

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

18 Anna Prather

24 Zoe Evans

19 Seth Abernathy
Kavin Garrison
Dave Strickler

26 Geoff Dixon
Tegan Smith

21 Candace Chucci
Ruth Kerley

28 Malorie Haithcox
Meghan Haithcox
Lisa Revels

22 Lisa Greene
Grace Madzia

29 Mary Ruth Heffner

23 Stewart Neely

30 Nolan Buck
Melissa Ensley
Katherine Madzia



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Presented by the First Presbyterian Church Children's Ministry Team...

“Every child becoming
like Christ: loving,
knowing, living, growing.”



Mini Camp 2008

for children ages 3 to rising 6th graders

kicks off Thursday, June 19th

Registration is required and is due by June 15th!

See the bulletin board and display table
in the daycare hallway for more details.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Ah, summer! And with summer comes the prospect of a vacation. We're all looking for a way to relax, refresh, recharge. In a word, rest. And I hope you find it during these coming summer months.

But don't think rest will result from merely creating empty space on your calendar. (In our over-scheduled lives, it's easy to believe this is true. The English word "vacation" comes from the Latin *vacare* meaning "to be void.") But true rest is not found in a void or a vacuum! True rest is found in your association with Jesus and your service to him. (When the Apostle Paul needed a lift, he asked his friend and fellow-worker Philemon to "**refresh my heart in Christ.**" [Phil. 1:20])

The good news is, God is an expert on this subject. Jesus says, "**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**" (Matt. 11:28) The Lord knows we need rest, and good God that he is, he promises to give it to us, if we'll only receive it! He's built it into his master blueprint for our lives, ordaining a day of rest every week, the Sabbath Day, which is just a weekly sample of that "eternal rest" which he promises to his people. And so the Scriptures urge, "**Let us make every effort to enter that rest.**" (Heb. 4:11)

So, by all means, get some rest this summer. Recognize, however, that this rest you need is not going to occur in a void, but in a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Stay close to him. Go to church every Sunday (wherever you are!). Read your bible. Pray. Serve the Lord at all times. Disney and Dollywood have a lot to offer. The mountains and the beach look really good right now. But remember that Christ is the only one who always delivers on his promises, and he has said "**I will give you rest.**"

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In last Sunday's services (June 1) we were pleased to welcome these brothers and sisters into the FPC church family:

On Transfer of Letter – **Rebecca Humphries** and son **Timothy Humphries**
By Reaffirmation of Faith – **Deanna Beatty, Nancy Raleigh, and Kristen Waters**
By Profession of Faith and Baptism – **Percy Raleigh**

We were concerned to learn that both **Debra Wallace** and **Carolyn Rutledge** have been hospitalized recently. We are grateful their hospital stays were brief. **Kim Jessen** is also recovering well from outpatient surgery last week.

Janice Huss is scheduled for outpatient surgery this Thursday, June 5. Janice and her family will appreciate your prayers.

It was good to see **John and Betty Ann Abernathy** in the crowd when the Elizabeth Circle hosted our senior citizen members for dinner and entertainment on May 21. We've also enjoyed seeing former members **Bill and Leona Digges** who have been visiting this week from their new home in Clifton Park, NY.

With Loving Thanks

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the graduation Sunday you held for all of us seniors. Thank you also for the books you gave me. Please keep me in your prayers as I take the state nursing boards on June 5th.

Love,
Caroline Neely

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Families,

Romans 12:10 says, “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” In this section of the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul begins to give practical implications of being saved by grace through Jesus Christ. In other words, the question is asked, “How should I live now that God has saved me?”

One of Paul’s answers is, “Love each other!” “...and you should devote yourselves to this family love!” Paul is saying that Christians must make loving other Christians a priority in their lives. In other words, it’s not an option to put others before ourselves.

What might that look like in the church? Well, first we must be here. In order to serve and minister to someone, our presence is vital. Jesus didn’t send his disciples a postcard saying that he was washing their feet, rather, while in their presence, he humbled himself and washed their feet. Now of course there are things we can do from a distance to show our affection, but if we are physically able, our presence is necessary.

But what if we don’t like *those* people? Good question. Both *agape* (sacrificial love) and *philostorge* (brotherly/family love) don’t really care if the object of the affection is worthy of affection, rather, love is given regardless. God calls us to love each other like he loves us – freely, deeply, and regardless of whether we respond appropriately or not.

So, how do we love each other like this? Well, we will not if we do not understand God’s love for us first. Therefore, we must come to grips with our sin, God’s **FREE** gift of salvation, and then, out of the understanding that we’ve been saved by grace rather than merit, we begin to love others *as we have been loved by God*. I know this is hard, but God is able to change us so that more and more we reflect His love to others.

May the Lord bless us all in this basic Christian response to grace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottles Due – Sun., June 15th
2. Church-Wide Camping Trip to Mt. Mitchell – July 10th -13th

SOAR COMMITTEE

Did you hear the news...? God blessed us (again) at the **Soccer Finale** on May 24th. Approximately 300 people came to hear Timothy Barton present the Gospel Message and to see their child receive his/her trophy for their effort this season. The teams took turns reciting the Bible verses they learned and enjoyed popcorn, sno-cones and outdoor activities. God allowed us to see His hand at work that day when almost 50 people (players, assistant coaches and spectators) indicated in some way that they had asked Jesus to become Lord of their life!! Praise God! Praise Him for all those who made this season possible... for the Soccer Committee, the Coaches, the Referees and for our Prayer Partners! We’re thankful for you all!



Baseball registration will be Saturday, June 14, 10:30 - 12:00. Church members can pre-register by returning a completed registration form and the registration fee to the church office. Registration forms are available from the church office or on the web site at www.fpcstanley.org. There are many **great opportunities for ministry** through our baseball program such as coaching, umpiring or helping maintain the fields. Be a part of this spiritually exploding ministry!!! Contact Scott Burgess for details.

WIC REMINDERS

- **June 12, 7:00 - 8:30 — Bridal shower for Caroline Neely**
- **June 29 — Deadline for submitting recipes for the WIC Cookbook.** If you have not done so, please email your recipe to Thea at tskf427@hotmail.com or drop your handwritten recipe in the box outside of the Global Outreach Office. Remember to include your name!



MERCY MINISTRY: FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We have been blessed with the opportunity to minister to many families by providing food to them. Now it’s time to restock our Food Pantry. We need the following items:

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| spaghetti and sauce | macaroni and cheese | canned fruits | cereals |
| canned vegetables | canned meats/fish | peanut butter | rice |
| boxed dinners | crackers | grape jelly | pastas |

PRAYING FOR FPC DISCIPLE MAKING

by David Nelson

On the back of an *FPC Disciple Maker Intentions* form I send to church members who work in various CE ministries is a check-list for commitments to ongoing prayer. Someone recently pointed out a flaw to my system. This list is *on the back* of a form these people return to me to indicate what they plan to do in the coming year.

I've decided to provide this list here - both, for those who returned a form to me so you can check and keep record of the commitments you made; and, to enlist others to pray for our *FPC Disciple Making ministries*. Just check your commitments and keep this page handy in your Bible or journal so you are reminded to pray for our collective Christian growth!

Commitments to regular ongoing prayer

- I will pray for fruitful Disciple Making ministry at FPC.
- I will pray for our Pastors, Elders, teachers, and parents - that they faithfully handle God's Word and live lives worthy of their high calling.
- I will pray for the Christian growth of those in our Care Group ministry; and that more people would participate in our life-on-life ministry opportunities.
- I will pray for the Christian growth and witness of our adults - that they'd be salt and light in our community and at their places of work and recreation.
- I will pray for the Christian maturity and witness of our youth - that they'd shine as lights in our community and among their peers.
- I will pray for our children - that they will be *gripped by the gospel* of Christ and learn to effectively share their faith with others from an early age.
- I will pray for God to continue providing teachers, servants, and leaders to meet our Disciple Making needs.
- I will pray for God to strengthen, fortify, and encourage those He's called to serve in Disciple Making ministries.
- I will pray for God's wisdom and guidance for our Session, CE Committee, Children's Ministry Team, Library Team, and our World View Task Force as they lead & develop our FPC Disciple Making ministries.
- All *OF THE ABOVE!*

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

Believing and growing with you,

David



Go into all the world!

**Haiti, Mexico,
Mississippi, Paraguay**

On Sunday evening, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. we will commission our summer mission teams going to....

Guadalupe, MEXICO -- June 14 - 21

Mark, Sumner and Daniel Andrews	Adam Huss
Jeri and Cheyenne Ballard	Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell
Rick and Sharon Herd	Fred Steele

Palmer Children's Home in Columbus, MISSISSIPPI – June 21 - 28

Kathy and Mary Madeline Black	Sandy, Brian and Rebecca Lasley
Kathryn and Vicka Cavin	Andy and Charlie Leonard
Shirley and Kevin Chucci	Marianne Magill
Scott Deneen	Anna Prather
Joel and Annalise Jessen	Tracy and Phyllis Withers
Dillon Lamb	

Asuncion, PARAGUAY – July 23 - August 2

Mitchell Boughman	Carly Rhyne
Shirley Chucci	Robert and Marcia Rhyne
Sarah Faggart	Will Robinson
Cory Fox	Samantha Ruckman
Chris McAllister	Melissa Smith
Jimmie Mitchell	Bob Sowers
Betsey and Stewart Neely	Tracy and Phyllis Withers

We invite you to come participate in sending out our missionaries. Team members, please remember there is a covered dish dinner for you, your family and friends at 5:30 p.m. The Mexico Team will meet at 3:00 and the Mississippi team will meet at 4:30 prior to the dinner.

Sign ups are underway for the team going to Haiti on September 6 – 13. Is God calling you to go on that mission? Put your name on the list today!!!