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 Mooresville, NC 28115

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2026

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

THE GOOD PROSPECTS

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Closed on Fridays

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Easter is the most important day in the Christian year. Easter is a reminder of God's great victory in raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Sin and death cannot defeat HIM. Nor can sin and death defeat us when we trust in HIM. Easter is more than a date on a calendar. It is a way of living. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the most important event in history, it is the most important thing that happened in each of our lives. No matter what life throws at us, the real hope and promise of Easter can never be taken away from us.

The challenge, and the invitation, of Easter is to make the reality of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ the event that controls how we see our lives. It also controls how we treat those around us. The Crucifixion of Jesus shows us how much God loves us. The Father loves us enough to send His only Son to die for us. The Son loves us enough to endure the punishment our sins deserved, even going to Hell itself so HE could have us in His Kingdom forever. Knowing we are loved that much gives us a great power. When we let the reality of the love and power of God take control of us, we will have a new power ourselves: We are more confident and optimistic. We are less afraid both of death, and the dangers and risks in life. We grieve when losses and disappointments come but we do not despair. We are not so easily hurt by the slights of people around us because we know God loves us enough to die for us. We love other people and at the same time we are not so dependent upon their approval because we know we have God's approval. We can be forgiving because we know how much we have been forgiven. We enjoy our blessings but we are not so tied to the things of the world. We become more generous because we know the good things will not run out or be taken away from us in the Kingdom. We can enjoy our love for God and others, knowing that they can last forever. We have a new assurance that God has it and God has us. We have a fountain of joy that feeds us and overflows to others in our lives.

My friends, enjoy how much you are loved and use the power you have to do God's good work in your life.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for April

BREAKFAST ITEMS



snapObjects
Free Complete Breakfast Voucher

The church office will be closed on
Monday, April 6, 2026, in the
observance of the Easter holiday.



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New missionary – We are now supporting Dan Davidson as our newest missionary. Dan is a Mooresville native who serves with Filter of Hope, where he delivers clean water and the Gospel to people in desperate need of both. He has traveled extensively throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, is beginning outreach in East Africa, and was able to deliver water filters for those affected by Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina. We are excited to welcome Dan to speak briefly to the congregation Sunday, April 19th to share more about his ministry.



The **Mission Committee** and **Young Disciples** will host a **Feed the Hunger** meal-packing event on **Sunday, April 12th**, right after church. We will have pizza for lunch and then the event will last until about 3pm. Our goal is to pack 20,000 meals. This is easy work and a lot of fun! There's something that anyone of any age can do. You don't have to commit to the entire time; any time you can give will be greatly appreciated. You can register for the event using this link: <http://www.feedthehunger.org/>. Registration prior to the event isn't required but will greatly help in our planning process, and it

will save time the day of the event. Also, the cost of the 20,000 meals is \$8000, so donations towards the cost of the event are welcome. You can give donations through the church or through the event link. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight or Connie Brown.

Dear Congregation, we are excited to begin our year-round collection for Operation Christmas Child. This year, our goal is to prepare 300 shoeboxes, and we are looking for savvy shoppers to help us reach this target. For the month of April, we are specifically collecting items for girls ages 2–9. **Please bring your donations to THE COMMONS AREA!** Gift Suggestions: Clothing: Shirts, pants, underwear, flip flops, shoes, socks, sunglasses, hair bows, and hats/mittens/scarves. Crafts & Activities: Watercolor sets, puzzles, stickers, chalkboards and chalk, jump ropes, binoculars, or make-it-yourself craft kits. For more gift ideas or to purchase in bulk, you can search for "Operation Christmas Child" on Amazon. Thank you for your support of this meaningful mission. Best regards, Lisa Stapleton



| <u>Circle</u> | <u>Date/Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Lettie Beatty/Acts | Apr. 1 @ 10:00 am | FLC |
| Serendipity | Apr.. 6 @ 6:30 pm | FLC |



Dwayne & Annie Heglar 04/15
Clayton & Lori Fleming 04/27



Ava Bartlett 04/01
June Goodman 04/01
Lisa Jackson 04/02
Cale Wolfe 04/04
Lisa Burgess 04/06
Joe Cantonese 04/08
Shear Linker 04/10
Judie Sellers 04/12
Justin Teeter 04/13
Johnny Wilkinson 04/13
Tom McLelland 04/14
Meghan Beaver 04/15
Kameron Hilton 04/15
Adam Lyerly 04/15
Mary Beth Edmiston 04/17
Becky Hart 04/17
Violet La Shomb 04/17
Kaleb Ford 04/19
Jeb Pemberton 04/19
Pamela Tulbert 04/20
Boone Wilkinson 04/20
Heather Cook 04/23
Rena Anderson 04/26
Alex Stillman 04/29



Library News - Even with so much information online these days, many of you may still prefer studying and reading from actual books, I know I do! I find that some of the oldest books have insights that are not always included in new books and visa versa - I certainly see the value in old and new!

With that in mind, our library books are now located in the Education Building, the third room on the left. You can peruse the books and self-check-out on Sundays, before or after Sunday School. Who knows, your Sunday School topics may prompt you to seek and find deeper study.

This room is also being used as a workroom for "A Thousand Hills." Our books are on the shelves on the left; everything else is the property of 'A Thousand Hills. There is a clipboard on the shelf, just note the book you have checked out and the date. You can keep the books as long as needed; this will simply help me know what is being read. Joy Miller

Many Thanks!

Thanks so much to those who have worked to clean the Education Building over the last several months! These workers include Jenny Dowdy, Nancy Alsobrook, Becky Hart, Melody Morrison, Nancy and Olie Dwire, Mark Reid, Kevin Layne and Carol Linker. Your service to our teaching ministry is so appreciated! (if I have omitted any one, please accept my apologies and let me know, I want to make it right!) Joy Miller



For Prayer:

Missionary:

Dan Davidson (Filter of Hope)
Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)
Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Betty Alexander (Trinity Oaks, Salisbury)
Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Dick Bennett (Maple Leaf Rehab, Statesville)
May Dauer (Best of Care Kannapolis)
Frances Ann Neel (The Pines, Davidson)

Please Remember:

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| Mary Beth Edmiston | Starann LaBonte |
| Ella Mae Stewart | Sharron Clanton |
| Judy Truedson | Dale Reading |
| Jackie McKnight | Bob & Jan Spear |
| Lynda Fries | Dianne Davis |
| Pat McCall | Dixie Forbes-Gorby |
| Beverly Bartlett | Pam Tulbert |
| Chuck & Donna Smith | Taylor Chandler |
| Dave Howie | Murdoch Morrison |

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Pat Hollar (*Heart Issues, Mother of Kelly Hutchinson*)
Frank Owens (*Cancer*)
Beatrix Clare Hibbs (*Eye Cancer 7 mths old, Great Neice of the Morrisons*)
Marty Featherstone (*Leukemia, friend of John Edmiston*)
Davis Family (*Friends of Edie Steele*)
Debra Teeter (*Brain Cancer, sister-in-law of Eric & Judy Teeter*)
Cindy Bean (*Cancer, friend of Debi Wilkinson*)
Heather Dobbins (*Cancer, friend of Edie Steele*)
Wrenley McDowell (*infant granddaughter of friends of Dave & Cristal Howie*)
Terry Pardew (*battling cancer, friend of many in the congregation*)
Kristen Guerrero (*Breast Cancer & Brain Lesions friend of Nyra Moore*)
Presley Seagroves (*2 yr old granddaughter of Linda Brooks - Type 1 Diabetic*)
Sandi Smith (*Sister of Cristal Howie*)
Jerry Abel (*Leukemia, brother of Mary Beth Edmiston*)
Candall Hilton (*Cancer, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Hilton*)
Todd Harkey (*Heart & Lungs, friend of Jodie & Randy Oliphant*)
Deborah Stenstrom (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)
Beth Segui' (*Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander*)
Janet Baker (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Rachel Shinn Stone (*Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
Kaye Bridges (*Cancer Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown*)
Myra Kelly (*Lung Cancer (Mother of Kiki Reid & Sister-in-Law of Jenny Dowdy)*)
Mike Stephens (*problems w/foot, brother of Terry Stevens*)

GOLDEN PROSPECTORS

SAVE THE DATE:
Tuesday, April 21, 2026.
We will be meeting in the family life center at 12:00 pm for a covered dish meal. The meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a dessert. Hope to see you! Invite a friend!



Mother-Daughter Banquet:
Our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on May 3rd at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Our speaker is to be determined. Please bring your favorite salad and/or a dessert to share. All women are welcome as we are all a mother and/or a daughter.



GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF . . .

HELEN HART BARBER
By:
Pat & Bill Carstensen
Alice Clingenpeel
Tommy & Renee McLelland
Thomas & Joyce Caddell
Eric & Judy Teeter
Lynde Mesa Widener
Connie & Erskine Smith
Bill & Beccy Hart
Dorothy Dickens
Elizabeth Gibson
John Edmiston
Bob & Harriet Barger
Wanda Honeycutt
Elizabeth Arthurs
Ann Jackson
Lynn Britz
Fran Hart
Jenny Dowdy
Virginia Edmiston
Tamara Morgan
June Goodman
Pam Tulbert

DON TRUEDSON
By:
Connie & Erskine Smith
Alice Clingenpeel
Lynn Britz
Marha Deaton

ANN COLLIER
By:
Nancy Robinson
Marsha Deaton

HAL STUTTS
By:
Lynn Britz
June Goodman
Bill & Becky Hart

JAMES PARKER
By:
Robert & Nancy Alsobrook

BOBBY FESPERMAN
By:
Tommy & Renee McLelland
Lynn Britz
Robert & Nancy Alsobrook
June Goodman
Pam Tulbert
Alice & Eddie Clingenpeel

THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He gave.
GREEN is for the grass He made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLACK is for the sins we made
WHITE is for the grace He gave
PURPLE is for the hour of sorrow
PINK is for the new tomorrow

A basket full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, a promise,
& a wonderful treat!

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!



GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF . . .

LARRY GENE STUTTS
By:
Lynn Britz



Your Session had its regular stated meeting on March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., moderated by Reverend Will Gipe.

Account balances as of March 19, 2026 were reported as follows:



- ◆ General Fund Balance - \$188,872
- ◆ Development Fund Balance – \$45,216
- ◆ Rental Money Market - \$21,440
- ◆ General Fund Reserve Balane - \$97,386
- ◆ General Fund Reserve Treasuries - \$100,000

- 1) Discussed lease terms and other matters regarding the use of the Church facilities by Thousand Hills.
- 2) The annual Mother/Daughter banquet will be May 3, 3036.
- 3) Discussed training for Sunday school teachers and voted to require background checks for all teachers teaching children 18 years or younger.
- 4) Received a report on the renovations on the Wade 2 house.
- 5) Received a report from the personnel committee that all staff reviews have been completed.
- 6) The next Feed the Hunger event will be on Aril 12, 2026 after Sunday worship.

As your Session, we always welcome questions and comments.

Kevin Donaldson, Clerk of the Session

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

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| <u>General Fund:</u> | |
| Monthly Offering through 02-28-26: | \$62,704 |
| Monthly Expenses through 02-28-26: | \$56,594 |
| Expenses less than Offering for month: | \$6,110 |
| <u>Development Fund:</u> | |
| Ending Balance through 02-28-26: | \$44,069 |

FINANCIAL REPORT



Who are our Graduates!

If you are a 2026 graduate of either an area high school or college, we want to know of your accomplishment. Please let the church office now by **May 10**, your name and the school you are graduating from as soon as possible. We plan to recognize your achievement and we don't want to miss anyone! Please be present in worship on May 17, 2026, for a special time of recognition.

Secret Sister Social
Saturday, April 18, 2026
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Join us for Bible Study, food, fun and fellowship. We will enjoy each other's company while strengthening our faith. Please bring a treat to share. As always, anyone who is curious about Secret Sisters is welcome to attend. See you soon!!



- △ Churchwide Health Surveys are due April 5, 2026
- △ Exercise group continues to meet Monday and Thursday at 11:00am
- △ We collected 19 units of blood at the March 19th blood drive. Our next drive is May 14, 2026.
- △ Grief Share meets Mondays from 6:30-8:30 and Tuesdays 10:00-12:00. You can join us at any time!

Health Observances for April 2026: Event Date

- ⇒ Occupational Health Nurses Week April 5-11
- ⇒ Patient Access Week April 5-11
- ⇒ National Public Health Week April 6-12
- ⇒ Black Maternal Health Week April 11-17
- ⇒ National Surgical Assistant Week April 13-17
- ⇒ Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer Awareness Week April 15-22
- ⇒ Medical Laboratory Professionals Week April 19-25
- ⇒ National Infertility Awareness Week April 19-25
- ⇒ National Pediatric Transplant Week April 19-25
- ⇒ Pediatric Sepsis Week April 19-25
- ⇒ Every Kid Healthy Week April 20-24
- ⇒ National Infant Immunization Week April 20-27
- ⇒ World Immunization Week April 24-30
- ⇒ Patient Experience Week April 27 – May 1



On **April 26**, inductees to our **Hall of Fame** will be Bill Lefler, Richard Bennett, Margaret Bradshaw and Violet La Shomb. We will once again honor Betty Alexander, Virginia Edmiston and Ella Mae Stewart, since they all were inducted at our last Hall of Fame event. Not all of our inductees and honorees will be able to attend, but you will enjoy learning about them and special things about their life. You can also sign cards that will be sent to them. See the invitation in this newsletter for more details and plan to attend this wonderful time of celebration.



APRIL 2026



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| | | | <p>1 10:00am ACTS / Lettie Beaty Circle FLC 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study</p> | <p>2 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class</p> | <p>3 <i>Good Friday</i> 12 pm Good Friday Service w/Lunch </p> | <p>4 8 am to 12 pm Art Workshop FLC</p> |
| <p>5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:30 am Son Rise Service @ Pavilion 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:30 am CE. & Fellowship Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / One Great Hour of Sharing</p> | <p>6 <i>Easter Monday</i> Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday 6:30 pm Serendipity Circle</p> | <p>7 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>8 5:00 pm Nurture & Care FLC 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study</p> | <p>9 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30 am Building & Grounds Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Feed the Hunger Event w/Lunch FLC</p> | <p>13 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Grief Share FLC</p> | <p>14 10:00 am Grief Share FLC 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>15 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study</p> | <p>16 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Session Meeting</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18 9am to 1 pm Secret Sisters Event FLC</p> |
| <p>19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30 am Missions Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Speaker Dan Davidson Filter of Hope</p> | <p>20 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Grief Share FLC</p> | <p>21 10:00 am Grief Share FLC 12:00 pm Golden Prospectors Covered Dish FLC 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>22 <i>Office Administrator Day!</i> 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study  <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i></p> | <p>23 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Pennies for Hunger Offering 11:45 am Worship Committee Meeting 11:45 am Hall of Fame Event w/Lunch FLC</p> | <p>27 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Grief Share FLC</p> | <p>28 10:00 am Grief Share FLC 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>29 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study</p> | <p>30 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class</p> | | |



“Those Who Serve”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

Church Opening & Closing: John Edmiston

Ushers: Virginia Dowdy, Head Usher; Tommy Blackwelder, Gwynn Ford, Jennings Ford, Carol Linker, Tommy McLelland,

APRIL 5, 2026

Officers on Call: Elder: Walter Teeter 704-236-7980

Front Door Before & After Service: Walter Teeter

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Children’s Church: Joy Miller

APRIL 12, 2026

Officers on Call: Elder: Lee Williams 704-724-4375

Front Door Before & After Service: Lee Williams

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: TBD

Children’s Church: Joy Miller

APRIL 19, 2026

Officers on Call: Elder: Mike Anderson 704-622-0396

Front Door Before & After Service: Mike Anderson

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: TBD

Children’s Church: Joy Miller

APRIL 26, 2026

Officers on Call: Elder: Kevin Donaldson 704-662-4050

Front Door Before & After Service: Kevin Donaldson

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Children’s Church: Joy Miller

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY!