

**SERMON TEXT**

**I Timothy 3:1-13 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying. If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. <sup>5</sup>(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. <sup>7</sup>He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. <sup>11</sup>In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. <sup>12</sup>A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. <sup>13</sup>Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

**NOTES**

**I. What Church Officers Do...**

**II. Who Church Officers Are...**

**III. Some Practical Implications of the Above...**

**Leadership of First Presbyterian Church**

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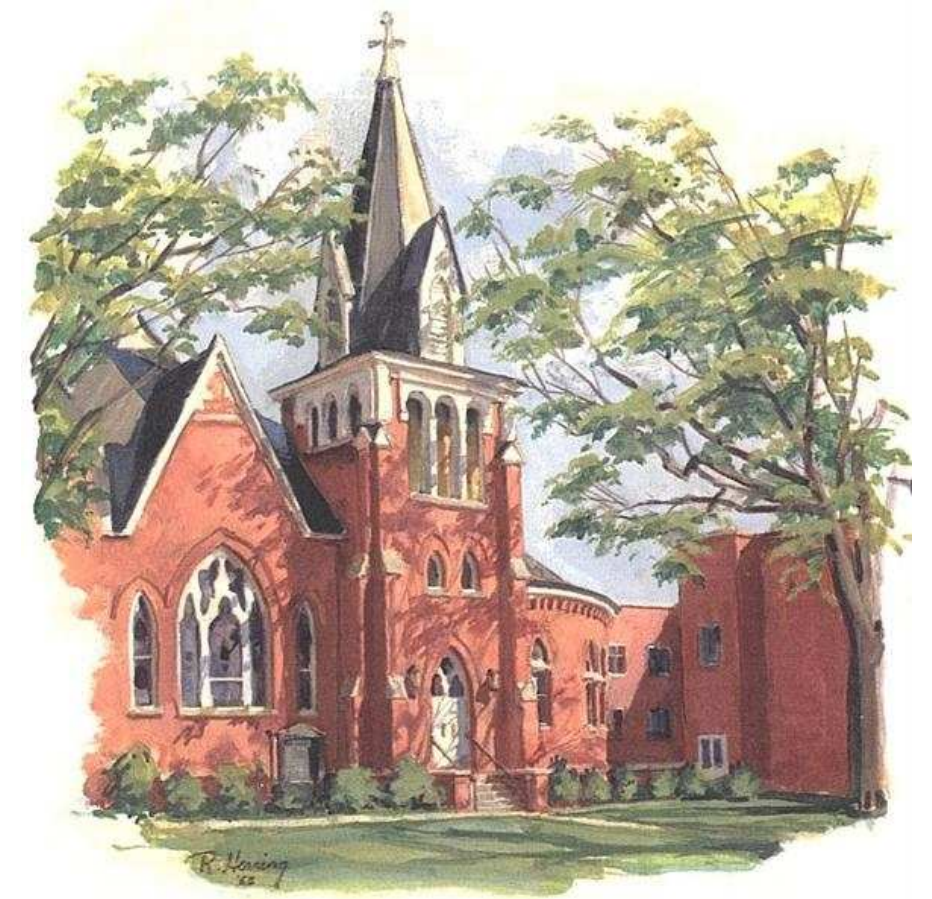
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November 9, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**.....Clay Brown

Welcome and Announcements  
 Invocation

**PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth**..... Bish

Joanne Daykin

**\*THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**.....34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all  
 creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise  
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**..... Fred Coates

**\*HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past**.....84

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**..... Tyler Domske

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived**

by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**ANTHEM:** *Be Thou My Vision*.....Larson  
Exaltation Ringers with Janet Aultman, flute

**THE WORD OF GOD READ:** Acts 6:1-6..... NT, p. 117  
Ellen Hinson

**\*HYMN:** *Like a River Glorious* ..... 435

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Confession  
Thanksgiving  
Intercession  
The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory: *Drink From the Well of Life*..... Armstrong  
Chancel Choir

\*Response: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* (Verse 2)..... HYMN TO JOY  
**Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy his praises sing.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED:** I Timothy 3:1-13

*Christian Leadership*.....Clay Brown

**\*HYMN:** *God of Our Life* (Verses 1-2)..... 409

**\*GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

Invitation  
Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *God of Our Life* (Verse 3)..... 409

**\*POSTLUDE:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*..... Beethoven/Hopson

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We’re so glad you’re here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a “Welcome Home” folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God by Circle 5.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Bernice Melchor; Judy Richardson and family; the Brown family; Wendy Vaughn; Helen McCullough; Aimee Culler’s father; Amy Williams’ father, Tom Harold; Gene Harris; Claude Voils; Holly Lemons’ father; Joyce Schnell, Cathy Irwin’s aunt; Shari Irwin, sister-in-law of Joe and Cathy Irwin; Lottie Massey; Don Fair; Mary Voils Aven;; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown’s father; David Ortwein, Ken Bernd’s nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson.

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Judy Richardson and family in the death of her husband, Gene on November 4 and to David Brooks and family in the death of his mother on November 1.

**Veteran’s Night at Logos:** All veterans of any branch of the military are invited to be special guests at the Logos/MSM dinner hour on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please contact the church office (704-664-5275) by Monday, November 10, to make a reservation

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to nominate and elect officers on November 16** following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will receive the Church Officer Nominating Committee’s report that will nominate persons to serve as elders and deacons, receiving additional nominations from the floor, and voting to elect officers for the Session and Diaconate. There are eight vacancies for elder (seven for the Class of 2011 and one for the Class of 2010) and eight vacancies for deacon (seven for the Class of 2011 and one for the Class of 2010). The nominating committee may nominate up to twice the number of vacancies. This year’s committee will place in to nomination 14 persons for elder and 13 for deacon. Those who have given their consent to be placed into nomination by the committee are:

**ELDER: Beth Allen, Mark Auten, Allen Brawley, Beverly Chappell, Brent Curtis, Don Fair, Mary Fortanbary, Brian Little, Tom Morrow, Lynn Parnell, Liz Rader, Karen Shore, Paul Trimble, Harry Weyer.**  
**DEACON: Bryan Cole, Chris Creech, Ross Culp, Jim Davidson, Thomas McMillan, Danny Moore, Eric Puer, Beth Sink, Mary Beth Stutts, Gene Vaughan, Lucinda Weyer, Chip Whittington, Amy Williams.**

Church members will receive additional biographical information about each nominee in the mail. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Such nominations are always appropriate, as long as the nominee has given prior consent, and serve as a check and balance for the committee. The official election procedure of the church is as follows: “Each active member present at the congregational meeting may vote for the number of elders and deacons to be elected, and those receiving a majority of votes shall be declared elected. Twice the number of elders and deacons still to be elected, taken from those receiving the next highest number of votes on the first ballot, shall be placed on the second ballot. This procedure shall be repeated until the required number shall be elected by a majority of the voters present and voting.” Members of the Session and Diaconate classes of 2008, excluding those members on the committee, will count the ballots. The members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee are C. P. Chappell (chair), Trent Newell, Jim McDonnell, Lucy Hastings, Bill Brawley, Neil Trimble, Margaret Curtis, and Clay Brown (*ex officio*).

**Saints Alive Trip:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte on Thursday, November 20. Plans are to leave at 9:15 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Cost is \$7.50. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

**Calendar for November 9 - 16, 2008**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYP  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYP  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
6:00 p.m. - Deacon’s Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the parlor  
6:15 p.m. - Circle 3 at the home of Kim Streb  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates’ home

Tuesday: **Veteran’s Day** – Preschool Closed  
10:00 a.m. - Circle 4 in the Parlor  
12:00 p.m. - Circle 5 at the home of Sue Kopecek  
2:00 p.m. - Circle 6 in the Parlor  
6:00 p.m. - Circle 2 in the Parlor

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Veteran’s Celebration*  
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Tony’s Pizza  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home  
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral  
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Sunday, Nov. 16 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship with the Logos Choir  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYP  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYP  
5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club with mentors  
7:00 p.m. - Handicap Planning Task Force

**Still time to turn in Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Brochures:** If you have not yet been able to turn in your 2009 pledge card or your 2009 Time and Talent brochure, you’re encouraged to do so as soon as you’re able. Your pledges help our Budget and Finance Committee and the Session to determine the 2009 church budget. Your responses on the Time and Talent brochure help our ministries to put people in the right places and assist our committees in completing their rosters for the coming year. If you’ve lost your pledge card or Time and Talent brochure, please contact the church office for another one.

**In Memoriam**  
**Gene M. Richardson, Sr.**  
October 21, 1922 – November 4, 2008  
*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13*

*Thank you so much for your expressions of care, prayer, and support at the untimely passing of Clay’s brother and the relocation of Cathy’s parents to Texas. We appreciate them immensely.*  
**Clay, Cathy and Collin Brown**