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William McDevett Alligood “Mac” (82) – First Presbyterian, Washington, NC
William McDevett (Mac) Alligood was born on August 9, 1924 in Washington, North Carolina and has been a life-long member of the First Presbyterian church. Mac is a much-loved and respected older member of First Presbyterian and is a true example of “a good and faithful servant.” Being 82 years of age he still manages his business (Alligood’s Garage). Mac and his wife Charlene have two children and two grandchildren.



Altha Binson Barefoot (79) – Unity Presbyterian, Newton Grove, NC
As a dedicated servant of Jesus Christ in response to God’s grace, our Older Adult Nominee has volunteered in our church and community her entire life. She retired in her late 60’s after teaching Pre K Sunday School classes more than 45 years and continues to teach children the lessons that she learned as a child about reverence, gum and good posture. Having chaired most committees of the church she initiated groups to serve bereaving families and volunteered to be the contact for the prayer chain since its inception. A master pie baker for anyone who needs a little loving care, a choir member with the voice of a nightingale delivering Christ’s love in song, she is always willing to volunteer in any capacity. Her daily walk with Christ is an example for Unity Church members and our entire community. Altha is a widow with two daughters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Sarah Bass (76) – Timothy Darling Presbyterian, Oxford, NC
Aunt or Miss Sarah as she is affectionately called has been a member over fifty years and feels the church should be spotless at all times. Until her health began to fail, she cleaned the church from top to bottom every week and insisted on washing the dishes after every fourth Sunday deacon’s birthday fellowship. She exemplifies to the all her nearly perfect attendance in Sunday school and Worship Service. Now residing at Pine Gardens Adult Care Facility, she continues to lead worship in her own way preaching to the residents on the wages of sin. Sarah is a widow.



Sarah O. Blalock (71) – Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian, Willow Springs, NC
Mrs. Sarah O. Blalock has been a member of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church her entire life. Mrs. Blalock raised a family with Christian values, loves her Church, and treats her family, friends, and neighbors with respect and kindness. She is a generous woman with a heart full of love who shows everyone that Christ is working in her life.
She and her husband of 55 years, Ben, have three sons and four grandchildren.

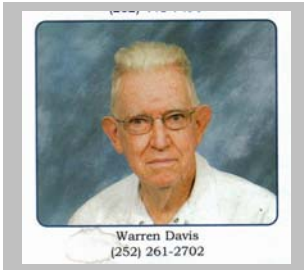


Samuel P. Bundy (70) – Ebenezer Presbyterian, New Bern, NC
Bundy’s positive attitude and belief in God is a gift that he uses to tackle daily problem with vim and vigor. His motto is to take each day at a time enjoy and live life to the fullest while keeping God as the center of his life. We, at Ebenezer are blessed to have such a member as Samuel Bundy. Samuel and his wife Allene have a son and two grandchildren.



Ann Marie Cameron (79) – White Rock Presbyterian, Kinston, NC

Elder Ann Marie Cameron is a member of the Elder Board, Presbyterian Women’s Club, Food Committee and is the chairperson for the Sick and Shut-in Committee. She volunteers at the homeless shelter and Skinner’s Center, she is a Senior Companion with the Council of Aging and Alzheimer’s patients. Elder Ann has one niece Cadelia Baker.



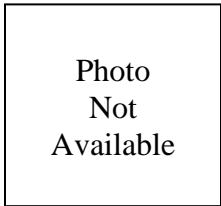
Warren Davis (86) – Outer Banks Presbyterian, Kill Devil Hills, NC

Since 1993 Warren Davis has served OBPC by being on Session, Long Range Planning Committees, Sunday school Superintendent, VBS volunteer, Christian Education moderator, and Commissioner to Presbytery. In the community he is treasurer and board member of Hot Line, mentor of youth and adults, and a wildlife volunteer. Warren is a widower twice and has one daughter.



Dr. Howard M. Fitts, Jr. (86) – Covenant Presbyterian, Durham, NC

As an older adult, Howard Fitts is an exemplary servant who has made contributions to the congregation of Covenant and the community through his Christian discipleship and stewardship and has served on the Personnel Committee of the Presbytery and Preparation for Ministry Committee. His gifts and talents clearly are a testament to others seeing his good works and glorifying our Father in heaven. Howard and his wife, Albertha have two children and two grandchildren.



Albert L. Flintom “Buck” () – West Raleigh Presbyterian, Raleigh, NC

Buck and his wife Margaret joined West Raleigh in 1965. He has been a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session. A long time member of the Joel Moody Bible Class he is known for excellence in teaching, straightforward in his communication and a good listening ear. Described as a man of wisdom, he has a heart for others and a willingness to do what needs to be done. Buck and his wife offer a gourmet meal for the Youth Fund Raiser Auction. Buck is on the Kitchen Brigade that prepares meals for the homeless shelter, and volunteers with Meals on Wheels and Hospice.



Joyce Briley Flye (79) – West Haven Presbyterian, Rocky Mount, NC

Volunteering has not ended for Joyce Flye because she is now considered an older adult. She is active in circle, Bible studies, and cooking for church functions. She is in church every month helping get out the newsletter. She has dedicated her life to her family and her Lord. Joyce was married to Richard I. Flye (deceased) and they have four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Silas D. Fuller (85) – First Presbyterian, Rocky Mount, NC

Si Fuller, once busy serving as church officer and presbytery moderator, continues a tradition started early in life. He regularly visits in homes and hospitals and travels hallways of nursing homes and retirement residences visiting church members and friends. Si's caring ministry brings the light of God's love to many. Silas and his wife Louise (deceased) have a daughter.



Boyd Griffon (69) – Stanley White Presbyterian, Roanoke Rapids, NC

A relatively new church member at Stanley White Presbyterian, Boyd Griffon is willing to share his faith through work as a session member, adult Sunday School Teacher, Choir member, Usher, unofficial church photographer, member of the Men's Group and assisting with stewardship. Boyd is definitely not a "pew warmer". Boyd and his wife Elaine have three children and one granddaughter.



Addie Scipio Hagans (79) – Calvary Presbyterian, Wilson, NC

A Presbyterian all of her life, and a member of Calvary for over fifty years, Elder Addie is actively involved in practically every aspect of the church's total programs. She serves as Liturgist during Sunday morning worship and special occasions. She assists with Tender Loving Care (TLC), a monthly program designed for seniors. She serves as secretary of the Property Committee, and continues to participate in the Growing Together and START workshops. She has served as member of the Session and Clerk of Session, Vice-chair of PNC, Moderator of PW, Moderator of the Division for Congregational Ministries and Moderator of the Planning Committee for Growing Together. Elder Addie has two children, and three grandchildren.



James Ray Harris (78) – Peace Presbyterian, Winterville, NC

Ray Harris has been an active member of Peace Presbyterian Church in Winterville, NC for twenty-one years. He attends church, Sunday School, Peaceful Seniors, Men's breakfast and Journeymen. His hobbies are camping and fishing. Ray and his wife, Faye celebrated their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary in March. They have two daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Susie Hawkins () – St. Paul Presbyterian, Louisburg, NC

Ms. Susie Y. Hawkins has been a faithful member of St. Paul since her baptism by Rev. Hampton T. McFadden. Since that time she has not only been a stable fixture of St. Paul but one of its many active members who believes that God calls us to use our skills and talents beyond the walls of our own beloved congregation. She has served as Deacon, Elder, Young Adult Advisor, Bible Study Leader, Vacation Bible School Teacher, and worked with the Stewardship Committee and the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery.

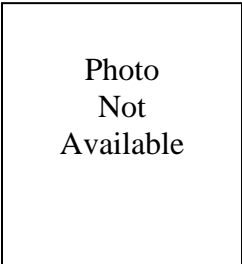


Robert () and Marie () Hines – Mount Pisgah Presbyterian, Rocky Mt., NC

For the past twenty-four years they have been very visible in projects that will continue to help Mount Pisgah become all that God has planned. Robert is an Elder, Trustee, Assistant Treasurer, Counter, Liturgist, Presbyterian Men, and Marie serves as Deacon, Usher, Counter, and Presbyterian Women. Both are very dedicated, steadfast and prompt in carrying out their responsibilities. They are the proud parents of one son and one grandson.

Frances Augusta Suitt Holloway () – Davie Street Presbyterian, Raleigh, NC

A 70+ year member, Frances has served in many capacities and continues to be an extremely active member, attending church weekly throughout the years. She has served as Elder, a Deacon, a Sunday school teacher and a loyal choir member. Mrs. Holloway centers her life on Psalm 27:14 – “Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say on the Lord.” Her favorite hymn: “My Hope Is Built...” Frances married Bobby Holloway on August 12, 1967 and reared a loving niece in the church.



Alice House (70) – Butner Presbyterian, Butner, NC

Alice has been involved in the life and work of Butner for many years. She has served as Elder and Clerk of Session, a faithful participant in Sunday school and Worship, an active member of the PW and many other projects like the renovation of the narthex and church scrapbook. She does a wonderful job of sending flowers and cards to the sick or hospitalized and helps plan dinners and other church events. Alice is a widow and has four children and six grandchildren.



James Benjamin Ingram (73) – Oxford Presbyterian, Oxford, NC

Jim Ingram has continued to serve as an active member of Session, Chair of the Property Committee, Usher, Greeter, and keeper of the Sunday School role book as an older adult. His faithfulness in duty to the church and community as well as his ability to communicate with the youth of the congregation has combined to keep him a vital and joyful part of Oxford Presbyterian. James is married to Jean Ingram.



Arnettie Johnson (81) – Mount Bethel Presbyterian, Durham, NC

“Miss Arnettie” has been a faithful member of our church for many years and is known to all our members, old and young alike. She is an active member of the Bertha Rich Sunday School Class, the “kitchen crew”, Congregational Care Committee and assists in preparing meals following hospitalization and personally sends birthday cards to all members of the congregation. Her faithfulness, humility, and enduring love of God are a blessing to us all. Arnettie has two daughters.

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Olivia Newlin Jones (93) – Bethlehem Presbyterian, Mebane, NC

Olivia Newlin Jones is a life long member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Mebane, NC who is currently 93 years young!! Olivia is a woman of deep faith, grace and dignity who continues to love and support her church even though she lives in another town. Olivia became the “corner stone” of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church by giving of her many talents to so many people for so many years. Olivia has a son and two grandchildren.



Lee Horace Joyner (81) and Frances Joyner (80) – Morton Memorial Presbyterian, Rocky Mount, NC

Christ literally walks with Horace and Frances Joyner “in the garden” as they work to produce delicious vegetables to feed folks in need around the community. Every Sunday with a faithful, gentle, loving presence, Horace waits near the door to assist people with mobility impairments, and Frances touches everyone with a quiet smile. Lee and Frances have one God-child and many nieces.



Mattie Ruffin Keys (87) – First Presbyterian, Garner, NC

Mattie is a life-long Presbyterian faithful and supportive in attendance. She sang in the choir for 25 years, attends Sunday school, worship service, circle, PW, Bible Study and church sponsored outreach programs. She has served in many other areas of the church and has been recognized for her continuous Sunday school attendance. Currently she is knitting prayer shawls and is a member of the church prayer line. Although she never had children of her own, she has been “friend-mother” to many, who honor her with gifts of their time and attention.



Virgil (74) and Leah Jean (73) Kirkland – William & Mary Hart Presbyterian, Tarboro, NC

Virgil and Leah Jean Kirkland have served the church faithfully for more than five decades. The Kirkland’s are talented communicators of concern, grace and acceptance to everyone within the church family. Leah Jean is committed to those members who are homebound, keeping constant contact through cards, telephone calls and making regular visits to nursing facilities. The Kirkland’s have been in every area of church-life members, Session members, Presbyterian Women, Sunday school Teacher, PNC and Nominating Committee. They have three children and four grandchildren.



John Knight (93) – Westminster Presbyterian, Durham, NC

John Knight’s faithful attendance at church and Sunday school, his leadership at Westminster, his commitment to engaging his mind, body and soul, and his service to God’s children in the greater Durham community offer wonderful examples to young and old alike of what God intends for us as His people. John has one son.



Bettie Mae Little (81) – Falkland Presbyterian, Falkland, NC

Mrs. Bettie Mae Little’s dedication to her church has made her a role model for so many throughout the years. Her beautiful Christian portrait has been created by living her life for Christ and serving her master and His church. We at Falkland Presbyterian are much richer by having such a beautiful active role model among us. Bettie Mae and her husband (deceased) have two children and several grandchildren.



Christine Lockhart (83) – New Hope Presbyterian, Chapel Hill, NC

Chris Lockhart is an inspiration to everyone at New Hope where she has been a life long member. With a ready smile she serves as a faithful example of her devotion to the Lord and the life of the church. The first one seated in the sanctuary every Sunday morning Chris arrives early so that she can enjoy our choir rehearsing before worship. Rain or shine, snow or heat (and once after being discharged from the hospital!) Chris is faithfully in “her” seat in the sanctuary ready for worship every Sunday. Chris is a mother and grandmother.



Lucy B. Longmire (75) – St. Andrews Presbyterian, Henderson, NC

A faithful member for 40 years, her expression of love and leadership has played an important part in teaching the younger generation. Lucy has served as Elder, Church Treasurer and on the PNC. She is a member of the adult Sunday school class, PW and helped with Bible school. She is an inspiration to all she works with and very active in the community. After 18 years in the Clerk’s Office she retired but remains a member of the N.C. Association of Clerks of Superior Court, Henderson Business & Professional Women’s Club, Eastern Star and Vance County ABC Board. Lucy and her husband Ted (deceased) have two children and seven grandchildren.



Miriam Lassiter Lore (76) – First Presbyterian, Smithfield, NC

Miriam Lore, a faithful, active member of First Presbyterian Church, Smithfield, is the quintessential contributing older adult, Deacon, VBS director, PW Vice-Moderator, Circle Moderator, Missions Communicator, Life Membership recipient, Sunday school Teacher, Worship and Fellowship Committee Secretary, Communion Committee Chair, Funeral Committee Chair, and transporter of older adults to worship and church meetings, Miriam is one of the most active and beloved members of our church. Miriam and husband, the late Edwin P. Lore have two sons and four grandchildren.



Virginia Geraldine McKee (77) – Little River Presbyterian, Hurdle Mills, NC

Virginia Geraldine McKee began her faithful service to the Lord at age 12 and at age 77 is still going strong. She has a special way with people of all ages encouraging them to volunteer for the Lord. With the help of the Lord she makes things happen! Geraldine has three children, eight grandchildren.



Joe E. Morgan (78) – Westminster Presbyterian, Raleigh, NC

Joe Morgan has been a Christian since 1943 serving the Lord at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Raleigh as a true “Jack-of-all-trades”. He is an Elder, Usher, Administration committee chair, member Westminster Foundation and has always been on the Church Readiness Committee. He also serves on the Stewardship & Finance Committee and is President of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Corporation. His pastor, Rev. Conway Lanford, says Joe is “truly a man of prayer”. Joe and his wife Barbara have three sons and three grandchildren.



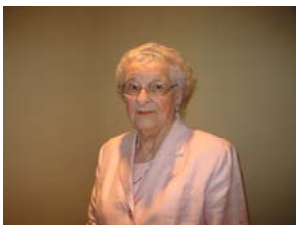
Lillian Norville (83) – Falkland Presbyterian, Falkland, NC

Mrs. Lillian Norville’s dedication to her church is a continuing Christian roll model for so many throughout the years, by being such a reliable church member and the giving of her many talents regardless of circumstances. We at Falkland are much richer by having such a faithful active role model among us. Lillian and her husband (deceased) have two children and several grandchildren.



Faye Patterson (78) – Hillsborough Presbyterian, Hillsborough, NC

Faye is an exemplary role model for our youth. Her commitment to the annual mission work trip is truly an inspiration. Her spirit is gentle and healing to all. In addition to her faithful attendance at worship and church events, she has formed long-lasting relationships with the youth of our church and continues to serve as community. Faye was also a key member of the Church’s Cookbook Project. Faye and her husband Ernest (deceased) have one daughter.



Mrs. Lockwood D. (Mildred E.) Peele (86) – First Presbyterian, Ahoskie, NC

Mildred Peele joined the First Presbyterian Church of Ahoskie in 1934. A life-long member of First Presbyterian, she was one of the first women in the church to be ordained as a Deacon in the late 1960’s, ordained as Elder in 1977, and served on the Session through 2001. A Choir member until 2002, she serves as Treasurer of PW, and a volunteer at the Ahoskie Food Pantry. Throughout her church life, she has actively participated in all phases of the church’s work. She was married over 60 years to Lockwood Peele and resides in Ahoskie with her nephew, Abner Askew.



Walter Pippin () – Farmville Presbyterian, Farmville, NC

Mr. Walter Pippin served on the Session at Farmville six years since his 60th birthday, involved in financing and building the new Family Life Center and other property transactions. He arrives at 8:00 am to cook homemade sausage, cheese, and cinnamon biscuits for the Sunday school crowd and helps cook, serve, and clean up for many fellowship meals. He is always there, always in service.



Barbara Porter (68) – New Hope Presbyterian, Willow Spring, NC

Barbara Porter has always been active at New Hope Presbyterian Church. After age 60 she became even more active. She has reached out to our seniors and become a leader and inspiration to all who encounter her. She is a dreamer and a doer for God’s glory. Barbara and her husband Gene have two sons, and five grandchildren.



Denise Vick Renfrow (65) – Spring Hill Presbyterian, Lucama, NC

Denise has been a member of Spring Hill since her teens and has served the church, community and her God with dedication and deep faith; she has never been one to quit. A cancer survivor she saw the need for a support group which she helped organize and continues to serve. She has served as Elder, Chair of Christian Education, Worship, Sunday School Teacher and Moderator for PW Bible Study; she also served as PW Enabler, Search and Scholarship Committees of PW. Denise has been an example of combining work and church. Denise and husband J. G. Renfrow, Jr. has two daughters and six grandchildren.



Louise Scott (66) – Bear Grass Presbyterian, Williamston, NC

Mrs. Louise has been a dedicated and active member of the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. For countless years she served as the nursery Sunday School Teacher assists in teaching the Adult Sunday School class, served on the Session as Elder from 2001 through 2006 as Deacon from 1989 through 2001 and Served as our Bible School Director, Sunday School Superintendent and Moderator Of the Women’s Circle. Louise has been married to Dallas Scott for 12 years and has two sons, Glenn & David Leggett by her deceased husband Paul Leggett.



Earl (79) and Elsie (78) Sears – Englewood Presbyterian, Rocky Mount, NC

Earl and Elsie Sears have given their lives together faithfully and untiringly to serve the Lord, in their personal lives, in their careers, and in the life of Englewood Presbyterian Church. They have served as faithful leaders, quietly doing whatever needed to be done, seeking only to glorify God with the offering of their lives. Earl and Elsie have two sons, and a grandson.



Helen Smith (72) – White Memorial Presbyterian, Willow Spring, NC

Helen is a servant leader, whether you find her in the kitchen cooking and cleaning, on the serving line, at Vacation Bible School, in the nursery, serving as usher, in the Sunday school classroom, participating in Bible Study, or hosting Presbyterian Women. Helen and her husband James (deceased) have two children and two grandchildren.

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J. M. and Oleta Smith (both 80's) – Rivermont Presbyterian, Kinston, NC

J. M. and Oleta Smith have worked diligently for Rivermont. Upon reaching the age of 60, they maintained their interest in the church and its programs; both are strong supporters of the music ministry, members of the choir, and Sunday school. Oleta is instrumental in decorating for dinners and other events, while J.M. served as an Elder and Clerk of Session. They have two children and three grandchildren.



Gretchen Deichmann Speer (94) – First Presbyterian, New Bern, NC

When Gretchen was 90 there was a picture of her in the local paper swimming her daily laps in the YMCA pool. It was a representative picture of her life in the church as well – her devotion, her energy, and her commitment. In the past 36 years, she has served as circle chairman several times, on the Presbytery Camp Committee, as a visitor to newcomers, and as a Bible Study leader. Her attendance at worship, circle, Sunday school, and church fellowship events continues to inspire us all. Gretchen and her husband have two children and three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



Donell Stancil (74) – Center Ridge Presbyterian, Kenly, NC

These words from Micah 6:8 best describe Donell Stancil. “He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Certainly Donell Stancil has and continues to fulfill these requirements. He currently serves as Treasurer of the church and the local Presbyterian Men. Donell and his wife, Lou have a son, and grandson.



Pauline Savage Stancil (72)–Roberson Chapel Presbyterian, Williamston, NC

Pauline visits the sick, teaches Sunday school, helps prepare the elements for communion, and serves on the Committee on Ministry Committee of the Presbytery. She was a member of the choir, circle chairperson, session member and served as Clerk, and a member on the Sessional Records Committee of the Presbytery. Pauline is married to James Stancil.



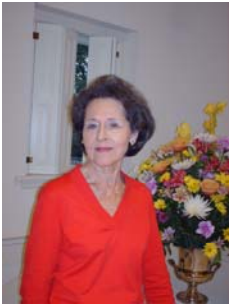
Webster Sidney Stickle “Sid” (82) – Edenton Presbyterian, Edenton, NC

Sid has been a volunteer for a number of service agencies in the Edenton area for over 20 years. He serves as an Elder, provides transportation for patients with out-of-town appointments. After Hurricane Isabel, Sid invited a visiting youth group working with the relief efforts to his home for cookout and swim after one of their long days of hard work. Sid has three children, seven grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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Wally Stopkey () – North Raleigh Presbyterian, Raleigh, NC

Wally Stopkey contributes to our congregation by driving members who are residents of an assisted living facility to worship, by serving as an usher, faithfully attending adult Sunday school where he often teaches, being active in the men’s program, and by his warm demeanor. When he lost his wife to cancer, he was a pillar of faith. He is a role model to his generation and others as he travels alone to Richmond and Phoenix to visit his sons. He plans to visit New Orleans to see for himself the devastation that still exists after Katrina. Wally is a widower and has three children.



Sally Ray Warren (68) - First Presbyterian, Roanoke Rapids, NC

Sally Ray exemplifies what it means to be a Christian through music, kind words, visits to the sick and elderly, or providing a dessert at a special church function. Sally is married to G.C. Warren.



Fred (89) and Nell (88) Webb – First Presbyterian, Greenville, NC

Nell and Fred Webb have established a legacy of creative leadership over 55 years at First Presbyterian and in Greenville. Whether building a business, holding office, teaching Bible classes, chairing events, supporting civic and church initiatives, or simply lending a helpful hand, they inspire a spirit of generosity, commitment and fellowship. Yet it is the sincerity of their efforts that inspires the most. They have four children, fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

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Mabel Lloyd Webb (95) – Bethlehem Presbyterian, Mebane, NC

Mabel Lloyd Webb is the oldest member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Mebane, NC who is currently 95 years young!! Mabel is a woman of deep faith, who loves and works hard for her church; she has demonstrated her faith throughout her life and serves the church humbly, diligently and faithfully. A woman of few words but a faithful and caring member. Mabel has one child and three grandchildren.



Betty Jean Gilliland Woodruff (75) – Bethlehem Presbyterian, Rocky Mt, NC

Betty is a life-long member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. She is an elder, Sunday school teacher, and area coordinator of the Presbytery Sessional Records Committee. She served as Moderator of Presbyterian Women Search Committee and as a PW Enabler. Betty is a widow and has two daughters and two grandchildren.