

# The Vine

“O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish...”  
 Also, refer to John 15:5 — “I am the vine, ye are the branches ...”

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**10 AM** Worship Service: “Get Suited Up”

**Prayer Requests (Updated 8/25/2021)**

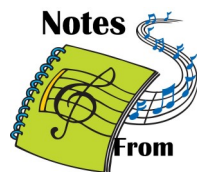
- \*Betty Aiton, Bob Britt, Mary Burriss, Kathy and Don Burriss, June Dean, Walker Martin, Linda Murphy, Cathy Neal
  - \*Lori Kennedy, daughter-in-law of Carol Kennedy, who is currently taking chemotherapy
  - \*Laurie Moore, community member
  - \*Billy Kirby, friend of Melinda Gray & Tony Bailey who is battling leukemia
  - \*Barbara Edwards, Lesley Mitchell’s mother
  - \*Mark Dolny, stepson of Linda Dolny Lister
  - \*Brittany Michelle Person, friend of Robyn Prince’s niece
  - \*Charlsie Cox, granddaughter of Judy White McGeehon and great-niece of Debbie Vaughn
  - \*Carolyn Huey (NHC, Laurens, Room 218)
  - \*Marie McCracken (Presbyterian Home, Clinton)
  - \*Nancy Cook Smith (Martha Franks, Laurens)
- Please, help us keep our list of prayer concerns updated. Thank you!*

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:  
*Then (Jesus) called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."*

*- Mark 7:14-15*

We meet Jesus as he is expanding on a response to the Pharisees’ objection that Jesus’ disciples have not been performing the ceremonial washing of their hands prior to eating. For them, this is no small matter and they confront Him over the disciples eating with “defiled hands.” (v.7:5) Jesus responds to their objection by explaining the real source of defilement, and His explanation confronts all of us with the truth of our own hearts. We’ll talk about it Sunday. As always, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike



**Notes**

From

**Dr. Ken**



**Join us Monday (August 30<sup>th</sup>) for our next Tap Room Theology: 7PM at Palmetto Brothers Dispensary.**

**Our topic this month is: “Does God Care Who Wins the Ball Game?”**

**Our first two gatherings have been very successful with lively and interesting discussions and new friendships made.**

**This month’s topic promises more of the same. Some enjoy the fare of the tap and others enjoy Coca Cola; all are welcome to join in the conversation and fellowship.**

*Chancel Choir Rehearsal is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 1, with choir practice at 6:00 pm and a covered dish meal and gathering for choir members and spouses from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, in Hunter Hall. Please, let Connie Parker, Chancel Choir President, (923-6017) know if you will be able to attend. Now is the time to consider joining this wonderful, caring group of folks who use their talents to praise the Lord and lead in worship. (All that’s needed is the bucket you carry your tune in!)*

**Sanctuary Flowers**

- September 5 **BURRISS,**  
Don and Kathy
- September 12 **BYARS,**  
Susan
- September 19 **ADAMS,**  
Patsy
- September 26 **CHILDERS,**  
Bill and Amanda



The sanctuary flowers on August 29 are given to the glory of God and in honor of their children by Chris and Julie Edwards.

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<p><b><u>Ushers: Aug. 29</u></b> <b><u>Luke</u></b> Travis Thomas* Chris Edwards Scott Todd Jane Seigler</p>	 <p><b>Child care is available every Sunday!</b> Toddler Room: 2-year-olds through 5K. Infant Room: Infants through 2-year-olds.</p>	
<p><b><u>Ushers: Sept. 5</u></b> <b><u>John</u></b> Bill Baldwin* Kathy Baldwin Jim Todd IV Tommy Smith</p>		
<p><b><u>Ushers: Sept. 12</u></b> <b><u>Acts</u></b> Byron Parker* Gail Parker Erskine Thomason Paul Wilkie, Jr.</p>	<p><b><u>Vine Helpers:</u></b> <b><u>11:00 AM</u></b> 9/1 Peg Basche 9/8 Connie Parker 9/15 Gail Parker, Drucie Martin 9/22 Rita and Lonnie Bixler</p>	<p><b><u>Contact Information</u></b>  Church office: 864-984-6561 Rev. Dr. Mike McCracken 870-318-5715 <a href="mailto:mike@firstpreslaurens.org">mike@firstpreslaurens.org</a> Dr. Ken Lister <a href="mailto:ken@firstpreslaurens.org">ken@firstpreslaurens.org</a> Will DeLaney <a href="mailto:will@firstpreslaurens.org">will@firstpreslaurens.org</a> John Swofford <a href="mailto:john@firstpreslaurens.org">john@firstpreslaurens.org</a> Jean Cann <a href="mailto:C762308@gmail.com">C762308@gmail.com</a> Kay Monroe <a href="mailto:kmonroe2312@gmail.com">kmonroe2312@gmail.com</a> Sharon Vincent <a href="mailto:sharon@firstpreslaurens.org">sharon@firstpreslaurens.org</a> Office Hours: M-W, 9 am to 4 pm; Th-F, 9 am to noon</p>
<p><b><i>Worship Attendance</i></b>—August 22, 2021: 81</p>		





