

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY

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| 1 Alma Bays | 7 Mae Belle Glenn
Zac Rust
Christina Weaver | 13 Elizabeth McGinnis
James Teague |
| 4 Rachel Brown
Wanda Elliott | 8 Sabrina Shroyer | 14 Joyce Burt
Nancy Cozart
Sandra Hill
Anna-Kathryn Lineberger
Josh McGinnis
Duane Smith |
| 5 Heather Abernathy
Jennifer Cavin
Gary Shroyer | 11 Danielle Abernathy
Tim Featherstone
Ed Kasper
Kindyll Killian | 15 Bill Madzia |
| 6 Paul Abernathy
Rockie Boggess
Delores Johnson
Kelly Johnson | 12 Will Hager |  |

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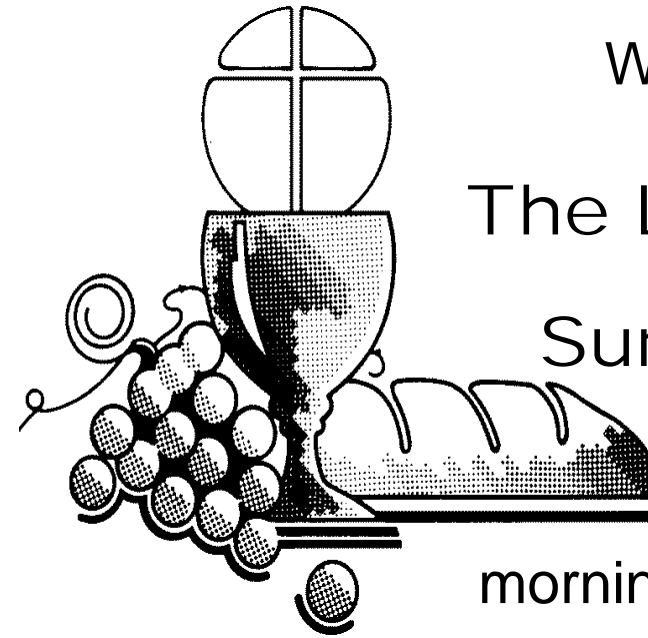


THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone
 Complete in Christ*

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We will observe

The Lord's Supper

Sunday, May 2

during both
 morning worship services

Begin now to make prayerful preparation.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

In its monthly meeting last week the Session heard the report on efforts to launch Heritage Christian School. As you learned in our last newsletter, the April 1 deadline for registrations came and went with only two students committed to enrolling. Our minimum required for financial viability was twenty. The Lord made it clear through these circumstances that this is not His timing for the opening of a Christian school as part of FPC's ministry. And so the Session decided officially we would not pursue the start-up any further.

We were led in our nine-month effort by Elder Jim Tilley who "championed" the project as a volunteer from the Session, and by Lennie Burrell who was retained as our Organizing Administrator. Their work was thorough and energetic, obviously grounded in a passionate personal commitment to Christian education. I am personally very grateful for all they have done, and commend them for their excellent leadership. I encourage you to commend them as well.

The Session's decision to terminate the project at this point does not close the door on the possibility of some renewed effort in the future. We will continue to watch for any signs that the Lord is leading us that way. I'm glad that much which has been accomplished can be conserved and held available for possible future use.

For now, though, the school office will be closed. The balance remaining in the fund created for the launch – probably around \$6,000 when all final bills are paid - will be returned to the church account from which it was withdrawn. A detailed accounting of expenditures has been presented to the Session. One interesting note is that return on investments has been so favorable in the nine months of the school's organizing efforts that all the money spent has been recouped through earnings. The fund we were borrowing from had \$191,000 in June, 2009. We withdrew \$16,000 for the school. And the fund has \$192,000 today. God is always faithful to provide whenever we are trying to do His will.

Affectionately,

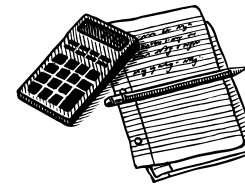
Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We were pleased to witness the Profession of Faith and Baptism on Sunday that made **Jared Hamrick** our newest communing church member. Jared is one of several youngsters who completed our Communicants Class recently. His parents are **Charles and Lorrie Hamrick**. His brother is **Mason Hamrick**.

Tina Kasper, daughter of **Ed and Onie Kasper**, underwent surgery at Carolinas Medical Center this week. And deacon **Jan Williams** is scheduled for surgery Thursday at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



1st quarter contribution statements are ready and available for pick-up from the literature display in the main hallway. Be sure to pick up your copy!

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	59,246.32
Received in March for budget	64,931.33
Needed to date for budget	177,738.95
Received to date for budget	181,727.66
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise	13,806.50
Received in March for Faith Promise	18,765.50
Needed to date for Faith Promise	41,419.50
Received to date for Faith Promise	41,883.50

MAY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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| | <u>8:30 AM</u> | <u>11:00 AM</u> |
| May 2: | Debbie Harper and girls | Ed and Onie Kasper |
| | <u>5:45 PM</u> - Jerry and Janet Ratchford | |
| May 9: | Kim and Annalise Jessen | Jennifer Cavin and girls |
| | <i>No evening services</i> | |
| May 16: | Ron, Debbie & Morgan Smith | Sharon Herd and Marsha Skidmore |
| | <i>No evening services</i> | |
| May 23: | Angie Killian and girls | Ann Davis and Helen Lieurance |
| | <i>No evening services</i> | |
| May 30 | Bobby and Monnie Blackman | Josh and Stacey Hall |
| | <i>No evening services</i> | |

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CHILDREN'S SERMONS

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| May 2: | Communion | May 23: | Scott Deneen |
| May 9: | Jeff Black | May 30: | Reid Evans |
| May 16: | Scott Burgess | | |

WIC NEWS

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

Come and enjoy this annual fellowship dinner for all the ladies in our church family. Remember, this includes “spiritual mothers and daughters.” As Christians, we are all related.



This year we will have a **covered dish dinner** on **Monday, May 3rd** at **7:00 pm**. No sign-up necessary. Just bring your favorite covered dish. Our guest speaker is “The Hat Lady,” Helen Turner

There will be a hat contest for all who want to participate. Judging and prizes for adults and youth. Make ‘em, buy ‘em or dig ‘em out of your closet! Pretty or plain. Elaborate or lame. Join the fun.



COLLEGE BOX UPDATE

We mailed off the 26 boxes of goodies to our college students. Many thanks to everyone who contributed! This is another way we share our love for one another. I'm certain this ministry will be remembered by each student when they look back at their college days in years to come.

OUR SUMMER SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE BEGINS IN JUNE

Watch for these changes!

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| May 2 | Last meeting of ImageBearers until fall |
| Week of May 2 | Care Groups end for the summer |
| May 9 | No Evening Activities due to Mother's Day |
| May 16, 23 and 30 | No Evening Activities |
| June 6 | Summer Sunday Evening Schedule Begins
Look for more details soon! |

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Parents,

As parents we often need a spiritual lighthouse to guide and direct our efforts. In the following edited article, Dr. Tripp deals directly with what it means to be a ‘successful’ parent.

What sort of goals should a parent have as their children reach the teenage years?

Surviving your teens is not enough of a goal. Being involved with our teenagers at a deep level is something we mustn’t avoid.

What’s the real problem that teenagers face? Is it their hormones or is it their hearts?

The world says it’s their hormones; but the Bible says its their hearts.

What do you mean when you use the word ‘heart?’

In a sense, “the heart” is one, big basket term; it’s really biblical shorthand for the inner man and all its functions. This means that if the heart is the steering wheel of the human being, if it’s the thing that causes us to do what we do, then it’s quite obvious that the focus of parenting has to be the heart.

So you’re saying that many Christian parents are behaviorists?

Yes, that’s right. But the problem is that they don’t realize they are. [The thinking is that] if I lay enough guilt on my child, it will move him. Or if I manipulate him with something he wants—a new car or a new bike—that will be temporarily effective. Or I can threaten him. However, the minute the threat’s gone, the inner man hasn’t changed. And the child goes right back to where he was. And that’s what’s happening all over the place, not just in the culture, but in the church as well.

What sort of attitudes and approach should parents have with the family if they are to be in the right frame of mind to deal with their teens?

We must come to a position where we say: “There is nothing that I will ever be that will rival the importance of God’s work in the formation of my children’s souls.” There is nothing more important than that. And that demands some hard choices. Go to your boss and ask for a demotion. Take less pay. Move out of that dream house and into a smaller one. Sell your brand new car and be willing to drive an older one. And be willing to do what God has called you to do in the life of your children.”

Want to be challenged more? Read the full article on the Internet at...<http://cpyu.org/Page.aspx?id=445984>.

Blessings,



Upcoming Events:

1. Car Cruise to Barium Springs – Tues. May 11th
2. High School Retreat to Ridge Haven – May 14-16th
3. Stanley Square Apartments Ministry – Wednesday nights in May

With Loving Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to our wonderful church family for the calls, cards, food, visits, and to those who sat with me so Jim could run errands the last few months. We especially appreciate your prayers and would be grateful for continued prayer for the next few months of recuperation and physical therapy for both feet.

*With Gratitude,
SaDara Tilley*

Volunteer Opportunities

20-SOMETHINGS LUNCHEONS

Our group of 20-somethings had a great meal and time of fellowship at the Kings’ residence this past Sunday. They are looking forward to others in the future. There are still open dates. Would you like to participate in this ministry? See the bulletin board in the main hallway to sign-up.

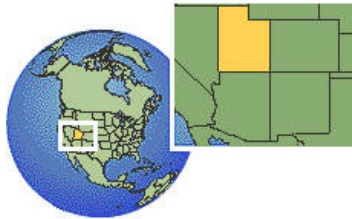
NURSERY

There is still room for a few more on our Nursery Teams - especially on Sunday evenings. Normally in a Care Group on Sunday Evenings? Consider volunteering for the months of June, July, and August. Check out the bulletin board sign-up opportunities for volunteers.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Tim and Caryann Barton

The Bartons write: We found out that we will need to find another place to live by April 30th. It is a great thing that we have a God who hears our prayers! I will not go into much detail except to say two things. 1) Our land lady is not being mean; she is responding to some tough circumstances in her life. We are praying for her. 2) If you like to pray specifically, we are looking for a place within our price range that has flexible lease terms. As we hope to be nearing the time that we might move into a targeted area for church planting, we do not want to be tied down too long. Pray that we have wisdom in agreeing to lease terms.

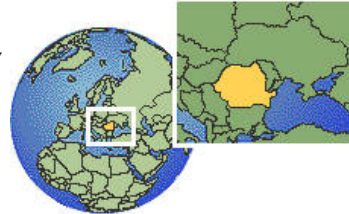


15 months ago we felt that our current rental agreement was perfect. We had the house we needed for ministry and our kids. We had a two year lease with an option for a third year that fit our plans for apprenticeship. Now that has changed. Though we are in a bit of a whirlwind, we look forward to what God is going to do.

We thank God for each of you and for your faithful support in our ministry. I will let you know once God answers your prayers and helps us find a place.

Jim and Wanda Ramsey

Jim has arrived safely in Romania. Pray for his ministry there during the next several weeks.



SOAR NEWS

SOAR SUMMER SPORTS CAMP



BOYS AND GIRLS

Ages 6-12

Bring a friend and enjoy these sports:

- Soccer (ages 6 - 12)
- Cheerleading (ages 6 - 12)
- Basketball (ages 7 - 12)
- Volleyball (ages 9 - 12)
- Baseball (ages 7 - 11)

FEATURING:

- Christian Coaches
- Quality Sports Instruction
- Positive Role Models
- Daily Bible Times
- Skits and Fun

June 14th - June 18th

EVERY CAMPER RECEIVES:

- A Camp T-shirt • Camp Literature
- Daily take home Bible Studies



Register: Call the Church Office at 704.263.4275
 Visit us online at www.fpcstanley.org

Cost: \$80 per child

Morning Camp: Basketball, Soccer, Cheer 9:00am - 12:15pm

Evening Camp: Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball 5:30pm - 8:45pm

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
2 AM Communion <i>Image Bearers and Care Groups end</i>	3 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Mother/Daughter Banquet	4 7:00 Burrell Care Grp	5 10:30 Wed. Morn. Care Group 6:30 Abernathy Care Grp; Youth-Stanley Sq.Apts.	6 7:30 Officers' Prayer	7	8 7:00 Deacons' Mtg. 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
9  Mother's Day <i>No evening activities</i>	10	11 4:00 Barium Springs Car Cruise	12 6:30 Yth-Stanley Sq. Apts. 6:45 Disciplemaker Development	13	14	15 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball ← High School Retreat →
16 ← Youth HS Retreat 2:00-4:00 Baby Shower for Stacy Hall and Susan Herd	17 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Children's Min. Team	18	19 6:30 Yth-Stanley Sq. Apts.	20 Pre-school ends 7:30 Session Meeting	21 Pre-school Graduation	22 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
23 <i>No evening activities</i>	24	25	26 6:30 Yth-Stanley Sq. Apts.	27 7:00 SOAR Comm. Mtg.	28	29 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
30 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. <i>No evening activities</i>	31  Memorial Day <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Church Office and CDC closed</div>					

Sunday, April 25

7th Annual CE Celebration Sunday

Join us this Sunday as we commemorate, celebrate, and appreciate all the disciple making ministries of FPC and those who lead them!

We will have a few moments of appreciation in our morning worship services and a few moments of fellowship before Sunday School with a *light bite* to eat.



Be sure to give your own words of personal appreciation to those FPC disciple makers who provide you and your children with opportunities for Christian growth and service.

Tuesday, May 11, 4:00 pm

2nd Annual Barium Springs Love Run

Come ride with us as we cruise up to Barium Springs Children Home. Be prepared to show your vehicle and share the love of Jesus with the children of Barium Springs Home for Children. Supper will be provided. For more information, contact Chris McGinnis at 980-329-5938 or Scott Deneen at 704-263-4275.

