

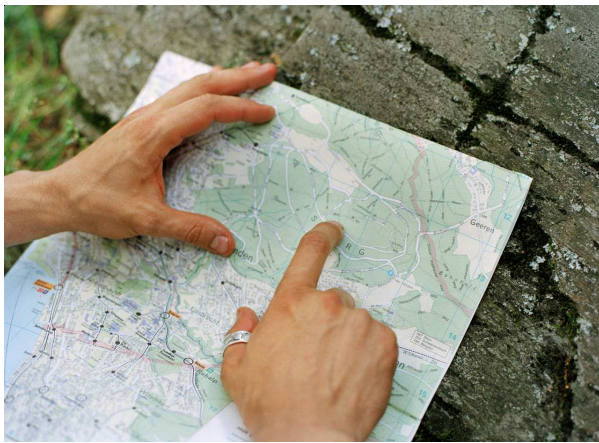
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The Mission-Driven Life

"We live by faith, not by sight."
(2 Corinthians 5:7)



When charting new territory, the first thing many of us do is consult a good map. Sometimes the path is well marked. Sometimes the winding roads are tough to follow, under construction, or more frustrating still, not marked at all.

What do we do? Do we stay home or stick only to the journeys we could make within our comfort zones? In 2

Corinthians, we are encouraged to "walk" or "live" by faith, depending on your Bible translation.

When it comes to giving, walking by faith seems easier said than done. There are bills to pay, activities on the schedule, and a list of wishes and wants that often exceeds the monthly budget.

As we explore *Living the Great Life* this month, prayerfully consider how you might look beyond what you can see, and how a walk by faith may help you follow the great commandment and the great commission.

Then join us for the Stewardship Fair and Banquet on October 14, to see how the gifts you give are working in our Church and our community.

Stewardship Fair and Banquet
Sunday, October 14, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Charles Mack Citizens Center

—The Stewardship Committee



From the Pastor

Living the Mission-Driven Life

One of the top selling books of recent times is Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*. In fact, you or someone close to you probably possesses at least one copy of it.

But as helpful as it has been to think of living a Purpose-Driven Life, it is even more helpful to consider what it means to live a Mission-Driven Life. You see, God has a wonderful mission for this world, a mission in which he calls us to take part.

We can sum up the mission Jesus desires for our lives and for our congregation quite succinctly:

Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

This is what God calls us to do. This is God's mission for us. No ifs, ands, or buts.

The Mission-Driven Life is our 2007 Stewardship theme. It rightly focuses our attention on God's mission. As we give to God from all our resources—money, time, energy, talents—we discover that God gives back in so many ways. He gives us what we need for daily living and more as we step forward in faith.

In short, we don't focus on budgets and bills, as important as they are. We focus on walking by faith and enabling the mission of loving God, loving people, and making disciples to grow in our lives.

Here are some important *The Mission-Driven Life* events to note:

- ***You will receive a packet of information, including Time & Talent inventories and pledge cards, in the mail.***
- ***Our Stewardship Fair and Banquet is Sunday, October 14, 5:00-7:30 p.m., at the Mack Citizen Center. You will want to be a part of our community as we consider how to go about Christ's mission together.***
- ***Our Pledge Sunday is October 21 during both worship services. Here you will have the opportunity to respond to God's mission in your life with your completed pledge card and Time & Talent inventory for 2007.***

You are a generous people. It is a pleasure to serve Christ with you. May we respond with our time, gifts, and resources as God leads.



Highlights of September Stated Session Meeting

During its September 23, 2007 stated meeting, the Session discussed and acted on the following:

- Studied the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in Ephesians 2:1-10 and discussed in small groups its implications for our ministry.
- Prayed in small groups for the needs of the church.
- Approved the Diaconate's plans and budget for the 1st Annual Marti Estes Mooresville Community 5K Run/Walk of Faith for April 19, 2008, with the Mooresville Soup Kitchen as the recipient of proceeds for 2008.
- Approved a report from the Personnel Committee recommending cost of living increases and raises for staff for the 2008 budget of an aggregate 3.8 percent.
- Approved additional leaders and teachers for Sunday School and Middle School Ministry.
- Approved FPC hosting VBS in 2008, with Prospect and First ARP congregations invited to participate.
- Approved SupperClub Wednesday night gender-based Bible studies for senior high youth October-December 2008.
- Discussed the pastoral care needs of the church.
- Approved session minutes and received information reports from committees.

October Saints Alive Luncheon

The October Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held on Tuesday, October 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our program will be presented by our own Bob Amon. Plan to come enjoy a delicious meal, wonderful fellowship, encouraging devotions, and a fantastic program. Call a friend and join us in October!

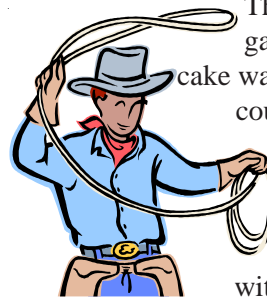


All Saints' Eve

Make plans to attend our congregations' annual All Saints' Eve Festival, scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This year we are calling the event a "Wild West Fall Fest," with a definite western flavor to the evening!



Plan to join our church family for some FUN at the festivities!



There will be a hot dog supper, games, popcorn, prizes, candy, cake walk, bingo, moonwalk in the courtyard, and costumes galore (please dress in non-scary costumes); there will be a costume parade for all ages.

We need LOTS of help with the activities. Contact the church office (704-664-5275) if you can help in any of these areas:

Donating:

Individually wrapped candy (put in box in church office)

Bingo prizes

Funds to offset costs

Helping:

Decorate fellowship hall

Help in the kitchen for hot dog supper

Supervising games

Clean up

While all activities are free of charge (including the hot dog supper), donations will be accepted to help offset costs.

Saints plan trip to Southern Christmas Show

The Saints Alive group is making plans to attend the annual Southern Christmas Show at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart on Thursday, November 15; tickets are \$7.00. This year's show theme is "Magical Christmas," where participants will experience the enchanted land of Christmas complete with holiday aromas, yuletide tunes, shopping galore, Christmas Tree Lane, craftsmen, and all sorts of holiday delights. The group plans to leave at 9:15 a.m. and return home around 4:00 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten by Sunday, November 11 to make a reservation.



Budget and Finance Forum

January thru August 2007

Budgeted needs: \$479,653.00

Budgeted income: \$466,927.00


- 12,726.00

After a very strong July, our collections dropped off in August. As we start into the fall when school is back in session and vacations are over, the church's collection normally starts to increase. We ask that you keep a prayerful concern over the financial needs of the church.

Saints to travel to the Grand Strand

Thirty-eight Saints are registered for the annual Saints Alive beach trip to Island Vista (formerly Sea Island) at Myrtle Beach, SC, on Wednesday, October 24 through Saturday, October 27. All room payments will be made directly to Island Vista and may be paid during our stay. Final payments for show tickets should be made prior to leaving for the trip; checks should be earmarked "Saints Alive Beach Trip."



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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|  | <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Small Group Studies at the Drye's; the Horsman's; the Morrow's and the Coates' homes</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>9:00 am Moms in Touch in the Session Room 12:00pm <i>Brown Bag with Brown</i> in the Session Room 2:00pm Library Committee 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meetings 7:00pm Small Group Studies at the Ahearn's and the Curtis' homes</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Christian Ed Committee - Room 300 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>Weekday Preschool closed 2:00pm Circle No. 1 in the parlor 6:15pm Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Parlor 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Small Group Studies at the Drye's; the Horsman's; the Morrow's and the Coates' homes</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>9:00 am Moms in Touch in the Session Room 10:00am Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor 12:00pm Women of the Word(No.5) at the home of A. Telford 12:00pm <i>Brown Bag with Brown</i> in the Session Room 7:00pm Small Group Studies at the Ahearn's and the Curtis' homes</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 8:30am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with the Logos Choir 5:00pm Stewardship Fair and Banquet at the Charles Mack Citizen Center</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Small Group Studies at the Drye's; the Horsman's; the Morrow's and the Coates' homes</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>9:00 am Moms in Touch in the Session Room 12:00pm <i>Brown Bag with Brown</i> in the Session Room 12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meetings 7:00pm Small Group Studies at the Ahearn's and the Curtis' homes</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Commitment Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:00pm Diaconate Meeting</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>7:00pm Executive Committee 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presbytery Meeting</p> <p>9:00 am Moms in Touch in the Session Room</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship with MSM Handbells 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:00pm Session Meeting</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Preschool</p> <p>9:00 am Moms in Touch in the Session Room</p> |

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 11:00am Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos <i>Baseball</i> Night 6:15pm HS Supper Club at Chic-fil-A 7:00pm Small Group Study at the Fortanbary's home | 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 12:00pm <i>Brown Bag with Brown</i> in the Session Room 6:00pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Small Group Study at the Mc Crea's home 7:00pm Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the Library 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter  | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 11:00am Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos <i>Circus</i> Night 6:15pm HS Supper Club at Five Guys 7:00pm Small Group Study at the Fortanbary's home | 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 12:00pm <i>Brown Bag with Brown</i> in the Session Room 6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral 6:00pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Small Group Study at the Mc Crea's home 7:30pm Chancel Choir | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 11:00am Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos <i>A Taste of Italy</i> Night 6:15pm HS Supper Club at Subway 7:00pm Small Group Study at the Fortanbary's home | 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 12:00pm <i>Brown Bag with Brown</i> in the Session Room 6:00pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm PW Coordinating Team 7:00pm Small Group Study at the Mc Crea's home 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter  |  PANCAKES! 6:00am Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale sponsored by the Missions Committee  |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 11:00am Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos <i>Masquerade Madness</i> Night 6:15pm HS Supper Club at Sonic | 9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:00pm Exaltation Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir | | |
| SAINTS ALIVE BEACH TRIP | | | |
| 31 |  | | |
| Farm Days 11:00am Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner 6:00pm All Saints Eve Celebration |  | | |



Logos/MSM

First semester is well under way and everyone is having a great time! We have 87 children in the Logos/MSM program this fall. October gets going with a home run on Baseball Night (10/3), followed by Circus Night (10/10), "A Taste of Italy" (10/17), and "Masquerade Madness" (10/24). Remember, there's no Logos/MSM on October 31 because everyone's invited to attend the "All Saint's Eve" celebration in the fellowship hall!

Middle School Ministry hand bells will ring on October 28 at the 8:30 service. The Logos choir sings next on October 14 at the 11:00 service. Please make every effort to have all children here as they fulfill their commitment to serve the Lord by helping to lead our worship service.

Please note that we are beginning to prepare for our Veterans' Celebration (11/07). This celebration has proven meaningful in the past for both the children and our veteran guests. Please encourage your child to invite a veteran guest, or several, to our celebration or feel welcome to come and join us if you are a veteran. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the importance of honoring our veterans and our military and to give them an opportunity to express their gratitude to those who stand in the gap to protect our freedoms. If your child would like to bring a veteran guest, or if you would like to attend our veteran's celebration as a guest, please contact Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540), Leeann DeCastro (704-660-5248), or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275 or 704-663-2494) and let us know,

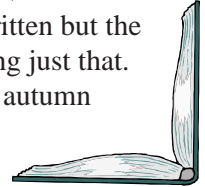
We would like to thank Gretchen Little, our very creative and well-organized recreation coordinator. She, along with Tracy Prochaska, Jennifer Robinson, Lisa Davidson, and Jill Herring, leads our 1st through 5th graders every week in fun recreation activities. For an hour and a half, they kick balls, run relays, and encourage all of the children to put into practice all that they are learning about being a Child of God and treating others as such. We thank all of the recreation team for reminding us all that Christians can have a lot of fun too!

Please encourage your child to attend Logos or MSM every Wednesday. The benefits will be evident for eternity!

Valerie Mauney and Leeann DeCastro

Focus on Fiction

"Focus on Fiction" begins a series of articles to highlight some of the serial fiction novels that the library offers. This month's feature is Beverly Lewis, acclaimed author of over seventy books for children and adults. Born in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country and with a heritage of Plain family, Beverly writes with authenticity and clarity. She quickly grabs the reader's interest in her compelling and dramatic storytelling of the lives of the Old Order Amish. The library has the Abram's Daughters series as well as Amish Country Crossroads, a trilogy. Beverly skillfully writes each book in the series so that the reader does not have to read in the order written but the best enjoyment does come from doing just that. Recommended reading for the early autumn evenings!



Attention Churchmice!

We have received eight questionnaires from those students who wish to be a part of the Churchmouse Program this year. They have already been assigned a churchmouse and hopefully will hear from them soon. Thanks to those students who returned their questionnaires so quickly. It has been a really big help for us. We hope to receive more of the questionnaires in the next few weeks so all can have a churchmouse this year. If you have a student check with them and encourage them to return that questionnaire. We have 42 students this year and want to place each of them with a churchmouse. If we do not receive their questionnaire we will assume they do not wish to be a part of the program. We will be needing more churchmice as the students respond. Please consider giving this gift to the church. It is not only a gift to the student but also First Presbyterian Church. Just call Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992 or Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309 if you wish to participate. Thanks so much!!

Eleanor and Carolyn

A Note of Thanks...

*Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,
You were so kind and considerate of Jim and of me, too during Jim's long stay at Genesis! Thank you for your gifts. Your smiles and handshakes when you visited let him know you cared about him.*

*With love and best wishes,
Eliza Good*

Preschool

September is always packed with fun activities as the children were studying *Summertime Blues*, *Community Helpers*, *Making Friends*, *When I Grow Up*, *Dinosaurs*, *Birthdays*, *Apples* and sharing pictures of their home and family. The children are happily settled into their classroom routines and have bonded with their teachers and each other. We were able to be outside often and thoroughly enjoyed the glorious weather our playground time.

A major event that we look forward to in September is a visit from our Firemen Friends, and we always enjoy the wonderful program from our Fire Marshal and all the firemen. We were delighted to welcome our grandparents in the Fish and Ducks classes as we celebrated Grandparent's Day with a bit of singing and cupcakes.

As we gear up for our busy holiday season we are looking forward to all of our October activities and units on *Leaves*, *Camping*, *Farm Animals and Harvest Time*. Please note that our **Conference Day** will be **Oct. 8**. Our **Farm Day** event will be on **Oct. 30 & 31**, and we will be having games and a real live Petting Zoo! Your child will be getting acquainted with a friendly group of farm animals and will even have an opportunity to feed them.



Please remember to keep your child buckled in their car seat in the loading area until you have come to a complete stop and a teacher is ready to unload them. Even a slight movement of a vehicle can injure a child not in their car seat. We would like to say thank you to all our parents and grandparents for getting this year off to such a great start and for sending your little ones to us. We truly feel blessed to have such a fun job!

With love,
Mrs. Nancy



Operation Christmas Child

Our congregation will once again be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, by packing and sending shoe boxes to needy children around the world. There are a variety of ways you can participate in this wonderful project, one of which is to purchase items to include in the shoe boxes. We are planning to pack the shoe boxes at the November 4 church night supper, so begin shopping for the following items:

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, slinky, etc.

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad sets, paper, coloring books, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights and batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches

Please do not include the following items:

Used items; war-related items, including toy guns, knives, and military items; **perishable items**, such as chocolate, crackers, canned foods; **liquids**, such as shampoo, lotion, bubbles; **medicines**, such as vitamins, cough drops, and any medications; **breakable items**, such as mirrors, china dolls, snow globes.

Please plan to be generous, and bring your items to



Food Drive for Mooresville Christian Mission October 1-21

The Mooresville Christian Mission is one of the longest tenured and broadly based Christian organizations in Mooresville. The Mission helps those in need with food, job training, clothing, and many other needs. Our congregation is one of many referring those in need to the Mission. But now the Mission's food stocks are very low after a busier than usual summer and the unfortunate recall of more than 100 canned food items.

We need to help the Mooresville Christian Mission restock its food pantry with non-perishable food items, and we will do so with a Food Drive in October. Beginning Monday, October 1, through Sunday, October 21, we will be receiving canned goods and other non-perishables at the church. Collection boxes and/or tables will be placed throughout the church campus, such as the Fellowship Hall and the Parlor. Also, you can bring your items to events such as the Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale benefiting our Mwandi endowment October 20 (see the article in this newsletter) and to other events at the church during this time period.

As you donate, please select foods that are of good quality and taste—food that you would proudly present at your dinner table.

Let's help "the least of these" in the greater Mooresville community by giving generously to this pressing need of the Mooresville Christian Mission.



Youth Corner

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

Sunday evening schedule for October

Alphas: Middle school students (7th & 8th)
4:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Omeegas: High school students (9th - 12th)
5:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday program incorporates a staggered start time for the two groups. This provides an opportunity for separate Bible studies and recreation, as well as a combined time for the meal and music.

Special Events:

- Sunday Oct. 7 - Bonfire Crusades at the Iredell County Fairgrounds, 5:30 - 9:30 pm
- Sunday Oct. 14 - FPC Mission Fair at the Charles Mack Citizen Center, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Senior High SupperClub: Each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Meet at the church and travel out for a meal (dutch treat.) We will return to the church for a devotional bible study time.

5th Quarter: Middle school and High school gather in the youth room after MHS home football games for pizza & WBTV's Football Friday Night. Ends at 12 midnight. **Oct. 5 and Oct. 19**

If you would like to receive the Youth Newsletter **PYF Happenings**, contact Alan Sledge, the church office or check it out on the web at:

www.moorestvillefirstpres.org/youthpage.html



Y'all Come!

what: Pancake Breakfast & Yard Sale

when: Oct. 20, 2007 starting at 7:00 a.m.

where: FPC Fellowship Hall for pancakes & Broad Street parking lot for yard sale

why: Proceeds to benefit Mwandia Endowment

*In addition, if you have items to donate to the yard sale please call Mark Auten at 704-663-2494, or Lucinda Weyer at 704-799-0678.

Sponsored by the Missions Committee of FPC

Presbyterian Men

At our September Breakfast we were treated to an extremely interesting PowerPoint presentation by Mark Auten as he shared with us some of his nature photography and natural world knowledge. It was sincerely appreciated by everyone. For the upcoming October 14, 2007 breakfast meeting, Ken Manuel, an aquatic ecologist from Duke Energy's Environmental Center, will honor us with a program on some of the flora and fauna he studies in Lake Norman.



Breakfast begins at 0830 and all men are cordially invited.

Gene Vaughan

Presbyterian Men- President

****Please check the "Lost & Found" table located in the 2nd floor hallway for any items that may belong to your family. October 14 is the deadline to retrieve these items. After that date everything will be donated to a local charity.**

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