

The Bulletin Board

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September 2003

Special offering to benefit laid off workers

At the request of the Mooresville Ministers Association our Session has

authorized a special offering on September 21 for the purpose of assisting laid off workers through Mooresville Christian Mission.

Following the closing of Pillowtex and other area plants, Christian

Mission has had many requests for assistance from persons who are now out of work. Consequently, the resources at the Mission have been strained. Our loose offering on September 21, as well as designated gifts, will go to Mooresville Christian Mission to assist them with their ministry to persons who have recently lost their jobs.

The special offering for the national Logos Program received last month totaled \$753. You may still contribute to this special offering through the offering plate or in the church office, but please designate your gift for the National Logos Program.

Town approves sale of property

At its meeting on August 4, Mooresville's Board of Commissioners approved selling the tract of land which fronts on South Broad Street and is located between the building which formerly housed the auto parts company and the church's parking lot (the property measures 60 feet by 140 feet) for the appraised value of \$48,250.

Currently, attorneys for the Town of Mooresville and the church are preparing the legal documents to transfer ownership of the property, which will be signed on a yet to be determined closing date. The church authorized the purchase of this parcel of land at a congregational meeting on June 8.



Jennifer Jordan is new church hostess

At its meeting on August 24, the Session named Jennifer Jordan as church hostess.

Born in Atlanta and reared in Charlotte, Jennifer is an alumna of Myers Park High School and Central Piedmont Community College. She worked in and/or managed several restaurants in Charlotte and Lake Norman, and she taught in our church's Weekday Preschool prior to the birth of her youngest child. She is married to Andy Jordan, and they have three children—Taylor, Eliza and Duncan. Members of our congregation since 2000, the Jordans live at 855 East Center Avenue in Mooresville.

Jennifer, who loves to cook, succeeds Ann Manning who because of approaching surgery resigned the end of last May as hostess after serving ten years in that capacity. Ann had that expected surgery on August 26, and at press time was recuperating nicely at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. We are thankful for Jennifer's willingness to serve in this important position, and we pledge her our cheerful, cooperative and prayerful support.

Church Workday Saturday, September 6

8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
Work will be done on the grounds
in front of the church

New Members



Tom and Mary Anne Karriker were received by reaffirmation of faith and transfer from Antioch Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC. The son of Kenneth and the late Emily Karriker of our congregation, Tom is employed with Felton International, selling needleless injection systems for the swine industry. He previously managed a commercial swine operation in eastern North Carolina. A native of Salisbury, Mary Anne is currently the principal at Granite Quarry Elementary School in Rowan County. Before moving back to our area last year, she was a principal in Edenton, NC. They have three grown children and a six-month old grandson. They live at 955 Godbey Road, Salisbury, NC 28147; telephone 704-278-4018.



Terry and Pam Morrow and Erin Benson were received—Terry by profession of faith and baptism, and Pam and Erin by transfer from Back Creek Presbyterian Church, Mt. Ulla, NC. Terry owns and operates All Waterways Construction Company, building piers and docks, primarily on Lake Norman. Pam works out of their home taking care of the office work for Terry's company and also for Colony Investment Group (financing heavy equipment). While they both enjoy fishing, Pam also likes to read. Their daughter Erin is a graduate of West Rowan High School and currently is a junior at UNC-Asheville, where she is majoring in education and psychology. A Young Life leader who likes to travel, she completed a month's study at Cambridge University in England last

summer. This family lives at 10420 NC 801 Highway, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125; telephone 704-278-9536.



Amy Barnhardt was received by transfer from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem. Following the death of her first husband, she was married in 2000 to Jake Barnhardt, who united with our congregation earlier this year. Amy is a homemaker, and her hobbies include quilting (she is a member of the Mooresville quilting guild), gardening, and pottery. She and Jake both enjoy sailing. She has three grown sons and five grandchildren. The Barnhardts live at 129 Gainswood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117; telephone 704-664-5086.

Unfortunately, for some unknown reason, we were unable to download some of the pictures of our new members. Consequently, we will postpone introducing them in the newsletter until we are able to take new pictures of them.

Pathways 2003

Salem Presbytery's *Pathways 2003* training event will be held Saturday, September 13, at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. This training event offers a variety of courses to develop leadership skills for strengthening the ministry of the churches of Salem Presbytery. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and all activities conclude by 2:00 p.m. Contact Ellen Auten to register for the training event. Some of the workshops offered this year include: Children's Sabbath; Adapting to Changing Times in Youth Ministry; New Presbyterian Church Curriculum; New Trends in Adult Curriculum; God Given Gifts for Ministry; Sabbath: Recovering God's Gift of Rest; The Face is Familiar (Presbyterian Women's Bible Study); When Religion Becomes Evil; Searching for the "Perfect Pastor;" Hispanic Ministry; Waging Peace; Planning for Children's Ministry; Puppets: A Magical Ministry Tool; Congregational Spirituality; Health Ministry/Parish Nursing; Developing Group Support for Men; Commissioned Lay Pastor; along with several others. Brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and on the table outside the church office.

Salem Presbytery highlights

Salem Presbytery held its 59th stated meeting at Asheboro First Presbyterian Church on July 19 with elders Diane Harrington and Judy Jordan and pastor Ed Lewis attending. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Received three persons for ordination to the ministry: Ms. Dorothy C. Hunt as associate pastor at Greensboro First Church; Mr. Christopher S. Tuttle to Faith Church, Greensboro; and Ms. Elinor W. Wilburn to Spencer Church.
- Received transferring ministers: Rev. Neil W. Dunnavant as associate at Greensboro First Church; Rev. Caroline B. Grissette as honorably retired; Rev. Troy Leshner-Thomas to Pittsboro Church; Rev. William R. Sharman, III to Jamestown Church; and Rev. Jeffrey A. Smith to Mt. Tabor Church, Cleveland.
- Approved stated, interim, and commissioned lay pastor relationships.
- Required training and approval as prerequisites for commissioned lay pastors performing weddings in the churches they serve.
- Recognized Beth Utley of Forest Hills Church, High Point, for receiving her Christian Education certification.
- Approved the honorable retirement of Rev. David Knotts, effective August 1.
- Approved a minimum compensation package for ministers in 2004.
- Approved a policy for validation of ministries within the bounds of Salem Presbytery.
- Approved a policy for the reception of ministers from other denominations.
- Dissolved with thanks the administrative commissions for the Old Town and the Hope View/Buffalo Churches after receiving their final reports.
- Approved in principle a "Mission Design: Ministry in Higher Education," and elected Ms. Catreliia Hunter and Rev. Tom Miller as Salem Presbytery representatives on the North Carolina cabinet.
- Heard reports from commissioners to the 2003 General Assembly and Mid-Atlantic Synod meetings.
- Reported that our 2002 Sessional Records have been reviewed and approved.
- Heard a report on Hispanic ministries in Siler City, Greensboro and Winston-Salem.
- Adjourned to meet next on October 21 at Starmount Church of Greensboro.

Our most recent graduates

Our prayerful best wishes and congratulations are extended to our most recent graduates:

Andy Kutner graduated last month from Appalachian State University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and information systems. He is currently seeking employment in the greater Mooresville area.



Becky Rader recently completed her graduate studies and received a masters in counseling from Gardner-Webb University. She is currently working as a school counselor in the Iredell-Statesville school system.

College addresses wanted

Please inform the church office of members who are in college or prep school this year, along with their addresses and phone numbers. The church regularly sends bulletins and newsletters to our students who are away in school. In addition, volunteers in our church serve as "churchmice," keeping in anonymous touch with our students throughout the school year.



Session employs new hostess

Receives members, endorses commissioned lay pastor candidate, grants scholarship

Highlights of the Session's work since the last newsletter includes the following:

- Received Amy Barnhardt, Margaret Bradley (affiliate), Tom and Mary Anne Karriker, Jerry and Lottie Massey, Trent and Ruth Newell, Terry and Pam Morrow, and Erin Benson, into the membership of our congregation.
- Dismissed Myra Chislaghi to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Odessa, TX.
- Endorsed Diane Harrington for the Commissioned Lay Pastor program to be offered by Salem Presbytery during the coming year.
- Employed Jennifer Jordan as church hostess.
- Scheduled Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 9.
- Approved the Church School and Logos/Middle School Ministry teachers, leaders, curriculum and schedule for the 2003-04 year.
- Expressed appreciation to Wendy Vaughn for her dedicated service as coordinator of our worship service nurseries, on the occasion of her resignation.
- Named Vivian Rogers-Canon and Jennifer London as new nursery coordinators.
- Heard a report from Diane Harrington and Judy Jordan on their attendance to the meeting of Salem Presbytery on July 19 at Asheboro First Presbyterian Church and commended them for their diligence..
- Scheduled church suppers/lunches on October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 7, April 8, April 25 (lunch), and July 4 (picnic).
- Approved a procedure for the Session to study the book, *The Purpose Driven Church*, during the coming school year.
- Approved receiving a special offering on September 21 for Mooresville Christian Mission to assist persons in our community who have recently lost their jobs.
- Established a transportation fund to save toward the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the white van.
- Requested the Evangelism Committee to have persons available at the conclusion of our worship services for the purpose of praying with and for worshipers and/or assisting them as needed.
- Scheduled our next Vacation Bible School on June 13-16, 2004, at Prospect Church.
- Invited Renee Swope of Charlotte to lead a parenting seminar, "Mining for Gold in the Heart of Your Child," on Saturday, January 24, 2004.
- Awarded the 2003 Agnes Neel Scholarship to Carrie Johnson, a senior graduate student in church music at Southern Methodist University.
- Voted to remove the house and damaged tree at 313 West McLelland Avenue and to level the ground and

prepare it for sowing of grass.

- Asked the Finance Committee to recommend a plan to obtain ownership of the property on the southwest corner of Board Street and Center Avenue, adjacent to our church parking lot.
- Prayed for church activities, as well as members and friends with special needs.

Go to jail before proceeding

Members of our church lead a service every Sunday morning (with the exception of the fourth Sunday) at Gatling Juvenile Diagnostic Center in Huntersville. It is a grand opportunity for us to share God's love and truth with young people who have been detained by the legal system and are waiting for their court appearance. Members who currently volunteer include Diane Harrington, Phifer Johnson and Thermond Thompson.



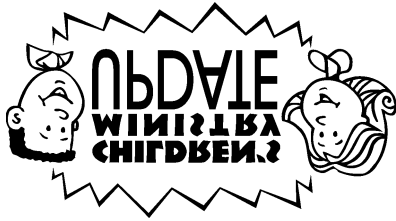
While additional volunteers are needed to help lead the services at Gatling, it is necessary for them to be screened and to receive orientation. The next opportunity for this screening and orientation will be on Saturday, September 13, 8:00-12:00 noon, at the central jail in Charlotte. If you want to volunteer or if you have questions, please call Thermond Thompson (704-663-5464) or Diane Harrington (704-664-6510).

A page from the library

Come to the library and get "plugged" into the power! Read: *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale. Also available are "The Power of Praying" series by Stormie Omartain, including *The Power of a Praying Mother*, *The Praying Wife*, *The Power of a Praying Husband*, and *The Power of a Praying Parent*. There are also three new books given in memory of Margaret Smith, Lois Kirk's mother.



Ellie Den Bleyker



LOGOS/MSM

Another year has begun with Logos and Middle School Ministry. We are celebrating 25 years of Logos and Middle School Ministry at FPC! Through Logos/MSM, young people and adults discover they belong to God. As they live in Christian community and grow in their faith, they find direction and purpose to their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year we have 85 children enrolled in the program and 45 adults who volunteer on a weekly basis. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have already put in time to train and prepare for the new year. This year's Bible teachers include:

- 1st grade Jackie Justice and Susan Williams
- 2nd grade Ellen Auten and Jamie Wright
- 3rd grade Eloise Brawley and Shirley Crowley
- 4th grade Janie Carpenter and Leeann DeCastro
- 5th grade Fronnie Gardner
- 6th grade Bob and Millie Amon
- 7th grade Allen and Connie Brawley
- 8th grade Ed Lewis and Fred Coates.

Valerie Mauney is leading up the recreation team with assistance from Maria Heilman, Brad Chappell and Jill Herring. Our fearless kitchen coordinator is once again Jerilyn Fair. Jan Hampton and June Tyson are helping to decorate and set our tables. Stacey Faulkenberry is leading our Nursery, assisted by Susan Williams, Leeann DeCastro, Jill Herring, Laura Auten and Martha Peacock. Sheryl Davis has assumed the new role of "floater," assisting in any area needed. Shirley Crowley, Leeann DeCastro and LuAnne Sledge are assisting Alan Sledge in Worship Skills. Table Parents include: Pat and Bedo Culberson, Jane and Steve Abernathy, Marilyn and Paul Beaver, Beverly and C. P. Chappell, Shirley Crowley and Martha McDonald, Sandra and Bill Harris, Cindy and Sparky Hitchcock, Sharon and Al Culp, Vickie and Larry Eddleman, Liz and Frank Rader, Connie and Allen Brawley, Jean and Fred Coates, Lucinda and Harry Weyer, Diane Crymes and Ed Lewis, Valerie and Scott Mauney, and Jamie Wright.

We welcome you to our 25th year and thank you for supporting your child in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

**Christina McElroy
Jennifer Boger**

September Logos/MSM

Wednesday meetings

- Wednesday, September 3 – "Horrible Hair" night
- Wednesday, September 10 – "God Bless America" night
- Wednesday, September 17 – "Bible Characters" night
- Wednesday, September 24 – "Groovy 60's" night

Logos/MSM choir schedule

- Sunday, September 21 – Logos choir (grades 1-6) sings in 8:30 a.m. worship service
- Sunday, September 28 – MSM bell choir plays in 11:00 a.m. worship service

All Saints' Eve Fall Festival

Be sure to put Friday, October 31, on your fall calendar for our congregation's annual All Saints' Eve Fall Festival. The event will be held in the fellowship hall from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and will include a hot dog supper, games, prizes, candy, popcorn, and costumed characters. This year's activities are being planned and coordinated by a team of volunteers, including Marti Estes, Jan Hampton, and Jackie Justice. Please contact one of these ladies or the church office if you are interested in helping or if you have suggestions for the evening. We will once again be asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and baked goods. More details will appear in the October newsletter.



New Member Class scheduled

Our next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, September 21, 4:00-6:30 p.m., in Room 300. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or want to know more about what it means to be a Christian and/or a Presbyterian, you are invited to attend. No reservations are needed. Casual dress is recommended.

God comforts the bereaved


Christian sympathy is expressed to members who have recently lost loved ones, including:

Paul Beaver and family in the death of his brother on August 8.

Rich Brown and family in his brother's death on August 13.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	 <p>Office and Preschool Closed</p>	<p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Cub Pack 166</p>
<p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 5:13pm PYF 6:00pm Personnel Committee 7:30pm Evangelism Committee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:00pm Library Committee 3:00pm Circle #1 - Parlor 6:15pm Blessed in Christ #3 in Session Room 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Circle of Faith #4 in the Parlor 5:30pm PYF Supper Club 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Cub Pack 166</p>
<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship Presbyterian Men Breakfast 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord Circle #6 3:00pm Nursery worker social/training 5:13pm PYF 6:30pm Personnel and Weekday Preschool Committees 7:00pm Christian Education and Commitment Committees 7:30pm Finance, Witness and Service and Worship Committees</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Presbyterian Women Council 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:30pm Saints Alive luncheon 5:30pm PYF Supper Club 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Cub Pack 166 7:30pm Women of the Word #5 at the home of Mary Fortanbary</p>
<p>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time 21</p> <p>7:15am Diaconate meeting 8:30am Early Worship - Logos sings 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm New Members class 5:13pm PYF</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Cub Pack 166</p>
<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship - MSM Bells ring 5:13pm PYF 7:00pm Session meeting in Room 300</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Cub Pack 166</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>m Logos/MSM m Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers at the Buttery and Beanery 8:00am Church work day</p>
<p>10</p> <p>m Logos/MSM m Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers 6:30pm Fun & Fellowship at Captain's Galley</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00pm PYF lock-in until 8:00am, Saturday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library 8:00am Gatling training day at Central Jail in Charlotte 8:30am Pathways 2003 at Parkway Presbyterian Church</p>
<p>17</p> <p>m "See You at the Pole" day m Logos/MSM m Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers 7:00pm Sisters-in-Christ #2 in the Parlor</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Saints Alive trip to Mabry Mill</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library</p>
<p>24</p> <p>m Logos/MSM m Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p>	<p>26</p> <p></p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library</p>

September

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Church School begins new year

Sunday, August 3, was Promotion Sunday at church school, and began our 2003-2004 church school year. We would like to welcome the following new church school teachers:

Infant nursery: Ashley Schaeen

Toddler nursery: Alice Garaas

2's & 3's: Victoria Garland and Liz Rader

All other classes have returning teachers, and the church school council would like to express appreciation to these dedicated teachers who so lovingly give their time each week to teach God's Word to our children and adults. Thank you!

Many thanks also to Jennifer Jordan, our outgoing church school superintendent, for her leadership in the church school over the past two years. She served as assistant superintendent in 2002, and as superintendent until August 2003. On behalf of the entire church school, we express appreciation to Jennifer for her diligence and leadership, even in the midst of welcoming baby Duncan into their family last September! Thanks also to Jennifer's husband Andy, and to daughters Taylor and Eliza, as well as little Duncan, for their help and encouragement, and for sharing their mom with us for two years!

Thank you to "retiring teachers" Ben and Melissa Beaver, Holly Crawford, Molly Deaton, Paige Ladd, and Thermond and Angie Thompson. We appreciate your hard work!



Welcome to new church school officers

Beginning this year, the church school superintendent and assistant will begin their terms in August, instead of in January. The church school began the 2003-2004 year on August 3, headed by superintendent Gretchen McLean-Bridges and assistant superintendent Valerie Mauney. We welcome Gretchen and Valerie to their new positions, and pray for guidance for them as they assume these new roles. Gretchen and Valerie will be available on Sunday mornings during the church school hour, and may also be reached at home with questions concerning church school.

Gretchen: 704-663-3509

Valerie: 704-663-7540

Food for Thought

Angie Toma of our congregation shared the following article with me, taken from her former church's newsletter, *Presbyterian Weekly*, a publication of First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia. It contains some interesting and thought-provoking statistics. Especially at this "new beginning" with children's school years and our new church school year, I would like to share the article with you.

"Take the number of hours that your son or daughter spends in school each day – an average of six hours. Multiply that by the number of days per year that children attend school – 180 days. It comes to nearly 1100 hours each year that your children spend in a secular classroom.

"Now add to that number the average number of hours that people watch television each day. It's over five hours each day! Multiply that by 365 days in the year. Over 1800 hours is spent in watching television each year. Add that to the 1100 hours in school and you have over 2900 hours each year that your child is being influenced by voices in our secular culture, many of which are unapologetically antichristian.

"Compare that time with the amount of time that your child spends in church learning the values and the truths of our faith. If your child attends worship services every single week, put down 52 hours. If your child attends worship once a month, put down 12 hours or whatever is accurate for your family.

"Add to that number another 52 hours if your child attends Sunday School every single week of the year. If your child also sings in a choir and attends every single rehearsal, add another 30 to 40 hours. Even when you throw in Sunday evening youth fellowship activities, add in youth retreats and mission trips, you'll find that the total amount of time the average child or teenager spends learning about our Christian faith is about one to three percent of the amount of time spent in watching television and sitting in a secular classroom.

"Consider: Are you taking advantage of every opportunity to train your children in the faith? Are you setting an example for your children by also attending?"

Ellen Auten

Camp Grier

Approximately eighty members of our church family are registered to attend the annual congregational retreat at Camp Grier over the Labor Day weekend. Be sure to read an account of the retreat in the October newsletter.

Saints Alive maintain busy schedule

Saints pick peaches in July

Thanks to Dick and Mary Fortanbary for making the arrangements for the Saints Alive summer trip to South Carolina to purchase peaches.



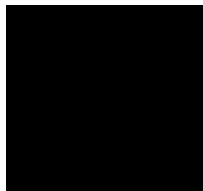
The group enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship on Friday, July 25, including lunch together in Rock Hill, and the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of peaches and produce at The Peach Tree in York, SC. Thanks to Ed Lewis and the Fortanbarys for driving the group.

Saints Alive travel from mountains to coast in the fall

Join Saints Alive on Friday, September 19, for a trip to see some fall foliage, gather some apples, and enjoy a meal together, as well as visit historic Mabry Mill on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., travel to Mabry Mill for a tour, and enjoy lunch together on the Parkway. Plan to return in the late afternoon. Contact Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

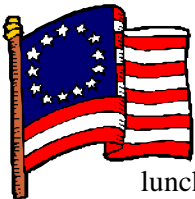


In addition to this trip to the mountains, another group of Saints Alive participants is eagerly anticipating the annual trip to Sea Island in Myrtle Beach on October 22-25. Fifty-two participants are registered for the trip. Letters will soon be mailed to registered participants concerning show reservations, transportation plans, and other trip details.



Saints Alive resumes monthly luncheon meetings

The monthly Saints Alive luncheons will resume following their summer break on Tuesday, September 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost of the luncheon is \$3. Saints Alive is our congregation's older adult fellowship group, and meets monthly, September through May, for a luncheon, devotions and a program on the third Tuesday of each month, along with monthly "field trips" to area points of interest. This month's luncheon program will be presented by John Andringa from Gastonia, who likes to be referred to as "Flagman." Mr. Andringa will present a program on



the history of flags, beginning with early American flags through the present. Please join the group on Tuesday, September 16; no reservations are necessary. We welcome our new church hostess, Jennifer Jordan, and look forward to working with her as we enjoy her culinary talents! Please contact Jennifer (704-799-9422) if you are available to help with meal preparations, serving, or clean up.

Nursery News

If you have children in the nursery during the Sunday morning worship services, you have probably noticed that there are two new faces to greet you when you drop your children off. Vivian Rogers-Cannon and myself are the new nursery co-coordinators for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. We began working in our new roles on August 3. As parents of children who have utilized the nursery for some time, we would like to express our excitement over this new opportunity to serve God and nurture His little ones in such a special way. We would also like to take the opportunity to express our desire to provide for the well-being of your children while they are in the nursery. In order for us to accomplish this goal, we need to get the remaining nursery openings filled. We still need adult workers for each of the following Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service: 2nd and 4th Sundays - 2 & 3 year class; 3rd Sunday - 4 & 5 year class. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please call Jennifer London (704-947-8837) or Vivian Rogers-Cannon (704-895-3226).



Jennifer London

Appreciation to Wendy Vaughn

The Session expresses appreciation to Wendy Powell Vaughn who resigned in July as nursery coordinator. Wendy worked tirelessly coordinating the nearly fifty nursery volunteers per month who provide care to our young children during the two worship services. On behalf of the entire congregation and especially the many families who depend on our nursery for their little ones, thank you, Wendy, for your faithful and dedicated service to our church!



Liz Rader

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in everything that you sing. John Wesley

Church music professor: Volunteers are the backbone of church music ministries

by Sara Horn

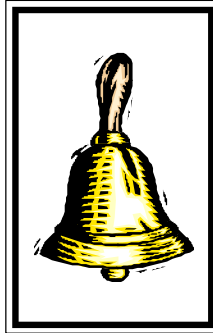
RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—By all accounts, little David was a holy terror at church. He didn't sit still, didn't listen and distracted other children. By the time he turned 5, his special behavior problems were causing teachers to take a year off from teaching before David came into their class.

Elaine, a busy career woman with grown children of her own, wanted to help with the children's music ministry, but had no time for preparation. So she volunteered to become David's "special friend." Each week, her job was simply to be with David during music class and help him stay focused. Through kindergarten, first grade and second grade, she remained committed to her special assignment. By the time David reached third grade, he had outgrown most of his problems.

"Special situations sometimes require special volunteers," said Martha Hicks, a church music professor at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo. "Elaine needed something she could just show up for, and this was her ministry. She not only was a help to David, but she also ministered to his family, which no longer had to be pulled out of their own classes to deal with David."

"There may be a child in your class who doesn't have a great home situation, and you're the one person that shares with them how much Jesus loves them each week," she said. "We may not see the benefits today, but who knows how God will use our seeds for tomorrow?"

Read the entire article @ <http://www.bpnews.net>.



HANDBELLS WILL SOON BE RINGING!

With the arrival of the Labor Day weekend, so come the ringers to the music room. **The Exaltation Ringers** will begin the fall season on Tuesday, September 2, from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. This handbell ensemble is a 5 octave choir for high school and adults. Experience is helpful but not a requirement.

The Genesis Ringers are the youth beginning handbell ensemble. This group is for 4th through 6th graders with no ringing experience. Transportation to the church from Mooresville Intermediate School is provided. The Genesis Ringers rehearse after school from 3-4p.m. The rehearsal day is TBA.

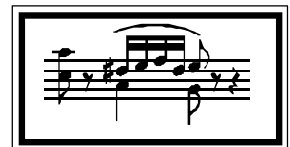
The Chapel Ringers are the intermediate handbell ensemble for 5th grade through middle school age youth. Prior ringing experience is required. Transportation to the church from Mooresville Intermediate and Middle School is provided. The Chapel Ringers rehearse after school from 3-4p.m. The rehearsal day is TBA.

LOGOS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BEGINS THE 2003 YEAR

This past Wednesday marked the beginning of the Logos and MSM programs.

The Logos Choir, comprised of 1st through 6th graders, began preparations for their participation in the 8:30 a.m. worship service on September 21, 2003. This choir will sing once a month and conclude the spring with a musical and an over night trip. We are in need of a few adults to help with choir robes on the Sunday mornings that we sing. Please contact me if you can be of assistance.

The MSM Handbell ensemble also began rehearsals last week. They will first participate in the 8:30 a.m. worship service on September 28, 2003. This group will ring once a month a month and finish the year with a beach trip in May.



Youth Page

"All the news that fits to print"

New PYF "season" gets underway

Regular Sunday night meetings to resume



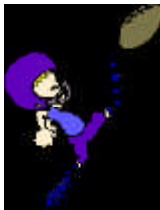
Sunday, September 7, is the date. The time is 5:13 p.m. (huh, what's with that? Come and see!). Our emphasis will be a bit different this year, too. We will have a new name for our Sunday night group. In addition to being known as PYF, we will be called... oops, almost gave it away... (you gotta come and find out!).

Each Sunday we plan to start off the evening with some special "activities" followed by a tasty snack supper and conclude with a study/program. We'll always be finished by 7:30 p.m., so you can get home for your "beauty rest."

In the coming weeks the Youth Council members will be leading us in lessons like: *Why should I care?* (9/14), *What can I do?* (9/21), *Making a difference globally* (9/28). You don't want to miss this.

Join us for a lock in!

Plan to join us on Friday night, September 12, for a special "PYF Kick Off" lock in. We will meet in the youth room at 10:00 p.m. to spend the night. By popular request, we will return to LaserQuest in Charlotte for some late night action (we'll have exclusive use of the maze). Afterwards, we'll grab something to eat at an all-night



restaurant (Denny's, IHOP, Waffle House, ???) and then we'll return to the youth room for some videos and more fun. Everything will conclude on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. (so you can go home and get some sleep). Cost is \$15.00 per person (includes LQ, snacks, transportation and your own special floor space). Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

PYF institutes new "50-4-5" plan

What in the world is this 50-4-5 thing?

Glad you asked! We want PYF to grow this year and decided some incentive might be in order. So here's the deal... if there are 50 youth in attendance for 5 consecutive scheduled Sunday night



meetings (beginning September 7), Harry Weyer will shave his head in a "mohawk" and Fred Coates will shave his head bald! If the criteria are met, then at the qualifying PYF meeting the hair will come off! Are you up to it?

Fall retreat at Camp Grier

Mark your calendars for the weekend of November 7-9. We are heading back up to Old Fort for a great weekend retreat.



There's no better place to be than Camp Grier! Retreat details will be available next month, but you can put it on your schedules now! You know you want to be there.

Supper Club continues on Tuesdays

We've already been meeting for a month, now, so this is just a reminder for you to join us for the Tuesday night "supper scene." You can find all the latest information on the church's youth web page at:

www.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.htm



or you can just meet us at the church at 5:30 p.m on Tuesdays. Supper is at various area restaurants ("Dutch" treat, i.e., you buy) and we conclude with a brief devotional time. Where else can you find food for body, mind and soul at the same time? Join us!

Whassup!?!

How 'bout joining us at PYF!?!

- SEP 2 - Supper Club at Roadhouse Grill, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 - PYF resumes regular Sunday meetings, 5:13 p.m. (NEW TIME!)
- 9 - Supper Club at Art's Jug, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 - WOW! PYF "Kick Off" lock in, 10:00 p.m..
- 14 - PYF at the church, 5:13 p.m.
- 16 - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m
- 17 - "See You at the Pole" day
- 21 - PYF at the church, 5:13 p.m.
- 23 - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m
- 28 - PYF at the church, 5:13 p.m.
- 30 - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m

Weekday Preschool

What a terrific opening Preschool is having this year, and the happy sounds of laughing and learning can be heard all up and down the hall! The children are busy identifying with their class mascot, learning classroom rules and the names of their new friends and teachers. Our mornings just fly by and there is barely enough time to squeeze in all the activities we have planned for them to do.

The children and teachers are particularly enjoying their outside time on our clean and refreshed playground. Thanks to the extremely hard work of a dedicated group of people, all equipment was pressure-washed, fresh mulch was donated by Ginger and Tony White, a new slide was installed, structures were repainted, pea gravel was spread in the walk-way, and in general "hard labor" was the rule of the day. My **heartfelt thanks** go out to Ginger & Tony, Melissa & Ben Beaver, Jerilyn & Don Fair, Warren Boger, Bruce, Struan & Michael Telford, Martha McDonnell, Will & Andrew McIntyre, Dave Culler and Scott Mauney for their efforts and to Laura Auten for keeping our nursery. It's a Herculean effort to get a school up and running and our dedicated teachers were putting in long hours, while others like C.P. Chappell did touch-up painting and Warren Boger cleaned our carpets. Thanks also to Billy Black for all his assistance and always being so **cheerful!**

September will be here before we know it and we look forward to receiving our **Firemen Friends** on Sept. 18 & 19, and **School Pictures** on Sept. 24-26. You will be receiving a letter from me detailing the days your child will be photographed. Our Bears and Bunnies will be treated to a visit from a Dog Trainer who will teach them how to care for their animals as well as tips on doggy manners.

Thanks to our wonderful parents for your great spirits and cooperation during our unloading and loading process. Please continue to read all communication that comes home with your child and prepare yourself for their **awesome** artwork! We are grateful for your support and, of course, for the gift of your little one. They are all so precious and we truly are blessed.

*With love,
Mrs. Nancy*

Missing a dish?

Please check in the kitchen for serving dishes that have been left over the summer from the 4th of July picnic, bereavement meals, "lemonade on the lawn," and various other church functions.



Calling all Churchmice!!



Students are in the process of moving into college dorms and beginning a year away from home.

We have received eleven volunteers so far to be churchmice, we need thirty-three more. Please help! Thanks so much! Please take a moment to consider "churchmousing" this year. It is a lot of fun and a special gift to our church.

If you are new and do not know what a "churchmouse" is, it is a secret friend to a college student, remembering this student monthly with a card, note, or care package. If you would like to serve your church in this way please call Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992. We are placing churchmice with students now.

Thanks,
Carolyn and Eleanor

Congregation welcomes new babies

Congratulations are expressed to Stephanie and Tony Woodring, 534 Beaten Path Road, Mooresville, NC 28117, into whose home was born a son, Joseph Jack Woodring, on July 22. Joseph has a big brother who is Sam.



Congratulations are also extended to Lisa and Jim Davidson, 19620 Tryon Street, Cornelius, NC 28031, into whose home was born a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Davidson, on August 26. Mary's big brothers are Will and Dan.

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