

# The Bulletin Board

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August 2006

## Well done, thou good and faithful servant...

### Organist Christy Floyd will retire August 27, 2006

What began in February 1997 will come to a close on Sunday August 27, 2006. After nine years and six months, Christy F. Floyd will retire and relocate to Houston, Texas to be near her grandchildren. Through the many aspects of music ministry, Christy has touched the lives of many here at Mooresville First Presbyterian Church. Each Sunday, worship services open and close with Christy's musical offerings. She leads us as we sing the hymns; an occurrence that binds us together unlike any other activity. She has played the organ and/or piano at our weddings, funerals, and rehearsals for Logos and Chancel Choir. She has prepared special programs with Saints Alive and Presbyterian Women, and accompanied countless soloists and groups, not only within our walls, but also for community activities. Our lives are richer now - thank you Christy!



The daughter of a Baptist minister, Christy began church work at an early age. With dedication and hard work, she developed her God-given gifts of music. Her first church job was in 1955, when the pastor of West View Baptist Church in Charlotte, and a close friend of her father, hired her as organist. Too young to drive, they sent a car for her twice a week. (continued on page 9)

## “All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians” Starts Aug. 20

When you boil down Christianity to its essentials, what do you end up with? One of the most important essentials, if not the most important, is grace—the undeserved, unearned favor that God shows us through Jesus Christ.

Beginning on Sun., Aug. 20, we will start a fall-long emphasis in worship and Church School that focuses on the grace of God. “All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians” will connect the sermons preached with the lessons taught in adult and youth Church School in a powerful, transformational way.

Simply put, the lessons studied in Church School will be on the same scripture passage as the sermon text in that Sunday's worship services. So we will connect the sermons preached with the lessons taught to adults, middle schoolers, and senior high students.

All of our ongoing classes for adults and youth will be teaching these passages from Galatians. Each teacher for each class is called by God and gifted to teach, so you will not go wrong with any class. To prepare, our teachers will meet once a month with our new pastor/head of staff, the Rev. Dr. Clay Brown, to review the upcoming passages.

All classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall on August 20, at 9:45 a.m. for Promotion Sunday. Then Dr. Brown will lead and introduction to Galatians at 10:00. On August 27, a new class will begin in the Fellowship Hall: a “Pastors Class” taught by Dr. Brown, and our associate pastor, the Rev. Dr. Fred Coates. This class is open to anyone and is targeted toward those not currently attending an ongoing adult class.

Galatians is a wonderful book for studying the depths of God's grace. Only six chapters long, it is filled to overflowing with the marvelous truth that God's grace alone is sufficient for us becoming Christians and living Christian lives. (continued on page 9)



## From the Pastor

My first few weeks with you have been a whirlwind of meeting people, conducting pastoral duties, and setting up house in the wonderfully renovated manse. I'm beginning to learn some names, and I have discovered where the restrooms are—both in the manse and the church—so I'm making progress.

I sense a marvelous spirit present in our congregation. Worship attendance is good, and the enthusiasm you have for Christ is quite apparent. I'm blessed and honored to be your pastor and to serve such a gifted and giving congregation.

Many of you have given of yourselves to make our arrival pleasant and warm. Thank you. Your kindness and generosity are remarkable indeed.

An example of all this was the July 2<sup>nd</sup> installation service. Everything in it was first-class and God-honoring, from the wonderful anthems of our chancel choir, to the excellent music of our wonderful youth and adult orchestra, to the leadership of people like Fred Coates and Phil Heilman on the installation commission of Salem Presbytery, to the superb participation of guests from Houston such as Dave and Linda McKechnie and Mike Fry, to a marvelous PNC and family members sitting up front and providing support and encouragement, to a fabulous barbeque in the yard beside the manse directed by our Diaconate, Fellowship Committee, and a host of volunteers. Thank you all.

I've mentioned this once already, but it bears repeating, for my first few weeks have reinforced it: God is preparing something fantastic in the near future for First Presbyterian Church. I would not have moved my family 1200 miles from Texas to Mooresville if I thought otherwise.

We are entering a "For Such a Time As This" period, to quote the Old Testament book of Esther, in our congregational life. Just as Esther was providentially placed where she was so God's promises to the Jews would be upheld, so we at FPC have been providentially placed where we are so God's will may be known and done in our community.

The Great Commandment (to love God with all our heart and mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves) and the Great Commission (to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching as we go) point the way ahead. We are **where** we are and **who** we are so that we may make a difference in Christ's name.

I look forward to sharing this transformational journey of grace with you.

Grace and peace,

*Clay*

We are reporting the church's finances for the first six months of 2006:



### January 1 thru June 30, 2006

**Budgeted needs**            \$331,499.00

**Income**                         \$264,464.00

The renovation of the manse is complete. The total cost for this work was \$111,718.00. This was within the estimate that we had for the project. Income so far has been \$58,687.00 cash, and \$3500.00 pledged. We want to thank each of you that has given to this fund and encourage *all* of our members to be a part of supporting this remodeling of our manse.

If you have any questions for our treasurer, LuAnne Sledge, she can be reached at:

Phone: 704-664-5665

Email: [treasurer@mooresvillefirstpres.org](mailto:treasurer@mooresvillefirstpres.org).



## Stewardship Season

### Save the Date

Mark your calendars for *A Promise-Driven Life* Stewardship Banquet and Fair, Sunday, October 15 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizens Center. Bring the whole family. Look for more information soon. We hope to see you there.

*The Stewardship Sub-Committee*

## Thank You

### from our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends,

Carmen and I thank you for the warm reception following the 11:00 o'clock service on May 21. The kind words and good wishes were greatly appreciated. We will treasure the picture of the church, reminding us of our 17 months with you, and we will add it to our 'gallery' of other pictures of churches we have served.

Your generosity in the other parting gift overwhelmed us, and we want you to know that we are truly grateful. May God bless each of you and First Presbyterian Church as it moves into an exciting new era.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Russell & Carmen Mase*



# Congregation plans Labor Day 2006 weekend retreat

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 1, through Sunday, September 3 at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC.

You'll discover things about yourself and others as you enjoy swimming, boating, campfires, singing, Bible study, rock sliding, creek walking, rope bridges, rock skipping, hiking, ring swinging, rock collecting, wildlife observations, napping, eating, and talking. Hope you can join us! Brochures are available in the church office, online at [www.moorestvillefirstpres.org](http://www.moorestvillefirstpres.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.

**Please note the following changes in retreat payment policies:**

**Camp Grier policy requires that we make a firm reservation one week prior to our retreat weekend. Please help all involved in the reservation process by turning in your reservation form with payment prior to Friday, August 25. All reservations require pre-payment, beginning this year. In addition, if you choose to come for the day only, there is now a \$3 per person fee for day usage (no charge for children under 4).**

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## Congregational Retreat Registration - September 1-3, 2006

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate arrival time/day: \_\_\_\_\_

Families please indicate children's names and ages:

Name: _____	Age: _____
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**Lodging:** \$12/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 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_ @\$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Saturday breakfast:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 10+ @\$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 4-9 @\$3.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday breakfast:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 10+ @\$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 4-9 @\$3.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday lunch:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 10+ @\$5.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 4-9 @\$4.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday lunch:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 10+ @\$5.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 4-9 @\$4.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday supper:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 10+ @\$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 4-9 @\$3.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime *only* use:** \$3.00 for those not spending the night \_\_\_\_\_ @\$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*(no charge for children under 4)*

Day Use Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS, DAY USE AND LODGING GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

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

Please contact Mike Toma (704-892-3474), Mac Herring (704-664-2704), Carol Crews (704-663-6953), Jean Coates (704-663-2114), or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are available to help in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining hall clean-up after meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dining hall set-up before meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue chopping<br><input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguard (currently certified)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Campfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat race<br><input type="checkbox"/> Nametags<br><input type="checkbox"/> Child care (preschoolers) during Bible study<br><input type="checkbox"/> Child care (elementary age) during Bible study, mainly with craft projects |
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## What is a Churchmouse?

For those of you who are new to First Presbyterian, the "churchmouse" program is an exciting gift to our church. It is designed for our college students living away from home. Each month a secret "mouse" (YOU) remembers their assigned student with a card, note, or care package. It doesn't require much time or money, but it is truly appreciated and lots of fun to do. The "churchmouse" is kept a secret until the end of the school year. If you would like to participate in this



program, please call Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992. We would like to see each student with a churchmouse by the end of September.

If you have a college student leaving for school in the fall, please contact us so we can get them in this program.

Thanks for considering the option of being that special friend, the "churchmouse," to a student.

## More graduates!

Our warmest and sincere congratulations are extended to our high school and college graduates in the Class of 2006. We have several that did not make it into our last newsletter and we pray God's continued blessings on all of our graduates in their future endeavors.



**French Brawley** graduated from Mooresville High School with several honors. He was a member of the BETA Club, the National Honor Society, he received the Bible I Award and the English II Award. He will be attending NC State University and has been accepted into the College of Agriculture and Animal Science as a pre-veterinary medicine student.

**Moriah Wood** graduated from Mooresville High School and is spending the summer as an exchange student in Germany as part of the Hockenheim Sister Cities Exchange program. When she returns, she will be entering Davidson College. She recently received her Girl Scout Gold Award which is the highest award for girls ages 14 to 18. In addition Moriah received the Mooresville Civitan's Scholarship.

## Summer Wedding

On July 29, 2006, Marshall Horsman and Holly Crawford were united in marriage at First Presbyterian Church. They are residing at 142 Cedar Street, Mooresville, NC 28115. We offer them our sincere best wishes.



## Birth Announcement

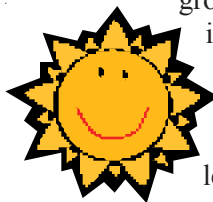
We are pleased to announce the birth of Noah Edwin Laurel on June 19, 2006. Noah is the son of John and Ashley (Poore) Laurel, the grandson of Susan Poore and the great-grandson of Frank Poore. Congratulations to the family.



## Children in Action: 2006

Children in Action has enjoyed another busy and active summer, thanks to the efforts of many parents who served as chaperones and drivers for our events. The group of rising first through sixth graders has enjoyed a wide variety of summer activities, with one final outing scheduled for Tuesday, August 1. The group enjoyed a trip to the Polk Historic Homesite, a bowling outing, the CPCC Summer Theatre production of *The Jungle Book*, a trip to the Lazy Five Ranch, and a swimming outing at the Carpenters.

The final trip will be an outing to Dan Nicholas Park near Salisbury, on Tuesday, August 1, where the group will enjoy the park's activities, including the carousel, miniature golf, gem mine, train ride, as well as a wonderful playground and picnic shelter. The group plans to leave at 10:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.75. 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: Holly Brumley, Janie Carpenter, Beverly Chappell, Shirley Crowley, Leeann DeCastro, Valerie Mauney, Rick McLean, Jen and Mark McNeely, Tracey Prochaska, Liz Rader, and Tom Rhyne.

## Saints enjoy summer outings

The Saints Alive group enjoyed a delightful evening at an outdoor Charlotte Symphony concert held at Duke Energy's McGuire Nuclear Station on Thursday evening, June 29. The group ate a picnic supper on the grounds, enjoyed visiting together on a lovely summer evening, and enjoyed a patriotic program from the symphony. Thanks to Mary and Dick Fortanbary for helping with the arrangements for this trip.

## Saints to pick peaches

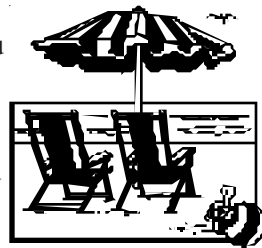
The Saints Alive group is planning one of its annual events, the Peach Trip to South Carolina, on Monday, July 31. The group plans to leave at 9:00 a.m., travel to The Peach Tree in York, South Carolina, gather peaches and other fresh produce at this busy farmer's market (don't worry - the produce is already picked!), then travel on to Bullock Creek to the Fortanbary's farm for a good, old-fashioned summer picnic. Please contact the Fortanbarys (704-664-5543) or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to sign up for the trip.



## Saints Alive beach trip update

The deadline for the Saints Alive beach trip reservations is Tuesday, August 1. The group plans to travel to the newly renovated Sea Island on the Beach in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Wednesday, October 25 through Saturday, October 28. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in signing up for the trip, or if you have any questions.

For those who have already registered, you will receive information soon about plans for the trip, including transportation, final payments, and possible shows you may want to see during the trip.



*Dear Church Family and Church Staff,*

*Paul and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your many prayers, cards, calls, visits and acts of love and concern during my recent hospitalization and recovery.*

*With deep appreciation and love,*

*Ann Manning*

## 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.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the hardworking parent volunteers who came out for our June workday to move our supply room upstairs. What an amazing job it was and we could not have asked for a better crew of workers. We are thankful to everyone who participated in our fundraiser which allowed us to raise \$1500 for supplies for our new Pre-Kindergarten classroom. We have been working this summer to have the room ready by August and I am anxious for everyone to see it at the start of school.

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 21 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 22 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 and 5 yr. old Frogs **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 23 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**

<b>Sunday</b> 	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1</b>	<b>We</b>
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<p align="center"><b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>     <b>13</b></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship  8:30am Men's Breakfast  9:45am Church School  11:00am Worship with Baptism  6:00pm Personnel and Administration Committee  6:30pm Weekday Preschool Committee  7:00pm Budget &amp; Finance, Christian Ed, Membership &amp; Evangelism, Missions and Property Committees</p> <p><i>Logos/MSM registration in the parlor</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study at the home of Liz Price</p>	<p align="center"><b>15</b></p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club at What-A-Burger</p>	<p>11:00  h  C</p>
<p align="center"><b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>     <b>20</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Christian Education and Promotion Sunday</i></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship  9:45am Church School  11:00am Worship  7:00pm Deacon's Meeting</p> <p><b>"All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians" Begins in Worship and Church School</b></p> <p><i>Logos/MSM registration in the parlor</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>21</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">   9:30am Preschool Orientation in FH </div> <p>7:00pm Bible Study at the home of Liz Price</p>	<p align="center"><b>22</b></p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Pueblo Grande</p>	<p>11:00  6:30  7:30</p>
<p align="center"><b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>     <b>27</b></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship  9:45am Church School  11:00am Worship  5:00pm Parents meeting for prospective Logos/MSM participants  7:00pm Session Meeting</p> <p><b>"All About Grace" - Worship and Church School</b></p> <p><i>Deadline for Logos/MSM registration</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study at the home of Liz Price</p>	<p align="center"><b>29</b></p> <p>5:30pm PYF Supper Club at BoJangles'  7:00pm Meet Clay &amp; Cathy at the Fortanbary's home</p>	<p>11:00  7:30</p>

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## A Reminder about HIPAA and Privacy Concerns...

The new federal health care privacy law, “HIPPA,” makes it harder for the church to gather or to release information about members or friends in the hospital. You can help us with the following:

- ◆ Letting us know when you are going in the hospital. Churches are no longer contacted by health care facilities with this information.
- ◆ Getting the person’s permission if at all possible before you contact the church with information about someone other than yourself. Even spouses or immediate family usually do not have the authority to release information about someone. Please still let the pastors and church staff know of someone’s hospitalization or illness—the primary concern is with the potential public sharing of the information.
- ◆ Realizing the church office usually can only release minimal information to you about a member’s hospitalization or illness.
- ◆ Recognizing that hospitalizations and illnesses usually cannot be mentioned during announcements or prayers in our worship services.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

## Presbyterian Women

All women of the church are invited to attend our annual Birthday Dinner, held this year on Thursday evening, August 17. Our theme is *Getting to Know You* and our special guest will be Cathy Brown, our pastor’s wife. Social time will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to be served around 6:30p.m.

Jean Coates will speak on the Mwandji Mission and the new officers will be installed.

Tasteful Impressions is once again catering our event and reservations are required. Please contact your Circle Moderator or the church office by August 7 to make your reservation. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00. Child care will be provided.

I would like to thank all those who have served faithfully with me during my term as Council Moderator. Also, I am grateful to those women stepping forward to assume positions on the Council for the upcoming term.

It has been my privilege to serve the Women of the First Presbyterian Church.

May God Bless all of you!

*Jerilyn Fair*  
Moderator



## 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.

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 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22; November 5, 12, 19.

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 13 and 20, before and after the worship services, or you may call Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) in the church office to register.

## Worship Workshop to be held August 6 and 13

### 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 6 and 13, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 326. 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 6 and 13.

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### Christy....

Through the years, Christy continued church work as well as studying piano and organ privately in Charlotte. Later, she studied organ at Columbia College and the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Prior to her arrival in Mooresville, Christy served as organist at Northgate Baptist Church, Greenville, SC and First Baptist Churches of Taylors and Greer, SC.

She and her husband, from which she was divorced in 1994, have two sons. Youngest son Hugh lives in Cleveland, Ohio where he is Director of Choral Studies at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Eldest son Jeffrey, an attorney, lives with his wife and children in Houston, Texas.

Christy is a devoted Christian and deeply committed to the work of the church. The vitality and depth of her faith has certainly been reflected in her music throughout these last nine and a half years. She was led by God to Mooresville and now God has plans for her with grandchildren in Houston.

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'"*

*Matthew 25:21*



We mourn the loss of several of our church members during these summer months.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the families and friends of: Madeline Mack who died on May 31; Charles Crowell who died on June 12; Maude Swift who died on June 17 and Thomas Deal who died on July 12.

### Galatians....

The passages for preaching and study break down as follows:

- Aug. 20: Galatians 1:1-10, "False Teachers and Faithless Christians"
- Aug. 27: Galatians 1:11-24, "Radical Change"
- Sept. 3: Galatians 2:1-10, "Only One Gospel"
- Sept. 10: Galatians 2:11-21, "Facing Conflict"
- Sept. 17: Galatians 3:1-14, "Faith and Works"
- Sept. 24: Galatians 3:15-29, "The Gift of the Law"
- Oct. 1: Galatians 4:1-20, "Children of God"
- Oct. 8: Galatians 4:21-31, "Celebrating Freedom"
- Oct. 15 and 22: Stewardship Emphasis
- Oct. 29: Galatians 5:1-15, "True and False Religion"
- Nov. 5: Galatians 5:16-25, "The Flesh and the Spirit"
- Nov. 12: Galatians 5:26—6:5, "Loving One Another"
- Nov. 19: Galatians 6:6-18, "Sowing and Reaping"

Two of the resources used by the pastors and teachers, the commentary *The Message of Galatians* by John R. W. Stott, and the corresponding class participant's guide *Galatians: Experiencing the Grace of Christ* by John R. W. Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen will be available at the church as the study and sermon series begin.

You will not want to miss any of this fall Bible study focus. For more information, contact Ellen, Director of Christian Education, or Dr. Brown.

## Sign Up for a "Meet Clay and Cathy" Home Gathering

Clay and Cathy Brown want to meet as many church members and friends as they can as soon as possible as Clay begins his work as our pastor. To make this happen, a number of "Meet Clay and Cathy" home gatherings are being scheduled for the early part of the fall.

The only agenda items for each gathering are good Christian fellowship in an informal setting, Clay and Cathy sharing some of their story, and laughter all along the way. Each gathering will last no more than 90 minutes.

To participate in a "Meet Clay and Cathy" home gathering, you must contact the church office (not the hosts—they will not have the information) and reserve your spot. Space is limited, so call or email Nellie Goodman, our church secretary, soon at 704-664-5275 or [secretary@mooresvillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@mooresvillefirstpres.org).

Currently scheduled home gatherings are below. Other home gatherings are being planned as this newsletter goes to press. Please check the church bulletin or call the church office for up-to-date information.

- Fri., Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m., Anne and Bruce Telford, 425 S. Magnolia St., 28115
- Tues., Aug. 29, 7:00 p.m., Dick and Mary Fortanbary, 646 Heatherly Rd., 28115
- Thurs., Aug. 31, 7:00 p.m., Dorothy and Bob Campbell, 177 Lockerbie Ln., 28115
- Thurs., Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m., Becky and Chas Rader, 18916 Evanston Ln., Cornelius 28031
- Mon., Sept. 25, 7:00 p.m., Elaine and Jim Drye, 345 Linwood Dr., 28115

## The LOGOS Experience

Our church had the privilege of hosting “The LOGOS Experience,” July 6-8, where participants learned the theology and practice of the Logos program, met fellow “Logoids” from other churches, and were able to think, plan and pray for our own Logos Program. Our church’s participants included Ellen Auten, Susie Belcher, Clay Brown, Leeann DeCastro, Jerilyn Fair, Cindy Hitchcock, Gretchen Little, Valerie Mauney, Susan Meade, Liz Rader, and Alan Sledge.

There was a lot of “behind the scenes” work that went on to make this workshop a success.

Many thanks to the following people for the gift of their time and talents: to Carole Crews and Tony Woodring for cooking, serving and cleaning up for three delicious meals; to Janet Aultman, Beverly Chappell, and Janie Carpenter for helping with planning and organizing, room set up, beautiful decorations for the dinner times, registration details, as well as countless other details; to Rebecca Auten, Collin Brown and Dylan McIntyre for babysitting; and to Peggy Davidson for serving as accompanist during our choir rehearsals and worship times.

Be looking for some new and exciting ideas generated from attending the training session. It was an intensive and full 2 1/2 days, but well worth the time as we considered the important task of training children in Christian growth and discipleship through our Logos Program.



## A New Year of Logos Begins in September!

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

The Logos and Kairos Councils have been working hard to staff the program and to schedule fun and exciting activities for the children and youth.

Required staff meetings will be held on various dates to be announced. This year, we will be meeting in our different program area groups, led by the coordinators of each group and the Logos director, to discuss issues/ideas specific to each area. We will also be discussing expectations regarding discipline and safety in the Logos program. These promise to be very productive and informative meetings.

Meetings for the parents of all prospective Logos/MSM program participants will be held on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Registration will be conducted in the parlor on Sundays, August 6, 13, and 20. **The registration deadline for first semester will be Sunday, August 27.**

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/Kairos Programs nurture the faith in youth that leads to strong discipleship, which is among the most urgent tasks of the church today.

Logos/MSM/Kairos is also a ministry of the whole church and requires the participation and support of the entire congregation. If you feel called to work with, teach, or share your talents with the youth or children of our church, please call Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) or Ellen Auten in the church office and let us know how you would like to participate. We must all commit ourselves to the very best we can give to our program this year, so I ask for everyone’s prayerful support and service.

Faithfully, *Valerie Mauney*

## Logos/MSM/Kairos dates

Sundays, August 6, 13, and 20 - Logos/MSM/Kairos registration in church parlor, before and after 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Wednesday, August 23 - 7:00 p.m.-Required Logos/MSM/Kairos Parent Meeting \*

Sunday, August 27 - 5:00 p.m. Required Logos/MSM/Kairos Parent Meeting \*

**Sunday, August 27 - Registration Deadline**

Wednesday, September 6 - 4:00 p.m. - First Logos/MSM meeting

Wednesday, September 6 - 5:00 p.m. - First Kairos meeting

**\*Parents are required to attend one of the Parent Meetings.**

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## Mission Trip Report

Whew! What a really HOT week we had in “Hot-lanta,” GA, July 9-15! We sweated and sweltered together and created some lasting memories as we helped make a difference for the communities we served. Once again used Youthworks! as our sponsoring organization. They do such a great job of planning and arranging for mission sites (we have travelled with them the last five years... going to Schuylkill County, PA; Newport, TN; Denver, CO; Nashville, TN and Savannah, GA).

The participants on this year’s trip were: Matt Abele, Abby Ahearn, Rebecca Auten, Logan Bates, Elizabeth Brawley, Cody Brown, Collin Brown, Stephanie Campbell, Keri Carpenter, Hunter Crawford, Curtis Crews, Jordan Greene, Meghan Greene, Charlie Heilman, Emily Horsman, Marshall Horsman, John-Patrick Justice, Caroline Ladd, Dylan McIntyre, David Rader, Michael Telford and Neill Trimble along with adult leaders Fred Coates, Jean Coates, Jackie Justice and Scott Mauney.

Our trip to “the capital of the New South” was an uneventful one (that’s the kind we like!). We left the church at 10:00 am. after attending the 8:30 a.m. service where our group was “commissioned.” We arrived at the Park Avenue Baptist Church (our new “home”) in Atlanta in plenty of time for our Youthworks prepared supper at 6:00 p.m.. Our arrival in Atlanta was accompanied by a good deal of “thermal shock.” It was really hot in Atlanta.

Naturally, we had the usual mission trip “deluxe accommodations” (on the floor) at the Park Avenue Baptist Church. The church is an old, historic one that had fallen into disrepair until recent years when a small group of the faithful began to revitalize the congregation’s ministry. We were welcomed warmly. Indeed, the welcome was a bit more “warm” than we really would have liked as the facilities were not really air-conditioned. They had a couple of room air-conditioning units, but they simply could not handle the “load” of more than 75 people running about. The showering facilities were a bit of a challenge, too. We had to use several different “facilities” during the week, 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 area homes to work on scraping and painting, cleaning up messes (with some getting poison ivy in the process!), helping with a children’s summer ministry program, working in a food bank and more.

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 visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial).

Our return home took us to Six Flags for a day of relaxation and night in a real bed at the Fairfield Inn! We returned home on Saturday, July 15, 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!

## Our Ahh...gust Activities

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- ◆ Supper Club - Kyoto, 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- ◆ Outing to the lake for cookout and swim, 4:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- ◆ Supper Club - Bellacino’s, 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- ◆ Supper Club - What-A-Burger, 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- ◆ Supper Club - Pueblo Grande, 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- ◆ Iredell-Statesville and Mooresville Schools begin for students (Ahh...., it’s the “official” end to summer!)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- ◆ Supper Club - BoJangles’, 5:30 p.m.





*Friends & Family*  
**Annual Lake Party & Picnic**  
**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2006**  
**The Herring's Lake Norman Retreat**  
**in Sherrill's Ford**  
**1:00 PM until....**

Bring... all of your friends and family, a side dish or two, as well as beverages to share...swimsuits, towels, lawn & beach chairs, floats, Wave Runners, & boats (if you can!). There are 2 lots with 3 piers, a swimming beach, a boat ramp, & plenty of picnic tables.

This is a time to share both fun & fellowship. Plan to recreate, & that includes getting wet! We will plan on eating around 6:00p.m.. Come and play!

For more information & maps, contact:

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**Church School Promotion**  
**Promotion Sunday/Christian Education**  
**Sunday scheduled for August 20**

Church School Promotion Sunday will be held Sunday, August 20, 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.

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**Presbyterian Men**

We're back! And we are inviting every man in the church to the monthly Men's Breakfast on August 13 at 8:30 a.m. Come on down to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a breakfast made and served by our very own kitchen crew, under the able leadership of Paul Beaver.

We will enjoy a brief devotion by our vice president, Gene Vaughan, followed by a program with local artist, Cotton Ketchie. This Mooresville native is internationally known for his artwork.



Cotton Ketchie

Guys, don't miss this one! It is a great way to get back on board for our fall breakfast meetings. See you there.

Blessings,  
*Mark Vaughan*

**Vacation Bible School**

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's *Bethlehem Village* Vacation Bible School. It was wonderful to combine our efforts with friends from Mooresville ARP, Fieldstone, Prospect, and Immanuel Presbyterian churches for a fun and learning-filled week of Bible-times experiences. So many adult and teens volunteered to make the week successful, and the VBS Planning Committee sends a huge thank you for your gift of time and talent. Next year's Bible School activities are scheduled to be held here at First Presbyterian, so be watching for further details.

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