

The Bulletin Board

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July - August 2003

Logos/MSM begins its 25th year at FPC

The Logos/Middle School Ministry program is set to begin its 25th year at First Presbyterian on Wednesday, August 27. The Logos/MSM program is a mid-week program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. The Logos program is open to children in first through sixth grades, while the MSM program is open to children in seventh and eighth grades.

The purpose and goals of Logos/MSM are:

1. to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, between young people and their ministers, parents, other adults of the congregation, and their peers;
2. to develop intelligent, active and loyal membership and leadership in the church;
3. to give worthwhile study, wholesome recreation and opportunities for service - all bound up in true Christian fellowship;
4. to enable young people to face the inevitable moral trials and assaults on Christian faith with spiritual maturity and conviction;
5. to develop the kind of Christians who are able and willing to communicate their faith and to assume personal responsibility in assisting in the building of God's Kingdom on earth.

Those involved in Logos/MSM leadership believe that our program provides an unparalleled vehicle for Christian Education during the weekday hours. By spreading the program over a several-hour span that includes dinner and recreation events, the experience is much like that of a summer camp or conference. All four parts of the program are interdependent and necessary for a complete Logos/MSM experience.

An essential part of the Logos/MSM program is parent participation. All parents are required to volunteer in some capacity each semester their child is enrolled in the program, usually performing kitchen duties, although opportunities are available to assist in Bible classes, recreation, nursery, and music. A fee is also charged for participation in the program - a \$25 registration fee and a \$40 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request; please

contact Ellen Auten or Christina McElroy to request scholarship assistance.

In order to sign your child up for the program, parents are also required to attend a parent meeting, even if you have attended a meeting in previous years. Please make note of the following dates:

Sunday, August 3 - Registration in the church parlor before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

Sunday, August 10 - Registration in the church parlor before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

5:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting in the parlor

Wednesday, August 13 - 7:00 p.m. Logos/MSM Parent Meeting in the parlor
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FINAL DAY TO REGISTER FOR FIRST SEMESTER

Wednesday, August 20 - 6:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Staff training in fellowship hall

Wednesday, August 27 - 4:00 p.m. - First day of Logos/MSM

Church School

Promotion Sunday/Christian Education Sunday set for August 3

Church School Promotion Sunday will be held Sunday, August 3, 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 their Bibles, and we will enjoy some singing together before being dismissed to classes. Light refreshments will be served.

During both worship services that morning, Christian Education programs and workers will be recognized.



Members serve our Lord near and far

This summer has provided opportunities for our members to be engaged in mission projects around the world. Here is a quick update on the list started in the last newsletter. Please let the office know of omissions and/or corrections.



Bob Dobbins was part of the Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter Work Project which built 32 homes in LaGrange, GA, from June 6-13.

Twenty-three young people—Abby Ahearn, Alex Ahearn, Cooper Akin, Laura Auten, Shannon Bates, Beth Bickett, Jessica Buchanan, Keri Carpenter, Kyle Carpenter, Hannah Crawford, Curtis Crews, John-Patrick Justice, Matt Kruse, Adam McElroy, Andrew McIntyre, Brittany Meadows, John Rader, Kenley Streetman, Sarah Telford, Jay Trimble, Ryan Trimble, Malcolm Wever and Moriah Wood—and six adult advisors—Ben Beaver, Fred Coates, Jean Coates, Jackie Justice, Becky McIntyre and Ginger White—served in Denver, CO, June 29-July 6, working under the auspices of YouthWorks, Inc., a youth mission organization out of Minnesota.

Physicians Mike Campbell and Chong Lieu of our congregation, along with Tim Olenic, Tony Tudor, Keth Alexander, Robin Ross and Rhonda Southers are traveling to Mwanzi, Zambia, July 18-29, to serve as a medical mission team in the Christian hospital there. They are taking with them surgical and medical supplies donated by Lake Norman Regional Medical Center and Ethicon Corporation.

Mary Barnette and Mimi Dobbins served as coordinators of the clothes closet for the Lake Norman Children's Relief this summer. Housed in our fellowship hall, the clothes closet provided clothing for the 34 children who came from Belarus to the Lake Norman area to receive medical and dental care. In addition to summer clothing which was available upon their arrival, each child packs a suitcase of winter clothing to take home with him or her in preparation for the cold and long Belarus winters. DCE Ellen Auten taught the Christianity class to the group on June 26. Prior to the group's return on July 24, the Witness and Service Committee, chaired by John Neely, will coordinate the farewell dinner for the children and their host families on July 20.

Samantha Swedenberg, a sophomore at UNC-CH, was part of a Presbyterian Campus Ministries team that went to Managua, Nicaragua, May 12-21, to stay at Jubilee House and to work with Christian Development of Central America.

We are grateful for the commitment of these and for the ways they have served our Lord. Let us pray that God will continue to accomplish his purposes through their dedicated efforts. It was Jesus who said, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Mt. 25:40)

Logos marks 40th anniversary with Anniversary Fund Campaign

Forty years ago, a Presbyterian pastor named Dr. Dale Milligan started the first Logos Program in his church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, though at that time it was called "Youth Club." Dr. Milligan's program was a wonderful success, and surrounding churches heard about all of the excitement that the children, youth, and adults were having at his church, and asked him to teach them to do the same thing in their churches. So began Logos System Associates (LSA), a national association of Christian leaders, who, in gratitude for what Logos has done in their churches, are committed to passing it on to other churches.

Over the last forty years, Logos has spread to over twenty denominations. There are currently seven hundred churches operating the program, involving over 7,000 adult volunteers with over 30,000 children and youth. Logos has also spread to Russia and India, and is in the process of expanding to other countries.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Logos System Associates and its ministry of nurturing youth and children through the church. To make this year something special, William S. Morris has given LSA a \$250,000 matching gift challenge. For every **new** donation given to LSA for its 2004 budget, Mr. Morris will match it.

Our congregation will have an opportunity to contribute to the Anniversary Fund through a special offering to be collected on Sunday, August 3. There are a significant number of people in our congregation who have been involved in Logos/MSM either as participants, parents and grandparents of Logos/MSM children, and volunteer Logos/MSM staff. Please consider giving generously to this offering, in gratitude for all Logos/MSM has meant to you personally and to our congregation as a whole.

The Pentecost Special Offering

The special offering for the 2003 PYF mission trip that was received on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, was \$800.00. To all who gave then, as well as earlier, to help send our youth on the mission trip to Denver, CO....THANK YOU!

Session submits offer Special offering for Logos on Christian Education Sunday

Highlights of the Session's work during June included the following:

- Received Susan Meade into the membership of our congregation.
- Received from the Witness and Service Committee a position description for parish nurse, which was referred to the Personnel Committee.
- With the help of the Board of Deacons distributed "prayer list" pads attached to church identification cards on refrigerator magnets to members according to the neighborhood groups .
- Designated August 3 as Christian Education Sunday, including Church School promotion Sunday and presentation of Bibles to second graders.
- Authorized a special offering on August 3 for the National Logos Program in celebration of its 40th Anniversary and the beginning of our 25th year of continuous participation in its program.
- Scheduled several events: Worship orientation for first graders on August 10 and 17; Labor Day Weekend Retreat for August 29-September 1; All Saints' Eve Fall Festival on October 31; and an Advent Workshop on November 30.
- Employed Jennifer Cullen as a Weekday Preschool teacher for the two-year-old class for the coming year, to fill a maternity leave.
- Approved a Weekday Preschool handbook for the 2003-2004 year.
- Approved the use of a new Memorial Funds Disbursement Request form.
- Submitted a bid of \$48,250, which is the appraised value, for the property owned by the Town of Mooresville, along with a memorandum of understanding concerning its use (in the event we are able to purchase the property).
- Presented a cake plate and a gift certificate to Kudzu Restaurant and had a reception on the lawn as an expression of appreciation to Ann Manning on the occasion of her resignation as our church hostess.
- Elected Diane Harrington and Judy Jordan as our representatives to the meeting of Salem Presbytery on July 19 at Asheboro First Presbyterian Church.
- Prayed for church activities, as well as members and friends with special needs.



The Griggs family would like to express our appreciation to the Blessed in Christ Circle (No. 3) for the abundant meal served at our home on the day of mother's funeral.

Joe and Ruth Griggs

Congregation authorizes purchase

At a meeting following the worship service on June 8, the congregation unanimously



approved three recommendations from the Session: (1) That the congregation authorize the Session to bid on a tract of land owned by the Town of Mooresville which fronts on South Broad Street and is located between the building which formerly housed the auto parts company and the church's parking lot; the property measures 60 feet by 140 feet (.193 acre) and has been appraised for \$48,250; (2) That the congregation authorize the Session, if the Town sells the property to the church, to arrange upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate and reasonable financing to pay for the purchase; and (3) That the appropriate church officers be authorized to sign the contract and loan documents as may be necessary.

At its monthly meeting on June 22, the Session voted to offer the appraised value of \$48,250 for the property—an offer which Mooresville's Board of Commissioners is scheduled to consider at its next meeting on August 4.

New Member



Susan Meade united with our congregation by reaffirmation of faith and transfer from Grace Episcopal Church, Port Orange, FL. She is employed as production coordinator for the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center, located in Davidson. She is a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served six-plus years on active duty. She has an interest in healing ministries, and her hobbies include animals, children, bike-riding and racing. Relocating from Florida last winter, she lives at 213 Glenwood Drive.

Camp Grier Labor Day Weekend Retreat

"The Place to Be in 2003"

It's time to make your reservations and pack your bags for the annual Labor Day weekend retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, approximately two hours from Mooresville. The annual retreat is a wonderful way to get to know others in our church family and enjoy some time relaxing and playing in a beautiful mountain setting.

The retreat will be held Friday, August 29, through Monday, September 1. Please note that we have extended the retreat through Monday; come for all or part of the weekend! We have also added a new event - a Talent Show on Sunday evening.

This year's theme is "Camp Grier: The Place to Be in 2003," so come BE with your church family and discover wonderful adventures in the mountains of 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, rocking, napping, eating, and talking. Hope you can join us! Reservations are essential by Friday, August 22. Brochures are available in the church office and in the rear of the sanctuary, or you may use the registration form below.

Congregational Retreat Registration

August 29 – September 1, 2003

Return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone No: _____

Approximate arrival time/day: _____

Families please indicate children's names and ages:

_____ Age: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____ Age: _____

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

I/We prefer lodging to be: _____ Indicate number of persons for:

_____ Dorm style Friday night _____ @ \$10= _____

_____ Family style (private room) Saturday night _____ @ \$10= _____

_____ Sunday night _____ @ \$10= _____ Lodging total \$ _____

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

Saturday breakfast:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25= _____

Sunday lunch:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50= _____

Saturday lunch:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.75= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.50= _____

Sunday supper:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50= _____

Saturday supper:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$5.50= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$4.50= _____

Monday breakfast:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25= _____

Sunday breakfast:

_____ Age 10+ @ \$4.50= _____

_____ Age 4-9 @ \$3.25= _____

Meals Total \$ _____

Lodging Total \$ _____

Total meals & lodging \$ _____

In order to plan effectively for the retreat, we need some volunteer help before and during the retreat. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275), Jean Caotes (704-663-2114), or Mac Herring (704-664-2704) if you are available to help in the following areas:

_____ Child care (preschoolers) during Bible study

_____ Nametags

_____ Child care (elementary age) during Bible study,
mainly with craft projects

_____ Campfire

_____ Camp song leader (following meals)

_____ Dining hall set-up before meals

_____ Talent show coordinator (Sunday

_____ Dining hall clean-up after meals

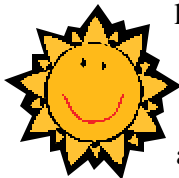
_____ evenings)

_____ Barbecue chopping

_____ Boat race

Children in Action lives up to its name

Children in rising first through sixth grades enjoyed a variety of activities this summer, and truly lived up to the “action” part of their name. The group had a wonderful day at Sloan Park, visited the Carolina Raptor Center, swam at the Kidwell’s and Carpenter’s pools, went to see the play, *Dorothy and the Planet Oz*, and toured Reed Gold Mine. Devotions this summer focused on “Creature Features,” with weekly lessons using animals to learn a Bible story. We always appreciate the parent chaperones who help in so many ways on the trips. This year’s chaperones included: Leeann DeCastro, Maria Heilman, Jill Herring, Valerie Mauney, Marion McClure, Tom and Shelly Rhyne, Susan Williams, and Claire Kleiber (Tracey Prochaska’s mother) Thanks also to Janie and Jimmy Carpenter and Mary and Mark Kidwell for providing their pools for our use.

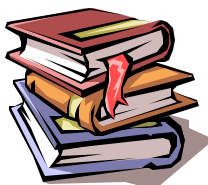


Theology 101 for Dummies

Thanks to Smith Kirk for leading the combined adult church school class, “Theology 101 for Dummies: Reflections on the Doctrine of God,” during the month of July. It is a most informative and inspirational series, and we appreciate the time and study that went into leading the class.

A page from the library

Knock, knock!
Who’s there?
Sherwood.
Sherwood who?
Sherwood like it if you visited
our library!



Friends and Family plan lake outing

When: Saturday, August 2
Where: Herrings’ lake lot in Sherrill’s Ford
Time: 1:00 p.m. until -

Please bring a dish to share, beverage, a boat if you have one, lawn chairs and most of all...your friends and family. A splendid time is guaranteed for all. For more information and directions please contact Mac or Jill Herring at 704-664-2704 or rmherring@mindspring.com.

Sermon series continues

Since the summer is about half-spent, it makes sense that we are halfway through our *Summer Stock Sermon Series* on Old Testament characters. Our pastors will continue the series throughout the remainder of the summer at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, as follows:

July 20 “Daddy’s Boy”
July 27 “Mama’s Boy”
August 3 “Beauty and the Beast”
August 10 “Demolition Man”
August 17 “A Fightin’ Farmer”
August 24 “Voodoo Whoodoo”
August 31 “The Original Luv Boat”

Hopefully, you will be present each Sunday in order to deepen your relationship with God and other members of our congregation. Dress comfortably. Lemonade and friendship are served on the lawn immediately following both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Church School is held at the usual time of 9:45-10:40 o’clock.

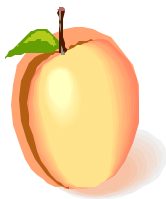
Remember to invite friends and neighbors—especially those who are unchurched and/or newcomers to our area—to attend with you.

Worship 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 Orientation 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 10, and Sunday, August 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 324. The class will be identical on these days, so it is only necessary to attend one class. Regular church school classes will also be offered for first graders on both August 10 and 17.

Saints Alive peach trip



Saints Alive plans to travel to York, SC, to purchase peaches at “The Peach Tree” on Friday, July 25, leaving at 9:00 a.m., and returning mid-afternoon, following the peach-buying and lunch at the J & K Cafeteria in Rock Hill.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20	21	22
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm New Member Class 5:00pm Lake Norman Children's Relief dinner	7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	10:00am CIA to Reed Gold Mine 5:30 pm PYF Summer Tuesday - Crawdad baseball
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion 27	28	29
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 7:30pm Session in Room 300	7:15am Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	5:30pm PYF Summer Tuesday - Back to school at the Ahearn's home
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Christian Education Sunday 3	4	5
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School/Promotion Program 11:00am Worship 7:30pm Evangelism & Finance Committees Logos/MSM registration following worship services	7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:00pm Library Committee 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	5:30pm PYF Supper Club
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Invite A Friend Sunday 10	11	12
8:30am Early Worship, Presbyterian Men Breakfast 9:45am Church School 10:00am Worship Orientation for 1st graders in Room 324 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Logos/MSM Parent Meeting 5:30pm PYF - homemade ice cream 7:00pm Cleveland Interfaith Choir Concert Logos/MSM registration following worship services	7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	5:30pm PYF Supper Club
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism 17	18	19
7:15am Board of Deacons 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 10:00am Worship Orientation for 1st graders 11:00am Worship 12:15pm PYF - Emerald Pointe water park 6:30pm Weekday Preschool Committee 7:00pm Christian Education Committee 7:30pm Witness & Service and Worship Committees	7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00am Weekday Preschool begins 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price	9:00am Weekday Preschool begins 5:30pm PYF Supper Club
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24	25	26
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 5:30pm PYF - picnic outing to Lazy Five Ranch 7:30pm Session	7:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00pm Small group with Liz Price 7:30pm Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates	5:30pm PYF Supper Club 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion 31		
8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship		
Camp Grier Labor Day Weekend Retreat		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 m Chancel Choir m Personnel Committee	24 Belarus Children return 9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers	25 9:00am Saints Alive peach trip to SC	26 8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library
30 n Chancel Choir	31 9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers	August 1	
6 n Chancel Choir	7 9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers	8	9 8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library
13 n Logos/MSM Parent Meeting Logos/MSM (registration deadline)	14 9:00am Through the Bible study 9:30am Weekday Preschool "Sneak-A-Peak" 6:00pm Fun & Fellowship II at Captain's Galley	15 9:30am Weekday Preschool "Sneak-A-Peak"	16 8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library
20 m Logos/MSM Staff Training in the fellowship hall m Chancel Choir	21 9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers 7:00pm Sisters-in-Christ Circle in the Parlor	 22 Labor Day Retreat registration deadline	23 8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library
27 m Logos/MSM begins m Chancel Choir	28 9:00am Through the Bible study at the home of Peggy Rogers	29	30 8:00am Promise Keepers in the Library
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Mission Trip Report



Wow! What a great week we had in Denver, June 28-July 6. We once again used Youthworks! as our sponsoring organization. They do a great job of planning and arranging

mission trips (we traveled with them the last two years when we went to Nashville and Savannah).

The participants on this year's trip were: Alex Ahearn, Abby Ahearn, Cooper Aiken, Laura Auten, Shannon Bates, Ben Beaver, Beth Bickett, Jessica Buchanan, Keri Carpenter, Kyle Carpenter, Fred Coates, Hannah Crawford, Curtis Crews, Jackie Justice, John-Patrick Justice, Matt Kruse, Adam McElroy, Andrew McIntyre, Becky McIntyre, Brittany Meadows, John Rader, Kenley Streetman, Sarah Telford, Jay Trimble, Ryan Trimble, Malcolm Wever and Moriah Wood.

Our trip to Denver, took us through Chicago (Midway) and was right on schedule. Since we were in Denver a day early, that gave us time to take a driving tour of the city. The temperatures were quite pleasant when we arrived but soon turned HOT!

We stayed the week at the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in a concrete "bunker" that had no windows at all! The first night was okay... but the building soon became an oven! The accommodations were pretty "spartan" otherwise, but we did have showers onsite. We all took turns with the cooking during the week (and the food was actually quite good!) and cleaning at the church.

Our ministry sites took us all over Denver... from the Salvation Army's Red Shield program.... to the Curtis Park recreation program... to low-income housing renovation project... to a local "soup kitchen..." to an area nursing home. It was a tiring, HOT week but it was rewarding.

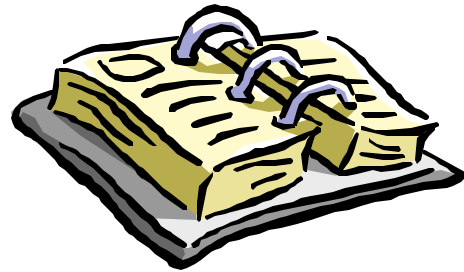
Our daily schedule included morning devotions and an evening "club" time for worship and reflection. We also enjoyed a variety of special evening activities. Throughout it all, we built friendships with our co-workers from South Dakota, Utah and Minnesota, we strengthened our own group's fellowship and we came to a new appreciation of the way God works through His people. We can hardly wait until next year's trip.

At the end of our ministry week, we had the opportunity to do a little sight-seeing. We enjoyed the Six Flags theme park on July 4 and attended a Colorado Rapids soccer game that evening (the after-game fireworks were spectacular!). On Saturday, July 5, we

traveled south to Colorado Springs to "climb" Pike's Peak (on a cog railway car) and enjoyed a "chuckwagon dinner" at the Flying "W" Ranch. After a hearty "cowboy dinner" we heard the Flying "W" Wranglers play and sing cowboy songs. It was a "whole heap of fun." Sunday, July 6, we returned home... a weather delay of almost two hours prolonged the trip... tired and ready for air-conditioning and good ol' "sweet tea."

Without question, it was one of the most rewarding trips PYF has ever taken. How will we top it? Be looking for next year's trip... it will be closer to home geographically, but every bit as meaningful spiritually!

PYF starts new Sunday schedule (sort of)!



School's getting back in regular session and so are we (sort of)

Where did the summer go? Anyway, here's what's happening over the next few weeks with PYF:

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Outing to see the Hickory Crawdads play baseball, leave at 5:30 p.m. (cost: approx. \$6, plus food)

TUESDAY, JULY 29

"Back to School Night" at the home of Jack and Chris Ahearn, 103 Sandreed Ct., 5:30 p.m. (FREE!) with Youth Council meeting to follow



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Homemade ice cream and games at the church, 5:30 p.m. (FREE!)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Outing to Emerald Pointe water park, leave right after church at 12:15 p.m. (cost approx. \$15)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Picnic outing to Lazy Five Ranch, 5:30 p.m.

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Psalm 46:10 RSV

Sing and make melody to God

What is the longest book in the Bible? What is the one Bible book that consists entirely of songs or hymn-prayers to God? The answer to both questions is Psalms. Music is one of the priceless gifts God gave us. Music touches us as nothing else, reaching into our inner depths, giving us expression beyond the range of rational thought, offering us an instrument of praise to God and a manifestation of community as we sing together.

Music can soothe troubled hearts, as David's therapeutic ministry to Saul showed so long ago (1 Sam. 16). African-Americans and Jews are especially aware of how songs to God have historically provided their people solace, dignity, strength and hope in the midst of humiliating servitude.

What about Instruments?

Besides their use in Sunday worship, the early Christians also used hymns at weddings and funerals. Some church fathers recommended that religious songs replace instruments and secular songs in the home. Because musical instruments were used in pagan sacrifices and the Jewish temple worship, some Christians would not use them in public worship; they said musical instruments were part of the "childish" worship in the earlier state of God's people (a view later adopted by John Calvin). Some even opposed their use in private life as well. Much later, somewhere between the seventh and the tenth centuries, the organ was accepted into the church's worship.

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The Book of Psalms has long been a source for hymn authors and composers. The following hymns, from our hymnal *Worship & Rejoice*, all use Psalm 18 for a part of their inspiration. Twelve hymn texts, written by twelve different authors, spanning over 500 years, drawn from the same words. Take some time to study these hymns as well as Psalm 18.

Psalm 18

O Worship the King	#2
I Love You, Lord	#85
His Name Is Wonderful	#102
Praise the Name of Jesus	#115
Rock of Ages	#384
Surely It Is God Who Saves Me	#423
How Can I Keep From Singing?	#424
As the Deer	#471
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	#500
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	#501
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	#507
I Will Call Upon the Lord	#653

'03 Concert Series begins in August

The 2003-04 Concert Series kicks off Sunday, August 10, with the Cleveland Interfaith Choir. The choir, here for a second time, is a non-denominational community gospel choir from Cleveland, Ohio. The choir first sang here in August of 2000, and is once again on a southern tour, helped in part by Hopewell Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Jeff Lowrance. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A nursery will be provided, and a love offering will be collected to help with the choir's travel expenses.

Choir Calendar
Wednesday, July 16 no practice
Sunday, July 20 no choir
Wednesday, August 13 no practice
Sunday, August 17 no choir

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 two months. I hope it was a happy and memorable family time for everyone, and that you are anxiously anticipating the start of Preschool.

We are already hard at work preparing for the opening of school, and you should have received my letter indicating your child's class assignment and the dates of "Sneak-a-Peek." The orientation is as follows:

Thursday, August 14th 9:30	M, T, TH	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears
	T, W, TH	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears
	T, TH	2 and 3 yr. old Fish, Ducks and Lambs
Friday, August 15th 9:30	M, W, F	2, 3 and 4 yr. old Fish, Ducks, Lambs, Bunnies and Bears
	M-F	4 yr. old Bunnies and Bears



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 week of school will begin **August 18th 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 will work hard to make this a wonderful year.

With love,
Mrs. Nancy

Nominating Committee asks for your help

The committee responsible for nominating persons to serve as officers hopes to complete its work by the end of summer. It was asked for your suggestions of persons to serve as elders and deacons—indicate which office for each person you recommend. Please submit your list as soon as possible to the church office or to any of the committee members. Also, the committee solicits your prayers for its important work.

If the committee wants to nominate you, please be open to the possibility of serving Christ and his church as an officer. In fact, if you are interested in serving, take the initiative by telling one of the committee members. God may want to use you in this special way.

Members of this year's Nominating Committee (with the group they represent in parentheses) are: Steve Robinson and Marshall Horsman (Session); Warren Boger and Will McIntyre (Diaconate); Jennifer Jordan (Church School); Dave Culler (Presbyterian Men); Margaret Sanders and Ginger White (Presbyterian Women); and Jeffrey Martin (PYF).

Two babies born in June

Congratulations are expressed to Anne-Marie and Todd Key, 340 West Wilson

Avenue, into whose home was born a daughter, Mary Katherine Key, on June 7. Mary Katherine is their firstborn.

Congratulations are also extended to Tracey and Paul Prochaska, 139 Canvasback Road, into whose home was born a son, Jackson Miles Prochaska, on June 9. Miles' older siblings are Logan and Evan.



Copeland is baptized

Amanda Michelle Copeland, daughter of Don and Angie Copeland, 501 Woodberry Drive, was baptized at the 11:00 a. m. service on June 1. Jan Hampton will serve as sponsor. Amanda's big sisters are Mackenzie and Abby.

The next scheduled celebration of baptism will be on August 17. If you would like the sacrament for yourself or your child on August 17, please notify the church office as soon as possible.

Vacation Bible School is “Super Cool”

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year was Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (S.C.U.B.A.), and it was, indeed, “super cool.” We had a wonderful time, in spite of some major thunderstorms in the evenings. Thanks to all the volunteers for providing their creativity, energy, flexibility, enthusiasm, time, talent, and willingness to share God’s love with the children at VBS.

This year’s volunteers included: Margaret Auten, Mark Auten, Jennifer Boger, Tina Brooks, Angie Copeland, Dave and Aimee Culler, Leeann DeCastro, Stacey Faulkenberry, Alice Garaas, Mac and Jill Herring, Andy and Jennifer Jordan, Judy Jordan, Jackie Justice, Gretchen Little, Jennifer London, Jason Looney, Valerie Mauney, Christina McElroy, Judith McLean, Nancy Omohundro, Angie Queen, Liz Rader, Cindy Ray, Vivian Rogers-Cannon, Alan Sledge, Courtney Thompson, and Susan Williams.

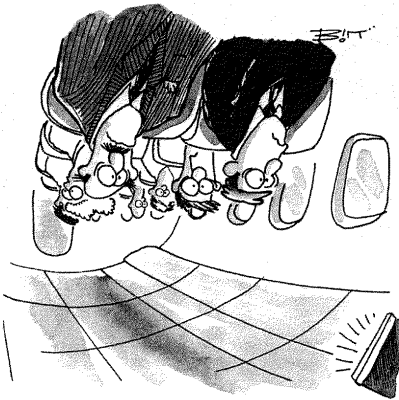
During Bible School, we participated in a mission project through Buckner Orphan Care International, entitled, “Shoes for Orphan Souls,” and collected new shoes and socks to be sent to orphans all over the world. We also collected over \$591 to be sent as an offering for the shoe project. Thanks to all who donated!

See you next year for another great Bible School adventure...

T-shirt reminder

If you have not already paid for your child’s Bible School t-shirt (\$7), please do so as soon as possible. Turn money in to the church office.

“Welcome aboard, My Father’s House, please join us in celebrating
What God we praise by testing your faith
Right away, please join us in celebrating
our captain’s birthday... 2nd of today!”



What If God Had An Answering Machine?

Imagine praying and hearing this: “Thank you for calling My Father’s House. Please select one of the following four options: Press 1 for a request. Press 2 for a thanksgiving. Press 3 to complain. For all other inquiries, press 4.”



So you press 1 and hear: “We’re sorry. All of the angels are helping other customers right now. Please stay on the line. Your call will be answered in the order it was received.”

What would it be like if you heard the following responses as your called God’s answering machine?

“To receive the latest promotional gift with your order from Paradise Parlor, press 0, and an operator will assist you.”

“To find out how many angels dance on the head of a pin, press 5.”

“If you’d like King David to sing a psalm for you, press 6.”

“To find out if your relative is here, enter his/her date of death and listen for the list that follows.”

“For reservation information or to confirm your reservations at My Father’s House, press the letters J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers 3-1-6.”

“To know what your pastor is doing at this moment, press 7.”

“For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, and where Noah’s Ark is, wait till you get here!”

“If you want to know what I think of American politics, don’t press anything. Hang up and listen for laughter.”

“Our computers show that you have called once today already. Please hang up immediately.”

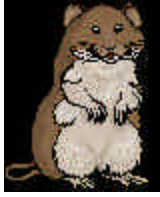
“This office is closed for the weekend. Please call again Monday.”

Thank God you can’t call Him too often. You only need to ring once and He hears you. Because of Jesus, you never get a busy signal. God takes each call personally. He knows each caller personally: “Then you will call and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here I am” (Isaiah 58:9).

Moreover, God often calls us. Are you waiting for His call, or will your answering machine talk to Him? If you listen carefully, you will hear music in the background and God singing, “I just called to say ‘I love you! I just called to say how much I care...’”

- More Holy Humor

Churchmice?



For those of you unfamiliar with our “Churchmouse” program, it is a special way to serve the church. A “churchmouse” is a secret friend to a college student for the school year. The program asks that you remember your student with a card, note, letter, goodie, or small gift monthly to remind them that the church remembers and loves them. It is truly a fun experience. The students really appreciate your attention and kindness. We are assigning students now so we can get started in September. If you would like to take part in this program please call Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 or Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992.

Thanks,
Eleanor and Carolyn



Struan now a citizen

Congratulations are extended to Struan Telford, 425 South Magnolia Street, on becoming a naturalized citizen of the U. S. A. on June 23 at Charlotte. Born in South Africa, Struan is a rising sophomore at NC State University. His parents, Bruce and Anne Telford, obtained their citizenship earlier this year on April 14. Their youngest children—Sarah and Michael—were already American citizens by virtue of being born in this country.

Invite a friend...

The second “Invite a Friend Sunday” this summer will be August 10. You are encouraged to invite a friend, especially someone who does not already have a church home in our community, to attend First Presbyterian with you on that Sunday. Introduce your friend(s) to other members and help them experience the inspiration and welcome of our congregation. God can use you to help them find a church home.

God comforts the bereaved

Christian sympathy is expressed to members who have recently lost loved ones, including:
Tamara Stevens and family in her mother’s death on May 27.

Opal Westmoreland and family in the death of her sister on June 3.

Frank Poore and family in the death of his brother on June 7.

Lois Kirk and family in her mother’s death on June 9.

Katherine Mack and family in her brother’s death on June 13.

Jim Hunter and family in the death of his former wife and the mother of his sons on June 15.

Pat Culberson and family in the death of her uncle on June 20.

Joe Griggs and family in the death of his mother on July 1.



Search is on for church hostess

The Personnel Committee is looking for someone to serve as our church hostess, to fill the position left vacate when Ann Manning resigned at the end of May for reasons of health.

If you are interested in or know of someone who is interested in serving as our hostess—planning meals, purchasing food and kitchen supplies, preparing and serving meals, and working with volunteers—please inform Phil Heilman, chair of the Personnel Committee, or the church office as soon as possible.



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