

The Bulletin Board

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July - August 2004

Fred Coates and congregation celebrate 25 years together

Fred Coates was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church and installed as our Associate Pastor on July 15, 1979.

That was 25 years ago. The congregation celebrated that special anniversary during the worship services on July 11.

The search committee which nominated Fred—Mitchell Mack, chair, David Beaver, Reid Brodie, Pat Culberson, Christine Davidson, Dan Powell and Carolyn Thomasson—was identified and thanked again.

Then words of appreciation were expressed to Fred by Mitchell Mack, followed by John Amon at the 8:30 a.m. service, and David Beaver, Pat Culberson and Harry Weyer at the 11 o'clock service. After a standing ovation for Fred and his wife Jean, Ed Lewis presented Fred with a bottle of brew called "The



Reverend" on which were inscribed words descriptive of Fred: *Created by God; Feared by Satan; Loved by All.* At the 11 a.m. service, Ed presented Fred and Jean with a love offering given by the congregation in the amount of \$8540.

After Fred led a celebration of the Lord's Supper and pronounced the benediction, the festivities were concluded with a reception in honor of Fred and his family on the church lawn.

Fred, thank you again for your faithful and dedicated service to our

Lord and to our congregation these last 25 years! We look forward to the future as we continue to serve God together in this community and throughout the world.

Summer sermon series continues

Throughout the summer, our pastors have been preaching a series of sermons entitled *Alphabet Soup for the Soul: A Second Helping*. The "first helping" was served throughout the summer of 2001, a series of sermons which sparked considerable interest and conversation in our congregation and community. We are dishing out a "second helping" this summer—with some repeat letters but all new themes. The *Alphabet Soup* series for the rest of the summer features the following sermons:

July 18 The "J" Word
July 25 The "K" Word
August 1 The "M" Word
August 8 The "P" Word



August 15 The "R" Word
August 22 The "S" Word
August 29 The "T" Word
September 5 The "W" Word

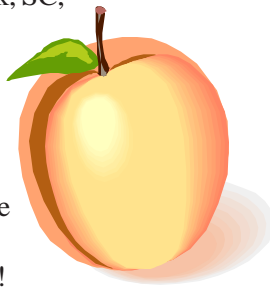
Another feature of our worship services this summer is a more casual atmosphere, characterized by informal singing and comfortable dress. Throughout the summer, lemonade and friendship is served on the lawn immediately following both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Church School is held at the usual time of 9:45-10:40 o'clock.

Hopefully, you will be present each Sunday you are able in order to deepen your relationship with God and with other members of our congregation. In addition, remember to invite friends and neighbors—especially those who are unchurched and/or newcomers to our area—to attend with you.

News from Saints Alive

Saints to go for peaches

The Saints Alive group plans to leave for annual “peach-picking” trip to South Carolina on Monday, July 26, at 9:00 a.m., returning mid-afternoon. Actually, our peach-picking involves gathering peach baskets at The Peach Tree in York, SC, but we enjoy it anyway, and it’s not nearly as tiring as climbing up in a peach tree! We always enjoy a wonderfully relaxing day of sampling and buying peaches, and talking about all the delicious things we’re going to make with our peach purchases! Following the peach-buying and sampling we will stop for lunch at the J & K Cafeteria in Rock Hill.



Saints plan beach trip

The annual Saints Alive trip to Sea Island Inn in Myrtle Beach, SC, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, through Saturday, October 2. Reservations have been made, and deposits of \$60 per room are due by Thursday, July 15.

Rates include three nights’ lodging, three breakfasts and dinners, taxes and tips (does not include luggage handling), and are as follows:

Double room: \$523.86

Single room: \$392

Please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible if you are interested in this trip.



Saints Alive Reminder

There will not be a Saints Alive luncheon in July or August.

**Next luncheon:
Tuesday, September 21**

A Call for all Churchmice!

It is time to start thinking about being one of those “secret” churchmice at First Presbyterian. If you are new to our church this is a program designed for our college students living away from home. Each student is placed with a “secret” mouse who remembers them each month with a card, letter, or care package to let them know our church loves them and is thinking of them. You may not hear from the student as often as you like but this program is a gift to our church. The students do appreciate it so much and some lasting friendships are formed. Please consider doing this for our students and church. If you are interested please call: Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992. Thanks!



Special offerings support missions

Our church received a special offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 30, for the PYF mission trip to Newport, TN, on June 27-July 3 in the amount of \$3,254.00.

Special gifts to help support the medical mission teams to Mwanzi, Zambia, in July totaled \$5,048.00. Our own Mike Campbell, Catherine Campbell and Laura Culp are part of the second team, arriving in Mwanzi around July 18.

As reported on page 1, the love offering for Fred Coates and his family totaled \$8540.00 when this newsletter went to press.

Appreciation is expressed to all who contributed to these special offerings, as well as those who regularly and faithfully support the worship and work of our church. Our church’s ministry is dependent on your generous support!

Worship Workshop to be held August 8 & 15

Workshop for 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, and the church offers a Worship Workshop for first graders and their parents as a way of preparation and introduction.

This class is a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to our church's worship, and to help parents explain various aspects of the service to their children.

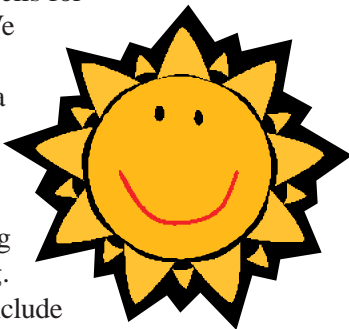
The worship orientation class will be led by Ellen Auten, and will be offered on two dates: Sunday, August 8, and Sunday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 324. The class will be identical on these days, so it is only necessary to attend one class. Regular church school classes will also be offered for first graders on both August 8 and 15.

Children in Action to enjoy two more activities

Children in Action is certainly living up to its name - "action." The group of rising first through sixth graders has enjoyed a wide variety of activities already this summer, with two more still to come. We enjoyed two swimming outings, and send our thanks to the Carpenters and the Kidwells for the use of their pools. We also enjoyed a wonderful day at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, and at the CPCC Summer Theatre production of *Honk, Jr.*, an entertaining story of the ugly duckling.

Trips still planned include a trip to the Charlotte Nature Museum on Tuesday, July 20 (10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; cost \$5) and a trip to the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia on Tuesday, July 27 (10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; cost \$3), where we will see a special presentation, *Snakes Across America*.

Thanks to the following people who have served as chaperones and/or drivers for our activities: Jim and Susie Belcher, Holly Brumley, Janie Carpenter, Beverly Chappell, Leeann DeCastro, Jill Herring, Jennifer Jordan, Mary Kidwell, Valerie Mauney, and Susan Williams.



A page from the library

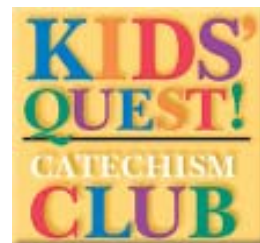
The Dewey Decimal System is based on a classification by subject matter. This system was devised by Melvin Dewey in the 1870's to organize his own library. Numbers 230-259 deal with Christianity, e.g., *Devotions for A Deeper Life*, *A Christian Primer*, *There's Hope*, and *The Holy Spirit*.



Ellie DenBleyker

Catechism Club to begin a new year

Catechism Club is scheduled to begin a new year, with a few changes from this past year's schedule. We are planning to offer the course during the fall and the spring, spreading out the memory work and lessons over a longer period of time. We are also changing the age group of participating children to third grade through sixth grade, with the exception of second graders who participated last year. The class will be held from 5:30-6:15 p.m., with supper (\$1 per person) to follow the class. This fall's schedule is as follows:



Class meetings:

Sunday, September 12, 19, 26
October 10, 17, 24
November 7, 14, 21
December 5

Registration will take place in August - be looking in the bulletin for more information, or you may call Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) in the church office.



Logos plans leadership training school

Logos/MSM leaders will be attending a Logos Leadership Training School at Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte on September 9 - 11. Ellen Auten, Jennifer Boger, and Valerie Mauney have already registered. Others involved with our Logos Program are encouraged to do likewise - recreation leaders, Bible teachers, parents--any interested members of our church family! Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending the leadership school.

News from the Weekday Preschool

It seems like it was just a moment ago that we celebrated with our 4 year olds, dressed in caps and gowns with their tassels swinging on graduation day. What a happy occasion, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who came to cheer the children on and make the day a memorable one. We pray for our little ones as they go forth and thank **them** for all the memories they have left with us.



Well, the summer just flew by again, and I thought about all of you and your little ones putting your toes in the sand, swimming, eating ice cream, playing T-ball and relaxing these last two months. I hope it was a happy and memorable family time for everyone, and that you are anxiously anticipating the start of Preschool.

We are already hard at work preparing for the opening of school, and you should have received my letter indicating your child's class assignment and the dates of "Sneak-a-Peek." The orientation is as follows:

Monday, August 16, 9:30	M,W,F	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears
	M, T, TH	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears
	M,W,F	2 and 3 yr. old Fish, Ducks and Lambs
Tuesday, August 17, 9:30	T, TH	2, 3 and 4 yr. old Fish, Ducks, Lambs,
	T,W,TH	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears
	*M-F	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears may attend either day.

As I mentioned in my letter, this is an opportunity for your child to see his/her classroom, teachers and new friends. The parent meeting, which is mandatory, is a chance for us to go over the school policies and hopefully answer any questions you may have. I am, of course, available to you anytime either at the Preschool (704- 664-2701) or at home (704- 664-3069). Our first full day of school will be **August 18 from 9:00-12:00.**



I do have a request for something you can do to help the Preschool. If you shop at Harris Teeter please register with the **Together in Education** program for First Presbyterian Preschool with the number **4317**. You only need to register once and then we automatically benefit each time you shop.

We look forward to seeing you and your little one(s). We share your hopes and dreams, and we will work hard to make this a wonderful year.

With love,

Mrs. Nancy

Vacation Bible School "moooves on hunger"

This summer's Vacation Bible School, *Is There Enough: Moovin' on Hunger,* was a great success, thanks to the combined efforts of many church members and friends. Thanks to all who participated and to all who volunteered their time at Prospect for wonderful lessons on hunger issues.

This year's mission project was to collect money to send to Heifer Project International. During the four nights of Bible School we collected a total of \$900, which was used to purchase the following:

1 heifer	\$500
5 chickens	\$20 each (\$100)
1 goat	\$120
1 pig	\$120
trees	\$60



Thanks to everyone's generosity, we did a lot of "moovin" on hunger, and were able to contribute tangibly to the needs of others around the world. In addition, our canned food drive was a huge success, with boxes and boxes of canned goods and non-perishable food items donated to the Soup Kitchen and Mooresville Christian Mission. Both groups were most appreciative. And the youth class (grades 7-12) cooked an entire meal one evening to be donated to the Soup Kitchen. Thanks for sharing!

Next year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled to be held here, and we are already making plans for a Marketplace Bible School. See you next year for another great Bible School adventure!

Combined church school class to meet in July

All adult, middle school, and senior high church school classes are invited to a special church school series during the month of July. The class is held in the fellowship hall from 9:45 - 10:40 a.m., and includes light refreshments and singing, along with the class session.

This year's topics are as follows:

July 4 - A Celebration of Freedom

A look at our nation's history through drama and patriotic songs

July 11 - Christmas in July

A look at Christmas, focusing on Chrismons and ideas to make Christmas more meaningful and Christ-centered

July 18 - Online in Mwandi

Fred Coates will reflect on his recent trip to Mwandi, Africa, and his internet project

July 25 - Gerry Mills, speaker

Gerry is a retired Presbyterian minister from Waxhaw, who also led our 2004 Lenten Bible study

College fellowship lake outing

Attention all college students!

Things to do before heading back to college:

1. Pack
2. Stock up on paper and notebooks
3. Buy stamps
4. Go shopping for new stuff
5. Go to College Fellowship

lake outing

All college students and recent high school graduates are invited to a lake outing at the home of David and Lynn Brooks, 117 Cromdale Lane, Troutman (704-528-4198), on Saturday, July 31, at 4:00 p.m. Come for lake activities and just "hanging out" with friends new and old! Supper will be a real treat, as David has volunteered to fix his famous barbecue chicken for the occasion, along with side dishes and dessert. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) if you plan to attend. Come one and all!



Camp Grier

The place to be in 2004

The first summer camping session at Camp Grier began Sunday, June 13, and it is

not too late to sign up for a week of fun in the mountains!

Please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible to check on camp availability and camp scholarships. Camp Grier offers camping programs for children in rising second

through twelfth grades, with volunteer opportunities available for older youth and adults. Information about Camp Grier is also available at its website: www.campgrier.org.

Following is a list of campers and the weeks they are attending camp:

July 11-16

Cherokee Lodge:

Carson and Maclean Bridges

July 18-23

Cherokee Lodge: Nell Herring

In addition, the following are serving on the **Camp Grier Staff** all summer:

Mary Ellen Auten, Kelly Brinton, David Lackey



Church School Promotion




Promotion Sunday/Christian Education

Sunday scheduled for August 1

Church School Promotion Sunday will be held Sunday, August 1, at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All church school classes are invited to attend the special activity, which should last approximately fifteen minutes. Teachers will be introduced, second grade students will receive Bibles, and we will enjoy some singing together before being dismissed to classes. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition, Christian Education programs and workers will be recognized during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
JULY 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School including combined class 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Executive & Nominating Committee	19	20 10:00am CIA to Charlotte Nature Museum 5:00pm PYF to Lazy 5 Ranch
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School including combined class 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Session meeting	26 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166	27 10:00am CIA to Schiele Museum 5:00pm PYF to Hickory Crawdads game
Education & Promotion Sunday 1 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Youth Council planning meeting Logos/MSM Registration in parlor 	2 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166	3 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at CiCi's Pizza
8 8:30am Early Worship and Men's Breakfast 9:00am PYF outing to Emerald Pointe 9:45am Church School and New Member Class 10:00am Worship orientation for 1st graders 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Logos/MSM Parents meeting 6:30pm Weekday Preschool committee 7:00pm Christian Education committee Logos/MSM Registration in parlor	9 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	10 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Lancaster's BBQ
15 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Early Worship and Holy Communion 9:45am Church School and New Member Class 11:00am Worship and Holy Communion 5:00pm PYF outing to Kannapolis Intimidators baseball game 	16 9:30am Preschool Sneak-a-Peak orientation in fellowship hall 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	17 9:30am Preschool Sneak-a-Peak orientation in fellowship hall 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at What-a-Burger
22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School and New Member Class 11:00am Worship 5:13pm PYF 7:00pm Session meeting	23 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	24 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Shiki Japanese
29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Early Worship and Baptism 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship and Baptism 5:13pm PYF 7:00pm "Gideon's Torch" concert 	30 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	31 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p>8:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>8:00am Promise Keepers 4:00pm College Fellowship lake outing @ Brooks' home</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>
<p>8:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>8:00am Promise Keepers at Buttery & Beanery</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
<p>8:00pm Logos/MSM Parents meeting</p> <p></p> <p>Logos/MSM Registration deadline</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>
<p>8:00am Preschool begins 8:00pm Logos/MSM Staff Training 8:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p> September newsletter articles are due</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
<p>8:00pm Logos begins 8:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p> JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>10:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p> Registration deadline for Labor Day Retreat at Camp Grier</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>

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Wedding bells ring



Michael Culbreth and Mabel Guy were united in marriage at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Knightdale, NC, on June 12. They are making their home at 21342 Norman Shores Drive East, Cornelius, NC 28031.

Jamie Wright and Lane Price were joined in marriage in our sanctuary on June 12. They are at home at 513 Mt. Vernon Road, Greer, SC 29651.

Katie McDonnell and Tyler Hutto were married in our sanctuary on June 19. Their new home is at 1552 Yearly Trail, Columbus, OH 43209.

Andrew Coates and Kathryn DeBerry were united in marriage at Central United Methodist Church of Mooresville on July 10. They will make their home at 3330 56th Avenue, Apt. 202, Kenosha, WI 53144.



Men will resume breakfast meetings

After taking the month of July off, Presbyterian



Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting on the usual second Sunday of the month, August 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

While the men meet at the same time as the early worship service, the breakfast meeting is concluded in time for the men to attend church school at 9:45 a.m. as well as the second worship service at 11 o'clock. All men, senior high age and up, are urged to attend!

Welcome our new members

Jeff Davidson was received into membership on May 2 by profession of faith and baptism. Jeff is married to our member Nancy Moore Davidson, and



they live at 103 South Sherrill Street, Mooresville, NC 28115. Their home phone is 704-660-0440. Between them they have three children - Justin, who lives in West Virginia,

and Jennifer and Jessica of the home. They live in neighborhood group number 1. Jeff works at Thomasville Upholstery. He and Nancy love motorcycle riding and listening to music.

Christy Floyd returns

Thanks to Billie Brawley for pinch-hitting



Christy Floyd, our church organist, sustained a broken arm a little over three months ago. The recovery time from that accident took longer than any of us imagined. We are grateful that her arm continues to heal, and she is now back at the organ and piano at church.

We express our appreciation to Billie Brawley of our congregation for substituting as organist and pianist while Christy was out. In addition to Sunday mornings, Billie provided music for weddings and funerals as well. Thanks for your help, Billie!

Three babies born to members

Congratulations are expressed to Danny and Melissa Crymes Wright, 2601 Bay Street, Charlotte, NC 28205, into whose home was born a son, Whitney Owen Wright, on June 18. Whitney is their firstborn.



Also, congratulations are extended to Cathy Craig, 103 Winterfield Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115, into whose home was born a son, William Holloway Craig, on June 22. William's big sister is Grace.

Additionally, congratulations are extended to Jennifer and Joe London, 7505 Henderson Park Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078, into whose home was born a son, Zachary Ryan London, on July 13. Zachary's older siblings are Allison and Noah.

Donald and Amanda Duncan were received by the Session on June 6. Donald was received by transfer from the Berry's Chapel Baptist Church of

Spruce Pine, NC, and Amanda from the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church of Green Mountain, NC. Donald is Town Manager for the Town of Troutman, and Amanda teaches first



grade at Cool Spring Elementary School in the Iredell Statesville School system. They live at 151 St. Martin's Lane, Statesville, NC 28677 and their home phone is 704-528-7404. Amanda plays the piano and played for church for six years at her home church. Donald has served as a volunteer fireman since he was sixteen, and is now with the Troutman volunteers.

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Mission Trip Report

Wow! What a great week we had in Newport, TN, June 27-July 2. We once again used Youthworks! as our sponsoring organization. They do a great job of planning and arranging mission trips (we travelled with them the last three years when we went to Denver, Nashville and Savannah).

The participants on this year's trip were: Abby Ahearn, Alex Ahearn, Laura Auten, Bailey Belcher, Hannah Crawford, Hunter Crawford, Curtis Crews, Marshall Horsman, Matt Kruse, Adam McElroy, Andrew McIntyre, Brittany Meadows, Mattie Shumaker, Jay Trimble, Ryan Trimble and Malcolm Wever and adult leaders Fred Coates and Lucinda Weyer.

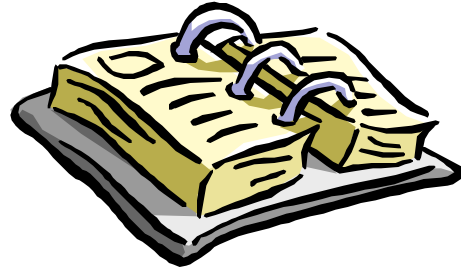
The trip "over the mountain" into Tennessee was delayed a bit by a traffic accident outside of Troutman but we had an otherwise uneventful trip. We arrived in Newport in time to take a little "tour" around the area, enjoying the area's scenery before checking into our "deluxe accommodations" (on the classroom floors) at Cocke County High School.

Our week's work took us to several area homes to work on scraping and painting, mowing grass, cleaning up messes, visiting nursing homes, sorting clothes, preparing food bags and more. We met each day for devotions before we left to work. We shared meal preparation and cleanup duties, enjoyed a variety of evening activities, including a surprise "fire drill" when some local boys set off some firecrackers in the school's hallways!

It was a great week filled with lots of hard work, happy memories and spiritual growth. We laughed, cried, worshipped and prayed together and discovered new dimensions to God's grace at work in and through us.

It was certainly one of the most rewarding trips PYF has ever taken. Now, how will we top it? Well, be looking for next year's trip planned for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania the week of July 10-17! We now have spots for twenty (20) youth and four (4) adults reserved. You can hold **YOUR** spot now by sending an email to Fred Coates at MissionTrip2005@moorevillefirstpres.org and then making a deposit of \$100. Don't delay! We were unable to meet all the demand for spaces on the mission trip this year, so guarantee your place with an email and a deposit now. If all the spots fill up before this fall, we may be able to get more, but it will be first-come, first-served.

PYF starts new Sunday schedule (sort of)!



School's getting back in regular session and so are we (sort of)

Where did the summer go? Anyway, here's what's happening over the next few weeks with PYF:

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Outing to the Lazy Five Ranch; leave at 5:00 p.m. (*note the earlier time!*).



TUESDAY, JULY 27

Hickory Crawdads baseball game; cost: \$7 plus money for food, leave at 5:00 p.m. (*note the earlier time!*)

Sunday, August 1

Youth Council planning luncheon, 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3

Supper Club resumes, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 8

Outing to Emerald Pointe, cost: \$20 plus money for food, depart 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 10

Supper Club, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 15

Outing to Kannapolis Intimidators game, cost: \$5 plus money for food, depart 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 17

Supper Club, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 22

TBA

Tuesday, August 24

Supper Club, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 29

TBA

Tuesday, August 31

Supper Club, 5:30 p.m.



Session schedules suppers/lunches

Schedules new member class in August

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

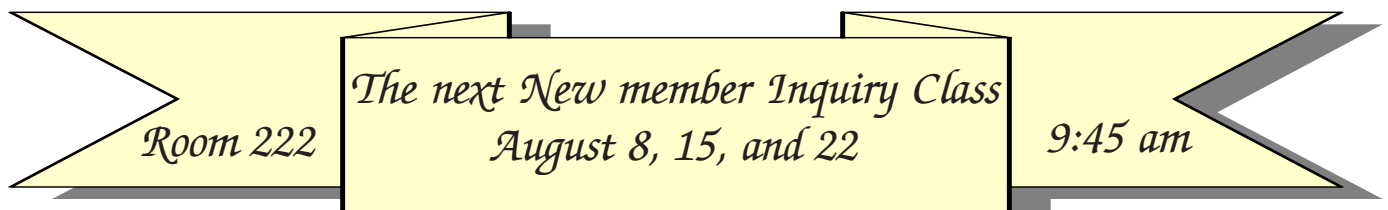
- Received Donald and Amanda Duncan into the membership of the congregation.
- Concluded study of Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Church*.
- Transferred Chris and Beth Paramore to Fair View United Methodist Church, Mount Mourne, NC.
- Scheduled church suppers/lunches for 2004-05: October 3, Operation Christmas Child luncheon; November 7, Puppets from North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church; December 5, Concert; January 9, Hand bell concert; February 6, "Souper Bowl" luncheon; March 6, Covered-dish supper and Talent Show; March 24, Maundy Thursday Supper and the Lord's Supper; April 3, Logos musical; May 1, Luncheon in honor of confirmands; July 3, Picnic in celebration of Independence Day.
- Expressed appreciation to Trent Newell for providing the 2¢-A-Meal offering envelopes.
- Elected Smith Kirk as a representative to the meeting of Salem Presbytery on July 17 at Church of the Springs in Barium Springs. (Gary Roach had already been elected as the other elder representative to this meeting of presbytery.)
- Agreed that a "special edition" of the newsletter will be mailed in August as a kick-off to the stewardship campaign.
- Subscribed for a trial period to a service providing information about new residents, who are also potential church members.
- Scheduled the next new member class on successive Sunday mornings, August 8, 15 and 22, during the church school hour.
- Agreed to work with the Town of Mooresville to have a posted crosswalk and two handicap parking spaces on South Academy Street.
- Scheduled a second Catechism Club, beginning in September 2004 and extending through March 2005.
- Requested all session and diaconate committees to provide for systematic financial review of their budgets.
- Requested the Diaconate to provide safety education regarding security within our facilities.
- Approved Ed Lewis' request that his primary residence be at his new home in Salisbury, NC, with the privilege of using the manse until his retirement.
- Prayed for church activities, as well as members and friends with special needs.

Nominating Committee ready to begin work

The committee responsible for nominating persons to serve as officers has begun its work, which it hopes to complete by the end of summer. Committee chair Christine Davidson has asked for your suggestions of persons to serve as elders and deacons—please indicate which office for each person you recommend. Please submit your list immediately to the church office or to any of the committee members. Also, the committee solicits your prayers for its important work.

If the committee asks permission to nominate you, please be open to the possibility of serving Christ and his church as an officer. In fact, if you are interested in serving, take the initiative by telling one of the committee members. God may want to use you in this special way.

Members of this year's Nominating Committee (with the group they represent in parentheses) are: Christine Davidson and Charlie Bittinger (Session); Valerie Mauney and Thermond Thompson (Board of Deacons); Jerilyn Fair and Ginger White (Presbyterian Women); Gretchen McLean-Bridges (Church School); Paul Beaver (Presbyterian Men), Hannah Crawford (PYF); and Ed Lewis (advisory and without vote).



Congregation plans Labor Day weekend retreat

"A Western Roundup"

It's time to make your reservations and pack your bags for the annual Labor Day weekend retreat at Camp Grier! The retreat will be held Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6, at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, approximately two hours from Mooresville. The annual retreat is a wonderful way to get to know others in our church family and to enjoy some time relaxing and playing in a beautiful mountain setting.

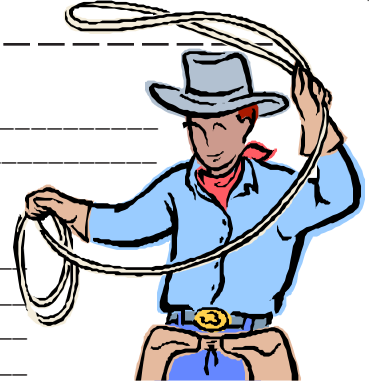
This year's theme is "A Western Roundup," so come ride the range with your church family and discover wonderful adventures in the mountains of NC! You'll discover things about yourself and others as you enjoy swimming, boating, campfires, singing, Bible study, rock sliding, creek walking, rope bridges, rock skipping, hiking, ring swimming, rock collecting, wildlife observations, napping, eating, and talking. Hope you can join us!

Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary, or you may use the registration form below.

Congregational Retreat Registration

September 3 – 6, 2004

"A Western Roundup"



Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone No: _____

Approximate arrival time/day: _____

Families please indicate children's names and ages:

Age: _____
 Age: _____
 Age: _____
 Age: _____

Lodging: \$10/person per night (*no charge* for children under 4)

I/We prefer lodging to be: _____ Indicate number of persons for:
 _____ Dorm style Friday night _____ @ \$10 = _____
 _____ Family style (private room) Saturday night _____ @ \$10 = _____
 Lodging total \$ _____

Meals: Please indicate number of persons for each meal (*no charge* for children under 4):

Saturday breakfast:	Sunday breakfast:
_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50 = _____	_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50 = _____
_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25 = _____	_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25 = _____
Saturday lunch:	Sunday lunch:
_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.75 = _____	_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50 = _____
_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.50 = _____	_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50 = _____
Saturday supper:	Meals Total \$ _____
_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50 = _____	Lodging Total \$ _____
_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50 = _____	

Total meals & lodging \$ _____

Return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

Make checks payable to: **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In order to plan effectively for the retreat, we need some volunteer help before and during the retreat. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275), Jean Coates (704-663-2114), or Mac Herring (704-664-2704) if you are available to help in the following areas:

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| _____ Dining hall set-up before meals | _____ Campfire |
| _____ Dining hall clean-up after meals | _____ Boat race |
| _____ Barbecue chopping | _____ Nametags |
| _____ Talent show coordinator (Sunday night) | _____ Child care (preschoolers) during Bible study |
| _____ Camp song leader (following meals) | _____ Child care (elementary age) during Bible study, mainly with craft projects |

A personal word from Iraq

Mark Greene of our congregation is serving with our military in Iraq. He sent a message to Ed Lewis and Fred Coates, dated July 12, part of which reads:



I wanted to let you know how much support the church is giving me, my family and my soldiers. From the preschool to numerous individuals, it is absolutely wonderful. I believe I get more care packages than anyone in my unit. I share with all my soldiers, and believe me they appreciate it too!...

We don't get to interact with the people very much, stopping is not a very good idea over here, so we run as hard as we can.

I hope you can pass along to the congregation how much Julie and the girls appreciate all the support as well. If I get to come home in September for leave, I will stop by the preschool to visit with the kids. Take care of yourselves, have a great day.

Let us continue to pray for Mark, as well as Tim Irwin and Mark Day, who also serve in the military.

Logos/MSM

It's almost that time! Time for back to school and just around the corner... Logos and MSM!

Our fall semester begins on August 25.

Registration will be held in the church parlor after both worship services on August 1 and 8. We will have parent meetings on August 8 at 6:00 p.m. and August 11 at 7:00 p.m.. We are holding volunteer staff training on August 18 in the fellowship hall. More information on training to follow!

We are very excited about the new Logos year and can't wait to see our kids grow in their love of our Lord and each other!

Christina McElroy & Jennifer Boger

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Concert set for August 29

Coffee and desserts to follow

Gideon's Torch, our in-house gospel quartet, will present a concert on Sunday evening, August 29. This event will kick off the 2004-05 Concert Series and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The quartet is comprised of church members Gene Auten, Andy Jordan, Harry Weyer, Mark Garland, and Alan Sledge. The evening promises to be filled with good ole southern gospel music, a few laughs, and a wonderful time of Christian fellowship with friends and neighbors. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, and will be followed by coffee and dessert in the fellowship hall and courtyard. As always, the concerts are free and a freewill offering will be taken.



Remembering our bereaved

Edith Krier, a member of our congregation since 1995, entered the Church Triumphant on October 12, 2003, at 86 years of age. She died in Greensboro, NC, and was buried in Gettysburg, PA. We regret that we did not receive this information until this month. Our Christian condolence are extended to members of her family.

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

Kerry Miller and family in the death of his mother on June 13.

Paul Beaver and family in his brother's death on July 4.

Eddie Nelson and family in the death of his mother on July 6.