

The Bulletin Board

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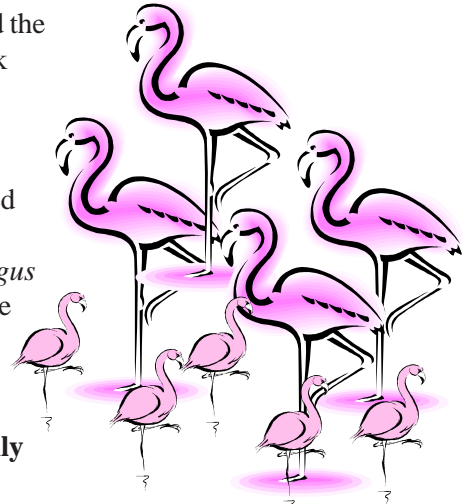
They're Back: PYF Flamingo Migration

The flocking continues, aid the PYF Mission Trip

The flamingos have begun their migration through Mooresville and the surrounding area! You can arrange for a special "visitation" of the flock for all your "friends."

These are a special "protected species" of the rare *flamingus presbyterius* which is known for its unique, shiny plumage and sturdy, steely legs. These *flamingus presbyterii* may only be handled by skilled flamingo handlers who have been certified by the PYF Institute of Flamingology. Amateurs **BEWARE!** Improper handling of the *flamingus presbyterius* can result in serious personal injury and loss of one's sense of humor.

The flock will visit the "friend" of your choice for **\$25**. You will be given full credit and notified upon completion of the migration. Anonymity can be purchased for an additional \$10. **Flamingos may only be removed by certified handlers at a cost of ONLY \$25!** You can "insure" your property against a flamingo flocking with purchase of a Flamingo Insurance Policy for **\$50**.



You may contact your local flamingo handler at flamingo@mooresvillefirstpres.org or by calling Alan Sledge @ 704-651 -0736

The 2008 Logos Choir presents...

Survivor Babylon

The entire congregation is invited to a special evening of theatre, on Sunday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Logos Choir will present the musical, *Survivor Babylon*. After the performance, desserts will be served by church hostess Jerilyn Fair with assistance from the Personnel Committee.

Come hear this wonderful story about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and their encounter with Babylon's famous King Nebuchadnezzar (and his even more famous fiery furnace!) The musical seeks to show children the importance of obeying God instead of men and like the Hebrew children, they can take positive, faith-filled action to conquer their fears and their foes!

A nursery for small children will be provided during the musical. The choir will hold dress rehearsals on Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m., and Sunday April 13 at 4:30 .m. in the fellowship hall.

Following the performance here at First Presbyterian, the choir will take the program on the road to Forest Park Presbyterian Church in Statesville, NC. The choir will meet at the church on Saturday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m., spend the night in Statesville and return home Sunday at 2:00 p.m.





From the Pastor

“I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you. . . (Romans 1:8a, ESV)”

As I write this, we have just finished Holy Week and Easter for 2008. The special services are completed, the jam-packed schedules are finished, and things are slowly getting back to what passes for normality.

A lot happened this time! We had nearly 200 people and thus had the delightful problem of “where are we going to put all the people?” at our annual Maundy Thursday supper and service in the Fellowship Hall. During this service, we celebrated the Lord’s Supper and worshiped as we were led by the Chancel Choir and a cast of fine actors in “The Living Last Supper.”

For our inaugural Good Friday noon service, we didn’t know if 5, 50, or more people would show up—I kiddingly told several people that the five of us might worship together and then go out for lunch at Applebee’s! But it started with a bang, as 130 people worshiped together with readings from the Gospel of Mark’s rendition of Christ’s Passion and an anthem presented by our Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Praise Band. Then we shared a light lunch from Chick-Fil-A with a crowd that spilled over from the Parlor into the Library and the Session Room.

On Easter Sunday, our Chancel Choir and Orchestra presented two anthems in both our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services as about 700 people celebrated our risen Lord’s victory over sin and death. God’s Word focused on the power of the resurrection present in all who follow Christ with a sermon titled “Spiritual Dynamite.” We closed each service by singing together that great hymn, “Because He Lives, “ saying “and life is worth the living just because he lives!” What a powerful testimony to the risen Jesus Christ!

Each service had visitors from the community present. Each service shone in its own unique way. Each service played its part in moving us from Palm Sunday to the Cross to the Empty Tomb, from the Triumphal Entry to the Crucifixion to the Resurrection. Each service presented the good news of Jesus Christ and called for our response to God’s grace.

You know, to make these special events and services happen, a lot of people have to pitch in and work together. I would be remiss if I didn’t express my appreciation for these volunteers, many who worked behind the scenes, for their commitment and service in the name of Christ. Here are a few of the folks to whom I owe a word of thanks:

- The Worship and Music Committee, chaired by Phil Heilman.
- The “Sisters in Christ” Presbyterian Women Circle, moderated by Angie Copeland.
- The Chancel Choir for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday’s presentations of the gospel in song, along with our Orchestra for its music on Easter.
- The actors in “The Living Last Supper” who did a stand-up job: Bob Amon, Collin Brown, Bob Campbell, Mac Herring, Curtis Crews, J. P. Justice, Mark Auten, Gene Vaughan, Scott Vaughn, Scott Mauney, Darrin Bridges, Jack Ahearn, and Trent Newell.
- Volunteers like Janie Carpenter, Diane Harrington, Bob and Sue Kopacek, and many others who helped with the meal for our Good Friday service.
- The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, who not only provided special music for Good Friday, but also helped with our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children.
- Our excellent staff who stepped up to the plate and hit the ball out of the park: Fred Coates (Associate Pastor), Ellen Auten (Director of Christian Education), Alan Sledge (Director of Music and Interim Director of Youth), and Nellie Goodman (Secretary). They went above and beyond the call of duty, and I’m grateful.

Thanks to you all for your efforts in making this Holy Week and Easter a worshipful and exciting time.

On another note, I will be having hip surgery this month on April 23, in case you had not received word earlier. Depending on what the surgeon finds, I will either have the offending parts of my left hip shaved down and cleaned up or I will have a brand-spanking-new hip replacement. Either way, I’m in good hands. I will be away from the church office for a while, but I know you’ll be in good hands as well. Keep my family and me in your prayers. As the saying goes, “I need the prayers and you need the practice,” so it looks like a win-win for everyone. I’ll be back up and running (or at least walking) before too long. God bless you.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown

Camp Grier

The place to be in 2008

It's time to make plans for summer camp at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for children in rising second through twelfth grades, with weekly camping sessions offered from June 1 through August 15.

Camp Director, Dave Cohn, will visit our congregation on Sunday, April 27, and will present a Minute for Mission and be available in the church parlor with information about Camp Grier's summer camping programs. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and potential campers to meet Dave and learn more about camp.

In addition, the camp will host an Open House at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, to give parents and campers an opportunity to meet camp 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, or look on their website: www.campgrier.org. Scholarship help is available.



With Appreciation

Diana Hyman would like to express her sincere appreciation for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers following the death of her mother.

Deepest appreciation is expressed by Esther Kann and family for the prayers, calls, cards, meals and everything the First Presbyterian Church family has done for them following the recent death of Fred Kann.

SAINTS ALIVE

April Saints Alive luncheon

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$4). All "senior" adults are encouraged to attend and enjoy a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship. This month's luncheon features Karen Shore, President/CEO of the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce. Come hear about exciting things going on in the growing greater Mooresville area. Come and bring a friend!

On the road again....

The Saints are planning to travel to Gold Hill Mines Historic Park on Wednesday, April 23 (*note change in date from last month's newsletter*).

Located near Salisbury, Gold Hill was the site of extensive gold mining in the 1850's and has many restored buildings as well as fun shops. See their



website for more information at www.historicgoldhill.com. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., tour the site, and have lunch in the historic village, returning to Mooresville mid-afternoon.

The group is also planning a trip to visit the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Gastonia, where we will tour the extensive gardens as well as the newly opened Orchid Conservatory. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., tour the gardens, and have lunch in the Gastonia area. Cost is \$9.



NC Mountain trip

Twenty-seven participants have made reservations for a four-day/three-night stay at Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC, for Tuesday, May 13 through Friday, May 16. Participants will be receiving a letter with detailed information, and the opportunity to sign up for various outings while in the mountains. Please contact Ellen Auten if you have any questions, and be sure to look at the website: www.hemlockinn.com.



Sunday






Monday

Tuesday

April 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 9:30am Moms in Touch 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166
6 8:30am Early Worship 9:30am Church School Social 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with MSM Handbells 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 7:00pm Committee Meetings	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home	8 9:30am Moms in Touch 10:00am Circle No. 4 in the parlor 12:00pm Circle No. 5
13 8:30am Early Worship 8:30am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with Logos Choir & Catechism Club recognition 7:00pm Logos Musical with dessert following 	14 2:00pm Circle No. 1 in the parlor 6:15pm Circle No. 3 in the Session Room 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home	15 9:30am Moms in Touch 10:30am <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study 12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166
20 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 6:00pm Diaconate <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Logos Trip</div>	21 7:00pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home	22 9:00am Salem Presbytery at FPC, Winston-Salem 9:30am Moms in Touch
27 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with visit from Camp Grier Director 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 7:00pm Session <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SuperClub guys weekend</div>	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home	29 9:30am Moms in Touch

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<p align="right">30</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p>	<p align="center">  I will be joyful in God my Savior. Habakkuk 3:18</p>		

Weekday Preschool News

What a wonderfully busy and exciting month we had during March! Our halls were bursting with green shamrocks, lucky Leprechauns and pots of gold. Thank you to all our parents who sent wonderful green treats for our festive parties for St. Patrick's Day and of course, Easter. Besides our *Leapin' Leprechaun* units we studied *Bible Stories*, *Dr. Seuss Day*, *Under Construction*, and *Alleluia, He is Risen*.



Perhaps our most exciting news is the **new playground turf** and how **beautiful** it looks! Words cannot express the children's joy when they made their first trip out to play and the sound of their squealing laughter will be a treasured memory for all of us. We are so thankful for this most wonderful gift to all the children of the church and Preschool that they will

enjoy for many years to come. We would like to express our **heartfelt thanks** to our generous donor for this incredible gift and to Tony White for doing such an outstanding installation job. We invite everyone to stop by and take a peek; even adults will be amazed!

April will be another busy month as we learn about *Flowers & Picnics*, *Nursery Rhymes*, *Watch Me Grow*, *Zany Zoo*, *Circus & Clowns*, and *Showers of Blessings*. Our **spring pictures will be taken on April 23rd through 25th** outdoors and keeping with tradition, our 4 and 5 yr. olds will be photographed in their caps and gowns.



Don't forget!! The **Spring Sing** is Thursday and Friday **May 1st and 2nd at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall** followed by a punch and cookie party. As always, **all** the special people in your child's life are invited and welcome to attend.

The days will go quickly now and we will try to savor every moment of the time we have together. We love having your children and their smiles and laughter truly are blessings.

With love,
Mrs. Nancy

Christian sympathy is expressed to Dr. Chong Lieu and family in the recent death of his mother and to Rick Omohundro and family in the loss of his father.

March "MAD"ness

Victory Celebration breakfast

The Church School Council is sponsoring a "Victory Celebration" breakfast to recognize the wonderful participation we had in our March Attendance Dash (aka March MADness). The Council set a goal to increase church school attendance by 30% in March, and thanks to lots of participation, we have achieved that goal and are planning a celebration!



Everyone is invited to attend the breakfast on Sunday, April 6, from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy breakfast casseroles and pastries, fruit, coffee and juice. Following the breakfast and brief presentation, everyone will proceed to their church school classes from 10:00-10:40. Come join the fun at the celebration!

Vacation Bible School News

Are You Ready to Go Hog Wild?

This year's VBS theme, "*Son Harvest County Fair: Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*" is sure to be bushels of fun. In Son Harvest County, the children will enjoy a week of fun on the farm as they discover how to grow the fruit of the spirit.

Planning is already underway and many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to serve as "farmhands."

It's not too late to join in on the fun. We are still in need of the following volunteers:

Preschool/Elementary Group Leaders, Teen Helpers, Nursery Workers, Snack Helpers and County Fair Helpers (Friday only)

If you can help out in any of these areas, please contact Beverly Chappell (704-663-2750) to volunteer.

VBS 2008
**"Son Harvest County Fair:
Growing the Fruit of the Spirit"**
Dates: June 23-27
Times: 9:30am-12 noon

*You Don't Want to Miss It...It's Going to be
a Rip Roaring Good Time!*

April Logos/MSM Dates

Wednesday, April 2 - *Horrible Hair* Night
Sunday, April 6 - MSM Handbells play - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 9 - *Hurray for Hollywood* year-end banquet (Regular schedule, with dinner for participants and weekly volunteers at 6:15 p.m.)
Sunday, April 13 - Logos choir sings at 11:00 a.m.
Logos Musical - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 19 - Sunday, April 20 - Logos trip to Statesville

Women's Bible Study to continue

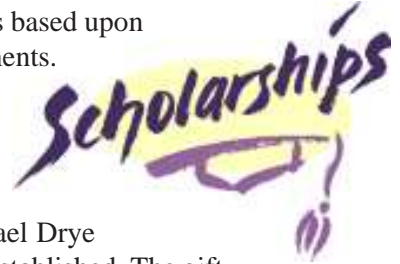
Following a break during the Lenten season, the women's Friday morning Bible study is scheduled to resume on Friday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. The group will be continuing the study of Elizabeth George's study series, *Life Management for Busy Women*, and will be studying topics related to managing your home life, financial life, social life, mental life, and time management. Childcare is provided; please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.



Women's Bible Study

From the Budget & Finance Committee

Applications are available in the church office for the Cora Freeze Scholarship and for the Agnes Preston Nee! Scholarship. All interested students should submit an application by the end of April for consideration by the review committee. The annual award for each of these scholarships is based upon proceeds from investments. This year's award will be approximately \$1,000.00 for each scholarship.



The James Michael Drye Scholarship has been established. The gift will be awarded annually to a student attending an accredited college or university in North Carolina. The recipient should also be a graduate of Lake Norman HS, Mooresville HS or South Iredell HS. Administered by FPC and the family of Mr. Drye, the first annual James Michael Drye Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.00. Interested individuals should pick up the information/application form from the church office or from your school's guidance office.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2008

During its February 24th stated meeting, the Session:

- Studied and discussed Rule #1 of *The Red Sea Rules*, the elders' year-long study of Exodus 14: "Realize that God means for you to be where you are."
- Prayed for the needs of the church.
- Approved a Good Friday noon service March 21 with lunch, specific fund-raisers for the PYF summer mission trip, and the Logos trip set for April 19-20.
- Received an update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Authorized a fund-raising policy for church mission trips.
- Amended the church's Standards of Procedure to increase the Missions Committee to 15 members and to set the quorum for the examination of new officers at 7 elders plus the moderator.
- Distributed information on recent actions by the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission regarding ordination standards.

Marti Estes 5K Marti Estes 5K

Mooreville Community Walk of Faith

April 19th is fast approaching and we are nearing completion of all the planning that has gone into making this inaugural event what we pray will be a huge success. A special thank-you to all of the event Sponsors who have contributed up to this point. We now have a total of 21 contributing sponsors: 9 Gold Level and 7 Silver Level sponsors, and we hope to have several more before the month of March ends.

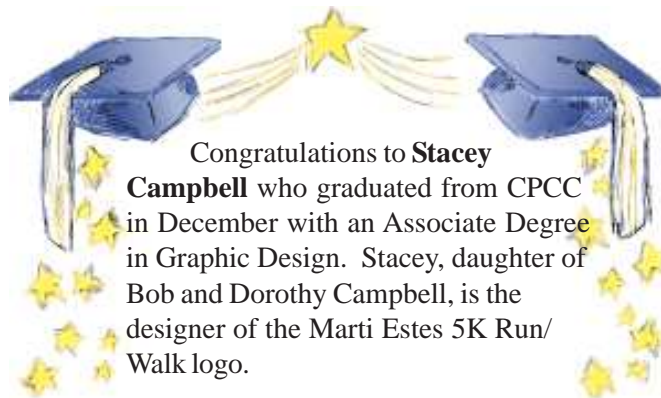
The Organizing Committee and members of the Diaconate continue to man a registration table in the Church parlor before and after the 11AM service. Stop by and register as a runner or a walker, or simply to make a donation. With your support, we already have well over 150 registrants, but there is room for many more!!!!

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help with race day registration and race route logistics. With over 25 intersections to man along the race route we need at least 75 race route volunteers to provide directions to runners and walkers and to help with traffic management. You can sign up in the parlor to volunteer on the day of the race or to assist in the preparations for the race, or give Gretchen Little a call at 704-528-9796.

We ask for your prayers as we continue with the planning and preparation for this Race/Walk event benefiting the Mooreville Soup Kitchen and its ministry.

Board of Deacons

Marti Estes 5K Race/Walk Organizing Committee



Congratulations to **Stacey Campbell** who graduated from CPCC in December with an Associate Degree in Graphic Design. Stacey, daughter of Bob and Dorothy Campbell, is the designer of the Marti Estes 5K Run/Walk logo.

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