

The Bulletin Board

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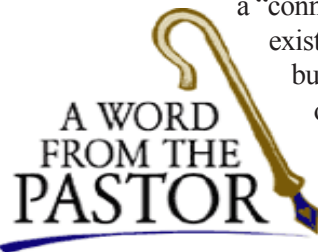
Renewing Denominational Linkages

The fourth “developmental task” of the interim pastor is to help the congregation renew its denominational linkages. As Presbyterians we belong to a “connectional” church. We do not exist as an isolated people of God, but share in a larger fellowship of believers. Isaiah wrote, “Look to the rock from which you were hewn... Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you.” (Isaiah 51:1-2) So we rejoice in the accomplishments of our spiritual ancestors such as the Westminster Assembly, John Calvin, John Knox, and John Witherspoon (the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence). We remember that some of the first and finest colleges and universities in America were founded by Presbyterians, as well as countless children’s homes, retirement facilities, and hospitals.

Because we have denominational linkages, missionary work in this country and around the world has been possible and has proved a blessing to untold numbers of God’s people. As we come to terms with the history of First Presbyterian Church, we can at the same time recognize and give thanks for our Presbyterian and Reformed heritage. We do not live just for ourselves, but are part of a religious tradition that has always reached out to others, mindful of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) to “make disciples of all nations.”

A review of the Acts of the Apostles, of the missionary journeys of Paul and Silas, a study of the first Council at Jerusalem in Acts 15, and Paul’s urging offering for “the saints at Jerusalem”—all these give us a new appreciation of being a connectional church.

Because we sometimes disagree with positions taken by wider bodies within the Presbyterian family, we can forget the tremendous heritage handed down to us by the saints who have gone before us. A renewal of appreciation for our denominational linkages will demonstrate our thanks to God for the church, our spiritual home where we hear and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



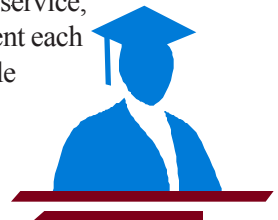
High School graduates to be recognized

Following a tradition of about forty years, we will recognize our high school graduates at a worship service prior to their graduation ceremony. The recognition this year will be at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 22, when the graduates will wear their caps and gowns and sit together as a group. During the service, the Men’s Bible Class will present each high school graduate with a Bible engraved with his or her name.

It is suggested that the graduates assemble in the parlor at 10:45 a.m., where they can

put on their commencement regalia and from which they can enter the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Immediately following the worship service, our Presbyterian Women will host a reception in Turlington Court in honor of the graduates.



Second Chance Prom

May 21, 2005

7:30-11:00 p.m.

19-120? You’re invited!

It’s really going to be a night to remember! PYF is sponsoring a “do-over,” a very special chance for you to live or re-live that “big night” of the high school prom. Come prepared to dance the night away with FPC’s world renowned DJ. Dress to impress or go “retro,” if you like, but you’ll want to look your best for the “official” prom pictures (available for a “nominal fee”). Drop the kids off early at the church for babysitting and then take your date to a nice restaurant before arriving at the prom (childcare reservations are needed, \$5/hour for 1st child, \$3/hour for each additional). Need to line up a special ride for the big night? Place a winning bid on the “Bently,” the “Rolls” or the “Party Bus” and travel in style.

All profits from the event will be used to help underwrite the PYF Summer Mission Trip, July 10-17, so get your tickets now (\$15/person, \$25/couple). FYI, “tipping” for special services WILL BE encouraged at the prom. Join us for the fun!



The Financial Forum

The officers and congregation approved a budget for 2005 which includes a **Faith Income** line in the amount of \$43,953. At the end of the first quarter of this year, of the \$158,121 needed (which includes the **Faith Income** for three months), \$142,185 was given. This leaves a shortfall for the first quarter of \$15,936.



Remember that the **Faith Income** figure is not for luxuries, but is needed to maintain the essential ministries of our church. It represents what is needed above what was pledged. Each of us, by doing a little more, can demonstrate our love for this church and our determination that, with the help of God, these essential ministries will continue. Thank you for going the “extra mile.”

Scouting News



The Scouts of Troop 166 have been very actively planning exciting spring and summer activities. One such activity is a camping trip tentatively planned for the weekend of May 14-15 in which the scouts will be able to learn and practice camping skills for the week long Summer Camp experience. Troop 166 goes to Camp Bud Shiele in the foothills of North Carolina every summer for a week long campout. The Scouts are currently busy signing up for merit badge courses that they will take part in and making plans for the annual catapult contest held on the parent night of the trip. All the Scouts are looking forward to this wonderful trip.

Another activity the scouts are currently preparing to take place in is the “Soldiers’ Field” coming to the Mooresville High School Football Stadium on Monday May 30. This event includes the setting up of flags in memory of and in honor of all the members of our armed services who have served and sacrificed for the cause of freedom. Scouts from the area, including ones from Troop 166, will keep watch over the field from Saturday, May 28, through Monday, May 30. The event will end in a patriotic ceremony beginning at 11:00 AM Monday morning. This is an important event that the Scouts of Troop 166 are proud to participate in.

LET’S KNIT

We are starting a group interested in knitting “Healing Prayer Shawls” to give to those in need. The idea is to knit shawls with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The ministry was started in 1998 by two women in Connecticut and is spreading throughout the country by those who care and love to knit. There is wonderful information on the internet, in particular at www.shawlministry.com.



If you are interested, we are just beginning. We will have our initial meeting in the church parlor on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. If you:

- Love to knit
- Would like to learn
- Don’t know how, don’t want to know how, but would like to donate supplies
- Just want to hang out with those of us who love to knit

Please join us. If you have questions, please call June Tyson (704-664-7685) or Jerilyn Fair (704-663-7512). If you know someone in need of comfort and prayers, please let us know so we can put them on our list of recipients. The reason does not have to be disclosed. Blessed are all who care about someone.

June Tyson

Robert Wilson Brantley (“Wilson”), the oldest member of First Presbyterian Church, died unexpectedly on March 31, 2005. He had served as both a deacon and an elder during his many years at the church. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.



Church picnic planned

Be sure to put Sunday, July 3, on your summer calendar for the annual Independence Day celebration picnic. The picnic will be held on the church grounds immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Once again, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided for a cost of \$1, and participants are asked to bring a side dish to complete the picnic. Look for more details to follow soon!

Older Adult Month

May is designated as "Older Adult Month" on the church calendar. We honor and recognize the older adults in our church family, particularly our members in nursing homes and retirement homes. You may wish to remember them with a card or a visit. Please notify us of any corrections or omissions.

Abernathy Retirement Center, Newton

Frances Powell

Brian Center

Joel McConnell

Helen McCullough

Churchill Assisted Living, Mooresville

Helen Brandien

Gensis Eldercare, Mooresville

Martha Andrews

Jim Good

Martha Gragg

Frances Hunter

Peggy McNeely

Mooresville Manor

Maureen Winterkamp

Piedmont Center, Thomasville

Charlie Crowell

Summit Place, Mooresville

Katherine Mack

The Pines at Davidson

Jimmie Houston

Anne Lowe

Margaret Mayhew

Onice McCachern

Caroline McLaughlin

Trinity Oaks, Salisbury

Bob and Dot Baker

Asa and Miriam McNeely

Well Springs Retirement Center,

Greensboro

Madeline Mack

Church school teachers needed for 2005-2006

The church school council is beginning the process of securing teachers for the 2005-2006 church school year, which will begin on Sunday, August 21. If you are sensing God's call to teach a class of preschoolers, elementary, middle or senior highs, or an adult class, please contact church school superintendent Valerie Mauney

(704-663-7540) or assistant superintendent Susan Williams (704-799-1330).



Church School teacher appreciation luncheon

All church school teachers and their families were honored at a luncheon on Sunday, April 17. Thanks to Carole Crews and members of the Christian Education committee for their help in preparing the delicious lunch and in cleaning up afterwards.



Valerie Mauney, church school superintendent, gave a few remarks and words of appreciation to the teachers, and then presented the teachers with a gift of a framed picture of a lighthouse, with the scripture, "Let us walk in the light of the Lord," Isaiah 2:5. Valerie reflected that teachers are like lighthouses, reflecting the light of Christ, and encouraging their classes to shine Christ's light to all. She also read a poem, part of which follows:

*Teachers, whether you have a nursery class,
Or even a class of teens,
Remember, you are teaching them to be
"true Christians"
You are held in the highest esteem!*

*Or it may be that teaching an adult class,
Happens to be your lot!
Well, just keep right on praying and studying,
And "giving it all you've got!"
Folks, our church couldn't function without you
You're a very important part!
So, may we say we love and appreciate you
From the "bottom of our heart!"*



Thank you to all who leave things in my office for use in church activities. Sometimes I do not know who has left these items, so I send a heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity, and for contributing to the ministry of our church with these items.

I would also like to say special thanks to the Omohundros for their donation of a refrigerator in the church school, and to Joyce Johnson for donating some wonderful, full-size puppets for use in children's programs. We all appreciate your gifts!

Ellen Auten



Congratulations are expressed to Jamie and Tina Brooks, 133 Lamplighter Lane, Mooresville, NC 28115, on the birth of their daughter, Eva Lynn, on April 14.



Leadership Training School

July 14-16

Logos leaders are encouraged to attend a Leadership Training School at First Presbyterian Church in Newton on July 14-16. The training school is an opportunity to:

- **Experience** directly all aspects of the Logos Program;
- **Receive** practical training in leadership and administration;
- **Be nurtured** spiritually by worship, Bible study, and conversations with other participants;
- **Learn** the theological, Biblical, and educational foundations of the Logos System of Christian nurture;
- **Be inspired** by a new vision of an educational and nurturing ministry appropriate for the 21st century.

Anyone involved in the Logos/MSM program is welcome to attend - recreation leaders, Bible teachers, parents ... any interested members of our church family! Because the time commitment for the school is significant (3 days, from approximately 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. each day), we would like for interested people to put these dates on their calendars. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending the leadership school.

Commitment Corner

Continuing the series on the duties and activities of the Sessional committees, this month's focus is on the **Witness and Service Committee**. The committee is responsible for the outreach program of the church, including the outreach through pastoral care and special ministries of compassion, as well as the witness for Christ in the entire world through the benevolence program of the church. Its duties include:

- Work with the board of Deacons to discover areas of need
- Promote the Two-Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering
- Be responsible for the pastoral care of members
- Develop ministry for times of crisis
- Oversight of the Saints Alive program
- Study requests for support from higher governing bodies of the church and make recommendations to the Session for levels of support
- Recommend any special offerings
- Be responsible for an appropriate observance of the annual Witness/Mission Season in the congregation
- Inform the congregation on the activities of the missionaries supported by our Church
- Oversight of the Boy and Girl Scout programs
- Submit budget request for the outreach of the congregation

-- from the *Standard of Procedure*,
First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville

The committee has twelve members, Mark Auten is the Chair (704-663-2494).

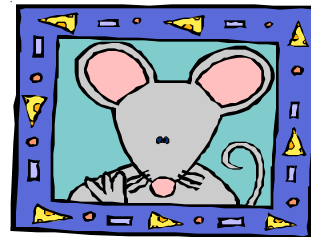


Nancy Smith shares with us this recipe from her Aunt Frances...

Sweet Potato Casserole

- 1 can (10) flaky layered biscuits
- 1 large sweet potato (cook until tender)
- 1½ sticks of margarine
- 2 cups water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ cups sugar

Melt margarine. Pull each biscuit apart into three pieces. Slice potato into stick shapes (about the size of your finger.) Wrap each piece of biscuit around a potato stick. Dip in margarine. Place in rows in a 9x12 baking dish. Spoon remaining margarine over biscuits. Mix sugar, water, vanilla and spices. Heat until sugar dissolves and pour over potatoes. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes.



CHURCHMICE

The students have received the news of "who" that special churchmouse has been this year. Hope you hear from them and have had a really good experience. Also we look forward to having you join the "rat race" ...oops "mouse race" again next year. We enjoy doing this so much and want you and the students to really have a great time and develop a good friendship. Have a great summer and be sure to watch for the "mice wanted" ads in the newsletter at the end of the summer. Thanks again so much for this very kind gift to our students and to our church.

Love,

Eleanor and Carolyn

Weekday Preschool

Where has the time gone? Each year seems to fly by quicker and quicker and as I stroll (or run, in my case) through the halls that sentimental feeling in my heart is all too familiar. We'll be saying "So long" soon, and the wonderful things that have happened at Weekday Preschool this year will become special memories for us. We can't puddle up yet as we still have much to do and a fun-filled month of May ahead of us. More on that in just a minute, but first some highlights from April.

We spent time learning about gardens, growing flowers and vegetables and even some grass in the Fish class. The halls were bursting with artwork of butterflies, dogwood trees and all kinds of spring flowers. Our playground received a new climber and a great big thank you to the PYF for pressure washing it and getting it in place. Our end of the month Spring Sing was lots of fun and we were all very proud of the great job the children did learning their songs. Thank you parents for a great turn-out and all your encouraging applause!

Please read May's activity-filled calendar which was sent home with your child. We'll be ordering in pizza, having a hot dog cook-out, playing baseball, cooling off on water day, walking for ice cream, and finishing up with a picnic at the park complete with a safari. Other special events will include celebrating our summer birthdays, Cinco De Mayo, a trip to Hawaii, Western Day and a car wash to clean our big wheels. Our 4 year-olds will graduate on **Wednesday, May 25th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall** complete with caps



and gowns. It's sure to be a sentimental time for parents and teachers, but we are confident and proud of our little graduates, and we know they will do great things. Thank you, parents, for making this a wonderful year, and for allowing us to have this

special time with your child. Truly, it has been a pleasure.

With love,

Mrs. Nancy



The Witness and Service Committee wishes to thank *everyone* who supported the Port-a-Pit Barbeque and Silent Auction. We are pleased to announce that we raised just over \$5000 for the Mwandu Endowment Fund through your generosity.

To Mwandu, With Love

Plans for our June 2nd Birthday Dinner are progressing well. The PW Council is very pleased that Annette Newton of *Tasteful Impressions* will once again be catering our meal this year. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 and because it is a catered event we will need an accurate tally of those attending. All Presbyterian Women should contact their Circle Moderators in order to make a "reservation." If you are not sure whom to contact, please call the church office to find your Circle name and number. We urge all of our Women to attend this great event and we encourage you to bring a guest! Social Time will begin at 5:30 PM followed

by dinner. Our new Officers will be installed and the evening will be highlighted by Jean Coates, who will give a presentation about the ongoing Mwandu mission.






Those of you who heard Dr. Wezi Kaonga, Medical Officer in Charge at the Mwandu UCZ Hospital speak at the April 17th service heard firsthand of their desperate need. Those on the PW Council are proud that our church is part of those helping our brothers and sisters in Christ in Mwandu. Remember, our Birthday Offering this year will be donated to Mwandu.



Pssst... can we tell a little secret? One of our Council members has written a song entitled *To Mwandu, with Love* for our celebration! Be prepared to raise your voice in praise at this year's Birthday Dinner! We look forward to an evening of fellowship and joy!



Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

May 8th is Mother's Day. It is a tradition at First Presbyterian to bring Mothers, Daughters, and Grandmothers to the Presbyterian Men's Breakfast for a very special program. This year's program will be very different and a total surprise! The nursery is available so bring your wife, daughter, and MaMaw for a program that will be talked about for a long time! Please notify the Church Office at 704-664-5275 of the number attending so we can urge the chickens to lay more eggs!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
6th Sunday of Easter <i>Communion</i> 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 9:45am New Member Class 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Confirmation Luncheon 5:13pm PYF/SALTeens 	1 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm VBS Planning meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study at the home of Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates	2 2:00pm Library Committee 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Bojangles' 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 6:30pm Cub Scout Troop 166 7:00pm J. Fair - Fellowship Hall 7:30pm High School Handbells
7th Sunday of Easter 8:30am Early Worship 8:30am Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 9:45am New Member Class 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Commitmen, Personnel, and Worship Committees 7:30pm Evangelism, Finance, and Witness and Service Committees 	8 1:30pm Staff Meeting 2:00pm Circle 1 in the parlor 5:00pm Brownie Troop 794 6:15pm Blessed in Christ (No.3) in the library 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study at the home of Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates	9 10:00am Circle of Faith (No 4) in the parlor 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 619 7:30pm High School Handbells 7:30pm Women of the Word (No. 5)
Day of Pentecost <i>Baptism</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with reception of new members and Catechism recognition 1:30pm Discover Camp Grier Day at Camp Grier 3:00pm Knitting Group in the parlor 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) 5:13pm PYF/SALTeens 7:00pm Christian Ed Meeting 7:30pm Board of Deacons	15 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study at the home of Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates	16 12:30pm Saints Alive 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Big Time Subs 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 6:30pm Cub Scout Troop 166 7:30pm High School Handbells
Middle School Ministry Retreat - continued		
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9th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 1:30pm Recital - Sanctuary & FH	29 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Brownie Troop 794 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study at the home of Liz Price	30 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Julia's Tally House 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>Preschool Graduation 25</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>1:30pm Worship Planning in the library</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study with Peggy & Harding Rogers</p> <p>10:00am Exploring our Reformed Faith in the library</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study at the home of the Omohundros</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30am Promise Keepers</p>

Middle School Ministry Retreat

May 2005



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It's time to fill out those registration forms and get them mailed in to Camp Grier! Camping sessions are offered from June 19 through August 5 for children in rising second through twelfth grades.

Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary; scholarship help is available. Please contact Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275) if you are interested in attending camp and need more information. You may also find information at the website: www.campgrier.org.

Please be sure to let the church office know when your child is attending camp so that we may include them in the bulletin and remember them in our prayers.

Following is a list of campers who have already registered for 2005 summer camping sessions:

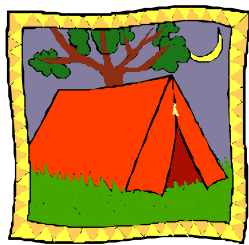
July 10-15

Pioneer Rustic: Rebecca Auten, Amanda Boone, Catherine Campbell, Kristen Carpenter, Taylor Cowart.

In addition, Mary Ellen Auten, a rising senior at Salem College, will be working on Camp Grier's full-time staff this summer.

Discover Camp Grier Day

Camp Grier is hosting a "Discover Camp Grier Day" on Sunday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Parents and potential campers (as well as any interested persons) are invited to meet new director Dave Cohn, tour the facilities, and become familiar with the camp. This year's camp open house will also include the opportunity to take



hikes, make s'mores at a campfire, and enjoy food and fellowship in the beautiful setting at camp. Please call 828-668-7793 by Monday, May 9, to make a reservation.

Needed: craft supplies

Crafts are such a fun part of summer camp!

Camp Grier is looking for donations of the following items to be used in various craft projects this summer:

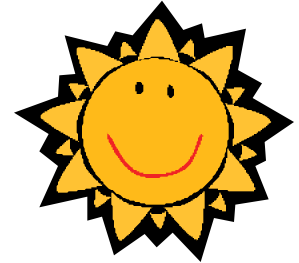
Pipe cleaners, pom-pom balls, yarn, beads, perler beads and frames, felt, wiggle eyes, buttons, rickrack, trims, craft sticks, hemp necklace cord, acrylic paint/ paintbrushes, plastic craft lacing, and feathers. Please bring these items to the church office; thank you for your generosity!

Children in Action

Summer 2005

"Children in Action" (CIA) is a weekly program of summer activities for children in rising first through sixth grades. Participants in CIA enjoy a variety of activities and fellowship with children in their age group, along with group devotions at each activity.

Parent (and/or grandparent) chaperones are needed for each event, and siblings are welcome to join the group, provided the parent (or grandparent) is chaperoning the event. Activities will be held on Tuesdays this



summer. A letter will be sent to parents later this month with details concerning specific events, cost, meals, chaperones, and registration information. Following is a list of scheduled activities:

Tuesday, June 21 - Trip to Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC., 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$4.75, children, \$6, adults

Tuesday, June 28 - Swimming at Kidwells, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

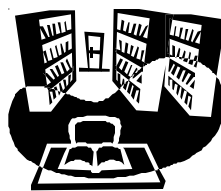
Tuesday, July 5 - CPCC Summer Theatre, "The Story of Hansel and Gretel," 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 19 - Swimming at Carpenters, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26 - "Tomato Tour" at Patterson Farms, lunch at Sloan Park; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$6

Tuesday, August 2 - Emerald Hollow Mine in Hiddenite, NC; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$8.

A page from the library



The month of May is a celebration for older folk. They say you are only as old as you feel, so if you feel you are there, here are a few books for inspiration:

Over the Hill, by Effie Leland Wilder

Our Best Years, by Helen Hayes

The Virtues of Aging, by Jimmy Carter

The Desert Blooms, a personal narrative in growing old creatively, by Sarah Patton-Boyle

Note: The library will now be open on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. until after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Ellie Den Bleyker

Saints to hear Fort Dobbs site manager

The May Saints Alive luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). Following lunch, announcements and devotions, the program will be presented by Beth Carter, Historic Site Manager at Fort Dobbs State Historic Site in Statesville. Fort Dobbs was built in 1756 to protect settlers in piedmont North Carolina during the French & Indian War. The program will feature the fort's history as well as current projects underway in Fort Dobbs' restoration.

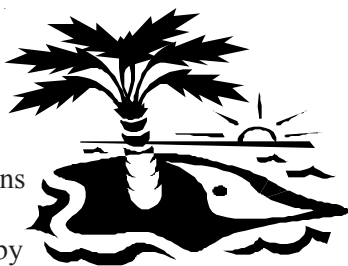
The May luncheon will be the last luncheon meeting before the summer break. Saints Alive does not meet for lunch during June, July and August.



Saints Alive group learns about pioneer missionaries to Hawaii

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 19, featuring a Hawaiian theme. Thanks to Lynelle Owen for the Hawaiian table decorations, complete with leis for everyone. The meal also had a tropical theme, with shrimp and chicken salad over lettuce, assorted tropical fruits, rolls, and coconut cake. Miriam McNeely presented the program, sharing the experiences of Asa and Lucy Thurston, pioneer missionaries to the Hawaiian Islands in the early 1800s. The Thurstons left Boston in 1819, travelling for six months by boat before reaching Hawaii, where they helped establish a Christian church and school. Miriam recounted many interesting, sometimes heartbreaking, experiences of their mission work in Hawaii. She also brought many pictures and artifacts relating to the Thurston family. It was fascinating to hear how God worked in leading the Thurstons to Hawaii, and how they came to love and care for the Hawaiian people. Miriam closed by reading Psalm 67, where we are told in verse 1:

“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”



Saints plan to tour Reed Gold Mine in May

Make plans to go on the Saints Alive trip to Reed Gold Mine on Thursday, May 12. Reed Gold Mine is the site of the first documented discovery of gold in the United States. The group plans to leave at 11:00 a.m., eat lunch together at the K & W Cafeteria in Concord, and tour the mine and exhibits at 1:00 p.m. While the cost of the tour is free, if anyone wants to pan for gold, cost is \$1.50 per pan. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in this trip.



Fall outing to North Carolina mountains

September 19-22

The annual Saints Alive trip to the beach has been temporarily moved to the North Carolina mountains! Due to extensive renovations at Sea Island Inn in Myrtle Beach, the Saints voted to go to the mountains this year.

Reservations have been made at the Hemlock Inn, located in Bryson City, NC, for Monday, September 18 through Thursday, September 21.

Hemlock Inn is a described as “a real country inn in the Great Smokies.” It is informal and beautifully situated on



Hemlock Inn

fifty wooded acres on top of a small mountain. The inn has delicious home-cooked meals; breakfast and dinner are included in the room rate.

The surrounding area offers many recreational opportunities, including the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad (the trip through the Nantahala Gorge is spectacular), Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cherokee Indian Reservation, Fontana Dam, Cades Cove, Cataloochie, whitewater rafting and tubing, fishing, hiking, golf, and surrounding towns for shopping and exploring. In addition to off-site recreation, the inn offers wonderful opportunities for relaxing in rocking chairs, enjoying fellowship and conversation around the fireplaces, and hiking on the property.

Room rates for double occupancy will be approximately \$150 per night; the final price is yet to be determined. Please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible if you are interested in this trip. We are limited to 25 rooms, as that is all that the inn accommodates! You may find more information about Hemlock Inn at www.hemlockinn.com.

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire. Thomas H. Troeger

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

Members of the Middle School Ministry will travel to the South Carolina coast for a weekend getaway at the end of the month. Departure will be as soon as school is out on Friday, May 13. Thanks in part to a school holiday in the Mooresville City School District, the group will spend three nights at the Garden City Chapel and Retreat in Garden City, SC. While there, the teens will take advantage of the warm spring coastal temperatures (*that was an attempt to influence the weather*), as well as some of the local tourist attractions. On Sunday, we will participate in the worship service held there in the chapel.

This is a great opportunity to experience worship in different surroundings with new faces. We will return to the church on Monday evening, May 16.

Members of the Middle School Ministry making the trip are: Abby Ahearn, Jordan Alexander, Ryan Alexander, Logan Bates, Cody Brown, Elizabeth Brawley, Hunter Crawford, Donovan Fair, Jordan Greene, Emily Horsman, Marshall Horsman, Caroline Ladd, Dylan McIntyre, John Price, Graham Sledge, Jordan Sledge and Neil Trimble.



Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."



Devotional ideas for Pentecost from our hymnal

The section on Pentecost in the Worship & Rejoice Hymnal starts at number 325 and goes through number 334. Consider taking time before Pentecost Sunday, (May 15) to use these words in your devotional time. The oldest Pentecost text in the hymnal is John Cosin's 15th century translation of *Veni Creator Spiritus*, dating from the 9th century. The majority of the section is fairly contemporary with offerings from several composers still alive and writing. They include James Manley, Carl Daw, Thomas Troeger, and Jane Parker Huber.

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“Second Chance Prom”

2005 Mission Trip Fundraiser

Calling all Mission Trip participants! We have a BIG fundraiser planned for May 21, and we need your help... and even if you're not going on the mission trip, we still need your help. We are hosting a special “Second Chance Prom” for our post-high school age young (and not so young) adults.

It will be a night of sweet memories “From the Garden of Eden to the Stairway to Heaven.” A world-renowned DJ will host the tunes. PYF will provide childcare for those that would like to arrange it. There will be valet parking and prom photos. Light refreshments will be served and PYF is providing all the labor (ticket sales, decorating, ticket sales, cleanup, ticket sales, baby-sitting, ticket sales, etc.). Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Come to PYF and get yours to sell now!



PYF Sings Out!

Join us May 22 to sing in worship

Last month PYF shared a couple of favorite songs during the worship services. It was a great experience. We are going to have the opportunity again this month on May 22, the Sunday that our high school seniors will be recognized. Here's a great chance to raise your voice... join us at PYF!

Special Summer Events

Get your “Just Desserts” at PYF

It's going to be different. We'll tell you more later, but basically we will be meeting just for “dessert.” It's certainly a change from previous years, but the Youth Council really wanted to try something different this summer. We plan to travel to different locations throughout the summer, so be looking for a listing of days next month. You will be able to check us out on the web, too, at...



www.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.htm

Schuylkill County, here we come!

We're heading for Pennsylvania July 10-17! Last year we ventured westward into rural Tennessee, but this year we heading north to Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Known as the “coal region,” Schuylkill County is found in east central Pennsylvania, just west of the Pocono Mountains and on the northern edge of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Typical of booming coal towns during the Industrial Revolution, Schuylkill County currently faces problems with

environmental issues, unemployment and lack of growth. Yet, in the midst of these problems, this region consists of breathtaking outdoor beauty, significant history and a determined spirit. Our group will have the opportunity to share the love of Christ as we paint houses, work with neighborhood children, spend time with the elderly in a nearby senior citizen center or homeless shelter.



Once again we are working under the auspices of YouthWorks, the mission organization out of Minnesota with which we have worked for the past four years. All of our allotted spaces (35) are filled! We do have a waiting list and are trying to find some additional spots.

It's certainly exciting to see such an interest in mission work! PYF is certainly not afraid to “get their hands dirty” helping others. That surely brings a smile to Jesus' face!

Carowinds SonFest - June 23-25

Mark your calendars and let Tony and Ginger White know that you want to go so we can get our tickets in advance (and save a few bucks!). The tickets aren't cheap, but the music is some of the best! Top Christian groups like the Newsboys, Third Day, MercyMe, Audio Adrenaline, Relient K, Casting Crowns and Thousand Foot Krutch will be performing at the three day event. We are only planning to attend on Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25, and it promises to be a great celebration. Make plans to go now!



May Days

The regular Sunday schedule finishes this month (but you'll get your “Just Desserts” beginning in June!). So come share some of the fun with us.

- May 1 - “Second Chance Prom” tickets go on sale
 - PYF SALTeens 5:13 p.m.
- 3 - Supper Club (Bojngles), 5:30 p.m.
- 8 - No MEETING (Mother's Day)
- 10 - Supper Club (Pueblo Grande), 5:30 p.m.
- 15 - PYF SALTeens, 5:13 p.m.
- 17 - Supper Club (Big Time Subs), 5:30 p.m.
- 21 - PYF hosts “Second Chance Prom,” 7:30 p.m.
- 22 - PYF sings in worship services
 - PYF SALTeens, 5:13 p.m.
- 24 - Supper Club (Sonic), 5:30 p.m.
- 29 - No MEETING (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 31 - Supper Club (Julia's Tally House), 5:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

This summer's Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-15, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. each evening. This year's activities will all take place at First Presbyterian, with friends from Prospect Presbyterian and Mooresville AR Presbyterian attending.



This year's theme is *Jerusalem Marketplace*, where participants will be immersed in Bible-times culture and will explore what it might have been like to live when Jesus did. Children will be grouped in family "tribes," where they will experience new traditions, try new craft projects, explore traditional Jewish customs, see daily dramas in the Marketplace, and learn from the Storyteller.

Be sure to sign up for Bible School, either as an adult volunteer or a participant, using the registration form below.

Vacation Bible School Registration

Child's name _____
Birthdate _____
Last grade completed (as of June 2005) _____
Known allergies or medical concerns _____
Parent's name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Volunteer Registration

Volunteer name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

I am willing to help in the following areas:

<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery (under 3 years)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tent set-up
<input type="checkbox"/> Preschool tribe leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary tribe leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Storyteller
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle school/high school tribe leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorating
<input type="checkbox"/> Craft helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Costumes
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama group

****Attention VBS Volunteers:****

**Staff Orientation Meeting - Wednesday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**

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