

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1 Janet Devir  
Clayton Harper  
Rebekah Leonard  
Debbie Moss  
Chris Redding

3 Emma Harper  
Lauren Harper  
Beau Friday  
Hudson Rick

5 Martha Sue Mitchell  
Roy Redding

6 Roger Wagstaff

7 Parke Sweigart

12 Fred Haithcox

14 Diane Rhyne

15 Kara Evans  
Marianne Magill

2 Jeremy Addington  
Doris Bynum  
Lindsey Chaney  
Dicky Franks  
Mike Smith



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*Presenting Everyone  
Complete in Christ*

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Promotion Sunday and  
Sunday School Breakfast  
August 30<sup>th</sup>



Breakfast will be from 9:15 - 10:00. If you come to the late service, please come to the breakfast at 9:15. Promotion Sunday Celebration will be in Founders Hall from 10:05 - 10:45. Do not go to your Sunday School classrooms.



Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
will be observed September 6<sup>th</sup>  
during both morning services

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

When the early church there in Jerusalem wanted to have a fellowship meal, they couldn't exactly rent the Holiday Inn banquet room. Their large group gatherings were on the temple grounds. (After all, they had been gathering there for "church" for over a thousand years.) But for their "together time" – dining together, experiencing community – what? Here's how the question is answered in Acts 2: **They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God....**

From day-one, home groups were part of church life. And so it is here at FPC today. Our home groups (called Care Groups) are about to kick off for a new church year. I hope you will seriously consider being part of one. Care Groups are where we get very serious about building relationships. Meeting with the same small group of friends week after week develops friendship, deepens trust, builds community, establishes networks of support. And everybody needs that (and if truth is told, everybody *wants* that.)

It's been amazing to stand back and watch the ways Care Group members have ministered to one another over the years. (Here are some actual stories, but with names changed to protect privacy.)

When Irma began having health problems there was a time when she couldn't drive. Her Care Group members saw to it that she had a ride to Care Group and to church (and often to the doctor) whenever she needed it.

Max was seriously injured in an accident. When he finally was released from the hospital his Care Group met him at home to set up temporary medical assistance. They built a wheelchair ramp, provided meals and sitter service, even investigated remodeling a bathroom to accommodate Max's needs.

Ken's mother died. At her funeral it was Care Group members who showed up to give support.

When Liz was diagnosed with cancer, the word went out first via email to all her Care Group members. In those sensitive early days, she knew she had faithful prayer partners.

These are just a few snapshots of Christian community at its best. I want that for you and for all of us here at FPC. Care Group is the most likely place for it to happen.

Affectionately,  
*Dan*

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sincere condolences of the church family are offered to **Ronnie and Debbie Smith, Julianne, Heather, Morgan,** and the entire family in the death of Ronnie's mother. **Mrs. Hazel Smith** of Mt. Holly passed away August 13 on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We also extend sympathies to **Barbara Wallace, Ed Wallace, Danny Wallace, Joyce Wallace Burt, Vicki Wallace Barton** and family in the death of **Pauline Wallace Crouse** who died August 8. Mrs. Crouse, 84 of Denver NC, was sister-in-law to Barbara and aunt to the others named above.

**Frankie Henderson** is back at home following a two-night stay in the hospital for surgery. Continue to uphold this dear sister in prayer as she recovers.

A number of our members in the "college and career" age bracket enjoyed homemade ice cream and a little fellowship prior to the start of another school year. We wish all our students well, especially those living away from home whom we see only occasionally.

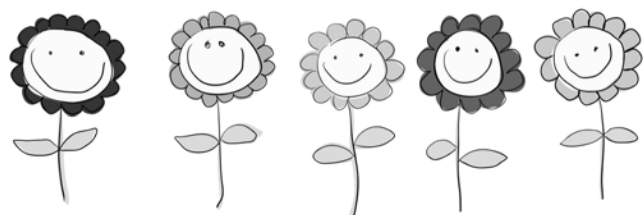
## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	57,540.50
Received in July for budget .....	48,610.94
Needed to date for budget .....	402,783.53
Received to date for budget .....	411,388.47
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise.....	12,782.83
Received in July for Faith Promise.....	6,603.49
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	89,479.83
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	80,120.69

# SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
<b>Sept 6:</b>	Ronnie and Debbie Smith No evening service	Ed and Onie Kasper
<b>Sept 13:</b>	No 8:30 service today. <u>5:45 PM</u> - Jamie and Lisa Revels	Josh and Stacy Hall
<b>Sept 20:</b>	Dean and Libby Chaney <u>5:45 PM</u> - Sharon Morton	Helen Lieurance and Ann Davis
<b>Sept 27:</b>	Bobby and Monnie Blackman <u>5:45 PM</u> - Sherry Teague	Marianne and Michelle Magill



### CHILDREN'S SERMONS

*Due to special services on September 6 and 13, there will not be a children's message.*


**September 20:** Scott Burgess      **September 27:** Chris Graham

# A Day of Celebration

## Sunday, September 13


A celebration in honor of Pastor Dan and Carol King for their 20 years of ministry among us...and....Homecoming for the church family! Don't miss it!!





**It's time again to create an address list for college students and verify those in the military.**

Please place this completed form on Sandra's desk or call the church office.\*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please respond even if the address has not changed to ensure our list is accurate and complete..*

# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Parents,

Many parents are baffled by their kids when they reach the Teen years. Kids change so dramatically that they're almost unrecognizable – physically, emotionally, verbally, etc.. However, there is the possibility for understanding them – and hopefully enabling them to thrive spiritually during those tumultuous years. How?

Well, on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, nationally known speaker and author Mark DeVries will be at Stonebridge Church (PCA) in north Charlotte. He will be leading a seminar called “Understanding Your Teenager.” The seminar is from 9am to 12noon. Mark will present material that will enlighten adults about the heart & psyche of teens.

If you have never heard of Mark DeVries, he is the author of the books *Family Based Youth Ministry* and *Sustainable Youth Ministry*. He has served at First Presbyterian in Nashville, Tennessee for over 20 years as the Associate Pastor of Youth and Families. He also has three children - two who are grown and another who is 19 – so he is very qualified to speak to parents on this subject.

**Questions to be addressed at the conference:** What kind of behavior should I expect from my teenager? What should I do when my teenager refuses to participate in family activities? Is teenage rebellion inevitable? How can it be prevented? How do I keep conflict with my teenager from disrupting our family life? How can I help my teenager choose the right friends? How can I help my teenager become a more self-reliant person? How can I help my teenager make good decisions about sex?

“Understanding Your Teenager” is open to parents, ministry leaders, coaches, and volunteers. Really, anyone ministering to teens is highly encouraged to attend.

The cost is \$15.50/person for individuals or groups under 20. My hope, however, is to take more than twenty and get the group rate of \$7/person.

If you're interested in attending the seminar or have further questions, please call me at (704) 263-4275 or Tim Mascara (Assistant Pastor at Stonebridge) at (704) 562-7402.

Hoping you'll join me for this valuable seminar!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed. Night Youth begins – Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

Church-wide camping trip – Sept. 4-7 Briar Bottom Campground, Mt. Mitchell

Sunday Night Youth begins – Sept 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

# WIC NEWS

## SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

### **Monday, September 14**

**10 a.m.** Esther Circle meets in the Church Parlor

**7 p.m.** Readers Circle meets at the home of Lennie Burrell

**Ruth Circle** meets at the home of Susan Mesimer

### **Tuesday, September 15**

**7 p.m.** Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Sherry Teague

**NOTE:** September's lesson will be from chapters 12 and 13.

\*\*There are a number of copies of “Having a Mary Spirit” by Joanna Weaver available for sale at a cost of \$10.00 each. See Sandra in the church office to purchase one.



Join the Women of the Church for our fall trip to

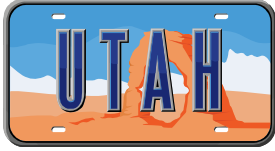
**Flat Rock Playhouse**

**November 21**

to see “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.”

We have tickets reserved for 40 adults (\$15.00 each) and 10 children (\$6.00 each). **Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve, prepaid basis.** See Vicki Murphy or SaDara Tilley to order your tickets.

Details on departure time, lunch plans, and time of return will be announced later.



**NEWS FROM  
JORDAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Tim and Vicki Barton**

Jordan Presbyterian had an OUTREACH WEEKEND on July 31 and August 1. Tim writes: Thank you for praying for us. On Friday night we had a very good turnout from people in our neighborhood. We had a cookout in the parking lot and met lots of new folks. Some were looking for a church home and they were a very spiritually diverse group.

On Saturday our "Beach Day" VBS went very well. We had 13 children 7 who live in the neighborhood around us. They heard the gospel and we taught them a new song. You might know it – "Jesus Loves Me." Half of the children had never heard of it.

These are still baby steps but please pray that we will have open doors for our message as God protects our hearts from fear and pride.

Also if you would please begin to pray about something else. We are very close to needing more room. Summer is a difficult time to gauge this, but I think sooner than later we are going to have to either do 2 services (not our first choice at our size) or expand our seating capacity. We are getting a group of our men together to work on this.

Pray for us to have wisdom and good sense and God's timing.

**SOAR NEWS**

**YOUTH BASEBALL**

**Thoughts on the 19th Baseball Finale-- (by Chris Graham)**

Our season finales share several common elements: trophy presentations, team pictures, great guest speakers, etc. But one big item that all of our finales have in common hit me on Saturday----and that is, we're all one family. In that gym, on that field, and even in the parking lot, it dawned on me that no matter where life takes us after the equipment closet is locked and the lights turned off....we Christians (including NINE new commitments to Christ!) will ALWAYS be connected. Imagine you have 30 pebbles in your hand---then scatter them as far as you can throw them. Some fall near your feet, while others travel a great distance. It's the same with our young Christian players and their families---some will stay in Stanley their whole life, while others may travel to the other side of the world...but we will ALWAYS be family--family that has our heavenly Father looking over us. That's what hit me. How great is our God that He gives us the opportunity to build such a family---forever!

**At the Baseball Finale, parents were asked "If (and why) they would recommend this league to a friend". Here are a few of the responses:**

*"This was the best experience we've ever had in a sports league."*

*"Very good organization - we just moved here and this church was very welcoming."*

*"My children never played before this season & coach made sure that they were successful and spent extra time with them. Also, my son has cerebral palsy and coach built his confidence by teaching him well."*

*"Great sports program - learned a lot about God and a lot about baseball."*

*"This has been a blessed experience for our child, not only in sports but spiritual as well. A big THANK YOU to the coaches & church for a wonderful job."*

*"The focus here is on skill development, getting to know God's word and having fun!"*

**YOUTH BASKETBALL/CHEERLEADING**

Basketball / Cheerleading Sign-Ups are scheduled for Sept. 12th. FPC staff and church members can pre-register now for Basketball (co-ed, ages 6-14) and Cheerleading (girls, ages 6-12). Registration forms can be found on-line or on the brochure display in the main hallway - simply complete the application and put in Debbie Harper's box. This is a great opportunity to ensure your child's participation and avoid registration lines.

Prayerfully consider your involvement this season. There are many places for you to plug in: Coaching (skills or spiritual), Refereeing, or Scorekeeping. Contact Grover Rodgers (basketball) or Melodie Garrison (cheer) for more information.

**Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston Co., Inc.**



**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life  
Friday, September 11, 2009  
4:00-8:30pm**

**Location: Crisis Pregnancy Center, 800 Robinson Road**

**Would you like to be a sponsor? Would you like to WALK?**

**Call Thea Friesenhahn (704-263-7259) or the church office for more information!**

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Preschool begins	3	4	5 7:00 Officer Training 8:00-9:30 Men's Bible Study
			7:00 DiscipleMaker Training	7:30 Officers' Prayer	← Church-wide camping trip →	
6 AM Communion  5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Choir Group II  ← Church-wide camping trip →	7  <b>Labor Day</b>  Church Office and CDC closed	8	9 Care Groups resume  6:30 Youth Group	10	11	12 7:00 Deacons' Mtg. Officer Training  8:30 Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Basketball  Registration
13 <b>Pastor Dan's 20th Anniversary Celebration</b> 4:00 MTW Committee Mtg 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II <i>Care Grps and Sunday Evening schedule resume</i>	14 10:00 Esther Circle  6:30 Basketball Orientation 7:00 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	15	16 6:30 Youth Group	17 7:00 Children's Min Team 7:30 Session Meeting	18	19 7:00 Officer Training
20 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II	21 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	22	23 6:30 Youth Group	24	25	26 7:00 Officer Training
27 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 4:45 Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 Choir Group III 6:15 Choir Group II	28 9:00 Golden Heirs	29	30 6:30 Youth Group			

## Upcoming Dates To Remember

### Thursday, Aug. 20

7:30 Session Meeting

### Wednesday, Aug. 26

6:30 Youth Group

### Saturday, Aug. 29

7:00 Officer Training

### Sunday, Aug. 30


9:15 Sunday School Promotion and Breakfast

4:30 WIC Council Meeting

5:30 Church-wide Fellowship Meal

6:30 Mission Team Reports

Everyone is invited to a special



## 9/11 Service

to be held

# September 11, 7:00 PM

in front of Napa Auto Parts

Sponsored by the Stanley Fire Department.

