

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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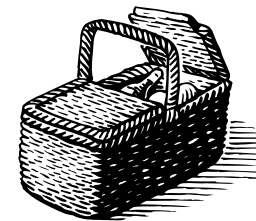
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Sunday, September 13
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**A Special Day of  
 Celebration and Homecoming**

Honoring Dan and Carol King for 20 years  
 of ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Stanley

- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – Worship – One big service with guest pastor, Dr. Gordon K. Reed  
 (Please note that there will be no 8:30 a.m. service.)
- 12:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner in the Gym and Special Activities



Bring your well-filled food baskets –  
**remember we will have some guests.**  
 (Note: If you need help taking your food to the  
 gym, you may leave it in Fellowship Hall and  
 someone will carry it down for you.)

It is day to celebrate and a day to remember. Don't miss it!!

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

With the announcement of Friend Day last Sunday we started the clock ticking toward this special event November 15. The idea couldn't be simpler: invite a friend – someone you know who needs Jesus – to come to church with you on that day, and use the time between now and then to pray for your friend's spiritual blessing.

The combination of a personal invitation and the proclamation of the word can be a powerful one-two punch – *if* the Holy Spirit helps us; thus, the requirement for prayer. We must pray down the Spirit's power.

In participating in Friend Day you'll be like Simon Peter's brother Andrew in the Bible. When Andrew heard about Jesus, Scripture says, "**The first thing he did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.**" You can bring a friend to Jesus (or at least to Jesus' church) on Friend Day.

The first step in the Friend Day process is to **look around**. There is someone where you live or work or go to school or shop or play who needs Jesus Christ. Identify that person. Maybe there's more than one. Write down their names and begin to pray for them regularly. Ask the Lord to work in their hearts to make them receptive to the gospel, to give them a sense of need, and to make them open to your invitation to church which will come later.

Some may say, "Well, I'm not sure I know anyone who isn't already a Christian." Then your prayer should be a little different. You need to back up a step and pray that the Lord would show you someone who needs Jesus. Who could it be? Our friend Dr. Archie Parrish says a good candidate for evangelization is anyone who is not "gripped by the gospel." Who is gripped by the gospel? Only someone who has spoken to you of his personal trust in Jesus Christ. All others should be considered "ungripped" and in need of further influence toward Christ.

Begin now to **look around** for such a person and to **look up** in prayer, because prayer changes things.

Affectionately,

Dan

# WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*In Memoriam*



**Margaret Robinson Whitley**  
**December 6, 1916 - August 24, 2009**

Welcome to the newest member of our church family! **Danny Abernathy** was recently received through reaffirmation of faith and introduced to the congregation August 23.

**Jim Murphy** is confined at Gaston Memorial Hospital suffering from a broken leg. We are grateful **SaDara Tilley** was able to be in church a few days after her recent outpatient surgery. **Sally Ormsby** has surgery scheduled this Thursday and will appreciate your prayers.

We offer condolences to **Ronnie and Debbie Smith and Family** in the death of Debbie's brother of Kings Mountain. **Espy Cooke**, age 80, passed away August 29 at Century Care in Cherryville. Sympathies are also extended to **Pastor Eulice and Mrs. Juanita Thomas**. Their brother-in-law, **Lloyd Kent** of Dover, Delaware, passed away August 23.

**MISSIONS  
CONFERENCE**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

THROUGH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**Mark your calendars... We have  
another great conference planned!**

## SPECIAL EVENT REMINDERS...

- **Church-wide Camping Trip** - Friday, Sept. 4 - Monday, Sept. 7
- **Officer Training** will continue each Saturday in September beginning at 7:00 am
- Sunday, Sept. 6 -  We will observe **The Lord's Supper** during both morning services.
- Monday, Sept. 7 - The church office and CDC will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6:30 pm - The Burrell Care Group will have a cookout at the Burrells.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9 - Care Groups Resume
- Friday, Sept. 11 - Crisis Pregnancy Center's **Walk for Life** will be 4:00 - 8:30 pm. There's still time for you to sign-up for the walk or make a pledge to support a walker. Contact Thea Friesenhahn at 704-263-7259 for details. 
- Saturday, Sept. 12 - Basketball Coaches' training in Founders Hall at 8:30 am
  - Men depart for NC Transportation Museum at 9:00 am
  - **Basketball Registration\*** will be held from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

*\*Church members can avoid the long registration lines by pre-registering before Friday, 9/11.*
- Sunday, Sept. 13 - **King Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming**
  - Care Groups and Sunday Evening schedule resumes
- Monday, Sept. 14 - Basketball Orientation will be held at 6:30 pm
- Monday, Sept. 14 and Tuesday, Sept. 15 - WIC Circle groups meet this week!
- Saturday, Sept. 19 - Stonebridge PCA is sponsoring a **Parenting Seminar - Understanding Your Teenager**. If you have a teenager or a pre-teenager, you are strongly encouraged to attend. See Youth Board across from Pastor Scott's office to sign-up.

# Network

*A Sunday School class for every member of the church!*

**What are my spiritual gifts?**

**How do I serve best?**

**Where can I best serve?**



Join us on Sunday, September 6, in Room #118 (in the back hall near the sanctuary) as we begin a three-month study that will help you discover your spiritual gifts, your personal style of ministry and your God-given passion for serving. We want to help you find your place of ministry in the church..... a place where you can serve with enthusiasm, impact and affirmation.

## MEN'S OUTING...WANT TO GO?



WHERE: NC Transportation Museum  
(Trains, Motorcycles, Antique cars, etc.)  
Spencer, NC (1 hr. from Stanley)



WHEN: Saturday, September 12th  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

COST: \$5.00 plus cost of lunch

We will meet at the church and take the bus. Call Scott Burgess at 704-263-4998 or 704-718-4010 to sign up or for more information.



# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Parents,

For your convenience (and a better understanding of “what we’re doing when”), I have set up an online calendar. Simply go to Google.com. On the upper left side of the Google Homepage you’ll see these choices: “Web Images Videos Maps News Shopping Gmail more. Click “more” for a drop down menu. Click “calendar.” On the right side of the Calendar Log-in page enter this info:

Email: [fpcstanleync@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcstanleync@earthlink.net)

Password: fpcyouth[This will log you in to view our upcoming schedule.]

Also, to inform you of retreats, lesson objectives, special events, etc., I am asking for your email address. Would you email me ([sdeneen@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sdeneen@carolina.rr.com)) so that I can make a Parents’ List? I promise I won’t SPAM you!! Having an email list will allow for quicker dissemination of information and dialogue (if necessary).

As far as our upcoming year goes, we are going to concentrate on Groundwork issues like: Life Purposes, Discovering Who You Are, Bible Overviews, Family Life, Wise Habits, and Living Like Jesus. These will be Bible-based and studied for several weeks each. I’ll be sending you email updates (if you send me your email!!) so that you can participate from home (Bible memory verses & helpful questions).

In closing, let me encourage you in your family devotions. For those of you who faithfully, regularly instruct your children, may God bless you with children who surpass you in the faith. For those who have not yet begun to train your children at home, it is never too late. Spend just a few minutes over breakfast or supper reading the scripture and praying. You will be surprised at how much your kids enjoy it and you will be taking steps to bless them. And may God give each of you the grace you need as you set an example of Godly living before your children!

Grace and Peace,



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Night Youth begins!  
Sun., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Night Youth Group begins!  
Sat., Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Parenting Seminar @ Stonebridge PCA  
Fri., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – trip to Birkdale Village  
Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Country Fest  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> – Missions Conference

## BEST YEARS EVENT

The Ruth Circle is hosting a

**BBQ with all the fixin's**

**Saturday, September 19, 4-6 pm**

At Brian and Anne Abernathy's Pool  
(Rainy Weather? The event will be in Founders Hall.)

*Scheduled To Appear...* Music Group: The Griggs

Bring a chair and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

Sign up in Sunday School.

## WIC NEWS

The **Central Carolina PresWIC Retreat, “Legacy of a Life-Giver,”** will be **October 9 - 11** at the Ridge Haven PCA Retreat Center in Brevard, NC. The Key Note Speaker will be Susan Shepherd. See your circle leader or the Church office to **sign-up by the September 14<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

Tickets are still available for the fall trip to **Flat Rock Playhouse** to see **“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”** on **November 21**. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. See Vicki Murphy or SaDara Tilley to order your tickets.

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.