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*WELCOME: Grace and peace  
to you in the name of Jesus  
Christ.*

*At WPPC, we are Seeking,  
Serving, and Sharing...*

*Seeking...to Nurture  
Lifelong Christian  
Disciples.*

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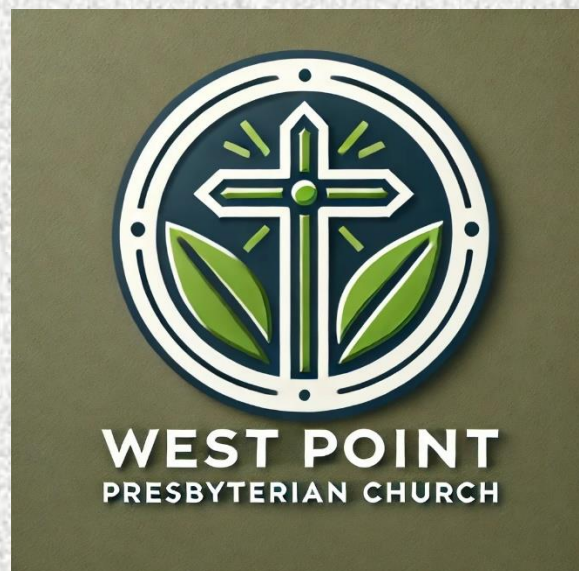
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# August

2025

Liturgist-Cierra Ledbetter

## West Point Presbyterian Church Calendar

Head Usher-Kris Cagle

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Host -Micheal and  
Becky Ledbetter**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Unity @FBCWP 10:30			Lions Club		1 LEO 8 am	2
3 Communion Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday and Session	11	12	13 Lions Club	14	15 Supper Club @ La Familia@6:30	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 LEO 8 am	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# Pastor's Message

By Rev Jerry Ledbetter...

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." – Psalm 150:6 (NIV)

You're surely aware that over the last few years I have struggled at times with my voice. Sudden and unexplained laryngitis hits time and again (since having COVID five years ago), and it often makes it difficult for me to share the Gospel I love, and feel called to preach! But there is a silver lining: for the difficulty has made me even more determined to share God's Word with every breath, so long as God wills it.

Of course, every breath we take is a gift from God—a constant testament to His sustaining power. But breath isn't just for staying alive; it's meant to give life to something greater: the Gospel. When we recognize that each inhale is grace and each exhale is an opportunity, we begin to live with gospel intentionality.

The Good News is not just a message we hear on Sundays or read in Scripture; it's the power of God for salvation (Romans

1:16), the hope for a weary world, and the light that pierces through darkness. And we, the redeemed, are its messengers.

Giving voice to the gospel doesn't always mean preaching. It's speaking truth in love at the dinner table, offering words of peace in the chaos of life, singing praises even in suffering, and living in such a way that our actions echo the words of Christ.

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." If we truly believe that, then every word we speak -and even the way we listen-should be soaked in Gospel grace. Even our silence can carry His presence when it's filled with compassion, prayer, and peace.

So, what would it look like to give voice to the gospel with every breath today?

- A gentle answer when anger would be easier?
- An encouraging word when someone is doubting?
- A whispered prayer on behalf of the hurting?
- A bold testimony when fear tempts you to stay quiet?

God doesn't just ask us to breathe-He invites us to breathe out the Good News of Christ.

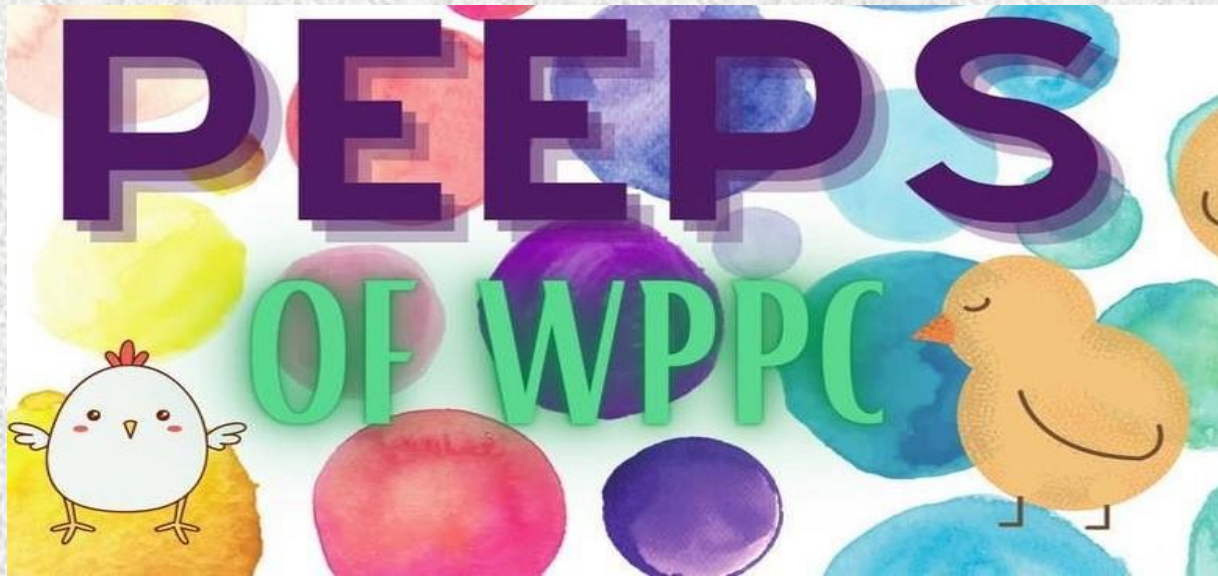


Lord, thank You for the breath in my lungs and the life You've given me. May every word from my mouth reflect Your love, truth and grace-as long as you grant me voice! And may that voice be an instrument of Your gospel-speaking life, hope, and salvation. Teach me to live each moment aware of Your presence and bold in sharing Your good news.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

~Jerry



We read Children's bible stories and we do bible related colorings, and crafts, and play bible games.

We are currently working on memorizing the books of the Bible!! The kiddos are all doing so well with this. Mrs Becky has found us a couple of songs to help us learn the books, by Slugs and Bugs. In Sunday School and in Children's Church we have been learning the Old Testament Books Song, and have sent a link to the YouTube version to all the parents and grandparents, asking for their help with teaching the song to their kiddos. Once we feel comfortable with this song we will sing it for our Church Family during a Sunday Worship Service. Then of course we will move on to learning the New Testament Books next. Please stay tuned.

*Our awesome teacher is Mrs. Terri.*

*Her helpers are Mrs. Debbie, and Mr. Randy (the Candyman), and for special events Mrs. Helen, and Mrs. Lachelle.*





Sunday school 10:00 am-10:50 am Children's  
Church 11:00 am - 12:00 pm



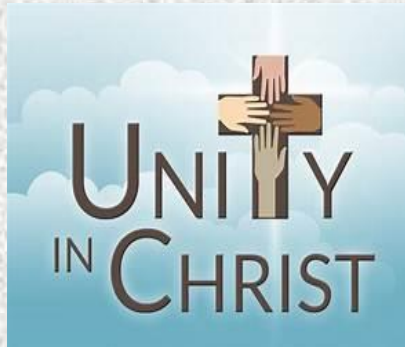
**The adult class gathers for prayer time at 10:00 am and head to Sunday School at 10:15.**

**Dan Bass facilitates the class in the Stanley Room. We are working on a study of the book**





# Church Life Events



Our next unity service with First Baptist of West Point is August 3rd. We will meet at FBCWP @ 10:30.



Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to noon, Eastern time.  
706-443-2260



August 17th  
is our next Session Meeting.



**West Point Presbyterian Church  
and First Baptist Church of West  
Point Supper Club NEWS!**

**Lori Heath made a reservation  
for La Familia, 708 3rd Ave in  
West Point for Friday, August  
22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Please let Lori  
know if you and your family can  
come, so that she can give the  
restarant an accurate count.**

# Presbyterian/Baptist Women of West Point

Open to all ladies who attend either West Point Presbyterian Church, or First Baptist Church of West Point. Please come and join us as we work towards combined ministries to serve our communities.

**Ladies, please mark your calendars!**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet at 5:30 at First Baptist Church of West Point, in the Gold Room.**

**We will begin with a Pot Luck (bring a Picnic type food, snack, dessert, whatever sounds good to eat).**

**Please join us, we look forward to seeing you.**

Our newest Mission Projects (yes, we have 2, one longer term and 1 short term) are to collect new or gently used, clean coats and/or jackets for Elementary age students who may not have one, we will be collecting these through October.

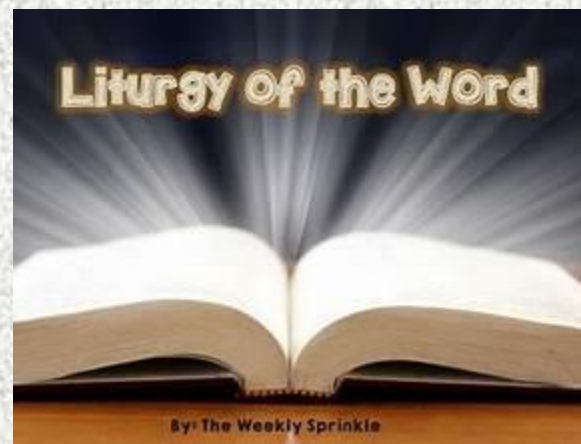
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Project is to provide hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, and wipes in place of School Supplies this year. These are the most used and most often requested items from our teachers.

As always if you prefer, we do the shopping that's fine, we will accept cash or check donations in any amount.





If you are hesitant about volunteering as host/hostess, please be assured it's easy. We even have a cheat sheet. Also, don't hesitate to partner with someone. Makes for ½ the work and twice the fun. Our next Covered Dish Lunch will be on August 17th. Your hosts for this event are Micheal and Becky Ledbetter.



## **Liturgist**

Do you like help with the service?  
Please add your name to the Liturgist sheet in the Narthex.

Our Liturgist for the month of August is Cierra Ledbetter.



If you would like to bring flowers for our worship service, please let the Church office know. These flowers can be from anywhere! You are responsible for arranging the flowers and putting them in containers, and placing them in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning by 10:45 am.



Do you like to talk with/greet people? Sign up to be Head Usher for a month. It's easy and a great way to serve. You can even volunteer to assist the Head Usher a time or two to learn the ropes. Head Usher for August is Kris Cagle.





**Session:**

Kris Cagle, Building & Grounds (25), Tony White, Education (25), Randy Workman, Admin. & Finance (26), Dan Bass, Music & Worship (26), LaChelle Jones, Congregational Care (27), Murray Bradley, Outreach(27),

**Clerk of the Session:** Bill Nixon

**Treasurer:** Ray Gilbert

**Senior Pastor**

Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Ledbetter

**Organist Emeritus**

Mr. Austin P. Cook, III

**Music Director**

Michael Ledbetter

**Children's Church Director**

Terri Workman

Assistants- Randy Workman, LaChelle Jones, Debbie Von Hollen, Cierra Ledbetter

**Accompanist**

Randall Smith

# *WE PROUDLY SUPPORT*

NEW HORIZON THEATRE



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**Address: 411 West 8<sup>th</sup> St P.O. Box 131 West Point, GA 31833**



Our P.E.E.P.S. use their pennies for Jesus money to buy food for our little free pantry, won't you consider helping them?





We support all Law Enforcement Agencies as well as Fire and EMS!

Pastor Jerry does a weekly outreach, we call it LEO, (Law Enforcement Outreach), on Fridays at 8 am. If you would like to get involved see Jerry.



**Building a Better World,  
One House at a Time**

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." Hebrews 3:4

## **Foundational principles**

**We at the Fuller Center for Housing believe that: We are part of a God movement, and movements don't just stop. We have been called to this housing ministry; we didn't just stumble into it. We are unashamedly Christian, and enthusiastically ecumenical. We aren't a church but we are a servant of the Church. We are faith-driven, knowing that after we've done all we can do the Lord will help finish the job — something that requires us to stretch beyond our rational reach. We are a grass-roots ministry, recognizing that the real work happens on the ground in communities around the world through our covenant partners — so a large, overseeing bureaucracy isn't needed. We try to follow the teachings of the Bible and believe that it says that we shouldn't charge interest of the poor, so we don't. Government has a role in our work in helping set the stage, but that we shouldn't look to it as a means to fund the building of homes.**



A knock at the door might not seem like a big deal to many of us. But, to a homebound senior, it could signal the arrival of the only person they might see all day or all week long. It brings hope. It brings health. It brings the nutrition and care that will completely make their day. A knock from Meals on Wheels can even save lives.

**THE POWER OF A KNOCK TRANSFORMS LIVES.**





Thornwell began as a dream in the heart of a young Presbyterian minister, William Plumer Jacobs of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC.