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**THE GOOD PROSPECTS**  
**Prospect Presbyterian Church**  
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Church Office Hours:  
 Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm  
 Closed for lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
 Closed on Friday's

Sunday School: 9:30 am  
 Worship Service: 10:30 am

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**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:**

This is the month of Thanksgiving. Being thankful is one of the primary ways we praise God. Thankfulness and obedience to God are intimately connected. The great Christian writer CS Lewis had some great thoughts about praise (and thankfulness). I am sharing them here at length because it has really helped me. Lewis wrote:




“I had never noticed that *all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise*. The world rings with praise: Lovers praising their loved ones, players praising their favorite game; praise of weather, dishes, actors, cars, horses, colleges, countries, historical persons, children, flowers, mountains, even sometimes politicians or scholars. I had not noticed how the humblest, and at the same time most balanced and biggest minds, praised the most, while the cranks, misfits, and malcontents praised the least. **Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible.** I had not noticed either that just as people spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: “Isn’t she lovely? Wasn’t it glorious? Don’t you think that magnificent?” The Psalmists, in telling everyone to praise God, are doing what all people do when they speak of what they care about. I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because *the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment*. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete until it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with.”

Christians have found out how generous our Savior is with His love, His gifts, His blood. We are made to praise AND to express our thanksgiving for all of the good things God has given us. Moreover, God wants us to share the joy we have been given. Christians are thankful people. Thankful people are generous people – generous with their time, generous with their love, generous with their money, generous with their forgiveness. Let us keep thanking God and praising God by the way we live. We thank HIM: for all the good things in our lives; for HIS promise that HE walks with us through the tough things in our lives; and for HIS great promise that the best things are yet to come.

Have a good November friends. You are loved.

*Will*



<p><b>ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES</b></p> <p>Suggested Donation for November:</p> <p><b>Diapers</b></p> 	<p>The Church office will be closed November 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday!</p>  <p><b>Will Be Closed:</b></p>	<p><b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b></p> <p>From Your Church Staff:  <b>Will, Cheryl, Virginia, Pat and Dixie</b></p> <p>May your family be blessed throughout this holiday season!</p> 
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## Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on October 21st at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.



### Building & Grounds

- Had a workday Saturday Oct 16th sewed grass around the fuel oil tank and also removed some stumps.
- Paul Moore has found a pump for the fuel oil tank.
- Getting estimates and options to repair a roof leak on the flat roof section of the Educational Building.

### Worship

- Life Walk was successful with 5 walkers from Prospect.
- Children's Worship has started back. Young Disciples are to resume back in November.
- Hanging Of The Greens is scheduled for Sunday November 28th with lunch after worship.

### Christian Education/Fellowship

- Had a great turnout for the Sherrill Family gospel sing.
- There were 30 people that people went on the charter bus trip to the mountains on Oct 16th. The trip included a stop at Holy Trinity Church in Glendale Springs to view the Frescos, Lunch at Shapley Springs, Visit downtown West Jefferson and stop at Deals Orchard in Taylorsville. Many thanks to Mary Beth Edmiston for coordinating this trip.

### Missions

- In the process of lining up Families in need to support at Mt.Ulla School for Christmas.
- Facilities Review Team presented their project to the Session. This project will be in two phases.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,  
Dale Burgess - Clerk of Session



Greetings from Your Health Ministry!!!

As "The Fall Chill" has arrived today, Tuesday, I am reminded of some of the lessons I have learned or am learning. As the leaves "put off" their coats of green and put on their colored coats of yellow, orange, red & all the in between colors, we are reminded to do the same. Many of us are NOT friends of "Change" or "Putting off the familiar" but God's Word instructs us to change our minds, change our ways, change our expressions, change our hearts, change our beliefs, change our ways, views, etc. and many other things to change.

I like to describe "Familiar" as a warm, fuzzy, cozy, comfortable bath robe that we wrap up in and just "nestle in it". It just feels so good. And Familiar does feel good but to stay in the same place, same way, same spiritual growth level is NOT healthy nor does God want us to remain "The Same." Each day The Lord wants us to wake up & say, "Good morning. What do you want me to do this day?" Sometimes stepping out into the "Unknown" is the Only way you and I will experience the full Presence of God, His specific plans for our lives; His quiet voice; His reassurance & directions to us during the Storms in our lives.

The World, shouts as loud as it can, trying to drown out God's Voice to us through The Bible, as well as, all" that the heavens declare" to us.

Since Fall is here, let us each take the opportunity to change and step into the unknown. You & I are his Creation and the Love of God's Life, so much so, that Jesus, God's Son, paid the debt WE owed. We are declared, "Not Guilty", because of Jesus. We must choose to change our minds, believe God and "step out".

It has been a rough year, But God...Let's choose to put on an "attitude of gratitude.



Kelley Stutts	11/02
Alex Crosby	11/03
Margie Swiggett	11/05
Meghan McSwain	11/06
Chuck Miller	11/07
Beverley Bartlett	11/08
Mary Agnes Wiggins	11/09
Pamela Beaver	11/11
Brittain Tulbert	11/11
David Bradshaw	11/18
Corey Wilkinson	11/18
Kim Cavin	11/21
Cristal Howie	11/21
Meredith Booth	11/24
Judy Truedson	11/24
W. Bart Tulbert	11/24
Shelby Booth	11/26
Betty Bradshaw	11/26
Dan Edmiston	11/26
Jody Oliphant	11/26
Lewis Anderson	11/29
Douglas Carrigan	11/30
Reba Connolly	11/30



Kaitlyn & Brandon Mundy	Nov 3
Dan & Kay Cornelison	Nov 4
Jamie & Angela Purvis	Nov 5
Bud & Dale McKnight	Nov 19
Paul & Emily Moore	Nov 20
Kenny & Linda Seamon	Nov 21



Poinsettias

**During the advent season, we will display poinsettias** in the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, December 20. Poinsettias will be available for purchase for \$7 each. We will **ONLY** order what is paid for in advance. **Orders and payment must be received in the church office by Thursday, December 16th.** You may reserve your poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special in your life by signing the chart in the commons area. Please make your check to Prospect Presbyterian Church and indicate it is for the poinsettias. A list of those remembered will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 19.



**For Prayer:**

**Missionary:**

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)  
Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)  
Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)  
David & Caree Lookabill (Bangladesh)

**Local Church:**

ALL CHURCHES

**Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:**

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)  
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)  
Tom George (Elderwood Assisted Living, Hamburg, NY)  
Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)  
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

**Please Remember:**

Thad Linker	Jo Powers
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Pam Beaver
Carl & Mary Agnes Wiggins	Linda Brooks
Jackie McKnight	Lib Knox
Carol & Larry Stutts	Martha Brown
Ben & Judy Stacy	Sarah Jackson
Frances Ann Neel	Roy Watkins
Mary Helen Smith	Toni Wheeler
Wayne Chandler	

**Friends & Family of the Congregation:**

Larry Hensley (*Foot surgery w/infection, friend of Frances Ann Neel*)  
Michael Weller (*Brain tumor, friend of Will & Stacey Gipe*)  
Teresa Ervin (*Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter*)  
Eli Freeze (*Army, Stationed in Poland, grandson of Vicki Freeze*)  
Karen Broadway (*Brain Injury, family of the Chandlers*)  
Edgar Moore (*Lung Cancer, friend of Jean Gibson*)  
Lou Ann Compton Isenhour (*Blood Cancer, cousin of Becky Hart*)  
Jamie Hall (*longtime friend of Will & Stacey Gipe*)  
Kim Lambeth (*Cancer, Rachel Marlowe's mother*)  
Beth Segui (*Parkinson, Daughter of Betty Alexander*)  
Whitaker Raymer (*Cancer, Missionary Child*)  
Ellen Goldstein (*Cousin of Becky Hart*)  
Rita Purvis (*Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, friend Brown Family*)



**GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...**

**BOB ATWELL**

By:  
Mark & Patti Bell

**REID DAVIS GOODMAN**

By:  
Eric & Judy Teeter  
John & Roxanna Wiggins  
John & Susan Cashwell  
Disciples Sunday School Class  
Jenny Dowdy  
Susan & John Cashwell  
Mr. & Mrs. Clint Cornett  
Lucille Hedgecock  
Bill & Becky Hart  
Louise Christy & Family  
Cynthia Randleman  
Richard & Rebecca Whitman  
Reba Connolly  
Toby & Joan Kennerly  
Wade & Phyllis Carrigan  
Cynthia Moore  
Dennis & Chris Shaver  
Don & Sharon Natale  
Betty Alexander  
Lynn Britz  
Pam Tulbert  
Dr. W.C. Adams

**WALTER & RUTH STATON**

By:  
Toby & Joan Kennerly

**ALLEN LOWRANCE**

By:  
Wade & Phyllis Carrigan

**HARRIET LIPE**

By:  
Wade & Phyllis Carrigan

**EDITH LEWIS**

By:  
Wade & Phyllis Carrigan

Once again we will be helping the Mt. Ulla school students by providing Christmas gifts to the families who are in need. Some have already let me know of interest in shopping for these children. There may still be some children that need to be sponsored. Let me know of your willingness to help. There will be more details about when it should be delivered to the church.

To support the whole family, we also collect non-perishable food/pantry items. There will be containers placed in the narthex and commons area in later November for these items. Everything will be delivered in December to Back Creek Church where it is closer for the families to pick up. If you have questions, call Beth Stephens at 704-664-7185 and leave a message or email: [beth13@windstream.net](mailto:beth13@windstream.net)



**Sunday, November 21–  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:**

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Concordia Lutheran, Centenary Methodist, and Prospect Presbyterian and possible others, will gather together for our annual Thanksgiving Worship Service at 6 pm at Concordia Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 21st. Thanks to everyone who is taking a part in making this a truly memorable evening. More information concerning the singing and possibility of a meal to be determined.



**Life Walk**

**Life Walk NEWS!** Thank you to everyone that supported the Life Walk for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. Once we receive the total amount donated, we will share with everyone. Thank you, Connie Brown



The family of Reid D. Goodman is grateful to God for his life, for your friendship, and for your kindness and prayers.

To Pastor Will, Virginia Stewart and Cheryl Chandler, I send a special thank you. You have been my rock.

To Bereavement Team 2 for the nice reception, Thank you.

To Pat McCall, Richard Woods and Amy Weatherman who added the special touch to the service. Thank you.

The cards, words of encouragement and memorials have been the extra touch.

Prospect family you are a GIFT to me.

Love to all,  
June Goodman



**Mission Opportunity:**

**Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes**, in the blink of an eye it will be Samaritans Purse Shoebox time. The Mission Committee would like to encourage each member and or family unit to **prepare their own Samaritans Purse Shoebox** and to please follow the Samaritans Purse guidelines. The guidelines can be found online or you may get a copy in the church office. We also have the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes and Plastic boxes available in the Narthex. We also have toboggans available to go in the shoeboxes. We will NOT be collecting items and filling boxes at the church this year. **Shoebox Dedication will be Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.**



**Circle Name**  
 Lettie Beatty/ACTS  
 RUTH  
 Serendipity

**Date & Time**  
 Nov. 3, 10:00 am  
 Nov. 2, 7:00 pm  
 Nov. 1, 7:00 pm

**Meeting Location**  
 Family Life Center  
 Family Life Center  
 Family Life Center

**Sunday, November 28**  
**Hanging of the Greens**

Our Advent season will start on Sunday, November 28. We will light the first candle and will have Hanging of the Greens during our regular service. We will be serving soup and sandwiches after church in the Family Life Center for lunch.



**Young Disciples News!**

Young Disciples will meet November 14 after church. We will have a lesson and then work on Christmas ornaments. Lunch will be provided in the Family Life Center. Hope to see everyone. Connie



**Young Disciples**

**Stewardship Committee**

Stewardship packets containing pledge cards have been mailed. It contains a copy of our proposed budget for 2022 and your pledge card. Dedication Sunday will be on November 7th. Each contribution enables us to make a difference. We need the support and financial commitment of each member to be a strong church with a strong witness for Jesus Christ. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to Prospect for 2022. If we trust God and have confidence in Him, we can do amazing things.



Join your friends in the Golden Prospectors for lunch in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, November 16 at 11:00am.** This will be a covered dish lunch. The meat will be provided. You can always bring a friend and even if you haven't attended a Golden Prospector gathering, you are welcome. You don't have to be golden to attend!

Please bring your favorite dessert to share!

**FALL BACK!**  
**Daylight Saving**  
**Time Ends,**  
**November 7, 2021**  
**Set your clocks back**  
**one hour!!!**



**September Financial Report**

**General Fund:**

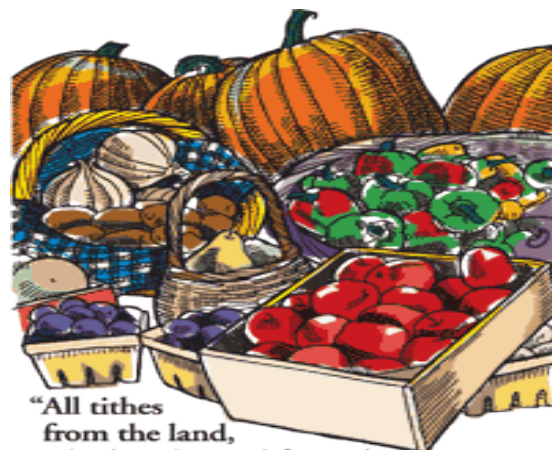
Monthly Income through 09-30-21:	\$17,641
Monthly Expenses through 09-30-21:	\$37,527
Expenses GREATER than Income for month:	\$19,886

**Development Fund:**

Ending Balance through 09-30-21:	\$52,754
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**Top Ten Reasons We Should Tithe:**

10. Our church started a new stewardship drive; every time you give, your chances of winning increase!
9. There's no money for new choir robes, so the choir has started wearing their bathrobes during the service.
8. The last few Sundays, the Treasurer has gotten up in the middle of the sermon to turn off the air conditioner.
7. Pastor no longer drives his car to make visits; he rides a skateboard.
6. All the Session members have started wearing sackcloth and ashes.
5. Unable to afford childcare, sheepdogs are now keeping the toddlers rounded up.
4. You tried calling the Church Office last week, but found out that the phone has been disconnected!
3. Parking meters had to be installed in the church parking lot.
2. You noticed a ticket booth has replaced the front door of the church. Entry is free, but a seat will cost you \$5.



"All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the LORD's; they are holy to the LORD." Leviticus 27:30, NRSV

**And the Number One Reason to tithe...**

1. As a Christian you understand the privilege it is to have a partnership in the Gospel!  
 Malachi 3:8-10