



July 2026

Did You Know ...

Fun Facts from Pastor Dave:



Yes, he likes to be called Dave ... Pastor Dave, although he said he has also responded to "hey you".

Moving into two places is a hassle ... boxes at their new home in Salisbury and boxes in his Pinehurst apartment.

Would you believe the TV's arrived in great condition but where are the remotes??? Yes, they were not taped to the TV's ... check your box of incidentals :)

If you are planning a lunch with our Pastor ... BLT or Club Sandwich are his favorites...

You can catch Pastor Dave on a bike trail, loves to bike. While he's biking and enjoying the beautiful scenery he will be thinking about what to grill for dinner. Dave loves to grill and cook for others!! Hmmm ... congregational luncheon??

If you see a Grinch in the church during the holiday season - yes it's Pastor Dave ... not his favorite "commercial" holiday but he LOVES Easter both spiritually and "commercially". Hey, children's church, a great person to be a part of our egg hunt!

New this year will be a wonderful family gathering for the Kivett family ... the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, Dave and Beth will host their kids and grandkids for a wonderful meal, grilling is on the menu. Hey, leave your name and email address maybe you can be invited.

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Youth Fellowship

Hello CPC Families,

Summer vacation has begun, and weekly attendance remains strong with about 17 youth joining us. We recently finished a study on Ezekiel and are now moving into Bible prophecies, including Joseph's dreams and the Messianic prophecies.

Our group recently enjoyed a week at Camp Monroe, and our next trip will be the middle school conference at Massanetta Springs.

Please note there will be no youth group on Sunday, July 5.

We are currently seeking the following support:

- Donations: Drinks, snacks, and two bean bag chairs.
- Volunteers: A young adult to assist one Sunday night per month.

If you can help, please contact Miss Carole at 910-603-7465.

Best, Kaleb Joiner, Youth Director

Circle #1

Circle # 1 next study will start Wednesday Sept. 1st. We meet once monthly for approximately 1 hour in the parlor (Fannie Gray Room). Our next Presbyterian Women Study (2026-2027) Guide is United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other. Paul's First Letter to Corinthians. Cost is \$ 14.00 plus shipping.

Please email or text Kim Bailey at ky15bailey@gmail.com or 910-638-5129 if you would like to join our group. Books will be ordered August 12th in order to have in time for our first lesson Sept. 1st. We welcome any new members.



Fun Facts from Pastor Dave *Continued from previous page*

Our Pastor is a University of Georgia alum ...go Dawgs. If you see a truck in our parking lot with Iowa plates that says REVDAWG ...you know who's truck it is. It will probably have a lot of boxes in it too ... hahahaha



Talk about name dropping .
..Pastor Dave's first dog was given to him by a President of the United States ...yes Beauregard, was given to him by President Lyndon B. Johnson. His dad was in the Secret Service task force that was protecting President Johnson. How special is that!!!

When Pastor Dave has time off besides his bike rides, he likes to read International Espionage...have any books to loan him?? Well, will he have any free time when he is at CPC??

If you want to touch his sweet tooth and give him something special, Cheesecake and any juicy fruit flavored candy are some favorites...although the time with you is his favorite.

His favorite verse is Micah 6:8 (English Standard Version)

"He has told you, O man, what is good and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humble with your God?"

We welcome you Pastor Dave, and your wife Beth, and look forward to a special time with you.

God You've Given Us a Purpose

The hymn commissioned by Community Presbyterian Church for Rod's last service has been hung in the Welcome Center. The lyricist, Carolyn Gillette Winfrey, wrote a note to our congregation in the margin, so make sure to stop by and see it. We were able to hang it on Rod's last Saturday and caught these photos with him and Marsae before they left. The hymn is a beautiful statement of who we are and what we hold close; it will be sung in the coming months and years in worship. Verse 3 that was written to honor Rod's 20 years of service to our church family and that verse was sung only on May 31, 2026. We hope this hymn will be an enduring testament to living out our faith and mission statement, to love God and make God's love known.



Rod's Retirement Dinner



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My Dear Members and Friends of C.P.C.,

Thank you for celebrating my retirement from ministry with such generosity and joy. I am truly overwhelmed by your expression of love, appreciation, and support.

The Friday night covered dish dinner was a feast in every sense of the word. The evening contained two of my most favorite things – delicious food and

great friends. The wonderfully prepared dishes, the fellowship, the laughter, and time spent together made the evening incredibly special. Being surrounded by so many people who have been part of Marsae's and my life over the years was a blessing we will never forget.

The personalized quilt, the roses, commissioned hymn, individual gifts and cards in addition to the generous contribution to the Chaplain Fund, and the extremely gracious financial gift presented to Marsae and me were beyond anything we could have imagined or comprehended. Each gift was meaningful in its own way, and together they created a powerful reminder of the love and support that have surrounded us throughout our time together.

My heart is full of gratitude. For days afterward, I found myself struggling to find the right words. In fact, the only word that seemed to come out of my mouth was, "Wow!" The generosity you demonstrated left me humbled, deeply touched, and profoundly grateful.

While I am thankful for the gift itself, I am even more grateful for what it represents—the love, friendship, encouragement, prayers, and support you have extended to Marsae, Christina, and me over the years.

As Marsae and I enter this new season of life, we do so with cherished memories and grateful hearts. Thank you for honoring us in such a meaningful way and for blessing us far beyond what we deserve. You will always hold a special place in our heart.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,
Rod



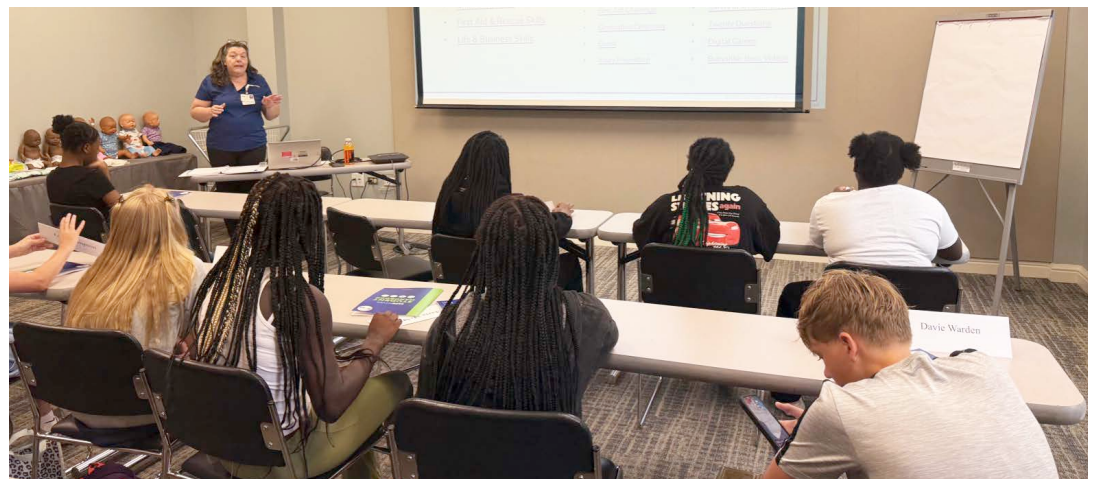
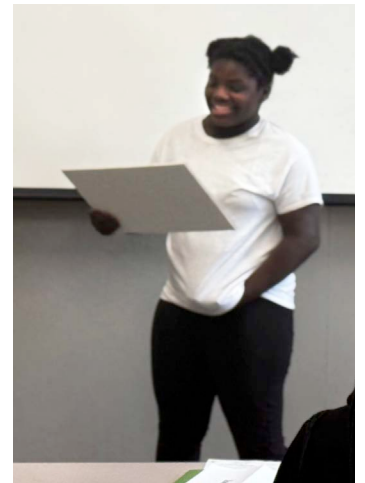
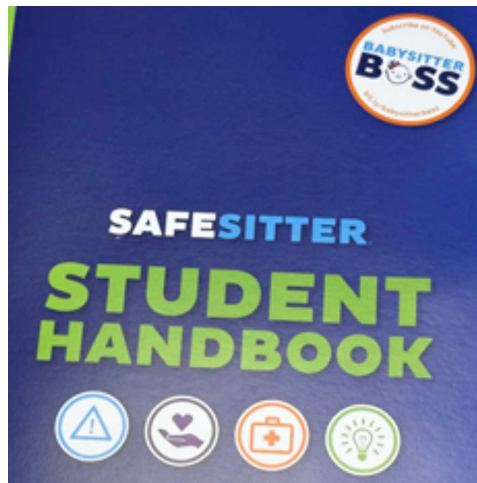
Children's Ministry



June was a wonderful and busy month in Children's Church! Throughout the month, we learned about God's promises to Abraham and Sarah, Paul's faith and trust in God while on the island of Malta, and celebrated Father's Day with a lesson centered on the love and forgiveness shown in the story of the Prodigal Son. We did a VBS recap, which was especially exciting after such a fun and successful VBS with a wonderful turnout from our children and families. A special thank you to Marybeth Liles for graciously putting together VBS this year! Looking ahead to July, we are excited to begin a new 4-week Children's Church series focused on the Fruit of the Spirit! (Picture is of the artwork made by the Children's Church and the Youth Group that was gifted to Pastor Rod for his retirement!)

Reach for Success

Five Reach for Success students attended a one day "Safe Sitter" course at FirstHealth of the Carolinas. Students learned safety and childcare skills, as well as life and business skills. Two students made a presentation at the end of class to share what they learned. Next up is getting CPR certified!



Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls!

Did you happen to hear some birds chirping and monkeys howling from the Fellowship Hall this week? If you were around during the week, you likely heard 39 children having a great time during Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School as well. During the week children learned that God is Our Creator, God Knows Everything, and that God is Our Safe Place. After enjoying fellowship over dinner, we sang and danced to songs like *All Creatures of Our God and King*, *Love Round*, and *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, while we met our Bible Buddies. Each day we heard a Bible story, and did science experiments, made crafts and played games that went with the theme of the day. A very special thank you to our leadership team (Pastor Meg Vail, Sue Ann Summers, and Mary Beth Liles), set designer (Beth Skewis) and 36 other volunteers (including 7 youth) who made the program a huge success. Enjoy a few pictures of the excitement of the rainforest! **Watch out - there may be TWO staff members walking around in the shoes God gave them!!!**



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