

The Bulletin Board

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June 2007

Vacation Bible School

Galilee By-the-Sea

Longing for a seaside vacation? Need a little water and sand to help you relax? Then come to 2007 Vacation Bible School, and set out on a seaside adventure, without even having to pack and leave town!

Bring the entire family to Galilee By-the-Sea! You will travel back into Bible times where you can become part of history as you see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Bible times! You will explore authentic marketplace shops, visit the Synagogue, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about life when Jesus walked the earth. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Participants will join together to form small tribal families - one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Small family Tribes ensure that every participant is welcomed, encouraged to participate, and affirmed.

Mark these dates and times on your calendar:

Sunday, June 24 - Wednesday, June 27

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All activities will take place here at First Presbyterian, and activities will be available for **all** ages. A snack supper will be served each evening; nursery care will be provided.

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the table in the church parlor. Call the church office (704-664-5275) if you have questions.

Habitat Interfaith Build

New project starts August 4

In May 2004, ten area churches joined together and built the first Interfaith Habitat house. There was so much enthusiasm about the project that in 2006, the 5th Interfaith Build house was started and in partnership with the family was completed in February, 2007. Fund-raising has been underway for Interfaith

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Mwandi Mission 2007

Team of 10 departs June 25

Our relationship with the African village of Mwandi is a long and rewarding one. From the hospital electrification project completed back in 1990, to the ongoing work with the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Center, to the fund-raising for the hospital endowment fund, to the communications project, to the support and expansion of the local school, we have been very involved, not only financially, but by the personal involvement of a variety of volunteers who have travelled to work on site.

This year, once again, we have partnered with Lake Norman Fellowship (our "daughter" church) to send **ten** volunteers in mission, five from each congregation! Each of the team members has made a significant personal commitment... not only of their time, but also of their financial resources in underwriting the total expense of the trip. It promises to be a journey that produces rich dividends of blessing for our sisters and brothers in Zambia, as well as for our local congregations.

The mission team departs on their 18,000 mile round trip journey from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport on Monday, June 25, and will return on Wednesday, July 11. While in Mwandi, they will be working in the hospital, helping with the OVC center, installing a communications system for the OVC center and working with the local church.

The volunteer team includes:

- Kathy Ballard (FPC),
- Carolyn Brawley (FPC),
- Fred Coates (FPC),
- Jean Coates (FPC),
- Brendan Bleavins (LNF),
- Kirk Bleavins (LNF),
- Bonnie Polansky (LNF),
- Courtney Thompson (FPC),
- Doug Vinez (LNF) and
- Sarah Welch (LNF).



Please pray for the group's safe travel and the successful completion of their various mission tasks.



From the Pastor

“Same Old, Same Old”

When I was in high school, the church youth choir I participated in (I always hesitate to call what I did “singing”) conducted annual summer choir tours in different parts of the country. Usually we performed a Christian musical, and most often we performed in prisons, youth detention centers, and the like. There’s nothing like walking through the gates of a prison and hearing those doors shut behind you to put a chill up your spine!

One summer we toured and sang in prisons in Colorado. The mountain scenery was amazing! Tall mountains with snowy peaks reaching toward the sky! It was all so different from what I knew growing up on the Texas prairie. We even went up to the top of Pike’s Peak and experienced snow in July! I wondered how anyone could view such a glorious example of Creation and still fail to believe in the God who made it all.

But what amazed me even more than the beautiful scenery was the blasé attitude the locals had about their gorgeous surroundings. I was in awe, but the people who lived there all the time didn’t think things were all that special. It was just part of the ordinary, everyday backdrop to their lives.

I wondered about why they thought so little of the beauty around them every day, and I came to understand that they saw it all the time. It was the “same old, same old” story to them. After a while, you get used to it and it ceases to be special. You get used to the spectacular majesty of the mountain range. Meanwhile, you still have people to see, things to do, and places to be. What is marvelous becomes commonplace to you. You take it for granted.

I find a parallel here with First Presbyterian. When you have a healthy congregation like we do here, sometimes the marvelous things God is doing in our midst become the usual backdrop to our lives. It is my privilege as pastor here to see God working with his transformational power in so many people. People are being touched, renewed, and encouraged, both old and young alike. Lives are being changed.

But because such transformation happens here regularly, it becomes ordinary to us. It becomes merely the expected scenery we anticipate viewing every day. We’re around the holy, awesome, and transformational things of God enough and see God at work enough that we become immune to the majesty, glory, and wonder of it all.

Make no mistake. God is active at First Presbyterian Church. The Holy Spirit is here among us. We don’t have to implore the Spirit to show up. He’s already here, moving and working in us, through us, and sometimes in spite of us. Our task is to perceive what God is doing, and then to join him in that work. Nothing “same old, same old” about that. You are a marvelously gifted and warm people. Your commitment to Christ inspires me, and your desire to follow Christ excites me. It is my privilege to serve as your pastor.

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



Budget and Finance Forum thru April 2007

Budgeted needs	\$239,826.00
Budgeted income	\$234,470.00
	-- \$ 5356.00

Our budgeted income has increased during April, lowering our deficit from \$8808.25 last month to \$5356.00 this month. Thanks for the concern and generosity in your giving and support for God’s work in our church.

Wedding Bells



We express our sincere congratulations to Shirley Whittington and Jim Morrow who were married in the church parlor on May 6. They are residing in Mooresville.



Congratulations are expressed to Tony and Stephanie Woodring on the birth of their new son, Matthew Michael Woodring, who was born on April 25. Matthew joins brothers Sam and Joey. May God bless this fine family.

Saints Alive Beach Trip

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.



If you are interested in taking the trip, please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible to make your reservation.

A \$100 **per room** deposit is due by August 1. 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.

Charlotte Symphony

In the May newsletter, plans were announced for a Saints Alive trip to the Charlotte Symphony Concert on Friday, June 15. Please note that the Symphony has rescheduled the concert for **Thursday, June 28**. The concert will feature patriotic music, right in time for July 4 festivities.

Although the date has changed, the location and time are the same - at McGuire's EnergyExplorium on Lake Norman, with our group leaving at 6:00 p.m. This is an outdoor event, and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper. There is no charge for the concert. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending.

Saints trip to Abingdon, VA

Because of an extremely late, very hard freeze in South Carolina peach country this spring, the annual Saints Alive Peach Trip will have to wait another year. In it's place, be on the lookout in the July newsletter and weekly bulletin for information about a Saints Alive summer trip to Abingdon, Virginia. The group plans to attend a play at the Barter Theater, and explore historic Abingdon. Call Ellen Auten for more information.

Weekday Preschool News

What a wonderful and special graduation day we had as our 4 & 5 year olds, dressed in caps and gowns with tassels swinging, celebrated the conclusion of Preschool and the anticipation of starting Kindergarten in the fall! We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful and supportive parents and grandparents who came to cheer the children on and make the day a memorable one. We pray for our little ones as they go forth and thank them for all the memories they have left with us.



Our month of May was chocked full of fun activities, and we enjoyed our Western Spring Sing, baseball & hotdogs, pizza, Cinco De Mayo, Car Wash, water days, ice cream eating and picnics at the park. There is always a lump in our throats as our year comes to an end, but we look forward to a fun and relaxing summer for everyone and a time to "step off the treadmill." Our terrific teachers have already been hard at work on plans for the 2007-2008 school year!

We are grateful to all the wonderful people who work so hard to help the Preschool program run smoothly, and so often their work is done quietly behind the scenes. Our church secretary, Nellie Goodman works tirelessly creating adorable programs, church treasurer, LuAnne Sledge handles all our finances, and sexton Billy Black cheerfully takes care of our supply needs and accidents big and small! We are eternally grateful to the church for our wonderful rooms and the playground, and the opportunity it affords us to offer it to all of you.

It will be just a blink and we'll be welcoming back our little friends, both old and new. **The "Sneak-a-Peek" orientation days are August 20th and 21st**, and you'll be receiving a letter from me in July with all the details.

May God be watching over you as you travel this summer and in all that you do. I look forward to seeing you out and about, and then before you know it, back in the drive-through! Love, **Mrs. Nancy**



Saints attend "Senior Scam Jam"

A small but enthusiastic group attended the Better Business Bureau's "Senior Scam Jam" at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte on Tuesday, May 15. The group attended a morning session with speaker presentations regarding various areas of fraud such as insurance scams, identity theft, mail fraud, telemarketing fraud, and other areas particularly relevant to senior adults. The church's fellowship hall was full of exhibitors who also provided helpful information for seniors. We came away feeling very informed! We enjoyed a relaxing lunch at the K & W Cafeteria in Cornelius on the way back to Mooresville. Participants included Ellen Auten, Genie Carns, Ann Manning, Jerry Massey, Lynn Pierce, Marjorie and Jim Schnicker. and Sarah Sink.

June 2007



<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Sunday 3</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with Graduation recognition 12:00pm Graduation Reception 12:15pm PYF leaves for "Virginia Creeper"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>2:00 pm Library Committee 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Tony's Pizza 6:00pm Brownies - 219 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 166 Den Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 8:30am Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Function in Parlor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>12:00pm Circle No. 1 at the home of Eleanor Templeton 6:15pm Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session room 6:30pm VBS Staff meeting in FH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>10:00am Circle of Faith (No. 4) 5:30pm Just Desserts at the Carpenter home 6:00pm Brownies - 219</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 <i>Father's Day Communion</i></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) 6:00pm Diaconate</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Cookout</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Session luncheon meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School at First Pres 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>		

Wednesday

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July 2007						
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9:30am Preschool Graduation

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5:30pm Wedding

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11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner

7:30pm Chancel Choir

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9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home

7:00pm Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the parlor

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12:00pm Wedding

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11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner

7:30pm Chancel Choir

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9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home

Fun & Fellowship

6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral

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11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner

7:30pm Chancel Choir

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9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home

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3:00pm Wedding

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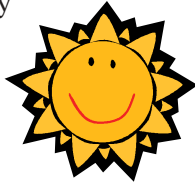
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Mwandi Mission Trip 6/25 through 7/11

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Children in Action

“Children in Action” (CIA) is a program of summer activities for children in rising first through sixth grades. Participants in CIA enjoy a variety of activities and fellowship with children in their age group, along with group devotions at each activity. Parent (and/or grandparent) chaperones are needed for each event, and siblings are welcome to join the group, provided the parent (or grandparent) is chaperoning the event. Activities will be held on Tuesdays this summer. A letter will be sent to parents with details concerning specific events, cost, meals, chaperones, and registration information. Following is a list of scheduled activities:



Tuesday, June 19 - Trip to North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$2.50

Tuesday, June 26 - No CIA (VBS week)

Tuesday, July 3 - No CIA

Tuesday, July 10- CPCC Summer Theater - “Seussical,” 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 17 - Swimming at Carpenters, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24 - Swimming at Kidwells, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31-Trip to Queens Landing (bumper boats and miniature golf), Time TBA. Cost: \$10.

Tuesday, August 7 - Trip to Discovery Place, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$8 + additional for Imax Theater.

Needed: Woodworkers

If woodworking is your “thing,” the VBS craft volunteers would like to hear from you! We need to have approximately 100 small wooden boats cut out for a craft activity, prior to June 24. Please contact Becky Rader (704-892-5129) to volunteer.



Churchmice!!

Letters have been sent to students indicating who their special friend, Churchmouse has been this year. A copy has been sent to you also. Carolyn and I hope that you have enjoyed this gift to our students this year and we hope that you hear from them. Thanks again for your support in this program.



Carolyn Poteat & Eleanor Templeton

Church picnic planned 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 barbecued pork for a cost of \$1 per person. You are asked to bring one side dish (chips, salad, fruit, baked beans, deviled eggs, etc.) to complete our picnic.

Dishes may be dropped off in the kitchen before church school and worship, and will be taken out to the picnic area for you prior to the picnic. Dessert dishes are welcome as well!

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!

Combined Church School class begins July 8

All adult, senior high, and middle school 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 9:45 - 10:40 a.m., and will include light refreshments and singing. This year’s focus is “A Month for Missions,” and will feature reports from our congregation’s mission trips, as well as a look back at some pioneer missionaries to Hawaii.



This year’s topics are as follows:

Sunday, July 8 - Clay Brown and other trip participants will report on their Memorial Day weekend mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

Sunday, July 15 - 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 members, along with adult advisors, will report on their summer mission trip to Daytona Beach, Florida, through the YouthWorks mission organization.

Sunday, July 29 - Fred and Jean Coates, along with other trip participants, will report on their summer 2007 trip to Mwanzi in Zambia, Africa.

Youth Page



I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation. Romans 1:16

Summer schedule begins with Virginia Creeper bike ride

The 2007 summer schedule begins with a special event on the North Carolina and Virginia border. Come and bike down the Virginia Creeper trail, have a great time and earn money for the mission trip. We plan on leaving after church on Sunday, June 3. We have arranged to transport bicycles, so bring your bike or borrow your neighbors. You will need spending money for a quick lunch on the way to the mountains and for a quick dinner on the way back home. (Bring a back-pack for water, etc.) This event will bring the Sunday PYF schedule to a close and mark the shift to Tuesday evenings. The schedule includes supper clubs, just desserts and special outings. Mark your calendars for the Tuesdays throughout the summer.

Congratulations to MHS National Honor Society Inductees

On Thursday, May 3, four members of First Presbyterian Church were inducted into the Mooresville High School chapter



of the National Honor Society. They were sophomores Matt Abele, Graham Sledge and Neil Trimble along with junior Patrick Campbell. The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization recognizing outstanding high school students who

demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Current MHS society members from FPC include Keri Carpenter, (president elect), Meghan Greene, Darlene Peacock, Jay Trimble, and Emmie Tyson; and Abby Ahearn of Lake Norman High.

June Mission/Movie Project

Where: Mooresville Habitat for Humanity
When: Saturday, June 2 - 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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* denotes a Sunday event



June:	5	Supperclub @ Tony's Pizza
	12	Just Desserts @ Carpenter's
	19	Supperclub @ Cookout
	26	Bible school @ FPC
July:	3	Roadtrip to ballgame Hickory Crawdads
	10	Mission trip Daytona Beach
	17	Just Desserts @ Bruster's
	22*	Pool party @ the Greene's
	31	Supperclub @ Subway

Camp Grier - The place to be in 2007!

The first summer camping session at Camp Grier begins Sunday, June 17 - it is not too late to sign up for a week of fun in the mountains! The folks at camp are busy getting everything ready for an enjoyable camping season, and would love to see you there! Please contact Ellen Auten as soon as possible if you have questions about camp, or would like to find out about camp scholarships. Brochures are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary. Camp Grier is located in Old Fort, NC, in the beautiful NC mountains bordering the Pisgah National Forest, and offers camping programs for children in rising second through twelfth grades. Information is also available at its website: www.campgrier.org.

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

Following is a list of registered campers: **June 24 - 27, Rising Sun:** Ellie Rader; **July 15 - 20, Cherokee Lodge:** Van Herring, Emory McNeely; **Pioneer Rustic:** Nell Herring; **July 24 - August 1, Rising Sun:** Cameron Sledge, Emily Williams.

Presbyterian Men

At our Mother's Day breakfast on May 13, Byron Crowley of our congregation humbled us all with his extensive photojournalistic skills. As a free-lance travel writer and photographer, Byron wowed us with some of his gallery of photos which included those on lighthouses, fall colors, scenic places, and Clemson females...

Our June breakfast meeting will be held on the 10th and we are fortunate to have Jeremy Elliott of our congregation as our speaker. Jeremy is the Head PGA Pro at the Mooresville Golf Course and has graciously agreed to talk with us and even tackle John Neely's duck hook, Lee Bryant's propensity to play in the creek, and Bedo Culberson's techniques so Pat doesn't know where he is...



Breakfast begins at 0830 and all men are encouraged to enjoy a wonderful repast, Christian fellowship, and a program that is guaranteed to keep you out of the rough....

Gene Vaughan

Presbyterian Men, President



Habitat Interfaith Build *(Continued from front)*

house build #6 and several churches are already committed.

First Presbyterian plans to be involved in this year's project. It's a great chance to get involved in an important local mission effort! It's also a great chance to develop some new Christian friendships that cross denominational lines.

Beginning Saturday, August 4, the Our Towns Habitat for Humanity will start "Interfaith Build #6." Developing a site on Ferry Street in Cornelius (not far from Exit 28 off of I-77), the project will bring Christians together from many different churches for a combined witness in community ministry. If you are 16 years or older and would like to be a part of the project (no special skills are needed--you'll be taught what you need to know), please contact Fred Coates for details of visit the Our Towns Habitat for Humanity web site at: www.ourtownshabitat.org.

You can make an important and visible difference in our community! Get involved today!

Juneteenth Celebration

The Eastern Heights Community Watch is sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration on June 16 & 17, 2007. It will be held at the Willow Valley Park in the Eastern Heights Community and will begin at 12 noon and continue until 8:00 p.m. Sunday the 17th will be a gospel fest and the entire event will be fun for the entire family. Billy Black is the chairman of this event and may be contacted if you have questions.



Summer Camp

Lake Norman Fellowship is sponsoring a summer camp for children ages 3-5 years old. There will be Bible stories, snacks and playtime. The camp will begin June 4 and continue through July 27 and will be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The cost will be:

5 days per week \$94.00

3 days per week \$65.00

2 days per week \$45.00

If you have questions or to register, you may contact Dana Whitlow at 704-309-8940.



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