

July — September, 2018



# THE MESSENGER

Dear Friends,

Everyone sure seems mad these days. Turn on the television and you're going to see two talking heads going at it. Go on social media and you'll find even worse. Everyone has an opinion, and it's a strong one. They simply know that they are right, anyone who disagrees with them is wrong, and if you don't like, well...

Of course, this isn't a new problem. People have been fussing and fighting with each other ever since Adam tried to blame Eve for that whole fruit incident. The church is, of course, no stranger to these arguments, fights, and disagreements. If you spend much time at all in the New Testament you'll find this out, but you will also find some pretty good advice on better ways to deal with conflict.

Take, for example, Ephesians 4:1-3: "I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

We can tell, of course, that these are instructions for how we, as Christians, are to behave toward each other because the passage begins by talking about our calling and implores us to live a life worthy of that calling (which is probably worth a sermon or two, but I'll save that for another day). But then it goes on to lift up several qualities that should define our relationships with each other. Qualities like humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love, maintaining the unity of the Spirit, and the bond of peace.

The question, of course, is this: are these the qualities that we display in those moments of disagreement, those moments when we are sure we are right and the other is wrong? Do we "look" like the people described here, or do we look more like those talking heads on television?

It's difficult, of course. It's not easy to live this way. But maybe if we did at least our little corner of the world might be a better place.

Yours in Christ,  
John Pruitt

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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### Services:

The Gathering — 6:00 p.m.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month)

Café Faith — 9:00 a.m.  
(Sundays September — May)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.



## Birthdays

July	August	September
2 Kelsey Evans	1 Kae Mattingly	3 Drew Evans
2 Joyce White	4 Rusty Sudderth	4 Robert Kerr
5 Gerry Sharp	4 Dale Watts	7 Kerry Kerr
12 Deryel Clark	11 Marilyn Demaree	12 Robert Myers
13 Joy Lynn Budkey	14 Marcia Newton	14 Nick Nitkin
17 Winnie Theobald	19 Burch Idol	16 Floyd Conrad
20 Mark Evans	20 Dottie Roudabush	17 Norman Self
21 Marybeth Althouse		18 Donna Carmichael
27 Konnie Conrad		18 Jim Carmichael
		22 Amy Evans
		25 Debbie Dillon
		26 Lynda Self
		27 Judy Maxwell
		29 Rocky Newton

*If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the church office. Thank you.*

## Anniversaries

July	August	September
6 Allen & Kae Mattingly	4 Rusty & Kay Sudderth	Nothing on File
8 Skip & Shirley Smith	10 Deryel & Ginger Clark	
16 Rocky & Lisa Newton		
29 Sam & Priscilla Henderson		

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## First Presbyterian Church Session Members

Class of 2018  
Nancy Bolen  
Bernie Krecklow

Class of 2019  
Lorna Foster  
Lynda Self

Class of 2020  
Sam Henderson  
Rich Tincher

# Growing Together in Faith

As summer is now upon us, many of us turn our thoughts to vacations, picnics, Fourth of July celebrations and so forth. A time when life tends to slow down. And that is not a bad thing. But here at First Presbyterian, seems like life is bustling and that is a great thing.

We just finished our summer mission trip, and instead of going out of state, this year we stayed local. We worked with

Community Housing Solutions in Greensboro, as they assist the elderly and disabled with making their homes more accessible, more “owner friendly.” Our project was to build a ramp for Miss Juanita, to make it easier for her to get in and out of her home. And while this task was not on a grand scale, it was important to Miss Juanita, and just as moving for those who participated. We were able to use our home church as a base, and that helped a lot with various people to volunteer on various days. It felt good to help someone locally, and as Reverend Pruitt says, “to assist someone who would likely have fallen between the cracks.”

As I write this, Vacation Bible School is gearing up, and we cannot wait to welcome kids from our community into our walls, to share God’s message, and His love. This program could not be the success it is without all those who volunteer their time and talents, as teachers, music leaders, craft leaders, chefs, etc. so thanks to all who hear God’s call, and take the time to answer. If we can change one young person’s life, this is a week worthwhile for all.

Summer Sunday school continues to see attendance grow, and thanks to our rotating volunteer teachers, we get exposed to various methods of teaching, and class participation has been outstanding. When everyone chooses to share their views, we can all grow in our understanding of God’s word, and can change and grow as His faithful servants. Please come in attend, if you haven’t been yet. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

As I said in the start, summer is here, but the living doesn’t have to be easy. God wants to see us be His hands, feet and His heart. The world is in need of what God so freely gives, make it a point this summer to help Him deliver His message of joy, peace, love, compassion and forgiveness to all. Let’s make it a great summer!!!

With Christ’s Peace,

Amy Evans  
Director of Christian Education

# Worship Service Schedules

## July 2018

### Greeters/Ushers

1 Anne Waddell  
Dale Watts  
8 *Comm* Millie Vernon  
Rich Tincher  
15 Sam Henderson  
Priscilla Henderson  
22 Norman Self  
Lynda Self  
29 Joy Budkey  
Jim Ingram

### Lay Reader

1 Dottie Roudabush  
8 *Comm* Dee Barham  
15 Lorna Foster  
22 Kerry Kerr  
29 Nancy Bolen

### Element Preparation

8 *Comm* Kay Sudderth  
Priscilla Henderson

### Assisting Elders

8 *Comm* Lynda Self  
Kerry Kerr  
Nancy Sharp  
Bob Myers  
Anne Waddell

## August 2018

### Greeters/Ushers

5 Bernie Krecklow  
Dale Watts  
12 *Comm* Lorna Foster  
Faye Hodges  
19 Dale Watts  
Anne Waddell  
26 Millie Vernon  
Rich Tincher

### Lay Reader

5 Nancy Bolen  
12 *Comm* Kitty Thach  
19 Dottie Roudabush  
26 Dee Barham

### Element Preparation

12 *Comm* Priscilla Henderson  
Lynda Self

### Assisting Elders

12 *Comm* Kerry Kerr  
Nancy Sharp  
Lynda Self  
Bob Myers  
Anne Waddell

## September 2018

### Greeters/Ushers

2 Sam Henderson  
Priscilla Henderson  
9 *Comm* Norman Self  
Lynda Self  
16 Joy Lynn Budkey  
Jim Ingram  
23 Lorna Foster  
Faye Hodges  
30 Anne Waddell  
Dale Watts

### Lay Reader

2 Lorna Foster  
9 *Comm* Kerry Kerr  
16 Nancy Bolen  
23 Donna Myers  
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### Element Preparation

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Lynda Self

### Assisting Elders

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Ellen Watts  
Kerry Kerr  
Rich Tincher  
Faye Hodges