

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19

### Sunday, September 19

|          |                      |                 |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 9:30 am  | Contemporary Service | 143 Broad       |
| 9:45 am  | Sunday School        | Room 322        |
| 10:30 am | Fellowship Time      | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:45 am | Sunday School        | Classrooms      |
| 11:00 am | Traditional Worship  | Sanctuary       |
| 5:00 pm  | Combined PYF         | Fellowship Hall |

### Monday, September 20

|         |                     |                 |
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|         | Newsletter Deadline |                 |
| 7:00 pm | BSA Troop 166 – B   | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | BSA Troop 1166 – G  | Parlor          |

### Tuesday, September 21

|          |                            |                      |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 11:30 am | Saints Alive “Lunch Bunch” | Cracker Barrel       |
| 6:00 pm  | MCM Circles                | Kitchen/Room 300&301 |
| 6:00 pm  | Cub Scouts                 | Fellowship Hall      |

### Wednesday, September 22

|         |                            |                            |
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| 4:30 pm | Logos/MSM                  | Fellowship Hall/Classrooms |
| 5:30 pm | Wed. Night Together Dinner | 143 Broad                  |
| 6:00 pm | Gospel of Luke Bible Study | 143 Broad                  |
| 6:00 pm | Lost and Found Bible Study | 143 Broad                  |
| 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal            | Sanctuary                  |

### Thursday, September 23

|         |                    |      |
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| 7:00 pm | 1 John Bible Study | Zoom |
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### Friday, September 24

### Saturday, September 25

Race City Weekend

### Sunday, September 26

|          |                      |                 |
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| 11:00 am | Traditional Worship  | Sanctuary       |
| 5:00 pm  | MS PYF               | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm  | HS PYF               | Fellowship Hall |

## ANNOUNCEMENT CONT...

**Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall:** Join us for Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 – 10:45 am. We'll enjoy light refreshments, coffee, lemonade, and a great opportunity to visit, talk and connect with our church family.

**Childcare is available** for infants through Kindergarten age during all services and activities on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm. Nurseries are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

## LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

### SESSION

#### David Rockness, Moderator

#### Class of 2021

Mike Campbell  
Brent Curtis  
Tom Morrow  
Mike Toma  
Gene Vaughan

#### Class of 2022

Phil Heilman  
Zach Miller  
Trent Newell  
Bill Omohundro  
Mickey Russell

#### Mark Auten, Clerk

#### Class of 2023

Mark Auten  
Chris Creech  
Ross Culp  
Scott Mauney  
Sue Stevens

### DIACONATE

#### Andrew Coates, Moderator

#### Class of 2021

Beverly Chappell  
Andrew Coates  
Hillary Cole  
Angie Copeland  
Debbie Lackey  
Jane Peterson  
Teresa Trimble

#### Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley  
Pat King  
Liz Rader  
Kendall Reid  
Ginny Swedenberg

#### Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

#### Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter  
Laura Christman  
Lucy Hastings  
Cathy Irwin

### PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff

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The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor

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### PASTOR EMERITI

The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator  
Ellen Auten, Director of Christian Education  
Lori Stewart, Director of Preschool  
Greg Thompson, Organist  
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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

**September 19, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M.**

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

\*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: Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 405: *“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*Refrain*

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood,  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne.

*Refrain*

\*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.**

SONG OF WORSHIP 476: *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*Refrain*

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby; temptation lose their power when thou art nigh. *Refrain*

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. *Refrain*

I need thee every hour, teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfill. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 4:1-23

"Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews.<sup>2</sup> He said in the presence of his associates and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish—and burned ones at that?"<sup>3</sup> Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "That stone wall they are building—any fox going up on it would break it down!"<sup>4</sup> Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their taunt back on their own heads, and give them over as plunder in a land of captivity.<sup>5</sup> Do not cover their guilt, and do not let their sin be blotted out from your sight; for they have hurled insults in the face of the builders.<sup>6</sup> So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work.<sup>7</sup> But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the gaps were beginning to be closed, they were very angry,<sup>8</sup> and all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it.<sup>9</sup> So we prayed to our God, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.<sup>10</sup> But Judah said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, and there is too much rubbish so that we are unable to work on the wall."<sup>11</sup> And our enemies said, "They will not know or see anything before we come upon them and kill them and stop the work."<sup>12</sup> When the Jews who lived near them came,

they said to us ten times, "From all the places where they live<sup>13</sup> they will come up against us."<sup>13</sup> So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.<sup>14</sup> After I looked these things over, I stood up and said to the nobles and the officials and the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the LORD, who is great and awesome, and fight for your kin, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."<sup>15</sup> When our enemies heard that their plot was known to us, and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his work.<sup>16</sup> From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and body-armor; and the leaders posted themselves behind the whole house of Judah,<sup>17</sup> who were building the wall. The burden bearers carried their loads in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and with the other held a weapon.<sup>18</sup> And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me.<sup>19</sup> And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread out, and we are separated far from one another on the wall.<sup>20</sup> Rally to us wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet. Our God will fight for us."<sup>21</sup> So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from break of dawn until the stars came out.<sup>22</sup> I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night inside Jerusalem, so that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day."<sup>23</sup> So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me ever took off our clothes; each kept his weapon in his right hand."

SERMON *"Restoring the Impossible: Facing Opposition"*

Dave Rockness

\*HYMN 593: *"Lord, Speak To Me"*

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek, your wandering children, lost, alone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the stumbling and the straying feet.  
And feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones, with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things which you impart.  
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my heart shall overflow in kindling thought  
And glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

\*INVITATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

## 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**

**Gospel of Luke Bible Study-** Our fall bible study, led by Pastor Dave, is on Wednesday nights (6-7pm) in the 143 building. It includes a short video presentation, guided group discussion, and pastoral insight. Dinner is available from 5:30-6pm (\$5/per person). The study is available for all ages and does not require advance notice. However, please contact the church office if interested in dinner.

**"Lost & Found" Women's Bible study-** A woman's study will be offered as well and is entitled *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* by Lysa Terkeurst. This study will be led by Jodi Rockness. Those attending can register for dinner as well. **Those interested in dinner-** Please register at the welcome booth after the service or through our church's website (moorevillefpc.org). Dinner will include pizza, salad, and drinks for \$5/per person.

**Online Study of 1 John** - On Thursday nights the church is offering a Zoom study of the book of 1 John. With an emphasis on fellowship, Jonathon Snodgrass will walk the group through a twelve week verse by verse study of John's letter. The study is open to all. To register, please sign up on the [website](http://www.moorevillefpc.org) or send an email to [jason@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:jason@moorevillefpc.org).

**Saints Alive "Lunch Bunch":** Join the Saints Alive group (our older adult group) for lunch together at Cracker Barrel on Tuesday, September 21 at 11:30 am. Cracker Barrel is located at 123 Regency Center Drive. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; [ellen@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@moorevillefpc.org)) by Monday, September 20 to make a reservation.

## 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 | John Westmoreland |
| Lecie Miller   | Mary Mason     | Kathleen Bates    |
| Pat Hunter     | Dot Nelson     | Peggy Rogers      |
| Peggy Davidson |                |                   |

**Bereavement- Becky McIntyre, in death of mother, Barbara Farmer, and grandchildren Andrew McIntyre, Dylan McIntyre, and great-grandchild Payton McIntyre**

**Members of the Church**

|                         |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gene Harris             | Bill Harris             | Amy Williams          |
| Sheri Mack              | Faye Wright             | Robinson Family       |
| Lorra Lee Holshouser    | Tom Trosuk              | Seyller Family        |
| Valerie Mauney & Family | Glenda Stutts & Family  | Adonna Dickerson      |
| Russell Borkowsky       | Thelma Vaughan & family | Jane Abernathy Family |

**Friends of the Church**

|  |               |                       |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|
| Baxley Hoover                                | Jacki Rullman | Patty McNeely Beamish |
| Cecilia Parker                               | Tom Castilano | Bill & Connie Kruse   |
| Margie Overcash,<br>sister to Marilyn Beaver | Patti Dancoff | Tom Thetga            |
| Aldo Martinez                                | Sibyl Newton  |                       |

**Armed Forces**

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