

The Bulletin Board

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July 2007

Church Picnic Scheduled for Sunday, July 1

The entire church family is invited to enjoy an old-fashioned "picnic on the grounds" on Sunday, July 1, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Plan to join church friends as we celebrate our country's Independence Day together. The picnic will be held in the church yard beside the manse, or in the fellowship hall in the event of rain.

The church will provide barbecue for a cost of \$1 per person. You are asked to bring one side dish (chips, salad, fruit, baked beans, etc.) AND a dessert to complete our picnic. Dishes may be dropped off in the kitchen before church school and worship.

You are encouraged to dress casually for all activities on this special holiday Sunday. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and plan to spend a relaxing afternoon with family and friends!



Saints Alive Plan Trip to Abingdon, VA

The Saints Alive group is planning an overnight trip to Abingdon, Virginia, where they will visit sights in and around historic Abingdon and attend a performance of the play, "Oliver," at the Barter Theatre. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, and return home, Thursday, July 26. Costs of the trip include the theatre ticket (approximately \$30), hotel accommodations, and gas money.



If you are interested in this trip, please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible so that tickets and room reservations may be confirmed.

Combined Church School "A Month for Missions"

All adult, middle school, and senior high church school classes are invited to a special church school series, beginning Sunday, July 8. The class will be held in the fellowship hall from 10:00-10:40 a.m., with refreshments and fellowship from 9:45-10:00. The theme for the series is "A Month for Missions," and will feature a different aspect of missions each week.



**A MONTH
FOR MISSIONS**

This year's topics are as follows:
Sunday, July 8 – Yucatan Mission Trip
Participants will report on their Memorial Day weekend trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

Sunday, July 15 – Pioneer Missionaries to Hawaii

Miriam McNeely will present a program on Lucy and Asa Thurston, pioneer missionaries to Hawaii in the early 1800's, and great-grandparents of Asa and Bo McNeely.

Sunday, July 22 – PYF Mission Trip

PYF members, along with their adult advisors, will report on their summer mission trip to Daytona Beach, Florida, through the YouthWorks mission organization.

Sunday, July 29 – Report from Mwandi

Fred and Jean Coates, along with other mission team members, will report on their recent trip to Mwandi in Zambia, Africa.

**Saints Alive Reminder:
No luncheon in July and August
Next Luncheon: Tuesday, September 18**



From the Pastor

Insiders & Outsiders

I believe we have been richly blessed as a congregation by our concentration on the Gospel of Mark in our worship services. I've talked with many of you who are experiencing a renewed sense of the presence of God in our midst as we have been working through Mark paragraph by paragraph.

I don't think this is by accident. Rather I believe it is God's doing, the work of the Holy Spirit. For as we seek to come under the instruction and guidance of God's Word in an expository way, explaining what it means and how it applies to our lives, then God honors this in powerful and noticeable ways. Or, to put it another way, as we focus our attention on Jesus, he begins to move and work among us with effective and evident means.

Our long-term series from Mark's Gospel, "FOCUS ON JESUS," seeks in our congregational life to put the spotlight where it belongs—on Jesus Christ, our Savior, Friend, and Lord. We are wrapping up our first mini-series within this larger "FOCUS ON JESUS" on Sunday, July 1. Beginning Sunday, July 8, we start a new mini-series that will take us through most of chapters three and four in Mark. The title of our new mini-series is "Insiders & Outsiders." The breakdown of the passages, sermon titles, and dates sermons will be preached is listed for you below:

SERMON MINI-SERIES: "INSIDERS & OUTSIDERS"

July 8	Mark 3:7-19	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—From the Outside Looking In
July 15	Mark 3:20-30	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—Way Outside!
July 22	Mark 3:31-35	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inner Circle
July 29	Mark 4:1-20	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—Are You In or Out?
Aug. 5	Mark 4:21-25	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—The Inside Scoop
Aug. 12	Mark 4:26-34	FOCUS ON JESUS: Insiders & Outsiders—From the Inside Looking Out

I encourage you to read the passages in advance and to think and pray about them before each Sunday. A resource to help you in your personal study of the Gospel of Mark is *Mark for Everyone*, written by Tom (N. T.) Wright, one of the most well-known and capable Biblical scholars of this generation. His writing in *Mark for Everyone*, however, is for the average churchgoer. The passages outlined in *Mark for Everyone* correspond with those in our sermon series, so you can read and study as we go. If you're interested in a copy, please notify the church office at secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org or 704-664-5275. The books are free, but we encourage donations to help with the costs; \$12 is suggested. Of course you may order the book yourself through any Christian book store or Internet book providers such as Amazon (www.amazon.com) and Christian Book Distributors (www.christianbook.com).

Grace and peace,
The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown

Budget and Finance Forum

January through May 2007

Budgeted Needs: \$299,782.00

Budgeted Income: 287, 816.00

\$ 11,966.00



Our income slipped during May after gaining some in April. Summertime, with vacations and travel, is a very busy time for all of us, but we should not forget that the work of the Church goes on day to day and needs our financial support as well as our time and prayers.

The Session has voted to repave and stripe the parking lot behind the Fellowship Hall at the estimated cost of \$18,000, depending on the cost of asphalt when we do the job.

We have a Capital Fund. The Session has voted to pay for this repair from the fund. This fund has bought new stoves in the kitchen and a new phone system for the church. Also, some of this fund money was used for renovating the manse. We will probably have less than \$12,000 in the fund when we complete the paving. Any extra financial support that you could give to this fund would be appreciated.

Saints Alive beach trip to Island Vista

The Saints Alive group is planning a fall trip to Island Vista, formerly known as Sea Island on the Beach, in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Wednesday, October 24 through Saturday, October 27.

**Please note change from last month's newsletter: A per room deposit is due by August 1- the deposit is the amount of the first night's lodging. Deposits may be made by check (made out to Island Vista) or credit card. If you wish to reserve your room by credit card, be sure that you also call Ellen to be certain she has your name on her list. Then call our group reservation coordinator, Barbara Timmons, at 888-748-1060 with your credit card information. All payments will be made directly to Island Vista.



Please call Ellen Auten if you have questions, and if you would like to register for the trip. You may also want to check out their website: www.theislandvista.com.

Camp Grier

The place to be this summer!

Summer camp is in "full swing" at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, with lots of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors and wonderful Christian fellowship. Space is still available for some camps – check the camp website at www.campgrier.org and click on "Space Available" in Summer Programs. Scholarship help is available upon request; contact Ellen Auten with questions.

Following is a list of campers and the weeks they are attending camp:

July 8-13	Cherokee Lodge: Alex Teeter
July 15-20	Cherokee Lodge: Van Herring and Emory McNeely
	Pioneer Rustic: Nell Herring
July 29 – Aug 1	Rising Sun: Cameron Sledge and Emily Williams

Preschool News

I hope you are all having a wonderful, fun-filled summer. We are thinking about all of you and are anxiously anticipating the opening of Preschool in August. The teachers are busy planning all of the wonderful units, art projects and activities that will fill the year and thrill the children. We will all be back to welcome you on our **Orientation Days of August 20th and 21st**. Please watch for a letter to arrive in **July** with all the details and your child's class assignment for the year.

Bless all the little Fish, Lambs, Ducks, Bunnies, Bears, Frogs and our new friends about to arrive.

With love,
Mrs. Nancy

Logos leadership for 2007-08

Valerie Mauney has been named as the Logos Director for the upcoming 2007-2008 Logos year. Valerie has served in this capacity for the past two years, and we look forward to another great Logos year! We are all grateful for her dedicated and loving leadership, and anticipate even more wonderful Wednesday afternoons, thanks to her hard work and commitment.

We also welcome Leeann DeCastro back as Logos Assistant Director. Leeann served in this capacity this past year, and she and Valerie make a great team! If you have an opportunity, please pass along your thanks to these hard-working ladies for all the time and energy they put in to our Wednesday afternoon program.


The Logos program requires a large number of volunteers in a wide range of areas. Please contact Valerie (704-663-7540), Leeann (704-660-5248), or Ellen Auten (704-665-5275) if you are interested in working in the Logos program - you'll be glad you volunteered!

Children in Action (CIA)

Children in Action (CIA) is a weekly program of summer activities for children in rising first through sixth grades. Participants enjoy a variety of activities and fellowship with children their age, 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. Please contact Ellen Auten to register for weekly events.

Following is a list of the remaining CIA activities for summer 2007:

Tuesday, July 10 – CPCC Summer Theatre, "Seussical," 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5
Tuesday, July 17 – Swimming at Carpenters, 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.
Tuesday, July 24 – Swimming at Kidwells, 10 a.m.– 1p.m.
Tuesday, July 31 – Queens Landing (bumper boats and miniature golf) – 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$11
Tuesday, August 7 – Discovery Place, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1	2	3
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Independence Day Church Picnic <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5:15pm PYF Roadtrip to Winston-Salem Warthogs game
Mission Trip to Zambia		
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8	9	10
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Committee Meetings		8:30 am CIA to CPCC Summer Theater
Mission Trip to Zambia		
PYF Mission		
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15	16	17
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship with Eagle Scout presentation 6:00pm Diaconate Meeting	7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Executive Committee	10:00am CIA Swimming at Carpenter's 5:30pm PYF Just Desserts at Bruster's
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22	23	24
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm 5th & 6th grade Sunday School outing to Hitchcock's 12:30pm 50th Anniversary celebration for the Culbertsons in the FH 5:30pm PYF Pool party at the Greene's home 7:00pm Session meeting	7:00pm Boy Scouts	10:00am CIA Swimming at Kidwell's
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29	30	31
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	12:30pm CIA to Queens Landing 5:30pm PYF Supperclub at Showmars

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Independence Day 4 Church office closed 	5 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home	6	7
Mebane			
11 11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home  Fun & Fellowship 6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral	13	14
Mebane Trip to Daytona, Florida			
18 11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home	20 	21 Presbytery Meeting at Mebane, NC
25 9:30am Saints Alive trip to Abingdon, VA 11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home	27	28



JULY 2007



Congratulations graduates!



Our warmest and sincere congratulations are extended to our high school and college graduates in the Class of 2007. If there have been any omissions, or if there are corrections to be made, please contact the church office. We pray God's continued blessings on our graduates in all their future endeavors.

Mooresville High School

Kristen Campbell was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (Culinary) and plans to attend CPCC in the fall. She belonged to the Art Club and is working at Panera Bread Company. In addition to working this summer, she plans to rest a little and have fun with her friends.

Martha Peacock plans to attend Lees-McRae College as a Pre-Health Major. She received the Award for Academic Excellence and the Scholar Athlete Award as well as the Pinnacle Scholarship, a NC Legislative Tuition Grant and an Honors Award. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, a NC Scholar, a member of the marching band and involved in soccer, cross country running and swimming. This summer she will be working in a medical office.

Kenley Elise Streetman graduated with a high school diploma and a CNA. She will be heading off to Catawba College in Salisbury this fall after a trip to Myrtle Beach with friends, finding a summer job and training for the upcoming soccer season. She received a "Senior Superlative" award for the Most Athletic student, an award for Academic Excellence, a NC Scholar and was a member of the Beta Club. She belonged to Young Life, HOSA, Interact Club and LNSC Lady Lightening Soccer Club. Her scholarships included the Presidential Scholarship from Catawba College, a Soccer Athletic Scholarship and the JJ Morse Field Goal Scholarship.

Jay Trimble will be attending UNC Charlotte this fall to major in Civil Engineering. He attended the Governor's School in 2006 and received his Eagle Scout Award and was a member of the Honor Society, Men's Tennis Team, Marching Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Boy Scout Troop 166. He received the Cameron Scholarship from UNCC. He plans to work this summer and participate in the Testify Choir Tour and the PYF Mission Trip.

Lake Norman High School

Beth Bicket plans to attend Nursing or Medical School at UNCW this fall. She received the Scholar Athlete Award and was a member of the Beta Club as well as the Key Wanetts, FBIA, HOSA and SADD. She plans to move to Wilmington this summer to work and get ready for school in the fall.

Hargrove Military Academy

Andrew McIntyre plans to enjoy his summer and then head off to the Maritime Academy at State University of New York in the fall.

COLLEGES

Appalachian State University

Jamie Weyer

Highlights of June Stated Session Meeting

During its June 24, 2007 stated meeting, the Session discussed and acted on the following:

- Studied and discussed in small groups the impact of 2 Corinthians 5:7, "you shall walk by faith, not by sight," and its implications for themselves as individuals, for the Session, and for the congregation.
- Prayed in small groups for the needs of the church.
- Approved LOGOS officers for 2007-08: Valerie Mauney, Director; Leeann DeCastro, Assistant Director; Susan Williams, Dining; Anne Telford, Kitchen.
- Approved funds of \$22,725.00 to be sent to Salem Presbytery.
- Approved Paul Trimble (chair) and Lynelle Owen as members of the 2007 Church Officer Nominating Committee.
- Established that August 26 will be Christian Education Sunday and Promotion Sunday for children and youth Sunday School classes.
- Approved a worship orientation class for rising 1st graders to be held August 19 and 26 during the Sunday School hour.
- Discussed dates and times for the triennial meeting of the Session with representatives from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry.
- Received the reports of committees and the Diaconate for information and approved minutes of previous Session meetings.

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A picture's worth a thousand words...



Mission and A Movie works with Habitat for Humanity

July:	3	roadtrip to ballgame W-Salem Warthogs (\$5.)	22*	Pool party @ the Greene's
	10	mission trip Daytona Beach	31	Supperclub @ Showmars
	17	Just Desserts @ Bruster's	Aug: 5*	Rodeo Night
			12*	Lake outing @ the Curtis'

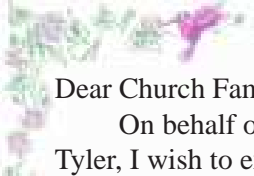
SUMMER



Christian sympathy is expressed to the families of James M. Drye and Robert R. Sloop who passed away recently. Also, to Bedo Culberson in the death of his brother, Kenneth.

Help Wanted

The Flower Committee urgently needs volunteers to deliver arrangements to shut-ins and nursing homes. This is a rewarding service that you can perform for God and your church. Phone Lois Kirk at 704-660-0699.



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of Josh, Jocelyn, Meredith and Tyler, I wish to express to you all of our heartfelt thanks for lifting us up with your prayers, food, phone calls, flowers, memorials and visits during the past weeks since Jim's untimely death. You have indeed been a "family" to us in the truest sense and we will be forever grateful. We praise God for all of you and the rich blessings He bestowed on all of us through the life and love of Jim.

Elaine and family

Recent Weddings



The First Presbyterian family sends sincere congratulations to our recent newlyweds:

Mr. and Mrs Deron Vaughn
1507 Cold Creek Place
Huntersville, NC 28078

The bride is Laura Smith, daughter of John and Nancy Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stephenson
Bailey Road, Charlotte Highway
 Mooresville, NC 28115

The bride is Sara Harwell, daughter of Janice Gantt and Stephen Harwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan
213 Rankin Hill Road
Troutman, NC 28166

The groom is Ben Vaughan, son of Mark and Thelma Vaughan.

