

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ROANOKE RAPIDS NC

First Presbyterian Church seeks to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ by expressing our love for Him and our neighbors through worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, congregational care, and mission.

In Touch



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

January is when the president gives a State of the Union address to the nation. In the past the Finance and Personnel Committee has given a financial report to the congregation at the beginning of the year. So it seems appropriate that I give you a sense of a state of our congregation by talking about those who have been on my mind because of health issues.

But first, I'd like to say thank you for the generous gift you gave me on Christmas. I am always embarrassed by your extravagance towards me. The best I can do in return is treat this gift as an investment in my ministry and use it toward something from which we all can benefit. I am deeply grateful.

John Shives, is of course always on our minds. He and Jenny were in church recently and I have a hard time believing that he is not fully recovered given his energy and cheerfulness. Still we shall have to continue to pray for him.

Riddick Ricks and I had a conversation recently and he reported that he has experienced almost a complete recovery from his hearing loss. There is nothing that indicates that he will need any follow up treatment except for a hearing aid in the unaffected ear in which he had lost some hearing several years back. So praises to God for Riddick's recovery!

Carolyn Crawford is still her sweet wonderful self. She has been having trouble with falling lately, which is a concern, but she always endures her difficulties with good humor. She likes to tell me that she is "improving in her old age."

Bill Graham has been having trouble with his eyesight to the point that he is avoiding driving. This means that he is not likely to be attending church much. If you feel able to give Bill a ride to church, I think he would greatly appreciate it. Give him a call.

Sally Ray Warren is still at the Landing in Littleton. But she is able to go out to lunch or have a visit. Some time soon I would like to organize a little lunch outing with

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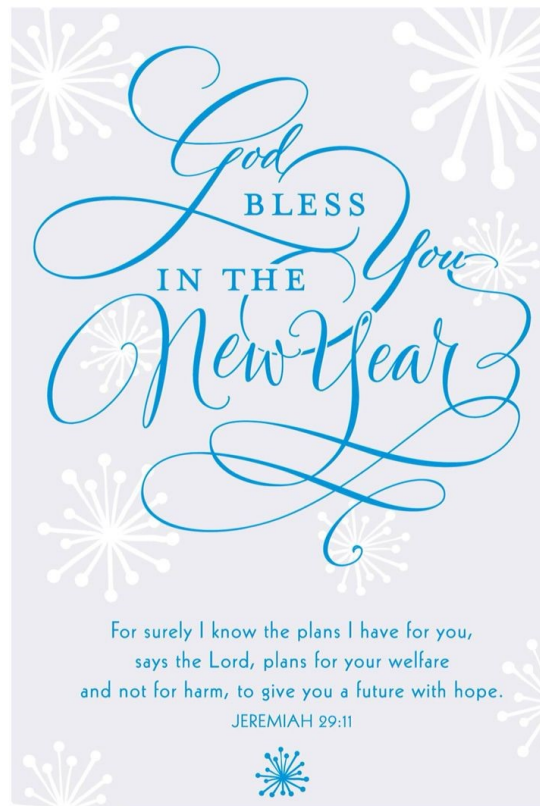
Sally Ray somewhere. Let me know if you are interested and I will keep you informed.

Grace Fishel is going through her rehab at the Fountains at the Albemarle in Tarboro. I brought her communion recently. She seems to be doing fine, although she has a cyst in the leg that was involved in her knee replacement. This is a recent development and may delay her recovery.

Keep these and others in your thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months to come. My own experience with being prayed for is that it lifts one's being into a state where the hurts don't hurt so much and the struggles aren't so difficult that you can't smile and maybe even laugh.

God bless and take care this new year,

Joe





**MOVIE NIGHTS ARE
BACK! AND FREE!
JOIN US ON
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20,
AT 7:00 PM IN THE
LOY BUILDING FOR
THE MOVIE,
THE GREAT DEBATERS.
POPCORN AND
DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Meet on Tuesday, January 10,
in the Loy Building.**

**Morning Circle meets at 9:30 am and will discuss
lesson 5 together.**

**Afternoon Circle meets at 1:30 pm and Susan Gaylor
will lead lesson 5.**

**PW's Christmas project was the
Grandparents Fund at
Children's Hope Alliance. If you
didn't have the chance to donate
and still wish to please give your
donation to Pet Spears or Tammy
Spragins.**

All women are invited to join us!



**Prayers for Healing of Friends &
Families of the Church**

Priscilla Ricks
Bill Howell
Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels
Sally Ray and G.C. Warren
David and LaNae Grimes
Sandra Stephenson
The homeless
Doug Hayes
Linda Ray
Roger Fuester
Jeff Peedin
Frank Lonesky
B.T. Brown
Darlene Kassner
Bev Hummel
Sheryl & Wayne O'Neil
Cathy Hux Keeter
Sandy Sandoval
Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas
Victims of the war in Ukraine
Jeff Gibson
Jeff Williams
Reid and Marilyn Hinson
Victims of Hurricane Ian
John Shives
Doug Thompson
Lou Ann Clarke
Kelly Small
James Spragins
Beth Broome
Michael Shelby
Bill Graham
Grace Fishel, c/o Fountains of the Albemarle,
200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886
Phone: 252-641-0001

**If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list
or someone that needs to come off, please contact
Susan Gaylor at sdgaylor@embarqmail.com or
call her at 678-4228.**

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am Worship—Communion



MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 pm Worship Committee (Parlor)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 am PW Morning Circle

1:30 am PW Afternoon Circle

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

3:30 pm Witness Committee

7:00 pm Choir



THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 pm Finance & Personnel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

6:00 pm Session



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 pm Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 pm Movie Night (Loy Bldg.)

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am Worship



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 pm Choir



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee

11:00 am Worship

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

Breton Pate—3
Gary Hackenburg—10
Rebecca White Fries—17
Nathan Howard—19
Julia Ann Fitts—30
Martha Waring—30
Chip Clifton—31



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