

# The Bulletin Board

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May 2007

## Gideon's Torch Concert Scheduled



The Youth Fellowship at Mooresville First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a benefit concert on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The proceeds from the event will help fund the youth's mission trip scheduled later this summer. The concert will be held in the sanctuary featuring the gospel quartet Gideon's Torch. There is no admission, a free will offering will be received for the mission trip and a nursery will be provided. This concert is in conjunction with the church's 2006-2007 FPC Concert Series. Come and enjoy an evening of old time gospel music, and help the youth of First Presbyterian Church prepare to go out and serve the world. For more information, you may contact the church office at (704) 664-5275.

## Older Adult Month

May is designated as "Older Adult Month" on the church calendar. We honor and recognize the older adults in our church family, particularly our members in nursing homes and retirement homes. You may wish to remember them with a card or a visit. Please notify us of any corrections or omissions.

### **Abernathy Retirement Center, Newton**

*Frances Powell*

### **Brian Center**

*John McClure*

*Helen McCullough*

### **Genesis Eldercare, Mooresville**

*Martha Andrews*

*Jim & Eliza Good*

*Martha Gragg*

*Frances Hunter*

*Jeannette McDaniel*

*Peggy McNeely*

### **Summit Place**

*Clayton Davidson*

### **Taylor Glen - Concord**

*Carl & Doris Neal*

### **The Pines at Davidson**

*Genie Carns*

*Anne Lowe*

*Margaret Mayhew*

*Caroline McLaughlin*

### **Trinity Oaks, Salisbury**

*Dot Baker*

*Lee & Billie Bryant*

*Miriam McNeely*



## FPC Welcomes New Organist

At their March meeting, the session hired Dr. Steve Mowery as church organist. Steve comes to us from Kannapolis, NC where he has been serving not as organist, but as pastor of Bethpage Presbyterian Church. His first calling to church work was not as minister but as organist in his home town of Salisbury, at the young age of fifteen. That call developed into two college degrees and a full-time position as Director of Music at Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, NC. After nine years in Valdese, Steve answered God's call to pastoral ministry. While a seminary student at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA, he also served as chaplain musician and organist. Upon graduation he served as pastor at Lowell Presbyterian Church and later in Kannapolis at Bethpage. Steve has an extensive musical background as instructor, accompanist, and organist.



Dr. Stephen Mowery

Steve and his wife Kathy, are in the process of moving into their new house in China Grove. They have two children; a son, David, presently studying at NCSU, and a daughter, Page, working on her masters at UNC. We welcome Steve and his family to First Presbyterian Church and look forward to many years together.



## From the Pastor

### *On to Summer... but not the Summer Slump!*

With the advent of May, thoughts of summer come immediately to my mind. When I was a child in Texas, school usually ended by Memorial Day. So May was the warm-up ramp we all ran up to a summer full of fun, friends, and—best of all—no school! The public swimming pool across the street from my house would open the first weekend of May, drawing us like moths to a flame. After school and on weekends, we would be at the park beside the pool, throwing Frisbees or footballs (I'm talking about Texas, you know) and waiting for the pool to open so we could go inside and proceed to burn ourselves to a crisp in the hot Dallas sun. The worst sunburn of my life was a May sunburn on the top of my feet to such an extent that wearing shoes was excruciating! Who would've thought you needed to put suntan lotion on your feet?

One of the blessings we've enjoyed here is an actual change of seasons. I'm looking forward to a North Carolina shift from spring to summer, since in Houston we simply had a day of fall in November during which all the leaves literally fell from the trees, a week of winter sometime in December-January-February, and then summer the rest of the time, followed by Son of Summer later on, culminating in the Mother of All Summers in late July and August. We've enjoyed spring so much because we had a real winter to compare it to! I'm sure that the transition from spring to summer here will be no less enjoyable.

In my service as a pastor, I've found May's transition from spring to summer brings other thoughts to my mind as well. In May, I know that in the summer just ahead church life usually slows down. How do I know? Usually some or all of the following happens at most churches:

- Attendance in worship and Sunday School averages fewer souls in seats and pews each Sunday.
- Tithes and offerings drop in amount, sometimes significantly so.
- There's less to do, as classes, studies, and groups all take breaks.
- Finance committees worry if income will keep pace with needs.
- Visitors, such as people who move to our area—the summer is the heaviest moving period of the year—come to the church and conclude there's not much going on.

In other words, the church has hit the dreaded “summer slump.”

Now don't get me wrong. I enjoy a break as much as the next person. I'm even taking a vacation with my family in the latter half of July. But I'm convinced that sometimes we talk ourselves into a “summer slump” of energy, participation, and giving that doesn't necessarily have to be the case.

So here's my challenge to you: purge the “summer slump” from your mind. It doesn't have to exist. Wad it up and throw it in the trash can. Then continue to worship, study, serve, and give as you usually do. If you're here, participate to the very best of your ability, energy, and availability. If you know you'll be gone when you usually give your tithe or offering, give it early or mail it to the church. Don't stop your ministry, service, and desire for excellence because summer is nearly upon us. Don't let the “summer slump” halt the momentum we've developed as a family of faith.

I've said it before, and I'll say it now: you are a gracious, giving, and committed people. You make a difference in this world. You care about what truly matters—loving God, loving others, and making disciples. God bless you, and enjoy the summer ahead... only without that pesky “summer slump.”

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





## Budget and Finance Forum

March 2007

Budgeted needs	\$179,870.00
Budgeted income	\$171,062.00
	\$ 8,808.25

Our budgeted income has started to fall behind our budgeted needs. We hope that through your generous support we can keep this to a minimum during 2007.

## Parenting Study continues through May 29



It is not too late to join with other parents in a wonderful parenting study, *Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World*. The study began April 17 and will conclude May 29, with five information-packed lessons still to go in the series. Led by Ellen Auten, the study meets on Tuesdays in Room 300, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., and features a video presentation by Dr. Kevin Leman, with group discussion and Bible study following the video.

May lessons include:

**May 1 - Discipline Isn't Spelled P-U-N-I-S-H-M-E-N-T:** Why teaching and learning are better than punishment and penalties

**May 8 - 10 Ways to Improve Your Child's Self-Confidence:** A step-by-step plan that works wonders.

**May 15 - Caution: Anger Ahead!** Observing the warning signs before tempers flare.

**May 22 - Birth Order - And What You Need to Know About It:** Recognize your children's differences and turn them into advantages

**May 29 - Standing up to the New Goliath:** Helping kids overcome the negative influence of the internet, the media and technology.

PYF members will be offering a child care service as a fund raiser for their upcoming Mission Trip. Advance reservations are essential for child care. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; dce@moorevillefirstpres.org) if you are interested in attending.

## Seven To Go on Memorial Holiday Mission Trip to Mexico

On Thursday, May 24, 2007, seven people with connections to First Presbyterian Church will leave Charlotte Douglas Airport, bound first for Houston, Texas, and then Cancun, Mexico. Why? For fun in the sun? Not hardly! They are joining a team from Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, on a Memorial Holiday mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula.

Our intrepid seven will help in church construction projects for Mexican Presbyterian congregations in the Playa del Carmen area of the rapidly growing "Mayan Riviera," joining not only participants from Grace, but also members of the Mexican congregations as well. It will be a time full of hard work, laughter, prayer, worship, and cross-cultural ministry in the name of our Lord as Christians from the United States help our Mexican brothers and sisters in faith.

They will return to Charlotte on Wednesday, May 30, undoubtedly tired but enthusiastic about what God is doing through themselves and the Mexican Presbyterian congregations.

The seven mission trip participants are FPC members Sharon Culp, Holly and Marshall Horsman, Terry Skeen, and Marsha Cornelius; a non-member with connections to our church, Joshua Wyatt (grandson of Ellen and Bobby Hinson and a member of Church of the Springs in Troutman, a new church development of our presbytery); and pastor Clay Brown. Clay has been on this trip five previous times and always enjoys the chance to go and to serve, even if he can't hammer a nail to anyone's satisfaction!

Pray for these mission trip participants as they share the love of Christ in actions and words with people in Mexico.



## A page from the library

HELP! We need your help in finding missing books! Check the list on the cart outside the library and posted inside the library to see if you may have inadvertently forgotten to return a book. No questions asked! Leave returned books on the table inside the library. Thank you!



Ellie DenBleyker

## Saints to attend “Senior Scam Jam”

Saints Alive plans to attend the “Senior Scam Jam” at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte on Tuesday, May 15. This informative event is held for seniors, free of charge, by the Better Business Bureau Consumer Foundation. Presentations will be made by NC Attorney General Roy Cooper, as well as experts in the field of insurance, medicare, mail fraud, elder law, identity theft, foreclosure prevention, mail marketing, will and powers of attorney. This is a wonderful opportunity to become a more educated and informed consumer.

Exhibitors will also be in attendance with displays before and after the speaker presentations.

We plan to leave at 8:30 a.m. and return around 2:00 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you would like to attend.

## May Saints Alive luncheon features “Years Gone By”

The May Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held on Tuesday, May 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Please note the change in date from the 3rd Tuesday to the 4th Tuesday, due to the trip to the “Senior Scam Jam.”** Church hostess Jerilyn Fair is planning a picnic luncheon, so come prepared to enjoy an inside picnic (no pesky bugs or worry about the weather)!

The program, “First Presbyterian Church/Mooresville: Years Gone By,” will be presented by Al Culp, a Mooresville native and lifelong member of this congregation. Whether you are a native of Mooresville or a recent resident, you will learn lots of interesting information about local and congregational history.



## May schedule change for Saints Alive luncheon

**PLEASE NOTE:** The May Saints Alive luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 22, which is the fourth Tuesday of the month, instead of the regularly scheduled third Tuesday, so that the group may attend the “Senior Scam Jam” in Charlotte on Tuesday, May 15.

## News from Weekday Preschool

Well, I guess it’s really true that May is here and our year is coming to a close. Even though we try to slow things down, the time seems to fly by quicker and quicker each year. We have a sentimental feeling in our hearts, and know that we’ll be saying “so long” much too soon. What a wonderful year we have had, and we will treasure our special memories of each child. We can’t puddle up yet as we still have much to do and a fun-filled month of May ahead of us. More on that in just a minute, but first some highlights from April.



We spent time learning about *Easter, Gardens, Growing Flowers and Vegetables, Pets and The Jungle*. We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for your terrific support of our “Original Artworks” fundraiser. It was a great success and brings us a little closer to our goal of a new playground surface.

Please read May’s activity-filled calendar which has come home with your child. We’ll be kicking off the month with our annual “Spring Sing” and just practicing with the children brought tears of joy to my eyes - punctuated with “laugh out loud” laughter! We had such fun preparing that program. Other activities in May will include ordering pizza, having a hot dog cook-out, making ice cream sundaes, playing baseball and cooling off on water day. Other special events will include: celebrating our summer birthdays, Cinco De Mayo, a picnic in the park, *Western Day* and a car wash to clean our big wheels. Our 4 & 5 year olds will graduate on **Friday June 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** complete with caps and gowns. This patriotic program is a definite crowd-pleaser, so you’ll want to invite all the special people in your child’s life to attend. It’s sure to be a sentimental time for parents and teachers, but we are confident and proud of our little graduates, and we know they will do great things. Thank you, parents, for making this a wonderful year, and for allowing us to have this special time with your child. Truly, it has been a pleasure to have these precious “treasures from the Lord”.



With love,  
*Mrs. Nancy*

## Thanks, Churchmice!

Thanks again so very much for being a churchmouse this year to a college student. I know they appreciate what you do. We certainly do!



We will be sending out letters to the students in May to inform them who that special friend has been all year.

We will send you a copy of the letter when we have sent it. Hopefully you will hear from them. You have been so kind to do this for our church. It is much appreciated. We may have some changes for the program next year. So please watch in late summer for the words "CHURCHMICE NEEDED!" Thanks again.

**Eleanor Templeton & Carolyn Poteat**

## Gatling Juvenile Facility...

...located just south of Huntersville is looking for volunteers to visit on Sundays. This facility houses boys ages 8 to 18 who are awaiting a court date. If you would like to minister to these children, please call Mr. Caldwell or Mr. Dixon at 704-875-2922 or you may talk to Shirley Whittington (704-663-3465) of our church who volunteers there regularly.



The 2006-2007 Logos/MSM/Kairos year ended on Wednesday, April 4, with a "Nascar Night" year-end banquet. As we reflected on the year through the

wonderful slide show created by Fred Coates, we were reminded once again of the special relationships and friendships we renewed, kindled, or formed this year on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to all of the volunteers, parents, church staff, and participants for making Logos/MSM/Kairos such a fun way to grow in Christian faith!

Thank you also to program director, Valerie Mauney, and her able "side-kick" Leeann DeCastro for their dedicated leadership. With their able and loving leadership, the program ran smoothly and children and youth were nurtured spiritually and had a lot of fun along the way! Thank you also to their families for "loaning" us Valerie and Leeann, as they have given so much time and energy to First Presbyterian's Logos program!

## High School graduates to be recognized

Following a tradition of about forty years, we will recognize our high school graduates at a worship service prior to their graduation ceremony. The recognition this year will be at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 3, when the graduates will wear their caps and gowns and sit together as a group. During the service, the Men's Bible Class will present each graduate with a Bible engraved with his or her name.



It is suggested that the graduates assemble in the parlor at 10:45 a.m., where they can put on their commencement regalia and from which they can enter the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Immediately following the worship service, our Presbyterian Women will host a reception in Turlington Court in honor of the graduates.

Please notify the church office of members who will graduate from high school, college or graduate school this spring. We want to include their names in the church bulletin on June 3 and in the June newsletter.

## Did You Know?

Do you need a little help reading the bulletin during Sunday worship? The Worship Committee wants everyone to know that there are LARGE PRINT bulletins available for each service. Be sure to ask one of the ushers if you would like one!














The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Birthday Dinner on Monday, May 21. We will start with a social at 5:30pm with the dinner beginning at 6:00. The cost of the dinner will be \$4.00 each. Please make reservations with your circle moderator or with myself by Wednesday, May 16. Our speakers will be Dr. Mike Campbell and Dr. Steve Ferguson of Samaritan's International. This organization does so many wonderful things. You will want to hear how they minister to so many.

After the Birthday Dinner Program, we will install new officers. We have two positions open: Social Concerns Communicator and Circle #6 Moderator. If you would be interested in serving in one of these positions please contact me.

**Karen Brawley**

Moderator of Presbyterian Women

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>      <b>20</b></p> <p>8:30am Early Worship  9:45am Church School  11:00am Worship with Baptism  1:00pm Discover Camp Grier Day at Camp Grier  3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley</p> <p>5:15pm Alpha &amp; Omega PYF  6:00pm <i>Discover First Pres</i>  6:00pm Diaconate</p> <p style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">Kairos/Middle School Ministry Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9:30am Moms in Touch <b>21</b></p> <p>5:30pm Presbyterian Women's Birthday party </p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts in the Scout Building  7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred &amp; Jean Coates</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px;"><b>22</b></p> <p>10:30am <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Group- librant  12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon  5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Kobe  6:00pm Brownies - 219  7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166  7:00pm Den Meeting  7:00pm Parenting Bible Study</p>
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# The 2007

**Rebecca Auten** is the daughter of Mark and Ellen Auten. The Autens reside at 431 West Center Ave. Rebecca has two older sisters, Mary Ellen and Laura. Rebecca says that her favorite foods include anything from Shiki's Japanese Restaurant, peanut M&Ms and carrots!... and her most admired Biblical figure (other than



Jesus) is the prophet Jeremiah.

**Catherine Campbell** is the youngest child of Mike and Pat Campbell. She has an older brother Patrick. The family resides at 172 Morgan Bluff Road along with their dog, Josh. Catherine enjoys prime rib, Red Lobster... and talking. Her favorite Biblical character is Noah.



**Amanda Boone** enjoys chocolate cake and eating at BoJangles. She lives with her family at 300 Colony Drive. Her parents are Rebecca and Kirby Boone ...and she has an older brother Kirby. Her most admired Biblical character (other than Jesus) is Moses.



**Kristen Carpenter** is the youngest child of Jimmy and Janie Carpenter. She has a brother Kyle and a sister Keri. Kristen enjoys blueberries, peanut M&Ms, chuck-eyes, What-A-Burger and playing tennis. Her favorite Biblical character is Elijah.



**Collin Brown** is the youngest son of Clay and Cathy Brown. Collin has an older sister, Taylor, and an older brother, Blake, and the family resides at 114 South Academy Street. Collin has an older sister, Taylor, an older brother, Blake, and the family resides at 114 South Academy Street.



# Confirmands

**Taylor Cowart** is the daughter of Heather Wagner and Tommy Cowart. She lives at 139 Harris Farm Road. Taylor has a two brothers Grayson and Noah and two sisters, Anna and Miles. She enjoys Mexican and Japanese food as well as prime rib. Her favorite Biblical character is Noah.



**Danielle Bryde** is the daughter of Kevin and Heidi Bryde. Danielle lives at 208 Pleasant Grove Lane with her parents and her brother Mason. Danielle enjoys any type of chocolate, pasta and fruit. Her favorite Biblical character is Moses.



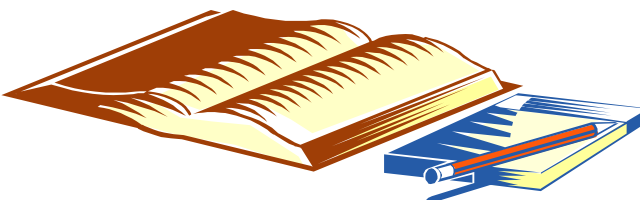
**Whitney Sands** lives at 124 River Birch Road with her mom and dad, Christine and Jon Sands. She has two younger brothers, Lane and Ross and a pet dog, Libby. Whitney enjoys steak, ribs, chicken wings, burgers and salt & vinegar chips. Her favorite Biblical character is also Noah.



**Michael Telford** is the youngest of Bruce and Anne Telford's three children. His brother, Struan, his sister, Sarah, and his cat Max complete the family which resides at 425 South Magnolia Street. Michael enjoys pizza, lasagna, bacon and eating at Olive Garden. His favorite Biblical character is also Noah.



*Confirmation  
Class*



# Vacation Bible School 2007

## *Galilee-by-the-Sea*

This summer's Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-27, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening. This year's activities will take place at First Presbyterian, with participants and volunteers from our congregation, Mooresville AR Presbyterian, and Prospect Presbyterian attending.

This year's theme is *Galilee-by-the-Sea*, using the Marketplace format. Participants will be immersed in Bible-times culture and will explore what it might have been like to live in Galilee when Jesus lived and ministered there. Children will be grouped in tribal families, where they will explore what it was like to live in a Galilean seaside village.

Be sure to sign up for Bible School, either as an adult volunteer or a participant, using the registration form below.



## 2007 VBS Registration

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade in school \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies or medical concerns \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Registration

Volunteer name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help in the following areas (please check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Nursery (under 3 years)

\_\_\_\_\_ Preschool family leader

\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary family leader

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle school/high school family leader

\_\_\_\_\_ Craft helper

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen crew

\_\_\_\_\_ Tent set-up

\_\_\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_\_\_ Storyteller

\_\_\_\_\_ Decorating

\_\_\_\_\_ Drama group



It's time to fill out those registration forms and get them mailed in to Camp Grier! Weekly camp sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, from June 17 through August 3. Camp is definitely a wonderful way to

grow in your faith and to develop caring relationships with others.

Along with the regular Rising Sun, Cherokee, Pioneer, and Senior High camps available, special emphasis camps this summer include:

- Music, Art & Drama Camp
- Bring My Bike to Camp
- Senior High Backpacking Trip
- Senior High Wilderness

All campers will receive a free Camp Grier t-shirt! Parents, please remember to inform the church office if your child is registered for camp so that we may include them in the bulletin and remember them in our prayers. Please contact Ellen Auten in the church office if you have questions. Brochures are available in the church office, and information is also available on the camp website: [www.campgrier.org](http://www.campgrier.org). Remember that scholarship help is available.

Mary Ellen Auten will be serving as a summer co-director at Camp Grier this summer; feel free to direct any "camp questions" to Mary Ellen as well.

## Discover Camp Grier Day

Camp Grier is hosting a "Discover Camp Grier Day" on Sunday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Parents and potential campers (as well as any interested persons) are invited to meet director Dave Cohn, tour the facilities, and become familiar with the camp. Call the camp office at 828-668-7793 for further details.



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*“Dear Children, let us not love with our words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18*



## Mission and a Movie

The April Mission and a Movie project had PYF split into 2 groups and doing yard work at the Lytle and Caldwell homes in our neighborhood. After spending several hours laboring in the yards, the group enjoyed a movie together at the local theatre. Many thanks to Valerie Chamberlain at the Christian Mission for assisting in coordinating this project.



Some PYF members and advisors along with Ms. Azalee Lytle



More PYF members along with Christian Mission Volunteer Coordinator Craig Chamberlain

### MAY PROJECT

**Where:** Mooresville Christian Mission Clients  
**When:** Saturday, May 12 - 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## Kairos and Middle School Ministry head to Garden City, SC

Members of the Kairos and Middle School Ministry programs will travel to the South Carolina coast for a weekend getaway this month. Departure will be as soon as school is out on Friday, May 18. The group will spend two nights at the Garden City Chapel and Retreat in Garden City, SC. While there, the teens will take advantage of the warm spring coastal temperatures (*we can only hope*), as well as some of the local tourist attractions. On Sunday, we will participate in the worship service held there in the chapel. This is great opportunity to experience worship in different surroundings with new faces. We will return to the church on Sunday evening, May 20.

Members of the Middle School Ministry making the trip are: Danielle Bryde, Rebecca Auten, Amanda Boone, Taylor Cowart, Michael Telford, Collin Brown, Tyler Ray and Whitney Sands.

Kairos participants are: Hunter Crawford, Marshall Horsman, Graham Sledge, Charlie Heilman, Curtis Crews, Emily Horsman, Dylan McIntyre, Caroline Ladd and Jordan Sledge.

### May Supper Club

leave the church @ 5:30 p.m.

May 1: Sonic

May 8: Bojangles

May 15: Cookout

May 22: Kobe Japanese Steakhouse

May 29: Steak -n- Hoagie



## Saints plan trip to Charlotte Symphony Concert

Saints Alive is planning a trip to an outdoor Charlotte Symphony Concert at McGuire's EnergyExplorium on Friday evening, June 15. The group plans to leave at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a "pot luck picnic" on the lawn prior to the concert. Bring lawn chairs and a dish to share. There is no charge for the concert. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending.



## Saints Alive travel to NC Transportation Museum

Saints Alive traveled to Spencer, NC, to visit the North Carolina Transportation Museum on Friday, April 20. Following lunch at the K & W Cafeteria in Salisbury, the group headed to Spencer where they took a train ride, a turntable ride, and enjoyed the many exhibits on display at the museum. Following the museum tour, the group enjoyed a relaxing visit at Miriam McNeely's cottage at Trinity Oaks, where she treated the group to homemade cookies. We had a delightful time! Participants included Everett Andrews, Ellen Auten, Kathleen and Larry Bates, Genie Carns, Zachary Goodrum, Gene Harris, Sandra and Bill Harris, Tom Johnston, and Bernice Melchor.

## Thanks from James in Iraq...

It is great to hear from home! Your cards and letters are much appreciated. Since I am in the field on missions most of the time, I have very little time to respond to written messages, but I do have computer access to receive and send e-mail. I would love to correspond with you at [Jamesgordon04@yahoo.com](mailto:Jamesgordon04@yahoo.com).



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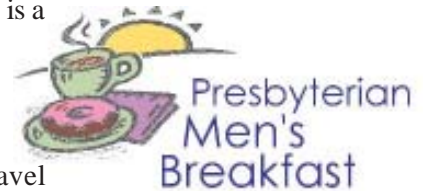
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## PRESBYTERIAN MEN

On Easter morning Bob Dobbins honored us with a wondrous slide show of his (and wife Mimi's) recent trip to Antarctica. Bob's love of travel and his insight into social, cultural, and environmental aspects of his destinations kept us spellbound as he vividly brought Antarctica to Mooreville. We are indebted to Bob and Mimi for sharing with us and hope again to bring them to the Men's Breakfast where we can hear about their other travels to places like the Galapagos Islands, Namibia, and Japan.

Our next breakfast will be on **May 13** and come prepared to be entertained by Byron Crowley of our congregation. Byron is a

very humble  
freelance travel  
writer and  
photographer whose  
writing includes travel



guides as well as articles in the Mooreville Tribune and Charlotte Observer. Byron's gift as a photographer is exemplified by his expansive gallery of photos which include those on Fall Colors, Lighthouses, Nature, People (with the exception of those from Clemson), and Scenic Places.

Breakfast begins at 0830 and this is Mother's Day so men are encouraged to invite their wife and family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a program that will keep you on the edge of your chair.

**Gene Vaughan**

Presbyterian Men- President

## Thank You

Eddie Miller would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and kind words during his recent cataract surgery and recovery.

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