

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH

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| 1 Jennifer Hall
Debbie Harper
Jason Herd
Marcia Rhyne | 6 Kristen Cozart
Dee Hager
Adelee Stewart | 12 Mike Prather |
| 2 Tom Barton
Wayne Friday
Sandy Lasley | 7 Kelly Brown
Steve Brown
Dan King | 13 Jimmy abernathy
Garry Lucas
Kim Tyler |
| 3 Lyndsey Greeson | 11 Clifford Bryant
Travis Dean | 15 Jeff Skidmore |
| 4 Wes Marsh | | |



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THE CHURCH FAMILY

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2009 Stanley Community Lenten Series

*Each Wednesday at 12 noon
 beginning February 25th*



The half-hour worship service will be followed by a light lunch at the host church.

Lenten Service Lunch locations are as follows:

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| February 25th | First United Methodist Church |
| March 4th | Christ's Lutheran Church |
| March 11th | First Presbyterian Church |
| March 18th | Mt. Pleasant United Methodist |
| March 25th | First Baptist Church |
| April 1st | Stanley Pentecostal Holiness |

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. — Galatians 6:10

God’s people are called upon to demonstrate His mercy and compassion to the needy around them, and to show special concern for fellow church members. The consequences of our deteriorating economy are being felt increasingly in recent days, both near and far. It is important that we all be familiar with the helping ministries operating here at FPC, in case we need them ourselves or wish to refer acquaintances from the community for help. Two such ministries are currently in place.

The Church Family Emergency Assistance Fund is for members and regular attendees of First Presbyterian Church. Cash gifts from this fund are made to members facing financial emergencies. This fund is supplied by special offerings from the congregation which are called for as needed. To preserve confidentiality, the fund is administered at the sole discretion of only two of our church officers – the Deacons Chairman (Jan Williams) and the Treasurer (Gary Neely). Church members wishing to apply for assistance may contact either of these men (or any deacon) with confidence that their dignity and privacy will be maintained.

The Mercy Ministry Fund aids residents of the Stanley community who ordinarily do not attend our church. This fund covers necessary expenses like rent, utilities, fuel, and medicine. We also offer groceries through our food pantry. Deacons and their assistants who make up our Mercy Ministry Team screen each request and make judgments on a case-by-case basis. Priority is given to residents of Stanley and the immediate area, since those living elsewhere likely have other options in their own community. These Mercy Ministries are funded as a line item in the church budget (\$7,500 this year) and through your donations to the food pantry.

I’m glad to belong to a church which ministers the mercy of Christ to both church and community. Join me in praying for those deacon servants who take the responsibility to administer these programs for us and in the name of Jesus.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Kate Clingerman Meeks’ father-in-law, Larry Meeks passed away on January 28. Also, **George Robinson’s** sister, Marjorie Smith passed away at the Stanley Total Living Center on February 9. This was **Bill Robinson’s** aunt. Our condolences go out to these families.

Kavin Garrison had a brief stay in Gaston Memorial Hospital earlier this week. **Deanna Lamb** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on Thursday, 2/19.

Congratulations to **Ryan Grice** who took first place honors in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest. Ryan won the 8-9 year-old boys competition for the state of North Carolina. He will now have an opportunity to compete in the regional championships on March 21 in Frederick, MD.

Communicants’ Class



The New Communicants’ class starts Saturday, February 28, 8:30 - 10:30. Other classes will be held on March 14, March 28, and April 11. Contact Pastor Dave if you have any questions.

The WIC Kitchen Coordinator has expressed a need for some small plastic food containers for Founders Hall kitchen. The next time you empty a margarine, sandwich meat container, or something of the sorts, instead of throwing it away, please bring it to Founders Hall Kitchen



JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	57,540.50
Received in January for budget.....	47,584.95
Needed to date for budget.....	57,540.50
Received to date for budget	47,584.95
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise	11,791.67
Received in January for Faith Promise	12,497.62
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	11,791.67
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	12,747.62

MARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

- March 1:** 1. Andy and Gina Tinsley
2. Wendy Ham and boys

6:15 PM - Sherry Teague

- March 8:** 1. Jody and Kate Graham
2. Judy Billings

5:45 PM - Jamie and Lisa Revels

- March 15:** 1. Ron and Karen Ensley
2. Bobby and Monnie Blackman

5:45 PM - Sharon Morton

- March 22:** 1. Dean and Libby Chaney
2. Ginny Haley

5:45 PM - Lisa Grice

- March 29:** 1. Kary Kopka & Barbara Graham
2. Marcia Rhyne

5:45 PM - Monnie Blackman

11:00 AM

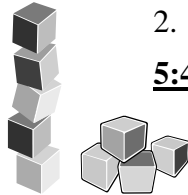
1. Charlene Schrum and Nora Huss
2. Janice and Allison Huss

1. Ed and Onie Kasper
2. Sandy and Rebecca Lasley

1. Craig and Susan Mesimer
2. Chuck and Jonan Bynum

1. Marsha Skidmore and Sharon Herd
2. Josh and Stacy Hall

1. Helen Lieurance and Ann Davis
2. Marianne and Michelle Magill



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

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| March 1: Rick Herd | March 22: Ed Faggart |
| March 8: Andy Leonard | March 29: Allen Stowe |
| March 15: Jimmie Mitchell | |

A Soldier and his Bride

Because you have shared in our lives
By your friendship and love
You are invited to join us

Jacklyn Nicole O'Brien

&

Morgan Thomas Huss
Specialist US Army
As we are united
In Holy Matrimony
On Saturday,
28 March 2009
At two o'clock in the afternoon
Calvary Baptist Church
493 Calvary Church Road
Lincolnton, North Carolina
Reception to follow

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Ladies, please join us in March at one of our four circle groups:

Monday, March 2

10 a.m. Esther Circle meets in the church parlor.

7 p.m. Ruth Circle (Monnie Blackman, leader) meets at the home of Vicki Murphy

Reading Circle meets in the church parlor with Cathy Peterson as hostess.

Tuesday, March 3

7 p.m. Elizabeth Circle (Gina Tinsley, leader) meets at the home of Tommi Rust.

NOTE: The **WIC Council meeting** for March has been moved to Sunday, **3/22**.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Families and Friends,

The Church is a group of people called out of the world and into a relationship with the Triune God through faith in Jesus Christ. We are worshiping community at our core/being. The Church is those people (past, present, future) on whom God set His love before the foundation of the world and for whom He sent His Son to save. We are those people who the Holy Spirit has “born again” and who God has eternally adopted into His family as children & heirs.

What an amazing and gracious salvation and an even more amazing God. Have you taken time lately to meditate on all God is and has done to accomplish your salvation? Often our joy and motivation is directly tied to our comprehension of God’s justifying grace. When we understand His mercy and love, our lives are full of love for Him, desire to serve Him, and an abundance of worship for Him.

Therefore, in Ephesians 3, Paul says this, “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Take some time this week to think deeply about God’s love for you (sg.) in Christ and then respond to Him appropriately. He is worthy!

Blessings,



MERCY MINISTRIES

Thank you for your faithfulness in filling our **Food Pantry**. Please continue to bring in items as you can. Suggested items include:



crackers	peanut butter	spaghetti	canned meat/fish
macaroni & cheese	soups	spaghetti sauce	canned vegetables

Thank you for your continued support!

Youth Soccer (ages 4 ½ - 11)

Soccer Committee Mark Harper(Chairman), Bobby & Monnie Blackman, Jon Petersohn

Field Workday Saturday, March 14th

Registration Day Saturday, March 28th from 10:30am-12:00pm

Opportunities Skills and/or Spiritual Shepherd Coaching—A 3-5 hr. commitment each week.
Officials—A 1-2 hr. commitment each week

Pre-Registration Open now for FPC members and staff.

Pick up registration form in the Church office or online www.fpcstanley.org).

Turn Registration forms into Church Office or any committee member

With Loving Thanks

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for all the acts of kindness you showed Jim and me. The Christmas flower, cards, visits and prayers have meant a lot to us. Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Jim and Dorcas Murphy

Dear FPC family,

The family of Doris Kee Austin Rhyne gratefully acknowledge your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, genuine love, food, cards, memorials, flowers, visits, and telephone calls. Your many kindnesses during our time of loss were simply overwhelming and lifted our spirits and thankfulness for being part of such a caring church family.

Alfred Rhyne

Kevin Rhyne and family

SOAR NEWS

Why We Do What We Do...by Debbie Harper, SOAR Coordinator

The SOAR committee met Monday night and even as I'm writing this, I'm thanking God for all those He chose to provide oversight to this ministry. These are godly men and women who are dedicated to seeking God's will for SOAR. These folks help us maintain a healthy balance between providing an excellent sports program and intentional evangelism.

Scott Burgess	Andy Leonard
Ron Ensley	Marcia Rhyne
Mike Gamage	Grover Rodgers
Melodie Garrison	Johnny Smith
Mark Harper	Kevin Yoder

Colossians 3:23

**Whatever you do, work at it with
all your heart, as working for the
Lord, not men.**

SOAR League Verse

We had a great meeting last night discussing oversight, budget, capital expenses, youth and adult sports and summer camp... but the best part for me was the prayer time at the beginning of the meeting. As others prayed, I could feel God's presence with us. That's why we do what we do ... because we know that God is right there with us! By His grace, the ministry continues to be successful and we look forward to what He has in store for us this year.

It is our hope to glorify God in all that we do. Since 1991, the Sports Outreach And Recreation (SOAR) ministry here at FPC has provided a quality sports program to our community. Today, the international language of sports is used year-round to "share the love of Jesus Christ" with more than 550 players and their families. What a wonderful opportunity and privilege for us!

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Thursdays, 7pm

Attn: Youth Volleyball Prayer Partners

- Thank you for continuing to lift up this ministry in prayer. Here are a few specific requests:
- Pray for our Shepherd Coaches as they continue to build relationships with the players and their families.
 - Pray that God will provide them opportunities to share the love of Jesus.
 - Pray for the Volleyball Committee as they continue to do an excellent job overseeing the ministry.
 - Pray for our Keynote Speaker, Chris Graham, as he begins to prepare for the Finale the weekend of March 14th.

BARTON BROADCAST

FEBRUARY 16, 2009

The Apostle Paul pleaded with God to remove the thorn in his flesh, but God answered him in 2 Cor. 12:9 saying, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." At hearing this Paul says, "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." We are reminded daily of our weaknesses realizing that we cannot effectively reach this culture where God has placed us. The truth is in our weakness we cannot do anything effective here. However, God continues to remind me as we pray that he is going to use us as we are faithful to live out the Gospel and tell this culture the good news when we have the opportunity.

As we have prayed for his leading over the last month, God has been faithful despite our weakness. I have had the opportunity to share the truth of Jesus Christ twice as I led the chapel service for Snow Basin ski resort; I was privileged to share the Gospel with six guys at a used car lot as I was looking for a car. I have had opportunity to remind a family in our church of God's grace as they suffer through family loss and hardship, and we are seeking to live out the Gospel as we teach our youth from ages 9-17 how to interact with one another. We are also beginning to have opportunity to talk with our neighbors in some casual conversations. In short, God reminds us that we are weak, but he is gracious and merciful to give us glimpses of what he can and will do through us. His power is made perfect in our weakness.

On the family front, we continue to praise God for all the blessings in our lives. We are thankful for a healthy pregnancy thus far for Caryann. We praise God that Garrison turns two this week...some of you are asking, "that is a praise?" All in all, we are adapting to our lives here in Utah. God is good!

Please take a moment to review our prayer requests. We need your prayers! We would love to be praying for you as well. If you would like, please send your requests to the email or mailing address below.

Prayer Requests


That God will show us our weaknesses and make us better servants as we trust in his power
That our love for those who do not know the Lord in Utah will be ever growing as we grow to know the Lord better ourselves

That God will provide regular appointments for us with those who do not know him

That we would be intentional to tell others the truth about Jesus

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March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4:15 Choir Group III 5:30 Fellowship meal 6:30 Communion	2 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Hannah Circle Reading Circle Ruth Circle	3 7:00 Elizabeth Circle	4 12:00 Lenten Srvc/Lunch- Christ's Lutheran	5 7:00 Adult Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	6	7 8:00-9:30 Men's Bible Study
8 Daylight Savings Time begins 3:00 MTW Committee Mtg 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II	9	10	11 12:00 Lenten Srvc/Lunch- First Presbyterian	12 7:00 Adult Volleyball	13 Volleyball Finale	14 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 8:30 Communicants' Class Volleyball Finale
15 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II	16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	17	18 12:00 Lenten Srvc/Lunch- Mt. Pleasant UMC	19 7:00 Children's Min. Team 7:30 Session Meeting	20 7:00 Men's Conference	21 ← Mission Trip to Haiti → 7:00 Men's Conference
22 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II	23 9:00 Golden Heirs	24	25 12:00 Lenten Srvc/Lunch- First Baptist	26	27	28 8:30 Communicant's Class 8:30 Soccer Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Soccer Registration 
29 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II	30 6:30 Soccer Orientation	31				

Other Dates To Remember

Thursday, February 19
7:00 Children's Ministry Team Meeting
7:30 Session Meeting

Saturday, February 21
12:00 Paraguay Mission Team Luncheon

Sunday, February 22
4:30 WIC Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 25
12:00 Lenten Service/Lunch at First United Methodist Church

Saturday, February 28
8:30 - 10:30 Communicants' Class begins

Sunday, March 1

We will have a covered dish meal at 5:30.

At 6:30, we will observe The Lord's Supper.

