

The Bulletin Board

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September 2007

LIVING THE GREAT LIFE

Following Jesus daily through the
Great Commandment and Great Commission

Fall Small Groups—Six Sessions Starting the Week of September 9

MONDAY: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 10/1, 10/8, 10/15	(1) <i>Elaine Drye</i> , Host Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Cathy Brown</i> , Facilitator
	(2) <i>Holly & Marshall Horsman</i> , Hosts Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Trent Newell</i> , Facilitator
	(3) <i>Jean & Dr. Fred Coates</i> , Hosts Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Dr. Fred Coates</i> , Facilitator
	(4) <i>Carolyn & Bill Morrow</i> , Hosts Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>David Brooks</i> , Facilitator
TUESDAY: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16	(5) <i>"Brown Bag with Brown"</i> at FPC Time - Noon	<i>Dr. Clay Brown</i> , Facilitator
	(6) <i>Chris & Jack Ahearn</i> , Hosts Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Chris & Jack Ahearn</i> , Facilitators
	(7) <i>Margaret & Brent Curtis</i> , Hosts Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Lorra Lee Holshouser</i> , Facilitator
WEDNESDAY: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17	(8) <i>Dick & Mary Fortanbary</i> , Hosts Time - 7:30 p.m.	<i>Don Howie</i> , Facilitator
	(9) <i>Ginny Swedenberg</i> , Host Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Ginny Swedenberg</i> , Facilitator
THURSDAY: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18	(10) <i>"Brown Bag with Brown"</i> at FPC Time - Noon	<i>Dr. Clay Brown</i> , Facilitator
	(11) <i>Greta & Roger McCrea</i> , Hosts Time - 7:00 p.m.	<i>Ellen & Mark Auten</i> , Facilitators

REGISTER SUNDAYS IN THE PARLOR!

Monday through Friday, contact the Church Office
704-664-5275, secretary@mooresvillefirstpres.org



From the Pastor

Thank You...

It dawned on me not too long ago: I have been your pastor for more than a year. Fifteen months, to be exact, as this newsletter goes to press.

As I reflect on how the first year and three months have gone, the first thing that comes to mind is giving thanks. You have made us feel quite at home. Just how much so became clear to me as we returned from August's vacations and denominational meetings. Each time we pulled in the driveway, we said, "Boy, it's good to be *home*." You don't know how gratifying that feels. Thank you.

I also give thanks because you are a gracious, giving congregation. You've given of yourselves in numerous ways in my short tenure with you. The most recent example of your giving nature can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. You'll need to look in, of all places, the report from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Now this monthly report is not always sweetness and light. Sometimes it reveals hard reality and the sometimes cruel clarity of truth. But this month, the report notes that your tithes and offerings from January through July exceed our expenses. Do you know how rare this is, especially in the heat of the summer? In the vast majority of congregations, summer months are lean ones. But we're doing well because of your faithfulness and generosity. You are to be commended for your commitment to the Kingdom's work through FPC through the first half of 2007. I'm quite sure you will continue through the year's end. Thank you.

I say with no hesitation that it continues to be an honor to be your pastor. God is doing some marvelous things here now. He will do even more marvelous things in the future.

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

Highlights of August Stated Session Meeting

During its August 26, 2007 stated meeting, the Session discussed and acted on the following:

- Studied and discussed in small groups John 14:1-6.
- Prayed in small groups for the needs of the church.
- Met with a representative from Salem Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for a triennial conversation and update on the church.
- Approved the PYF 2008 summer mission trip for Yakima (WA) Indian Reservation.
- Approved additional Christian Education teachers and leaders for 2007-08.
- Approved policies for the weekly preschool program's budgeting process.
- Approved Eagle Scout project for Neil Trimble.
- Approved session minutes and received information reports from committees.



Youth Corner

PYF begins fall programs

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Sunday evening schedule begins Sept. 9th

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

Omegas: 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.

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. **Sept. 7 and Sept. 21**

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.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.htm

Save the Date for Great Giving

**Come to the Annual Stewardship Banquet and Fair
Sunday, October 14, 5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Charles Mack Citizen Center

**Learn how your time, talents, and tithes can do
God's work in our community...and the world.**

Bring the whole family.

It's going to be great!

From the Missions Committee

First Presbyterian has the opportunity to work with the Habitat House Interfaith build. The Missions Committee is seeking volunteers for each of the Saturday work days. We must have volunteers indicate ahead of time their willingness to work a specific date or dates by contacting John Neely at 704-663-2592. This is important so that John can give directions to the site and adequately prepare for the workers. The work days begin Saturday, September 15 and continue each Saturday through November 18. (no work on Sat., Oct. 13) This is an excellent opportunity to serve in our community. The schedule is:



09/15/07 - Shingle roof	10-12 volunteers
09/22/07 - Vinyl Siding	12-15 volunteers
09/29/07 - Dry Wall Ceilings	10-12 volunteers
10/06/07 - Dry Wall-walls	10-12 volunteers
10/20/07 - Paint Prep./Prime	10-12 volunteers
10/27/07 - Interior Trim	6-8 volunteers
11/04/07 - Paint	6-8 volunteers
11/11/07 - Misc.Hardware/Punch	6-8 volunteers
11/18/07 - Punch/Cleaning/Landscape	2 teams of 6-8 volunteers.

The Missions Committee is having a garage/pancake sale on October 20th. Now is a great time to go through all those outgrown clothing items, and any unloved or unused items that could help our congregation raise money for the Mwandu endowment fund. For help with drop off items please call Mark Auten at 704-663-2494 or Lucinda Weyer at 704-799-0678.



Budget and Finance Forum

January thru July 2007

Budgeted needs:	\$419,697.00
Budgeted income:	\$421,893.00
	+ 2,196.00

The offering collections were extremely strong for July, allowing the church to go from a \$14,181.00 deficit last month to \$2196.00 ahead for the first seven months. This is very unusual for a summer month to be so strong. The congregation is to be congratulated on being so concerned and conscious of the church's needs. We are a very blessed congregation and God is watching and expecting bigger and better works from us.

The total cost for repaving and stripping the parking lot behind the Fellowship Hall was \$17,844.50. This lot was in bad need of repair and this work should give us years of good service.

Coffee (and More!) with Clay & Cathy

An Opportunity for You to
"Discover First Pres"
Sunday, Sept. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
Church Manse

If you are thinking about becoming a member of the First Presbyterian Church family, or if you're a new member who just joined, then an excellent opportunity is coming your way!



You're invited to spend an evening with our pastor, Dr. Clay Brown, and his wife Cathy, at the church manse, next to the sanctuary, on Sunday, September 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

You'll enjoy some wonderful coffee (regular and decaf), desserts, and other light refreshments. Then you'll take a tour of the church facility. The evening will conclude back at the manse with a brief discussion time with Clay. He'll share with you from his heart about ministry, First Presbyterian Church, and how you can be a part of what God is doing here, as well as answer any questions you may have.

If you're interested or have any questions, please call or email the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. Families and children are welcome. Space is limited, so make your reservations today.

Churchmouse Time!

It is time to start the churchmouse program for our college students. We will not assign a churchmouse to a student until the student has returned their questionnaire to us. In receiving this questionnaire we will then know they are interested in having a churchmouse for the year. We are hoping that all students will return their questionnaire in the stamped addressed envelope that is sent to them. Hope we have lots of need for churchmice again this year.



For those new to our church, the churchmouse program is designed to keep in touch with our college students living away from home. The secret friend (Churchmouse) keeps in touch monthly with a card, note, or goodie package. It is a program to let those college students know that we, as a church, care very much about them. Please let us know if you are interested in being a churchmouse this school year. We will send to you ideas to help you. Call: Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992, or Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309.

If you have a student leaving for college please call the church office, Eleanor, or Carolyn with their address. Thanks!

Carolyn and Eleanor

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<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Discover First Pres 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:00pm Diaconate Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>9:00 am Moms in Touch in the Session Room 10:30am <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study in the library 12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon</p>
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5:00pm Wedding

Camp Grier Retreat

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<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>4:00pm Logos <i>Beach Blanket Bingo</i> Night</p> <p>6:15pm HS Supper Club</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Fun & Fellowship</p> </div> <p>6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral</p> <p>6:00pm Exaltation Ringers</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>4:00pm Logos <i>Disneymania</i> Night</p> <p>6:15pm HS Supper Club</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>6:00pm PW Coordinating Committee</p> <p>6:00pm Exaltation Ringers</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wedding</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>11:00pm Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>4:00pm Logos <i>Barnyard</i> Night</p> <p>6:15pm HS Supper Club</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>6:00pm Exaltation Ringers</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>9:45am Saints Alive trip to the Billy Graham Library</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>



Church School

begins 2007-2008 year

Sunday, August 26, was Promotion Sunday at church school, and officially began our 2007-2008 church school year.

Classes are offered for all ages, all year, during the church school hour,

9:45-10:40 a.m. Teachers and classes are listed below:

Infant Nursery (Room 215): Susie Belcher, Karen Brawley, Holly Brumley, Gretchen McLean-Bridges, Susan Meade, Anne Telford.

Toddler Nursery (Room 211): Jean Coates, Sheryl Davis, Paige Ladd

2's & 3's Class (Room 213): Lisa and Jim Davidson, Maria Heilman

4's Class (Room 210): Jennifer and Sonya Moskel, Beth Rafi, Beth Sink.

Kindergarten Class (Room 207): Kristen McMillan, Ruth Newell, Ashley Schaen, Stacy Windsor.

1st & 2nd Grades (Room 324): Julie Greene, Martha McDonnell, Becky Rader, Jennifer Robinson

3rd & 4th Grades (Room 322): Lucy Hastings, Janice and Eric Plier

5th & 6th Grades (Room 326): Cindy Hitchcock

Middle School Class- Grades 7 & 8 (Room 313): Margaret Curtis, Leeann DeCastro, Valerie Mauney

Senior High Class - Grades 9-12 (Youth Room): Jackie Justice, Mary Kidwell, Angie and Mike Toma.

Celebrate Class (Room 317): Allen Brawley, Lorra Lee Holshouser

Covenant Class (Room 308): Pat Culberson

Faith Journey Class (Room 307): Mark Auten

Friends and Family Class (Room 301): Clay Brown, Marshall Horsman, Rick Omohundro

Men's Bible Class (under sanctuary): Ernie Crymes, Smith Kirk, Thermond Thompson, Gene Vaughan

Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall): Clay Brown, Fred Coates

Rejoice Class (Room 300): Joyce Sloop

Who-So-Ever-Will Class (Room 315): Fronnie Gardner

Women's Bible Class (Room 309): Bob Amon

The Church School Council is excited about the upcoming church school year, and would like to express appreciation to these dedicated teachers who so lovingly and faithfully give their time each week to teach God's Word to our children and adults. Thank you!

Please make church school a priority in your week - what a wonderful way to begin each week by meeting with your church family in a setting of study, fellowship and support!

Catechism Club to begin

Catechism Club is scheduled to begin a new year on Sunday, September 9. Children in third through sixth grades are encouraged to participate.

The catechism is a book which gives a brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity in question and answer form. Children will learn basic theological vocabulary and gain an understanding of the Christian faith that will lay a foundation for their belief and trust in God through Jesus Christ. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths.

Parental participation and attendance at Sunday meetings is essential; if parents are unable to attend, an adult sponsor will be matched with the child wanting to attend.

The class will be held on Sunday evenings from 5:30-6:15 p.m., with a snack supper following the class from approximately 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Adult mentors are an integral part of Catechism Club, and will "sponsor" a child through the process of catechism memorization and instruction, meeting frequently with the child. Following successful completion of catechism questions, the children will be recognized in a worship service.

Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275 or dce@moorevillefirstpres.org) if you would like to register your child.

Welcome to new church school officers

The church school began the 2007-2008 year on Sunday, August 26, headed by new superintendent Gretchen Little and assistant superintendent Susan Williams. We welcome Gretchen and Susan to their new positions, and pray for guidance for them as they assume these new roles. Gretchen and Susan will be available on Sunday mornings during the church school hour, and may also be reached at home with questions concerning church school. You may reach Gretchen at 704-528-9796 and Susan at 704-799-1330.



Many, many heartfelt thanks go to Leeann DeCastro, our outgoing Church School Superintendent, for her dedicated leadership in the church school over the past two years. On behalf of the entire church school, we express appreciation to Leeann for her diligence and leadership. Thanks also to Leeann's husband, Patrick, and to children P.J., Davis and Eliza, for their help and encouragement, and for sharing Leeann with us for two years!

Saints Alive begin fall luncheon meetings

The Saints Alive group will resume their regular monthly luncheon meeting schedule on Tuesday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$4). Saints Alive is a monthly (September through May) luncheon fellowship group for “older” adults and friends of our congregation, where participants enjoy lunch, devotions and prayer concerns, and a program, along with wonderful fellowship with one another.

The September luncheon will feature a program, “The Lighter Side of Senior Fire Safety,” sponsored by Senior Carolina Fire Advisory, in which the group will learn essentials for senior fire readiness and home fire safety.

Come and bring a friend, and enjoy a wonderful afternoon!



Saints plan trip to Billy Graham Library

Join Saints Alive on a tour of the new Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Friday, September 28. The group plans to leave at 9:45 a.m., tour the library and eat lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Barn. The Library houses state-of-the-art exhibits, multimedia displays, and films, all showing events and milestones of Billy Graham’s lifelong mission - to tell others about the love of Christ. The Library also includes a bookstore, “Ruth’s Attic,” with unique gifts and Christian literature. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.



Saints Alive Beach Trip

Thirty-six participants are registered for the annual Saints Alive trip to Myrtle Beach, scheduled for October 24-27. Participants will receive information later this month regarding transportation details, show information, along with hotel accommodation information. Please contact Ellen Auten if you have questions about the trip.



Logos/Middle School Ministry

Another year has begun for Logos and Middle School Ministry! We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have already put in time to train and prepare for the new year. This year’s Bible teachers include:

1st grade: Jackie Justice and Susan Meade

2nd grade: Lucy Hastings and Maria Heilman

3rd grade: Angie Copeland and Allison Deaton
Sharon Culp and Shirley Crowley

4th grade: Liz Rader and Lisa Davidson

5th grade: Fronnie Gardner and Nancy Omohundro

6th grade: Ellen Auten

7th grade: Allen and Connie Brawley

8th grade: Fred Coates

Gretchen Little will be leading the recreation team with assistance from Allison Deaton, Tracey Prochaska, Jennifer Robinson, Jill Herring, Shannon Price, and Lisa Davidson. Our kitchen coordinator is Anne Telford. Paige Ladd and Holly Brumley are helping to set tables and Gretchen Little and Gretchen Bridges, along with several additional volunteers, are helping with table decorating. Allison Deaton and Shirley Crowley will serve as comforters/shepherds and will also assist Alan Sledge in Worship Skills. Table Parents include: Allen and Connie Brawley, Gretchen and Darrin Bridges, Clay and Cathy Brown, Brad Chappell, Diane Crymes, Leeann and Patrick DeCastro, Elaine Drye, Mary and Dick Fortanbary, Lucy Hastings, Maria and Phil Heilman, Sparky and Cindy Hitchcock, Scott Mauney, Jim and Martha McDonnell, Dawn Ottinger, Janice and Eric Puer, Liz Rader, and Lynne Swing.

The theme for our first meeting on Wednesday, September 5, will be “Pirates of the Caribbean.” Please check the Logos/MSM Handbook for upcoming themes and dates.

We welcome you to our 29th year and thank you for supporting your child in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Valerie Mauney and Leeann DeCastro

Thanks...

Dear Church family,

I just want to thank you for the nurturing, love and growth that you have provided me throughout the course of my membership. Our church is one of power and passion, and I consider myself very blessed to have been a part of this wonderful mission. As I embark on my move to Charleston, SC, I will remember and cherish all of the wonderful friends that embraced me at First Presbyterian. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,
Courtney Thompson

Weekday Preschool

We're back and what a terrific opening Preschool is having this year, and the happy sounds of laughing and learning can be heard all up and down the hall! The children are busy identifying with their class mascot, learning classroom rules and their new friends' and



teachers' names. Our mornings just fly by and there is barely enough time to squeeze in all the activities we have planned for them to do.

It's a Herculean effort to get a school up and running and our dedicated teachers (and in some cases their husbands!!) were putting in long hours decorating walls, bulletin boards, bookcases and cubby-holes. What an amazing, creative group they are! Thanks also to Billy Black for all his assistance and always being so **cheerful!**

September will be here before we know it and we look forward to our **School Pictures on September 13 & 14**, and receiving our **Firemen Friends on September 20 & 21**. You will be receiving a letter from me detailing the day your child will be photographed, and our setting will be inside with a fall background. If you would like to mark your calendars now, the picture viewing days will be **September 27 & 28**.

Thanks to our wonderful parents for your attendance and attentiveness during our Orientation meetings. Please carefully adhere to our unloading and loading process and continue to read all communication that comes home with your child. Most importantly, prepare yourself for their **awesome** artwork! We are grateful for your support and for the gift of your little one. They are all so precious and we truly are blessed.

*With love,
Mrs. Nancy*

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The next breakfast meeting of the Presbyterian Men will feature a program by Mark Auten of our congregation. He will entertain us with a slide presentation demonstrating his expertise as a wildlife photographer, naturalist, and environmental enthusiast.



A most appreciative **THANK YOU** goes out to Mark Vaughan for his Saskatchewan fishing trip presentation at our August breakfast.

As fall approaches it is time to begin thinking about officers for 2008. As is our custom, the vice-president (John Neely) will assume the position of President in 2008 which leaves an opening for vice-president. In addition to officer positions, we need men to serve in the capacity of program coordinator, kitchen help, and program speakers. Please contact John Neely, Paul Beaver (Secretary), or me if you feel called to become more active in this organization.

We look forward to seeing you for breakfast on the 9th of September at 8:30 AM.

Gene Vaughan, President

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