



First Word

January 29, 2017

"To live by Faith, to be known by Love, and to be a voice of Hope."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A group of volunteers braved the snow to deliver meals for **Meals on Wheels**, and we would like to personally thank these volunteers: Richard Holshouser, Dan Egbert, Harold and Nancy James, Donna McClune, Sonny Talbot, and Van Groce, Jr.

There will be **no youth group** this Sunday evening; enjoy the big game with your family!

Circles will be meeting Monday, February 12:

- Circle 1 will be meeting at 10AM in the Ladies Parlor.
- Circle 2 will be meeting at 10AM in the Hobson Classroom.
- Circle 3 will be meeting at 10AM in the Church Library.
- Circle 4 will be meeting at 7PM in the Church Library.

Celebrate Mardi Gras with our youth! On **Shrove Tuesday**, February 13, we will have a pancake supper in the Harper Center from 5:45-7:00pm. This fundraiser supper will help to offset costs related to our church-wide mission trip and youth camps.

The joint **Ash Wednesday** service for our Sanford area Presbyterian Churches will be at Pocket Presbyterian Church on February 14. A refreshment period will begin at 6:15 PM with Ash Wednesday worship following at 7:00 PM.

Yes, you! You're invited to join our church family on a weekend mission trip April 20-22 to Black Mountain, NC. In addition to fellowship, worship, and fun, we'll work together on projects around Black Mountain and Asheville. Projects will be available for all abilities and ages. The full cost of the trip is \$85 per participant. Register with a \$50 deposit by March 1 to reserve your space! See Jenny for more information.



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner
February 13
serving at
5:45-7:00pm in the
Harper Center



We recently signed up for **Reach Alert**, a mass voice and text message alert program, in order to communicate important events and information to you more quickly and effectively. As good as this service is, if you don't register, we can't share important information with you. All you need to do is:




- Go to www.reachalert.com and click on MY ACCOUNT.
- Select CREATE ACCOUNT.
- Follow the prompts and enter your preferred contact information.
- Network Name: type FPC Sanford (click on our name when it appears).
- Select "member."

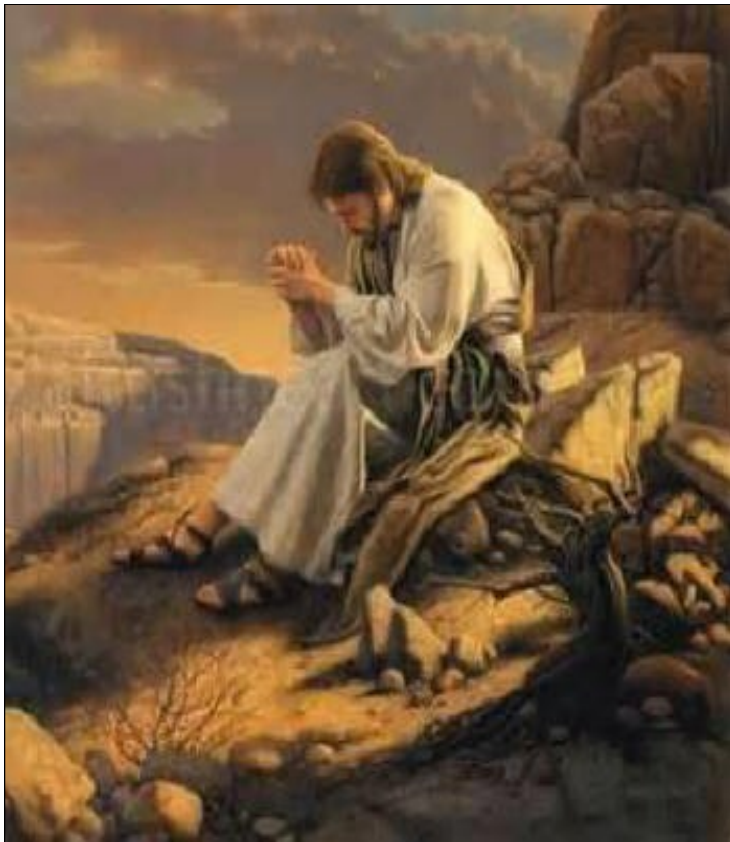
If you do not have access to a computer or if you experience any difficulty registering, please contact REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313.



This Sunday, February 4, will be the First Food Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. We will collect our Pennies for Hunger offering, which is used to help feed hungry people within the Presbytery and internationally. The international money currently is used in Haiti, Malawi, and Mexico. We will also collect food items for the CUOC this Sunday. The offerings will be dedicated in the worship services. Come prepared to take part in this offering, and be a blessing to others and receive a blessing yourself!

January/February 2018

Mon Office Hours: 8AM-2PM	Tue Office Hours: 8AM-2PM	Wed Office Hours: 8AM-2PM	Thu Office Hours: 8AM-2PM	Fri/Sat Office Hours: 8:30AM- 11:30AM	Sun
29 •8AM-2PM: Walking Track	30 •8AM-2PM: Walking Track •10AM: Bible Study  DON WAZENEGGER	31 •8AM-2PM: Walking Track •6/7:30PM: Choir Practice •7PM: Prayer Meeting	1 •8AM-2PM: Walking Track	2 •8AM-12PM: Walking Track  DAVID VANN	4 •9AM: Contemporary Service •10AM: Sunday School •11AM: Traditional Service •5PM: NO YOUTH
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Worship for Sunday, February 4

- Mark 1: 29-39
- The Psalter reading is Psalm 147

Jesus begins ministry right away. In the midst of all of Jesus' teachings and healings, and a battle with evil, Jesus takes time to pray. Prayer empowers us for our ministries. Taking time to pray is an attitude, an attitude of deliberateness. We must be deliberate about sharing our burdens and thanksgiving with God in prayer wherever we find ourselves. I urge you to make time for that solitary, quiet place within your mind, within your temperament. Find that "somewhere" place where you can be alone with God in prayer. One place that I appreciate in our church facility is the meditation chapel just off the walking track. I often go there as I begin my day at the office. I also find myself there after discovering a specific congregational need for prayer. Regardless of where you pray, the important thing is that you make a place for prayer in your heart.

I hope to see you in worship and Bible study on Sunday!

-Pastor Bruce