



# 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, September 5, 2021

**10 AM Worship Service: “Time for Supper”**

**(Please, note: Beginning Sunday, September 12, 2021, Worship Service will begin at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School for ALL ages immediately prior to worship from 9:30 to 10:15 AM.)**

### Prayer Requests (Updated 9/1/21)

- \*Kathy Burriss, Don Burriss
- \*Betty Aiton, Bob Britt, Mary Burris, 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
- \* Betty Sizemore, Gadsden, AL, Jennifer McCracken’s grandmother
- \*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:

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup...*

*- 1 Corinthians 11:28*

“Time for supper.” We’ve all heard and said these words before in our own households – probably throughout our lives. For many of us, the supper times of our youth were ordinary in many ways – after all, they came each and every day. Looking back, we see how those meals were significant and formative: for their content, the company, and even their consistency.

This week we hear Paul’s word to the church in Corinth about the Lord’s Supper and how it was anything but an ordinary meal. This week we have the opportunity to gather for the Lord’s Supper as we do each month, and it is a good time to examine ourselves and contemplate the importance of this meal in our life of discipleship. Especially as we are called to the Lord’s Supper, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike

### ***Find your place in the Chancel Choir this fall!***

*We will begin to fill the choir loft again on Sunday, September 5. Chancel Choir practice officially launches on Wednesday, September 8, from 7:15 to 8:30 PM. We have the opportunity to do some meaningful and wonderful music as we lead in worship, and we welcome you to be a part of that.*

#### Notes



From  
**Dr. Ken**

### ***Circles Begin Next Week!***

***Circle 1: Tuesday, September 7, 12 noon, Hunter Hall.***

***Circle 3: Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 PM, Hunter Hall.***

***Circle 2: Monday, September 13, 6:30 PM, TBA.***



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#### ***Sanctuary Flowers***

- September 12 **BYARS,**  
Susan
- September 19 **ADAMS,**  
Patsy
- September 26 **CHILDERS,**  
Bill and Amanda
- October 3 **MCCLURE,**  
Julie and Steve



The sanctuary flowers on September 5 are given to the glory of God by Don and Kathy Burriss.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Ushers: Sept. 5**  
**John**  
Bill Baldwin\*  
Kathy Baldwin  
Jim Todd IV  
Tommy Smith



**Child care is available every Sunday!**  
Toddler Room: 2-year-olds through 5K.  
Infant Room: Infants through 2-year-olds.

**Ushers: Sept. 12**  
**Acts**  
Byron Parker\*  
Gail Parker  
Erskine Thomason  
Paul Wilkie, Jr.

**Vine Helpers:**  
**11:00 AM**  
9/8 Connie Parker  
9/15 Gail Parker, Drucie Martin  
9/22 Rita and Lonnie Bixler  
9/29 Marilyn Buchanan, Lesley Mitchell

**Ushers: Sept. 19**  
**Romans**  
Bill Childers\*  
Amanda Childers  
Jimmy Todd  
Walter Todd

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***Worship Attendance***—August 29, 2021: 87





