

# The Bulletin Board


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## Holy Week commemorates the passion of our Lord

The Lenten themes of self-examination and repentance find their culmination in Holy Week, April 4-10, this year, during which time we gratefully remember the passion and atoning death of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities for spiritual growth during this special week.

### Palm Sunday processional



All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, April 4. Children who would like to be in the processional should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship services. After the processional, children first grade and older may sit with their families, while the younger children may return to the nursery after the children's sermon.

### Maundy Thursday, April 8

Members and friends are encouraged to attend a Maundy Thursday fellowship supper at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This day takes its name from the new "mandate" Jesus gave his disciples to "love one another" and from the institution of the Lord's Supper to be done "in remembrance of me."

Hostess Jennifer Jordan and volunteers from Circle No. 4 will prepare and serve the fellowship supper, assisted by members of the Worship Committee. The cost of supper is only \$3 for youth and adults, \$2 for children.

After supper we will worship together, beginning at about 7:15 p.m., featuring the celebration of Holy Communion and a service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae means darkness, and during the service the lights are extinguished to commemorate the suffering and death of Christ.

We will have the opportunity to give our 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering, as is customary at our communion services. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers during the worship service. Plan to be a part of this special evening for food, fellowship, and inspiration as we dine with Jesus and walk with him to the cross, preparing for the celebration of Easter.



### Laying down your coat for Jesus

You are encouraged to bring your used or outgrown winter coats to church on Palm Sunday, April 4, symbolically "laying down your coat for Jesus," just as the people of Jerusalem lined his path with their cloaks and palm branches for the triumphal entry. The coats will be donated to the Lake Norman Children's Relief organization and passed along to needy orphaned children from Belarus, who plan to be in our area for six weeks this summer. In addition, coats left over from the LNCR clothes closet will be donated to Mooresville Christian Mission. As we begin to enjoy warmer temperatures and you pack your winter coats away, consider donating a coat as a visible symbol of outreach to others.



### Midday Services scheduled

Mooresville's annual Holy Week Midday Services will be held this year at Broad Street United Methodist Church, 355 South Broad Street, Mooresville, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5-7, 12:05-12:30 p.m. each day.

Sponsored by area churches and ministers, the services will feature different ministers and musicians each day.

An offering, which will support the ecumenical ministry of Mooresville Christian Mission, will be received at all three of the services.

Held during the lunch hour, the services are designed for members of the working community as well as others who are available during the midday hour. The public is invited to gather together to commemorate the events of the first Holy Week—the time between the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and his resurrection on Easter.



Once again the congregation is invited to contribute lilies at Easter in memory or in honor of loved ones. Place your order with the church office by Wednesday, April 7, making payment of \$9 per lily and providing information to be printed in the Easter bulletin.

## Easter egg hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 10

All children are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. Children should come first to the fellowship hall for refreshments and a special Easter puppet show, presented by the S.O.C.K.S. puppet group, otherwise known as the Middle School church school class. Children should bring their own baskets, and are welcome to bring friends! The event will be held rain or shine!

Members of PYF are helping with the egg hunt, and should come at 9:30 a.m. Saturday to hide the eggs. PYF members also plan to meet on Friday, April 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for an egg-stuffing party!



Donations of candy and plastic eggs are needed. Please leave donations in the box in the church office by Friday, April 9. Individual candy should be small enough to fit into a 2" plastic egg. Please call Ellen Auten if you have questions or if you would like to help.

## Baptisms scheduled on Easter

Baptism is next scheduled for Easter Day, April 11. Through the centuries Easter has been the favorite time for baptism, because the sacrament symbolizes our identification with Christ in his death and resurrection. If you desire baptism for yourself and/or your child on Easter, please notify the church office as soon as possible.

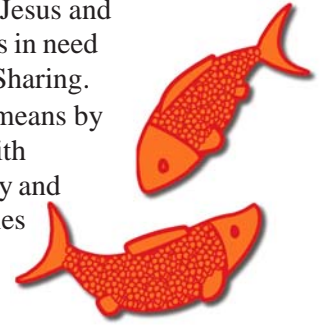
## Resetting your clocks...

Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, April 4. Remember to move your clocks forward by one hour so you will be on time for church!



## One Great Hour of Sharing is our Easter offering

For over fifty years Presbyterians have responded to God's love revealed in Christ Jesus and proclaimed that love to neighbors in need through the One Great Hour of Sharing. The special offering provides a means by which we work in partnership with Christians throughout our country and the world in projects and ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, hunger response and development.



This year the promotional material focuses on a couple of fish with the promise, "It's remarkable what your gift will do." The theme, "God uses all gifts for big purposes," is based on John 6:9 - "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" We will receive the OGHS on Easter.

## Margaret Bradley enters Church Triumphant

Margaret Bradley, who united with our congregation as an affiliate member last August, died on March 28, following a brief illness. Her funeral was held on March 31 at First United Methodist Church of Lenoir, NC, where she was a member. A retired elementary public school teacher, she moved to Churchill Assisted Living last year to be closer to her daughter Peggy Davidson of our congregation. We express our Christian condolences to Peggy in the death of her mother, to Jim Davidson and family in the death of his grandmother, and to other members of Margaret's family.

In addition, Christian sympathy is extended to others who have recently been bereaved, including:

- Christine Davidson and family in the death of her brother on March 4.
- Don Sink and family in the death of his stepmother on March 7.
- Liz Rader and family in her grandmother's death on March 13.

## Luncheon to honor confirmands

The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon on Sunday, April 25, at about 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall in honor of the young people who will be confirmed at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

## Session examines confirmands

### Extends Parish Associate contract

Highlights of the Session's work last month included:

- Examined confirmands and received them into the active membership of the church, pending their profession of faith before the congregation on April 25.
- Dismissed Alan, Gail and Greg Mayhew to Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church, Mooresville.
- Held a sessional planning retreat on March 20, and authorized a feasibility study of purchasing an adjoining property to the church.
- Approved the statistical report for 2003, a summary of which is printed in this newsletter.
- Made plans to lead in the Tenebrae Service and to serve Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Agreed to sponsor the farewell dinner for Lake Norman Children's Relief on July 18.
- Committed to participate in the Angel Tree Ministry, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, this Christmas, agreeing to purchase gifts for 40 children.
- Approved a special fund—needing between \$3,000 and \$5,000—to assist with expenses for a medical mission trip to the Mwandu Christian Hospital in Zambia this July, led by Dr. Mike Campbell.
- Agreed to print envelopes for the 2¢-A-Meal hunger offering and to invite the Rev. Jamie Pharr, Salem Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler, to visit and speak to our congregation about the hunger offering.
- Elected Beverly Chappell and Pat Culberson as representatives to the next meeting of Salem Presbytery on April 27 at Trinity Church of Salisbury.
- Scheduled a Church School teacher appreciation luncheon on May 2, with Carole Crews coordinating.
- Scheduled Christian Education Sunday and Church School promotion for August 1.
- Approved additional curriculum and staff for Church School.
- Approved PYF going to see *The Passion of the Christ* on April 3.
- Approved the calendar and budget for the 2004-05 Weekday Preschool year.
- Accepted the resignation of longtime Weekday Preschool teacher Kim Childers, and expressed appreciation to her for her dedicated and faithful service.
- Sent a letter to the Board of Pensions in support of disability insurance for Pat King, who resigned for medical reasons a couple of years ago.
- Renewed Tom Miller's position as Parish Associate for another six months, beginning April 15.
- Prayed for church activities as well as members and friends with special concerns.

## The Prayer Lady

Recently I was in Target with the "big guy." (You may know him as my husband Mickey, but here on Maplecroft Lake Lane he is simply the big guy.) We were buying cards and gifts for our sons, Robert McKenzie and Jon-Boy for Valentine's Day. I was looking for sleep pants, ever hopeful that my boys might wear them when visiting others' homes instead of their boxers. I was deciding between the pairs with the most hearts, while the big guy drifted off into the automotive section. He felt that car accessories might trump red sleep pants.



While I was debating between large and extra large, I was approached by a lady who asked, "Are you Sondra Pettus?" I quickly looked around as if the real Sondra Pettus might appear suddenly. It only took a second and I realized, silly girl, you are Sondra Pettus.

Of course I said, "Yes, I am Sondra Pettus," and she then asked, "Are you the prayer lady?" At that point, I could see the big guy approaching slowly, waiting for my signal if I needed help. I told the lady that I am in charge of the prayer chain at First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville.

"Do you need a prayer?" I asked. She proceeded to explain her request. I told her that I keep my prayer chain stuff with me at all times, and I would go to the car and get her request started immediately. She said thanks, and I said good-bye.

I gave my sleep pants with the red hearts to Mickey and told him to put away the car accessories. (It was Valentine's Day and I was looking for candy and red hearts.) He said boys are after clean cars and windshield wipers. I gave in and we got both. As I went to the car to start the prayer chain the big guy went to pay the cashier. When he joined me in the car I told him I had been called by lots of names: Teacher; Madame President from my PTA and Women Club days; coach; and committee chairman from my scouting days; and church elder...but next to you calling me your "darlin' wife," and the boys calling me "momma," The Prayer Lady might be my favorite name.

Here at First Presbyterian we have lots of prayer ladies and men. Do not hesitate to call them when you need a prayer.

Hope to see you at church on Sunday,  
*The Prayer Lady*  
704-896-7963

## Logos and Middle School Ministry

April 7 will conclude the Logos and MSM year.

We will go out with a bang at our Western Roundup. We will enjoy a good ole' Western BBQ and be joined by all of the Logos and MSM volunteers who have made this program so successful.

We invite all parents to come at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy our year-end slide show. It is always a lot of fun to see what a great time we have had, how much our children have grown and relish all of the wonderful friendships we have made.

By the time this newsletter is published, the Logos group will have returned from "The Trip." We are looking forward to performing our musical for the residents at the Pines and for the Sunday School classes at Carmel Presbyterian. We are also looking forward to having a great time at Ray's Splash Planet!

On April 4, the Logos choir and the MSM handbells will help lead our service at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please have all children in the choir room by 10:40 a.m.

The Confirmation Class has been very busy. They spent the weekend of March 27-28 at a retreat in Camp Grier. On April 25, the Confirmation class will be presented to the congregation and accepted as members of the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please be sure to attend this very special service to show your support for one of the most important moments in these young people's lives. This year's confirmation class includes: Meghan Abernathy, Kristen Campbell, Patrick Campbell, Keri Carpenter, Jennifer Crawford, Morgan Fair, Jordan Ferguson, Kate Gardner, Rachel Graham, Meghan Greene, Charlie Heilman, John-Patrick Justice, Kevin Kortright, Darlene Peacock, and Emmie Tyson.

Just because our Wednesday regular sessions end April 7, that doesn't mean all the fun is over-the MSM beach trip is scheduled for April 30 through May 2.

We cannot express our gratitude for all of the volunteers who made this past year's program possible. We are all blessed to have adults who are so generous with their time to help our children grow in their love of the Lord. We have approximately 45 volunteers who contribute on a weekly basis. We thank each and every one of you!

The staff of our church helps keep this program going every single week. They provide countless hours making sure every detail is well taken care of. Their commitment to continue to offer an excellent Logos and MSM program is crucial. We thank Ed Lewis, Fred Coates and Ellen Auten for providing experienced leadership and guidance for this program. Alan Sledge

has wowed us again this year by pulling more out of our children than we thought possible. We thank him for challenging us all to contribute to the worship of God through music. Billy Black and Jennifer Jordan are essential to the success of this program. These are two people that you may not see much because they are working hard behind the scenes. Every week Billy sets up all of the tables in the fellowship hall for our dinner and then cleans up all of our precious children's "mess" in the fellowship hall, the Bible classes and anywhere else their sweet hands have touched. Jennifer has certainly fed us well this year. It is not an easy task feeding 140 people every week, and she does it with a smile. Her kitchen has turned out nutritious, extremely yummy meals that fit in well with our theme every week. We also have been supported by administrative assistance from Jane Rutledge and Beth Mikels and the careful management of our money by LuAnne Sledge, our Treasurer. We thank you for your assistance with the details that need attention; we seem to have a lot.

We would also like to thank all of the parents and children for the dedication they have shown to the Logos / MSM program. We hope that the children have created relationships with their peers, other members of the congregation and Jesus that will last a lifetime.

It has been our privilege to serve as Directors of the Logos and MSM programs. We are honored to be able to serve our Lord through his children. We look forward to seeing you all next fall!

May God bless you,  
*Christina McElroy* and  
*Jennifer Boger*

## Church School teacher appreciation luncheon

All church school teachers and their families are invited to a luncheon in their honor on Sunday, May 2, at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Church School Council and Christian Education Committee want to take this opportunity to thank church school teachers



for their dedicated commitment to teaching God's Word throughout the entire year. The commitment to teaching Church School is often a family commitment as well, so families of the teachers are encouraged to attend as we honor the teachers. Teachers - please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, April 28.

## Nursery Volunteers

Nursery volunteers are needed for the 11 o'clock service for the 2nd Sunday 4 and 5 room (2 people), the 3rd Sunday 4 and 5 room (one person), the 4th Sunday Toddler room (2 people). Even if you don't have a child in the nursery, please consider helping one Sunday a month. Our young children love meeting new faces from the congregation and love getting to know new folks.

## Catechism Club

Participants in Catechism Club have recited up to question #87, as of Sunday, March 28. That means they are over halfway through the 150 questions. They are doing such a great job of memorizing and participating in classes for each lesson. We are so proud of the group! Keep up the good work!



Recognition of Catechism Club participants, along with rewards according to their progress, will be observed Sunday, May 16, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Parents, participants, and mentors will want to plan to be at the recognition service that day.

This month's Catechism Club schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, April 4 - Catechism Club - 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 11 - No Catechism Club (Easter)
- Sunday, April 18 - Catechism Club - 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 25 - Catechism Club - 5:30 p.m.  
Mentors attend - 6:30 p.m.

## Weekday Preschool

When spring finally decided it was time to arrive, we were overjoyed to feel the warm sunshine and hear peels of laughter from the playground. We are so thankful for our outside time, yet much is going on inside as well. Our halls are bursting with the children's beautiful kites and self-portraits, and more artwork is being created as I am writing. Soon we'll be a-flutter with butterflies, bunnies and colorful eggs. Our month was a busy one as our Fish found gold at the end of the rainbow, our Ducks cooked and snacked their way through a Food unit, and the Lambs came to school in their pajamas! The Bunnies and the Bears brought their own teddy bears for snuggling while they enjoyed a Teddy Bear Picnic in the Fellowship hall.

We're looking forward to our spring units on



gardening and Easter and talking about this glorious time of the year. We are inspired by the beauty around us and Jesus' words: "I am the light of the world."

We are planning to have the Easter Egg Hunt on **Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6 and 7**. Watch for notes from your child's teacher with specific details about times for this event. The spring class pictures will be available for viewing on those days. The Preschool will be **closed** from **April 8 through April 13** for Easter. Lunch Bunch for April will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> only.

Don't forget!! The **Spring Sing is April 29 and 30 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall** followed by a punch and cookie party. We surely love having your children and truly we are blessed.

With love,  
*Mrs. Nancy*



First Presbyterian Church has two scholarships available, which are offered each year to qualified high school graduates who attend an accredited college.

The Cora L. Freeze Scholarship is available to high school seniors graduating from Mooresville High School, Lake Norman High School, and South Iredell High School. Preference will be given to those planning to major or minor in education. Applications are due no later than April 30, 2004.

The Agnes Preston Neel Scholarship is available to students who are members of First Presbyterian Church with preference given to those planning to major or minor in music. Applications are due no later than May 28, 2004.

Applications are now available in the church office. Please see Scott Mauney or Mary Fortanbary for questions.

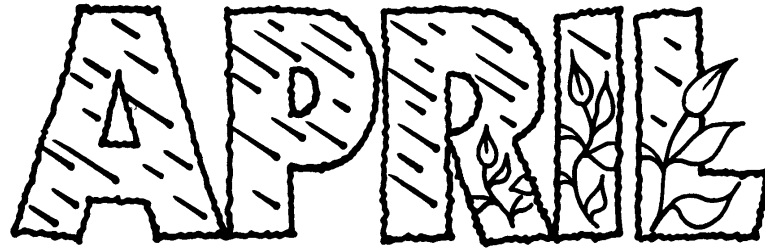
*Scott Mauney*  
Finance Committee

To: The congregation of First Presbyterian Church


We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all of your prayers and encouragement during the past year. As we dealt with treatment for cancer, your visits, gifts, and prayers gave us such strength and courage.



Thank you,  
*Pat and Phil Loftin*



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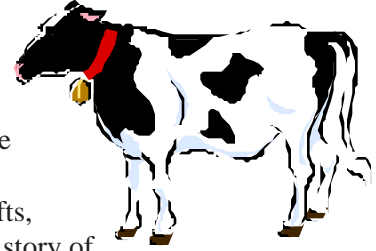
<p><b>Palm/Passion Sunday 4</b></p> <p>8:30am Worship                      9:45am Church School                      11:00am Worship - Logos and Middle School                      Ministry Choirs                      5:30pm Catechism Club</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:15am Men's Prayer                      Breakfast                      9:15am Through the Bible                      12:05pm Midweek Service                      1:00pm Library Committee                      5:30pm Daisy Troop 591                      7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166                      7:00pm Small group with Liz                      Price                      7:30pm Bible Study with Fred                      and Jean Coates</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30am Saints Alive trip to                      the Reynolda House                      12:05pm Midweek Service                      5:30pm PYF Supper Club                      6:15pm Exaltation Ringers</p>	
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<p>No Weekday Preschool</p>			
<p><b>2nd Sunday of Easter 18</b></p> <p>7:00am Diaconate Meeting                      8:30am Worship                      9:45am Church School                      11:00am Worship                      5:13pm PYF - Salteens                      5:30pm Catechism Club                      6:30pm Personnel Committee                      7:00pm Christian Education, Witness and                      Service, Worship Committees                      7:30pm Evangelism and Finance Committees</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:15am Men's Prayer                      Breakfast                      9:15am Through the Bible Study                      7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166                      7:00pm Small group with Liz                      Price                      7:30pm Bible study with Fred                      and Jean Coates</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>12:30pm Saints Alive                      luncheon in the                      fellowship hall                      5:30pm PYF Supper Club                      6:15pm Exaltation Ringers                      6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 619                      7:30pm Women of the Word                      Circle (5)</p>	
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<b>7</b> 2:05pm Midweek Service 4:00pm Logos/MSM 5:15pm Logos/MSM Banquet 7:30pm Chancel Choir		<b>Maundy Thursday 8</b> 10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers 6:30pm Fellowship supper and Lord's Supper		<b>Good Friday 9</b> 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt preparation in the fellowship hall		<b>10</b> 8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt	
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<b>14</b> 3:30pm Chancel Choir		<b>15</b> 10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers 5:30pm Girl Scout Junior Troop 939 7:00pm Sisters-in-Christ (2) in the Parlor		<b>16</b> 10:30am "Exploring Our Reformed Faith" study in the Library		<b>17</b> 8:00am Promise Keepers in Library	
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<b>28</b> 10:00pm Presbyterian Women Birthday Dinner 3:00pm Chancel Choir		<b>29</b> 9:30am Weekday Preschool "Spring Sing" program 10:00am Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers		<b>30</b> 9:30am Weekday Preschool "Spring Sing" program			
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# Vacation Bible School 2004

## Is There Enough? M.O.O.V.I.N. on Hunger

This summer's Vacation Bible School will be held June 13-16, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening, at Prospect Presbyterian Church, where we will join friends from Mooresville A.R.P. and Prospect Presbyterian for a time of study, recreation, music, and fellowship. This year's theme, "Is There Enough?" is published by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and focuses on Bible lessons dealing with hunger issues. The local planning committee has chosen the acronym, M.O.O.V.I.N. on Hunger, to further expand the theme, so look out for lots of cows and cow-related items as we look forward to Bible School!



Classes will be held for all ages, and lessons include the story of creation, God's provision of manna in the wilderness, the story of gleaning in Ruth, and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Each church is responsible for a "room with a theme," where activities related to the Bible lesson will take place, including crafts, games, and Bible lessons. First Presbyterian is responsible for two rooms - the story of gleaning from Ruth and the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. The adult class will be led by Jamie Pharr, Salem Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler.

Make sure you sign up for Bible School, either as an adult volunteer or a participant, using the registration form below. Please call one of the members of the VBS Planning Committee if you have questions:

Ellen Auten	704-664-5275, (church); 704-663-2494, (home)
Holly Brumley	704-278-0354
Paige Ladd	704-663-0907
Susan Williams	704-799-1330

### Vacation Bible School Registration

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Last grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies or medical concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Registration

Volunteer name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help in the following areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery (under 3 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preschool class helper (3-5 year olds)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Craft helper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leader/helper for elementary grades (specify age preference \_\_\_\_\_ )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decorate rooms with theme (Ruth, Loaves and fishes)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bible storyteller
- \_\_\_\_\_ Middle school/senior high leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with dinner preparation (Monday, June 14)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with registration (Sunday, June 13)

# Saints Alive

## Saints enjoy organ concert at March luncheon

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon was held on Tuesday, March 16, in the fellowship hall. Participants enjoyed a delicious Saint Patrick's Day lunch a day early! Along with the festive green shamrock decorations, the group enjoyed a traditional Irish meal of corned beef, cabbage, Irish potatoes, and cheesecake with mixed berry sauce. Ellie Den Bleyker presented the devotions, using a book entitled, *Walking Across Egypt*, and reminded the group of Jesus' teaching that doing deeds unto "the least of these" is the same as doing for him. Following devotions, we moved to the sanctuary and enjoyed a Lenten organ recital, presented by Emily Wallace, organist and music director at Myers Memorial United Methodist Church in Gastonia. We thoroughly enjoyed the inspiring musical presentation, and appreciate Tom Johnston's help in arranging the program.



## Saints planning overnight trip to Virginia

The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit sights in and around Roanoke, Virginia, on Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24. Following is a brief itinerary of the trip:



### Thursday, April 22

8:30 a.m. – Leave Mooresville  
Tour Poplar Forest (Thomas Jefferson's country home) and D-Day Memorial  
Dinner at Liberty Station in Bedford  
Spend night at the Peaks of Otter Lodge on the Blue Ridge Parkway

### Friday, April 23

Breakfast at Peaks of Otter  
Tour Virginia Museum of Transportation and O. Winston Link Museum  
Lunch at Roanoke City Market  
Dinner at Buck Mountain Grill  
Spend night at Holiday Inn in Roanoke

### Saturday, April 24

Breakfast at The Roanoker Restaurant  
Return to Mooresville

Cost is approximately \$160, and includes overnight accommodations and museum admission tickets. Participants will also be responsible for all meals and gas money. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

## Saints Alive group to tour Reynolda House and Gardens

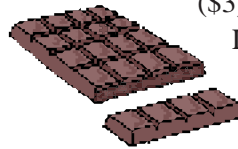
Members of Saints Alive are scheduled to tour Reynolda House and Gardens on Tuesday, April 6, leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning in the late afternoon. Upon arriving in Winston-Salem, the group plans to visit shops and eat lunch in Reynolda Village before touring Reynolda House and Gardens in the afternoon. Cost of the tour is \$7.

Reynolda House is the magnificent home of Katherine and Richard Joshua Reynolds, founder of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and was built between 1912 and 1917. The sixty-four room country house now houses an American art collection, and is a National Historic Property.

Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to sign up for the trip.

## April Saints Alive luncheon will feature "For the Love of Chocolate"

The April Saints Alive luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). This month's program, "For the Love of Chocolate," will be presented by Tom Johnston. Come learn about chocolate and enjoy some chocolate treats. (This program was originally scheduled for February, but was postponed until April due to bad weather in February.) All "senior" adults are invited to become a part of Saints Alive activities – monthly luncheon meetings, day trips, and overnight trips. The fellowship and encouragement is outstanding!



## Habitat for Humanity

The first Saturday of each month is a workday for Habitat for Humanity. If you can help in this area of outreach ministry, please contact Dell Dixon at 704-892-4874 or Fred Thomas at 704-483-0853.



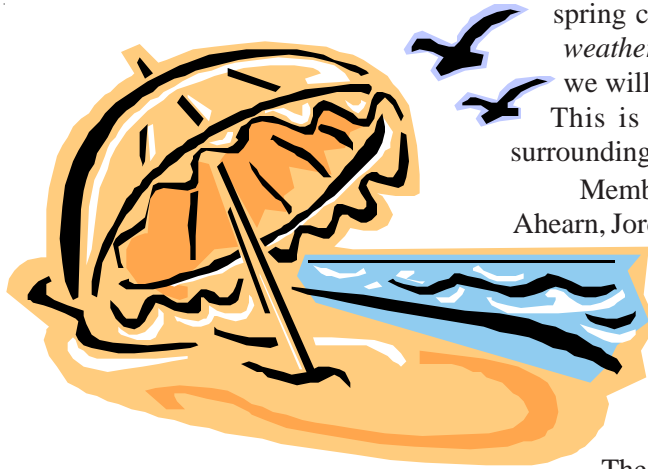
# Music Notes by Alan Sledge

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalms 51:15 NIV

## Middle School Ministry Handbell Choir to ring in Garden City, SC

Members of the Middle School Ministry will travel to the South Carolina coast for a weekend getaway at the end of the month. Departure will be as soon as school is out on Friday, April 30. The group will spend two nights at the Garden City Chapel and Retreat in Garden City, SC. While there, the teens will take advantage of the warm



spring coastal temperatures, (*that was an attempt to influence the weather*) as well as some of the local tourist attractions. On Sunday, we will participate in the worship service held there in the chapel. This is great opportunity to experience worship in different surroundings with new faces.

Members of the Middle School Ministry making the trip are: Abby Ahearn, Jordan Alexander, Ryan Alexander, Cody Brown, Logan Bates, Patrick Campbell, Keri Carpenter, Hunter Crawford, Jennifer Crawford, Donovan Fair, Morgan Fair, Katie Gardner, Meghan Greene, Rachel Graham, Charlie Heilman, Marshall Horsman, John Patrick Justice, Kevin Kortright, Caroline Ladd, Darlene Peacock, Graham Sledge, and Neil Trimble.

The choir is preparing an anthem for the trip as well as finishing preparations for their role in the Palm Sunday service here at First Presbyterian Church. In combination with the Logos Choir, the Middle School Ministry Handbell Choir will lead the congregation in music on Palm Sunday, April 4. May their preparation and presentation be a blessing to all who hear.

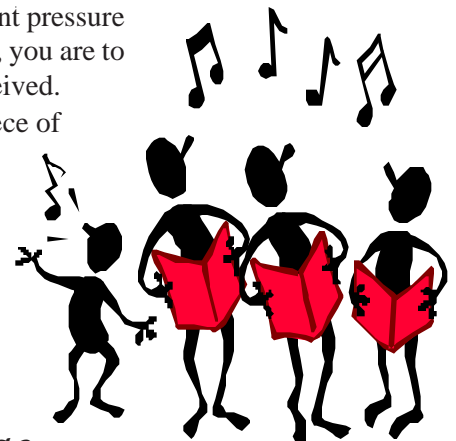
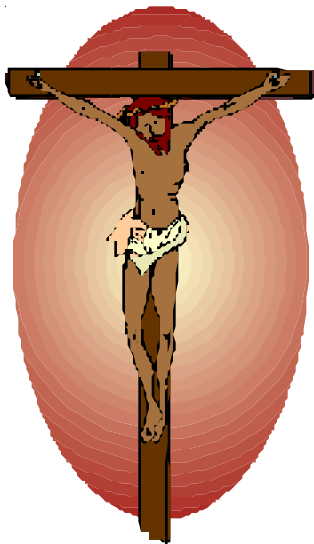
Dear Logos parents,

One of the ingredients of a successful choir year is the support you parents provide. Attendance has been exceptional, both Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Faithfully fulfilling a commitment of this type has helped the Logos Choir more nearly reach its optimum in music development, as well as teach the children responsibility, dedication, and character - qualities to be treasured.

For the priority you gave to our Logos program in your family schedule, which helped to foster great attendance, I personally thank you. With the complexity of family schedules and the constant pressure to put church activities in a secondary position, you are to be commended for the high priority Logos received.

Our trip to Charlotte was just another piece of the Logos puzzle. It was a huge success, with rave reviews for the children's behavior, musicianship, and dedication to a project as large as a full scale musical. We will end this year on Palm Sunday, April 4, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Logos Choir will join with the Middle School Handbell Choir to lead music for this special service.

Alan Sledge



# The Youth Page

Web page: [www.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.htm](http://www.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.htm)



## Passion Event planned

**Saturday, April 3**

The PYF retreat at Camp Grier had to be rescheduled again (Sorry!). However, in its place, we have planned a special "Passion Event" to be held on Saturday, April 3. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. (eat lunch before you come) to prepare ourselves to go see the new Mel Gibson film, *The Passion of the Christ* (cost \$5 per person). After some initial preparation, we will leave at 2:15 p.m. for the AmStar14 theaters in Mooresville to attend the 2:40 p.m. screening. Following the film, we will return to the church to "debrief" and discuss it. Supper will be provided (at no charge) and an *optional* viewing and discussion of the film, *Godspell*, will follow. We will conclude everything by 8:00 p.m.

Permission slips have been mailed to all the PYF parents (the film is rated "R"). We hope that the film will provide an opportunity seriously to consider the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus as a part of our Lenten observance.



## Youth Conference 2004 "Lost and Found"

Don't be left out! Space is really at a premium again this year, so we need to know now if you would like to participate (several of you have already made your reservations... thanks!). The 2004 Senior High Youth Conference week will be one of the best weeks of your summer... but only if you are there! Our conference dates this year are July 11-17.

We will be staying in the Jordan Apartments on Kentucky Avenue and sharing our housing with the group from Sharon Presbyterian (as we have done several years, now). We will eat our meals at the Assembly Inn. Cost of the week is \$400 which includes lodging, most meals, transportation, and conference fees (NOTE: scholarship help is available for those who could not otherwise attend). Spending money is, of course, extra. Plan to join us now A \$100 deposit will hold your spot. Send it today!

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you will be in the *9th grade next school year you are eligible to attend the MYC this summer!*

Contact Fred Coates NOW to reserve your spot or send your registration information to:  
[MYC2004@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:MYC2004@moorevillefirstpres.org)

## Mission Trip Reminder!

**PYF Trip set for June 27-July 2**

It's going to be a great opportunity! PYF is sponsoring a mission trip this summer to rural Tennessee (the Newport area in the eastern part of the state), *and it's open to youth in grades 7-12!* We only have 15 total spots available and they are filling up quickly!



The trip starts on Sunday, June 27 and continues through Friday, July 2.

We will be travelling to Tennessee in vans, sleeping on the floor of a local facility along with groups from several other churches (including a group from Charlotte) and we will be helping with a variety of local projects. We may be painting houses, clearing property or any number of other things to help the less fortunate in the area.

The cost of the week is \$250 per person for transportation, meals and lodging. Spending money, of course, is extra. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot. If you are interested in going and have not registered, contact Fred Coates or send an email to:

[MISSIONTRIP@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:MISSIONTRIP@moorevillefirstpres.org).

## April ...

Spring has sprung and there's much to be done! Make plans to be at PYF this month a be a part of the excitement!

**Apr 3** - PYF "Passion Event" 12:30 p.m.

**4** - Palm/Passion Sunday (no PYF)

**6** - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m.  
(see web page for location)

**11** - HAPPY EASTER!! (no PYF)

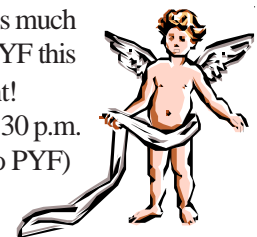
**13** - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. (see web page)

**18** - PYF, 5:15-7:30 p.m.

**20** - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m (see web page)

**25** - PYF, 5:15-7:30 p.m.

**27** - Supper Club, 5:30 p.m (see web page)





## Congregation's 2004 statistical report

### Membership

Active members, January 1	890
Gains	
Profession and reaffirmation of faith	22
Certificate	26
Losses	
Certificate	6
Death	9
Other Losses	96
Total active members, December 31	827

### Baptisms

Children	7
Adult	6

### Church School Enrollment

483

### Finances

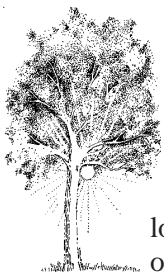
#### Receipts

Regular contributions	\$589,268
Capital/Building/Investment	79,073
Bequests	2,300
Other	97,327
Total receipts	\$767,968

#### Expenditures

Local program	\$593,818
Capital expenditures	217,308
Benevolence	83,134
Total expenditures	\$894,260

## New tree planted



The Board of Deacons planted a willow oak last month on the Academy Street side of the church lawn in front of the manse. Anyone who would like to donate that tree at a cost of \$240, perhaps in memory or in honor of a loved one, is asked to notify the church office or treasurer LuAnne Sledge.

## *Commitment Corner*

### Building Fund

After our restoration project on the sanctuary and educational building was completed and paid for with the special Spirit of Restoration Fund, the Session established a building fund. This fund, which is outside of our operating budget and was never intended to replace anything that our regular budget includes, is to be used to purchase major capital items. Example of its use would be to help purchase a new heating and air conditioning system if it broke without warning and was not budgeted to be replaced, or any major building repair that came in unexpected and had never been budgeted. It also can be used to purchase property and update, clear, and build new facilities for the church.

We hope that, without affecting what you give to the church for its operating budget and needs, that you will keep this fund in mind when planning your benevolent contributions to the church. This fund is in place for memorials, special gifts, bequeaths from estates or for anyone who would like to give to a particular project that the church hopes to undertake.

Thank you,  
Finance Committee

## Camp Grier

Camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, June 13 through July 30 for children in rising second through twelfth grades, with volunteer opportunities available for adults. A free Camp Grier t-shirt will be given to all campers whose total camp fees are received before April 30.



Brochures are available in the church office; scholarship help is available upon request. You may find information about Camp Grier at its website: [www.campgrier.org](http://www.campgrier.org).

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