stagnant.

And yet, I believe many of us are hungry for something deeper.

One of the greatest gifts God has given me in ministry was the experience of witnessing Jordin being personally discipled by another believer over the course of a year. Through that experience, it motivated me to be discipled considering I never had that in my life. Once I began my own discipleship relationship with a mentor, I experienced firsthand the beauty of intentional, life-on-life discipleship: meeting regularly, praying together, opening Scripture together, sharing honestly about life and struggles, and helping one another follow Jesus more faithfully.

Afterward, I had the privilege of discipling a small group of men in a similar way.

It changed me.

Not because we discovered some secret program or strategy, but because we experienced what it means to intentionally follow Jesus together in relationship, prayer, Scripture, accountability, encouragement, and mission.

To be clear, discipleship is already happening in many beautiful ways at FPC Mooresville. Over the last year, I have sensed a growing desire here at FPC for deeper connection and deeper formation in Christ.

And I am wondering if the Lord may be inviting us to take a more intentional step forward, learning to follow Jesus together through what I shall call the “*FPC Discipleship Initiative*.”

This also connects deeply with the message Zeb Nelson preached at our combined service on May 17:

He reminded us that the Great Commission is not optional or secondary. Jesus, who has all authority in heaven and on earth, sends His people to make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that He has commanded. To be a disciple is to be a devoted follower of Christ, yoked to His teaching, formed by His life, and sent in His power. If we want our lives to matter for eternity, we go all in on Jesus and partner with Him in the work He has given to His church.

That is the heart behind this invitation.

I want to begin exploring what it could look like for us to take intentional steps toward cultivating a deeper culture of discipleship at FPC. Not quickly, forcefully or as another church program. But relationally. Prayerfully. Slowly. Faithfully.

My hope is to begin with a small number of people who feel drawn toward this vision:

- People who want to grow deeper in their walk with Jesus.
- People willing to be known, encouraged, and challenged.
- People eager to open Scripture together.
- People who desire to invest in others over time.
- People who long to see the Great Commission lived out first within the church, and then beyond it.

This kind of discipleship involves a “micro-group” of two to four people meeting regularly with a “discipler,” reading Scripture throughout the week, praying together, asking honest questions, and encouraging one another to listen for what the Holy Spirit is doing through God’s Word.

In the coming weeks, I would love to gather a small group of individuals who are interested in beginning this discipleship journey. For now, I simply invite you to pray and discern whether the Lord may be stirring something in you.

**If you have experienced this kind of discipleship before and sense a desire to help others grow,
I would love to hear from you.**

**If you have never experienced this before but find yourself hungry for it,
I would love to hear from you too.**

If this resonates with you, please reach out. I would be grateful to talk, pray, and discern together what faithful discipleship could look like in this season of our church’s life.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Moses Camacho-Greer

moses@moorevillefpc.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

On Wednesday, June 17 there will be an old fashioned hymn sing in the sanctuary at 6:15 pm. At 7:30 pm we will gather in the fellowship hall. Ice cream will be provided, please bring your favorite topping.

The history of the “hymn sing” can be traced back to camp meetings in the Second Great Awakening, a religious revival that spanned the late 18th century-early 19th century. Most people who attended these revivals could not read music (not a problem in our church.) Song leaders would lead the congregation with simple and memorable call and response hymns (think It is Well With My Soul and Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah). Another tradition is to not have a list of songs, but to have people call out their favorite hymns from the hymnal. For the past two years I have supplemented our hymnal with a collection of other hymns spanning the 17th century to modern hymns of today. I believe that the Lord wants to hear a variety of songs in a variety of styles and languages. The Lord does not prefer Amazing Grace more than In Christ Alone or Living Hope. As long as the text is glorifying God, most people can sing it, we should sing these types of songs in worship. Come join us and sing a new song to the Lord!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What's Happening This Month

Tithes and Offerings - Continue to go to our mission to help The Seed Company. We will be doing this through the month of July.

Bible Memorization: This summer the children will be memorizing Psalm 23 as we study it throughout the summer. We will be sending home a memorization plan so the children can aim to memorize a section every week or two weeks and can say it without help by the end of the summer.

Opportunities to Serve:

Summer Sunday School:

Please bring your children to check in at the regular time.

Kingdom Kids (K- 5th) will then go to the worship portion of the service with you. Before the Sermon volunteers will walk them over to the Fellowship Hall where they will have a lesson on Psalm 23 as well as a craft or a game. We will also work on memorizing Psalm 23. You can pick up your Kingdom Kids in the Fellowship Hall - please check out with an adult. *Leaders will not take children to the Fellowship Hall if they do not have a name tag, so please check them in before you head to the service.*

Sprouts Ministry: Regular check in, but will have one preschool classroom this summer (Duck Room) as well as our nursery.

We are still in great need of summer volunteers to help with the Kingdom Kids or the Sprouts ministry. If you are willing to serve in either June or July to help us keep our Summer Sunday school program running smoothly please reach out to Melissaf@moorevillefpc.org.

VBS:

We will have a variety of crafts/decorations we will need created. You can come to church at your leisure or take items home to work on them there. More information about each craft is in room 308 along with all of the supplies necessary to create the crafts.

Check in for Nursery - Highschool

Just a reminder, all children going to a Sunday School class, WNT or Youth group event should be checking in at our check in station.

Children 5th grade and younger will get a name tag with a matching guardian name tag for secure pick up. No name tags will be printed for our MS or HS students. Please be sure to check in your children before you take them to their class or meeting area.





SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sprouts Ministry (0 - Preschool) 2nd floor

0 - 23 months: Nursery room

Toddlers: Our 2's-4's class Duck room

Kingdom Kids (Kindergarten - 5th grade)

K- 5 will meet together after the worship portion of the 10:00 service. Children will have a lesson together in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Sunday School Hour: 10-11am

Sprouts Ministry is our Nursery - preschool

We love the playground! We have a great time getting outside, running, playing and building friendships. Please know that we aim to go outside weekly weather permitting.

Toddlers and preschoolers will participate in a time of music/worship as well as in a Bible lesson, activity and a visit to the playground if the weather is cooperative. We will provide a light snack.

Infants - young 2's will be in our infant room playing and being cared for by some wonderful volunteers. They will be provided a snack of cheerios and water or whatever you bring in their cup. *Please bring a cup for them if you are able, we have labels here for you to use to label your child's cup.*

Check in will begin at 9:45 after the Sunday School teachers have prayed together. Please wait for the check in time to begin so that our teachers can pray and get to their classes before you and your children do.

REFRESH YOUTH

Hey church family,

Summer is now here, which means lots of fun things for our youth ministry! We are meeting bi-weekly for Supper Club on Wednesdays from 6-8pm, and weekly on Sunday nights for Combined Refresh Youth from 6:30pm 8:30pm. We are looking forward to pool parties, pickleball nights, worship by the fire pit, yummy food, and so much more this summer! If you have a house on the lake or a pool, and you would enjoy hosting our youth group, then please let me know (zeb@moorevillefpc.org).

Summer Volunteer Opportunities for Students:

1. Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

We need more volunteers for the Children's Ministry this summer to help give those who regularly serve a break. With that being said... if you are willing to serve a couple weekends, or even just one weekend this summer with our children's ministry from 10am-11am on Sunday mornings then please let me or Melissa Foulke know. We are willing to sign off for volunteer hours! (melissaf@moorevillefpc.org).

2. VBS

We need as many youth volunteers as possible to help with VBS again this summer! Students, please check with your parents and schedules to see if you are available to volunteer at all throughout the VBS week. This is truly an amazing opportunity for you to serve the kingdom of God and pour into the next generation after you. I guarantee you will have a lot of fun too! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me or Melissa Foulke.

Blessings,
Zeb Nelson

Save The Dates:

May 31st... Summer Kick Off!

June 3rd...FUGE Camp Payments DUE

June 15th-19th... FUGE Camp 2026 at Regent University

June 21st... No Youth (Father's Day)

July 13th-17th... VBS

August 9th... Promotion Sunday! (Incoming 6th graders join us)



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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| | 1 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B | 2 Panama City Trip: Sign Up deadline for half-trip cost | 3 2:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Refresh Youth Supper Club Kickoff |
| 7 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship 11:15am Traditional Worship 5:00pm MS Refresh Youth 6:30pm HS Refresh Youth | 8 2:00pm Circle 1 7:00pm Personnel Committee 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B | 9 10:00am Circle 4 Meeting 6:00pm Circle 3 Meeting | 10 2:30pm Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal |
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| 28 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:00am Volunteer Appreciation 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship 11:15am Traditional Worship 12:30pm Volunteer Lunch 5:00pm MS Refresh Youth 6:30pm HS Refresh Youth 6:30pm Session Meeting | 29 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B | 30 | |

CALENDAR

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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| <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>7:15am Men's Bible Study</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>7:15am Men's Bible Study</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>7:15am Men's Bible Study</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>7:15am Men's Bible Study</p> |
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BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1- Jack Martin
- 6/2- Breck Kennerly, Jeffrey Mack, David Miles, Jeff Rumble
- 6/4- Ann Belk, Evan Prochaska
- 6/5- Kelly Williams
- 6/6- Sheryl Davis, Jill Herring, Robert Holman
- 6/7- Jessica Blair, Evan Sileo, Tracy Waugh
- 6/8- Landon Stevens
- 6/9- David Faulkenberry, Miles Prochaska
- 6/10- Sharon Culp, Becky Deal, Cooper Stissel
- 6/11- Laney Hall, Joyce Johnson, Willow Van Harn
- 6/12- Lorra Holshouser, Tom Morrow
- 6/13- Becky Radar, Henry Seyller, Jessica Stanley
- 6/15- Logan Prochaska
- 6/16- Julie Smith
- 6/17- Caroline Waugh
- 6/18- Alison Duncan, Ellie Slusser
- 6/19- Chloe Coates, Ian Coates, Sheri Mack
- 6/20- Keith Windsor
- 6/21- June Robb
- 6/22- Bradley Brawley, Andrew Coates
- 6/23- Wiley Stutts
- 6/24- Ginger Padgett
- 6/25- Iris Van Harn, Lucinda Weyer
- 6/26- John Faulkenberrrt, Tamara Parker, AJ Whalen
- 6/27- Corky Simmons
- 6/28- Zoot McClure
- 6/29- Jerilyn Fair, Mackenzie Miller
- 6/30- Kathryn Donelson

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8:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship

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