

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH

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|---|---|---|
| 1 Debbie Harper<br>Jason Herd<br>Marcia Rhyne<br>Paul Seufert | 6 Kristen Cozart<br>Dee Hager<br>Adelee Stewart | 13 Jimmy Abernathy<br>Garry Lucas<br>Kim Tyler    |
| 2 Tom Barton<br>Wayne Friday<br>Sandy Lasley                  | 7 Dan King                                      | 15 Jeff Skidmore                                  |
| 3 Lyndsey Greeson   | 11 Clifford Bryant                              | 16 Kathy Black<br>Melissa Sharpe<br>Kim Strickler |
| 4 Wes Marsh   | 12 Mike Prather<br>Bryn Smith                   |   |



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Complete in Christ*

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**Day of  
Prayer  
February 25th**

We are asking each of you to take time this day to pray specifically for Heritage Christian School. Pray for:

- God to grant us favor with the community
- Connection with parents interested in Christian school for their children
- Kindergarten enrollment of 20 by April 1, 2010
- Divine guidance in the future of this ministry

A two-part prayer vigil will be held in the school office for anyone able to participate. You can sign-up for a 15-minute prayer time from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon, or from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. See bulletin board in main hallway.

**Won't you join us in seeking God's will for our school?**

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

In his little book *With Christ in the School of Prayer* Andrew Murray writes of the irresistible power of believing prayer. He likens the power of prayer to a great torrent of water which first is accumulated and gathered up before it comes down in full force to do its work. Murray says that often, prayer is that way. Frequently there must be a heaping up of prayer, until God sees there's enough, and then He acts to grant the request.

Another picture Murray sketches is of prayers as the steps of a plowman and as the seeds that he sows. The plowman may take ten thousand steps one by one to sow ten thousand seeds individually. But finally there is a great harvest.

In our Day of Prayer for Heritage Christian School we are seeking to gather up the waters, to walk the fields and plant the seeds. Each of you is being urged to pray specially and specifically on Thursday, February 25, for God's blessings upon the school. At some time during that one day, we ask every member to help us heap up prayer that the Lord would find it in His will to give us this new ministry. Besides this general involvement in prayer congregation-wide, some friends and members will come to the school office and take part in a prayer vigil – 9 AM to noon and 6 PM to 9 PM – divided into 15-minute segments. Slots are still available.

Make a commitment in your own mind and heart to take part. Use the reminders and prayer suggestions we have provided. You can do it at home or work, or do it here at the church during the vigil. But make up your mind to do it; otherwise you'll fail. When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane he took his closest friends Peter, James and John and asked them to pray with him; but they fell asleep. "Could you men not watch with me for one hour?" He asked them.

How much greater the shame if He asks us about fifteen minutes. Or five.

Affectionately,

Dan

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathies are with **Tony and Ellen Beam, Eric Beam and Susan Mesimer and family** in the death of Tony's mother. **Mrs. Daisy Beam** passed away in Gastonia February 7.

**SaDara Tilley** underwent surgery this week at University Hospital. She expects to be hobbled for about two months as she recovers from this ankle realignment.

**Carolyn Rhyne** is also facing a slow come-back from extensive shoulder surgery performed about a month ago. She is still in a soft cast and undergoing rehabilitation.

Little **Harrison Revels**, ten-week-old son of **Jamie and Lisa Revels**, is scheduled for his fourth major surgery this week at Carolinas Regional Medical Center. If plans hold up, Harrison will undergo corrections to congenital heart defects on Friday, 2/19. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Wayne Friday** also underwent same-day surgery last week at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Here is new contact information for our member **Fred Haithcox** who is still recovering from a broken hip. Fred has recently relocated to a rest home in the state of Washington for further rehabilitation. Write Fred c/o Woodmark, #232, 31200 23rd Ave. S., Suite 100, Federal Way, WA, 98003. You can call him free at his NC cell phone number: 704-813-4475.

## JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	59,246.32
Received in January for budget.....	44,972.50
Needed to date for budget .....	59,246.32
Received to date for budget .....	44,972.50
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise.....	12,425.00
Received in January for Faith Promise .....	7,564.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	12,425.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	7,564.00

# MARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

**Mar. 7:** Kevin and Cathy Rhyne

6:15 PM - Sherry Teague

**Mar. 14:** Wendy Ham and boys

5:45 PM - Ann Davis

**Mar. 21:** Dean and Libby Chaney

5:45 PM - Suzy Deneen

**Mar. 28:** Ron, Debbie and Morgan Smith

5:45 PM - Tommi Rust

11:00 AM

Ellen and Joseph Deese

Sandy and Rebecca Lasley

Pam and Trevor Burgess

Duane and Sarah Smith

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## CHILDREN'S SERMONS

**March 7:** Rick Herd

**March 14:** Andy Leonard

**March 21:** David Nelson

**March 28:** Kevin Rhyne

*Women  
Joined In  
Heart*



*We invite you to join us in  
March at the circle of your choice*

MONDAY, MARCH 8

**10 AM - Esther Circle** will meet in the church parlor

**7 PM - Readers Circle** will meet in the church parlor—Cathy Petersohn hosting

**Ruth Circle** will meet at the home of Jonan Bynum

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

**7 PM - Elizabeth Circle** will meet at the home of Tommi Rust

## WIC SPECIAL PROJECT: MILITARY CARE BOXES

We are making excellent progress in filling the boxes to be mailed to 20 women deployed to the mid-east. Chaplain Williams would like us to ship them by mid-March. This timetable is much sooner than we expected, but we are excited about this project. We have posted some pictures sent to us by Ceclia Williams on our Women Joined in Heart bulletin board in the main hallway. There will be a box there for donated items if you would like to help. See Cookie Wilkinson or Judy Dixon if you would like to make a monetary contribution to offset the cost of mailing the boxes.

### Items Being Collected

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| 1) A personal note or card (IMPORTANT)        | 9) Chewing Gum   |
| 2) Germ-x or Purell Hand Sanitizer - any size | 10) Puzzle books-Crossword, Sudoku, etc.                       |
| 3) Shower scrubbie                            | 11) Books - New or gently used Christian fiction               |
| 4) Hair conditioner (They have shampoo.)      | 12) Small cheap toy from the dollar store to break the boredom |
| 5) Scented body spray                         | 13) Ponytail elastics - brown or black <u>only</u>             |
| 6) Visine Eye Drops                           | 14) Q-tips   |
| 7) Candy mints or hard candy                  |  |
| 8) Nuts, sunflower seeds, etc.                |  |

The WIC Kitchen Committee would like to remind you to check the table in Founders Hall for dishes that may belong to you. Items not picked up by March 1st will be donated.



# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

The Sr. High has a wonderful ministry opportunity that I hope they will consider. On Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, the Crisis Pregnancy Center will host their annual Fundraiser Banquet. Hundreds of people from around the region will turn out to hear the Pro-Life message and support the ministry financially. Dr. Ancil Overbey and several others will speak from a ministry and personal perspective of the ways God uses this outreach to help women in need and provide medical and spiritual guidance to pregnant ladies.

The attendees will also be fed a meal. That's where we come in. We have the privilege of serving the meal as waiters and waitresses. The Crisis Pregnancy Center has asked for 10 High School students from First Presbyterian to work from 4:45-8 PM serving the attendees.

Basically we will arrive at the Banquet site (Catawba Heights Baptist Church, Belmont) at 4:45 PM, eat a pizza dinner provided by the Crisis Pregnancy Center, have a brief training session, and then be given specific duties and tables to serve.

All in all I think this a great opportunity and a worth-while mission. I'm planning on being there to do whatever they ask of me. How about you? Will you heed the call to serve in this manner? If so, please sign up on the bulletin board outside my office!!



Serving for the glory of Jesus,

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Ski Trip to Winter Place – March 5-6<sup>th</sup>
2. Crisis Pregnancy Center Banquet Service project – March 11<sup>th</sup>
3. Middle School Movie Night @ Kelsey Smith's – March 19<sup>th</sup>
4. EASTER – April 4<sup>th</sup>
5. Palmer Home Mission Trip – April 5-10<sup>th</sup>
6. Middle School Retreat – April 23-25
7. High School Retreat – May 14-16<sup>th</sup>

# NEWS FROM AMBER RHYNE

as she continues to make plans for ministry in Belize

## She writes:

### Please pray

- That I will meet 100% of my pledge goal (currently 41%)
- That I can sell my house
- That someone will answer the call for a full time medical director at the clinic in Belize
- For Anita Chambers as she works in the pharmacy until I am able to arrive
- For my job in Raleigh (I am currently part-time), that it would continue until I am able to leave for Belize
- That I would continually be studying God's word and growing in character so that I will be effective in my witness, while I am still in the States and when I go to Belize.

### Praises:

- That I still have a job, though it is part-time, that still provides enough for me to cover my mortgage and other monthly costs
- That my job is allowing my health insurance to continue
- For the blessing of being 41% funded so far

*"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions- it is by grace you have been saved."*

-Ephesians 2:4-5

*"Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su único Hijo, para que todo el que cree en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna."*

~Juan 3:16 (John 3:16)

# JORDAN JOURNAL FROM TIM AND VICKI BARTON

February 3, 2010

2010 is off to a wonderful beginning. God continues to bless us as always. Richard and Lori just joined the church. It was my privilege to baptize them along with their daughter Anna this past Sunday. They were formerly Mormons and only after they spoke with their parents about their decision to join a Presbyterian church and walk with Christ as the Bible presents Him, were they free in their hearts to join. Pray for them. Kevin and Dollie joined in December. Kevin was formerly Mormon and Dollie had a breadth of church experiences but no depth. They came to Christ during a home visit. Pray for God to continue to protect all their hearts.

This is exciting stuff. But there are also people like David and Linda Martinez. We have called David as an assistant pastor in a “tent-making” position. He works as an engineer. David is in the process of being ordained in Northern California Presbytery but is already a Ruling Elder here at Jordan Presbyterian Church. That’s another thing. We just ordained two more elders and our first two deacons.

Reid and Kelli Jones are moving here in August, God willing. Reid will work as an apprentice for a couple of years while he evaluates God’s call to plant a church. They are currently in Charlotte where Reid is finishing seminary and raising funds for Utah.

Renovations are underway at Jordan Presbyterian. We are currently expanding our seating by 45 seats, which will take us to 155 total. Pray that we can fill them and that our project continues to go well.

Loan – I am currently praying for a lower interest loan from a bank or individual. As many of you know we have a mortgage on the building of \$550,000. Our interest is 8.25%. Only one bank would loan us that money and they have the option to call the loan any time. We are paying it out of savings that were designated. Our monthly tithes and offerings cover all our expenses except our building. But our payments are about \$50,000 per year. No bank has been interested and we are not in a position to change anything since we run a deficit. So what we would love is someone to carry our note at a low interest loan. This would accomplish two things. 1) It would stretch out our time to grow. 2) Our payments would actually accomplish more toward paying down the building. It isn’t a crisis but I throw it out to see what God may provide if we pray.

Finally, Vicki is recovering slowly but surely from her knee surgery and Christmas with our grandchildren (and children) was a lot of fun.

## SOAR NEWS

### And the Survey Says...

The SOAR committee relies on surveys to give us feedback, suggestions and insight from our Shepherd Coaches and other volunteers.



A recent survey from SOAR Sunday provided us with valuable information that we’d like to share with you.

70% of Shepherd Coaches rated their overall coaching experience as *Excellent*.

When asked “why” they’ve coached more than one season, the majority (83%) told us it was because of the opportunity to influence kids.

Coaches were also asked to describe successes that came to mind from their involvement in SOAR:

- “Children asking questions about God, who obviously had no exposure to Him.”
- “Kids realizing there is a God and He loves them.”
- “Learning and experiencing God’s grace in my life, as well as seeing His grace impact others.”
- “Rewards of kids having come to a better knowledge of Christ.”
- “Smiling kids and very thankful parents.”
- “I’m growing!”

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### SOCCER SEASON BEGINS MARCH 27th

We’re thankful our volleyball season is running smoothly and eagerly begin our preparation for soccer. Would you like to join us as a coach (skills or spiritual) or a referee? Please prayerfully consider joining SOAR this season. It’s a short-term commitment (10-wks, 3-5 hrs per week) that could have eternal rewards!



Contact a Soccer Committee member for details: Mark Harper, Bobby & Monnie Blackman, Jon Petersohn and Charles Hamrick.

# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Newsletter Deadline  7:00 CDC Committee Mtg.	2  7:00 Burrell Care Grp	3 10:30 Wed. Morn. Care Group 6:30 Youth, Abernathy Care Group 7:00 Young Adult CG	4  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	5  ← Youth	6 8:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball Ski Trip →
7  5:30 Covered Dish Dinner 6:30 Communion	8 10:00 Esther Circle  7:00 Readers' Circle Ruth Circle	9  7:00 Elizabeth Circle Burrell Care Grp	10 10:30 Wed. Morn. Care Group 6:30 Youth, Abernathy Care Group 7:00 Young Adult CG	11  4:45 Youth Banquet Service Project 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	12 9:00 Women's Care Group	13 7:00 Deacons' Mtg. <i>Volleyball Finale</i> 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
14 9:15 SS Breakfast  3:30 MTW Committee Mtg  6:00 Care Grps, Youth, Image Bearers	15  7:00 Children's Min. Team	16  7:00 Burrell Care Grp	17 10:30 Wed. Morn. Care Group  6:30 Youth, Abernathy Care Group 7:00 Young Adult CG	18  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Session Meeting	19  2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball	20  2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
21 CDC Sunday  6:00 Care Grps, Youth, Image Bearers	22 Newsletter Deadline	23  7:00 Burrell Care Grp	24 10:30 Wed. Morn. Care Group 6:30 Youth, Abernathy Care Group 7:00 Young Adult CG	25  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball SOAR Comm. Mtg.	26 9:00 Women's Care Group	27 8:30 Soccer  Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Soccer Registration 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
28  4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 6:00 Care Grps, Youth, Image Bearers	29  6:30 Soccer Orientation	30  7:00 Burrell Care Grp	31 10:30 Wed. Morn. Care Group 6:30 Youth, Abernathy Care Group			

## 2010 Stanley Community Lenten Series

Each Wednesday at 12 noon



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



### Lenten Service Lunch Locations

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - Stanley Pentecostal Holiness  
*Led by Rev. Theodore Armstrong*

Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - First Presbyterian  
*Led by Rev. Danny Penny*

Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - First United Methodist  
(Family Life Ctr)  
*Led by Rev. Albert Mills*

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - Springfield Baptist  
*Led by Rev. Linda McHenry*

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - First Baptist  
*Led by Rev. Dan King*