



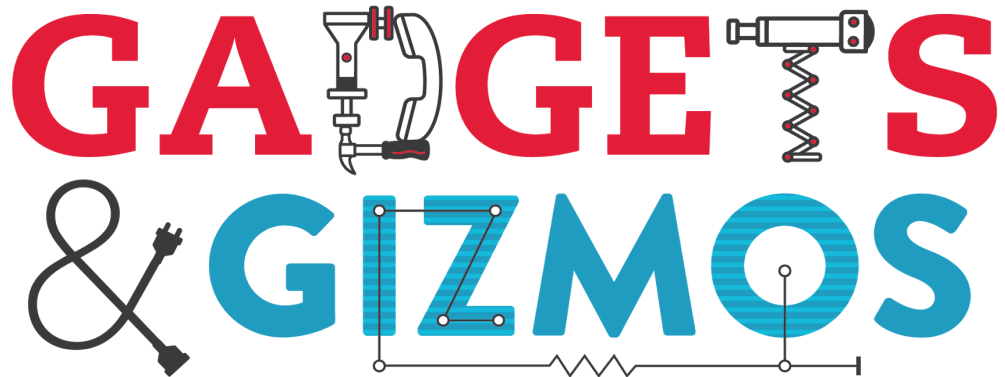
June & July 2017

The First News

*First Presbyterian Church
Statesboro, Georgia*

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**Gadgets & Gizmos VBS 2017
SUN, JUNE 11 - WED, JUNE 14
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Gadgets & Gizmos...Uniquely Wired. Wonderfully Made. Every kid is uniquely wired for one reason. They were wonderfully made in the image of God.

The Gadgets & Gizmos VBS is geared to capture a kids' imagination about their Creator so they can discover how they are...MADE by God, MADE for a relationship with Jesus, and MADE to love others.

This summer, discover how the Creator of all things created us to know and love Him.

Memory Verse:

“Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)



June

- Thursday, June 1:** Senior Companion Program (8 a.m.—1 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 3:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, June 4:** Worship & Communion (11 a.m.)
Congregational Meeting (12 p.m.)
Montreat Youth Conference (June 4-10)
- Saturday, June 10:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, June 11:** Worship (11 a.m.)
Gadgets & Gizmos VBS (June 11-14/ 6—8 p.m.)
- Tuesday, June 13:** Rebecca's Café (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Thursday, June 15:** Lunch Bunch at the Beaver House (11:30 a.m.)
- Saturday, June 17:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
Baby Shower for Christy Eyrich (4-6 p.m. at Hendersons' Home)
- Sunday, June 18:** Father's Day
Worship (11 a.m.)
- Saturday, June 24:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, June 25:** Worship (11 a.m.)

July

- Saturday, July 1:** No Silver Lining Club
- Sunday, July 2:** Worship & Communion (11 a.m.)
- Tuesday, July 4:** Independence Day (Church Office Closed)
- Thursday, July 6:** Senior Companion Program (8 a.m.—1 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 8:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, July 9:** Worship (11 a.m.)
- Tuesday, July 11:** Rebecca's Café (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 15:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, July 16:** Worship (11 a.m.)
Combined June & July Session Meeting (4 p.m.)
- Thursday, July 20:** Lunch Bunch at the Beaver House (11:30 a.m.)
Senior Companion Advisory Council Meeting (12:30—2 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 22:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, July 23:** Worship (11 a.m.)
- Saturday, July 29:** Silver Lining Club (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- Sunday, July 30:** Sunday School (10 a.m.) & Worship (11 a.m.)

Session Highlights – May 21, 2017

Prior to the Session meeting, **Pastor Dan announced that he had accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, NC.** At Doty Dunn's suggestion, those present bowed their heads to pray for him, his family, our church and the Wilmington Church. More details of the call were shared and plans discussed. Doty Dunn and Ann Henderson agreed to serve as the Session members of a transition team. Additional members are needed from the congregation.

There will be more information provided in the coming weeks. The usual protocol is to conduct a self-study, enlist the guidance of the Committee on Ministry from Savannah Presbytery, secure an Interim Pastor and create a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

Pastor Dan's last Sunday will be June 18, 2017. A reception will be held for the Lewis Family following the service that day. While Elders were saddened by the news they also expressed their love, understanding and support for Pastor Dan's decision.

In addition, Session members learned of **Amie Bautista's resignation effective July 7, 2017.** She accepted a position of Upper School Office Assistant at Savannah Christian Preparatory School. It is a great opportunity for her and her family and includes a significant increase in annual income. Session members sadly accepted this news as well.

Session approved the following in the consent agenda:

Minutes of the **April 9, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Session.**

Christian Education – Hiring of Victoria Vano as a nursery worker to replace Logan Chappell

Christian Education – Vacation Bible School fundraiser (Robot Contest) to raise funds for Haiti Outreach Ministry

Christian Education -- *A Children's Guide to Worship* to be given to families of children who attend worship this summer

Facilities -- Use of Carleton Hall by Beth Stubbs for Community Bible Study Leadership meetings in 2017-2018 with fees waived

Facilities -- Permission to move forward with replacement gutters (following reception of estimate)

Facilities -- Permission to shampoo sanctuary carpets

Service – Approval to revert back to leaving the kitchen door unlocked throughout the day.

Baptism of Tyler James Copeland on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Elder Commissioner Ann Henderson accompanied Pastor Dan Lewis to the May 23, 2017 meeting of Savannah Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church in Savannah.

Mike Kennedy has agreed to be the contact person for the Facilities Committee for the summer.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, June 4th to hear a report from the Elder Nominating Committee and to consider the matter to consent or decline to consent to dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

On Sunday, June 4, **Maura Copeland** will present *Engage FPC!* -- providing an explanation of what to expect in the months ahead as our church family adjusts to life without the Lewis Family and prepares for the future.

Monthly Stewardship Update, May 2017

Revenue	Budget	UNDER Budget	Expenses	Budget	UNDER Budget
\$20,013.80	\$22,250.00	-\$2,236.20	\$18,663.61	\$20,825.42	-\$2,161.81

We are \$2,236.20 Under Budget for Revenue. However, we also were Under Budget for Expenses by \$2,161.81. For April, we brought in \$1,350.19 more than we spent.

May 31, 2017 Year to Date

Revenue	Budget	OVER Budget	Expenses	Budget	UNDER Budget
\$115,774.52	\$110,532.26	\$5,242.26	\$111,842.80	\$114,455.32	-\$2,612.52

Year To Date we are \$5,242.26 Over Budget for Revenue. We are also \$2,612.52 Under Budget for Expenses. Year To Date we brought in \$3,931.72 more than we spent. Over budget in Revenue, Under budget in Expenses. Brought in more than we have spent. That is pretty good for May. **Thanks to all who have made this possible.** Anyone seeking more information or more detailed information may contact me at jfrankli@georgiasouthern.edu.



Savannah Presbytery Announcements

Summer Camp - Register NOW! June 19-24, Camp New Ebenezer

At Summer Camp, "... we all get a real taste of what God created life to be. We all commit to loving others as God has loved us. We are committed to seeing Jesus in each other. It is no wonder that it is so hard to leave, to say "goodbye" to those people who have shared with us a taste of the Kingdom." Proctor Chambless, Camp Director

For more information, visit <http://www.savannahpresbytery.org/events/youth/summer-camp/>

Register Now for the 2019 Class of the School of the Laity!

Every summer, a new group of students begin an adventure that proves to enrich and enliven their faith. Come, be part of this exciting two-year journey! You will begin by exploring the Bible, moving on to learn reformed theology, polity, history and practical ministry/discipleship, all with excellent instructors. Our graduates say that the School of the Laity changed their lives! Join us this summer, June 9-11!

For more information, visit <http://www.savannahpresbytery.org/events/school-of-the-laity/>

Backpack Buddies

During the summer, we would like to stock up on non-perishable items for next school year, such as Chef Boyardee meals, Vienna sausages, and easy macaroni n' cheese. Please leave all donation items in the basket outside of CE Office. Thank you for your generosity!

Summer Sunday School Sabbatical

Our "Summer Sunday School Sabbatical" has begun for the children, youth and young adult Sunday School classes. Those wishing to attend Sunday school are invited to join any of the other classes continuing to meet during the summer. All classes will resume in August.

Summer Book Club

We are starting a summer book club at First Presbyterian! Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, June 1st at 12 p.m.** A light lunch will be provided. The reading for June has been described as an easy read and one that would be suitable for men & women... "A Man Called Ove." Please contact Susan Parrish at susan@fpcstatesboro.org or (912) 681-2053 if you are interested or have any questions. For more information, visit: <https://www.amazon.com/Man-Called-Ove-Novel/>



BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a drop in baby shower for Christy Eyrich on June 17th from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Allen & Ann Henderson

Christy is registered for baby boy Phoenix at Target and Amazon



Please carpool to the Hendersons' home if you are able — parking is limited

June & July Birthdays Prayer List

Bailey Gunter	6/1
Sue Murray	6/1
Mary Boyer	6/2
Samuel Broucek	6/2
Taylor Gerig	6/3
Ernie LoBue	6/3
Verdery Kennedy	6/8
Brian Feltman	6/9
Sue Hedin	6/11
Debra Pease	6/11
Donna Burnett	6/17
Carrie Feltman	6/18
Parker Newell	6/23
Carrie Bailey	6/25
Makaila Thomas	6/25
Jay Womack	6/25
Chris Benatti	6/26
Brenda Bigley	6/26
Dillon Fitzgerald	6/29
Matt Gerig	6/29
Virginia Yarber	6/29
Chloe Radford	7/2
Bob Scherer	7/2
Jeremy Ward	7/3
Lauren Thomas	7/7
Worth Presley	7/9
Brockman Presley	7/10
Julia Basquin	7/11
Charles (CJ) Mann	7/12
Jim Christy	7/14
Paige Haymons	7/17
Katrina Toth	7/17
Cooper Bailey	7/19
Ruth Baker	7/25
Nan LoBue	7/26
Ouida Barrineau	7/27
Bill Broucek	7/27
Tucker Dennis	7/27
Mark Davis	7/28
Susan Lewis	7/31

Please pray for our members, family and friends. Names remain on the prayer list for one month, unless otherwise requested.

Ouida Barrineau, Sara Bennett, Joann Bowser, Carolyn Broucek, Rosalyn Cox, Marlene Davis, Barbara & Bob Focht, Gayle Gunter, Susan Gunter, Harriet Hair, Del Presley, Pat Shelburne, Bob Sylwester, Valerie Thomas, Service Men & Women

Flowers

Placing flowers in worship is a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones and celebrate special occasions. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, you may do so by signing up on the flower chart located outside the office.

The cost of flowers is \$50. Please make checks payable to 'First Presbyterian Church' and note it 'flowers'.

ACTS & Rebecca's Café

Please consider helping to meet needs in our community by donating to these two FPC supported local missions. Donation items may be dropped off in baskets outside of the CE Office. Thank you!

ACTS Pantry Items:

cereal, dry milk, cans of meat (no fish), easy open ready meals, peanut butter, cans of chili, soup, vegetables, fruit (easy open)

Rebecca's Café Items: canned tomatoes, sauce and paste, dishwashing liquid, SOS pads, aluminum foil, aluminum pans (approx. 10x14)

ACTS Fact: During the first four months of 2017, ACTS gave \$20,299.20 for client assistance.

ACTS now has a website: www.actsbulloch.org

ACTS email: acts@actsbulloch.org

Church Staff

Pastor: The Reverend Dan Lewis

Christian Education Director: Susan Parrish

Youth Director: Jamie Copeland

Music Director: Allen Henderson

Organists: Duke Miles & Glenn Haynes

Office Administrator: Amie Bautista

2017 Ruling Elders

Clerk of Session: Lois Roberts (18)

Administration Committee: Chris Benatti (17) & Brett Curry (19)

Christian Education Committee: Doty Dunn (17) & Matt Gerig (19)

Facilities Committee: Brian Feltman (18)

Mission Committee: Gordon Smith (18)

Pastoral Care Committee: Maura Copeland (17) & Frank McDonald (19)

Service Committee: Annette Smith (17)

Worship Committee: Nan LoBue (18) & Ann Henderson (19)

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Annette Smith

Secretary & Treasurer: Debi Franklin

Historian: Vacant

Special Projects: Katie Olson

Personal Service: Linda Christy

Joy Circle Leader: Verdery Kennedy

Pond House Circle Leader: Marti Parrish



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Mission Statement

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro, Georgia is to be a Christ-centered family of believers called and committed to worshipping, growing spiritually, and sharing God's love and grace.