

The Bulletin Board



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From the Pastor....

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LENT

By the above title, I'm not going to suggest what you need to do with the dust bunnies in your family room or the stuff you get off your navy blue or black slacks, as though you could collect it and make money off of it! Instead, I'm talking about the Christian season of Lent—not "lint"—and how you can make the most of it in terms of your spiritual growth.

Lent is a special time for many Christians, Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox alike. During the six weeks of the Lenten season, you have the opportunity to experience significant spiritual growth as you think about, pray about, study, discuss, and apply to your own journey the Biblical story of Jesus and his journey to the cross.

This Lent we're providing an excellent way to make the most of your Lent—through a combined sermon series and small group program called "Lent in the Living Room." This year's theme is *Journey to Jerusalem: A Lenten Study in the Gospel of Mark*. Here are the Sundays, Scripture passages, and titles of the sermons and studies:

SUNDAY	SCRIPTURE	TITLE
February 10	Mark 7:24-30	"Receiving Outsiders"
February 17	Mark 7:31-37	"Proclaiming Good News"
February 24	Mark 8:1-10	"Feeding Body and Soul"
March 2	Mark 8:11-21	"Missing the Signs"
March 9	Mark 8:22-30	"Opening Eyes"
March 16	Mark 8:31-9:1	"Telling the Truth"

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"We Love Church School" Social

The Church School Council is planning another Church School Social for Sunday, February 3, from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This social will feature the February "Love" theme, emphasizing our LOVE for Sunday School.

Our church mission statement emphasizes "Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples," and that clearly summarizes what happens at Church School. We learn more about loving and serving God, loving people and developing caring relationships, and challenging our classes to make disciples by teaching and inviting. What a great way to spend every Sunday morning! Come to the Social on February 3 to find out more about all this LOVE! We'll enjoy delicious, "love-ly" refreshments, and an opportunity to learn more about Church School.





From the Pastor (continued from front page)

The best way to participate in *Journey to Jerusalem* is in a “Lent in the Living Room” small group. Groups begin the week of Sunday, February 3 (the week of Ash Wednesday) and meet once a week for six weeks. Most group gatherings last 60-90 minutes. Groups meet in host homes throughout Mooresville and at the church. As you meet together, you’ll discuss the sermon passage to be preached the following Sunday. Here’s how the rhythm of small group meetings and preached sermons works:

WHEN GROUPS MEET	WHEN THE SERMON IS PREACHED
Week of February 3-9	February 10 (1st Sunday in Lent)
Week of February 10-16	February 17 (2nd Sunday in Lent)
Week of February 17-23	February 24 (3rd Sunday in Lent)
Week of February 24-March 1	March 2 (4th Sunday in Lent)
Week of March 2-8	March 9 (5th Sunday in Lent)
Week of March 9-15	March 16 (Palm Sunday)

You can sign up for one of the groups listed below. Registration runs January 20—February 3. But don’t worry—even if you miss the first week of the groups, it’s not too late to join in. You can register by signing up in the Parlor, by emailing the church office (secretary@mooresvillefirstpres.org), or by calling the church office (704-664-5275). Here are the groups as of press time:

#	DAY	TIME	HOST	FACILITATOR
1	Sun	7:00 pm	Aimee & Dave Culler	Dave Culler
2	Sun	7:00 pm	Angie & Don Copeland	Angie Copeland
3	Mon	7:00 pm	Sandra & Bill Harris	Bill Harris
4	Mon	7:00 pm	Jean and Fred Coates	Fred Coates
5	Mon	7:00 pm	Karen Shore	Karen Shore
6	Mon	7:00 pm	Mary & Dick Fortanbary	Corky & CJ Simmons
7	Tues	Noon	FPC: “Brown Bag with Brown”	Clay Brown
8	Tues	7:00 pm	Margaret Sanders	Ellen Auten
9	Tues	7:00 pm	Cindy & Sparky Hitchcock	Cindy & Sparky Hitchcock
10	Wed	Noon	FPC: “Brown Bag with Brown”	Clay Brown
11	Wed	7:00 pm	Ginny Swedenberg	Ginny Swedenberg
12	Thurs	7:00 pm	Janice & Eric Plier	Phil Heilman
13	Thurs	7:00 pm	Joyce Johnson	Joyce Johnson

To make the most of your participation, get a *Journey to Jerusalem* study guide in the Parlor. You can pick up one of these guides even if you can’t participate in a group, but you still want to study along individually.

If you participate in this year’s “Lent in the Living Room,” I think God will honor your efforts and grant you more understanding into how he’s working in your life and how your life can best honor him. In other words, you’ll make the most of your Lent!

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown

P.S.: I want you to let me know about any impending hospitalizations you face. Well, what’s good for the goose is good for the gander, therefore I want you to know that I am scheduled for hip surgery on Wednesday, April 23. My left hip has been giving me problems due to something called “femoral acetabular impingement,” where the hip socket and the head of the femur rub against each other. The surgeon will look at my hip with his scope to see if the hip is salvageable. If so, he will go in and shave off the impingements so that the hip can move freely. If not, he will perform a total hip replacement. The recovery and recuperation time for the first surgery is much shorter than for the second. The first surgery successfully performed would ideally keep me from needing a replacement later on. The surgeon will make the decision on April 23 as he assesses the situation, and surgery will take place immediately. We will make sure that pastoral needs are taken care of and the work of the church will go on. Please keep us in your prayers.

Logos/MSM

Second semester is well under way and we're having a great time! We have over 80 children in the Logos/MSM program this spring. February gets going with a passion on Purple Passion night (2/6), followed by Valentines/Chocolate Night (2/13), Cartoon Night (2/20), and South of the Border (2/27).



Middle School Ministry handbells will ring on February 3 at the 11:00 service and the Logos choir will sing on February 24 at the 8:30 service. Please make every effort to have all children here as they get to help lead our worship service.

We are preparing for our spring Logos musical. The children have been given a cd of the musical. Please encourage them to listen to it. It is a wonderful and easy way for them to learn the music and get excited about the musical.


We would like to thank Gretchen Little, our very creative Logos recreation leader. She along with Tracy Prochaska, Jill Herring, Lisa Davidson and Jennifer Robinson lead our 1st through 5th graders every week in fun recreation activities. For an hour and a half, they kick balls, throw water balloons, run 3 legged relays, and encourage all of the children to put into practice all that they are learning about being a Child of God. 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

Logos/MSM February dates


Sunday, Feb. 3	MSM Handbells ring at 11:00 a.m. worship service
Wednesday, Feb. 6	"Purple Passion" night
Wednesday, Feb. 13	Valentine's/Chocolate Night
Wednesday, Feb. 20	Cartoon Night
Sunday, Feb. 24	Logos choir sings at 8:30 a.m. worship service
Wednesday, Feb.27	South of the Border Night




Youth Corner

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

February



Feb. 3 -Souperbowl/Superbowl Party
Alphas and Omegas @ 5:15 p.m.



Feb. 10 -Regular Schedule
Alphas @ 4:15 p.m. and Omegas @ 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 17 -Regular Schedule
PYF Praise Band & Chorus at 11 a.m. service
Alphas @ 4:15 p.m. and Omegas @ 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 24 -Regular Schedule
Alphas @ 4:15 p.m. and Omegas @ 5:15 p.m.

Special Events:
Mission and a Movie
Saturday, Feb. 2 @ 9:00 a.m.

Senior High SupperClub: Each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Meet at the church and travel out for a meal (dutch treat.) We return to the church for a bible study concluding at 8:30 p.m..
Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

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.mooresvillefirstpres.org/PYF.htm

Have you seen???

Missing nursery pager

Nursery pager #260 is missing! Please check your coat pockets, pocketbooks, diaper bags... to see if you have accidentally walked off with it. Thank you!



FEBRUARY 2008

<p>8:30am Early Worship 3 9:30am Sunday School Social in FH 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with MSM Handbells 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor 5:30pm Catechism Club 5:15pm Alpha & Omega PYF Souper Bowl Party</p> <p><i>Lent in the Living Room begins</i></p>	<p>4 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 9:00am Moms in Touch 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166</p>
<p>First Sunday of Lent 10 8:30am Early Worship with communion 8:30am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with communion 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:00pm Diaconate 7:00pm Committee Meetings</p>	<p>11 2:00pm Circle No. 1 in parlor 6:15pm Circle No. 3 in the Session Room 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 9:00am Moms in Touch 10:00am Circle No. 4 in the parlor 12:00pm Circle No. 5 at Anne Telford's</p>
<p>17 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with Praise Band & Chorus 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:15pm Catechism Club</p>	<p>Preschool Closed 18 7:00pm Executive Committee</p>	<p>19 9:00am Moms in Touch 10:30am <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study 12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 166</p>
<p>24 8:30am Early Worship with the Logos choir 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>25 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm VBS Planning in room 300</p>	<p>26 9:00am Moms in Touch 12:00pm Saints Alive to Latta Plantation</p>

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study in the Parlor</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>8:30am Preschool playground work day <i>(Rain date 2/9)</i></p> <p>9:00am PYF "Mission & a Movie"</p>																																																	
<p style="text-align: right;">Ash Wednesday 6</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>4:00pm Logos/MSM <i>Purple Passion</i> night</p> <p>6:15pm HS Supper Club at 5 Guys</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>6:00pm Exaltation Ringers</p> <p>7:00pm Sisters in Christ (No.2) in the parlor</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>																																																	
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Weekday Preschool

The month of January turned out to be lovely for the first 2 weeks with plenty of warm days for the children to play outside. Things changed in a hurry as the cold weather hit, but our units on Snow Village and Arctic Blast were a perfect tie-in, and our Bunnies enjoyed building their Igloo! The children loved wearing their pajamas to school and having pancakes in the Lambs class, and how wonderful to watch our little Fish class learn Spanish.

I can say with “heartfelt” sincerity that February is surely the sweetest and most loving of the months of the year. Be on the lookout for lots of pretty red paper and white doily hearts and of course instructions for your little one to send in their Valentines. Our parties will be Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th, with the Preschool being *closed* on Monday, Feb. 18 for parent/teacher conferences. **Please** mark your calendar and be sure to come and participate at our **Playground workday on Sat. Feb. 2nd (rain date Feb. 9th)**. Thanks to the



on-going fundraisers at Preschool and the generosity of an anonymous donor within our church, we have the funds available to proceed with our synthetic turf project. We are thrilled and excited to be putting in this high quality, low-maintenance Soft Lawn synthetic grass. The Soft Lawn grass will have a natural feel, yet be tough enough to withstand the heavy foot traffic of the children. It will never need watering or mowing and will stay beautiful year round. We are so thankful to those who have made it possible!

We have completed our registration for the upcoming year and thank you to all those who re-enrolled their child and younger siblings and to church members enrolling for the first time. Thank you also for your loyalty and recommendations to friends and family. That is the greatest gift of all.

With love,

Mrs. Nancy



Please check the Lost & Found table in the fellowship hall. There are a variety of coats, sweaters, and clothing items that need to be reunited with their owners!

Lost & Found

SAINTS ALIVE

Soup Kitchen Director to Speak

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held Tuesday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Saints Alive is First Presbyterian's older adult fellowship, and enjoys lunch, fellowship and conversation, devotions and prayer concerns, and a program each month.



This month's program will be presented by Jody Schwandt, Director of Mooresville's Soup Kitchen. Currently located at First Baptist Church, the Soup Kitchen is in the process of relocating to its new location at 275 S. Broad Street. The Mooresville Soup Kitchen serves more than 20,000 meals a year, five days a week and on Saturdays during the winter months. Come to the February Saints Alive luncheon to learn more about this significant ministry in our community.



Saints plan trip to Latta Plantation

The Saints Alive group is “on the road again,” this time to Latta Plantation in Huntersville, on Tuesday, February 26. The group plans to leave at p.m., eat lunch at the K & W Cafeteria in Cornelius, and tour the historic plantation home at 2:00 p.m. Historic Latta Plantation is a circa 1800 cotton plantation and living history farm and museum where visitors are able to learn about the life and culture of piedmont North Carolina from 1800 – 1865. Cost is \$5; the group should return to Mooresville by 4:00 p.m. Contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

The College Age Young Adults had a great time of fellowship at Kobe in Cornelius over the holiday. We had 14 students reunite after the long first semester. Much fun and laughter was had by all.



The library has several new reference commentary series available suggested by Rev. Dr. Clay Brown. These would be especially

helpful to Bible and Sunday School teachers. The first are a series of 12 soft cover volumes providing a readable yet accurate exposition of the entire New Testament, edited by John R. W. Stott.

The second series, The NIV Application Commentary, in hardcover, contains both the Old and New Testaments and is one of the most highly regarded resources prepared by renowned authorities. The format for the NIV Application Commentary treats each passage in three ways: The Original Meaning, Bridging Contexts, and Contemporary Significance.

All books are on the shelves to the right of the fireplace and are readily available for your reference.

Ellie Den Bleyker

Vacation Bible School

Put Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27, on your new 2008 calendars, for a fun, learning-filled week at Vacation Bible School. We are moving to a daytime time frame where participants will come to a morning Bible School, from 9:00 a.m. – noon, for five days.

Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in serving on the VBS Planning Committee, and plan to attend its next meeting on Monday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300.



Condensed Church Directory Reports are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the parlor. We will be using this report to do a new church directory shortly and we know that there may be some incorrect information that occurred while in the process of changing to our

new database. If you have not received one of these by mail, please pick one up and check your family's information. If corrections need to be made, please call the office at 704-664-5275 or email us at secretary@moorsvillefirstpres.org with the correct data. Thank you

We Need You!

Uncle Sam needs you - well, maybe not, but your church certainly does! Each Sunday, during the worship services, an individual sits in the back of the church and manages the sound board.



Our pool of technicians has shrunk to less than seven people. We need at least double that number! The job

requires coming early to church and making sure that everything is set up properly, remaining alert to what is happening during the worship service and managing the sound levels for the PA and CD recording systems. Training will be provided. **We need volunteers!** Please contact Jim McDonnell at 704-996-9687 to sign up. It will be a "sound investment" of your time!

News from Church School

The beginning of the new year brings a couple of changes in church school classes. The **Discovery Class** will begin meeting again, with a change in location to Room 307.

Jim McDonnell is the class's teacher, and they will be studying the book of Luke. The **Faith Journey Class** is changing locations, and will begin meeting in the Session Room (Room 222). They are beginning a study of Bible characters.



Budget & Finance Forum

As we move into this new year, please remember your personal commitment of "time, talent, and treasure" from the Stewardship Campaign.

Now is the time to put our promises into action through regular attendance at worship and Sunday School, active participation in the various support activities of our church (committees, music, volunteer work) and regular contributions to the regular and special offerings.

Together, we can achieve our stated goals and much more.



If you weren't able to attend the Chili Cook-off, you missed out on a night of fun, fellowship, and good chili! The 3rd Annual FPC Chili Cook-off raised almost \$5,000 for the Mwandi Endowment. The winners this year were:

- 1st Place – Bill Brawley
- 2nd Place – Mark Auten
- 3rd Place – Carol Crews

Presbyterian Men

If you'd like to learn more about the Mooresville Christian Mission, plan to join us on February 10, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. We have invited Valerie Chamberlain, executive director, to bring us up to date on the operation and to relate to us ways of participating. The focus of Christian Mission is to assist families out of poverty and into economic independence. I have been very impressed with our facility in Mooresville.

This is a special meeting for Presbyterian Men because we invite our wives and girl friends to join us for a Valentine event. Roll out of bed Sunday, Feb. 10 and enjoy the food, fellowship, and information. See you there.



In spite of the chilly weather we're experiencing this winter, summer camp will be here before we know it, and that means it's time to sign up for a week at Camp Grier! Camp Grier is a Presbyterian camp, located in Old Fort, NC, in the beautiful North Carolina mountains, less than two hours' drive from Mooresville. Summer camping programs are offered for children in rising second through twelfth grades, and adult volunteer opportunities are available as well. In addition, Camp Grier is looking for college-age young adults to serve on its summer staff. Visit their website at www.campgrier.org to find more information, or contact Ellen Auten in the church office (704-664-5275).

APNC Update

The APNC is still hard at work searching for our new youth pastor. We feel that we're getting closer to the person that God has called to serve our youth and congregation. There's still more work to be done and ask for your continued prayer and support in this process.

– Associate Pastor Nominating Committee



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