

Calendar

- Monday: **Labor Day** – Church office and Weekday Preschool closed
- Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos *Pirates of the Caribbean Night*
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Shiki
5:45 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter
- Sunday 9/9: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

Announcements

Catechism Club: Children in grades three through six are encouraged to attend Catechism Club, beginning next Sunday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to register.

Logos/MSM Program: The 2007-2008 Logos/MSM year begins this Wednesday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:45 p.m. in the church library for those parents who have not previously attended a Parent Meeting for the 2007-2008 Logos/MSM year.

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, or PYF will begin the fall schedule next Sunday, September 9. Seventh and eighth graders (Alphas) will meet from 4:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and senior highs (Omegas) will meet from 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Come and be a part of this exciting youth ministry and find out more information on the 2008 Mission Trip to Yakama, WA.

Congratulations to Brooke Cornelius and Mark Schmidt on their marriage on Saturday, September 1, that took place in our sanctuary.

2007 Labor Day Retreat

at



First Presbyterian Church
Mooresville, North Carolina

Camp Grier
Morning Worship

September 2, 2007

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 121

I will lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SONG: “Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living Sanctuary for You. (repeat three times)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

We have heard and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

*Lord I lift Your Name on High, Lord I love to sing Your praises,
I’m so glad You’re in my life, I’m so glad You came to save us.
You came from Heaven to Earth, To show The Way,
From the Earth to The Cross, My debt You paid,
From The Cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift Your Name on High*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-28

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Brothers, pray for us. Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

MEDITATION: “Hold On and Let Go!” Fred Coates

SONG: “Seek Ye First”

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened to you. Hallelu, hallelujah.***

***We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Hallelu, hallelujah.***

SENTENCE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SONG: “Father, I Adore You”

***Father, I adore You, lay my life before you. How I love You.
(V. 2, Jesus..., V. 3 Spirit...)***

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

***May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace; Courage in each endeavor.
Lift your eyes up and see his face, And his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever. Amen.***