

Prospect Presbyterian Church  
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Mooreville, NC 28115

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2023

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

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm  
Closed for Lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
Office Closed on Fridays

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**THE GOOD PROSPECTS**

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**FROM YOUR PASTOR’S KEYBOARD:**

We are looking forward to Homecoming this month on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be honored to have our beloved Lisa Nelson back at Prospect and preaching for us. It is a joy to be part of a church with such a long history. Our church does a great job of remembering and honoring those who have gotten us from 1824 to today. We continue to honor them, and even more importantly we honor God, when we continue to hear the words of Christ who made it clear that loving God as our first priority and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:34-40) is what makes us a great church. That love of God and neighbor shows up primarily by getting the Gospel out to all nations (Matthew 28:16-20) and taking care of those in need (Matthew 25:31-46). The more time and energy and effort we put into those actions, the more we will honor God, and those who built Prospect.

At Homecoming, we will gather with our friends and family to worship God and enjoy each other. We will feel and know HIS blessings. That Sunday we will also get a taste of the greater Homecoming. As much as we enjoy the third Sunday in September, the Real Homecoming is when all who trust in Jesus Christ will be brought together to worship Him and enjoy each other as we feast with Him and all believers at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-10).

So, we thank our Heritage Committee and everyone else who are working so hard to make Homecoming happen. It will be great. Let us enjoy the celebration. But let us also be thinking about how we each contribute to making Prospect faithful to God and ready for the next generation. Let us be preparing ourselves for the Great Celebration in the eternal Kingdom of God. And just as we are glad to invite friends to Prospect’s Homecoming, let us consider who we may invite to be part of the greater feast in Christ’s Kingdom.

Have a good September my friends. Know that you are loved.

*Will*

**Please Note:**

The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on **Monday, September 4th.**

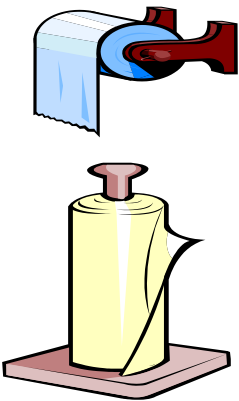
The church office will reopen at 7:00am on Tuesday, September 5th.



**ROWAN  
HELPING  
MINISTRIES**

Suggested Donation  
for September:

Paper Goods



From Kelly Wilson, RN: To the members of Prospect Church,

I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for the marvelous welcome you gave me and my family on August 13. I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to be ushered into my new position as the Faith Community Nurse in such a regal manner! One thing is for certain, folks at Prospect Presbyterian know how to put on a meal! I look forward to getting to know all of you and to serving you in such a way that it brings a blessing to your life.

I urge you to reach out to me and let me know if you are ill, hospitalized, homebound, depressed, are experiencing changes in your health status, feel lonely or are in general need of comfort. I know that it is often hard to ask for assistance of any kind but please remember that I am a resource for the congregation, and I am more than willing to visit, counsel, assist with medical issues or to just be present when you have a need.

Your Faithful Servant,  
Kelly Wilson, RN

Upcoming Health Events for September

September 10-16 National Suicide Prevention Week

Read more about this topic at [www.afsp.org/national-suicide-prevention](http://www.afsp.org/national-suicide-prevention)

September 17-23 Falls Prevention Awareness Week

Read more about this topic at <https://www.ncoa.org/professionals/health/center-for-healthy-aging/national-falls-prevention-resource-center/falls-prevention-awareness-week>

September 21 World Alzheimer's Day

World Alzheimer's Day, September 21st of each year, is a day on which Alzheimer's organizations around the world concentrate their efforts on raising awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a group of disorders that impairs mental functioning.

Every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease. At current rates, experts believe the number of Americans living with Alzheimer's will quadruple to as many as 16 million by the year 2050.

Alzheimer's disease is often called a family disease because of the chronic stress of watching a loved one slowly decline affects everyone. 5.7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States and the only cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. With the increases in life spans and baby boomers coming of age, support for Alzheimer's research is more critical to our families than ever.

Read more about this topic at <https://www.alzinfo.org/articles/world-alzheimers-day/>

Anyone needing a Mammogram and don't have insurance, you can call 704-920-1205 ext. 3 and schedule your mammogram for free. The criteria are women 40 to 64 years of age with no insurance and meet the income restrictions.



Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on August 17th at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances on 8/15:  
General Fund balance - \$142,238  
Development Fund Balance - \$69,722



Approved to reinstate Bobby and Linda Fesperman to the active roll.

Approved to contract with Ed Brooks Tree Service for \$23,000 to remove 7 large trees near the Session House and adjacent to cemetery to prevent further damage. Additionally trim numerous trees on church property by removing dead or dying limbs some caused by recent storm damage.

Received report from the Elevator Research Committee and unanimously approved the following pending Congregational Approval:

Approve to build elevator tower at rear of church and install a 3500 lb capacity elevator that will access all 3 floors at an estimated cost of \$907,348.94 based on current information.

Set up a Financial Team consisting of the Elevator Building Committee, Trustees, and the Finance Committee to determine best funding options prior to Congregational Meeting.

Approve the Elevator Research Committee to become the Elevator Building Committee and complete the elevator scope/design/build effort.

Additional information will be presented later at the next Congregational Meeting.

Next Stated Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday September 21st at 7pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,  
Rick



July Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 07-31-23:	\$39,151
Monthly Expenses through 07-31-2:	\$28,896
Income Less than Expenses for month:	\$10,255



Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 07-31-23:	\$69,603
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Please Remember

For Prayer:

Missionary:

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)

Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)

Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

David & Carey Lookabill (Bangladesh)

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)

Judy Stacy (Northlake House, Charlotte)

Dawn Stutts (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Jo Powers

Thad Linker

Anita & Wyatt Fesperman

Phyllis & Wade Carrigan

Jackie McKnight

Carol & Larry Stutts

Allen Jackson

Mary Lowrance

Rick Yokeley

Cheryl Chandler

Dick Bennett

Ella Mae Stewart

Lynda Fries

Eddie Teeter

Roy Watkins

Teresa Compton

Hal Stutts

May Dauer

Beverly Bartlett

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Helen Broadway (Heart Issues, Mother of Cheryl B. Chandler)

Delane Davis (Cancer, cousin of Chuck Miller)

Phyllis Mayberry (Brian Bleed, Family of Mark Reid)

Wayne Vellines (Sickness, friend of Frances Ann Neel)

Frankie Carrigan (Brain Cancer, friend of the congregation)

Jan Milos (Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie)

Meredith Powers (Breast Cancer, daughter in law of Rachel Powers)

Chris McCall (Iraq, friend of Edie Steele)

Beth Segui’ (Parkinson’s, daughter of Betty Alexander)

Danny Bost (Liver issues, friend of the congregation)

Linda Bost (Vascular Dementia, friend of the congregation)

Amy & Mike Corriher (Amy Breast Cancer, friends of the Lyerly’s)

Evelyn Griffith (Cancer, friend of Mike & Robin Anderson)

Janet Baker (Cancer, friend of John Edmiston)

Nancy Shinn (Health Issues, cousin of Frances Ann Neel)

Rachel Shinn Stone (Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel)

Teresa Ervin (Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter)

GIVEN IN LOVING  
MEMORY  
OF ...

EDDIE DOWDY

(Husband of Jenny Dowdy)

By:

Marsha Deaton

Lynn Britz

Jo Beatty

Mack Robinette

Reba Connelly

Agnes Lowder

Lynda Ranson

Connie & Erskine Smith

Shannon & Patricia Castle Vadl

June Goodman

The Family of Bill Edmiston

Frances Ann Neel

Tommy & Renee McLelland

Disciple Sunday School Class

Martha Schronce

Smitty & Lynda Smith

Lannie Sigmon

BOB ATWELL

By:

Mark & Patti Bell

MEAGHAN MCSWAIN

By:

Frances Ann Neel



September

BIRTHDAYS

Helen Lyerly	09/02
Coleman Sellers	09/03
Ruth Lee Teeter	09/03
Andrew Jackson	09/06
Debbie Craven	09/08
Garrett Teeter	09/09
Jamie Anderson	09/11
Terry Stephens	09/13
Michael Stacy	09/13
Renee McLelland	09/14
Cody Clanton	09/14
Karen Hart	09/16
Landon Cavin	09/19
Michael Hilton	09/20
Eddie Jackson	09/20
Seth Burgess	09/20
Nancy Price	09/20
Tim Bradshaw	09/21
Annie Heglar	09/21
Don Meredith	09/22

September

ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Barbara Lyerly	9/05
Julius & Sharon Bivens	9/10
Mike & Robin Anderson	9/10
Michael & Susan Moore	9/10
Mark & Kiki Reid	9/24
Brittain & Michelle Tulbert	9/24
Thad & Carol Linker	9/25
Drew & Shannon Knox	9/25
Jon & Shear Linker	9/26
Vance & Nyra Moore	9/26
Terry & Beth Stephens	9/27
Toni & Philip Moore	9/30





## HOMECOMING 2023

Make your plans to attend our 199th Homecoming celebration on **Sunday, September 17, 2023**. Invite your friends and family to ‘come home’ to Prospect for this big day. Bring a generous helping of your favorite dishes to the Fellowship Hall. Our traditional “dinner on the grounds” will follow the 10:30am worship service. We hope you will be nourished with joyful worship, warm hugs, good memories and delicious food.

Help us get ready for Homecoming by joining us for a workday Saturday, September 16th beginning about 8:00 am. Lots of help is needed to set up and clean up!

The Heritage Committee is in need of ferns for Homecoming. If you would let them use your ferns, please contact Karen Cornett, or Rick & Adam Lyerly. Rick and Adam Lyerly have offered to come to your home, if needed to pick the ferns up on the Friday or Saturday before Homecoming.



**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 available. We will not be collecting items and filling boxes at the church this year.



## **PW Announcements**

### Circle Meetings

Lettie Beatty / ACTS Circle  
Serendipity Circle

Wednesday, September 6 10:00 am in the FLC  
Monday, September 11 6:30 pm in the FLC

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**



### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1st**

Sunday October 1st is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on that day. If you or a family member need communion brought to you at home, please contact the church office. Feast with us on “the bread of life” at the Lord's house on World Communion Sunday.

**REMINDER:** There are funds available in the student loan fund if you have a need.

**MISSIONS FOCUS:** South Rowan Public Schools Bible Teaching Association is holding a **Run for the Word 5K** on **Saturday, September 9** at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Landis**. You don't have to run; walking is allowed! You can find more information at <https://runsignup.com/Races> and type “run for the word” in the search box. Please contact Terri McKnight if you have any questions.

**Save the date:** The Mission Committee and Young Disciples are hosting another Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on **Sunday, November 12**, immediately after worship. Lunch will be served, and we should be finished by 3pm. Not only are these events helping feed hungry children, but they're also a lot of fun for people of **all ages!** We thought it would be a great way to kick off the season of Thanksgiving and sharing our plenty! More details will be in the October newsletter, but for now, please **save the date!**





September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 Labor Day! Church Office Closed	5 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm REFIT Class	6 10:00 am ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle 6:30 Dinner & Bible Study	7 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	8	9 Young Disciples at Camp Grier
10 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Building & Grounds 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	11 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Serendipity Circle 6:30 BSA	12 5:00 pm Nurture & Care Committee 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm REFIT Class	13 6:30 Dinner & Bible Study	14 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	15	16 9:00 Setup for Homecoming
17 Homecoming! 8:30 am Missions Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Guest Preacher Rev. Lisa Nelson 12:05 pm Lunch on the Grounds	18 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 BSA NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	19 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm REFIT Class	20 6:30 Dinner & Bible Study	21 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Session Meeting	22	23
24 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship /Pennies for Hunger Offering 11:45 am Worship Committee	25 9:30 Feed NC 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 BSA	26 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm REFIT Class	27 6:30 Dinner & Bible Study	28 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	29	30

“THOSE WHO SERVE”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

**Church Opening & Closing:** Seth Burgess

**Ushers:** Brian Jackson, Head Usher; Paul Moore,  
Kenny Seamon, Cole Sellers, Edie Steele

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

**Officers on Call:**           **Elder:** Karen Cornett (704) 657-6278

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Karen Cornett  
**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Paul Moore

**Newcomer Visitor:** Phyllis Hilton & Linda Seamon

**Children Church:** Meredith Booth

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**Officers on Call:**           **Elder:** Van Knox (704) 575-8766

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Van Knox

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Don Truedson

**Newcomer Visitor:** Phyllis Hilton & Linda Seamon

**Children Church:** Camp Grier

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**Officers on Call:**           **Elder:** Terri McKnight (704) 458-4905

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Terri McKnight

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Stephen Hart

**Newcomer Visitor:** Phyllis Hilton & Linda Seamon

**Children Church:** Melody Morrison

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

**Officers on Call:**           **Elder:** Paul Moore (704) 264-9191

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Paul Moore

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Seth Burgess / Stephen Hart

**Newcomer Visitor:** Phyllis Hilton & Linda Seamon

**Children Church:** Emily Moore

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABLE!**