

The Bulletin Board

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News from the Pastor Nominating Committee

“Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will act.” Ps. 37:5 Your PNC (pastor nominating committee) believes that God has a special and godly leader for our congregation and that He will surely guide our path to that person in His time. Since our first meeting on Sunday, April 10th, your PNC as drafted, submitted and has been granted approval for the CIF (church information form). The CIF hit cyberspace the first of June and we began to receive the first of 84 subsequent PIFs (personal information forms)—25 more have just arrived, for a total of 109 PIFs to date. An ad was also drafted and submitted to a Presbyterian Church publication. A few church members have also referred candidates.

Prior to our PNC meetings, each member reads and prayerfully notes strengths and weaknesses of PIFs assigned as “homework.” Then meeting time is spent comparing notes/conferring about the 12-20 “homework” PIFs and listening to one or more sermon tapes sent to us by candidates. We have begun each of our 16 meetings with prayer, asking God for His mind and His direction and at close, we thank Him for His leading. There is occasion when opinions about a candidate differ (though MIRACULOUSLY seldom) and the candidate is held over for further consideration while a sermon tape is requested.

Well, that is a thumbnail of the “doings” of your PNC—for a total of more than 25 hours logged in meetings while consuming 4 bags of hard candy!! We continue to covet the prayers of this congregation. We all feel honored to serve.



Members returning to our congregation

Joyce S. Lytle has rejoined our congregation by reaffirmation of faith. We are pleased to have her united with us again. She resides at 138 P & C Path Lane in Mooresville with her husband, Bobby. She is retired and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, reading and scrapbooking. She is a part-time consultant for Creative Memories Scrapbooks.



Tom and Julie Morrow and their children, John and Juliana, transferred back to us from First Baptist



Church in North Wilkesboro, NC. Tom was ordained and installed as a Deacon here in 1995 and Julie was an active member of our choir. They are now making

their home at 311 Colony Drive in Mooresville. Tom is employed by Lowe’s and Julie is the principal at Mooresville Intermediate School. We are happy to welcome this family back into our congregation.

*God answers
prayer...*



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THE VIEW AFTER SEVEN MONTHS

It's been my privilege to be with you for seven months, and by my reckoning about seventeen transitional challenges have been met, ranging from bringing the church's rolls up to date to preparation for a different kind of stewardship campaign in the fall. There remain a few such items and I am confident they will also be satisfactorily dealt with.

What now remains, as we await the recommendation of the PNC for the next pastor of this church, is what our vision for the future of this congregation will be. As I continue to become acquainted with more of our members and listen to their dreams for the church's future, two major themes emerge.

The *first* is that many express the opinion that First Presbyterian Church, while not perfect and certainly open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, is essentially the kind of church that meets their needs. Though it could grow in membership and embrace some innovations here and there, this group hopes that it does not change in any substantial way.

The *second* is that some feel the leadership of the church needs to "think outside the box" and prepare the church for the changing needs of a growing community and especially of those who may be attracted to the congregation but have no roots in its past. This group, I believe, wants to keep the essentials of the church's traditional theology and values, but make the church more aggressive in its outreach and more creative in its ministries.

In light of these differing opinions, how the leadership of the church envisions the congregation's future will have a profound effect on staffing, budget, who are nominated as officers, evangelism, and mission outreach, to name a few.

One thing seems clear to me: First Presbyterian has been and should continue to be a leading church in the Mooresville area. I don't mean the most exclusive or elite congregation, but a "leading church" in terms of discerning God's will for this area in these changing times. This congregation has the spiritual leadership, financial capacity, the buildings and grounds, and the many young people necessary to make it a dynamic instrument of the Kingdom of God.

All that we may lack is a vision of how to use the resources God has set in our midst to his greater glory—by bringing people to Christ who in turn can bring peace on earth and the saving and transforming message of the Gospel to far more people than we are doing presently. Continue to pray for your church, the PNC, and most of all, for God's leading in these months of transition.

—Russell E. Mase

Financial Forum

Budget time – a subcommittee from the Finance committee has met with the Executive Committee regarding the 2006 budget for First Presbyterian Church. These chairmen were requested to work with their committees and study and put together their budget for 2006. The Finance committee will take the committees' individual budget, and merge them and present the 2006 budget to the congregation. Please keep the committee chairs and the Finance committee in your prayers during this time for our church.



Needed	Jan - June	\$316,242
Actual		<u>279,733</u>
Deficit		\$ 36,509

Boy Scout News

Boy Scout Troop 166 has been very busy this past month. Fifteen scouts and four adult leaders spent the week of June 26-July 2 at Camp Bud Schiele in Rutherford County to learn new skills and earn merit badges. Every scout that attended the camp has already completed their individual merit badges, which is a very astounding accomplishment. The theme for this year's summer camp was the notorious Highland Games from Scotland. The troop scored third place in the sheaf tossing event. A more pristine award that the troop won was the coveted spirit award for the week. This award shows that the scouts were always cheerful and put everyone in a good mood. Sporting their Scottish kilts helped them achieve this award.



Commitment Corner

The Rest of Your Paycheck

Most Christians are well aware of their responsibility to financially support the work of the church. However, once they have fulfilled that obligation, many assume that the rest of their income is theirs to do with as they please. But God is as interested in what believers do with the money we keep as with the money we give away. It is from that perspective that Scripture exhorts us to honor the Lord with our possessions.

The ancient Israelites gave to God the “first fruits,” the firstborn of the flocks and the first crops gathered at harvest time. These were dedicated to God by formally presenting them at the temple on the day of Pentecost. Giving to God the first and the best of one’s harvest indicated a recognition that everything belonged to Him.

According to Proverbs, the outcome of such a lifestyle would be prosperity. It is tempting for modern-day Christians to read this as a promise of financial gain in exchange for obedience to God. However, the Proverbs are not so much promises to be claimed as they are observations about the way life tends to work. In the main, people prosper as they honor God in their work and with the income derived from their work.

Yet like the Israelites, Christians are challenged to honor God in their work and finances. Is that what you are doing? Do you approach your work with the conviction that Christ is the Lord of what you do and how you do it? And what about the money you keep? Do you use it in ways that reflect God’s character and purposes?

(adapted from What Does The Bible Say About ... ?)



Church Mourns Loss

Our church family has been greatly saddened by the sudden death of our own Martha “Marti” Readling Estes on July 9. Marti was married to Eric Estes and they have two boys, Bryce and Hayden. She had served on the Board of Deacons since December, 2002, and was active in many areas of the church. We all delighted to see her smiling face, and she always had a good word for everyone. Marti will be greatly missed by First Presbyterian Church and our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.



Our condolences are also extended to these families of our church who have recently lost loved ones: Joyce Johnson and family in the loss of her mother, Ruth Sparks; Christina McElroy and family in the death of her grandfather, Robert Cadieu; Jim Schnicker in the death of his mother, Helen Schnicker; Anne Grootendorst and family in the death of her husband, Jacob on June 8; Donna Brawley and family in the death of her father, Don Westmoreland, on July 11; and to the family of Frank Baker who died on July 25. May God’s loving presence sustain each of these families in their time of sorrow.

*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

1 Cor. 15:53-55

Thank You

In the unexpected and shocking death of Marti Estes, I saw a family come together. No, I’m not talking about the Estes’ and Readlings, but our very own church family. I have always felt Don and I were members of a good church, but now I know we are part of a GREAT family.

Although, ironically, the Sisters In Christ circle was in charge of the bereavement meal, I was overwhelmed by the calls and emails from people wanting to help. As it turned out, this was not a Presbyterian Women’s responsibility. Our congregation came together as one.

To all the circles, pre-school teachers, Presbyterian Men, and staff, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your help and support given at this horrible time in our lives.

Sincerely,
Angie Copeland
Sisters In Christ Moderator

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT SESSION MEETINGS

The work of the church continues year round. At its meetings in June and July the Session took a number of important actions including these:

- Approved of a motion from the Board of Deacons that the church buy two gas Viking stove units for the kitchen, each with four burners, a griddle and a 36 inch oven.
- Heard a report that a Deacons Hard Hat Club has already completed several projects to improve the church's physical plant, and many more are planned.
- Heard a report from the Witness and Service Committee that a \$1269 profit was realized from the latest weekend pancake project, the year's total for the Mwandu Endowment now being \$11,573.
- Approved the Rev. Jody Welker from Logos System Associates to lead training for all Logos staff.
- Approved the schedule for the 2005-2006 Logos program, including staff and volunteer assignments.
- Approved the addition of the all high school grades to the Logos program with special emphasis on 9th graders in the initial year.
- Heard the report of the Audit Review Committee that all records reviewed were found to be in good order.
- Approved a motion that the interim pastor and the clerk of session send a letter of thanks to Bob Campbell and Jim Drye for their diligent work on the Audit Committee.
- Approved acquisition of a fire retardant cabinet to hold all session minutes and to have future minutes bound and kept in the cabinet.
- Heard a report from the interim pastor that the extensive work to bring the church roll books up to date is almost complete, and that a list of names will be presented to the Session soon for deletion from the rolls of persons known to be deceased, members of another church, or simply untraceable. A complete and accurate roll book will be available when the new pastor begins his/her work here.
- Accepted the report of the Personnel Committee that the Employee Handbook is being revised and that the annual staff reviews will be held in September this year.
- Heard a report that the Session has accepted into membership a total of 28 new members so far this year, with a number of prospects. New member classes are scheduled once a quarter, though during this interim time exceptions may be made to that schedule.
- Approved the proposed timeline and events for the stewardship campaign this year which will culminate with Stewardship Sunday, October 16. In addition to minutes for mission and mailings, a new feature this year will be the Stewardship Fair where various committees of the church will have colorful displays showing how our budget funds are spent. At the various booths there will be knowledgeable persons to answer any questions. Lunch will be served on that date at which further explanation of this year's stewardship commitment drive will be given.
- Adopted a Harassment Policy that will be shared with all volunteers in the church who work with children and/or youth.
- Adopted a form and procedure for dealing with a child or young person who is injured during a church sponsored event.
- Heard the report from the Pastor Nominating Committee that it will soon have reviewed over 100 Personal Information Forms from prospective pastors, and is moving forward in a spirit of prayerful discernment.



Chancel Choir summer schedule come and sing for the summer



The Chancel Choir will continue the summer practice schedule throughout the month of August. In lieu of Wednesday night rehearsals, the choir will gather on Sunday mornings at 10:20 a.m. All are invited to come and sing any or all of the August Sundays, with the exception of August 19th, when there will be no choir.



A CALL FOR CHURCHMICE !

It is time again to get our “mice” in a row and begin our churchmouse program for our new college school year.

If you are new to our church, our churchmouse program is a very important and rewarding service to our college students living away from home. A “secret” mouse is assigned to a student in September. The churchmouse is to remember their student each month with a card, note, or goodie package to let them know they are loved by our church. Helpful hints are sent to the churchmice when they receive the name of their student. The identity of the churchmouse will be revealed at the end of their school year. Wonderful friends have been made in this program. It is truly a gift to our church. Please consider doing this for our students and church this year. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992 or Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309.

Thanks so much for considering this and we will be anxious to hear from you.

Carolyn and Eleanor



Meredith Holland Drye and Tyler Townes Newman were married in our sanctuary on June 4, 2005. They are making their home at: 4114 Lenox Park Circle, Atlanta, GA 30319

Meredith Lee Neely and Thomas Hill Peebles were married in our sanctuary on June 11, 2005. They are residing at: 6114 Rose Valley Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210.

Amy Michele Deaton and William Michael Delosh exchanged marriage vows in our sanctuary on June 18, 2005. Amy is the niece of Donnie and Nancy Robinson of our congregation.

The wedding of Lora Lee Brooks and Steven Lorn Kann took place in our sanctuary on July 3, 2005. They are making their home at: 35 Greenwich Boulevard, #121, Lake Wylie, SC 29710.

Weekday Preschool

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 2 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 22nd 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 23rd 9:30

T, TH 2, 3 and 4 yr. old Fish, Ducks, Lambs,
T,W,TH 4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears

*M-F & M,T,TH 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 (703 664-3069). Our first full day of school will begin **August 24th 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), and we share your hopes and dreams and we will work hard to make this a wonderful year.

With love,

Mrs Nancy



Church School Promotion Promotion Sunday/Christian Education Sunday scheduled for August 21

Church School Promotion Sunday will be held Sunday, August 21, 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 on that Sunday.

Combined church school class to meet July 31 and August 7

All adult, middle school, and senior high church school classes are invited to the final two sessions of the summer combined class on Sundays, July 31 and August 7. 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.

The July 31 class session will focus on PYF's recent mission trip to Schuylkill County, PA. Come see and hear what this group of teenagers and their advisors learned and did on their week-long trip.

The August 7 class will feature a "Missions Fair," where we will get a first-hand look at a variety of ministries that our congregation supports, including Angel Tree, Mooresville Christian Mission, Camp Grier, Logos Systems Associates, Mwandu Medical Mission, Fifth Street Ministries, Slavic Gospel Association, Gideons, Habitat for Humanity, Two Cents a Meal, and Mooresville Area Bible Teachers Association. Come see how your mission dollars are used!

Catechism Club to begin a new year

Catechism Club is scheduled to begin a new year in September. We are planning to once again offer the course during the fall and spring.

Children in third through sixth grades are encouraged to participate in Catechism Club.



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 to follow the class from approximately 6:15-6:45 p.m. This fall's schedule is as follows:

Sunday, September 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23

November 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Registration will take place in the church parlor on August 14 and 21, before and after the worship services, or you may call Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) in the church office to register.

Thanks to patriotic participants "We are the Nation"



Thanks to all who participated in the patriotic program, "We are the Nation," on July 3. The program set a festive tone to the weekend's special Independence Day activities, and we send our thanks to Sharon Antemann, Carson and Maclean Bridges, Amanda and Donald Duncan, Kendal Fletcher, Cody and Heidi Garaas, Jill, Nell, and Van Herring, and Jeff Stonestreet, with special thanks and appreciation to the program's inspiration, writer and director, Lynelle Owen. Well done!

Worship Workshop to be held August 14 and 28

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 14, and Sunday, August 28, 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 14 and 28.

Vacation Bible School

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School, *Jerusalem Marketplace*. I continue to marvel at, and be thankful for, the enthusiastic, willing volunteers who came each evening and gave 100% to their responsibilities! There was a lot of physical work involved (ask those who set up the tents and tables in the yard each evening), and the hot weather made it less than comfortable, but the volunteers worked (and sweated a little), without complaining or grumbling! What a joy to see everyone working together with such a helpful and joyful spirit!

We enjoyed having over 100 children at our VBS this year, and treasure the memories and learning that took place! Thanks to everyone who had a part in the Marketplace.

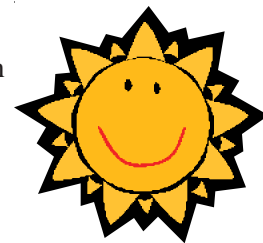
Shalom,
Ellen Auten



Children in Action to enjoy one more outing

Thanks to chaperones and hosts

Children in Action has once again lived up to its name - "action." The group of rising first through sixth graders has enjoyed a wide variety of activities already this summer, with one final outing on August 2. We enjoyed a swimming outing at the Carpenters, on probably the hottest day of the summer. Thanks to the Carpenters for the refreshing dip in their pool! We also enjoyed a bowling outing when our trip to the Kidwell's pool was rained out, a great trip to the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, the CPCC Summer Theatre production of *Hansel and Gretel*, and a "Tomato Patch Tour" at Patterson Farms.



Our devotions this summer focused on the fruit of the Spirit.

The final trip will be an outing to the Emerald Hollow Mine in Hiddenite, NC, on Tuesday, August 2, where the group will have the opportunity to participate in sluicing, creeking and digging. The group will leave at 9:30 a.m., and return around 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10; bring a bag lunch - drinks will be provided.

Thank you to all the adults who have served as chaperones and/or drivers for our activities: Janie Carpenter, Beverly Chappell, Lisa Davidson, Leann DeCastro, Jill Herring, Valerie Mauney, Jen and Mark McNeely, Tracey Prochaska, and Susan Williams.

A page from the library

We hope you're not taking a vacation from reading this summer! There are so many wonderful and inspirational books in our church library. Come check us out!

We have a new addition to the library, a computer desk and hutch, given in loving memory of Florence Brawley Johnston by her son, Tom Johnston.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>9:30am CIA to Emerald Hollow Mine</p> <p>7:00pm PYF :”Just Desserts” <i>moved to Friday, August 5</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Combined Church School “Mission Fair” 11:00am Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Logos Registration in parlor</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>6:15pm Blessed in Christ (Circle 3)</p> <p>7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm VBS Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>2:00pm Library Committee</p> <p>7:00pm PYF “Just Desserts” at the Carpenter’s home</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 <i>Baptism</i></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 8:30am Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast 9:45am Church School 10:00am Worship Orientation for 1st graders & parents 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Committee Meetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Logos Registration in parlor</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>7:00pm PYF :”Just Desserts” to school bus races at Lowe’s Speedway</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 <i>Christian Education Sunday</i></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School Promotion 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Logos Parent Meeting 7:30pm Board of Deacons <i>Logos Registration</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>9:30am Preschool Orientation</p> <p>7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>9:30am Preschool Orientation</p> <p>7:00pm PYF :”Just Desserts” - cookout at the church</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 28</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 10:00am Worship Orientation for 1st graders & parents 11:00am Worship 4:00pm PYF “Just Desserts” - Picnic at Lazy Five Ranch 7:00pm Session</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="right">3</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p align="right">4</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>7:00pm Mooresville User's Group</p>	<p align="right">5</p> <p>7:00pm PYF :''Just Desserts'' outing to Charlotte Knights baseball game</p> 	<p align="right">6</p> <p>8:30am Preschool Playground Workday</p> 
<p align="right">10</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p>	<p align="right">11</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Fat Boy's</p>	<p align="right">12</p>	<p align="right">13</p> <p>4:00pm Christian Education Meeting at the Steven's home</p>
<p align="right">17</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>7:00pm Logos Parent Meeting</p>	<p align="right">18</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p align="right">19</p>	<p align="right">20</p> <p align="center">NEWSLETTER DEAD-LINE</p>
<p align="right">24</p> <p>PRESCHOOL BEGINS</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p><i>Deadline for Logos Registration</i></p>	<p align="right">25</p> <p>PUBLIC SCHOOL STARTS</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> 	<p align="right">26</p>	<p align="right">27</p>
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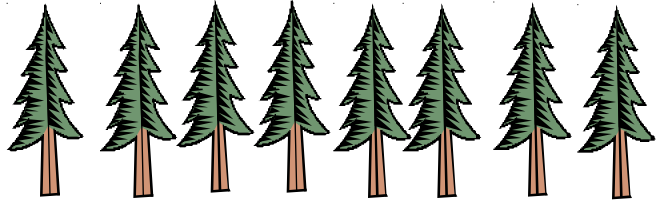
Saints enjoy two outings this summer

The Saints Alive group enjoyed two summer outings recently. The first was in June, when a group of Saints travelled to the McGuire Nuclear Station's Energy Explorium to hear the Charlotte Symphony in an outdoor concert. It was a wonderful evening, with a gorgeous sunset, great food, outstanding musical performance, and a relaxing time of fellowship with our friends. Those attending included Byron and Shirley Crowley, Al and Sharon Culp, Mary and Dick Fortanbary, Nellie Goodman, Ann Manning, Estelle Mott, Lynn Pierce, and Ellen Auten. Thanks to Mary and Dick for helping with the arrangements for this special evening.

The group's second outing was on Wednesday, July 27, when a large group of Saints went "peach-picking" at The Peach Tree in York, SC. There is just nothing to compare with a juicy, sweet, fresh-picked peach, and lots of peaches were brought back to Mooresville to be made into pies, cobblers, and other yummy dishes. Following the peach-buying, the group went on to the Fortanbary's farm in Bullock Creek, SC, where we enjoyed a bountiful luncheon, prepared and served by Mary and Dick Fortanbary and various friends and family of the Fortanbarys. We appreciate their gracious hospitality, and will have fond and wonderful memories of our time there.

****Saints Alive Reminder****

There will not be a Saints Alive luncheon in August. Next luncheon: Tuesday, September 27 (due to Saints Alive mountain trip).



Saints planning fall mountain trip

September 19-22

There are currently thirty-two participants registered for the Saints Alive trip to Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC. There is a possibility that additional reservations may be made. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) as soon as possible to check on availability for the trip.

Room rates for double occupancy are \$459; single occupancy is \$367.20. The rate includes three nights' lodging, three breakfasts, and three dinners.



From a church marquee sign....

**Satan subtracts and divides.
God adds and multiplies.**

Thanks to Girl Scouts for nursery renovations

Thanks to the members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 939 for their work in renovating the Infant Nursery (Room 215) this past spring. The girls were working on a community service project as part of earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award. The project requires a minimum of fifteen hours from planning to completion.

Thanks for providing your hard work and creativity. The members of the Infant Nursery appreciate the freshly painted walls and decorations!



Nine members of the troop received Girls Scoutings' Bronze Award, the highest award Junior Girl Scouts may earn, and include Laurie Bernadel, Carson Bridges, Chelsea Deihl, Torie Dunagan, Steffi Hastings, Kayla Jones, Olivia Osby, Megan Salzman, Bethany Tomes, and Troop Leader Gretchen McLean-Bridges.



Scholarships Awarded

First Presbyterian church has awarded the following scholarships for the upcoming school year:

The Cora Freeze Scholarship went to Rachel Kidwell, of our congregation, who will attend UNC Wilmington this fall to study to become a teacher; and to Yahnita Costner of Mooresville, who will be attending Forsyth Technical Community College to study to enter the field of nursing.

Lindsey Wilson of Mooresville is the proud recipient of the Stroud Scholarship.

The Agnes Preston Neel Scholarship was presented to Mary Ellen Auten of our congregation who will be a senior at Salem College this fall; and to Will Curtis of our congregation who will be a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill this year.

We congratulate each of these students for their hard work and dedication to learning that won them these awards.



Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

You asked for it, you got it! The Advanced Driving School speaker is Back!! Leigh Gill will speak at the Presbyterian Men's Breakfast on Sunday, August 14th at 0830 and he will be addressing more advanced skills that Teen drivers, and others, should be using on the road. This program was almost sold out last year, so PLEASE notify the church office early so Paul Beaver can organize the chickens for greater egg production!



We are asking that all church teens who took the course last year come with their Fathers and encourage their peers to come with them.



Congregation plans Labor Day weekend retreat

"The Place to be in 2005"

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 2, through Monday, September 5, 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.

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 swinging, rock collecting, wildlife observations, napping, eating, and talking. Hope you can join us! Brochures are available in the church office, online at www.mooresvillefirstpres.org, at the rear of the sanctuary, or you may use the registration form below.

****Please note: Camp Grier's insurance policy now requires that we have a certified lifeguard present when we use the pool. The lifeguard must bring proper documentation of their certification. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are planning to attend the retreat and are currently a certified lifeguard.**

Congregational Retreat Registration September 2- 5, 2005

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Approximate arrival time/day: _____

Families please indicate children's names and ages:

Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____

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

I/We prefer lodging to be: Dorm style Family style (private room, limited number available)

Indicate number of persons for:

Friday night _____ @ \$10 = _____

Saturday night _____ @ \$10 = _____

LODGING TOTAL \$ _____

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

Saturday breakfast:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50 = _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25 = _____

Sunday breakfast:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50 = _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25 = _____

Saturday lunch:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.75 = _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.50 = _____

Sunday lunch:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50 = _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50 = _____

Saturday supper:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50 = _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50 = _____

MEALS TOTAL \$ _____

MEALS AND LODGING GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining hall clean-up after meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue chopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Nametags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talent show coordinator (Sunday night) | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care (preschoolers) during Bible study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp song leader (following meals) | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care (elementary age) during Bible study, mainly with craft projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguard (currently certified) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining hall set-up before meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire | |

[The following article appeared in *The REPUBLICAN & Herald* newspaper of Schuylkill County, PA describing the mission of YouthWorks! in which our teens participated this summer.]



07/26/2005

Youths make a difference

BY STEPHEN J. PYTAK Staff Writer
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MAHANOEY CITY — While some of the student workers got their hands dirty, Victoria M. Pollaro got ambitious and used her fingers as paint brushes. Dipping her right index finger into gloss black enamel, the 15-year-old from Bayville, N.J. detailed a wrought iron fence on a porch in the 1000 block of East Pine Street. “I’m finger painting it so it’s perfect” Pollaro said. “My mom said she’d rather see me dirty,” she said with a smile. “Then she’d know I did something.”

Pollaro is one of 60 volunteers brought to town this week by YouthWorks! Inc., a Minneapolis, Minn.-based nonprofit youth organization that gives young people in grades seven through 12 the opportunity to become missionaries of sorts, and this is the group’s first mission in Schuylkill County. For six weeks this summer, every week, new batches of student volunteers will arrive in the borough to do odd jobs, like painting and cleaning.

Residents like Marie Bache, 230 W. Mahanoy Ave., submitted applications requesting assistance from YouthWorks!. “I’m very lucky to get on the list,” said Bache, 65. “And I just found out they actually pay to be here.”

YouthWorks! charges a \$238 admission price for each student to participate for one week of the program. The first group arrived on June 19 and the sixth and final group will arrive next week. The mission will end Aug. 5. The students are being housed at two area churches: the girls at First United Methodist Church, the boys at Zion Baptist Church. Meanwhile, Mahanoy Area School District provides shower facilities.

On July 14, groups of between 5-10 were doing chores at three homes in the borough, said Judy M. Livermore, a volunteer youth counselor from Wilmington, Mass., who served as a supervisor.

Andrew W. McIntyre, 15, and Bailey E. Belcher, 17, both of Mooresville, N.C., were part of one assigned to clean up Adele M. Cizikas’ home at 17 E. Mahanoy Ave. Belcher used a cloth to take the dust off the tops of the ledges on the homeowner’s handsome wood-stained parlor window. “Now she just has to get the curtains cleaned,” Belcher said. “And we’re moving stuff from the kitchen because she’s getting her floor redone,” McIntyre said. “I’m handicapped and have a very bad back,” said Cizikas, 77. “And they painted my floor, my railing, my living room walls and half of my kitchen. It’s a wonderful thing. Whatever they can do, I’m appreciative.”

An entire group from First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, N.C., participated this week with YouthWorks!. Among them was Caroline T. Ladd, 13, and J. Curtis Crews, 15, who were painting a porch railing and an exterior window frame white at Bache’s home.

“They’re quiet. They’re polite. They’re respectful. They’re nice kids,” Bache said. Meanwhile, Bache’s dogs, a terrier named “Bucky” and a Yorkshire terrier named “Topolino,” made their presence known to them with an occasional bark.

Many of these young people are YouthWorks! veterans. “I’ve done it for three years,” McIntyre said. “I like it because it gives me the chance to get to know the community and get to know the people.” “This is my fourth year,” Belcher said. “I just love how you get to meet new people in the neighborhoods, and everybody’s really nice. And it teaches you to appreciate a lot of things, and that you can help people in so many ways. It might just be the smallest thing, but it will just make their day.” “I like it,” Pollaro said, “because I want to change somebody’s life and make them happy.”

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Logos begins its 27th year

Another exciting year of the LOGOS Program begins in September and another marvelous experience is being planned for our youth and children.

The Logos Council has been working hard on staffing the program, editing the new staff handbook, scheduling fun and exciting activities for the children, planning program content, and a host of other details, great and small.

A **required** staff meeting will be held in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, July 31, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We are thrilled to have the Rev. Jody Welker, a Logos System Associates Regional Representative, coming to speak to our staff about the theology and foundations behind the program. We will also be meeting in our different program area groups, led by the coordinator of each respective group, to discuss changes/expectations in each area. This promises to be a very productive and informative meeting.

Meetings for the parents of all prospective Logos/MSM program participants will be held on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This will be an opportunity for parents to experience "A Day in the Life of Your Logos/MSM/High School Youth." Registration will be conducted in the parlor on Sundays, August 7, 14, and 21. **The registration deadline for first semester will be Wednesday, August 24.**

The Logos Program has proven itself to be an effective catalyst for attracting and keeping young people in the church. It provides a refreshing arena wherein meaningful Christian relationships between young people, between young people and adults, and most importantly, between young people and their Lord, may grow.

I prayerfully hope that you will enroll your child or youth in this exceptionally enriching experience and encourage your unchurched friends to do the same. Christ's Church can be no stronger than the disciples who comprise it. The Logos/MSM/High School Program nurtures the faith in youth that leads to strong discipleship, which is among the most urgent tasks of the church today!

During the next few weeks, we will be seeking to emphasize to the Logos/MSM/High School staff and parents that we must all commit ourselves to the very best we can give to our program this year. "Anything worth doing is worth doing well." And, as Logos is also a congregational venture, I would ask for everyone's prayerful support and service.

Faithfully,
Valerie Mauney

Logos/MSM Dates to remember:

Sunday, July 31 - 5:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Staff Orientation Meeting and Supper
Sundays, August 7, 14, and 21 - Logos/MSM registration in church parlor, before and after 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services
Wednesday, August 17 - 6:30 p.m. - Required Logos/MSM Parent Meeting *
Sunday, August 21 - 5:00 p.m. - Required Logos/MSM Parent Meeting *
Wednesday, August 24 - Logos/MSM Registration Deadline
Wednesday, September 7 - 4:00 p.m. - First Logos/MSM meeting
***Parents are required to attend one of the Parent Meetings..**



High school "Logos" beginning this year!

We are pleased to announce the formation of a high school component to our existing Logos/MSM program. The current Logos/MSM program has been offered to children in grades 1-8. Beginning Wednesday, September 7, all high schoolers (youth in grades 9-12) are invited and encouraged to meet their friends at church for a time of recreation ("hanging out"), music, Bible study and SUPPER!

We are still in the planning stages of this group, and want the youth to be involved in planning details of the program. We need a "cool" name for the group, and would like input from the youth about schedules and timing, dinner menu ideas, music preferences, along with all sorts of other interesting details. While the basic Logos format exists in a high school program, there are some things that will make it uniquely high school.

Interested youth and their parents are invited to attend an informational session following the Logos/MSM parent meetings on either Wednesday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m., or Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. Your friends are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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Mission Trip Report

Wow! What a great week we had in Schuylkill County, PA, July 10-17. We once again used Youthworks! as our sponsoring organization. They do a great job of planning and arranging for mission sites (we have travelled with them the last four years... going to Newport, TN; Denver, CO; Nashville, TN and Savannah, GA).

The participants on this year's trip were: Abby Ahearn, Laura Auten, Logan Bates, Shannon Bates, Bailey Belcher, Elizabeth Brawley, Cody Brown, Keri Carpenter, Kyle Carpenter, Hannah Crawford, Hunter Crawford, Curtis Crews, Meghan Greene, Charlie Heilman, Emily Horsman, Marshall Horsman, John-Patrick Justice, Caroline Ladd, Andrew McIntyre, Dylan McIntyre, Brittany Meadows, John Rader, Jay Trimble, Ryan Trimble and Macolm Wever along with adult leaders Jack Ahearn, Jean Coates and Jackie Justice, Harry Weyer and Lucinda Weyer.

The trip into "Yankee Land" was a loooooong one (it's hard work going "uphill")! We left at 7:15 am. and enjoyed a "travelers breakfast" (we got as far as Troutman!) and a picnic lunch along the way and finally arrived in Mahanoy City, PA, in time for our Youthworks prepared supper at 6:00 p.m.. Our arrival in Mahanoy City was accompanied by a good deal of "culture shock." It's really a long way from Mooresville's genteel, southern ways! Fortunately, we had a couple of advisors who were fluent in the "Yankee" language (thanks Jack, Harry and Lucinda!) so the group could at least understand the northern dialect. The economically depressed Schuylkill County coal mining areas were a bit of a shock, too! There will be much to be done in the region for years to come.

We had the usual mission trip "deluxe accommodations" (on the floor) at the Mahanoy City First United Methodist Church (for the girls) and the Zion Baptist Church a block down the street (for the boys). The churches were small but they welcomed us freely and warmly. Indeed, the welcome was a bit more "warm" than we really would have liked as the facilities were not air-conditioned. The showering facilities were a bit of a challenge, too. It's not very convenient to travel to the local high school, but then again the week was not about our comfort and convenience.

It really was our special privilege to serve the community as an embodiment of Christ's care. Our week's work took us to several area homes to work on scraping and painting, cleaning up messes, visiting nursing homes, running a Kids Klub program and more. It was inspiring riding

through the town and seeing the homes that had been transformed by the Youthworks groups!

We met each day for devotions before we left to work. We shared meal preparation and cleanup duties, enjoyed a variety of afternoon and evening activities (including a fascinating tour of a coal mine).

Our return to the South took us through Philadelphia for real bed and private bathroom, an authentic philly cheese steak ("whit") and a baseball game (great seats, great food!). We also stopped in Lexington, VA, for a night at the famous Natural Bridge and returned home very tired, but grateful for the experiences of the week. It was a 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 one of the best trips PYF has taken. A heartfelt "thank you" goes to all the folks who prayed and paid for us to go! A special report by the participants will be made during the Church School hour on Sunday, July 31.

"Are" August Activities



FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- ♦Outing to Charlotte Knights baseball game and the *Big Daddy Weave Christian concert* to follow. Field Box seat tickets are \$10 each., depart church at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- ♦Outing to the Carpenter's home for *homemade ice cream and swimming*, depart church at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- ♦Outing to Hardee's Summer Shootout series "*School Bus Races*" at Lowe's Motor Speedway, tickets \$5 each, depart church at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- ♦*Cookout* on the church grounds and "*Your Favorite Float*" for dessert, depart church at 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- ♦Iredell-Statesville and Mooresville Schools begin for students ("official" end to summer!)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

- ♦*Picnic Outing to Lazy Five Ranch*, depart church at 3:30 p.m. (note time change!), tickets are \$6.50 each (includes horse-drawn carriage ride)

FRIENDS AND FAMILY LAKE PARTY!!!

**All are invited to the
Friends & Family Lake Party
at the Herring's Lake Norman
Retreat in Sherrill's Ford**

(Maps Available)

**Saturday August 27th, 2005
2:00 PM until...**

Bring side dish and snacks to share, your friends and family, swim gear, boats or PWC if you can. Plan on having fun, getting wet, & sharing smiles & friendship.



**Any questions - please call:
Mac and Jill Herring
704-664-2704**

Come, Fellowship & Play!

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Beginning August 20, 2005, the new deadline for getting newsletter articles into the office will *always* be on the **20th of each month**. Hopefully, it will be easier to remember just one date and it will help to enable the office staff to get your newsletter to you in a timely fashion. We still appreciate getting your articles in to us as early in the month as possible. Thanks for your support.



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I would like to thank the members of our church for all the kindness and concern that you have shown to me and my family since I had my accident June 24.

Your prayers, visits, flowers, food, cards and phone calls have meant so much to us. God has blessed First Presbyterian with a wonderful church family and I want to wish God's blessings on each and every one of you.

Bill Harris

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