

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER

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| 1 | Jean Cavin
Jeff Black
Betsey Neely | 5 | Chris Abernathy
Charlene Hager
Annalise Jessen | 11 | Ed Faggart
Debbie Smith |
| 2 | Nora Huss
Zachary Brown | 6 | Margaret Whitley
Libby Chaney | 12 | Janet Ratchford
Meredith Poole |
| 3 | Virginia Haley
Elizabeth Prather | 8 | Mary Black
Elmer Strickler | 13 | Jessica Caldwell |
| 4 | Judy Lucas
Lynn Burrell | 10 | Doris Herd | 14 | Sharon Morton
Victoria Teague |
| | | | | 15 | Kevin Rhyne |

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Worship 8:30 and 11:00 AM - Sunday School 9:45 AM - Evening Worship 6:30 PM

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THE CHURCH FAMILY

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We will observe

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday Evening, December 3rd

6:30 PM

Pastor

will lead the service.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

By Dan King

I invite you to join me as once again this Advent season as we ponder the incomprehensible reality of the Incarnation. How can it be that God became man?

The Gospel of John gives us the Christmas story from heaven’s point of view:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

I was reading pastor and author Leith Anderson’s experience of a few years ago. He was visiting Manila and was taken, of all places, to the Manila garbage dump. There he and saw something beyond belief.

“Tens of thousands of people make their homes on that dump site. They’ve constructed shacks out of the things other people have thrown away. And they send their children out early every morning to scavenge for food out of other people’s garbage, so they can have family meals.

“People have been born and grown up there on the garbage dump. They have had their families, their children, their shacks, their garbage to eat, finished out their lives, and died there without ever going anywhere else, even in the city of Manila.

“But Americans also live on the garbage dump. They are missionaries, Christians who have chosen to leave their own country and communicate the love of Jesus Christ to people who otherwise would never hear it. How amazing is that?! People would leave what we have to go and live on a garbage dump! Amazing, but not as amazing as the journey from heaven to earth.

“The Son of God made that journey, and he knew what he was doing. He knew where he was going. He knew what the sacrifice would be. He journeyed from heaven to earth on a mission to save the human race.”

I invite you to join me in the services of Advent each Sunday between now and Christmas. ***Veiled in flesh the Godhead see. Hail th’incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.***

Affectionately,



WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Memoriam
†
ERNEST LEE WYATT
October 1, 1926 – November 10, 2006

In Memoriam
†
MICHAEL LEE HENDERSON, SR.
November 28, 1950 – November 20, 2006

In addition to the deaths memorialized above, we also take note of the death of **Mattie Bright** of Gaffney, SC, mother of our member **Ruth Kerley**. Our condolences to **Ruth and Wayne** and the family.

Tommi Rust is recovering at home after recent surgery at Presbyterian Hospital. And Deacon **Johnny Smith** is scheduled for out-patient surgery on Wednesday of this week.

October Financial Report

Needed monthly for budget.....	51,405.57
Received in October for budget.....	57,784.88
Needed to date for budget.....	514,055.69
Received to date for budget.....	558,917.68
Received to date for Building Fund.....	3,518.17
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise.....	8,939.17
Received in October for Faith Promise.....	9,325.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	89,391.67
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	79,828.67

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the congregation at 10:30 AM, Sunday, December 3 in the sanctuary. This is for the purpose of electing elders and deacons to the class of 2009 and electing three members of the Board of Directors of the Stanley Total Living Center.

Biographical sketches of the elder and deacon candidates were included in the last edition of The Church Family newsletter and will also be provided with your worship bulletin on November 26. Photographs of the candidates are posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

COMMUNITY ADVENT SERIES

The Community Lenten Series hosted at various Stanley Churches was so successful last spring that a similar series of worship services is being offered during Advent. These Advent services will be held from 12:00 noon to 12:30 PM each Wednesday and followed by a light lunch. The opening event is November 29th at First United Methodist Church, Stanley. First Baptist Church will be the site for the service of December 6. Locations for December 13 and 20 will be announced later.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box ministry is well underway. We have already begun to receive shoe boxes filled with lots of fun things.

If you have not already picked up a label or two, please do so. The box labels are available on Scott's bulletin board. Shoe boxes should be filled with items that are both fun and necessary. The main goal is to communicate God's love to children around the globe through a Christmas gift.

Boxes are due in Scott's office on or before Sunday, Dec. 10th. The youth will deliver them to the warehouse on their service project. Thank you for your participation!!



Live Christmas Scenes December 21 and 22



It's time to sign up for participation in the Live Christmas scenes. We need many participants to make this a success. There are opportunities for everyone! For details and sign-up sheets, see the bulletin board across from the secretary's office.

What a way to celebrate this glorious time of the year by helping us convey the true meaning of Christmas in hopes of reaching the lost in our community.



YOUTH NEWS AT A GLANCE

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events. We will be discussing and planning for these events, as well as enjoying a great time of Bible study and fellowship, at the youth meetings. Be sure to attend the meetings so you won't miss out!

- December 6th: Float in the Stanley Christmas Parade
- December 10th, 6:00 - 7:30: Christmas Party
- December 13th, 3:00 - 9:00 PM: Operation Christmas Child
- January 26 - 27th: Ski Retreat

Looking forward to an eventful Holiday season.



SOAR News

Men's Basketball – Open Gym

Beginning in December, the gym will be open on Friday nights at 7:00pm for men's basketball, ages 15 and over.

Contact Grover Rodgers for more info – 704.263.4927.

2006 Basketball Finale—Saturday, December 2nd

Thank you for participating in our basketball league this year! We're approaching the final 2 weeks of the season and wanted to share details of the finale with you.

6-9 year old division – 9:30 AM- 11:00AM

Timothy Barton will be our guest speaker. Timothy is a member here at First Presbyterian Church, and is attending Seminary School to become a Pastor. He and his wife, Caryann, hope to serve as missionaries in Brazil. He has been involved with the Sports Ministry as a player and a Shepard Coach. He is currently an Intern at FPC and serves on the SOAR committee as a pastor/advisor. We are blessed for him to take timeout to speak at our finale!

10-12 Boys, 13-15 Boys, 10-16 Girls – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Mr. Bobby Jones will be our guest speaker. Bobby Jones played three seasons at The University of North Carolina. He was most remembered for his hustle, team play, and his defensive prowess. Because of these traits, the Houston Rockets drafted him, in 1974. Soon after, the Denver nuggets acquired him and he began his long illustrious pro career. He eventually went on to play for the Philadelphia 76'ers, and along side of Dr. J and Moses Malone, won a World Championship in 1983.

Today he lives in Charlotte and is co-founder with his ministry "2Xsalt". Their mission is to reach out to the youth and families of the community and spread God's Word.

DECEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

- Dec. 3:** 1. Ron & Debbie Smith
2. Sherry & Jill Wagstaff
6:15 PM - Lauren & Isaiah Nelson
- Dec. 10:** 1. Judy Billings
2. Cathy & Anna Rhyne
5:45 PM - Sherry Teague
- Dec. 17:** 1. Ron & Karen Ensley
2. Barbara Graham and Kary Kopka
5:45 PM - Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 24:** 1. Sally & Dawn Ormsby
2. Donna & David Hill
5:45 PM - Sharon Morton and Sandy Lasley
- Dec. 31:** 1. Jodie & Kate Graham
2. Lisa & Lauren Greene
5:45 PM - Sharon Morton and Sandy Lasley

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

- Dec. 3:** Jimmie Mitchell
Dec. 10: Dan Ormsby
Dec. 17: Robert Rhyne
Dec. 24: Scott Deneen
Dec. 31: Dave Nelson

2007 PRAYING AND GIVING COMMITMENTS

God is good...all the time. FPC members continue to show their commitment to our world evangelism efforts. The latest totals reflect these commitments:

Praying regularly for missionaries in 2007: 270

Faith-Promise giving for missions in 2007: \$130,883.00 • This exceeds our top goal!

You are encouraged to prayerfully consider your commitments for praying and giving. It's not too late to express your commitments by filling out the appropriate commitment card(s) and placing in the offering plate.