

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1 Janet Devir
Clayton Harper
Rebekah Leonard
Debbie Moss

3 Beau Friday
Emma Harper
Lauren Harper

5 Martha Sue Mitchell
Roy Redding

6 Roger Wagstaff

7 Parke Sweigart

12 Fred Haithcox

14 Diane Rhyne

15 Kara Evans
Marianne Magill

2 Jeremy Addington
Doris Bynum
Lindsey Chaney
Lynn Dean
Dicky Franks
Mike Smith



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Promotion Sunday and
Sunday School Breakfast
August 31st



Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be observed September 7th
during both morning services

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

There are two dates each year which, for me, always represent a new beginning: January 1 and September 1. January 1, of course, marks the beginning of a new *calendar* year. September 1 (or thereabouts) marks the beginning of a new *church* year.

By September 1 the diversions of summer are over. Vacations are done, school is starting, we're settling into new routines. It's a perfect time to get back to church.

At this time of year the church is rolling out a whole new menu of options for your involvement. Care Groups are forming, children's and youth ministries are firing up, Sunday School is reorganizing and introducing new topics, new teachers, and new class mates. Our music ministry is launching into a new season with inspiring selections to enhance our worship experience every Sunday. All of this is ready and waiting – for YOU!

We have big plans in this new year for ministry to our church family, our community and our world. Missions, disciple-making, evangelism, mercy ministry, the Child Development Center, the Total Living Center, conferences, sports outreach – all of this goes on day by day, week by week. All this is to be done – by YOU!

In the work of the Kingdom we are both consumers and providers. Our output should roughly equal our intake. This balance is life-building and life-giving.

There's a place for YOU to receive and to give as we begin a new church year. Come and take your place as we grow strong together. Come and take your place as we pass along what we have received that others might be blessed.

Every communing member is under vows to "support the worship and work of the church to the best of your ability." This season of new beginnings is a fresh opportunity for you to make good on that solemn commitment.

I'm preparing now for an uplifting and challenging worship experience this Sunday. I'll be hoping to see YOU as we embark on an exciting new church year together.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our condolences to **Johnny and Jane Robinson and Family** in the death of Johnny's sister **Frances Newton**. Mrs. Newton died in Lenoir NC at the age of 87.

It was good to see one of our members who is serving in the military at home for the weekend recently. **Morgan Huss** worshipped with us August 10 while on leave from the U. S. Army. Morgan is presently stationed at Ft. Benning in Georgia. Word comes to us that another member of our church family, **Capt. Virginia Tinsley**, is doing well in her Army service in Kuwait.

Barry Tadlock, son of **Doug and Martha Tadlock**, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident August 11. He remains at Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital and, with his family, will appreciate your prayers.

Phyllis Ribbeck and **Garrison Barton** are among members who have undergone outpatient surgery recently. And **Pastor Fred Murphy** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on Friday of this week.

MERCY MINISTRIES

Thank you for your part in restocking our **Food Pantry** this month! As you are able to help, we are requesting the following items for the month of September:



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| crackers | peanut butter | spaghetti | canned meat/fish |
| cereals (hot or cold) | gravy mixes | spaghetti sauce | canned vegetables |
| macaroni & cheese | soups | | |

Thank you for your continued support!

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	58,966.56
Received in July for budget	43,179.87
Needed to date for budget	412,765.93
Received to date for budget	419,656.32
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise	11,044.42
Received in July for Faith Promise	6,415.82
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	77,310.92
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	80,089.72

SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

- September 7:** 1. Jodie Graham
2. Steve & Vickie Smith

5:45 PM - Rhonda Prather & girls

- September 14:** 1. Andy & Gina Tinsley
2. David & Donna Hill

5:45 PM - Sharon Morton

- September 21:** 1. Kary Kopka & Barbara Graham
2. Marcia Rhyne

5:45 PM - Sherry Teague

- September 28:** 1. Chris & Danielle Abernathy
2. Bobby & Monnie Blackman

5:45 PM - Jamie & Lisa Revels

11:00 AM

1. Ed & Onie Kasper
2. Chuck & Jonan Bynum

1. Brent & Lisa Grice
2. Sandy & Rebecca Lasley

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



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

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

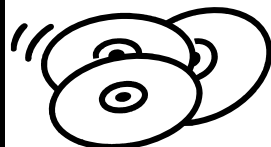
September 7: Communion

September 14: Scott Burgess

September 21: Dan King

September 28: Jimmie Mitchell

HAITI MISSION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We are in need of **used CD's** for a **craft project** during VBS in Haiti. If you have any CD's you can donate, please bring them to the church office by September 3.

Are YOU lost in American culture?

Do you approach life decisions from the viewpoint of a consumer?

Are you sometimes persuaded that truth is relative?

How do you spend your time away from work or school?

How much does entertainment value influence your choices?

Are you aware when your choices are influenced by a worldview other than a Biblical worldview?

Parents: how much are your children's choices influenced by consumerism, entertainment and a secular worldview?

**You are invited to attend the
Christian Life and Worldview Conference
On September 20, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
in Founder's Hall.**

The conference is led by a team of students and staff from Bryan College in Dayton, TN. They will use clips and quotes from popular movies, songs, books, and current news events to provoke honest discussion about what it means to follow after Christ in an increasingly anti-Christian society. Attend to learn how to actively counteract the non-biblical assumptions of our culture, higher education, and entertainment.

Conference cost is \$5 per person (\$10 per family) and includes: Continental breakfast, lunch, childcare for 5th grade and under, and conference materials.

Please turn in registration to church office by September 15.

Registration fee can be paid at the door.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

On Saturday, September 20th, the Youth (along with the rest of the church) will attend the Worldview Conference presented by Bryan College and hosted by our church. All of us live according to a basic belief system. All of us view the world through a 'lens' that interprets events and makes sense of the world. But rarely do we evaluate this belief system according to Biblical principles. (Just because we're Christians does NOT mean we have a Biblical world and life view).

So, in order to help our young people grow in their knowledge and understanding of basic belief systems (and how they affect EVERYTHING we think, do, and say), we will participate in this wonderful opportunity. Parents need to be at this conference as well, because our belief system sets the agenda for the home and therefore instructs our children through daily life experiences.

What do I mean? Well, for example, our basic belief about the Sabbath directly influences how we spend the Lord's Day. Our ongoing practice of the Lord's Day directly influences what our children believe about the Day and therefore, how they observe the Lord's Day. We pass our beliefs on to them through normal, everyday living. But is our belief about the Lord's Day a cultural belief? A Biblical belief? A Western Hemisphere belief? A Non-Christian belief? I could go on and on making application but you get the point. The Worldview Conference will help all of us see and understand our personal belief system and then offer Biblical principles to enable Biblical faith and practice.

Therefore, I encourage you to make this conference a priority for both you and your family. The cost is minimal - \$10 maximum/family (or \$5 for an individual) – but the effects can have eternal ramifications.

Bryan College will make this event Biblical, relevant, and entertaining, so write it on your calendar today and make plans to attend!

Grace and Peace,



With Loving Thanks

I along with my sons, Wayne and Keith, would like to say thank you for each act of kindness shown by the pastors and members of the church following my surgery. There were so many calls, cards, and visits. I thank you. You are very special to me.

Ailene Friday

A special thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, food, and visits. Mack has good days and bad days. We sure do enjoy the good ones. We pray as the days go by that everyone will see Jesus in us and want him in their lives. We pray that we will be able to worship God with you again soon.

Mack and Doris Bynum

 **It's time again to create an address list for college students and those in the military.** 

Please place this completed form on Sandra's desk or call the church office.*

Name _____

Address _____

**Please respond even if the address has not changed to ensure your child is included.*

SOAR NEWS

Baseball / Softball Finale Report

Have you seen the 2008 Baseball/Softball group pictures on the SOAR bulletin board? You'll notice the happy faces on players & coaches alike! This summer, God blessed us with a great Baseball/Softball season and we're thankful for it! The season concluded this past Saturday with a Finale supported by our own Pastor Scott, who presented the Gospel message to ~300 people, 38 of whom indicated their desire to ask Jesus to become Lord of their life. PRAISE GOD! Post-Season follow-up is underway through a coordinated effort between SOAR, Pastor Scott and the Outreach Class.

Special thanks to the Baseball Committee, all of the coaches, the umpires and the groundskeepers (more than 30 volunteers this season!). Through you, God blessed many!

Youth Basketball and Cheerleading

Early registrations continue to be accepted for our Basketball and Cheerleading Season now through September 5 for church members and staff. Registration forms can be found in the church office or on our web site at www.fpcstanley.org.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melodie Garrison for cheerleading, Grover Rodgers for basketball or the church office for either. We'll need help in many areas including coaching, refereeing and scorekeeping.

REMINDER FOR ALL LADIES...

The deadline for reservations for our trip to the Grove Park Inn in Asheville is fast approaching. Pre-paid reservations must be received no later than Sunday, September 14.

The trip is planned for Saturday, December 6. We will view the Gingerbread House displays and then enjoy a buffet lunch in the Blue Ridge Dining Room. Cost of the trip including displays and lunch is \$34.00

Look for reservation forms in the main hallway and be sure to complete one and drop it by the church office. For more information, contact Sally Ormsby at 704-263-5111 (home) or 704-263-0099 (work).



MISSIONS UPDATE FROM TIMOTHY, CARYANN, & GARRISON BARTON

Many of you have been asking how our preparation for moving to Utah is going. We know you are praying and are happy to report that God is faithful! Recently, I was reading in 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, which tells us that God is at work in the lives of his people and that he will be faithful to complete what he has started. This is more real to us now than ever before.

I have approximately six hours of seminary class left. This will take about three weeks for me to complete. Caryann will continue teaching at Gaston College this fall. We will be speaking/preaching at a minimum of eight churches over the next two months to educate people about Mission Utah and seek more support. Because of this, we will be stepping down from the College and Career SS class next quarter which is a difficult but necessary transition for us. This also means we will not see you as often at church, but we will cherish those times when we do see you. Each of these circumstances is directly related to ministry preparation and together they seem overwhelming at times. However, God is also proving day by day that he is faithful to give us what we need to make these transitions, as well as what we need presently and in the future to do his work. It is for this reason that **we praise him for your prayers and his using you to provide a little over half of the support** we need for three years of ministry in Utah. He is still paving the way for us to move in November.

He has also been faithful to continue his work in us. We are learning to lean on him and trust that his understanding is far greater than ours. This is an exciting time in our lives, but it is also a time that makes us more dependent on God for everything...**I pray we never lose that dependency on him in our lives and ministry!**

We ask that you would join us in praying these things:

1. That we would always depend on God for fulfillment and fruitful ministry.
2. That He would touch the hearts of churches and individuals to partner with us in reaching the lost of Utah.

Praising God because of you,
Timothy, Caryann, and Garrison

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Church Office and CDC closed	2 8:30 Pre-school begins	3 7:00 Teacher Training	4 7:30 Officers' Prayer	5	6 7:00 Officer Training 8:30 Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Basketball Registration 
7 AM Communion Sunday Evening Schedule and Care Groups Resume	8 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Esther Circle 6:30 Basketball Orientation 7:00 Hannah Circle Reading Circle Ruth Circle-Parlor	9 7:00 Elizabeth Circle	10 6:30 Youth Group Care Groups Resume	11 7:00-8:30 Shower for Dockery/Abernathy	12	13 7:00 Officer Training Deacons' Mtg.
14 4:00 MTW Committee Mtg 4:30 CE Committee Mtg.	15	16 Care Group Resumes	17 6:30 Youth Group	18 7:00 Children's Min. Team Mtg. 7:30 Session Mtg.	19	20 7:00 Officer Training 8:00 - 3:30 Worldview Conference
21	22 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Golden Heirs 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg	23	24 6:30 Youth Group	25 7:00 Choir Group 1 Rehearsal	26 4:00 Best Years/ Golden Heirs Fellowship	27 7:00 Officer Training
28 4:30 WIC Council Mtg.	29	30				

Other Dates To Remember

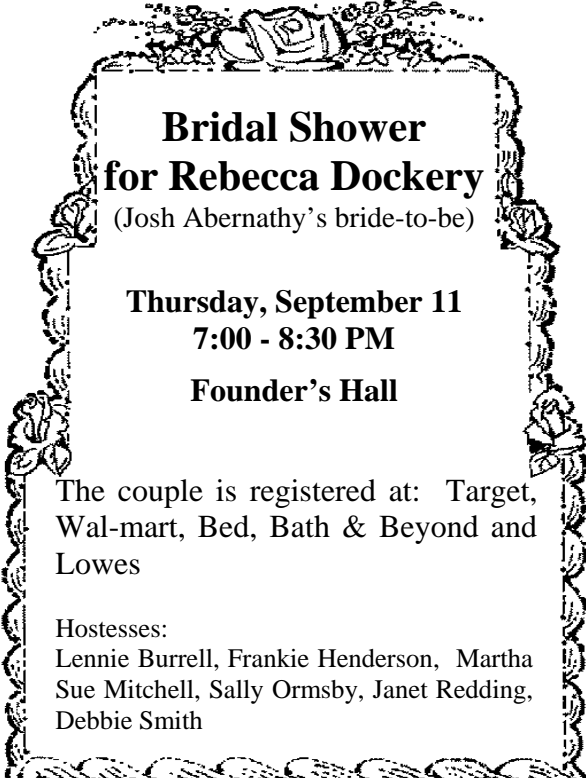
Saturday, August 30

7:00 Officer Training begins

Sunday, August 31

9:15 - 10:00 Sunday School Breakfast
10:05 - 10:45 Promotion Sunday Celebration in Founders Hall

Remember, do not go to your Sunday School Classrooms.



**Bridal Shower
for Rebecca Dockery**
(Josh Abernathy's bride-to-be)

**Thursday, September 11
7:00 - 8:30 PM**
Founder's Hall

The couple is registered at: Target, Wal-mart, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Lowes

Hostesses:
Lennie Burrell, Frankie Henderson, Martha Sue Mitchell, Sally Ormsby, Janet Redding, Debbie Smith