

The Bulletin Board

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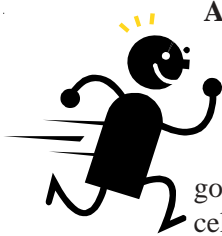
March "MADness" at Church School

We are all accustomed to "March Madness" in the Carolinas, that crazy time of year when college basketball is at a frenzy, and life seems to come to a standstill as fans cheer their favorite teams on to victory. We would like to capture some of that enthusiasm at church, and spread that same fervor to our commitment to attending church school!

The Church School Council is sponsoring our version of "March MADness" by introducing a March Attendance Dash, where we plan to encourage church school attendance and have a lot of fun along the way! We will kick off March MADness in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 4, from 9:30-10:00 a.m. with Bojangle's biscuits and doughnuts for everyone. Then we will plot our progress in church school attendance at a racetrack, posted on the second floor hallway. Each class will be represented in this attendance dash, and the goal (finish line) is to increase attendance in all classes by 30% during the month. To celebrate this very achievable goal, we will have a "Victory Celebration" on Sunday, April 1, from 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall, with a report on our race, and special refreshments for all!

The benefits of attending church school are numerous - in fact, it is a "win-win" situation for all involved! Benefits include wonderful Bible teaching and learning, increasing your Bible knowledge, warm fellowship with fellow classmates, a definite time to enjoy the company of a caring group of concerned Christian friends, a time to stop and "recharge" your spiritual battery, a place to belong and feel encouraged.

One of the best ways to get involved in church school is very simple - just show up and develop the habit of attending! All runners know that the key to winning a race is practice and commitment to a goal, and these disciplines are needed in our spiritual life as well. Make plans to participate in our M.A.D. dash!



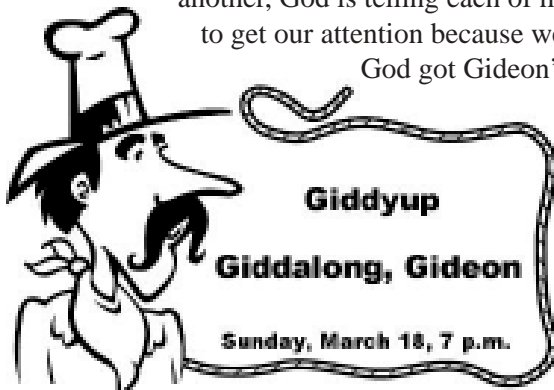
The 2007 Logos Choir presents... "Giddyup, Giddalong, Gideon"

The entire congregation is invited to a special evening of theatre on Sunday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be no dinner, but desserts will be served after the performance. The Logos Choir will present the musical, *Giddyup, Giddalong, Gideon*.

Come hear this wonderful story from the book of Judges, done with a cowboy twist. In one way or another, God is telling each of his children to do something. Often we don't hear God trying to get our attention because we really aren't listening or expecting Him to speak to us.

God got Gideon's attention in a very dramatic way, but Gideon was still afraid because of the enormity of the task. God will never call us to do something that he will not equip us to complete. By faith we accept His calling, and like Gideon of old, we can fearlessly say, "Giddyup and Giddalong!"

A nursery for small children will be provided during the musical. The choir will rehearse Saturday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon in the fellowship hall.





From the Pastor...

Do Sermonettes Make Christianettes? The Need for Expository Preaching

One long-running joke in our culture (and I recognize the pun I'm making as I write this) is that of the long-winded preacher who enjoys the sound of his/her voice while preaching to an increasingly less-attentive and bored congregation. We derive much congregational humor from stories of sermons without end, amen, and from unlucky congregants caught in their vortex and unable to stop from nodding off during the sermon and from thinking about anything and everything else but the sermon. One small example is perhaps the funniest definition I've heard for preaching: "talking for 30 minutes in someone else's sleep."

We laugh about such things. We groan when church historians tell us that our Puritan forebears in America often experienced (endured?) sermons lasting two to three hours each and that these churches had ushers equipped with long poles with assignments to tap people on the back, shoulder, or head as hard as need be to keep listeners alert.

One of the results is that for a long period of time, the average length of the sermon grew increasingly shorter and shorter, down from several hours to an hour to 45 minutes to 30 minutes to 15 minutes to, in some cases, under 10 minutes now in many liturgically oriented congregations. Occasionally you would hear curmudgeons decrying this shift, saying things like "sermonettes make Christianettes," but most of us cheered as sermons became sermonettes and decreased in length throughout the 20th century. "Now we can beat the Methodists to the restaurants," we Presbyterians cried, at least until we realized that Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, and even Baptist sermons were all decreasing in length too, so the Methodists were still beating us to the restaurants..

Are you aware of the "Law of Unforeseen Consequences"? This law states that the corrections we offer to address real, viable needs often have unexpected, unanticipated consequences that are quite negative in their impact. When it came to the matter of sermon length, the Law of Unforeseen Consequences acted so that while at the same time we were rejoicing in shorter and shorter sermons, we were also experiencing in our day the following: 1) a rapid decline in Biblical literacy, 2) a depressing ignorance of Christian doctrine, 3) a precipitous drop in the practice of Christian morality, and 4) a increasing lack of overall interest and involvement in a Christian community of faith of any kind by many people...

I'm not claiming that the sole reason for the loss of Christian vitality in our land is shorter and shorter sermons. But I do believe it is a contributing factor, perhaps even approaching the top of the list of factors. No sermon can communicate in 10 minutes a week the spiritual food needed to grow healthy souls any more than you can grow healthy bodies by eating fast food hamburgers all the time. In short, we're learning the hard truth that sermonettes indeed make—or at least help to make—Christianettes

As we have moved into the 21st century, a new, noticeable trend has begun to develop in churches across the land. The trend? Yep, you guessed it—longer sermons. Sermons that used to be 10-12 minutes are now 20-25 minutes, even more. More amazing, many growing non-denominational churches reaching young adults in their 20s, whom we would associate to have the attention span of gnats because of MTV, experience sermons of 45 minutes to an hour or more.

Why? Because people are hungry for a nourishing spiritual meal from God's Word. A generation has been raised on an anemic subsistence diet of short meditations, pop psychology, and "what the preacher thinks about current issue 'X'," and they want and need more. They want the Word of God preached with conviction, clarity, and compassion. They want sermons that explain the Biblical text and dig into its riches. In short, they want expository sermons that take enough time to do the job right.

It is this type of sermon I'm endeavoring to prepare and to preach. Now, please note this: I'm not advocating sermons of 45 minutes or more for First Presbyterian! (I'm smarter than I look.) Neither am I excusing boring, pedantic, rabbit-chasing sermons from anyone, especially me. Sermons ought to have a point, ought to get to the point, ought to use humor well, and ought to relate to real life. I also realize that occasionally a Sunday is so jam-packed it simply can't bear the weight of a full-length sermon.

But with all that said, we are now realizing throughout the U.S. that a sermon ought to be long enough to engage the Biblical passage, to discover what God is saying through it, and to describe in some detail how it applies to our lives. Most of the time, you can't do that in 10 minutes or so. It takes more time. For me, I shoot for 22-25 minutes or so as a happy medium—occasionally a little more, occasionally a little less.

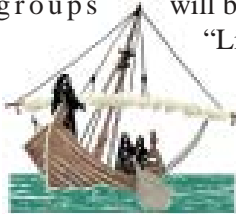
It is expository preaching with enough time to explain the text while taking into account the listening capacities of its hearers that will do the trick. Preaching and hearing sermonettes simply will not do unless we want a new crop of Christianettes.

Grace and peace,
Clay Brown

“Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter”

Sermon Series

The sermons preached during Lent will connect with the Scriptures our “Lent in the Living Room” groups will be discussing with the theme



“Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter.” What is your growing edge? It is that place in life where God is working with you most to shape and mold your

character more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Here are the sermons and Scripture passages our pastors will preach during Lent.

“Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter”

Preaching Schedule

- 1st Sunday of Lent, February 25: “When You’re Out of Your Comfort Zone,” Luke 5:1-11.
- 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 4: “When You Step Out in Faith,” Matthew 14:22-33.
- 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 11: “When You-Know-Who Shows Up,” Luke 9:28-36.
- 4th Sunday of Lent, March 18: “When You Finally Get It Right,” Matthew 16:13-17.
- 5th Sunday of Lent, March 25: “When You Have Nowhere Else to Turn,” John 6:60-69.
- 6th Sunday of Lent, April 1 (Palm Sunday): “When You’ve Blown It,” Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75.

A wonderful way for you to prepare for each sermon in this transformational series is to read the Scripture passage for Sunday before you come to worship and then to participate in a “Lent in the Living Room” small group to discuss the passage during the week. Information on the groups may be found in the bulletin insert. Come to worship ready to hear God’s Word shared, explained, and applied to our lives.

The Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Meeting five times since the formation and election in January, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is in hot pursuit of a new youth minister. Thus far our committee has been working diligently on the modification of the Church Information Form (CIF) originally created by the Pastor Nominating Committee during our church’s search for Dr. Brown. On Sunday February 11, our session approved the CIF and it will now be sent to the committee on Ministry of Salem Presbytery for approval. Once approved, the committee will begin to receive the Personal Information Forms (PIF) of matching applicants with the specified criteria seeking a call as our youth minister.



The APNC will consider candidates who are either ordained or non-ordained and appreciate all suggestions from the congregation of possible candidates. Anyone wishing to be considered for the position must submit a PIF or resume to the committee. It will then be the task of the APNC to carefully discern through prayer and reflection the person God is calling to fill the vacancy of youth minister at our church.

The APNC asks for you to include the work of the committee in your daily prayers and for the discernment to discover the Youth Minister God is calling to our church.



Budget & Finance Forum

January 2007

• Budgeted needs	\$59,956.75
• Budgeted income	<u>\$74,000.00</u>
	+14,043.25

• We are ahead in January, which is not
 • uncommon. Some members prepay their yearly
 • pledge early and this is the reason the balance is +
 • \$14,000.00 to the good.

Logos News

Although April 4th will conclude the Logos MSM year, we still have lots going on in March, including *Western Night* (Mar. 7), *St. Patrick's Day* (Mar. 14), *Creepy Crawlies Night* (Mar. 21), and *Outback/Crocodile Hunter Night* (Mar. 28).

We will speed into summer break at our Nascar Banquet on our final night (April 4). We invite all parents to come at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy our year-end slide show. It is always a lot of fun to see what a great time we have had, how much our children have grown and what wonderful relationships they have formed.

The Logos group will be presenting the western musical extravaganza "Giddyup, Giddalong, Gideon" for the church family on Sunday March 18, at 7:00 pm. We are also looking forward to our LOGOS TRIP! This year, we will meet at the church on Saturday afternoon, March 24, for pizza and a brief rehearsal, then hop on the bus to end our evening at Fun Station 2000. We will play on their structures, ride amusement park rides, play laser tag and video games, and basically have tons of fun for a couple of hours before we spread out our sleeping bags and find a cozy place to sleep for the night in their facility. The next morning, we will perform our musical for the Sunday school classes at a local church. It should be a fun and exciting time for everyone.

We would like to thank every parent who served in the kitchen this year, especially Ken Bernd, who served every week. We would also like to thank Carol McClure, a new addition to the Logos nursery, for making sure our future Logos kids are well taken care of as their parents volunteer in other areas. Many thanks to all our supportive parents who teach Bible classes, serve as table parents or substitutes, who serve in the nursery, who decorate tables, help with clean-up, assist with recreation or music, serve as a shepherd, or any of the many other ways that you show your support. Your children and your church are blessed by your dedication and enthusiasm.

Special thanks this month to the MSM girls and some of the Kairos boys for their help during Logos recreation. You give the Logos group something to admire and which to aspire to. You serve your church and your Lord well.

Also, heartfelt thanks to parents and staff for remembering Valerie at Valentine's Day with a lovely gift basket. It was a completely unnecessary, but very much appreciated gesture.

May God Bless You,

Valerie Mauney and Leeann DeCastro

Office Volunteer Orientation

Do you enjoy working in an office setting or working with a group to get a mass-mailing ready to go out? Great! This opportunity for service is for you.

Our secretary, Nellie Goodman, and pastor, Clay Brown will host an orientation session on



Wednesday, March 7, 9:30-11:00

a.m., in Room 300. We will cover a number of situations that you will encounter as you volunteer.

This session is essential for you to enjoy fruitful service in the church office.

You may have volunteered before in the office and have much experience, or you may be considering this possibility for the first time. Regardless, I hope you will pray about serving the Lord's work in this way. If you want to serve and can attend the March 7 meeting, please call or email Nellie at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. Of course, if you have any questions, please contact either Nellie or Clay. We'll be happy to visit with you.

March Logos/MSM dates

Sunday, March 4 - MSM bells play in 8:30 a.m. worship service

Wednesday, March 7 - Western Night

Wednesday, March 14 - St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17 - Logos (grades 1-6)

Musical rehearsal 10a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Sunday, March 18 - Logos choir sings - 11:00 a.m. worship service

Sunday, March 18 - Logos Musical, *Gideon* 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25 - Creepy Crawlies Night

Saturday, March 24 - Sunday, March 25 -

Logos trip to Statesville.

Wednesday, March 28 - Outback/Crocodile Hunter Night

Sunday, April 1 - Logos choir and MSM bells in 11:00 a.m. worship service (Palm Sunday)

Wednesday, April 4 - Last Logos/MSM/Kairos meeting - 4:00 p.m.; Nascar theme banquet- 6:15 p.m.

Weekday Preschool

What a wonderful time we had at our Valentine parties, and in making our decorated bags to hold our Valentines, red heart projects and cookie decorating. Thank you to all our wonderful moms who sent treats and came in to help. Other units in February included *Me and My Shadow*, *Loaves and Fishes and Other Miracles*, *Pirate Days*, *Noah's Ark*, *Kings & Queens*, *"Feelings*, and *The Dentist's Office*. Our teachers were able to attend the John Roseman seminar at Lake Norman Fellowship this month and were inspired once again by his wisdom.



March promises to be busy as we have a full month without a break. Looking ahead, we're planning to have lots of fun as we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and playing Leprechaun tricks, studying *Lions & Lambs*, *Folk Tales & Tall Tales*, *Space*, *Pets*, *Zoo*, *Insects & Spiders* and *Senses*. Please remember that we will be closed **March 30**. Our Easter break will be **April 6-13** and a reminder that spring pictures are scheduled for **April 26 & 27**. All the children will have their pictures taken, but our 4 year-olds will be photographed in their caps and gowns as a graduation keepsake.

We love your children and are grateful that you have chosen to send them here. We ask for your prayers as we care for these precious little ones.

With love,
Mrs. Nancy

Opportunity for Service

FPC Needs Wedding Coordinators!

Are you a planner? Do you love weddings? If you answered "yes" to these questions, your service is needed at FPC. We are looking for people who would enjoy helping young couples plan for their upcoming weddings at our church. We will be offering a training session in the near future for anyone who feels that the Lord would have them serve Him in this way. All wedding coordinators (present and future) will be asked to attend this session so that our program can be organized under our new pastor, Dr. Clay Brown and so everyone will be using the most updated packet information. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) to indicate your interest and to receive information concerning the upcoming training session. Thank you.



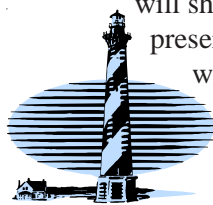
Presbyterian Men

Our 2007 Presbyterian Men's breakfasts are off to a great start as evidenced by the insightful and inspirational presentation on February 11 by John Koppelmeyer, President of the Barium Springs Home for Children. Founded in 1891 by the Synod of NC, Presbyterian Church (USA), Barium Springs began as an orphanage and now responds to the needs of North Carolina's children and their families. It is rewarding indeed to note that many people in First Presbyterian Church - Mooresville were, and still are, active participants in this wonderful ministry.

Our next breakfast, March 11, will feature Mr. Nick Johnson. Nick, the son of Victor and Helen Johnson and a 23-year veteran of the US Coast Guard, will share with us about his work on the preservation of lighthouse lenses. Nick has worked on lighthouse projects for 16 years and will enlighten us (*a pun for those who matriculated from Clemson*) on his work that has stretched from Maine to Florida to Oregon to Hawaii.

Men, please join us and remember too, that March 11 marks the switch to Daylight Savings Time, so be sure to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on March 10.

Gene Vaughan
President-Presbyterian Men

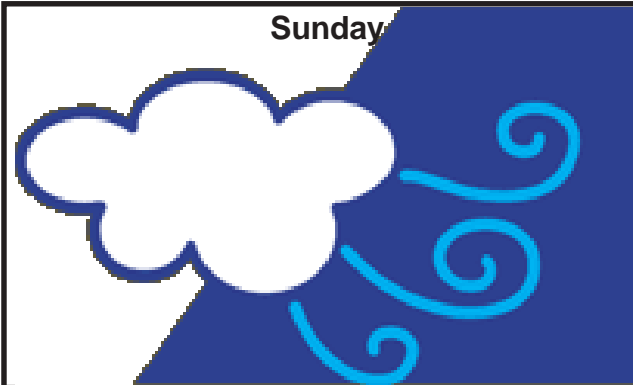


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Scholarships Available

The *Agnes Neel Scholarship* is available to church members planning to major or minor in music. Applications are in the church office and must be turned in before May 1, 2007.

The *Cora L. Freeze Scholarship* is available to all area high school seniors planning to major or minor in education. Applications may be obtained from the school guidance office or the church office.



Monday **Tuesday**

March 20

2nd Sunday in Lent **4**

8:30am Early Worship with MSM Handbells
 9:45am Church School
 11:00am Worship
 4:15pm Alpha PYF
 5:15pm Omega PYF
 6:00pm *Discover First Pres*

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9:30am Moms in Touch

 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

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2:00pm Library Committee

 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Chick-fil-a
 6:00pm Brownies - 219
 7:00pm Exaltation Ringers

3rd Sunday in Lent **11**

8:30am Early Worship
 8:30am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 9:45am Church School
 11:00am Worship with the Exaltation Ringers
 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:30pm Mwandu Meeting in room 300
 7:00pm Committee Meetings

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9:30am Moms in Touch
 2:00pm Circle No. 1 in parlor

 6:15pm Circle No. 3 in the Session Room

 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

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10:00am Circle No. 4 in the parlor
 12:00pm Circle No. 5
 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Shiki
 6:00pm Brownies - 219
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 7:00pm Exaltation Ringers

4th Sunday in Lent **18**

8:30am Early Worship
 9:45am Church School
 11:00am Worship with the Logos choir

 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Diane Harrington
 5:15pm Alpha & Omega PYF
 6:00pm Diaconate
 7:00pm Logos Musical and Dessert

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9:30am Moms in Touch

 7:00pm Executive Committee
 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

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12:30pm Saints Alive
 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Subway
 6:00pm Brownies - 219
 7:00pm Exaltation Ringers

5th Sunday in Lent **25**

8:30am Early Worship with Logos Choir
 9:45am Church School
 11:00am Worship with Baptism
 4:15pm Alpha PYF
 5:15pm Omega PYF
 7:00pm Session

Logos Trip

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9:30am Moms in Touch

 7:00pm VBS Meeting in room 300
 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

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5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Waffle House
 6:00pm Brownies - 219
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 7:00pm Exaltation Ringers

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7 9:30am Office Volunteer Orientation-room 300 11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos/MSM - <i>Western Night</i> 5:00pm Kairos 7:30pm Chancel Choir	8 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home  Fun & Fellowship 6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral	9	10
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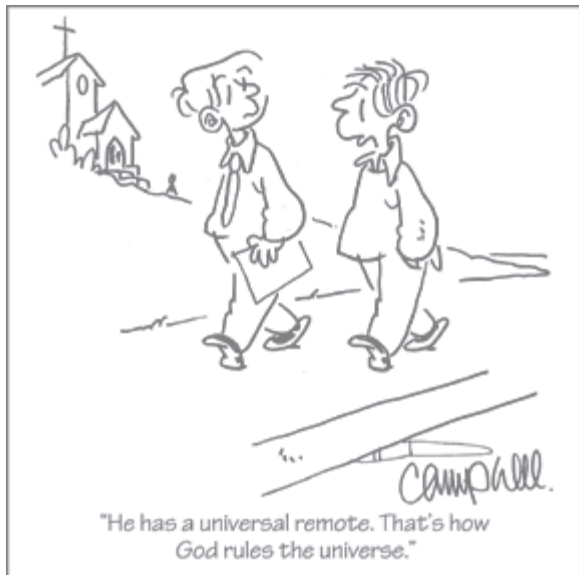
Galilee-By-the-Sea

Vacation Bible School 2007

Plans are well underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for Sunday, June 24, through Wednesday, June 27, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. All events will be held at First Presbyterian, with assistance and participation from friends at Prospect Presbyterian and Mooresville A.R. Presbyterian Churches.

This year's theme, "Galilee By-the-Sea," will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for families. Each day participants will join with a small group that is named after one of the twelve tribes of Israel. These family Tribes will come together for singing, then enjoy a snack supper in their tribe. Following supper, the family Tribes will visit the Synagogue, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, sample Middle Eastern snacks, explore authentic marketplace shops such as carpentry, pottery, weaving, toy-making, and observe the daily drama in the Marketplace. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate, and is an exciting way for everyone to learn more about the amazing things Jesus did. You will have an opportunity to register beginning in April.

Adult and teen helpers are needed in the following areas: crafts, tribe parents, kitchen crew, recreation, nursery care, storytelling, registration, and assorted other responsibilities. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in helping with this year's VBS.



It's time to make plans for summer camp! Summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for children in rising second through twelfth grades, with weekly camping sessions offered from June 17 through August 3.

Camp Grier's mission is to serve Jesus Christ by using the unique natural setting of Camp Grier to provide the environment of a caring Christian community, and to help campers grow in their relationships with God, His creation, themselves, and others.

Camp activities include Bible study, crafts, hiking, swimming, nature activities, boating, games, overnight camping, campfires, and small-group and whole camp activities. New this summer is "Bring My Bike to Camp" week for rising 4th - 6th graders, where campers will participate in everyday camp fun, but will be able to ride their bikes all around camp. In addition, bike safety and repair classes will be offered. And in its second year is the "Music, Art and Drama" camp for separate groups of 3rd - 9th graders.

Senior high ages take note: Camp Grier has wonderful opportunities for high schoolers. Camps include Senior High Wilderness, Senior High Backpacking, a two-week Senior High Adventure, and a Counselor-in-Training two-week session.

Camp Grier will host an Open House at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. Parents, potential campers and youth groups are encouraged to attend and meet with the Camp Director and staff and tour the facilities. Call the camp office for more information: 828-668-7793.

Camp Grier is also looking for college-age young adults to be part of the summer staff. Please contact Dave Cohn at the number listed above, or e-mail him at dave@campgrier.org.

Brochures are available in the church office; please contact Ellen Auten for more information. Scholarship help is available.

You may also find information about the camp at its website: www.campgrier.org.

SAINTS ALIVE

Saints enjoy a “Love-Ly” luncheon in February

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon was held on Tuesday, February 20, and featured a Valentine’s Day theme, with lots of love and warm wishes to go around!

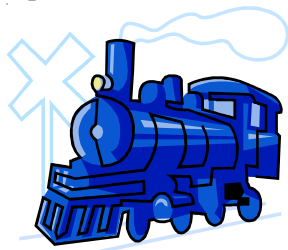


Thanks to Lynelle Owen for providing beautiful Valentine decorations, complete with festive heart napkins. We all felt very loved! The group enjoyed a delicious luncheon of hamburger pie, steamed vegetable medley, fresh fruit, rolls, and red velvet cake. Thanks to Jerilyn Fair and her faithful “kitchen crew” for a delicious meal!

We enjoyed an informative program by Maryann Dailey, Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau Consumer Foundation.

Saints to tour Transportation Museum

Join the Saints Alive group on a tour of the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC, on Friday, March 16. Plans are to leave at 10:45 a.m., eat an early lunch in Salisbury, and begin the tour at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.50. The museum is located on the site of Southern Railway’s steam locomotive repair facility, dating back to 1896. While at the museum, you will have an opportunity to visit Barber Junction, the Master Mechanic’s office, the Flue Shop, the Robert Julian Roundhouse, and take a thirty minute train ride. Special exhibits include “Wagons, Wheels and Wings” and “Bumper to Bumper.” Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.



Saints to hear former Vietnam POW in March

The next Saints Alive luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall; cost is \$4. The program will be presented by Quincy Collins, a retired Air Force Colonel and former Vietnam POW. Mr. Collins spent 7 1/2 years in prison cells in and around Hanoi. A graduate of The Citadel, Mr. Collins currently lives in Charlotte and works as a commercial real estate broker, and is quite active in the Charlotte community. He serves as a Deacon at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, and has been awarded the “Realtor Citizen of the Year Award,” is Chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg WWII Memorial Foundation, is on the board of the Shelton Leadership Initiative at NCSU, and is a member of the SC State Guard Foundation Board.



Mr. Collins is a first cousin of the late Jack Duffy of our congregation. Come and hear Mr. Collins relate some of his many and varied experiences in his military career.

Help is needed to deliver arranged flowers to our shut-ins at their homes or nursing homes. Your reward: appreciation from the recipients. This small gesture means so much to them. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) and say, “Count on me.”



Youth Page



Mission and a Movie New program to begin this month

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18) We have been called to go and serve and we have your ticket. Starting this month, we’ll do just that. One Saturday a month, PYF will meet for a small mission project followed by taking in a matinee at the local theatre. Our mission projects will be coordinated through our Missions Committee and the Mooresville Christian Mission. We begin on Saturday, March 10, @ 9:30 a.m. You will need to wear work clothes, we will be helping with inventory in the warehouse. We will head to the movies for the 12:15 p.m. showing of *“Amazing Grace”*. The movie’s on us, so bring some money for a snack if you like. We will return to the church around 2:00 p.m. If you are looking for community service hours for school, remember to bring your form for a signature. God has given us so much, let’s take some time to give to others. Let’s light someone’s path.



MARCH PROJECT

Where: Mooresville Christian Mission Warehouse

When: Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

MARCH SUPPER CLUB

leave the church @ 5:30 p.m.

March 6: *Chick-fil-a*
March 13: *Shiki*

March 20: *Subway*
March 27: *Waffle House*



FPC responds to Souper Bowl of Caring offering goes to local missions

On Sunday morning, February 4, 2007, PYF members challenged the congregation to contribute to the Souper Bowl of Caring offering at a higher rate than in years past. This year the goal was one dollar for every member or about \$850.



We are happy to report the \$1640.00 was raised and distributed to the Mooresville Christian Mission and the Mooresville Soup Kitchen as well 136 can goods for the mission’s food pantry.

Many thanks to our middle and high school PYF members who helped with this project.

Whether you participated in the Minute for Mission, held a pot to collect money after the service or brought canned goods to our party that night; you all worked together and our community is the richer for it. A special thank you to the entire congregation for making this year’s event the biggest ever. By the way, we had a great time later that night watching the game in the youth room.

Mission Focus - You can help!

International mission trips - Are you going?

Memorial Day weekend - Mexico (Cancun)

We are planning to “piggyback” with the good folks at Grace Presbyterian in Houston, Texas (Dr. Brown’s previous church) and join them on their annual Memorial Day mission trip to Mexico. Our part of the “expedition” will be led by Dr. Brown. The group will be leaving from Houston on Thursday, May 24, and returning on Tuesday, May 29. They will be working for an intense couple of days helping to build a church on the Yucatan Peninsula in the Playa del Carmen area. If you wish to participate, you need to be 18 years of age or older, have a willingness to work hard and have a valid U.S. passport. The ability to speak Spanish is a real plus, but not needed. Please contact Fred Coates immediately if you are interested in the trip. Space is very limited!



African Summer 2007 - Zambia (Mwandi)

Our involvement with the Mwandi community has a rich history. We continue to see real improvements in the area... spiritually, medically, socially. Once again a contingent from Mooresville, comprised of volunteers from FPC (led by Fred and Jean Coates) and Lake Norman Fellowship (led by Doug Vinez), will be heading back to Africa from **June 26-July 10**.



Interested in **children’s ministry**? There will be opportunities to work at the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Center (OVC). Have a **medical mission** in mind? You can help out in the local community hospital. Enjoy **Vacation Bible School work**? Then the Mwandi UCZ church is the place for you. Or how about **teaching school** for a week? The local school would be glad to use your professional expertise. We should even have a few **construction and repair projects**, too. Cost of an airline ticket, overnight accommodations en route along with room, board and laundry in Mwandi will be around \$2500. It will be the trip of a lifetime! Join us and see what incredible things God is doing in Mwandi. A brief informational meeting for anyone interested will be held on Sunday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 300.

Mooresville Christian Mission

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The Mooresville Christian Mission was founded in 1939 by the Salvation Army. During World War II, the Salvation Army had to leave Mooresville to serve other areas. The Mooresville Community decided that the need was too great in Mooresville not to provide assistance to those less fortunate. As a result, the Mooresville Christian Mission was born. Today, the Mission is funded through the United Way, the Town of Mooresville, the local Christian community along with the generous donations of residents in the Mooresville and the South Iredell/Lake Norman areas.

The Mission provides assistance to local families in crisis; providing food, clothing, furniture, appliances, prescription drugs, and utility assistance while also assisting clients to obtain the skills or resources needed to become self sufficient. They also act as advocates for the poor, elderly, and disabled in our area.

The Mission can use volunteers interested in marketing, fundraising, organizing food drives, doing office work, picking up and delivering furniture and appliances, working in the warehouse and stocking the food pantry. Of course the Mission will be happy to take donations other than your time. **You may donate** money, food, clothing (in season), furniture in good repair, household goods (e.g., dishes, pots, pans, flatware, utensils, linens and towels), toys, books, working televisions, radios, computers and appliances.

Below is the list of **items most urgently needed**:

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| <i>Canned fruits</i> | <i>Canned meats</i> | <i>Soups with meats</i> | <i>Soups (no Tomato, please)</i> |
| <i>Jelly</i> | <i>Rice</i> | <i>Sugar</i> | <i>Flour</i> |
| <i>Tomato sauce</i> | <i>Canned greens</i> | <i>Canned pasta</i> | <i>Dry cereal</i> |
| <i>Canned milk</i> | <i>Cake mixes, icing</i> | <i>Condiments</i> | <i>Dry milk</i> |
| <i>Cornbread</i> | <i>Biscuit mix</i> | <i>Juice</i> | <i>Pinto Beans</i> |
| <i>Boxed Meals</i> | <i>Peanut Butter</i> | <i>Canned</i> | <i>Spaghetti sauce</i> |
| <i>Green Beans</i> | <i>Corn</i> | <i>Macaroni & Cheese</i> | <i>Blackeyed Peas</i> |
| <i>Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine supplies, shaving cream, razor blades)</i> | | | |

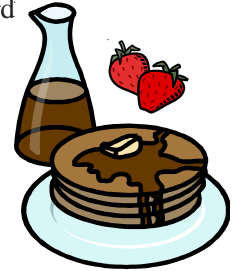
Laying down your coat for Jesus

You are encouraged to bring your used or outgrown winter coats to church on Palm Sunday, April 1, symbolically “laying down your coat for Jesus,” just as the people of Jerusalem lined his path with their cloaks and palm branches for the triumphal entry. The coats will be donated to Mooresville Christian Mission. As we begin to enjoy warmer temperatures and you pack your winter coats away, consider donating a coat as a visible symbol of outreach to others.



Leprechauns, Pancakes & Strawberries !!

The Mission Committee is hard at work preparing for a pancake dinner/breakfast for Friday March 16, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and for Sat. March 17 from 7am - 11am. Prices will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for Children 4-12 and of course kids 3 and under are FREE ! What a GREAT way to start St. Patrick’s Day.



All proceeds from both events will go to benefit the Mwandu Endowment.

Please plan to attend, bring friends and neighbors, too. The more the merrier!

If you are interested in helping out with the Pancake Dinner/Breakfast, please feel free to join us - the fellowship is awesome.

Looking forward to seeing YOU there.

The Missions Committee



Daylight Savings Time Early This Year

Remember to set your clocks ahead when you go to bed on March 10. DST begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.

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