


HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY

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|--|---|---|
| 1 Alma Bays | 7 Mae Belle Glenn
Zac Rust
Christina Weaver | 13 Elizabeth McGinnis
James Teague |
| 4 Rachel Brown
Wanda Elliott |  | 14 Joyce Burt
Nancy Cozart
Rhonda Everly
Sandra Hill
Joshua McGinnis
Duane Smith |
| 5 Heather Abernathy
Jennifer Cavin
Gary Shroyer | | 8 Sabrina Shroyer |
| 6 Paul Abernathy
Rockie Boggess
Dolores Johnson
Kelly Johnson | 11 Danielle Abernathy
Tim Featherstone
Ed Kasper | 15 Bill Madzia |

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THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone
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OUR SUMMER SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE BEGINS IN JUNE

Watch for these changes!

- May 4** Last meeting of ImageBearers until fall
- Week of May 4** Care Groups end for the summer
- May 11** No Evening Activities due to Mother's Day
- May 18 and 25** No Evening Activities
- June 1** Summer Sunday Evening Schedule Begins
 6:30-7:30 PM Family Worship
 6:30-7:30 PM Middle School & High School Youth

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Little-known facts about First Presbyterian Church, past and present...

Our fledgling congregation met in the facilities of Christ’s Lutheran Church from our founding in 1891 to the completion of our first church building in 1893. The Lutherans organized their church several decades before us. (The next time you see one of our Lutheran friends, why not surprise them by thanking them for their earlier kindness?)

The bell which hung in our original building (1893) hangs in our bell tower today and is still rung. During the years in which our second church building was in use – a church which had no steeple - the bell was stored under the house of a church member.

Our congregation was one of only a few dismissed from our former denomination still in possession of our building and other assets. Most withdrawing congregations had to leave their land, buildings and bank accounts behind.

Martha Sue Mitchell was the first professional employee of our church (besides the pastor), serving a combo role as Church Secretary and Christian Education Director.

Your church newsletter comes to you twice a month through the faithful ministry of a group of senior citizen volunteers from our membership who gather on Wednesday of publication week to collate, fold and address each edition for mailing.

Every first-time visitor to Sunday worship who is resident in our area receives a “Love Loaf” – bread or other home-baked item -- delivered to their home the week following their visit. This has been a service of our Women Joined In Heart ministry for many years. That’s a lot of baking and taking!

We have an opening for a volunteer Communion steward for evening observances of the Lord’s Supper. This involves preparation of the elements and clean-up afterwards. Any adult individual or couple desiring to minister in this way may contact the church office.

Sharon Herd shelves and organizes items for our Food Pantry which distributes hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food to the needy in our community each year. The Food Pantry is part of the Mercy Ministry of our congregation administered by our Deacons.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We share in the grief of the **Grover Rodgers Family – Grover, Annette, Cameron and Brandon** – in the death of Grover’s mother. Mrs. **Evelyn Jean McMann** passed away near Danville, Virginia following a two-year struggle against cancer.

Mae Belle Glenn had out-patient eye surgery last week and is recovering nicely.

Ellen Beam will have a few weeks of recovery following foot surgery on Tuesday of this week.

Also on Tuesday, **Vicky Gamage** was able to return home from Carolinas Rehabilitation Hospital in Mt. Holly. She had been hospitalized two-and-a-half weeks, beginning with surgery at Carolinas Medical Center on April 4.

Congratulations to newly-weds of recent days: **Catherine Hensley and Daniel Mosely** at FPC on April 11, **Deanna Lowery and Mark Beatty** here on April 19, and **Susan McCuen and Jason Herd**, whose April 19 ceremony was at Friendship Baptist in Belmont.

We’re proud of **Josh McGinnis**, junior at Highland Tech High School. Josh won first place statewide for 3-D CAD Animation in the Technical Students of America competition. Now it’s on to national competition in June in Orlando, Florida.

March Financial Report

Needed monthly for budget.....	58,966.56
Received in March for budget.....	70,810.08
Needed to date for budget	176,899.68
Received to date for budget	195,842.78
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise.....	11,044.42
Received in March for Faith Promise	15,865.60
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	33,133.25
Received to date for Faith Promise	44,543.24

MAY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE



8:30 AM

May 4: 1. Ron & Karen Ensley
2. Cathy Rhyne
5:45 PM - Lisa Grice

May 11: 1. Andy & Gina Tinsley
2. Judy Billings
*no evening services

May 18: 1. Debbie & Morgan Smith
2. Julianne Griffin
*no evening services

May 25: 1. David & Donna Hill
2. Wendy Ham & boys
*no evening services

11:00 AM

1. Helen Lieurance and Ann Davis
2. Chuck & Jonan Bynum

1. Marsha Skidmore & Sharon Herd
2. Josh & Stacey Hall

1. Ed & Onie Kasper
2. Sandy & Rebecca Lasley

1. Suzy Deneen and Tommi Rust
2. Pam & Trevor Burgess



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

May 4: Joseph Greene

May 18: Communion

May 11: Reid Evans

May 25: Clyde Haley



MR. AND MRS. MASON P. BALLARD JR.
AND
MR. AND MRS. THOMAS D. BARTON JR.
INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY
AS THEY ASK GOD'S BLESSING
ON THE MARRIAGE UNITING THEIR CHILDREN
KATHRYN ANNE
AND
THOMAS DOBBINS
ON SATURDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT
AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
512 OLD MT. HOLLY ROAD
STANLEY, NORTH CAROLINA

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S FOUNDERS HALL



SPEAKER, SPUDS, SALAD, & SWEETS...
THAT'S WHAT IS ON THE MENU FOR THE UPCOMING
BEST YEARS/GOLDEN HEIRS CELEBRATION
TO BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 IN THE EVENING.



WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER.

**WITH
LOVING
THANKS...**

Dear Church Family,


We would like to thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and other acts of kindness shown to our family during the illness and death of Grover's mother. We are thankful for our loving and supportive church family. You were truly a blessing to our family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Grover, Annette,
Cameron & Brandon Rodgers

Graduate Recognition will be **Sunday, May 25**. We would like anyone graduating to call the church office with the info below or simply tear off the "diploma" and leave it on the secretary's desk.

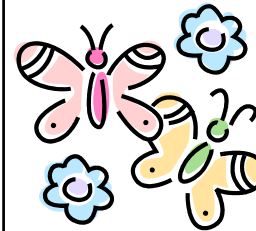
Name: _____

Graduating from: _____



ANNUAL MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

MONDAY, MAY 5, 6:30 PM



All ladies of the church are invited. We are going to have a salad meal. Everyone is asked to bring some type of salad (chicken, tossed, tuna, layered bean, fruit, pasta, or whatever variation you choose). Please make sure what you bring will feed 8 people to ensure we have enough to feed our guests! The council will provide drinks, crackers, and dessert. We will have some very special guests with a drama presentation. Remember to invite your friends, sisters, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, and mothers.



OUTREACH GOLF TOURNAMENT

There is still room for more participants
(players, volunteers, & sponsors)

for the

7th Annual FPC Golf Tournament

on

Saturday, May 3rd, 8:00 AM



See the bulletin board across from the Global Outreach office for more information.

CDC NEWS

The Child Development Center still has a few openings in our Pre-school and Mothers' Morning Out program for the 2008/09 school year starting September 2nd. We also have a few openings in our Summer and Afterschool Programs. The Summer Program will run from June 9 - August 22 from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. The Afterschool Program will begin on August 25.



Our Pre-school graduation will be on Friday, May 16th at 9:00 AM.

The CDC staff members were recently recertified in CPR and First Aid.



SOAR NEWS



The **Summer Sports Camp registration** is going great. We still have spots available in Basketball, Soccer and Cheering. We will accept registrations until May 15th. If your child or someone you know would like to register...don't delay!



Our Coed and Men's softball teams are underway. A great time is being had by all. The only thing we are missing is a cheering section. Take time to come out and cheer on our teams at one of the upcoming games:

Coed	Monday, April 28, 8:30 PM Monday, May 5, 7:30 PM
Men	Tuesday, April 29, 8:15 PM Thursday, May 1, 7:00 PM Tuesday, May 6, 8:15 PM Thursday, May 8, 8:15 PM



Complete schedules for both teams can be found on the SOAR bulletin board.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Church Family,

Q? What do you get when you cross Classic cars, kids, and food? Answer: A night to remember! On Tuesday night, April 22 a hand-full of folks met at First Presbyterian Church and drove their Classic cars to Barium Springs Home for children (near Troutman). We had a BLAST!!

The kids (about 35 ranging in age from 12-18) started off quiet, shy, reserved, and stand-offish (as kids do!), but by the time we revved the engines in a 'cackle call', the kids and car owners were having a great time. The purpose of our trip was to share the love of Jesus with the kids using Classic cars as an 'ice breaker.' As the kids milled about the vehicles, asking questions, laughing, talking, etc., we shared our lives, passions, and Jesus with them.

In closing, I taught on Jesus' forgiving grace from John 20:19-20. Jesus grants peace to His disciples even though they betrayed Him, left Him, and didn't believe His teaching on the resurrection. Instead of condemning the disciples, Jesus grants them peace, because that's why He came to earth – to pay for His people's sins. Peace was the very thing He had worked so hard to achieve for them (and us)!

Although the weather (threatening rain/sprinkles) kept a few folks from participating with their Classic cars, the night did much to honor Christ, minister to orphans (as the scripture commands us to do), and make sweet memories.



"Thank you" to all who participated!

Grace,

UPCOMING EVENTS



1. Stanley Square Apartments Ministry - Wednesday Nights, April 30, May 7, 14, 21.
2. Middle School Retreat – May 16-18 (\$35)

May 2008


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 Officers' Prayer	2	3 8:00 Outreach Golf Event 
4 4:00 Palmer Home Mission Team Mtg 6:00 Care Grps, Youth, and Image Bearers (Image Bearers & Care Groups end this week)	5 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet	6 7:30 Burrell Care Group	7 10:30 Wednesday Morning Care Group 6:30 Youth Group	8	9	10 7:00 Deacons' Mtg.
11  Mother's Day No Evening Activities	12	13	14 6:30 Youth Group	15 7:00 Children's Ministry Team Meeting 7:30 Session Mtg.	16 9:00 Pre-school Graduation	17 3:00 Barton/Ballard Wedding ← Youth Retreat →
18 AM Communion ← Youth Retreat No Evening Activities	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 SOAR Committee	20	21 6:30 Youth Group	22	23 Last day of Pre-school	24 Soccer Finale 
25  Graduate Recognition 4:00 Palmer Home Mission Team Mtg 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. No Evening Activities	26  Memorial Day Church Office And CDC closed 9:00 Golden Heirs	27	28 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 CE Recruiting - phone calls	29 7:00 Choir Group 1 Rehearsal	30	31

Other Dates To Remember


Thursday, April 24, 7:00 PM

-  Last night of Adult Volleyball
-  Choir Group I Rehearsal



Friday, April 25, 4:00 PM

-  Sr. High Youth leave for Ridgehaven

Saturday, April 26, 6:30

-  Everyone is invited to a Spaghetti Supper in honor of Mike Abernathy's 50th birthday. (Founders Hall)

Sunday, April 27

-  CE Celebration Sunday
-  **4:30 PM** WIC Council Meeting