

# CREED & DEED

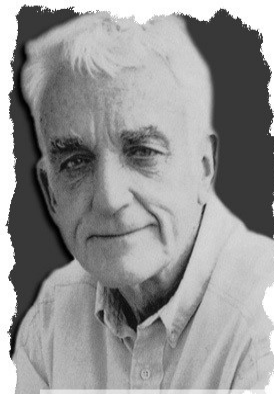
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## *A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR*

### **On Thanks and Giving**

Brennan Manning, a former Franciscan priest and a popular speaker and writer, has spent his life preaching the good news of Jesus' love in a most unusual array of settings. Brennan has served as everything from a seminary professor to an "aguador" transporting water to rural villages in Spain, from a parish priest in a shrimping village devastated by Hurricane Camille to a voluntary prisoner in a Swiss jail.



Shortly before he was scheduled to lead a parish renewal in Algiers, Louisiana, Brennan spent a few days living at the city garbage dump in Juarez, Mexico. There, he watched with sadness as the city's poor, from little children to the aged, scavenged for food in a mound of refuse more than thirty feet high. Children were dying every week from malnutrition and polluted water. The depth of poverty and despair was devastating.

When, on the last night of the parish renewal, an anonymous donor handed Brennan an envelope stuffed with \$6,000, he knew just what to do with the money. He forwarded it to a man he had met while living at the garbage dump, the father of ten children, three of whom had already perished from the harsh living conditions.

That father was completely overwhelmed with gratitude! He could not  
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do enough to express his thanks to Brennan for this life-changing gift. He wrote nine letters in two days, each one gushing with gratitude, each one describing how he was using the money to help not only his own family, but the others at the dump, as well. Brennan's monetary gift completely transformed that community, and the recipients of such a gift, completely unexpected, completely unmerited, could not do enough to express their thanks.

As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, as we reflect upon the many blessings that we have received from God's hand, may we all reflect the unabashed gratitude of that Mexican father. May we all recognize not only the abundance of material blessings God has bestowed upon us, but also the life-changing gift that we have received, completely unmerited, in Jesus Christ. May we all express our gratitude so exuberantly; may we all share from our bounty so freely; may we all truly give our thanks to God!

Joyfully, Kristin



**Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night one hour. Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 6.**

2011 Financial Report	Year to date	
	through 9/30/2011	Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 221,767	\$ 347,902
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 142,158	\$ 238,968
Operations	\$ 36,391	\$ 42,569
Missions	\$ 26,663	\$ 37,465
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 20,177	\$ 20,000
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 5,653	\$ 6,650

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**At First Presbyterian, we're a family and our family is growing. Meet our newest members.**

*With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.*

**Suzie Wilson** — Suzie married Chris Wilson on June 5. She is from Lexington, South Carolina and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Suzie has three children—Andy who is 13, Nick is 11 and Sofia is 5. Suzie is one of our LOGOS teachers and her children are active in our LOGOS program and other church activities.

**Ken and Martee Fansher** — The Fanshers are longtime residents of Moncks Corner. Martee grew up in Moncks Corner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John West. Her brothers are attorney John West and Rev. Hal West. Martee graduated from Berkeley High School and Columbia College and became an English teacher. She taught for 33 years and is now retired from teaching English at Berkeley High School. Ken attended Berkeley County schools and graduated from Berkeley High School and NC State. Ken and Martee were married in 1968 and moved back to Moncks Corner in 1983. Ken is also retired and taught Industrial Technology in Berkeley County Schools. They have two children and three grandchildren.

### **Marriage Building Program**

In the next few months we will be privileged to have a professional marriage counselor leading the couples here through a special weekly marriage builder program. Details to be announced!!!



**November 20—December 4**

**At First Presbyterian Church**

**SALE! SALE! SALE!**

Exquisite, handcrafted home décor and gifts from around the world.  
Invest in education, housing and hope for villages in 33 countries.



Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. The income artisans earn helps pay for food, education, health care and housing.

This is a great time to purchase Christmas presents for your friends, wife, husband, children, teachers, secretaries, co-workers, etc. Bring the children to shop for their gifts.



**Scheduled Hours:**

Monday thru Friday	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call Mickey Smith at 899-6420 to schedule shopping during other times or for more information. Cash or check, please.



## A Bit of Hymn Trivia

If you are one of our “old-timey” hymn enthusiasts, you are in for a treat the first two Sundays in November! We will conduct a hymn series entitled “The Hymns of William B. Bradbury”.



William Batchelder Bradbury was born October 6, 1816 in York, Maine where his father was the leader of a choir. By age 14, he had mastered every musical instrument available, but never saw an organ or piano until 1830, when his parents moved to Boston. In Boston, he became a protégé’ of the famous “Singing School” master, Dr. Lowell Mason. In 1841, he became organist at Baptist Tabernacle in Brooklyn, and gained popularity for his free singing schools and his concert festivals. At these festivals, the performers, all children, sometimes numbered 1000 singers. The last twenty years of his life were dedicated to composition and compiling collections of sacred and secular music for choirs and schools.

For our survey, on November 6 we will sing “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”, “Just as I Am”, and “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”. November 13, we will conclude with “Sweet Hour of Prayer”, “Jesus Loves Me”, and “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!” Notes on the text and tune will be provided in the bulletin where possible. Hope you enjoy the historical perspective on some of our favorites!

Tony Dunlap, Music Director

### Would You Like a “Book of Confessions”

After hearing Mark Durrett’s comments on the Book of Confessions last Sunday, many of you were interested in obtaining a copy of the book for your personal use. We will be glad to order copies for our members. There’s a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Once we have a total we will order books. Books will cost \$8.00 each. Write your check to FPC and designate for Book of Confession.

## Closing Information About the Community Carnival

Attendees	223
Families Represented	70
Families Requesting Future Contact	57
% Families Requesting Future Contact	81.43%
% Families Requesting Pastoral Call	22.86%

And a HUGE thank you to the Carnival Committee members who brought it all together: Rhoda Boyd, Joyce Mitchell, Larry Propst and Kace Smith. Blessings — Debbie Guest



Mrs. Nancy Morse of Moncks Corner happily accepts the Wii Sports Console from Pastor Kristin! She said she was more excited than her kids that she won the Community Carnival door prize!

### Mepkin Crèche Festival Thursday, November 17

The PRESS Club (PRESbyterian Seniors) are sponsoring a trip to Mepkin Abbey on Thursday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. Please signup in the vestibule. We will be leaving from the church. Cars are needed for transportation. Afterward, we will go out to lunch—dutch treat. For more information call Marie Hyman at 761-5128.

*You don't have to be a senior—everyone is invited.*



# Salute to Veterans<sup>7</sup>

**Veterans Honorary Breakfast  
Friday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m.  
at First Presbyterian**

We're having a breakfast to honor our men and women who have served and are presently serving in the military. Please feel free to invite those that may not attend our church. We would also like to honor veterans that have served our country and are no longer with us. There are two signup sheets in the hallway—one for those attending the breakfast and one for those veterans we will honor that are deceased (perhaps your father, brother, other family members). If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Ann Williams (899-7144).

**Mepkin Abbey Book Drive** — Thank you to everyone that participated and brought books. For the year we collected about 1200 books.



## **Soles4Souls**

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like you. The charity distributes these shoes to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria. Since 2005, they have delivered over 16 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes. The shoes have been distributed to people in over 127 countries including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States. We will be collecting gently used shoes here at the church from Oct. 30 thru Nov. 13. Clean out your closets—any shoes can be given (children's, men's, women's, infants). *This project is changing the world one pair at a time.* There is a collection box in the hallway outside the church office. For more info., contact Joyce Mitchell at 761-1566.



### November

- 1 Clair Britt
- 3 Sheryl Gooch  
Margie Roberts
- 5 Owen Ravan
- 7 Ann Williams  
Robert Ben Fleming III
- 9 Lauren Hood  
Claudia Stone
- 10 Jeremy Flowers  
Cody Gooch
- 12 Russell B. Brown
- 13 Donald L. Brown IV
- 17 Steve Nettles
- 20 Marie Bowles  
Craig Watson Mims  
Bette Wood
- 24 William Peagler  
Larry Propst
- 25 Joyce Mitchell
- 26 Bob Berry
- 27 Ed Springer
- 29 Roger Holcombe
- 30 Blaine Fairman

### Ushers for November

Marc Tye	9:00 Service
Doug Bowles	11:00 Service
Larry Propst	
Otto Russell	
Mike Lucas	

### Acolyte for November

Morgan Hood

### Congratulations!!!!

Our own Jack Fleming won the Upward Indoor Soccer Character Cup for his age group (1-4 grade boys) in the First Baptist Church's Upward Indoor Soccer Program.



### Flowers for November

Nov. 6	Joyce Mitchell ( <i>Laurie Carter</i> )
Nov. 13	Bobby Mitchell ( <i>Mary Nettles</i> )
Nov. 20	( <i>Flower Committee</i> )
Nov. 27	Jay and Tammy Jackson ( <i>Advent Wreath</i> )

## Presbyterian Women Circles

**Ladies** Circle Meetings —If you haven't attended a circle meeting, please make plans to join our ladies for some Christian fellowship and blessings. All women of the church are invited.

Circle 1 will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 at the home of  
Doris Partlow, 895 Groomstown Rd., Cross, 753-2664

Circle 2 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 at the home of  
Janet Lucas, 708 Levee Drive, Moncks Corner, 899-6417

Please give these ladies a call if you need directions or more info.

## First Presbyterian Note Cards

First Presbyterian Church Note Cards are on sale in the hallway outside the church office. These beautiful cards are a project of the Presbyterian Women. The pack of 12 cards and envelopes are \$5.00. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women. All profits on the cards are used directly towards the Presbyterian Women's mission projects.

## Women's Retreat with Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church Jan. 27-29, 2012

The Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church has invited Pastor Kristin to be the retreat leader at their upcoming Women's Retreat. And they have invited the women of our congregation to attend, as well! The Women's Retreat is January 27-29, 2012 at Pawley's Plantation on Pawley's Island. The cost of \$180 per person includes two nights lodging, some meals, and all programming. More information is available on the table outside the church office.



## The Doings of the PRESBYTERIAN Men

We invite all men of the church to attend our breakfasts on the second Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. **Our November breakfast is Sunday the 13th.**



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## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The gift boxes (we like to use regular shoe box size plastic) will be due Friday, November 18. Leaflets are available on the hall table for directions about filling a box for children or certain ages.



There will be one or two boxes containing items you may take to place in your boxes. Please feel free to take what you need. I like to always have a “soft cuddly” in every box, whatever the age. On another note, paper is a very scarce item in these third world countries.

If you are not familiar with this project of Samaritan’s Purse or if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 899-3230 or you can go to [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org). Sometimes these gifts are the first ones a child has ever received. Also, Bible stories will be sent, in various languages, along with the boxes.

Please join me in a “Merry Christmas” to these precious children.

JoAnn Bryant, World Missions, P.W.

P.S. There are a number of shoeboxes in the choir room across from the church office. Please help yourself to these as needed. A visiting preacher brought them here for us to use.

## “We’re in the Blessing Business”



### Parents of Youth

Junior and Senior High students are preparing boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year! My hope is that the \$10-\$15 which they will use when we go shopping will be out of their own pocket. If they are short on this amount, please provide a special job that they can do to make this gift their own. Jr. High will be shopping and packing on November 9th and Sr. High the 14th. If you have an extra shoe box, please have them bring it. Thanks, John

## A “Thanks-Giving” Opportunity

November is here again—time for the Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering to be received. This offering is received each year for special projects worldwide. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Grant requests come from a variety of sources, such as PC (USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, environmental councils, community groups, educational institutions and church related groups. Projects must meet the criteria established by Presbyterian Women.



Thanks to your generous giving of \$724,780.00 to the 2010 Thank Offering, 26 projects (14 national and 12 international) will receive grants, allowing them to improve the lives of women, children and men in need. The recipients will provide an array of services in their communities—from training seminarians in Texas on successful ministries with people who are homeless, to purchasing water tanks that will supply clean water to a hospital in Malawi. At least 40% of the offering funds health ministries.

The project we began at Delta Pharmacy continues to bless many people in our area. Please give as you are able as a “thank you” for the blessings we enjoy daily.

JoAnn Bryant, World Missions, PW

## Village at Summerville Tea

On Wednesday, we enjoyed another year entertaining the group from the Village at Summerville. There were delicious treats to eat and outstanding entertainment. FPC is full of talented members who graciously shared their Christian love. Tally Propst’s K4 class recited Bible verses along with singing. Their rendition of “This Little Light of Mine” was precious. We were not only serenaded by Kathy Baumann, Ellen Berry at the piano, JoAnn Bryant, Hugh Smith and Miller White, but they also included a sing-along in which our guests enthusiastically participated. Our grand finale’ of Halloween Bingo by “Yabba dabba doo” Carol Kenemur brought lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event.

Adah Brewer, Senior Connections, Presbyterian Women

## Thornwell Offering November 20, 2011



The smiles on their faces tell the story. A true story: one that began with sentences like “What’s going to happen to me?” and “Why do things have to be this way?”—but now reads like a book of joyous memories and wondrous dreams.

Each child who comes to Thornwell has a story and, through your generosity, you help them write it. Your prayers and support help us offer them hope and change their lives. You help us provide the love they deserve, the faith and guidance they need, and the childhood they long for.

Please remember the children at Thornwell and be generous with your donations. Together we can make sure Every child has a smile and every story has a happy ending.

✠ Ministry of the Synod of South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,  
Jerry and I feel so blessed to be a part of FPC. Your visits, telephone calls, cards, food and prayers have been most appreciated. Jerry hopes to soon be up and out again.  
Love in Christ, The Brewers*

*Dear Church Family, Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, gifts, flowers, food; etc., you’ve given and done for me during the past month. I’m home now and healing well so far. Almighty God has continued to take care of me, as I feel stronger each day. I will always be grateful for the many blessings I’ve received from this congregation. You’re kind, loving people who continue to amaze me with “out pours” of generosity and concern. God is truly always at work!  
Bless you all! Nancy Payne  
P.S. I’m anxious to return to the piano and praise God through my gift of music in church.*

*Dear Church Family, I am very grateful to be a part of First Presbyterian Church. Your visits, telephone calls, food, cards and prayers have “lightened my load” through this time. Thank You, Carol Guerry*

## ***Stewardship 2012*** **Administration & Operations**

**The Stewardship, Personnel, & Finance Ministry** is hard at work preparing a preliminary budget for the 2012 fiscal year. As part of the budget preparation process, we will be preparing a series of articles to be published in the church bulletin in the coming weeks. Each of these articles will discuss a separate portion of the budget and our ministry hopes that these articles will foster a greater understanding by the congregation of the Church's current and projected expenses, the reasons for the budget growth, and how the various expenditures advance the mission of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

This article, the first in a series of four, will focus on the administration and operating expenses of the church. This includes personnel expenses, utilities, insurance, building, equipment, and grounds maintenance, and office supplies and postage. Total personnel expenses for 2012 are projected to be \$291,657 and will comprise 71% of the total budget. This is an increase of 21% versus the 2011 personnel budget. Personnel expenses include church staff salaries, health benefits, pensions, continuing education expenses, and church business related reimbursements. This increase in the personnel budget is due to budgeting for twelve months of the Pastor's salary versus the six months we budgeted for 2011.

The remaining portion of the administration and operations budget includes office supplies, utilities, insurance, and buildings & grounds maintenance. The proposed 2012 budget for these expenses is \$45,300 and reflects a 6.0% increase over the 2011 budget. This increase is to reflect a better estimate of our electricity, water, and propane expenses.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this article, please feel free to contact me.

Ben Fleming, Jr.  
Stewardship, Personnel, and Finance Ministry