

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE

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| 1 Ashley Ellis
Shanna Griffin
Chuck Jessen
Wanda Throneburg | 5 Sylvia Forbes-Robinson | 13 Janice Huss |
| 2 Julianne Griffin | 7 Graham Smith | 14 Kim Jessen
Gideon Nelson
Kasey Rhyne |
| 3 Ivan Davis
Terry Huss | 8 Bobby Blackman | 15 Allen Chappell |
| 4 Rebecca Brown
Kathy Paramore | 9 Dale Bumgarner | |
| | 10 Michael Petersohn
Carolyn Rutledge
Morgan Smith | |
| | 12 Chloe Billings
Sarah Sharpe | |



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Worship 8:30 and 11:00 AM • Sunday School 9:45 AM • Sunday Evening Family Worship 6:30

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*Make "Sundays" A Delight
During the Summer Months*

JUNE 1

5:30 PM - Covered Dish Dinner

Bring your favorite dish to share with others
and enjoy a time of fellowship!

6:30 PM - Communion Service

Join us as we have a time of worship and
celebrate the Lord's Supper.

See the full Summer Sunday Schedule inside.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ ... contending as one man for the faith of the gospel. – Philippians 1:27

These instructions from the Apostle Paul to the church in Philippi are also God’s instructions to the church in Stanley. We are to be centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in the lives we live individually and in the ministry we do together.

The gospel is good news: sinners are forgiven and welcomed into the Kingdom of God when they trust in Jesus Christ. It thrills me to think how often and in how many settings that good news is being told through the ministry of FPC!

We’re proclaiming the gospel from the pulpit, of course. Our present sermon series through Galatians is giving us plenty of opportunity to clarify what the gospel is and what it is not. But our gospel proclamation involves much more than the pulpit.

Think of the number of children and adults who are hearing the gospel through our sports ministry – hundreds and hundreds each season year round. And this summer we’re adding a sports camp where more will hear.

The gospel is central to the teaching in our preschool and other programs offered by our Child Development Center.

Our youth are sharing the gospel out in the community with their ministry each Wednesday night at Stanley Square Apartments.

Children’s ministry is being expanded this summer with weekly events and a bigger-than-ever Vacation Bible School.

Mission teams are always coming and going, especially in the summer, conducting gospel ministry through word and deed in the nations of the world.

Add to that our support of dozens of missionaries, Sunday School, regular youth and children’s ministries, church planting endeavors, adult recreation, and special outreach events and our gospel ministry assumes truly significant proportions.

The central place of the gospel in our life and ministry is a powerful uniting force among us. It keeps us faithful to our Core Value of *Intentional Evangelism*. Let us, then, keep on “**contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.**”

Affectionately,
Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Louise Murphy is recovering at home following back surgery last week.

Please continue in prayer for **Keith Friday, Ailene Friday’s** son and **Wayne Friday’s** younger brother. Keith suffered a major heart attack last weekend and is being treated at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Our elder and missionary **Jim Ramsey** has returned to Romania for another term of service. Join us in prayer for his effective ministry.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

God has blessed us tremendously with many additions to our church family. With the growth of our children in the nursery, we are in need of additional volunteers. If you are willing and able to assist approximately 1 hour every other month, please let us know. You can call Sandra in the church office or Debbie Smith in the daycare office.



APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget.....	58,966.56
Received in April for budget.....	53,468.04
Needed to date for budget	235,866.24
Received to date for budget	249,310.82
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise.....	11,044.42
Received in April for Faith Promise	7,186.02
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	44,177.67
Received to date for Faith Promise	51,729.26

JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE



8:30 AM

- June 1:** 1. Ron & Karen Ensley
2. Steve & Vickie Smith

6:15 PM - Rhonda Prather & girls

- June 8:** 1. Dean & Libby Chaney
2. Leslie Smith & girls

6:15 PM - Jamie & Lisa Revels

- June 15:** 1. Jodie & Kate Graham
2. Sherry & Jill Wagstaff

6:15 PM - Mark & Debbie Harper

- June 22:** 1. Kim & Annalise Jessen
2. Sally & Dawn Ormsby

6:15 PM - Sharon Morton

- June 29:** 1. Cary Ann Barton and Ginny Haley
2. Mary Ruth & Sydney Heffner

6:15 PM - Sherry Teague

11:00 AM

1. Candace Chucci
2. Jennifer Cavin & girls

1. Joyce Burt and Tommi Rust
2. Craig & Susan Mesimer

1. Charlene Schrum & Nora Huss
2. Janice & Allison Huss



1. Keitha Brown & girls
2. Marianne & Michelle Magill

1. Helen Lieurance and Ann Davis
2. Ellen & Joseph Deese

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

June 1: Joel Jessen

June 22: Dan King

June 8: Jeff Black

June 29: Jimmie Mitchell

June 15: Scott Burgess



*All Events at 6:30 PM Except Covered Dish Suppers which are at 5:30 PM
Nursery Provided Every Week*



- June 1 Covered Dish Supper and Communion (5:30 PM)
June 8 Mission Team Commissioning Service
June 15 Ask the Pastors
June 22 Family Worship – Pastor Dan preaching
June 20 Family Worship – Pastor Dan preaching

- July 6 Covered Dish Supper and Communion (5:30 PM)
July 13 Ask the Pastors
July 20 Family Worship – Pastor Dave preaching
July 27 Vacation Bible School Begins



- August 3 Covered Dish Supper and Communion (5:30 PM)
August 10 Ask the Pastors
August 17 Family Worship – Pastor Scott preaching
August 24 Family Worship – Pastor Scott preaching
August 31 (No Services – Labor Day Weekend)

September 6 Full Evening Schedule Resumes with Care Groups, Imagebearers Children's Ministry, and Youth Groups

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth & Families,

Several items to touch on today...

- 1) **A book plug:** *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller. Miss Brooke Martin spoke in our worship service several Sundays ago about the attack on her faith presented by a UNC Chapel Hill professor. By God's grace, her faith was stronger because of this ordeal, but **this is not always the case!** Many students' Christian faith is ship-wrecked because they are unable to combat the intellectual arguments presented against Christianity. In Tim Keller's book, he takes an honest look at objections to Christianity and then answers those objections both Biblically and philosophically. This is a great book for 1) parents to read in order to equip their children for life's hard questions or 2) people wanting to understand/dialogue with society's objections.
- 2) **Church-wide Campout:** The Church is again planning a campout to Briar Bottom Campground at Mt. Mitchell, NC. The dates are July 10-13th. Located at the base of Mt. Mitchell (highest peak east of the Rockies) and beside the South Toe River, Briar Bottom is a wonderful & relaxing camp-site. Last year, several families and their children enjoyed a weekend of fellowship, singing, hiking, river play, and conversation and we look forward to adding to our numbers this year! The cost is FREE. All you need to do is provide your own meals and camping supplies. The trip is open to MIDDLE & HIGH School students who wish to attend (Pastor Scott will chaperone but kids need to provide for themselves). For more information or details, contact Pastor Scott or Suzy Deneen. See you in the mountains!!
- 3) **Youth Summer Schedule:** The Youth Group will be planning several events for the summer (including a rafting trip at the National Whitewater Center, Carowinds, movie nights, pool party, Lake Adventure, and many other fellowship times), so please watch the Sunday bulletin & newsletter closely!

Grace,



SOAR NEWS

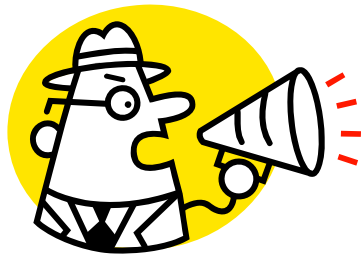
Youth Baseball/Softball We are currently accepting **early registration** forms from FPC members and staff. You can obtain a registration form from our website, fpcstanley.org, or from the church office. Public registration will be held Saturday, June 14th.

Please prayerfully consider your role as a **volunteer** this season. We will need skills coaches, spiritual coaches, umpires, and workers to maintain the fields.

Adult Softball Our Coed and Men's softball teams continue to have a great time each week. We'd love to have you come out and cheer us on. We only have a few games remaining:

Coed	Monday, June 2, 8:30 PM Monday, June 9, 7:30 PM Monday, June 16, 6:30 PM
Men	Thursday, May 22, 7:00 PM





ANNOUNCING..... A MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

A team from First Presbyterian is going to **St. Louis, Haiti** on **September 6 – 13, 2008**. Would you like to be a part of this ministry group? St. Louis is the area where we are providing the seed money to build a church. The team will be teaching and sharing the love of Christ with children and adults alike in the area of the new church plant. Contact Dan King, Clyde Haley or Jimmie Mitchell if you would like to be a part of the Haiti mission team. The cost is \$500.00 plus airfare. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as you enter the church.

“EVERY CHILD BECOMING LIKE CHRIST: LOVING, KNOWING, LIVING, GROWING”

THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TEAM AT FPC PRESENTS...

MINI-CAMP 2008

Planned events include:

June 19 - Big Birthday Bash	July 24 - Story Hour at FPC
June 26 - Pool Party	August 14 - Lazy 5 Ranch
July 10 - “P” Day	August 23 - “Back to School” Celebration
July 17 - Dan Nicholas Park	

Registration is required and is due by June 15. See display in Daycare Hallway for more information including Registration Forms!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AMAZON EXPEDITION

July 27 - 31, 6:30 until 8:30 PM

***All summer activities are for children ages 3 - rising 6th graders. (Ages 3 to rising kindergarteners will require a responsible person to accompany them.)**

APRIL 2008 JORDAN JOURNAL FROM THE BARTONS

Our congregation – Some of the most delightful people you have ever met attend Jordan Presbyterian Church. They are encouraging and supporting to one another and to us. We are continuing to look for ways to help them grow in their faith, *but the prayer request is that God will give them that desire and show them the importance of growing spiritually.*

Vision – We are revisiting the vision of the church. We aren't changing it, just thinking of fresh ways to explain it. Churches like any organization go through cycles. We are no different. *So please pray that we can present our vision to our congregation in a manner that will captivate their desire to worship and serve Christ.*

Rose Park – The McKinneys (our apprentice) are planning to move to West Salt Lake City later this summer. *Pray for the sale of their home in West Jordan and please pray that God will open the doors there for their message.*

Deaf Ministry – Thank you for praying for this. Three families continue to come. One family joined last Sunday. *Pray that God will lead us in this.*

Evangelism – God is opening more doors for evangelism. Pray that this continues. Probably $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of our Sunday worshippers now have LDS backgrounds. But actually making the step to join is difficult for them for a number of reasons. *Pray that they will be given the inclination and the courage to make that step.*

General Assembly – I will be attending General Assembly this year after a year away. Together with Anthony Thomas (director of Mission Utah) and Daniel McKinney, I will be part of a pre-assembly seminar, "Reaching Mormons in Your Community" This will be at 2:00pm on Tuesday. Come if you're there, it will be great to see you.

Finances – God has provided for us as I'm sure you know. It has been a tremendous walk of faith. We are not self-supporting yet and we have an unfinished building and a mortgage. That is not a complaint, it's hilarious really. Vicki and I have been here 4 1/2 years. We aren't going anywhere. I have at times looked at different jobs to augment my salary, but after this many years, I am still a full-time pastor. That is due to your faithful prayers and support. Our internal giving continues to inch forward. *Pray that it continues in that direction.*

God is growing our people. As the face of our congregation changes we are getting more and more messy people. I am mostly grateful for this, but it does take a toll. I love them dearly and am resolute in my commitment to them. They are the bride of my Savior. *Thank you again for your continued prayers. Ask God always in our behalf to protect our hearts from fear and pride and to open a door for our message.*

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New SS Quarter 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Communion	2 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Paraguay Team Mtg. Hannah Circle Reading Circle Ruth Circle-Parlor	3 7:00 Elizabeth Circle	4	5 7:30 Officers' Prayer	6	7 4:00 Brent Lucas/Chrissy Stamey Wedding
8 3:00 Mexico Team Mtg. 4:00 MTW Committee Mtg. 6:30 Mission Team Commissioning Svc.	9 <i>After-School Summer Program begins</i>	10 <i>Sports Camp: Baseball, Soccer, & Cheerleading</i>	11 <i>PCA General Assembly - Dallas, TX</i>	12 9:00AM - 1:00PM each day	13	14 7:00 Deacons' Mtg. 8:30 Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Baseball Registration
15 Father's Day	16	17	18 Mission Trip to Puerto Alegria, PERU Mission Trip to Monterrey (Guadalupe)	19 Mission Trip to Puerto Alegria, PERU Mission Trip to Monterrey (Guadalupe) 3:00 Children's Birthday Bash-Founders Hall 7:00 Children's Ministry 7:30 Session Mtg.	20	21 Mission Trip to Monterrey (Guadalupe) Mission Trip to Palmer Home, MS
22	23 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Golden Heirs Wednesday Morning Care Group to the Mountains	24 Mission Trip to Palmer Home in Mississippi	25	26 Mississippi 12:45 Children's Pool Party 7:00 Choir Group 1	27	28
29 4:30 WIC Council Mtg.	30					

Other Dates To Remember

Saturday, May 24


Soccer Finale:

9:30 - 11:00 Division I
1:30 - 3:00 Divisions II & III

Sunday, May 25

8:30 & 11:00 Graduate Recognition
4:00 Palmer Home Mission Team Mtg.

Monday, May 26

 The church office and CDC will be closed in celebration of Memorial Day!

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 Youth Group
7:00 CE Recruiting Phone Calls