

*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome, Michon & Harley McCorkle to the Fernwood family. They will be worshipping with us online. Michon and Harley live in Indiana and are moving their membership from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. Welcome!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

2 - Kari Mason
2 - Dan Vincent
4 - Lori League
6 - Becky Turner
8 - Lonnie Myers
9 - Julian Stridiron
10 - Margaret McDowell
13 - Meghanne McDaniels
15 - Lloyd Callaway
15 - Rusty Keesler
16 - Margaret League
17 - Cuba Ford
17 - Randy Giles
17 - Amber Hutzell

18 - Margaret Phillips
18 - Myra Hendrix
25 - Deanna Jordan
27 - Randy Gardner
28 - Gerry Moore

September Anniversary

Ken and Peggy Barton
September 8, 1963

Milton and Charlotte Thompson
September 30, 1962



We are currently in the middle of our Ministry Council Team sign-ups, so if there is a place you feel called to be a part of, there are several more weeks for you to sign up. Look for those lists in the concourse at church. If you cannot get to church, but still want to participate, please call the church office to have your name placed on a team.

Our Belonging Ministries are seeking extra help in the children's hallway caring for our youngest members. The

Family Life team has secured the Blood Mobile for September 26 from 9 to 1130am. Please consider giving if able. They are looking to host a luncheon for our older members of the church in October. The Discipleship Team has been busy getting the Sunday School hallway ready for classes to begin meeting again. This includes a new youth Sunday School class that has begun. A new book study begins in October by Zoom.

The Serving Ministries are busy with mission opportunities such as a monthly Family Night Supper at Hope Center for Children, a quarterly dinner at St. Luke's and the Soup Kitchen is still on the calendar for October 17.

The Investing Ministries are helping people from outside the church to have a place to meet. A children's art program called Phoenix Arts will be using our facility, a counseling group is seeking to use the lower hallway for their services and several other groups have begun meeting since Covid restrictions have been lifted.

The Worship Ministries are creating wonderful worship opportunities to be involved in. We look forward to new sermon series, All Saints Sunday, Advent, a Christmas cantata and other special events.

What a wonderful time to be at Fernwood. What can you do to be a part of all of this????

Peace, Sabrina Myers

Book Group

The Fernwood Book Group invites you to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM for our weekly discussion. For more info and the ZOOM link, contact Nancy Easler at 680-8518 or at nancyeasler86@gmail.com.

We are discussing - *Mercies in Disguise*- by Gina Kolata for the remainder of September.

October 12 and 19 - Kathy Hensley will lead the group in discussion - *The Whistling Season* - by Ivan Doig.

November 2, 9, and 16- Wendy Case will lead in Discussion of - *The Hate U Give* - by Angie Thomas.

We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving or in the month of December.

Coming in January, 2022- study and discussion of - *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* - by William Kamkwamba led by Nancy Easler.

A Thank You Note...

I'm still at a loss for words after the surprise presentation on Sunday at the end of the service. And this is not the first time you've knocked my socks off and rendered me speechless.

You have come together to give me and my family unwavering support and constant prayers during some dark times, and Sunday's amazing gift was emblematic to me of your love pulling us through.

Fernwood's over-the-top kind, generous, and creative LOVE has lifted us up through these last 2 years and all the ones before that. We really are a family because we truly share one another's burdens and exult in one another's joys.

I'm humbled when I think of how many of you deserve to be singled out and lavishly celebrated for all you've done for our beloved Fernwood.

The painting is beyond anything I could have conceived - and to hear Baile talk about the meanings behind each feature - again I have no words for how special that makes me feel. Thank you to each and every one of you who had anything to do with this, from idea to funding to producing to presentation!

I foresee for Fernwood such a bright future in the more than capable hands of Matt, Stafford, Becky, Marcia, Angie, Mary Helen, and so many of you non-staffers who are ever poised to lend your amazing talents to our church Family and greater community. In that light, I would like to give the remainder of the gift (the generous framing allowance which I won't need) to the Fernwood Staff Love Offering designated account.

May you all feel the love that I felt on Sunday and always! Many Blessings!

Love ~ Suzanne



Save the Date Events

Drive Thru Trick or Treat

Sunday, October 31

from 5-6pm

in parking lot in front of Chapel and Sanctuary.

More information to come.

UPDATE FROM THE FACILITIES USE COMMITTEE

The facilities use would like to advise updates on the use of our church facilities that are either ongoing or anticipated in the near future. There are two counseling service organizations using two classrooms located at the chapel hallway. They are Bridgepath and Claire Johnson Counseling Service. Weight Watchers has resumed their meetings in the Family Life Center on Monday evenings from 4-7. Uplift is moving back into the Nexus area and is scheduled to use that area in the near future. Anchoring Within Counseling Service is scheduled to use the first floor area that used to be used by Westgate Counseling. Finally, Phoenix homeschool organization is looking to use the first floor children's wing of the education building one day a week for certain activities.

Thanks

MASK REQUIRED

Masks are required when in the church building, at all times. even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we will be taking all precautions to protect everyone. There will be masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.



Homebound Member of the Week

Myra Hendrix
201 Fernbrook Circle
Spartanburg, SC 29307

From the Pastor...

Last month, I began to help us learn about Family Systems Theory. This theory explains that every organism and organization is a system, a group of living beings in regular contact with one another. And all systems, from the microcellular to the entire universe, relate within the context of that system in similar ways. Our church is a system. It has ways of operating that stay stable even though years pass and the people who make up that system come and go.

This month, I would like to talk about the system and boundaries. A system has boundaries both within the system and between the system and everything/everyone else. Sometimes, you don't know where a boundary is until you cross it, but then the system let's you know! The system is always interconnected. The question is how well. Even being "cut-off", that is, an ongoing feud or silence, is a way of being connected.



Every system assigns roles to its members. Some of these are conscious, formal roles (secretary, treasurer, pastor). Some of them are unconscious and informal (the naysayer, the optimist, the justice advocate. And you may notice that these roles will still be represented in a system even when the person filling that role rotates off a certain committee. Someone else will fill their place.

When we consider the history of our church, and our struggles and battles over issues like baptism, the role of LGBTQIA persons in the church, or our denominational identity, we can see how different people likely took on similar roles within the system each time. What boundaries were crossed? How did people find out they crossed them? What happened to those people?

Here are some questions to consider as you think about the boundaries of our system:

What are the ways our congregation lets visitors know they are members of the system?

How does a newcomer make the transition to membership?

What are the unspoken rules about who does what, who has access to whom, who has important and necessary information, and who wields power?

What is the cost to exit? How does one give up a given role?

How does our church system form groups - formally and informally? What role do you play in this group formation?

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
8:30am until 4:30pm
Friday: Office Closed

*Anyone entering the building
MUST wear their mask.*



It's A Boy!
Watson James Sally

born 9/2.
Grandson of Jaymie and Bill Sally
and
Great grandson of Faye Boukedes

FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS
Year-To-Date August 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Actual Better or (Worse) Than <u>Budget</u>
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$240,674	\$257,333	(\$16,659)
Use of Building Receipts	\$1,675	\$0	\$1,675
Interest Income	\$116	\$0	\$116
Processing Fees	\$314	\$0	\$314
Other Income	\$196,735	\$0	\$196,735
Transfers	\$56	\$0	\$56
Total Operating Receipts	\$439,570	\$257,333	\$182,237
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related	\$116,679	\$122,073	\$5,394
Community Ministry Children / Youth	\$9,688	\$15,440	\$5,752
Ministry Music	\$682	\$1,233	\$551
Ministry Educational Ministry	\$1,887	\$2,533	\$646
Evangelistic Ministry	\$41	\$267	\$226
Ministry Teams	\$481	\$2,333	\$1,852
State & World Missions	\$1,672	\$1,533	(\$139)
Operating Ministry	\$9,699	\$10,294	\$595
Total Operating Expenditures	\$172,920	\$101,627	(\$71,293)
	\$313,749	\$257,333	(\$56,416)

Family Night Supper Support - Will You Help?

We are supporting a local mission with meals. The Hope Center for Children are excited and pleased to be receiving these meals. Tina will be preparing larger casserole type meals along with sides. They have 3 residential homes that she will be preparing for. These meals will be hot and fresh and delivered on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm at each location.

Are you willing to continue to pay for your meal, but allow it to be served to your neighbors? If you would like to help pay for some meals, you can write "Family Supper" on your check or choose "Family Supper" when you give online. Please give generously and help spread the word to others. Thank you to those of you who continue to support this important ministry!



School Supplies which Pine Street School received from Fernwood. Great job Fernwood members!

TOTAL Ministries

Current needs include: soups (all types), jelly, grits, oatmeal, canned fruit, applesauce, cake mix and frosting, one pound bags of dry beans, peanut butter, canned meats (such as Spam, salmon, tuna, beef stew), cereals, one pound bags of rice, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles(pasta), all types of canned vegetables, and toiletries.

Collection containers are located in front of the church office.

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, September 29, 2021.**
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Noon.**

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!