

## Weekly Worship

**Sunday,**

**The Lord's Day**

9:00am Worship Service

10:05am Assembly &

Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 1**

*(no 9:00 service)*

11:00 Combined Worship  
 Service

**July 2 — July 22**

Youth France Mission

Trip

**Monday, July 2**

1:00 Prayers & Squares

6:30 Mission Ministry Team

**Tuesday, July 10**

4:30-6:30

Thornwell Drop-in  
 "Stressed Out"

**Wednesday, June 11**

5:30 Stewardship, Personnel &  
 Finance Ministry

**Monday, July 16**

10:30-2:30 Session

Abide Retreat

1:00 Prayers & Squares

3:00 Visitation Ministry

6:00 Session Meeting

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Director of Spiritual

Formation

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## **A Note From Our Mexico Mission Team**

*July 2018*

**...but most importantly, I saw the Lord working.**

Four of our Mexico Mission team members have provided us with their account of what they saw and experienced during their time in Mexico.

**Sam Brock** —Our team of seven worked on five different cisterns. We met four families that will benefit from these cisterns. They welcomed us and worked with us. They offered us refreshments and "banõs." We also worked on a cistern for a Presbyterian Church. We stayed in Xpujil...a small town in the Mexican state of Campeche. We worked about an hour outside of Xpujil in a small village. It was like going back 200 years with outhouses and everything. Turkeys, chickens, pigs, sheep and dogs roamed the streets.

The cisterns are about eight feet high and will hold approximately 6,400 gallons of rain water. There are four stages of the construction process: the floor, first four foot ring form, then second four foot ring form, then the top.

We did 85 bags of cement the first day for five floor pours. That entailed lifting about 8,450 five gallon buckets of sand and gravel to your shoulder to dump in the mixer. The next three days we did eight ring pours (five ground level and three at the second level)...that's about 65 bags of cement and 650 five gallon buckets of sand and gravel.

This is what your dollar did. This is what your prayers foster. This is what came of the love and compassion that pours from each of your hearts. I saw it with my own two eyes and worked shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I saw community building, I saw sacrifice, I saw team work, and I even saw smiles as we worked hard, but most importantly, **I saw the Lord working.**

**David Harris**—I really enjoyed working with everyone on our trip (both our team and our brothers and sisters in Mexico). Everyone we met treated us with love and kindness. We do have a great Lord who loves us, teaches us, comforts us, and sends us. Only a few years ago, I would have never thought that I would be going on mission trips. I'm already looking forward to the next trip.

**Abby Palmer**—When I was in Mexico, I really saw God's love communicated through actions, not just our words. Working alongside the local people, I realized I didn't need to know Spanish to communicate and hear God's love for His people. I wanted to thank y'all for your continued thoughts and prayers.



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**Angeline Brock**—In his closing words on our last day of work, Victor asked that we share his love and gratitude, and that of the Church in Castilla Brita with all of you here. He prayed with us and thanked God for all of First Presbyterian Church Moncks Corner (not just those of us in front of him). He acknowledged all of those who were “behind the scenes” who donate their treasure—their prayer and their finances as well as those who give their time and talents. So, as your messenger, Thank you! We love you! And we give all praise to our Father, our God who makes all things possible. Amen.



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## Moment for Missions

*“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:26b-28*

Each month in this column, the Mission Ministry Team highlights an opportunity for prayer as our church seeks to be “mission-minded” on a local, regional, and global level. This month, we ask for prayer for the Hands of Christ project, both here at First Presbyterian of Moncks Corner and throughout our area. Hands of Christ is now in the supply drive and planning phase, speeding toward our distribution dates on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep our customers, volunteers, and leadership team in your prayers this month, as well as our partners from Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. In particular, please pray that the Lord would enable us to serve our customers well and to His glory, that our volunteers would be humble conduits of His grace, and that our customers would be receptive to His good news. Finally, pray that the Lord would help us all to acknowledge that He is our greatest need, whether we’re serving or being served by this ministry.

# To Parents of Preschool Children

With so few children in the preschool, we have kept them all together. However, this September we will have a class for those who are in 4 & 5 Kindergarten, even if there are only a few. They have learned skills which enable them to study Bible on a little higher level than 2's and 3's, etc. So far, we have various ladies who will teach for one month each. (We may work all preschool together at Christmas time.)

This summer we are studying creation, and all that God has made. We are hoping to reach more preschoolers this summer and next year. We teach the Bible, God, Jesus, prayer, creation, our church and people. If you have a nursery child and would like to visit our Sunday School, please feel free to come and observe the activities. We especially like you to visit when you bring a new child; this helps their security in a new place. Topics of study are listed in each room.

In the Love of Christ, JoAnn Bryant and all Preschool Sunday School Teachers

**We don't "keep" the nursery, we "teach" the nursery.**

## VBS 2018



## Youth Sunday, June 3, 2018



On Youth Sunday we had 15 new confirmands join the church.  
What a blessing! Take time to get to know them. They are our future church leaders.



Emily Matthews (left)  
and  
Rachel Gallagher  
(right)  
were baptized at  
Somerset Point.



# PYG

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

**Middle School and High School Youth**  
meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm

The Lord is doing so much with our youth these days! We just finished our Whitewater retreat with 30 youth. We studied what it means to live the life of a Martyr, laying down our lives for others. We wrapped up VBS with looking at how to love and respect God, while the adults studied the difference between religion and Christianity. We had two baptisms of our youth at our church picnic, 15 confirmands, and our prepping up to take 11 youth to France! Wow! We praise God for all this work he is doing!

In the Love of Christ, David Baruch



Greetings Church Family,

Michelle and I would like to express our gratitude for the many thoughts, prayers, cards, and visitations we have received from all of you during Michelle's battle with cancer. The prayer quilt we received was such a very gracious and powerful gift. It brought tears to our eyes. The medical community gave Michelle a year to live at best, but with all the prayers, they are seeing the treatments working better than they expected and are now considering additional ways to treat Michelle's cancer. We are watching God's plan unfold before us and our trust is in Him. Thank you again for your prayers and thoughts, we have truly been blessed and humbled by your support.

Sincerely, Dave, Michelle and Kayla Soderberg



**July**

- 2 D.J. Harrison  
Nathaniel Murray  
Jerry Stuckey
- 5 Talley Propst
- 6 Haleigh Markham
- 7 Glen Devaun
- 10 Mary Davis
- 12 Owen Murchison
- 13 Kim Matthews  
Rodger Riddle
- 14 Russell M. Brown
- 15 Sawyer Metts
- 19 JoAnn Bryant  
Jay Jordan
- 20 Jennifer Wadford  
Hall Harris  
Cooper Sconover
- 21 Samuel Baruch  
Haven Baty  
James Brewer  
Gina Faas  
Loreli Faas  
Kim Murchison
- 22 Lyndsay Baruch
- 25 Anna Claire Freeman  
Danielle Quick  
Rebecca Quick
- 26 Emma Livingston  
Lydia Murchison
- 27 Tony Dunlap
- 28 Mickey Smith
- 30 Andrew Mims
- 31 Keith Coker  
Donna Davis  
Sofia Ferez

**Update on Christmas Shoe Boxes**



Children who get the boxes get religious materials, also. And they can sign up to go to classes locally, led by trained teachers. "Please pray for the 4 million children enrolled in The Greatest Journey discipleship program this year, and lift up the 175,000 teachers who are leading these 12-week classes."

Watch for a surprise about the shoe boxes in our church!

**Grass Cutting Season**

Please sign up to cut grass at the church and help to keep our church looking good.

There's a sign up poster in the hallway.

Contact Doris Partlow for more information at (843)753-2664.

**2018 Financial Report**

	Year to date through	
	6/26/2018	Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 217,787	\$ 436,612
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 124,433	\$ 263,304
Operations	\$ 60,993	\$ 106,350
Missions	\$ 8,672	\$ 32,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 8,474	\$ 21,710
<u>Worship, Evangelism &amp; Fellowship</u>	<u>\$ 3,652</u>	<u>\$ 10,260</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 206,223</u>	<u>\$ 433,924</u>

**July Food Pantry**

Please help us with our food pantry by bringing

**Spaghetti Sauce & Canned Pasta**

**July Ushers**

9:00— Ruth Lusk & Don Saturday

11:00—Mike & Janet Lucas  
Bob & Doris Partlow





## **Surviving the Summer Toolkit**

**Tuesday, July 10th from 4:30-6:30pm**

**Are you a parent that is ready for summer break to be over?**

**Are you stressing with work demands, children wanting to play, go to the beach, or eating all the food in the refrigerator, and all you can think of is needing time to relax?**

**Have electronics become your best friend to help the time go by faster or to limit negative behaviors?**

**Please “drop-in” Tuesday, July 10th from 4:30-6:30pm here at the church to pick up information to learn skills to help you survive the remainder of summer break!**



**Light refreshments will be served.  
RSVP Lauren Smith 864-386-4668**

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**Making disciples who reach UP to God,  
IN to one another, and OUT to the world.**