

# JESUS

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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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## WHO'S THAT MAN?

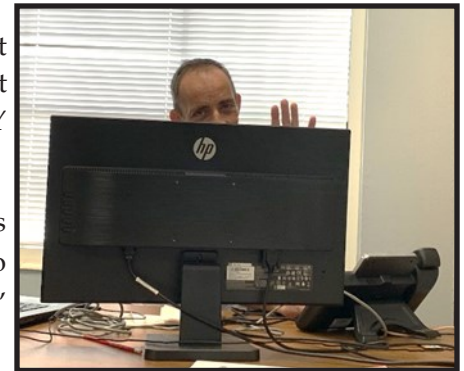
### Behind the Scenes with Paul Fullylove

You may have seen him roaming...you may have heard about him...but you have most certainly been affected by him, even if you don't quite know it yet! We're talking about the man, the myth, the legend...someone who runs a lot of things from First Pres WAY behind the scenes: Paul Fullylove!

Paul is one of our esteemed staff members here at First Presbyterian Church and has been for about a year. His office is the first one you run into upstairs, right next door to Lewis and down the hall from my office. Officially, Paul is our "website administrator" – but over the last year, we've come to learn he is willing to be SO much more!

Paul hails from Brighton, on the southern coast of England, and has lived in the United States since 2014. He is former member of the elite Parachute Regiment of the British Army and a veteran of the Iraqi war. Paul has two adult children who live 'across the pond' at the present time, and he is an artist, web designer, and soccer coach by trade. Just last year, he became a permanent resident of the United States. Besides working at the church, Paul runs his own web company, coaches two competitive soccer teams, and is the head of the soccer program at Manatee High School.

Last year, Paul came on board on a super-part-time basis to help us keep our website updated and maximize our presence on social media and the web. During that time, he developed a true passion for being a part of First Pres, which led him to come in daily as he started building us the new website we enjoy today. In addition, he solves all our IT issues on a daily basis (meaning we never have to call or pay a technician to come out), fixes and transforms aging computers, updates our



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software and security weekly, fixes our network when it goes down after a power outage, and ensures that we can all keep working at maximum efficiency wherever technology is concerned.

One day, he helped me fix some sound issues in the Sanctuary, and then he showed up on the following Sunday to make sure it all worked properly. Ever since, he's been up in the sound booth during the 11:00 service operating our mics, sound system, and running the Facebook Live feed that enables people to watch and interact with the worship service when they cannot make it to church. During the summer months, when we had to hold 11:00 worship in the Fellowship Hall, Paul was the one in the back running the PowerPoint slides so we would have the words and Scriptures up on the big screen. Now, Paul interacts with those who participate in worship through Facebook Live. He values making people feel known, loved, and acknowledged by saying "hello." Recently, Paul started receiving prayer requests through Facebook during the live feed, and he now makes sure those requests end up on my prayer list during the service. Again...we've all been affected by his "brilliant" service! Our staff and leaders appreciate the heart he puts into identifying all little things we might never otherwise notice or know how to do.



This is the view we get when Paul arrives at the church in his bright yellow Camaro, shining like a beacon of joy while pulling into the dirt parking lot over by the white house. We all love the moment he walks through the door, says "Halllllow!" in his British accent, and gets to work on everything

he could possibly work on (with a breakfast sandwich from Robin's Café in hand). We appreciate his heart for service, his desire to partner with us, and his collegial friendship with our entire staff and leaders. After one year, we've realized it is such a blessing to have a "jack-of-all-trades" onsite...and it's hard to imagine our life here without him.

Paul, in all his humility, will probably get upset at us for writing this article with such a glowing expression of our appreciation. With that said, it was the Personnel Ministry Team's belief that this appreciation is quite deserved and overdue! So, next time you're at church and you see the yellow Camaro...know that Paul is working hard, and with a huge heart, behind the scenes, for you...and for us all!

Thanks be to God for Paul and his ministry!

In Christ,

*Dino*

September 2019

# September Birthdays

- 4 Pat Arnold
- 7 Dan Pope, Theresa Dahlquist
- 8 Herman Jenkins, Shea Vaughn, Morgan Miller
- 10 Kirk Eason
- 14 Yvonne Bedell, Greg Bustle, Paul Carlson
- 15 Shirley Frank, Marty Murden, Nancy Varner
- 16 Jane Stockhausen
- 17 Mildred Blankers, Maggie Rieniets
- 21 Paul Grabiak
- 23 Marion McClellan, Bob Schermer
- 25 Priscilla Kline, Kelsey Grabiak
- 28 Charolette Hawkins, Gary Miller, Annabelle Rustin
- 29 Tom Montgomery, Ron Carlson
- 30 Steve Abbey

# Birthday Blessings

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## FPC Building Commission Update



**Great News!!!** The FPC Building Committee is excited to announce our renovations plans for the First Presbyterian Church will begin around the first of October. We will start in the new foyer area. Our goal is to create an open and inviting area for our members to gather and fellowship. This will be our main entry and exit from the church.

Also, during the month of September, the demolition of the old office building (i.e. white house) will take place. This is all in preparation for our new parking lot. The work on the church and parking lot will occur concurrently. The estimate at the present time is that all the work will be completed in approximately seven months.

As always, we ask that you keep our church and this committee in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward with this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Building Committee.

Wayne Scroggins, Chairman

Members: Kaye Butler, Steve Porter, Kathy Schermer and Bill Schmoll

# Fall Ministry Kickoff

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**@10:00 am**

**Brunch in the Fellowship Hall**

*Come and hear about our Fall / Winter programs and more!*





*“...but those whose hope is in the  
**Lord**  
 will renew their strength.  
 They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run  
 and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.”*

**Isaiah 40:31**

I am pleased to tell you more about one of our Denominational Missions, Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) that we support here at First Presbyterian Church. For over 50 years, MBF has been an independent non-profit organization working in partnership with individuals and churches throughout the U.S. to equip Presbyterian partners in developing countries to proclaim the gospel through medical ministry. Because of our mission commitment with MBF, we are assisting those most in need to help build sustainable medical ministries in some of the poorest countries around the globe, including those in Malawi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Haiti, Turkey, and Egypt to name a few.

With our continued support we have HELPED:



- More than 345,000 patients receive medical care.
- Nearly 12,000 mothers chose to have a safer delivery at one of MBF Partner Hospitals.
- More than 1,800 nursing students to be trained at one of MBF Partner Nursing Schools.
- More that 350 graduates that are now serving as nurses or midwives and helping improve access to healthcare in their country.

Most important of all, MBF's goal continues to be that every patient and their family has the opportunity to hear the good news of the gospel.

Thank You for your continued support.

*Nevin Seus and the Mission Ministry Team*

<b>FINANCIAL REVIEW</b>	<b>Budgeted Offering Through August      \$284,886</b>
	<b>YTD Offering Received Through August      \$316,798</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE through August</b>	
<b>9 AM AVERAGE    50      11 AM AVERAGE    105</b>	

The Session met on Tuesday, August 27, at 6:00 pm in the Outreach Room.

- We're getting closer to a start date for the building project. The current plan is for things to kick off in October.
- We have hired a new part-time office assistant to take on our 'front desk' responsibilities in the afternoons, Monday - Friday. Her name is Amy Jo Connours and she will start on Tuesday, September 3rd.
- Koinonia Sunday will take place on the third Sunday of the month for the rest of the year, except for December when it will move to the 2nd Sunday (December 8th) to avoid a conflict with the Christmas Concert, which will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm. Please join us at Koinonia each month to meet some folks from the community near our church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dwayne Smith*

Acting Clerk of Session



## *In Christian Sympathy*

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of **Christine King** who died on August 2, 2019.

*Praying God's Comfort*

## GOING DIGITAL

### **FIRST PRESS IS GOING DIGITAL!**

FIRST PRESS will no longer be sent out through bulk mail as we are going digital! We will begin to send out the newsletter via e-mail as of next month. You may also download it from our website, as well as pick one up in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall if you wish to have a hard copy. Please take a moment to contact the church office, via e-mail at: [office@firstpresbradenton.com](mailto:office@firstpresbradenton.com) or by phone at: 941-746-6141, to update us on your current e-mail address so that you may continue to receive FIRST PRESS without any interruption.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Jeanne Oliver, Janice Lange, Judy Plano, Sally DenUyl, Catherine Wilcockson, Jean Phillips, Rose Carlson, Vic Kane, Charlie O'Connor, Irene Henderson, Bob Marsh, Jay Daspit, Donna Jones, Betty Gilmore, Melody Porter, Vada Johnson, Keith Allen, Dave Stacho, Ellen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Betty Harkins, Frances Moody, Debbie Parvin, Elma Westney, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery, Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or e-mail the church office at: [office@firstpresbradenton.com](mailto:office@firstpresbradenton.com)

## CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS // ASSISTED LIVING

<i>Health Care Facilities</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Name(s)</i>
<b>Bay Vue Nursing &amp; Rehab.</b>	105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208	941-747-8681	Betty Harkins (Room 132)
<b>Inn at Freedom Village</b>	6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209	941-798-8250	Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A)
<b>Summerfield Assisted Living</b>	3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-751-7209	Vada Johnson (Room 126)
<b>Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeanne Oliver (RAL Room 408)
<b>Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1610 3rd Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-748-1700	Rae Flanders (RAL Room 124) E. Jean Phillips (RAL Room 134) John Weichel (RAL Room 125)
<b>Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic Kane (#146) Debbie Parvin (#133)
<b>Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)</b>	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5941	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Elma Westney (HC 327A)

# September

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

<p><b>1 Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>2 Newsletter Submission</b>  <b>Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Stephen Min. 6:30 Scout Crew III</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 Line Dancing 5:30 Deacons 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 7:00 Joy Circle</p>	<p><b>6</b> 1:00 Pantry Meeting 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8 Fall Kick-Off</b> 9:00 Informal Worship <b>10:00 Kick-Off Brunch</b> 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew 6:30 Scout Crew III</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 5:00 Finance</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15 KOINONIA</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service <b>12:00 KOINONIA Lunch</b> 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Scout Crew III</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Session 6:30 Scout Crew III</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 12:00 PW CT Mtg. 6:30 Scout Council</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10:30 Card Ministry 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>			<p><b>KEY</b> SG = Small Group</p>		



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TAKE TIME TO ENJOY

# Labor Day

*My soul finds rest  
in God alone...*

PSALM 62:1

