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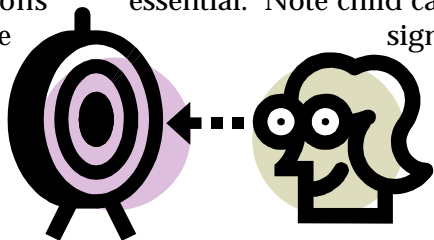
October 2009

Tuesday FOCUS Starts October 6

A six-week Tuesday evening study series, **Tuesday FOCUS**, will be offered for adults beginning October 6 through November 10. At **Tuesday FOCUS** (First Opportunities for Christian Understanding and Study), participants will have the opportunity to choose from three course offerings:

- **C.S. Lewis: Surprised by Joy**, led by Dr. Clay Brown in the Parlor. In this introduction to C. S. Lewis, we'll spend time on his life and his major themes, especially as reflected by two of his most famous books, *Mere Christianity* and *The Screwtape Letters*.
- **John Calvin: His Life and Legacy**, led by Dr. Fred Coates in the Fellowship Hall. Presbyterians are Presbyterians in large part because of the work of John Calvin, whose 500th birthday we celebrated earlier this year. This course focuses on his life and his important contributions to theology and Christian living.
- **Have a New Kid by Friday**, led by Ellen Auten in Room 300. This course is a parenting DVD series that focuses on how to change your child's attitude, behavior and character in 5 days! The series features child psychologist Kevin Leman, and will have both video presentation and class discussion.

Light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall from 6:30-7:00, with classes following from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Sign-ups will be held in the parlor. Child care will be provided, with advance reservations essential. Note child care needs on the sign-up forms.



All Saints' Eve Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for our annual All Saints' Eve Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. A hot dog supper will be provided as well as popcorn, games, prizes, cake walk, moon bounce and a costume parade for all ages. We need **LOTS** of volunteers to help make this event a success. Please consider volunteering in one of the areas listed below.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 👤 Supervising a game
- 👤 Clean up after the event (Sat. evening) (If you don't have young children to take trick or treating, this would be a great place for you to help)
- 👤 Help decorate the Fellowship Hall (Thurs., Oct. 29 at 6:30pm)
- 👤 Help in kitchen with hot dog supper
- 👤 Donate individually wrapped candy (place in box in church office)
- 👤 Donate funds to help offset the costs

While all activities are free of charge (including the hot dog supper) donations are appreciated to help offset the costs

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Kendall 704-660-0458 or Ellen Auten 704-664-5275.





From the Pastor...

A Broader Meaning of the Term “Stewardship”

Friends,

It is the fall, and one of the annual rituals in almost every congregation (especially those that hold the calendar year as the fiscal year) is the annual stewardship emphasis.

If you are an active church-goer at First Presbyterian or any other fellowship, then you’re probably familiar with the drill. We hear from people involved in the financial leadership of the church, we follow sermons that are connected to giving and tithing, we receive pledge cards and other information in the mail, and we have a special Sunday on which we respond with our commitments for the next year so the financial folks and church leadership have a reasonable idea of support for the coming budget.

Please do not think I am minimizing in any way the need for good information and informed giving to the church. I’m in favor of lay speakers, tithing sermons, pledge cards, and the rest. But one of the unintended consequences of this approach is we communicate erroneously that the beautiful, marvelous, and Biblical term “stewardship” is just about tithes and offerings.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Stewardship is about so much more than finances.

Now stewardship is not about less than finances, either. Your financial gifts to God’s work both in our congregation and throughout the world is quite significant. We have a need to give, it seems, to what God is doing at home and faraway.

But when the Bible talks about stewardship, it speaks of all the resources with which we’ve been entrusted as stewards, or managers:

- **OUR TIME.**
- **OUR ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM, AND VIGOR.**
- **OUR GIFTS AND NATURAL ABILITIES.**
- **OUR INCOME.**
- **GOD’S BLESSINGS ON OUR LIVES.**
- **GOD’S ACTIVITY IN OUR MIDST.**

In other words, stewardship is not just about money. Stewardship is about our whole lives as we live them in response to God’s grace, love, and blessing. The lay speakers delivering minutes for mission and the pastoral sermons during this season all seek to lift up stewardship in this holistic, all-encompassing sense. All we are and have—it’s all from God and for his work in this world!

This year’s theme is “All for You: Renewed, Rejoicing, Rededicated.” Several church members have addressed or are addressing this theme. Elder David Brooks, chair of the Budget and Finance, talked about the need for faithful, joyful giving as a means of spiritual growth during his Minute for Mission on September 13. Elder Chris Ahearn spoke on “Here for You” during her September 20 Minute for Mission. A report from our mission team recently in Slidell, LA, on what God is doing through our congregation for post-hurricane needs there was the subject of September 27th’s “For Your Community” Minute for Mission. Elder Don Howie will give a Minute for Mission on Sunday, October 4, on “At Your Service.”

Then, October 11 in both 9:00 and 11:00 worship services is the target date for receiving our pledge cards and Time and Talent forms. These are being prepared for distribution and mailing as I write. It is always a stirring sight to see men, women, and young people placing their expressions of trust and commitment for the coming year on the Lord’s Table. Of course, you may turn in your cards and forms to the church office if you know in advance that you’ll be away on October 11.

I hope you’ll spend time in prayer regarding your holistic, Spirit-empowered stewardship plans for 2010. Then I encourage you to respond on October 11 with both pledge cards and Time and Talent forms with how you believe God wants you to use your resources of time, energy, gifts, talents, and resources through First Presbyterian in 2010.

Grace and peace,

Clay Brown

Pastor



2010 Medical Mission Fundraiser Planned

Medical team will travel to Zambia Fundraiser set for October 3

The dates are now set for a 2010 medical mission team to travel to the Mwandu United Church of Zambia (UCZ) Mission Hospital in Mwandu, Zambia. One of our Elders, Dr. Mike Campbell, will be leading a special surgical team that will be in Mwandu to perform free procedures June 20-27, 2010. To help with the expenses of travel to Zambia, a special “Womanless Beauty Pageant” and Silent Auction has been planned for Saturday, October 3, at the Saint Therese Roman Catholic Church.

Tickets are only \$20 (which includes admission to the event, food and more hilarity than you can stand!). The proceeds will be used to assist team members with their travel expenses. Airfare to Zambia is much more expensive this June (around \$3300 a ticket) because of the World Cup (Soccer) being played in Johannesburg, South Africa.

So, make your plans to attend now! You may purchase advance tickets to the event from Fred Coates or Mike Campbell. It's for a good cause and it will be a great evening. Get your ticket today!

PYF Calendar

Oct. 2, Friday	10:00 p.m.	5th Quarter
Oct. 4, Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m.	Omega PYF
Oct. 7, Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	SupperClub
Oct. 9, Friday	10:00 p.m.	5th Quarter
Oct. 11, Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m.	Omega PYF
Oct. 14, Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	SupperClub
Oct. 18, Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m.	Omega PYF
Oct. 21, Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	SupperClub
Oct. 23, Friday	10:00 p.m.	5th Quarter
Oct. 25, Suncay	4:00 p.m.	Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m.	Omega PYF
Oct. 29, Thursday	TBA	Scarowinds
Oct. 31, Saturday	5:00 p.m.	All Saints Eve

Operation Christmas Child

Everyone in our church family is invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, by packing shoe boxes for needy children around the world. In order to help in this hands-on project, we will pack boxes together following the November 15 church luncheon. Between now and then, you can help by shopping for the following items, then bringing them to church for a “Shoe Box Packing Event.”

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

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pads, paper, coloring books, etc.

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

Other: hard candy (not chocolate), lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights and batteries, ball caps, socks, toy jewelry, watches, etc.

Please do not include the following: used items, war-related items, perishable items, liquids, medicines, or breakable items.

Donation boxes will be available in the church office, parlor, and fellowship hall. Please be generous as you shop for these children around the world. Even the smallest toy or new coloring book can make a difference to children in war-torn areas, or to children whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters.

In addition, you may want to volunteer at the Charlotte Processing Center on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., where shoe boxes are processed for shipment overseas. More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

You may find more information about Operation Christmas Child at www.samaritanspurse.org.



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

From the Budget & Finance Committee:



YTD Budget through 8/31/09 = \$513,547.00

YTD Deficit through 8/31/09 = \$23,328.00



October

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<p style="text-align: center;">Communion 4</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship</p> <p>2:00pm Presbyterian Women's Gathering 4:00pm Alpha PYF 5:00pm Omega PYF</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>2:00pm Library Committee</p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday FOCUS</p>
<p>8:00am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast 11 9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship with MSM Handbells 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry at the home of Thelma Vaughan 4:00pm Alpha PYF 5:00pm Omega PYF 5:00pm Diaconate 7:00pm Committee Meetings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>2:00pm Circle No. 1 in the parlor 6:15pm Circle No. 3 at the home of Kim Streb 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>10:00am Circle No. 4 at the home of M. Sanders 12:00pm Circle No. 5 at the home of 2:00pm Circle No. 6 in the parlor 7:00pm Circle No. 2 in the library 7:00pm Tuesday FOCUS</p>
<p>9:00am Early Worship 18 10:00am First Family Celebration 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship with Logos Choir</p>  <p>4:00pm Alpha PYF 5:00pm Omega PYF</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>10:00am Logos Council meeting 6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>  <p>10:30am Exploring Our Reformed Faith Group 12:30pm Saints Alive Luncheon 7:00pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Tuesday FOCUS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Communion 25</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship</p> <p>4:00pm Alpha PYF 5:00pm Omega PYF</p> <p>7:00pm Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>6:15pm Exaltation Ringers 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday FOCUS</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>009</h1>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;">Fire Department visits Preschool @ 9:30 a.m.</div> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home 10:45am Saints Alive to Lazy 5 Ranch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of F. Gardner 4:00pm Logos/MSM 50" Sock Hop Night 6:15pm HS SupperClub at Wendy's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Fun & Fellowship</p> <p>6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos/MSM Movies/Hollywood Night 6:15pm HS SupperClub at Cici's 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos/MSM Nascar Night 6:15pm HS SupperClub at Taco Bell 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00pm Logos/MSM Masquerade Madness 6:15pm HS SupperClub at What-A-Burger 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;">Preschool Petting Zoo</div> <p>TBA PYF to Scarowinds</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Saints Eve</p>  <p>5:00pm All Saints Eve Celebration in FH</p>
<p>Saints Alive Beach Trip</p>			

Saints A live

A Trip to Lazy 5 Ranch Planned

Join the Saints Alive group as we make a trip to nearby Lazy 5 Ranch, a "Drive Through Animal Park," on Thursday, October 1. The Lazy 5 is a privately owned exotic animal park that offers a 3.5 mile safari, with over 750 animals from 6 different continents. We will be touring the park in a horse-drawn wagon, or you may drive your own car through the park. Following our "safari," we will enjoy a box picnic lunch at Sloan Park. It will be a real adventure, so be sure to dress comfortably and casually. Meet at the church at 10:45 a.m.; we plan to return to church by 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 for the Lazy 5 + box lunch cost (cost to be determined).



Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) by Tuesday, September 29, to make a reservation.

Myrtle Beach Trip Upcoming

Twenty-nine Saints are registered for the annual Saints Alive beach trip to Island Vista in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Tuesday, October 27, through Friday, October 30. Final payments for show tickets and room reservations should be made prior to leaving for the trip; checks should be earmarked "Saints Alive Beach Trip."

October Luncheon Features Airline and Travel Security

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come join church friends for a delicious lunch, enjoyable conversation and fellowship, and an interesting program.



This month's program will be presented by Carol Lindsey with Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Ms. Lindsey will discuss airline security and tips for smooth travel during these days of increased security.

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

Save the Date:

Thursday, November 19

Trip to "Taste of Christmas" Southern Christmas Show at The Park in Charlotte (formerly Charlotte Merchandise Mart)



Walk Thru Bethlehem 2009

Friday, December 4 and 11 6-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 and 12 4-9:00 p.m.

Join us in this great multi-church event at Camp Wesley, 3090 Deal Road, Mooresville! We expect more than 3000 visitors this year. Here's a tremendous opportunity to use your many gifts and talents. Help others find their way to Bethlehem ...and to Christ! Plan now to attend... Volunteer now to help!

There are plenty of opportunities to serve starting *right now*, as well as during the event! Setup and construction dates are being scheduled. The advertising and promotion is beginning. The excitement is building. Be a part of it! For more information or to volunteer in any capacity, contact Liz Rader (704-664-1772), Jill Herring (704-664-2704) or Jean Coates (704-663-2114). Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Promotion
- Acting
- Prayer
- Food Prep
- Construction
- Greeters
- Evangelism
- Donations of funds or materials
- Costumes
- Props
- Parking



Births in the Church Family

The First Pres Family would like to welcome two new babies to our family. Caroline Taylor McMillan was born to Kristen and Thomas McMillan and Elliott Xavier Domske was born to Adrien and Tyler Domske. Both babies arrived on September 18 a few hours apart! Our sincere congratulations go out to both of these families.

Churchmouse News

Student Addresses Needed! Churchmice Needed!

We have gotten only seven addresses of college students so far this year and only 8 Churchmice. We NEED both desperately if we are going to continue this program. Even if your student has the same address as last year, please let us know this. We will send the Churchmice their student's name and address as soon as we obtain them. Please consider serving First Presbyterian this year by being a Churchmouse. And parents, please send us your child's address so we can get the program started. Thanks! Call Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992, Eleanor Templeton at 704- 987-1309, or the church office at 704-664-5275. Thanks again!



Eleanor and Carolyn

Logos/MSM

Logos/MSM is off to a great start. We've had lots of fun our first month and have some great pictures to show for it. Elaine Drye has volunteered to be the official photographer for Logos/MSM this year and we are grateful for her help. Keep an eye on the Logos/MSM bulletin board for recent pictures of kids in costume and having fun! Our themes for the month of October are:

- 10/7 50's Sock Hop
- 10/14 Movie/Hollywood Night
- 10/21 Nascar
- 10/28 Masquerade Madness

We would love to have volunteers come share their expertise with some of the kids. If you are an expert at baking cakes, identifying snakes or anything in between and care to share your knowledge or skill, please contact Gretchen Little (704-528-9796) or Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393). Information sharing sessions can be limited to as few or as many weeks as you feel necessary. The kids will sign up so class size would be limited to the appropriate number.

Thank You...

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who remembered us with all of your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and delicious food while I was in the hospital and recovering from a heart attack. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Willie & Paul Allison

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes this month at the home of Thelma Vaughan on Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m. For directions, please call Thelma at 704-664-6006.

The upcoming meetings will be scheduled at various times due to prescheduled church activities, so be sure to watch the calendar.



We'd love to have anyone join us who enjoys crocheting and knitting. We primarily make shawls for shut-ins and blankets for babies. For more information call Jerilyn Fair, our Church Hostess at 704-663-7512.

Preschool News

September is always packed with fun activities as the children were studying *Cheers for Volunteers, Community Helpers, Making Friends, All About Me, Dinosaurs, Insects & Spiders, Birthdays, Apples* and sharing pictures of their home and family. We are thrilled with how well the children have 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 on our beautiful playground turf.

As we gear up for our busy holiday season we are looking forward to all of our October activities and units on *Leaves, Nature & Camping, Farm & Farm Animals and Harvest Time*. Please note that our **conference day will be Oct. 12**. Our **Farm Day** event will be on **Oct. 28 and 29**, and we will be having games, live farm animals and pony rides on Frisco and Odie at our lower field! Your child will be getting acquainted with a friendly group of goats (Mildred, Emma and Bucky), miniature horses (Charlie and Amber), donkeys (Clementine and Josie), and Mr. Piggy, the Guinea Pig. The Preschool will be **closed on Oct. 30**.



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

May We Introduce....

Tyler & Adrien would like to introduce the newest member of the FPC family, Elliott Xavier Domske. Elliott was born on Friday, September 18, at 2:07pm, measuring 7lbs, 14oz and 19 3/4 inches. Elliott has the privilege of sharing his birthday with Caroline Taylor McMillan, who was a mature four hours old when Elliott made his debut. The Domske's & McMillan's are currently in the middle of betrothal negotiations.

Adrien & Elliott are doing wonderfully, and the whole family is getting used to sleeping in bite sized amounts, 2-3 hours at a time. The dog and cats are also getting used to the new little man, and they seem quite interested. The snakes are fairly indifferent.

All three of us Domske's want to thank our FPC family for all of the prayers and support we are receiving during this time, and look forward to being able to introduce Elliott Xavier to you all in the near future. We have been overwhelmed by the love shown us by this community, and give glory to God for his blessings, not only of our son, but of this wonderful body of believers to which we belong. Thank you all so much!

In Christ,
Adrien, Tyler, and Elliott Xavier Domske



Presbyterian Men

The men of the church are invited to the October Men's Breakfast on Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our cooks will once again provide a hearty, delicious breakfast and our speaker will be

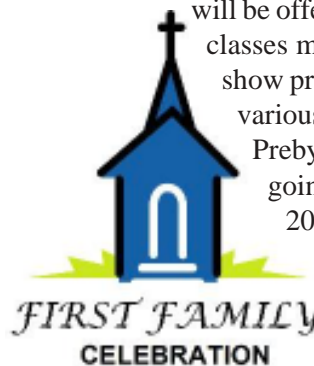


Dr. Stan Fuller from Salem Surgical Associates III Winston-Salem NC. Dr. Fuller is a Colo-rectal Surgeon and will talk to us about issues of the same. This information is vital to us and important to hear, so come out and enjoy great food, interesting information and terrific fellowship.

First Family Celebration

Everyone is invited to attend a congregational breakfast on Sunday, October 18, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be prepared by church hostess Jerilyn Fair, with assistance from Circle 1 and the Budget and Finance Committee. Church school classes

will be offered following breakfast, or classes may choose to stay for a slide show presentation featuring activities of various ministries and programs at First Prebyterian. Come see what's been going on at Logos/MSM, VBS 2009's Jungle Safari, PYF, Mission Trip to Washington, DC, Saints Alive, Camp Grier, Church School, Preschool, as well as other groups throughout the year. Cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 4-12. Children under 4 are free.



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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Early Worship
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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