

The Bulletin Board

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Now that Ed is retiring...

This article is designed to answer some of your questions about how our church proceeds following Ed Lewis's retirement on October 3, 2004.

What do we do next? The session has appointed a Transition Committee, composed of Gary Roach, chair, Chris Ahearn, Jill Herring, Smith Kirk, Sue Stevens and Ginger White. That committee has a couple of responsibilities. First, it will serve as a search committee for an Interim Pastor. Then it will work with the Interim Pastor in helping the congregation do a self-study—preparing the congregation for the selection and arrival of a new pastor.

Who searches for a new pastor? After the mission study has been completed, the congregation will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The session will recommend the size and make up of the PNC—generally 5-7 persons, a group representative of the whole congregation. While the Congregational Nominating Committee usually nominates persons to serve on the PNC, the congregation elects them.

The PNC then searches for a new pastor and, after finding one, presents that person's name to the congregation for approval. The pastor-elect is approved by and becomes a member of Salem Presbytery. Finally, the presbytery will appoint a commission to install that person as our pastor.

What is the role of Presbytery? One of support and encouragement. The presbytery does not tell us who we must call as Interim Pastor or as Pastor. Salem Presbytery (of which we are a member church) will work with us through its Committee on Ministry (COM), assigning a liaison to guide us through the search process. The requirements of the *Book of Order* and presbytery's COM are designed for our benefit—to prevent problems and to expedite the process.

What about the rest of our staff? With the



Nellie Goodman employed as church secretary

Nellie Goodman was hired by the Session as our new secretary, effective August 16. Her selection culminated a two-month search by the Personnel Committee, chaired by Phil Heilman, following the resignation of Jane Rutledge in May for reasons of health.

Nellie moved to Mooresville from the Annapolis area of Maryland last March. Her most recent previous employment was as secretary at the Asbury United Methodist Church of Arnold, MD.

Nellie has been widowed the last four and a half years. She has four grown children—a daughter and her family in Matthews, NC, while the other three still reside in Maryland—and four grandchildren. Her hobbies include antiques, flower gardening and traveling. A vibrant Christian, she worships at Grace Covenant Church in Huntersville and resides in the Water Oak development off NC 150, west of I-77.

We are delighted to welcome Nellie Goodman to our church staff, and we look forward to serving with her. While she plans to attend our church on August 29 to give our members an opportunity to meet her, you are also invited to stop by the church office to introduce yourself and to welcome her to our church.

exception of parish associate Tom Miller, the remaining staff will continue as staff members. Fred Coates will continue as associate pastor. The *Book of Order* does not permit him to become pastor of our congregation. On the other hand, Fred does not need to resign now or after a new pastor arrives. Fred was called to serve as our associate pastor, a position he will continue to serve. The session's contract with Tom will not be renewed beyond October 15 (which is the date his term expires)

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because the *Book of Order* requires that the parish associate position will end when a pulpit becomes vacant. The other staff members serve at the will of the session, and the session is delighted with their performance.

What if I have other questions? If you have other concerns which are not addressed above, talk with any of our pastors who are familiar with the Presbyterian process. Or, you can talk with members of the Transition Committee or the session. If they don't know the answer to your question, they will find it for you.

What can I do? Remember our congregation and the pastoral transition process in your prayers.

Encourage one another, especially those in leadership positions, including the Transition Committee, session and board of deacons. Participate in the mission self-study, bringing your vision of the future to the process. This is a time when we can develop a new dependence on the guidance and grace of God. It is a time when we can seek and find new ways to serve our Lord, building on the past and moving confidently into the future with the help and support of our sovereign Lord.

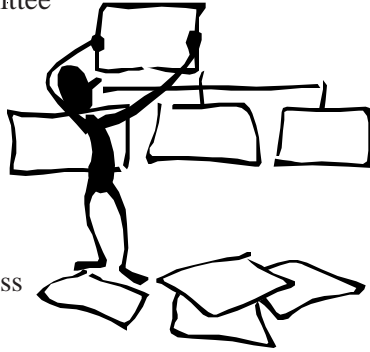
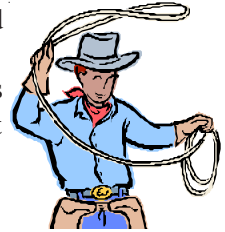


All Saints' Eve

Be sure to put Sunday, 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 Ben and Melissa Beaver, along with help from PYF members. Please contact Ben and Melissa (704-663-1588) if you would like to help with the activities. We will once again be asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and baked goods. More details will appear in the October newsletter.

Join the western roundup at Camp Grier

The annual congregational Labor Day weekend retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6, at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. What better way to spend the last weekend of summer than with your church family and friends at Camp Grier. Come for all or part of the weekend, and enjoy all the activities you can – canoeing at Lake Refuge, swimming in the pool, hiking to the tower, sliding at Rock Slide, attempting to cross the rope bridge, hiking on the Discovery Trail, visiting with friends, cooking s'mores and singing at the campfire, worshipping at the outdoor chapel, along with all sorts of other activities. Please contact Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275) if you are interested in attending – there may still be a few spots available!



Four babies born into church family



Congratulations are extended to four couples who since our last newsletter welcomed new babies:

Jennifer and Joe

London, 7505 Henderson Park Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078,

into whose home was born a son,

Zachary Ryan London, on July 13.

Zach's older siblings are Allie and Noah.

Ashley and Josh Schaen, 155 Stone Ridge Lane, Mooresville, NC 28117, into whose home a son, Jackson Christopher Schaen, was born on July 21. Jackson is their firstborn, as well as the first grandchild of Fred and Jean Coates.

Misty and Brent Vergakis, 7042 Blakeney Greens Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28277, into whose home was born a daughter, Katelyn Jane Vergakis, on July 28. Katelyn is their firstborn.

Ruth and Trent Newell, 161 Colony Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115, into whose home a daughter, Emma Ruth Newell, was born on August 5. Emma's big brother is Trenton.

Shannon and Joel Barto, 109 Marstons Mill Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, into whose home was born a son, Caymus Jae Barto, on August 25. Caymus' big sister is Bray.

Session hires new secretary Is facilitating pastoral change



Since the last newsletter, highlights of the Session's work include:

- Received Joel and Shannon Barto and Fay Alexander into membership, and Zach Goodrum as an affiliate member of our church.
- Hired Nellie J. Goodman as church secretary, beginning on August 16.
- Called a congregational meeting for August 8 for the members to concur with Ed Lewis in asking Salem Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship on October 3, so that he may be retired.
- Met with Jim Rissmiller, Salem Presbytery's Associate Presbyter, to learn about the issues involved in a pastoral transition and the kind of support that our church can expect to receive from presbytery during the transition.
- Named a Transition Committee, composed of Gary Roach, chair, Chris Ahearn, Jill Herring, Smith Kirk, Sue Stevens and Ginger White.
- Asked the Personnel Committee to plan the recognition of Ed Lewis' retirement.
- Agreed to pay the housing allowance in the budget (\$1500 per month) to Ed Lewis for months between home purchase until retirement.
- After receiving a letter from our Presbyterian Men, requested that the letter be printed in our newsletter (see page 14.)
- Held a service for wholeness for Phifer Johnson.
- Asked Dell Dixon to coordinate a ministry of taking flowers, left from worship on Sundays, to shut-in members.
- Served through the Witness and Service Committee the farewell dinner on July 18 to the children visiting from Belarus with the Lake Norman Children's Relief program.
- Agreed with the Evangelism Committee to appoint "shepherds" to aid officers in serving the neighborhood groups.
- Named Susan Williams as Church School assistant superintendent and approved the startup of a new Church School class.
- Approved leaders for Church School and Logos/Middle School Ministry for 2004-05.
- Named Valerie Mauney as assistant director of Logos/MSM, and approved new design and position descriptions for the program.
- Designated October 27 as "Bring a friend night" and November 10 as a night to invite Veterans to Logos/Middle School Ministry
- Named Stephanie Woodring as coordinator of the nursery during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.
- Agreed to hold Vacation Bible School next summer on June 12-15 at our church with a Marketplace format.
- Presented the 2004 Agnes Neel Scholarship in the amount of \$1300 to Sarah Miller
- Offered two burial plots in Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte for sale.
- Set Stewardship Dedication on Sunday, November 7.
- Reminded worshippers to get children from nursery **before** going for lemonade following worship services this summer.
- Agreed with Tom Miller not to renew his contract as parish associate (which follows the requirements of the *Book of Order*) due to the retirement of the pastor.
- Received a report from Smith Kirk and Gary Roach on their attendance to the meeting of Salem Presbytery on July 17 and commended them for their diligence.
- Invited the Gideons to tell of their work at both services on September 19 and approved a special offering for their ministry that same Sunday.
- Invited a guest minister to conduct a wedding in our sanctuary on November 6.
- Approved our chancel choir producing a CD and established a special fund to help finance the project.
- Approved the report of the Financial Review Committee, which reviewed the 2003 financial books and records of the church. All the financial records were found to be in order, and the treasurers were commended for their maintenance and management of the books and records.
- Appreciation was expressed to Bob Campbell and Jim Drye for their outstanding work as the Financial Review Committee.
- Prayed for church activities, as well as members and friends with special needs.

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 flowers were planted, and the mulch was raked and spread out. My heartfelt thanks go out to Ginger & Tony White, Ben Beaver, Jerilyn, Don & Morgan Fair, Will & Dylan McIntyre, Bruce Telford, Scott Mauney, Jack Ahearn, and Thermond Thompson for their efforts. It's a Herculean effort to get a school up and running, and our dedicated teachers were putting in long hours decorating walls, bulletin boards, bookcases and cubby-holes. What an amazing, creative group they are! 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 our **school pictures on Sept. 9th and 10th**, and receiving our **firemen friends on Sept. 23rd-24th**. You will be receiving a letter from me detailing the day 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 spirit 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*

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.



Lindsey Miller is exchange student

Lindsey Miller of our congregation left July 27 to be an exchange student for six months in Stockholm, Sweden. Remember her in your prayers, and you can write her at

c/o Lennart and Lotta Sandberg
Skåner. 8
19143 Sollentund
Sweden

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. Students are 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!



Cemetery lots for sale

Due to the generosity of one of our members, the church is in possession of two cemetery/burial spaces in the "Garden of Memories" section of Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte. Anyone interested in purchasing these lots please contact Bob Campbell at (704)662-8286.

New Members



Fay Whitener Alexander (Mrs. Richard) comes from the First Baptist Church of Richmond, VA, and joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have three children, the twins, Jordan and Ryan, and Nathan. The Alexanders live at 253 Chandeaur Drive, Mooresville NC 28117 and their phone is 704-660-9649. Email is Richard.Alexander@pfizer.com. Fay's sponsor is Jennifer Boger. Fay lives in neighborhood group 15 whose leaders are Eleanor Templeton and Scott Swing.

Zachary Thomas Goodrum [Zach] who lives with his grandmother, Bernice Melchor, at 505 North Main Street, Mooresville NC 28115. Phone is 704-664-4068. Zach was received by the Session (8/22/04) as an affiliate member. His home church is Coddle Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. His sponsor is Fronnie Gardner and neighborhood group leaders are Beverly Chappell and Andy Jordan. Zach works part-time at IGA grocery on Main Street and helps his parents Ruth and Fred Goodrum with their Sea Shell Pet Shop, also on Main Street.



Joel Lawrence and Shannon Bray Barto and their two year old daughter, Bray Truitt (b. 5/22/02) were received into

membership at First Presbyterian, July 18th. Since joining they welcomed a new son, Caymus Jae (b. 8/25/04), who is included in the family picture. The Bartos live at 109 Marstons Mill Drive, Mooresville 28117. Phone is 704-663-5705; email is barto919@hotmail.com. They came by certificate of transfer from the West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro. Joel is a marketing representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Shannon is a stay-at-home mom with Bray and Caymus. Their new member sponsors are Warren and Jennifer Boger; they live in neighborhood group #2. Their group leaders are Gary Roach and Carole Crews. We welcome the Bartos to our church fellowship.

News from Saints Alive

Saints Alive gather peaches

Members of the Saints Alive group enjoyed a wonderful time on the annual trip to The Peach Tree in York, SC, on Monday, July 26. The group selected peaches and assorted other delicious produce at the peach stand, ate peach ice cream cones, visited Dori Sanders' peach stand just down the road, and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the J & S Cafeteria in Rock Hill before returning to Mooresville. Participants included Margaret and Gene Auten, Kathleen and Larry Bates, Albert and Helen Boyd, Jean Chislaghi, Pat Culberson, Mary and Dick Fortanbary, Zachary Goodrum, Bea Lieu, Bernice Melchor, Estelle Mott, Lynn Pierce, Helen and Claude Voils, and Ellen Auten. Thanks to Mary and Dick Fortanbary for their assistance in planning the trip.



Beach trip approaching

The Saints Alive beach trip, scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, through Saturday, October 2, is quickly approaching. Participants should contact Ellen Auten by Tuesday, August 31, regarding transportation arrangements and show reservations. All payments for show tickets should be made prior to leaving for the beach; room payments may be made at the beach, with checks written to First Presbyterian, earmarked "Beach Trip."

Saints Alive to host author Dori Sanders

The Saints Alive group will resume their regular monthly luncheon meeting schedule on Tuesday, September 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). Saints Alive is a monthly (September through May) luncheon fellowship group for "older" (50+) adults and friends in our congregation, where participants enjoy lunch, devotions and prayer time, and a program.

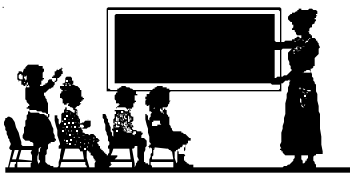
The September luncheon will be presented by Dori Sanders, a childhood acquaintance of Mary Fortanbary's from the York County, SC, area. Dori has authored two novels, *Clover* and *Her Own Place*, along with a cookbook of favorite "old-fashioned" recipes. She is featured in an article in the August 2004 issue of *Gourmet* magazine, and is a delightful storyteller. There will be an opportunity to purchase Dori's novels and cookbook. Plan to join the Saints Alive group on September 21 – you'll be glad you came!

Church School begins 2004-2005 year

Sunday, August 1, was Promotion Sunday at church school, and began our 2004-2005 church school year. Welcome to the following new church school teachers:

Infant class: Gretchen McLean-Bridges,
Melanie Burton
Toddlers: Lisa Davidson, Paige Ladd
2's & 3's: Laura Bates, Karen Brawley
4's & 5's: Darrin Bridges, Cindy Ray
Middle School: Lisa and Todd Chambers
New Adult Class: David Brooks

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 Gretchen McLean-Bridges, our outgoing church school

superintendent, for her dedicated leadership in the church school over the past two years. On behalf of the entire church school, we express appreciation to Gretchen for her diligence and leadership. Thanks also to Gretchen's husband Darrin, and to children Carson and Maclean, for their help and encouragement, and for sharing their mom with us for two years!

Thanks to "retiring" teachers Jim Davidson, Marti Estes, Stacey Faulkenberry, Victoria Garland, Lucy Hastings, Phil and Maria Heilman, Ashley Schaen, and Lucinda Weyer. We appreciate your hard work, and want you to know there is always a place for you in church school when you're ready to come out of "retirement."

Welcome to new church school officers

The church school began the 2004-2005 year on Sunday, August 1, headed by superintendent Valerie Mauney and assistant superintendent Susan Williams. We welcome Valerie and Susan to their new positions, and pray for guidance for them as they assume these new roles. Valerie and Susan will be available on Sunday mornings during the church school hour, and may also be reached at home with questions concerning church school:

Valerie: 704-663-7540
Susan: 704-799-1330

Three attend Church School workshop

Ellen Auten, Valerie Mauney and Susan Williams attended a Presbytery-sponsored workshop, "How to Grow Your Sunday School," on Saturday, August 21, at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. The workshop was led by the Rev. Rick Kirchoff of Net Results. Participants learned seven ways to make church school live and grow: outreach, hospitality, teaching, response to visitors, assimilation of newcomers, development of a caring fellowship, and practical suggestions for organizing a plan for vitality and growth.

New adult church school class begins

With the beginning of the new church school year, we have added a new church school class, which is currently unnamed, but the class is deciding between "Faith Journey" or "The Road to Joy." This class is open to all, and meets in Room 307, led by church school teacher David Brooks.

The class is focusing on the Faith Journey idea, and will begin with a study of James, followed by a study of



Ephesians. The Faith Journey is comprised of studies of faith, discipline, perseverance, character, hope, and joy. Each step builds upon the one before, providing the building blocks to a life of joy. The class will study common themes taught throughout the Bible with each theme building upon the last until they have completed most of the New Testament and several books of the Old Testament. The primary agenda is to look for the themes that tie in to our road to joy.

Logos Leadership Training School scheduled

Several 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, Darrin Bridges, and Valerie Mauney are registered for the three day training event. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending the school.

News from the nursery

Thanks go to Vivian Rogers-Cannon, our faithful and dedicated nursery coordinator this past year, who is “retiring” from her responsibilities. We appreciate all of her hard work and organization of nursery needs, and send her thanks to husband Dylan and children Wil and Doug for sharing her with us as she made countless phone calls, organized lots of details, and greeted children and parents with a smile! Thanks to Jennifer London for agreeing to continue to serve as Nursery Coordinator.

Welcome to Stephanie Woodring, who has agreed to serve as the 8:30 a.m. Nursery Coordinator, and to Nursery Committee member Lynne Swing, who is back on the committee after a break following the arrival of twins Ben and Katie.

We are in the process of making new nursery schedules, and need adult volunteers to serve on the following Sundays:

8:30 a.m. nurseries:

1st Sunday - Toddlers

4th Sunday - 3, 4, & 5's

5th Sunday - Toddlers and
3,4, & 5's

11:00 a.m. nurseries:

1st Sunday - 2's & 3's

4th Sunday - 4's & 5's

5th Sunday - 4's & 5's

Please contact Stephanie Woodring (704-664-4452) if you are available for the 8:30 a.m. nurseries or Jennifer London (704-947-8837; caphatt@bellsouth.net) if you are available for the 11:00 a.m. service.



Workshop Rotations need you!

Our elementary church school classes (grades 1-5) use the Workshop Rotation model for their classes, where children learn Bible stories and concepts in an in-depth manner using drama, puppets, arts and crafts, Bible skills, Bible games, and cooking workshops to enhance learning. We are looking for adults who are willing to commit to helping in the workshops several times a year. If you enjoy working with children but would also like to attend your church school class on a regular basis, this type of commitment is for you! For example, you can sign up to teach a two week drama workshop, then go back to your class, then sign up to lead a two week cooking workshop. A variety of options are available; please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if this sounds appealing to you! We have a great time, and learn so many things, in so many different ways!



Catechism Club begins new year

Catechism Club is scheduled to begin a new year on Sunday, September 12. We are offering the course during the fall and next spring, spreading out the memory work and lessons over a longer period of time. Classes will be offered for children in grades three through six, although second graders who attended last year may also attend.

For those unfamiliar with catechism, it is a book which gives a brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity in question and answer form. Children will learn basic theological vocabulary and gain an understanding of the Christian faith that will lay a foundation for their belief and trust in God through Jesus Christ. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths.

Parental participation and attendance at Sunday meetings is essential; if parents are unable to attend, an adult sponsor will be matched with the child wanting to attend Catechism Club.

The class will be held from 5:30-6:15 p.m., with supper (\$1 per person) to follow the class from approximately 6:15-6:45 p.m. This fall's schedule is as follows:

Class meetings:

Sundays, September 12, 19, 26

October 10, 17, 24

November 7, 14, 21

December 5

Adult mentors are an integral part of Catechism Club. They will “sponsor” a child through the process of catechism memorization and instruction, meeting frequently with the child. Please contact Carole Crews at 704-663-6953 if you are interested in being an adult mentor.

Following successful completion of catechism instruction and memorization, the children will be recognized in a worship service.

Registration will take place in the parlor on Sunday, August 29, or you may call Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275) to register.

Sunday

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Tuesday



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<p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 5:13pm PYF</p>
<p>Retreat (continued)</p>

<p>6</p> <p> LABOR DAY</p> <p>Church Office Closed Pre-School closed</p>
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<p>7</p> <p>1:00pm Library Committee 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Tony's Pizza</p>

<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship and Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 5:13pm PYF Special Event 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:30pm Weekday Preschool Committee 7:00pm Worship, Christian Education & Commitment Committee 7:30pm Evangelism & Finance Committee</p>
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<p>13</p> <p>3:00pm Circle 1 in the Parlor 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>

<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Chick-Fil-A 6:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 619 7:30pm Circle 5 with Mary Fortanbary's</p>
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<p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19</p> <p>7:00am Deacon's Meeting 8:30am Early Worship - Logos choir sings 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 11:00am Reception of new members 5:13pm PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>
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<p>21</p> <p>12:30pm Saints Alive 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Salsarita's</p>

<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship - MSM bells ring 5:13pm PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 7:00pm Session Meeting</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates</p>
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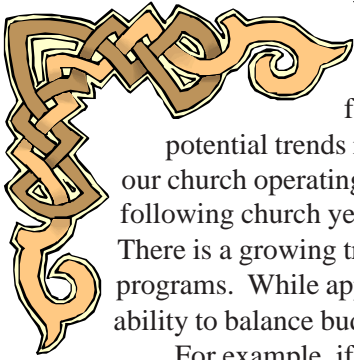
<p>28</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Pizza Hut 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 619</p>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00pm Logos/MSM 11:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Through the Bible with Peggy & Harding Rogers</p>	<p>3</p> <p></p> <p>Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Camp Grier</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00pm Logos/MSM 11:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Through the Bible with Peggy & Harding Rogers 6:30pm Fun & Fellowship at Fat Boys</p>	<p>10</p> <p></p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter and "Lock-In"</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers at Buttery & Beanery</p>
Logos Leadership Training School			
<p>15</p> <p></p> <p>10:00am See You At The Pole! 10:00pm Logos/MSM 11:30pm Chancel choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Through the Bible with Peggy & Harding Rogers</p>	<p>17</p> <p>OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00pm Logos/MSM 11:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am Through the Bible with Peggy & Harding Rogers</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p> <p></p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00am Promise Keepers</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:30am Saints Alive leave for the beach. 10:00pm Logos/MSM 11:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Through the Bible with Peggy & Harding Rogers 6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166</p>	<p></p>	
Saints Alive Beach Trip			

August 2004						
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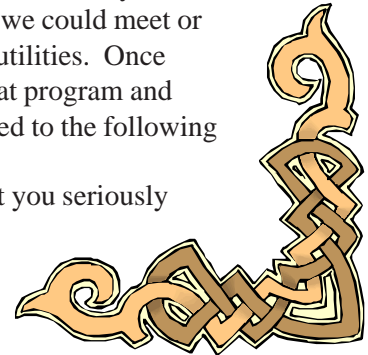
From the Commitment Corner

Over and above the typical responsibility of the commitment committee, we feel it is important to educate our members about the church budget process and any potential trends related to our members' commitments. Every year our finance committee reviews our church operating costs and sessional committee requests, from which they derive a budget for the following church year. Our tithes and offerings are then used to fulfill these obligations monthly. There is a growing trend that more and more of our members are designating their gifts to specific programs. While appreciated, this can have adverse affects on the budget and severely constrain our ability to balance budgets.

For example, if many of us decided that the Deacon's Relief Fund was a needy endeavor and we designated our tithes specifically to that program, it is entirely feasible that we could meet or exceed that fund and not be able to cover other commitments, such as our church utilities. Once members designate tithes to a specific program, these funds have to be used for that program and nowhere else. Thus, any excess from designated funds would have to be transferred to the following year, while other programs might remain unbalanced.

Our church really appreciates your tithes and offerings; however, we ask that you seriously consider only designating gifts above and beyond your pledge.

Let us pray and have faith that our Lord will guide those who are elected to manage the budgets in appropriating funds responsibly so as to best serve Him.



What is mental health?

We often hear about mental illness, but what is mental health?

It means that you basically feel comfortable with yourself. One indicator of this is whether you can accept a compliment with a simple "thank you."

Mental health also means that you balance the care and acceptance of yourself with care and acceptance of other people. If you are too focused on yourself, then do something for someone who really needs your help. If you are always doing for others, allow another person to do a deed of kindness for you or do something nurturing for yourself.

Mental health also depends on the belief that your life and work have meaning and purpose. One of the positive things you can do for your mental health is to volunteer in your community or become involved in your church and its ministries.

For more information about mental health and illness, please contact the Presbyterian Counseling Center at 336-288-1484 or visit them on the web at: <http://www.greensboro.com/pcc>



LOGOS/MSM begins new year

Another year has begun with Logos and Middle School Ministry! This year we have ninety-two children enrolled in the program and fifty-seven adults who volunteer on a weekly basis. Thanks to all the volunteers who have already put in time to train and prepare for the new year. Valerie Mauney is serving as assistant director. This year's Bible teachers include:

- 1st grade: Jackie Justice and Susan Meade
- 2nd grade: Ellen Auten and Jerilyn Fair
- 3rd grade: Sharon Culp and Shirley Crowley
- 4th grade: Janie Carpenter and Leeann DeCastro
- 5th grade: Fronnie Gardner
- 6th grade: Allen and Connie Brawley
- 7th grade: Bob and Millie Amon
- 8th grade: Fred Coates



Valerie Mauney and Jill Herring are leading the recreation team with assistance from Brad Chappell, Darrin Bridges, Holly Brumley and Jennifer Robinson. Our kitchen coordinator is Tracey Prochaska. Sue Garwood and Nancy Omohundro are helping to decorate and set our tables. Sheryl Davis and Fay Alexander have assumed the new roles of “comforter/shepherds” and will assist in any area needed. Shirley Crowley, Leeann DeCastro and LuAnne Sledge are assisting Alan Sledge in Worship Skills. Table Parents include: Bedo and Pat Culberson, Paul and Marilyn Beaver, C.P. and Beverly Chappell, Bill and Sandra Harris, Sparky and Cindy Hitchcock, Al and Sharon Culp, Allen and Connie Brawley, Brad Chappell and Nancy Omohundro, Mark and Victoria Garland, Phil and Maria Heilman, Fred and Jean Coates, Harry and Lucinda Weyer, Patrick and Leeann DeCastro, Diane Crymes and Sue Garwood, Scott and Valerie Mauney, and Eric and Janice Puer.

The theme for our first meeting on Wednesday, August 25, was Olympics, followed by Horrible Hair (9/1), Baseball Night (9/8), Bible Characters (9/15), Western Night (9/22) and Clowning Around (9/29).

Mark your calendars - the Logos Choir (grades 1-6) sings at the 8:30 a.m. worship service on September 19 (yes, we do mean the early service!) and the MSM Bell Choir (grades 7-8) rings at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on September 26.

We welcome you to our 26th year and thank you for supporting your child in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Christina McElroy and Jennifer Boger

Pathways 2004

Salem Presbytery's *Pathways 2004* training event will be held Saturday, September 11, at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. 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 workshop. Some of the workshops offered this year include:



- *Youth Ministry: Committed to Connection*
- *Developing a Small Group Ministry*
- *Congregational Caregiving*
- *Change Your World Through Compassion*
- *God's Gifted People: What Are Your Gifts?*
- *Five Things to Bring New Life to Your Church*
- *Searching For a Pastor: The Work of PNC*
- *Puppets: A Magical Ministry Tool*
- *Working With Youth in the 21st Century*
- *Intergenerational "How"*
- *"What She Said," Quotable Women in Scripture*
- *More Than Care Packages - How to be Involved with Campus Ministry*



Brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and on the table outside the church office.

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11 NRSV

Chancel Choir begins work on CD

Release date set for December 1, 2004

The Chancel Choir has begun preparations for its first recording session, set for October 16, 2004. The recording will be made in our sanctuary by SoundPost Productions, of Charlotte, NC. The CD, entitled "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness," will be a collection of favorite anthems sung over the years in worship services at First Presbyterian Church. The choir will be joined on the project by oboist Carl Rohleder. Carl, a past member of the chancel choir, played often in our worship services before a job change took him to Gaffney, South Carolina, where he is currently the Vice President at Hames Music.



The project is due to be released on December 1, 2004, just in time for the Christmas season. The cost of the CD will be \$12.00. Pre-orders can be made by contacting the church office. There is a considerable up-front cost to a project of this magnitude, and anyone wishing to help with these expenses may do so by contributing to the "[Chancel Choir Recording Project](#)." Members of the Chancel Choir are very excited about the recording, and I hope that you will make this CD a part of your music collection.

EXALTATION RINGERS WILL RETURN TO THE REHEARSAL ROOM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2004, AFTER THEIR SUMMER HIATUS. THIS ADULT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE MEETS AT 6:15 P.M. AND WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED RINGER WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.

A time for singing and ringing Logos/MSM back in session

The 2004 - 2005 Logos/MSM session began on August 25, and all groups hit the ground running. Within four short weeks, the Logos choir will sing in the 8:30 a.m. worship service, followed the very next week by the MSM handbell choir at the 11:00 a.m. service.

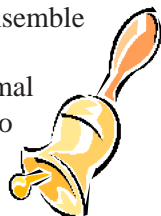
It seems like just a few years ago I began work here at First Presbyterian with a first grader beginning the program and a kindergartner in the nursery on Wednesday afternoons. Fast-forward to 2004; the boys are both in middle school, the oldest in confirmation class, and their younger sister will begin Logos next year. Through the years there have been changes in the schedules and the class formats, even the table parents change from year-to-year. One thing though, has never changed. That is the sincerity of all those involved, from the Logos Council down through the volunteers, to provide a great Christian program based on making relationships in the church.

I am very proud to be a part of this program and this church, and I look forward to spending Wednesday afternoons with your children. Our goal is to make music a pleasurable part of the program helping to enlist and encourage them to be an active part of worship. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Jubilee Ringers are coming new handbell choir for high schoolers

This fall we will begin a new handbell ensemble for grades 9 - 12, called the Jubilee Ringers. Many of our teenagers have come up through Logos and MSM music programs only to find themselves too old for handbells and yet too young for the adult Exaltation Ringers.

We look to fill the void with an ensemble geared toward the beginner to medium advanced high school age ringer. A formal letter is being drafted and will be sent to all high school age students, and an organizational meeting will be held to determine schedules. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this group, see me or contact the church office.



A letter from Presbyterian Men

After reading and being inspired by the letter below from the men of our church, the Session requested that it be printed in this newsletter. Hopefully, it will encourage and inspire you as well.

August 22, 2004

To: The Session, First Presbyterian

From: The Men

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Session,

At our August 8 breakfast meeting, our speaker could not be present. This gave us an opportunity to discuss Ed's announcement of retirement and what that event means to us as members of the congregation. The general consensus of this is that we will all miss Ed and Martha very much and are saddened by their departure. At the same time, we are excited that they will have new opportunities in retirement to do the things they want to do!

We are also a little discomfited in what that means for our church. However, the group agreed that changes in us are inevitable and we are challenged and invigorated by this significant event! The group agrees that we wish to extend our heartfelt and prayerful support to you, our leaders in this change. You have our confidence and our willingness to be led through this process.

We have identified three wishes for our church that we would like all of you to be aware of (listed in order of importance):

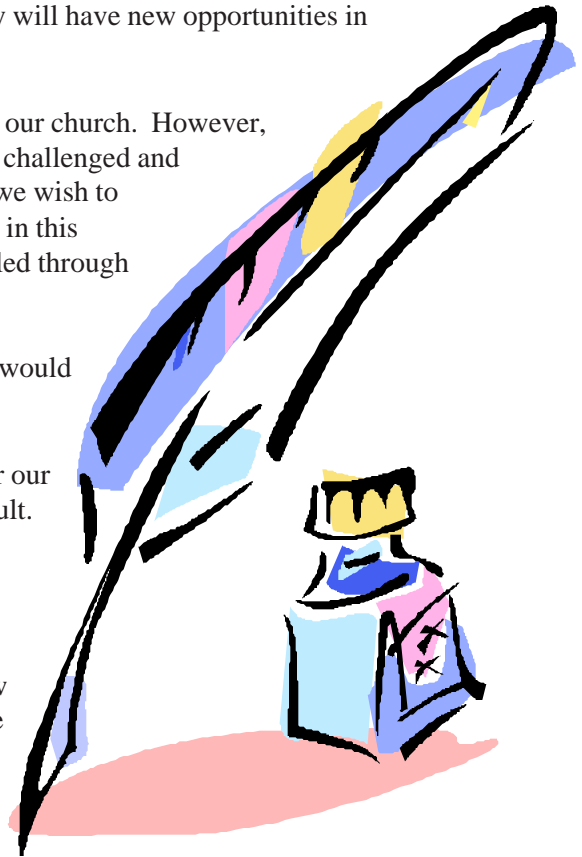
1. Prayerful consideration and seeking of God's will for our church on behalf of us all. Personnel changes are very difficult. Ask for and look to God's direction.

2. As people of God, maintain a cheerful, exhilarated, and **unified** approach to our worship, our mission and our challenges! We wish to preserve what we have and not allow divisiveness or resistance to change to alter who and what we are as Christ's servants. We want you to maintain a very positive and forward thinking leadership and charge you to keep the entire flock informed, **unified**, excited and involved! These changes can be positive or negative. You are paramount as our elected leaders to insuring that we become better and not worse.

3. We charge you to keep our collective betterment at the forefront and help find the right people to lead us in worship, evangelism, education, stewardship and service. Do not be satisfied with what we are doing. Strive to improve in all areas and keep all of us challenged to do and speak God's word and will.

Again, we have the utmost confidence in you and offer our support! Consider yourselves challenged. We have lofty expectations of each of you. Also, consider yourselves loved and supported. Call on any and all of us at any time to follow your trusted leadership!

In Christ,
The Men



YOUTH PAGE

"All the news that fits to print"

PYF SALTeens "season" resumes Regular Sunday night meetings get underway



It's gonna be a great year... we've got some really great plans in the works! We'll shake things up each Sunday with some "activities" followed by a tasty snack supper prepared by our parent volunteers. We'll enjoy a brief "praise and worship" time together and then conclude with the night's study/program. We'll always be finished by 7:30 p.m., so you can get home in time for your "beauty rest."

In the upcoming weeks we'll be spending some time talking about the nature of discipleship and the role of leadership in preparation for the Youth Council nominations on September 19 and the election to be held on September 26. You don't want to miss out. Come be a part of the excitement!

Join us for a lock in!

Permission slips required for this one!

Plan to join us on Friday night, September 10, for a special "PYF Kick Off" lock in. We will meet in the youth room at 10:00 p.m. to spend the night and enjoy some "special late-night activities" (they're a "secret," so you'll have to participate to be "in on it."). We'll also plan to get something to eat at an all-night restaurant (Denny's, IHOP, Waffle House or who knows?) and then we'll return to the youth room for some videos and more fun. All you will need is a permission slip (get one at PYF or download one from the Youth Page) along with some food money. Mark your calendars now (and get that permission slip turned in). This is one event you'll be talking about for a long time!



The "50-4-5" plan lives on!

What in the world is this 50-4-5 thing? Glad you asked! We want PYF to grow this year and decided again to offer an "incentive." So here's the deal... if there are 50 youth in attendance (your guests will count, but "interested" adults will not!) for **5 out of 7** consecutive scheduled PYF Sunday meetings (beginning with our September



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

Supper Club 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!

It's time for 5th Quarter!

Join us after MHS home football games

The new "season" is underway and we've got the Youth Room all ready for it. Make plans to join us after each Mooresville High home football game when we will meet in the Youth Room for some free pizza, sodas and a little "game talk." All youth in grades 7-12 and their guests are invited. We'll look forward to seeing you there!



"Fall" in place with PYF!

- SEP 5 - Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Camp Grier
- 7 - Supper Club at **Tony's Pizza**, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 - PYF "Kick Off" **Lock-In**, 10:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.
- 12 - PYF **Special Event**, 5:13 p.m.
- 14 - Supper Club at **Chick-Fil-A**, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 - "**See You at the Pole**" day
- 19 - PYF at the church, 5:13 p.m., Youth Council nominations.
- 21 - Supper Club at **Salsarita's**, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 - Fifth Quarter in the Youth Room, 10:00 p.m.
- 26 - PYF at the church, 5:13 p.m., Youth Council elections.
- 28 - Supper Club at **Pizza Hut**, 5:30 p.m.

Phifer Johnson enters Church Triumphant

Phifer Johnson, age 71, died at home on August 2, following an illness of about two months. He was the owner and operator of Phifer I. Johnson Bulldozing and a former chief of the Mount Mourne Volunteer Fire Department. He had served our church as an elder since 1990, about a year after uniting with our congregation. He was active in the Men's Bible Class and was a member of the Board of the Mooresville Area Bible Teacher's Association. As Gerry Hostetler said in her *Charlotte Observer* article on August 23: "Phifer was a big man in all the ways that count. His integrity was enormous, his honor was gigantic, his faith was immeasurable, his love for family and friends was too deep to calculate, his courage was immense and he was, by all accounts, big-hearted." We express our Christian sympathy to his wife Joyce and their family, including children Carrie and Ben.



In addition, Christian condolences are extended to others recently bereaved, including:

John Hastings and Ben Hastings and family in the death of their father, Mark Hastings, a former member, on July 27.

Fred Kann and family in the death of his sister on August 13 and his niece on August 19.

Two Scout-related awards earned

Congratulations are extended to Brandon Abernathy, son of Steve and Jane Abernathy, 128 Kings Cross Lane, Mooresville 27117, for earning the



God and Church Award in the God and Country program series. A member of Boy Scout Troop 171, Brandon received the award on July 25.

Congratulations are also extended to Dylan Powell, son of Wendy and Scott Vaughn, 118 Clontz Hill

Road, Troutman, NC 28166, for earning the God and Me Award in the God and Country program series. A member of Cub Scout Pack 166, Dylan received the award on August 8.

To the congregation:



With grateful hearts...

What a blessing the congregation of First Presbyterian Church has been to the Coates family! The privilege of working with you all for the past 25 years has been just incredible. We have been deeply moved by your many kind expressions of support and encouragement. Your most generous gift on July 11 was a BIG surprise! Words cannot adequately express our gratitude to you all, not only for the ordination anniversary gift, but for all the prayers, kind words and expressions of love you have made known to us throughout these past 25 years. May God continue to bless you, as you have surely blessed us, as we work together in the years ahead.

- Fred and Jean Coates

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