

The Bulletin Board

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Stewardship at First Presbyterian Church



Stewardship Sunday this year is early, October 16. On that day we'll be asked to bring our pledges for the 2006 budget. In preparation for that day of dedication, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about the church's ministries and commitments. There will be letters, brochures, posters and the usual means of communicating the need. On October 2, there will also be a *Stewardship Fair* where you can visit booths around the perimeter of the fellowship hall where colorful and informative displays will illustrate where our budget funds are spent. Each of these booths will have persons to answer your questions. The booths will be "open" between the services and following the second service on that Sunday. Also, you are invited to attend the *Stewardship Luncheon* at 12:15.

Arriving at an appropriate pledge for each family unit requires both prayer and gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed on us. The Bible doesn't talk much about "budgets," but it has a great deal to say about our giving God our best, the "first fruits" of our labor. The stewardship theme this year, "**Take It from the Top,**" reflects this understanding. We are trying to imagine our weekly or monthly check being the first we write rather than the last.

The church adopted a "faith budget" line item in order to keep essential ministries in place. We in faith believe that this need will be met by the end of 2005. Just to keep pace with the rising cost of almost everything, to more adequately compensate our excellent staff, and to maintain the ministries of this church, each of us needs to "take it from the top" as we think about our commitment for 2006. Remember that arriving at that appropriate pledge figure begins with *gratitude for God's blessings*. If each of us will do that, we will not have to talk about that word "budget" which is not a biblical word, but obedience and celebration, which are. Thank you.

Kairos begins

new midweek high school ministry

As we begin the 27th year of our Logos program, we now will offer a high school (grades 9-12) component with a great name, great leadership, great meeting place, and great participants! This new phase will be called **Kairos**, the Greek word meaning "a God-appointed time." Kairos, while being under the umbrella of Logos, will take on its own unique character - beginning with its location. The program will be held entirely in the **Kairos House** (church manse), located beside the playground. This wonderful space allows for recreation, bible study, worship skills and meals to all fit nicely under one roof and separate from the other elements of Logos. The Kairos program will be led by coordinator Jerilyn Fair, bible teacher Liz Rader, table parents LuAnne Sledge and Thermond Thompson, and a team of worship skills leaders coordinated by Alan Sledge. Meals will be prepared in the Kairos House kitchen by Jerilyn Fair, with the exception of the last Wednesday of each month. On this day, the group will head off campus to a local restaurant. A \$2 dollar charge will apply to these outings.



Kairos will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 7, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and follow the regular Logos schedule. We currently have twelve registered participants, and invite any 9th-12th graders to join this exciting group on Wednesday afternoons. Unlike Logos and MSM, registration will continue throughout the semester and teens are encouraged to bring a friend. Please let the church office know ahead of time. Please contact Logos director, Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) or Kairos Director, Jerilyn Fair (704-663-7512) for more information.



A key event in the life of the church will occur this fall when I will request that the Executive Committee meet for an afternoon retreat at which the objective will be to arrive at a consensus concerning our vision for the future of First Presbyterian

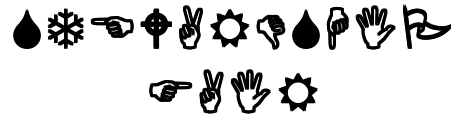
Church. I hope this event will accomplish two ends:

First, that it will sharpen and bring into focus the results of the Town Hall Meetings held several months ago. A great deal of information was gathered and tallied as a result of those meetings. More study is needed to resolve the congregation's general vision of the church's future course.

Second, through prayer and the seeking of God's will in the matter, then set down in writing an expanded mission statement for this congregation and deal with the several options facing us relative to remaining a stable downtown church of limited membership, or seeking to expand our outreach beyond the center city and out traditional ministries.

The conclusions reached by the Executive Committee will be helpful to the Pastor Nominating Committee, and will be of prime importance to the incoming pastor. In last month's *A Word from the Pastor* I discussed the two general viewpoints that have emerged during my time here. This retreat will attempt to explore these viewpoints and other possible ones, and to arrive a more sharply focused mission statement.

As always your prayers and support of those who will be engaged in this critical process will be appreciated. As the PNC is finding out, there are many ministers who are interested in serving a church such as ours. Our task is to define where we believe God is leading us, and to respond faithfully both in our own planning and in the selection of a new pastor.



It means we are going to have a

“STEWARDSHIP FAIR”

and **Church Luncheon**

SUNDAY, October 2, 2005

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

and

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Please come and learn about the programs our church has to offer and the way in which our budgeted funds are spent.

Does anyone have, or know of, a popcorn machine and a cotton candy machine that the Commitment Committee could borrow for the Stewardship Fair? If so, please contact Corky Simmons at 704-658-1545. Thank you.

Witness & Service Committee Announces

Upcoming Mwandi Endowment Fund Fellowship Meals

*** All proceeds to benefit The Mwandi Endowment Fund***

Port-A Pit Chicken & Ribs

That's right... **Ribs!** The second Port-A-Pit meal planned for 2005 to continue the Mwandi Endowment Fund is a Port- A- Pit Barbecue chicken or ribs dinner and is planned for Saturday, September 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will be \$7.50 a plate for a ½ chicken, beans, slaw, bread, dessert, & tea, or \$10.00 for the rib plate. The chicken, as most of you know is *heavenly*, however, **just wait until you taste the ribs!!!** John Neely (704-663- 2592), Bill Lackey (704-663-6007), & Mac Herring (704-664-2704) of the Witness & Service Committee are coordinating volunteers, resources, & advance ticket sales for the Port-A Pit meal. **Advanced ticket purchase is strongly recommended**, as a commitment will need to be made on the number of chickens and ribs that are needed to be ordered.

Yard Sale & Pancake Meal

Our next Pancake Meal is scheduled for October 21st & 22nd. This autumn event will be coupled with a yard sale on Saturday morning from 7 to 11 a.m. We will be collecting gently used items for this project in early to mid-October. Contact Mac Herring (704-664-2704) or Mark Auten (704-663-2494) for details. Mark your calendars & plan on yard sale shopping & eating pancakes at 1st Church!

Financial Forum

The Financial Review Committee of the Church recently completed the review of the financial books and records of the Church, the Men of the Church, the Women of the Church, and the Men's Bible Class for the year 2004.

The primary focus of the review is the Church's principal Operating Account and the Special Fund Accounts. For each account, bank statements of deposits, paid checks, and other credits and charges are compared to the respective Treasurers records. Paid checks are reviewed for agreement of records as to payee and amount, and a select sample of items are further reviewed and compared to vendor invoices, approved disbursement requests, and for accuracy of expense recording.



The formal report of results, including findings and recommendations, was presented to the Executive Committee in July.

The Review Committee will be examining the books and records of the Pre-School following the close of its fiscal year which ended July 31st.

Needed: Jan-July	\$368,949
Received: Jan-July	<u>324,359</u>
Deficit	\$ 44, 590

48 Churchmice needed!!

We have forty eight college students living away from home this year. So we need a lot of mice! Hope we will hear from you soon. Thanks to those of you that have already called us for it is so nice to already have everything done by the first of September. If you would like to be a mouse this year we welcome you to our pack! It is fun!!



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...it is important not to reveal your identity to anyone because the student and sometimes their family have a really good time trying to figure out who it is. 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 Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992.

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

Eleanor and Carolyn

Catechism Club to begin Sunday, September 18

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 28, before and after the worship services, or you may call Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) in the church office to register.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT SESSION MEETINGS

The session passed a number of motions relating to the upcoming season of the Logos/MSM/Senior High ministry, including:

- Approval of the calendar and the leadership for the whole ministry
- Approval of High School Coordinator duties for Logos
- Raised the Logos/MSM/High School registration by \$5 and approved up to a \$5 tuition increase if deemed necessary
- Approved a Code of Conduct/Standards for adult leaders and its inclusion in the Logos handbook
- Also approved a Leaders Covenant and a Discipline Policy and their inclusion in the Logos handbook
- Approved a church office notification of injury report
- Approved the Crazy Clothesline Characters curriculum for the 4 year-old church school
- Set the Catechism Club schedule for the year

The Session also acted on the following:

- Changing the official august baptism date from the 7th to the 14th
- Approving August 21 for a Minute for Mission concerning the Mooresville Community Pregnancy Center
- Hearing a report from Elders Auten, Lackey, and Trimble, commissioners to the July 15 Salem Presbytery meeting at Burlington
- The presentation of a framed print of First Presbyterian Church to Raymer Funeral Home in Huntersville, dedicated in memory of Mari Estes

Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Linda) Irvin were received into membership by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC



Logos begins a new year

On Wednesday, September 7, our church will begin a new year of the LOGOS/MSM program. Parents had the opportunity during the last two weeks of August to register their children for the LOGOS program, including the new Kairos High School program, and I was pleased to see how many parents have made LOGOS a priority for their children.

The LOGOS staff has also made a very generous commitment of their time and resources during the past month in order to make sure that our young people have the very best in Christian nurture. Their commitment is one of the key factors that contribute to the success of the LOGOS Program at this church. I would especially like to thank the LOGOS council members for all of their work in putting together their teams and planning activities for the upcoming year. Extra kudos to Jill Herring (recreation coordinator) and her team, Darrin Bridges, Holly Brumley, Brad Chappell, Meghan Lynch, Cindy Ray, and Jennifer Robinson, for their marathon after-church organizational meeting, which did not include lunch. (Now that's dedication!). Special thanks also to Jerilyn Fair, for working so hard to plan for the Kairos High School program, from the ground up.

I am also grateful to the many people of our congregation who do not have children, or do not have children in the LOGOS program, and who still volunteer to help out on Wednesday nights. We really need and appreciate that help. It also sends a strong message to the children involved in the program that their whole church family supports them and wants to help them become Christ's disciples.

Now on to the fun stuff! The themes for September are "Survivor" (dress in your rattiest jungle duds), "Super Hero Night" (be on the lookout for an elder in a "Super" costume!), "Beach Night" (Sept. 21), and "Farm Night" (hayride, anyone?). The Logos choir will help lead in worship at the 11:00 a.m. service on September 25 and the Middle School Bell Choir will help lead at the 8:30 a.m. service on October 2.

Please continue to support the Logos program through your prayers as the staff continues faithfully in service.

Faithfully,
Valerie Mauney

Church School begins 2005-2006 year

Sunday, August 21, was Promotion Sunday at church school, and officially began our 2005-2006 church school year. Classes are offered for all ages, and teachers and room numbers are listed below:

Infant Nursery (Room 215): Jane Abernathy, Susie Belcher, Karen Brawley, Holly Brumley, Gretchen McLean-Bridges, Anne Telford.

Toddler Nursery (Room 211): Jean Coates, Lisa Davidson, Alice Garaas, Paige Ladd, Ruth and Trent Newell, Ashely and Josh Schaen.

2's & 3's Class (Room 213): Laura Bates, Karen Brawley, Holly Crawford, Liz Rader.

4 year old Class (Room 210): Darrin Bridges, Valerie Mauney, Jerry and Sonya Moskel.

Kindergarten Class (Room 207): Melissa Beaver, Jen McNeely, Cindy Ray, Ginger White.

1st & 2nd Grades (Room 324): Judy Cole, Megan Lynch, Becky Rader, Jennifer Robinson.

3rd-5th Grades (Room 322): Gretchen and Brian Little, Janice and Eric Pluer.

Grades 6-8 (Room 313): Margaret and Gene Auten, Lisa and Todd Chambers.

Senior High Class, Grades 9-12 (Youth Room): Mary Kidwell, Angie and Mike Toma.

Celebrate Class (Room 317): Allen Brawley, Lorra Lee Holshouser.

Covenant Class (Room 308): Pat Culberson.

Discovery Class (Room 300): Jim McDonnell.

Friends and Family Class (Room 301): Rick Omohundro.

Men's Bible Class (under sanctuary): John Neely.

Rejoice Class (Room 319): Joyce Sloop

Who So-Ever Will Class (Room 315): Fronnie Gardner.

Women's Bible Class (Room 309): Bob Amon

The Church School Council is excited about the upcoming church school year, and 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 to Valerie Mauney, 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 Valerie for her diligence and leadership. Thanks also to Valerie's husband, Scott, and to children Colton and Landon, for their help and encouragement, and for sharing Valerie with us for two years!

Thank You...

On July 9, Marti, my wife, best friend, and the mother of our two boys, passed away.

I would like to express my GREAT appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church family for being there for Bryce, Hayden, and me during the past month. Marti loved our church, and it has been an important part of our lives. As difficult as this past month has been, all the prayers, phone calls, notes, meals, e-mails, and conversations have made it easier. It is very difficult to put into words how much it means to me, but I am truly thankful for everything that you have done for us.

Warmest Regards,

Eric Estes



Dear First Pres. Family,

Rodney and I would like to thank you for the prayers, cards, food, help & love that you have expressed and are still expressing during the loss of Marti. It is so wonderful to know that Eric, Bryce, Hayden, Rodney & I have such a loving & caring church family.

God Bless you all,

Rodney and Betty Sue Reading



Jo Kittner, daughter of Helen Boyd, passed away Monday evening, August 8, after a long illness. A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Quinton, VA on Thursday, August 11, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Boyd is grateful to the congregation for the many prayers and other support provided by so many. She will be returning to Mooresville soon

Welcome to new church school officers

The church school began the 2005-2006 year on Sunday, August 21, headed by new superintendent Susan Williams and assistant superintendent Leeann DeCastro. We welcome Susan and Leeann to their new positions, and pray for guidance for them as they assume these new roles. Susan and Leeann will be available on Sunday mornings during the church school hour, and may also be reached at home with questions concerning church school:






Susan: 704-799-1330






Leeann: 704-660-5248

August 2005						
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September 2005

<p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 9:45am New Member Class 11:00am Worship</p>  <p>Camp Grier Retreat</p>	<p>Labor Day 5</p> <p>Church office and Preschool closed</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00pm Library Committee 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at <i>Pie in the Sky</i></p>
<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 8:30am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 9:45am New Member Class 11:00am Worship 5:13pm PYF 7:00pm Committee Meetings</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>2:00pm Circle No. 1 in the parlor 5:30pm PYF Supper Club 6:15pm Blessed in Christ (Circle 3) 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the parlor 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at <i>Bojangles</i> 7:30pm Women of the Word (No.5) at Beverly Chappell's</p>
<p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with new member reception 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) in the parlor 5:13pm PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club begins 7:30pm Board of Deacons</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates</p> 	<p>NEWSLETTER DEAD- LINE 20</p>  <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club at <i>Pueblo Grande</i></p>
<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 10:00am Open House at Lake Norman Fellowship 11:00am Worship with Logos choir 5:13pm PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:00pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club 7:00pm Purpose Driven Life Study 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>12:30pm Santas Alive luncheon 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at <i>Chick-Fil-A</i></p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 7:00pm Mooresville User's Group 	2	3 Camp Grier Retreat 
7 10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 1:00pm Logos/MSM - <i>Survivor</i> 2:00pm KAIROS at the Kairos House 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Logos Parent Meeting in the Library 7:00pm Chancel Choir	8 10:00am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Fat Boy's	9  10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter	10 9:00am Pathways to Leadership - Parkway Presbyterian in Winston-Salem, NC
	Preschool Picture Days		
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Unlock Inn			
28 10:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 1:00pm Logos/MSM - <i>Farm Night</i> 2:00pm KAIROS at the Kairos House 4:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Chancel Choir	29	30 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	October 2005 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Saints Alive begin fall luncheon meetings

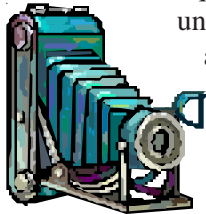
The Saints Alive group will resume their regular monthly luncheon meeting schedule on **Tuesday, September 27** (note the change to 4th Tuesday, due to mountain trip), at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$3). Saints Alive is a monthly (September through May) luncheon fellowship group for “older” (50+) adults and friends of our congregation, where participants enjoy lunch, devotions and prayer concerns, and a program, along with wonderful fellowship with one another.



The September luncheon will feature a trip “down memory lane.” We will reminisce about days gone by, reflect on childhood memories and events, and have our own version of “Antiques Roadshow,” where participants are encouraged to bring some of their



antiques to share with the group. Bring unique items, sentimental items, anything that is antique. We won't have an official appraiser, but the group is sure to enjoy seeing items from years ago. Also, everyone is encouraged to bring a baby or childhood picture, and we'll see if we



can guess who goes with which picture! Come and bring a friend!

Saints Alive Reminder:
Next luncheon: **Tuesday, September 27**
(due to Saints Alive mountain trip).

Just a few weeks until mountain trip...

The Saints Alive mountain trip, scheduled for Monday, September 19, through Thursday, September 22, is quickly approaching. Participants should contact Ellen Auten by Tuesday, September 6 regarding transportation arrangements and train reservations. All payments for the train trip should be made prior to departure; room payments may be made at Hemlock Inn.



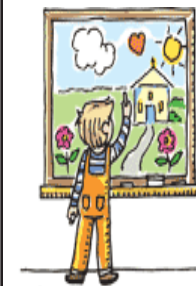
All Saints' Eve

Be sure to put Monday, 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 Laura Bates along with help from PYF members. Please contact Laura (704-663-8887) 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 follow in the October newsletter.



FROM THE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

It has come to the attention of staff and church members that there are increasing incidents of children being left unsupervised in Preschool rooms during the hours when Preschool is not in session. This is of great concern for several reasons primarily that of the safety of the children. The rooms are “childproof” based on the age of the children who are taught in each individual room, but not necessarily for all ages. There are also tall cabinets, water coolers, bird cages and any number of things that could be pulled over onto a child.



These rooms are locked during the week, as there are art projects in progress and materials set out for the next day's teaching. There are specific rooms available for supervised care for Wednesday night Logos, for children of Choir members during their practice and for many other events as needed. It is our wish to accommodate all those who are attending functions during the week, but it is imperative that we make sure that our children are being supervised.

Presbyterian Women

Our Annual Birthday Dinner celebration this year, *To Mwandi, With Love*, was a great blessing to all who attended! It was our great joy to be able to present Jean Coates with a check for \$1,952.00 for the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project. The Council wishes to thank all the women of the church for showing such great generosity in support of this very worthy mission. Many thanks, as well, to all Council officers, Circle Moderators, church office personnel and all the others who helped with this year's PW Birthday Dinner. Another joy of the evening was singing the special song, written by Margaret Auten and arranged by Alan Sledge, *To Mwandi, With Love*. Thanks as well to Christy Floyd for accompanying us as we lifted our voices in song. We hope the entire congregation will be able to sing this lovely piece at some future date!



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Logos Leadership Training School

Susan Williams is planning to attend the Logos Leadership Training School at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC, on August 29-31. Please remember Susan in your prayers as she attends the school.

We are pleased to announce that our church will host a Logos Leadership Training School next summer, July 6-8, 2006. We will need many volunteers to assist with this event, so if you're in to long-range planning for 2006, go ahead and put this date on your calendar! This will be a wonderful opportunity for many in our congregation to attend a school without having to travel far - you can't get much closer than your home church!

At Leadership Training School, participants experience all aspects of the LOGOS program, receive practical training in leadership, administration, and interpretation, are 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, and are inspired by a new vision of an educational and nurturing ministry appropriate for the 21st century.

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 their new friends' and teachers' names. 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 and new mulch was brought in and spread out. My heartfelt thanks go out to Ginger & Tony White, Bob & John Amon, Melissa & Ben Beaver, Jerilyn Fair and Alex Ahearn 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 cubbyholes. 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. 8th and 9th**, and receiving our **Firemen Friends on Sept. 22nd-23rd**. You will be receiving a letter from me detailing the day your child will be photographed.

Thanks to our wonderful parents for your attendance and attentiveness during our Orientation meetings. Please carefully adhere to our unloading and loading process and continue to read all communication that comes home with your child. Most importantly, 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*



YOUTH PAGE

"All the news that fits to print"

Another PYF "season"

Sunday night meetings get underway

Sunday, September 11, is the date. The time is 5:13 p.m. We plan to start each evening with some special "activities" followed by a tasty snack supper and conclude with a worship/study/program. We'll be always be finished by 7:30 p.m., so you can get home for your "beauty rest."

Since we have enjoyed music so much in the past year, this year we plan to focus our lessons on the scriptural basis of the music we sing. It should be a revealing You don't want to miss this.



Thanks for the memories!

Weyers "retire" as PYF advisors

It has been a great experience sharing the past several years with Harry and Lucinda Weyer. They have given freely and tirelessly of their time (including many personal vacation times!), effort and love as PYF advisors. We will certainly miss them as they "retire" from "active duty" with PYF!

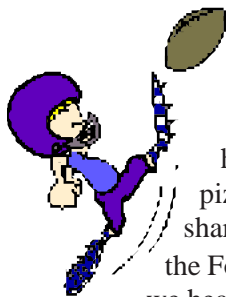
The Youth Council will be expressing PYF's thanks on September 17, during a special council dinner outing honoring the Weyers. Individual PYF members are encouraged to send personal expressions of appreciation to Harry and Lucinda. You can send them with your council members on the 17th or send them directly via email (harryweyer@alltel.net, lucindaweyer@alltel.net). We give thanks to God for the Weyer's ministry among us!

Youth Ministry Wish List

Would you like to help?

PYF would like to expand on its current musical interests and has need of some equipment. We already have a nice, new bass guitar (donated previously) but are in need of an amplifier for it. We have some money (\$500) "saved" for a sound mixing board, but need about \$400 more. A drum set would be nice, too!

We don't ask for much, do we?! But, if we can get all this together, PYF hopes to form a functioning "worship band" (Lord willing) to lead us in our meetings and to share on Sunday mornings.



Fifth Quarter to resume Join us September 9

Ready!... Set!... oh, you know the drill! Join us after the Mooresville home football games for some tasty pizza and good fellowship. We'll share have a brief devotion and catch the Football Friday Night program before we head home at 11:59 p.m.

We've had our "Just Desserts" now Supper Club returns on Tuesdays

We've already been meeting on Tuesdays during the summer for our "desserts," but now with school back in session we are shifting back to the main course. 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.mooresvillefirstpres.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!



September Stuff

How 'bout joining us at PYF!?!

- SEP 4 - CHURCH LABOR DAY RETREAT
- 6 - Supper Club at Pie in the Sky, 5::30 p.m
- 9 - Fifth Quarter, 10:30 p.m
- 11 - PYF resumes regular Sunday meetings, 5:13 p.m.
- 13 - Supper Club at Bojangles, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 - PYF, 5:13 p.m.
- 20 - Supper Club at Pueblo Grande, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 - "See You at the Pole" day
- 25 - PYF at the church, 5:13 p.m.
- 27 - Supper Club at Chick-Fil-A, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 2 - Stewardship luncheon and Fair, 12:00 p.m
- PYF, 5:13 p.m

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in everything that you sing. John Wesley

Music programs are back in session

LOGOS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BEGINS THE 2005 YEAR

Beginning with the first Wednesday in September, the Logos and MSM programs will once again be in session.

The Logos Choir, comprised of 1st through 6th graders, begin preparations for their participation in the 11:00 a.m. worship service on September 25, 2005. This choir will sing once a month and conclude the spring with a musical and an overnight trip. We are in need of a few adults to help with choir robes on the Sunday mornings that we sing. Please contact me if you can be of assistance.

The MSM Handbell ensemble also begin rehearsals on September 7, 2005. They will first participate in the 8:30 a.m. worship service on October 2, 2005. This group will ring once a month and finish the year with a beach trip in May.

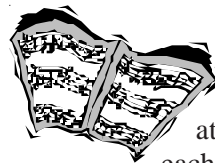


CHANCEL CHOIR AND EXALTATION RINGERS RESUME REGULAR SCHEDULE

After the summer hiatus, the adult handbell choir will be resuming the regular rehearsal schedule on Tuesday September 6, 2005. This choir is open to any one with handbell experience, so come and get involved. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in the music room.

The Chancel Choir will also resume the regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, September 7, 2005.

The choir is currently in need of some new voices. The moving man paid a visit to the choir room and we need you. This adult choir sings each Sunday at the 11:00 am service, and rehearses each Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. We will soon begin work on the Christmas music and now is a great time to join the choir.



ATTENTION SENIOR HIGHS - KAIROS BEGINS

The Logos program now extends through the 12th grade. The senior high portion, known as **Kairos**, will also begin on September 7, 2005.



For a more detailed description of this exciting new element to our midweek program, take a look at

the front page of this newsletter.

Kairos will include grades 9 through 12 and meet in the Kairos house (formerly known as the church manse). This group will participate in the worship service each month beginning October 9, 2005, although not always as a choir. Kairos will be involved in many aspects of worship, some musically some not. As with all our midweek elements, Kairos will end the year with a spring trip.

When Billy Graham was converted in 1937, two invitational hymns were used with a total of eight verses. Reverend Graham did not go forward until the last verse of the second hymn. To this day he says he is grateful that the evangelist, Mordecai Hamm, waited so patiently.

“When I come to present my credentials at the gate of heaven, it will mean nothing that I have traveled around the world preaching the gospel. Then, as when I was first converted, I will say:”

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

- Rev. Billy Graham

Come to Camp Grier for Labor Day weekend

The place to be!

The annual congregational Labor Day weekend retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5, 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, 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!



Logos/MSM September dates to remember:

- Wednesday, September 7** - 4:00 p.m. Logos/MSM begins fall semester; "Survivor" theme
- 6:45 p.m.- Logos/MSM Make-up Parent meeting
- Wednesday, September 14** - Super Hero Night
- Wednesday, September 21** - Beach Night
- Sunday, September 25** - Logos choir (grades 1-6) sings at 11:00 a.m. worship service
- Wednesday, September 28** - Farm Night

Visit us on the web at: www.moorevillefirstpres.org

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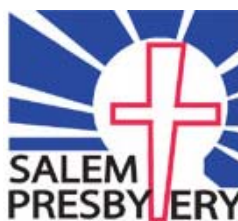
September Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

All Presbyterian Men are invited to join us at the September 11th breakfast at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bob Amon, better know as "Victor, Victrola!" will be telling us about his collection of old Victrola record players. He has a great collection and will take us back to those "Thrilling Days of Yesteryear" with his always entertaining narrative and tales! Please sign the Visitor Pad in church or call the Church Office (704-664-5275) to make your reservation.



Pathways to Leadership

Salem Presbytery's *Pathways to Leadership* training event will be held Saturday, September 10, at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. 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. A complete listing of class sessions may be found in the church office as well as at www.salempresbytery.com.



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