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BACK TO SCHOOL! FAMILY SUNDAY & MORE

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PASTOR'S LETTER

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7

Dear Church Family,

As we enter a new school year, we are also entering a season of significant transition in the life of our church. We give thanks for the faithful ministry of David Hamilton, who is stepping down as our music director, and for Zeb Nelson, who is moving on to pursue church planting. At the same time, we continue our shared work through the Legacy Campaign and the important first phase before us. Each of these moments invites us to look back with gratitude, look ahead with trust, and continue walking together with hope.

In the midst of these changes, I want to reassure you that we are not standing still. I am working closely with the Personnel Committee as they form two search teams and help us discern the right next steps. During the interim, I will help coordinate youth programming and volunteers until a new youth leader is in place. Pastor Moses will help strengthen our Audio/Visual ministry by coordinating volunteers in that area, and we are also actively working to bridge gaps in traditional worship. Greg Thompson, our organist, will continue to be an anchor and steady presence in that ministry.

This is also a season when we will need one another. For a time, we could use additional support from youth volunteers on Sunday evenings, either with middle school or high school small groups, and on Wednesday nights with middle school or high school Bible studies. I will be coordinating the high school Bible study and would be glad to talk with anyone who may be able to serve in youth ministry. We are also looking for additional AVL volunteers on Sunday mornings; if you are interested in that area, please connect with Pastor Moses.

Most importantly, I want to ask you to join me in prayer. Please pray for each of these areas of ministry- for our leaders, students, choirs, and volunteers. Pray also for the people God is preparing to fill these roles as future staff leaders, and for the Personnel Committee and search teams as they seek wisdom and discernment. We trust that the Lord is already at work ahead of us, preparing both the people and the path.

Thank you for being a church family that serves, prays, encourages, and steps forward together. In seasons of transition, we are reminded that Christ is faithful, His peace is sufficient, and His church is carried by more than any one person or program. I am grateful to walk with you as we continue trusting Him for what is next.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Dave



STEWARDSHIP

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

PRAYER: *Lord, thank you for being my Father. And thank you for the joy and privilege of stewarding my inheritance.*

Heirs and Stewards - Galatians 3:26 – 4:7

Paul tells his readers that in Christ Jesus they are all children of God through faith in Christ. Because Jesus is the heir to the inheritance promised to Abraham, so, through him, are believers also heirs. As a result, everything that is God's he has given to us, not only to enjoy but also to care for. Stewardship theologian Helge Brattgard (1920-2007) expands on the idea of stewardship as a concept of family.

In the Septuagint *oikos* is a much-used concept, besides its original meaning "place of residence," it also suggests, not least of all, the fellowship which unites those who belong to the same household, first, the family but this could include the relations as well. Greek and Hebrew have no word for "family"; they use the terms *oikos* or *beth* respectively. This naturally influenced the use of this concept in the New Testament. *Oikos*, therefore, implies domestic fellowship, or, in the broader sense, the family, including the sons, the servants, and the families of guests. It is important for us to note that the term *oikos* and other related terms are not only and not first of all biological concepts. The decisive thing here is not the blood relationship, but participation in the same fortunes, the same work, the same success and failure, and the same dangers ... What is referred to, therefore, is a real, living fellowship, emerging from God's continuing act of creation, in which men are brought together in mutual service.

Our relationship with God, that of father and child, elevates our status from that of a servant to that of sons and daughters. Christian stewardship is a family affair. Not merely to work for God as his agents and administrators of his property, but to work with him as his children, sharing his purposes, his resources, his very nature – such is the high status of Christian stewards.

And our work is not just as a duty, or for payment as a servant or hired hand, but we work as those who will inherit all that they now care for. Out of parental love God has given each of us an inheritance, and out of filial love we steward it. As such, stewardship should not be thought of as a burden or drudgery but as a joyful participation in God's good work. Says Brattgard: "That which God gave man to take care of as a steward has been given 'out of his fatherly goodness.' To confess the Creator is also to confess the Father. This signifies that Christian stewardship is built upon a child relationship. We are stewards – but over our Father's house ... (God) can accomplish all that needs to be done without our cooperation, but he gives us the opportunity to share in the joy of being his coworkers."

Message from your Stewardship Committee
Excerpts from NIV Stewardship Study Bible
Theologian T.A. Kantonen (Page 1536)

REFRESH YOUTH

Dear Church Family,

As many of you already know, Sarah and I are moving up to the Chicago area at the beginning of this month to do ministry. We will be helping my parents plant a new church, and also starting an evangelistic ministry that aims to reach Gen Z. While we strongly believe that the Lord is calling us into this new season of kingdom work, we are sad to leave all the amazing relationships we have formed here at FPC Mooresville. Words cannot express how grateful we are for this church community. You have gone above and beyond to ensure that we felt welcomed and loved here. The relationships built, lives impacted, and memories shared will always hold a special place in my heart. It has been a great privilege and joy to serve our young people over the past couple of years.

God is truly doing something special in our church and city, and I look forward to seeing where He takes us in the future. He is so faithful! I have no doubt that our youth ministry will continue to bear fruit through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lately, I have found myself connecting with the precious words that the Apostle Paul spoke to the elders of the church of Ephesus in Acts 20:18-24 as he was preparing to depart from them and follow Jesus to the city of Jerusalem...

Paul said, “18 You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. 22 And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

Honestly, I have no idea what is going to happen as Sarah and I follow the compelling of the Spirit to move up to Chicagoland. However, our heart posture in all this is simply to be obedient and testify to the good news of Jesus Christ. It is bittersweet to step away from all the amazing things that are happening right here in Mooresville, but I trust our sovereign Lord has a plan for all of us.

May His perfect will be done.

Please know that I will keep you in my prayers, and I humbly request that you do the same. Do not hesitate to reach out at any point in the future, I would love to hear from you. I will dearly miss you all. God bless you!

Love,

Zeb Nelson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



It's BACK TO SCHOOL already and we are excited! We are still seeking a few volunteers for the fall. If you are willing or interested in more information please reach out to Melissa Foulke as soon as you are able.

Our Teachers have met, had their volunteer training and are praying for their classes!

What's Happening This Month:

- **August 9** - Parents Meet the teacher and hear more about new offerings on Sunday morning.
- **August 9** - Our fall Semester begins with KINGDOM KIDS PANCAKES AND PROMOTIONS! Our Kingdom Kids will start in the Fellowship Hall with a pancake breakfast while our Sprouts will be moving to their new classes on the second floor. After their pancake breakfast the Kingdom Kids (K-5) will head to their classrooms on the 3rd floor where you will pick them up.
- **August 30** - FAMILY SUNDAY! There will be no Kingdom Kids. Children will attend the service with their families and enjoy a children's sermon. Activities, worship bulletins and sermon notes will be available at the 10am service at the door to worship .

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.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sprouts Ministry (0 - Preschool) 2nd floor

0 - 23 months: Nursery room

Toddlers: Our 2's-3's class Fish room

Preschool: Our 4-5 year olds class Lamb room

Kingdom Kids (Kindergarten - 5th grade)

Drop off- Fellowship Hall

Pick up:

K-1st grade Room 322

2nd-3rd grade Room 324

4th-5th grade Room 309

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.

Kingdom Kids - Kindergarten - 5th grade:

Elementary school classes will use the following schedule:

10:00 Kingdom Kids meet in Fellowship Hall for a time of worship, scripture memorization, games and more.

After we conclude our large group time together, the children will divide by grade to tables for their lesson time. We strongly encourage children to bring their bibles to Sunday School.

**** Please note - children who have not been picked up by 11:10 am will be brought to the second floor childcare room (Duck room) so that our teachers can get to church on time.**

PILLOWCASE PARTY

Join us as we sew simple
pillowcase dresses
for the next shoebox ministry.

*Dresses will be included in shoeboxes
for children in need.*

📅 Saturday, September 19th

📅 Saturday, October 17th

🕒 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

📍 Fellowship Hall

*Come for an hour or stay all day.
Everyone is welcome!*



Bring if you can:

- 100% cotton Fabric
(about 1 yard per dress)
- Thread
- Scissors
- Pins or sewing clips
- Sewing machine
- Iron / Ironing board

Material donations also appreciated.

Questions?

Call or text Laura Wright
714-401-1076

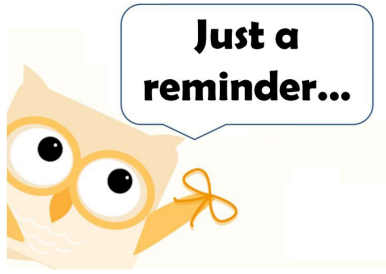
Snacks, coffee, and water provided.
If you plan to stay all day, please
pack a lunch.

Want to see an example of a pillowcase dress?
www.sewlikemymom.com/easiest-pillowcase-dress-ever

PRESCHOOL

Ring the School Bell

Our Orientation days at the Preschool will take place on Monday, August 10th and Tuesday, August 11th. Please refer to your child's information packet that came home in July for your child's assigned day.



Physician's Forms and Tuition

Please plan to bring your physician's form with you to Orientation along with your first tuition installment. August's tuition is the normal full rate. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Preschool. We do encourage you to set up online bill pay where the bank pulls the money out of your account and mails a check to preschool. We do not automatically pull money from your account. We also accept Zelle payments. Please email tracey@moorevillefpc.org if you would like further information.

Supply Drop Off

Parents received a supply list for their child in our July mailing. These supplies are greatly appreciated! Supplies can be dropped off the week of August 3-6 from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM. This will give our teachers time to organize the supplies and for us to focus on the safety of the car line the first week of school. Don't forget to LABEL all your supplies with your child's name and class. That way we get the supplies to the right place!

First Day of Preschool

Wednesday, August 12th and Thursday, August 13th are our first official days of school. We cannot wait for you join us for the 2026-27 school year. Drop off is 8:40-9:00 and pick up is 11:40-12:00. We appreciate your patience and support during car line the first couple of weeks!



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship 11:15am Traditional Worship 6:30pm Combined Refresh Youth	7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G 7:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B		2:30pm Prayer Meeting
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

BIRTHDAYS

6 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	7	8 7:15am Men's Bible Study
13 First day of Preschool for TTh and MTTh Preschoolers 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	14	15 7:15am Men's Bible Study
20 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	21	22 7:15am Men's Bible Study
27 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	28	29 7:15am Men's Bible Study

8/1- Fern Alexander, Beverly Chappell, Phil Heilman, Adelle Ostensen
8/2- Chloe Gildberg, Debbie Solomone
8/3- Evgenia Pankova, Alex Teeter
8/4- Stacey Faulkenberry, Phil Solomone, Carroll Teeter
8/5- Milania Corrales, Michael Culbreth
8/6- Hillary Cole
8/7- Emily Kirkland
8/8- Matthew Heilman, Joyce Lytle, Howard Stutts
8/9- Sue Telford
8/10- Jake Foulke, Pat Loftin, Jackie Webb
8/11- Clint Belk, Lynda Robinson
8/12- Curtis Crews, Bobby Hinson, Ruth Newell, Amy Petrenko
8/14- Eric Pluer, Graham Sledge, Grady Woodward
8/15- Braelyn Kate Campbell
8/16- Joshua Brown, Audie Seyller
8/17- Becky McIntrye, Sam Stranton, Savannah Stranton
8/18- Christy Floyd, Alan Sledge
8/19- Susan Smith
8/20- Jane James
8/21- Daniel Christman
8/22- Drew Teeter
8/23- David Ramey
8/25- Sandy Bickett, Pat Campbell
8/26- Alice Chaplinksy
8/27- Anna McNeely, David Nelson
8/28- Kathryn Donelson, Paige Ladd
8/29- Mabel Culbreth, Mary Davidson, Grace Donelson, David Vail
8/30- Neely Davidson
8/31- Andrea Abele, Jack Brown, Will McIntrye III, Lee Rhyne

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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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