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New Hope Presbytery Older Adult Ministry Award Recipients 2016 Shirley Booker and Joyce Lee

The Session of First Presbyterian Church nominated friends, neighbors, and fellow First Presbyterians Shirley Booker and Joyce Lee for the New Hope Presbytery Older Adult Ministry Award. They were honored at First Presbyterian Church of Rocky Mount on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Shirley Slaughter Booker

Shirley Slaughter Booker joined First Presbyterian Church on May 12, 1968. She and her husband John reared their four children in the church. They are blessed with seven grandchildren. Shirley has participated in most areas of church life over the years. When her children were young, she served as a Sunday school teacher in grades four through six and frequently kept the nursery. She also began her very long tenure, which still continues, of preparing food for fellowship meals. She served on the Christian Education Committee for five years. Shirley has served both as Moderator and Co-Moderator of Presbyterian Women and has been the chair of her circle as well as the chair and co-chair of the Bereavement Committee. She has twice been elected deacon. And she is a co-chair of the Special Meals Committee.

In 1996 the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church presented Shirley an Honorary Life Membership.

Besides being a first-class cook, Shirley is also a first-class gardener, and her floral arrangements have been the centerpieces of many events in the life of our church.

During our recent building campaign, Shirley served on the Transition Team Kitchen Furnishing Committee. She continues to keep an eye on the kitchen, and she volunteers several times a year to give it a thorough cleaning.

Shirley Booker is also active in the community. She is a member of the Down to Earth Garden Club and, in conjunction with the Smithfield Appearance Commission, has planted many areas in the Town of Smithfield. She has also served as a member of the Town of Smithfield Preservation Committee and as a member of the Auditorium Board of Johnston Community College. Shirley is also a gifted artist. She works with the Frank Creech Gallery at JCC and has helped with many art shows there.

Joyce Faulkner Lee

Joyce Faulkner Lee joined First Presbyterian Church, her husband David's life-long church, on May 19, 1981. Born and reared in Ormondsville, NC, she was a member of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church. She and David have one daughter, Kelly Lee Coats, a son-in-law, Stan Coats, and three granddaughters, Mary Margaret, Lauren, and Addison. They are all very active in this church.

Joyce very quickly became a true Presbyterian and has been an active member of the Presbyterian Women since she arrived, serving as circle chair, Bereavement Chair, and on other various committees. She has been involved in teaching Sunday school and VBS, and has completed the Disciples' Bible Study series along with several other Bible studies. She has also served as a deacon.

A member of our Building Committee for our new addition and renovations, Joyce remains a member of the Design Team which chooses furnishing for the new addition.

Any First Presbyterian will tell you Joyce is a great cook. She was a member of the Kitchen Committee for many years and is an active member of JOY Connection, FPC's outreach to older adults in our church and community. She is currently Co-Coordinator of the Presbyterian Women's Special Meals Committee.

For many years Joyce was also a faithful member of Contact Teleministry, a crisis hotline.

Joyce is an avid supporter of Johnston Community College, served on the Board of Visitors at Peace College for six years, and was Chair of the March of Dimes in Randolph County.

Joyce's latest interest is helping her daughter with her horse farm and watching her granddaughters compete in reining competitions across the nation.



Make sure to congratulate these two outstanding women who give so much to our church and community.

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
 _____ .”
 _____ ; _____

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

KIDS' PAGE



We Can Dance!

Emma Horne, Ruth Templeton, and Madeline Horne were each given an award for the 2015-2016 dance season. Ruth's award was Outstanding Core Class, Emma's was Outstanding in Tap, and Madeline's award was Outstanding in Clogging.

Other church members who are finishing their 2015-2016 dance season at Artistry In Motion (AIM) are **Carson Horne, Lauren Coats, Addison Coats and Kelly Coats** (Yes, Ms. Kelly danced too!).

Riley English, who has been coming to youth and church, is also an AIM Dancer and an award recipient for Outstanding in Lyrical.



Add to your prayer list

Prayerful Support for

Nor Bell at Barbour Court
Tom Barbour at Meadowview
Jane Bolin at Meadowview
Bernice Johnson at Meadowview
Alice Narron at Meadowview
Shirley Williams at Meadowview
Myde Eason at Brookdale Smithfield
Hazel Whitehurst at Brookdale Smithfield

Timothy Allen
Marie Atkins
Tom Avera
Jane Cunningham in Wilmington
Ruth Daniel
Stan Harper in rehab at Brian Center, Clayton
Tom Johnson
Bill Kimball
Shannon Kimball
Bill Leist
Marie Maddox
Chap Ragland
Peter Russell
Linda Stephenson
Nelson Vaughan
Betty Welch
Ted Wells
William Wells
Al Worsham
Hilda Worsham
Rebecca Ziady
Sharon Van Velzen, sister of Joyce Knoll

Christian Sympathy to the family of Charles Lee who died May 1, 2016; and to **Julie and Kenny Duncan** on the death of Julie's father, Francis (Frank) VanShaik, on May 24, 2015.

Welcome to Davis Bell and Emma Horne who joined us by Profession of Faith on May 29, 2016.

memorials & gifts

Honorariums: Betsy Olive, Myra Wallace, Tom Howerton, Ken Allen, Camille Boone, Dot Ellmore

Memorials: Eula Brown, Charles Lee, Clem and Mikki Sharek, James Faulkner

Donors: John and Susan Cashwell, Randy and Angie Thompson, Quinlan Harward, Mabel Hardee, Carolyn Troutman and Family, Tom Hardee, Judy Daniels, Jerry and Mary Nell Ferguson, Camille Boone, Dot Ellmore, Neil and Lucy Watson, Frank and Lisa Deans, Maxine McFadyen, Bill and Shirley Sharek, Sandy Perkinson, Jo James, Billy Duncan, Beth Daniel, Charles and Betty Pace, Margaret and John Causey, Lois Seekins, Wingate and Susan Lassiter, JoAnn and Wallace Banks, June and Clark Young, Anita and Tony Liverman, Tom and Sandra Johnson, Neuse Little Theatre, Phil and Debbie Kaylor, Eve Creech, Thomas Roberts, Sandra Lester, Frank and Betsy Olive, Chap and Ann Ragland, Ruth and Greg Bell, Jane and Cornell Cox, Roger and Eleanor Horne, Jean and Edwin Patterson, Pam and Benny Pope, Jane Kate Brown, John and Janet Lampe



A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

—Unknown

FATHER'S DAY June 19, 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

of May Session:

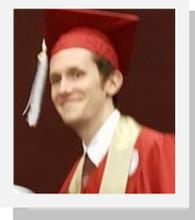
- Approved the nominations of Joyce Lee and Shirley Booker as our recipients for the Presbytery Older Adult Ministry Award.
- Approved the transfer of membership of Cooper Horne to Temple Baptist Church, Selma, NC.
- Approved the transfer of membership of Brian Daniels to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wendell, NC
- Approved a public concert given by Shelley Maddox, followed by a reception to recognize and thank Dwight Dockery and Shelley Maddox. Billy Duncan, Wayne Dockery, and Judy Daniels will coordinate the reception.
- Approved the reception of new members Davis Bell and Emma Horne by Profession of Faith.

If you have items you wish to bring before Session, contact Debbie Jacobs, Clerk.

—Debbie Jacobs

Congratulations to Patrick Templeton

Patrick Templeton graduated from NCSU with two degrees in Computer Engineering. And he was Valedictorian of his class. What an achievement! Patrick already holds a degree in Music Education from ASU. Let him know how proud we are of his hard work. He assures everyone that his wife Jennifer is Co-Valedictorian, so congratulate her, too.



Thanks to

Evans Horne, Ken Allen, Thomas Allen, Harold Allen, Betsy Olive, and Jo James for taking care of our storing our sanctuary and lawn crosses and their drapes.

Ann Ragland, Hubert and Judy Schmidt, and all the other volunteers who are responsible for another successful year of JOY Connection.

Camille Boone and Judy Daniels who filled in as choir director for Dwight Dockery while he was away.

Cathy Allen for acknowledging memorials while Diane Dockery was away.

Judy Schmidt for writing notes to our visitors each week.

Thad McCrae for going above and beyond his designated duties almost daily.

Jennifer Templeton, Camille Boone, and Evans Horne for their leadership for Youth Sunday.

Ann Ragland for her art work for All God's Critters for Youth Sunday.

First Christian Church and Beth Burton-Williams for donating their VBS decorations to our church for use in our VBS.

Ann Huckenbeck for continuing to fill in as chair of the Mission Outreach Quadrant.



We wish to acknowledge with sincere appreciation all acts of love, kindness, and care extended to us. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, cards, emails, texts, and every other tangible act of love made our loss just a little more bearable. We are very grateful for the friendships that we share. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts. May God continue to bless you.
The Family of James Thomas Walker

New Laptop for Use in Fellowship Hall

The Communications and Technology Team has placed a laptop in the fellowship hall sound box for use with our data projector there. The instructions for connecting and using it and the projector are with the laptop. This laptop is for use by adults only, but is available for church members as well as guest speakers. The team would also like to remind everyone that our entire church now has stable internet access throughout the building. If you have communications or technology comments or concerns, please see Debbie Jacobs or a member of the team.



—Debbie Jacobs

Yard Work!!

It's That Time of Year Again! We need energetic members to help spread 25 cubic yards of mulch on the beds around the church. We will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

If we can get about 25 volunteers or more, we should be finished by noon. Please bring a wheel barrow, flat shovel, leaf rake and broom. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule if you can come. Evans Horne has said that he will prepare hot dogs or hamburgers for lunch.

If you have questions, please contact Stan Coats or Hubert Schmidt.



—Hubert Schmidt

The Property Box

Besides the normal maintenance things like changing light bulbs, repairing the leaking roof, and waxing floors, your Property Team has been working on several large projects, including getting bids to

1. repair our leaking bell tower,
2. seal and restripe the parking lot,
3. return air conditioning to the upstairs of the original part of our church after the unit failed several years ago.

These project were begun last year, and we hope to complete them sometime this year.

—Stan Coats, Chair
The Property Team



Let's Clean our Sanctuary

The Property Administration Team has designated Saturday, June 4, as both Spread the Mulch Day and Sanctuary Cleaning Day. We need to vacuum and oil the pews, dust all the hymnals and Bibles, wash the insides of our beautiful windows, and clean the chancel area as well as other areas that might need attention. Thad does an absolutely wonderful job for this church, but the large amount of space he has to cover would be overwhelming to the rest of us.

If you can help us that day, please come prepared to work at 8:00 a.m. Bring a hand-held vacuum if you have one, a regular vacuum, window cleaner, rags, and other items that you think we would need. Busy hands make light work!

Join us for work, fellowship, and a light lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table.

—Ann Huckenbeck

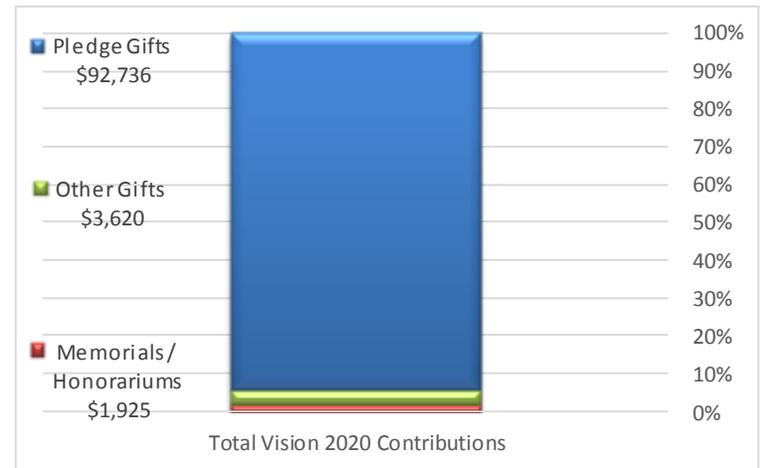


First Presbyterian Church Operating Results: January — April 2016 Actual vs. Budgeted

	Jan - April Actual	Jan - April Budgeted
Revenue		
General Offering	79,929.89	96,666.68
Disbursements		
Educational Quadrant	70.70	1,349.96
Mission Outreach Quadrant	4,436.16	6,250.00
Spirituality Quadrant	49,740.08	59,477.68
Stewardship Quadrant	32,680.41	36,944.72
Total Disbursements	86,927.35	104,022.36
Net Income/(Deficit)	(6,997.46)	(7,355.68)

VISION 2020 Capital Campaign As of 4/30/2016

\$	92,736	Pledge Gifts
\$	1,925	Memorials/Honorariums
\$	3,620	Other Gifts
\$	98,281	Total VISION 2020 Contributions



\$	559,626	Total VISION 2020 Commitments
\$	1,122,051	Mortgage Balance

The Property Administration Team will meet following worship on June 26. Please plan to attend. The Finance Team will not meet in June.



Keys, Please!

If you have been issued a church key but are no longer in a position to need it, as in you no longer chair a quadrant, team, or committee, please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. There are others now need keys.



The Gift of Yourself

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.

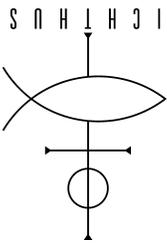
—Fred Rogers

Stewardship
Quadrant



By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passion and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

—Galatians 5:22-26



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Membership News

The Membership Team will continue celebrating our membership with the Meet the Members bulletin board. We encourage all of you to send postcards picturing First Presbyterian Church to your friends who have been absent for several Sundays. The postcards will be located on the table nearest the central entrance to the sanctuary. It is always nice to be remembered. We urge you to continue to use the pew bookmarks and give them to our guests.

If you have suggestions for our committee, please share them with Helen Best, Ann Huckenbeck or Hubert Schmidt so that your ideas may be incorporated into our service to others.

—Hubert and Judy Schmidt



Mission Outreach Says Thanks and Offers Opportunity to Serve

The Mission Outreach Quadrant would like to thank all the people that helped with the Fellowship Meal on May 5. Special thanks go to Jake Jacobs and Tom Barwick for cooking the delicious pork roast. Thanks to the many others that helped cook, set up, and clean up.

The Mission Outreach Quadrant partners with the volunteers and staff at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield four times a year to provide an opportunity for our congregation to share our support and care to the families with loved ones at Hospice House by providing and serving a meal for the them as well as for the volunteers and staff. Our next meal will be on Sunday, June 12. We encourage groups like Circles or Sunday School classes to sign up as well as individuals. If you would like to participate, please watch for the sign-up sheet which will be placed on the information table in the vestibule.

Please contact Joyce Knoll if you have any questions.

—Joyce Knoll



Countdown to the Appalachia Service Project!

Jane Allen, Timothy Allen, Eleanor Horne, Madeline Horne, Roger Horne, Greg Knoll, Pam Pope, Teron Sloan, and Joy Worsham will be participating in the Appalachia Service Project in Guyan Valley, West Virginia, from July 23-30. The group is excited about the opportunity to participate in this program. Projects can include sheet rocking walls, electrical work, plumbing, painting or hammering. We will be taking lots of pictures to share with the congregation, and we will have many stories to tell as well.

The ASP group will meet on Sunday, June 5, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss project plans. It isn't too late to join the group! If you are interested in participating or finding out more, please contact Pam Pope at 919-938-9237 or thepopes@nc.rr.com.

—Pam Pope



Music for the Lunch Bunch Returns

Once again First Presbyterian Church will play host to Music for the Lunch Bunch, on Wednesdays in our sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. beginning on June 15.

Shelley Maddox, accompanied by Cassey Whaley Childers of First Christian Church, Wilson, will kick off our season, and the Neuse Little Theatre will end it on August 10. Some of the other featured performers are Dara Edwards and her students, Tom Howerton and other musicians, Thomas Howerton on the viola, Jim Grant, and Duke Sanders. Watch the newspaper and church bulletins for exact information.

Please plan to clear your schedules each Wednesday and spend some time enjoying talent from Smithfield and surrounding areas.

Music for the Lunch Bunch is grass roots funded by the NC Arts Council and the Johnston County Arts Council.



Your Favorite Food

I have a game I play with friends. I tell them The Almighty has sent down the word that tomorrow is your last day on earth and so you have been granted a blessing — tonight you get to eat your favorite dish. So, what is it going to be? For me it was and still is simple — my Dad's grilled barbecue chicken. There are so many favorite foods from not only around the world, but also just around the country. There's New England clam chowder, crab cakes from Maryland, lobster rolls from Maine, a Po' Boy from Louisiana, Chicago deep dish pizza, Mississippi mud pie, Kansas City barbecue, Krispy Kreme doughnuts from the Tarheel State. Well, the list goes on and on because there are 50 states. They might be called comfort foods.



Probably the list of favorites does not always include the healthiest food, but being enjoyable is not always about being healthy, right? And favorites often seem to flow from what is most abundant in the area — crabs from the Chesapeake, lobsters from the coast of Maine, chicken from North Carolina (lol).

The favorite foods of Smithfield Area Ministries Food Closet include pop top cans of fruit and meat, powdered milk, margarine, beans: pinto, kidney, black, sweet peas, green beans; tomatoes; pork and beans; corn; juice; cereal; macaroni and cheese; rice; pasta and pasta sauces. The Smithfield Rescue Mission, likewise, needs these same foods and takes large canned items and money. When families come to the Smithfield Area Ministries or the rescue mission for supplemental foods, there are good choices, and while maybe not always the local favorites, they are foods that flow from the great hearts of our community for those in need. I suspect that the kind of foods offered by the food closet and the shelter are certainly favorites for many appreciative people.

You know, for a last meal I probably would not consider a salad, although I should. But then again I would not get the pleasure of that smoky sweet barbecue chicken again. The third Sunday of each week is Hunger Sunday where we as a congregation try to think of those who have the daily challenge of getting enough to eat. Please remember Yes We Can, the Smithfield Rescue Mission, and Pennie For Hunger missions this month with your cans, bags, and coins.

—Tom Barwick

New Hope Presbytery has re-imagined its mission to make it easier for congregations to explore, facilitate, equip and establish new ministries in local communities and across the Presbytery. Partner together in a Passion Driven Ministry!

an open INVITATION to the place where YOUR PASSION meets the

WORLD'S NEEDS

passion driven MINISTRY

Have you ever . . .

- Yearned to partner with another church in the Presbytery around a common mission?
- considered partnering with colleagues in a common ministry?
- wondered how you could better serve God together?
- wished you had colleagues to pray and dream about church growth with?

The Presbytery of New Hope
www.nhpresbytery.org

APPLY FOR partnership FUNDING up to \$5,000 to form a Passion Driven Ministry Application Deadline: July 31, 2016



Mission Outreach Quadrant



Relay for Life 2016



Please come and join us out at Smithfield Selma High School track on Friday night, June 3, from 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. for Relay for Life. Get dinner, see the Opening Ceremonies, watch the Survivor Walk and the release of butterflies, see the lighting of the hundreds of luminaries in memory and honor of those we love, shop, visit in your team's tent (#37), listen to the live entertainment,

and so much more!

We will be looking for you!!!

—Martha Taylor



We're on Summer Hiatus!

See you in September!!



Grown Up Youth

A Cook-out at the Templetons Saturday, June 18 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Jennifer with a call, email, or text.

Mission Outreach Quadrant

The Evelyn Southerland Avera Scholarship

It is time to apply for the Evelyn Southerland Avera Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the Avera children's mother, her love of First Presbyterian Church, her spirit, and her strong belief in the value of education. This scholarship is designed for someone seeking a two- or four-year degree, has a financial need, has a connection to this church, and exhibits the characteristics of Evelyn Avera. It is open to any student who is currently enrolled in college. Download an application from our website and return it by June 15, 2016, to Debbie Jacobs.



—Debbie Jacobs

Educational Quadrant

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.

Be sure you thank your teacher for all the dedication and preparation!



Youth Coordinator Reflects on First Year

As we come to a close on my first year as Youth Coordinator, I would like to end the season with a heartfelt **Thank You** to the congregation, youth leaders, and numerous volunteers who have provided overwhelming support for the youth program.

Part of my responsibilities was to work with youth leaders to create the right balance of fun and innovative activities and create mission and service opportunities. The youth were able to attend Camp Don Lee which included a coat drive as mission outreach, held a food drive and provided one of the largest donations in years to the SAM Food Closet, glean sweet potatoes for the hungry, and attend CROSS Mission at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. During CROSS Mission they worked with the homeless as one of their outreach efforts. In between they had a lot of fun too!

Now it's time to look ahead to next year.

—Linda Crowder

Wee Kirk Is Suspended until September

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will remain with their parents in the sanctuary during worship.

Remember worship bags and Children's Bulletins with activities are available to help see your wee ones through worship. If you don't see them, ask an usher.



Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 20 —
Thursday, June 23
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Still needed:
Beach decorations!



CONTACT information



If you have changed any of your contact information, please notify the church office so we can stay in touch!