



March 2026

Dear First Pres Friends,

This season has been both cold and icy, and a warm one for our church! That's South Carolina weather for you! As we embark on this Lenten journey, we have so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead! Registration is open for our Summer Mission Trip to Asheville; the Board of Deacons will soon begin their ministry once again; Easter is just a few short weeks away, and so much more!

First, right around the corner are a few special services in the life of our church that as this month we will have our Maundy Thursday *service on April 2nd at 5:30 PM*. Leigh Montague will be coming back to lend us her services and help provide some special music for this very special service, so make sure to mark your calendars! Also, we will have our Good Friday service on April 3rd at 12:30 PM, so if you would like to have a time of prayer and reflection as we hear aloud the story of Jesus' final earthly moments, make sure to come on our for that. Lastly, Easter will be on April 5th this year!

Also, registration for our Summer Mission Trip to Asheville is open if you or someone you know is interested. This year, we will be going to Asheville for our Mission Trip and working with the great folks over at Asheville Youth Mission. However, don't be fooled by the name because this registration is open to everyone! If you are interested in taking a few days to a week to see, learn, and get involved, and help those who need help, then I can assure you this is a wonderful way to do so! We will assist the elderly, help serve meals to those in need, support farms that give back to the community, and do so much more! If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to either the Mission Committee or me to get signed up. Registration is due April 1st, same as Montreat!

Lastly, while this is a special time in the life of our church, let us also remember those on our prayer list as it continues to grow. This season can be difficult for many of us, so if you ever need anything, please feel free to reach out to me! My door is always open, and I am more than happy to talk with you!

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Sunday School Classes

Parlor Class—This month the Parlor Class will study the new Lenten series, *The Final Days*, by Matt Rawle. Adults will study a fresh and engaging take on the journey through Lent. Be sure to join them each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the parlor for a deeper encounter with Jesus' final days.

Fellowship Class—Join the Fellowship class in March as they continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. Adults will begin the month discerning what it means to be blessed by God & to be a blessing, perceive more deeply what it means to lead & follow in the community of faith, commit to supporting God's leaders today, review the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and identify the power in God's kingdom. The Fellowship Class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. It is a relaxed class with lots of discussion. Please think about joining us for coffee & fellowship!

Youth Class—Our Youth Class will continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. This month, they will consider God's surprising call & leadership in their lives, what it means to trust in God's care during challenging times, come to a deeper understanding that no endings stretch beyond God's power & love, and explore the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

Children's Class—Our Children's class, ages K-5th grade, will continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. They will consider how they are blessed and a blessing to others, explore ways God provides for them, consider how God chooses them to serve, give thanks for Jesus' presence in their sad times, and begin their journey through Holy week as they prepare for Easter. Special thanks to Richard Pierce and all Sunday School teachers for upgrading the classroom! A fresh coat of paint, new boards, and artwork make it more appealing and child-friendly!

Preschool Class—(ages 3-4) will meet downstairs in the Louise Carpenter room and will also be studying *Feasting on the Word*. They will affirm that God's love surrounds them wherever they may go, investigate ways God provides for our needs, consider how God calls people of all ages to serve, and search for ways to show God's loving care to others.

Nursery always available (downstairs)



Christian Education & Music Ministry Schedule

March 1—*Unity in Christ* children's SS project!

March 8—Youth to ring bells during the 11 a.m. service

March 22—Cloie Tillman, Grace Tillman, & Blair Driggers will join the chancel choir in a special contemporary Christian anthem during the 11 a.m. service.

Palm Sunday, 3/29 NEW! All children are invited to process with provided palm branches during the opening hymn with the Chancel Choir. They will walk down the aisle with their palm branches and stand at the front of the communion table for the duration of the opening hymn. We will practice for a few minutes during Sunday School time that morning. It's super easy and I hope all children will participate!

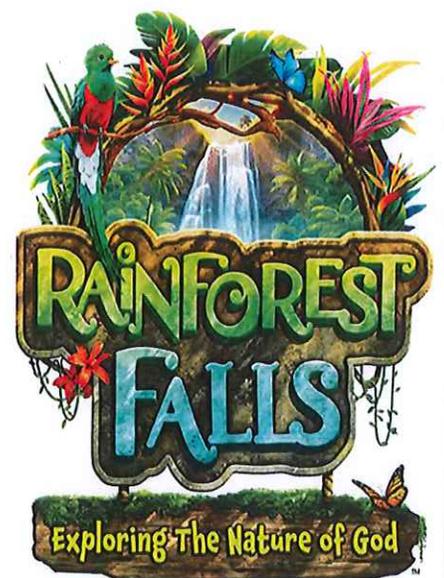
April 8—No Fun Program (spring break)

April 22—during our snack time, our Fun Program will have a Mother's Day Store in the Fellowship Building. Children will be given a shopping bag and will get to 'shop' for their moms. If you have any gently used jewelry, make-up bags, scarves, or fun accessories, we are collecting them so that we can have a big store! Please have your items at the church office no later than Sunday, April 19.

May 3—Youth & Children's Sunday!

Our Chancel Choir is exploring options for new choir robes! Stay tuned for more information!

VBS Rainforest Falls June 9-11 Save the Date!



Presbyterian Women News

Duties:

Communion

March 1- Kelli and Cam Beck

April 2– Maundy Thursday– Mary Jane Evans

April 5– Tammy and John Joyce

Youth Supper

March 15- Kim Brabham and Lindsay Bennett

April 19– Karen Tillman, Tammy Joyce and Kathy Bradshaw

Circle Meeting

March 4- Pie Party and Regular Circle Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship

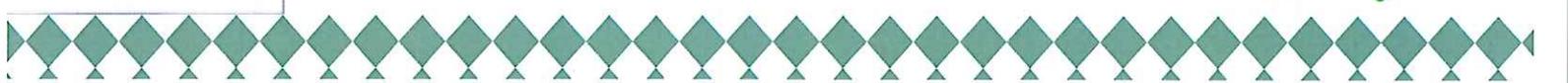
Building (Everyone brings their favorite pie to share)

Please remember to bring items you signed up for to make homeless care bags.

April 1- Regular Meeting in the Parlor at 10:00am.

If you haven't been able to come to Circle in the past but have the time now.

Please join us!



McArn Food Bank Backpack Ministry

McArn Food Bank Partners with Cheraw Primary school, to provide weekend food for 35 of their students most in need. Each week during the school year, nutritious food items are bagged and placed in children's backpacks for them to carry home for the weekend.

Food items may include (**No peanut butter or nuts**):

- *Ravioli cups
- *Mac-n-cheese cups
- *Ramen noodles cup
- *Pudding cups
- *Jello cups
- *Fruit cups,
- *Applesauce cups
- *Vegetable cups
- *Pop Tarts
- *Granola bars
- *Individual cereal bowls
- *Instant grits
- *Instant oatmeal
- *Lance sandwich crackers

If you would like to contribute any of these items to this ministry, please place them in the designated box outside the church office door or the little red wagon in the Narthex.



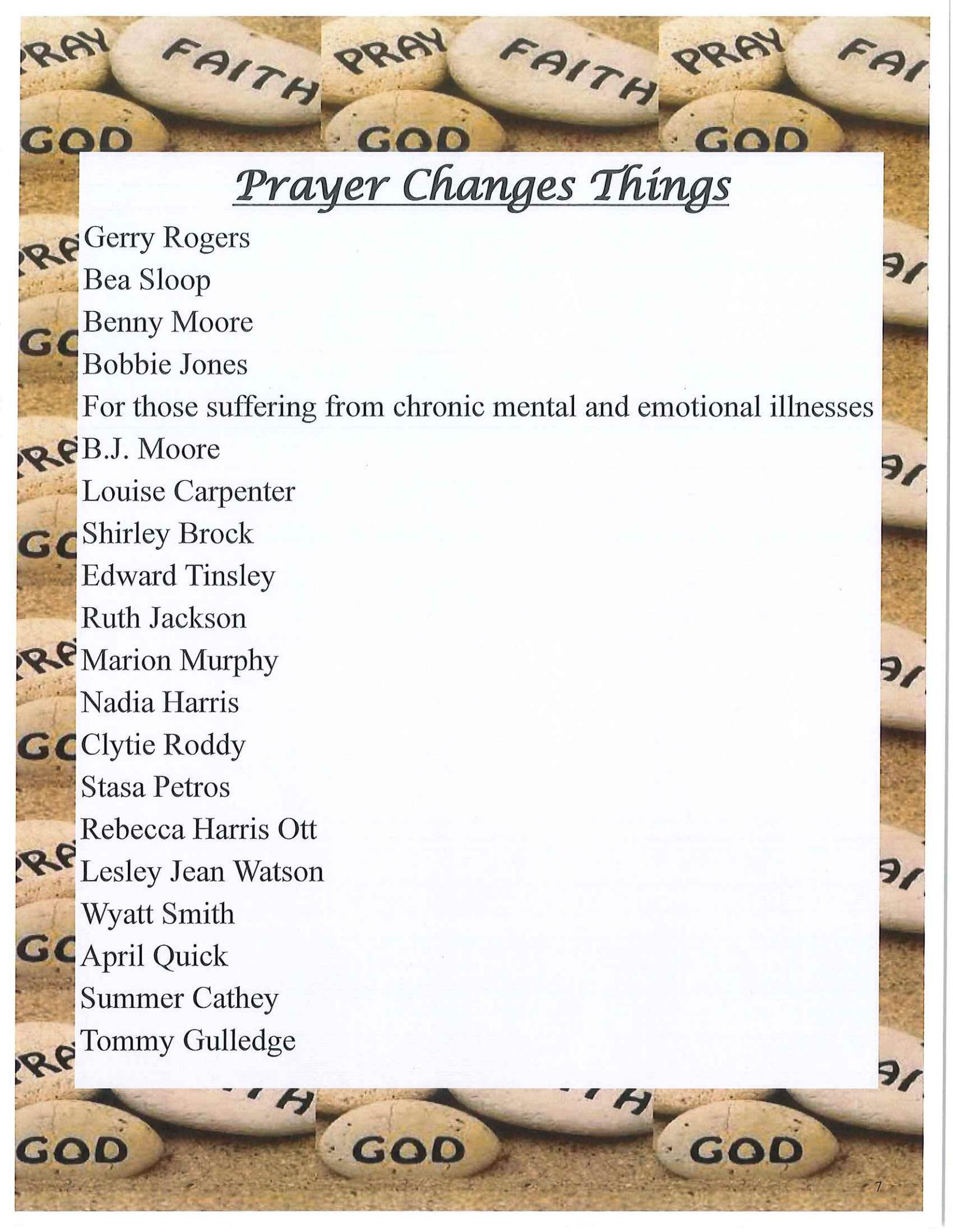
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Set Your

CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026





Prayer Changes Things

Gerry Rogers

Bea Sloop

Benny Moore

Bobbie Jones

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

B.J. Moore

Louise Carpenter

Shirley Brock

Edward Tinsley

Ruth Jackson

Marion Murphy

Nadia Harris

Clytie Roddy

Stasa Petros

Rebecca Harris Ott

Lesley Jean Watson

Wyatt Smith

April Quick

Summer Cathey

Tommy Gulledge

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Scholarships applications due. | 15 | 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship |
| 2 | 8:30 am MMO | 16 | 8:30 am MMO |
| 3 | 12:00 pm At Ease
6:00 pm CW Bible Study | 17 | 6:00 pm CW Bible Study |
| 4 | 8:30 am MMO
9:00 am CW Bible Study
10:00 am Circle Meeting
3:15 pm Fun Program
5:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Chancel Choir | 18 | 8:30 am MMO
9:00 am CW Bible Study
3:15 pm Fun Program
5:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Chancel Choir |
| 6 | 10:00 am—12:00pm
adjusted church office hours | 22 | 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship |
| 8 | 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Youth Bells | 23 | 8:30 am MMO |
| 9 | 8:30 am MMO | 24 | 6:00 pm CW Bible Study |
| 10 | 9:00 am Faith Formation
6:00 pm CW Bible Study | 25 | 8:30 am MMO
9:00 am CW Bible Study
3:15 pm Fun Program
5:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Chancel Choir |
| 11 | 8:30 am MMO
9:00 am CW Bible Study
3:15 pm Fun Program
5:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Chancel Choir | 29 | 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Palm Sunday
Mission Trip & Montreat Deposit
Due. |

March Birthdays



- 3 Bayley Hydrick
- 4 Kim Cauthen, Christopher Tucker
- 7 Jenny Michaels
- 8 Debbie Watson
- 10 Robert Moffat
- 11 Richard Pierce
- 15 Marion Murphy
- 18 Kristen Miller, Mary Jane Evans
- 21 Robbi Gilpin
- 22 Andy Beck
- 23 Reba Brooks, Thomas Barton
- 25 Craig Goddard
- 30 Joye Sansbury

Happy
Birthday



3-Bill Cauthen

5-Dena Tillman

6-Kathy Bradshaw, Edward Tinsley

8-Josh Evans

9-Buddy Brooks, Phillip Tucker

12-Mike Chapman, David Morgan

13-Louise Carpenter

14-Danny Bradshaw

17-Douglas Anderson, Brittany Tillman

18-Diane Hines

19-John McLauchlin

20-Charlene Tillman

21-Sue Cutchin

26-Maggie Barton

28-Kathie Cook

30-Maylen Harris