

SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 1, 2010  
***Humility, Hospitality, and a Big, Big Banquet***  
 POWER-PACKED PARABLES FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL Series

SERMON TEXT  
**Luke 14:1,7-24 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely...<sup>7</sup>When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? <sup>9</sup>The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

<sup>10</sup>“Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup>For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. <sup>13</sup>Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

<sup>15</sup>Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. <sup>17</sup>When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ <sup>18</sup>But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’

<sup>19</sup>Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ <sup>20</sup>Another said, ‘I now have a wife, so I can’t come.’

<sup>21</sup>“The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ <sup>22</sup>After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ <sup>23</sup>So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. <sup>24</sup>For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’”

NOTES

Leadership of First Presbyterian Church

SESSION

Clay Brown, Moderator

Fred A. Coates • Tyler Domske • CP Chappell, Clerk

Class of 2010

Donald L. Fair  
 Donald F. Howie  
 Deborah L. Hyatt  
 Joyce S. Johnson  
 Thomas R. Kirkland, Jr.  
 W. Smith Kirk  
 Mark E. McNeely

Class of 2011

Mark E. Auten  
 Allen M. Brawley  
 W. Brent Curtis  
 Mary H. Fortanbary  
 Karen A. Shore  
 Paul S. Trimble  
 Harry Weyer

Class of 2012

William F. Brawley  
 Robert E. Campbell  
 Peggy B. Davidson  
 William B. Harris  
 James T. Newell  
 Elizabeth B. Rader  
 Mike Toma

DIACONATE

Janice S. Pluer, Moderator

Class of 2011

Bryan G. Cole  
 James N. Davidson  
 Thomas B. McMillan  
 Beth B. Sink  
 Mary Beth Stutts  
 Gene E. Vaughan  
 Lucinda Weyer

Class of 2012

Christopher Creech  
 Cindy T. Hitchcock  
 Susan Kendall  
 Timothy Malinovsky  
 Richard C. Nelson  
 Teresa A. Skeen  
 Amy Williams

PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor/Head of Staff  
 clay@moorevillefirstpres.org

The Rev. Dr. Fred A.H. Coates, Associate Pastor for  
 Congregational Care and Missions  
 fred@moorevillefirstpres.org

The Rev. Tyler J. Domske, Associate Pastor for Youth  
 tyler@moorevillefirstpres.org

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Alan Sledge, Director of Music  
 alan@moorevillefirstpres.org

Ellen Auten, Director of Christian Education  
 ellen@moorevillefirstpres.org

Nancy Kortright, Director of Preschool  
 nancy@moorevillefirstpres.org

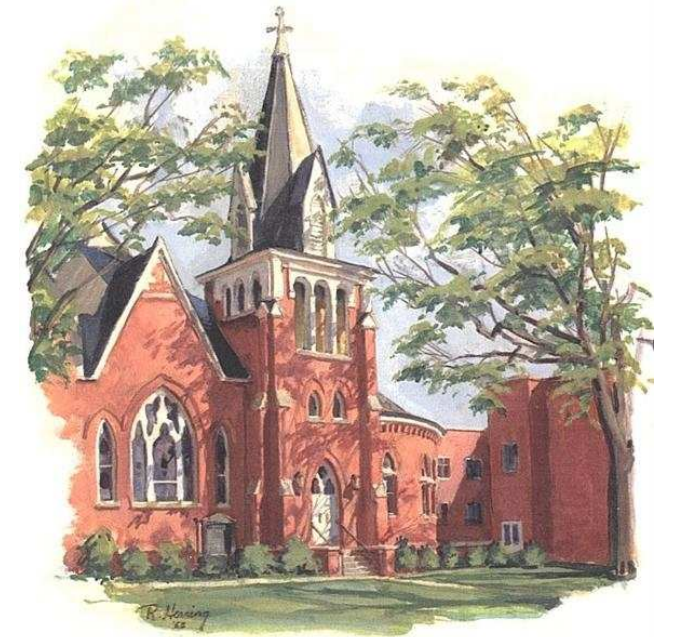
LuAnne Sledge, Treasurer  
 luanne@moorevillefirstpres.org

Nellie Goodman, Secretary  
 nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org

Billy Black, Sexton

Jerilyn Fair, Hostess

Christy Floyd, Organist  
 christy@moorevillefirstpres



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue  
 Mooresville, North Carolina 28115  
 704-664-5275 ♦ www.moorevillefirstpres.org

*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

August 1, 2010 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH Clay Brown  
 WORDS ON WORSHIP  
 +PRELUDE: *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Hamlin  
 Christy Floyd

ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Fred Coates  
 OPENING PRAYER  
 \*HYMN 669: *Jesus, Come, for We Invite You* SICILIAN MARINERS  
 +CHILDREN'S SERMON

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND GREAT COMMISSION  
 PROFESSION OF FAITH AND APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION AND BAPTISMAL PRAYER  
 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM  
 WELCOME AND BLESSING

## CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION  
CONFESSION OF SIN  
SILENT CONFESSION  
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
\*RESPONSE 734: *Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX

## PROCLAMATION

\*HYMN #635: *And Jesus Said*  
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:9-12  
This is the Word of the Lord.

DAISY HILL  
Bill Lackey  
Pew Bible, p.427 (OT)

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:7-24  
This is the Word of the Lord.

Sermon Notes

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: *Humility, Hospitality, and a Big, Big Banquet*  
POWER-PACKED PARABLES FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL Series

Clay Brown

## PETITION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES  
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.**

## DEDICATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Beck

Chancel Choir

I need thee every hour, Most gracious Lord: No tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

\*RESPONSE 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 559: *Here I Am, Lord*

\*INVITATION

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE: *God Be With You*

Rankin

\*POSTLUDE: *A Baroque Toccata*

Young

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

\*Please stand as you are able. +Latecomers may be seated.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor by the baptismal font following the service for information.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Frank Poore; Don Copeland; Rev. Joanne Hull and family; Helen Templeton; Peter Schlect, Erin Spielman's husband; Mary Voils Aven; EO2SW Laban Thompson; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; Maj. Scott Goodrich; Sgt. Michael Nygaard, USMC; LCpl Adam R. Loftin, USMC; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Chris Yeager, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Terry Stevens.

**Children in Action:** All rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend the final CIA activity for this summer, a trip to Discovery Place in Charlotte this Tuesday, August 3. Participants should be at the church by 9:30 a.m., and can be picked up at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for the museum, and \$7 for the IMAX Theater (optional). Bring a bag lunch and spending money (optional). Reservations are essential. Please call Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

**Camp Grier Congregational Retreat:** Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual Congregational Retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, over the Labor Day weekend, Friday, September 3, through Sunday, September 5. Come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures and additional information is available in the church parlor.

**"GriefShare" Groups Begin Thursday, August. 26:** If you are grieving the death of someone close, then a GriefShare group may be helpful. A GriefShare group meets weekly as a seminar/support group where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Two groups are forming at FPC for 13 sessions on Thursdays starting Aug. 26, one from 10:00-11:45 a.m. and the other from 7:15-9:00 p.m. Clay Brown will be the facilitator. You will need a workbook, available at the first session, at a cost of \$15. Advance registration is requested, so please contact the church office at 704-664-5275 or [nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org).

**Theme Hymn for Sermon Series:** The hymn "And Jesus Said" is the theme hymn for the series POWER-PACKED PARABLES FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL.

**Worship Orientation for rising first graders and their parents:** At First Presbyterian, children join their parents and our church family for the worship service once they are in first grade. The church offers a Worship Orientation for first graders and their parents as a way of preparation and introduction to worship. The worship orientation class will be led by Ellen Auten, and will be held in the sanctuary on Sundays, August 8 and 15, at 10:00 a.m. It is only necessary to attend one of the classes.

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1 - 8, 2010

PYF returns from Mission Conference  
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. - Camp Grier Retreat Meeting  
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - CIA to Discovery Place  
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir  
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Sunday, 8/8: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Orientation  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
5:00 p.m. - Diaconate  
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

**We are pleased to welcome** Gary Scott as a member to First Pres. He transferred in from New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston-Salem on Sunday, July 25 and resides in Mount Mourne. His address is P.O. Box 261, Mt. Mourne, NC 28123.