

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

2 Claire Kopka
Tommi Rust



3 Zack Bedford
Brent Lucas

4 Ashley Murphy

5 Chris Black
Adam Davis
Kay Heffner
Tyler Moss

6 Madeline Jessen
David Murphy

7 Dean Chaney
Paul Clemmer

8 Nancy Franks
Frankie Henderson
Ron Hutchins
Chris Lewis

9 Kathy Beaty

11 Deanna Beatty
Heather Rick
Bob Smith

12 Barbara Graham

13 Kristen Waters
Kevin Yoder



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Complete in Christ*

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Ahoy, Matey!
Come and go with us on a



Vacation Bible School will be July 25-29.
Ages 3 - rising 6th Grade

Adults wishing to volunteer still have an opportunity.
Contact Lauren Fox (704-931-4050) for details.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Carol and I were deeply touched by the outpouring of love at last Sunday’s congregational meeting. The message of affirmation for my ministry here came through loud and clear. And we are very grateful. Thanks to all – especially to those who spoke, and most especially to Pastor Scott Deneen for the marvelous pastoral leadership he showed while moderating the meeting.

As we navigate the days ahead I can only reiterate the wise and godly counsel he gave: pray for your elders. When the temptation arises to speak unwisely to your neighbor – in gossip, idle speculation, or uncharitable comment – speak to God instead. Every communing member has vowed to seek the “purity and peace” of the church. Here is a real-life opportunity to do so! Strive for the purity of the church by avoiding sin – yours and everyone else’s. Seek the peace of the church by promoting unity and practicing kindness.

Another part of this same membership vow I have in mind affirms that we will submit “to the government and discipline of the church.” We have a great opportunity to make good on that promise here, too. Our Presbytery is now actively involved in consideration of my resignation. We welcome the assistance of our Presbytery Shepherding Committee, representatives of which attended our congregational meeting last Sunday. Now we have before us a vivid portrayal of the three-sided process of affirming a pastor’s relationship to a particular church and, eventually, in dissolving that relationship. The pastor, the congregation, and the presbytery must be in agreement before that relationship is ever established, and likewise before it can be dissolved. This is a good system. I am glad for the assistance of the presbytery as we seek to work through the remaining issues and seek that necessary agreement.

So be grateful for our good and wise system of government, pray for your elders – in the Presbytery, on the Session and in the pulpit, and guard your own words and thoughts.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our condolences are offered to **Darwin, Cathy and Casey Paramore** in the death of Darwin’s mother on July 7. **Mrs. Betty Lou Paramore** passed away in Greenville, NC.

Congratulations are in order for **Josh and Stacy Hall** in the birth of **Samantha Elizabeth** at Gaston Memorial on July 8. This was the second grandchild for **Rick and Sharon Herd**, with both babies born two days apart. **Jason and Susan Herd** were still at the hospital with **Kenlee Ann** when Josh and Stacy were admitted to the room next door for Samantha’s arrival. Jason and Stacy are brother and sister.

We have received word that **Louise Murphy**, widow of our beloved late **Pastor Fred Murphy**, has died. Louise, who had been ill for several weeks, passed away at home in Belmont July 8.

Clyde Haley underwent successful surgery for removal of a cancerous kidney July 9 at Presbyterian Hospital, Huntersville. And **Roger Wagstaff** returned home in record time after extensive back surgery at Carolinas Medical Center.

We are sorry that **Janet Devir** has been sidelined a bit after suffering a broken shoulder in a fall.

Phyllis Ribbeck was recently hospitalized overnight for tests, and **Nancy Franks** has surgery scheduled on July 21.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	59,246.32
Received in June for budget.....	49,755.33
Needed to date for budget	355,477.90
Received to date for budget	367,750.38
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise	13,806.50
Received in June for Faith Promise	6,398.50
Needed to date for Faith Promise	82,839.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	72,994.50

AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
August 1:	Kevin and Cathy Rhyne	Laura Evans and Joyce Burt
	<u>6:45 PM</u> - Suzy Deneen	
August 8:	Sally and Dawn Ormsby	Marianne and Michelle Magill
	<u>6:15 PM</u> - Sherry Teague	
August 15:	Wendy Ham and boys	Sarah and Duane Smith
	<u>6:15 PM</u> - Kim Jessen	
August 22:	Libby and Dean Chaney	Jonan and Rachel Bynum
	<u>6:15 PM</u> - Martha Sue Mitchell	
August 29:	Karen and Ron Ensley	Jennifer Cavin and girls
	<u>6:15 PM</u> - Donna and David Hill	

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

August 1: David Nelson	August 22: Reid Evans
August 8: Jimmie Mitchell	August 29: Andy Leonard
August 15: Robert Rhyne	

*Women
Joined In
Heart*



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

7 PM - Readers Circle will meet at the home of Becky Hensley
Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Susan Mesimer

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7 PM - Elizabeth Circle will meet at the home of Deanna Beatty.

*The Esther Circle will **not** be meeting in August.*

FROM THE MISSIONS FIELD

The **Paraguay Mission Team** departs on Thursday, July 22 and will return on Saturday, July 31. Please be in prayer for the team as they travel and minister to the people of Paraguay.

Team members are:

Tommy Barton
Shirley Chucci
Cory Fox
Anna Friesenhahn
Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell
Will Robinson
Kordus family: Ray, Wendy, Avery and Yvonne
Shue family: Grady, Selina, Grady III, and Houston



*these families
are from Hickory*

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Church Family,

Eugene Peterson, Christian author and pastor, writes this in his book, *Under the Unpredictable Plant*: "When my daughter, Karen, was young, I often took her with me when I visited nursing homes. She was better than a Bible. The elderly in these homes brightened immediately when she entered the room, delighted in her smile, and asked her questions. They touched her skin, stroked her hair. On one such visit we were with Mrs. Herr, who was in an advanced stage of dementia. Talkative, she directed all her talk to Karen. She told her a story, an anecdote out of her own childhood that Karen's presence must have triggered, and when she completed it, she immediately repeated it word for word, and then again, and again.

After twenty minutes or so of this, I became anxious lest Karen become uncomfortable and confused with what was going on. I interrupted the flow of talk, anointed the woman with oil, laid hands on her and prayed, and left. In the car driving home I commended Karen for her patience and attentiveness. She had listened to the repetitions of the story without showing any signs of restlessness or boredom. I said, "Karen, Mrs. Herr's mind isn't working the way ours are." And Karen said, "Oh, I knew that, daddy. She wasn't trying to tell us any *thing*. She was telling us who she *is*." Nine years old and she knew the difference... knew that Mrs. Herr was using words not for communication but for communion." [end book quote]

This story has many pitfalls if taken out of context - speculative religion, feel-good theology, emotionalism, etc.. Knowledge is necessary. God's self-revelation from scripture specifically. But His self-revelation is not the end but rather the beginning of relationship. Information about God is the invitation to know Him intimately and deeply.

So I'm wondering where you are with God. I'm wondering if you enjoy the presence of God in your life... His nearness, His presence, His communion with you.... Are you taking information about God (revealed in scripture) and then moving deeper with God or are you satisfied with mere information about God and no more?

The prophet Micah asks this question: "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago."

God is telling us who He *is*. My hope is that we, on our knees in prayer and in our minds in meditation, will ask God Himself to elaborate the depths of these truths. Only then will we begin to learn the art of communing with God.

Blessings,



Saddle Ridge Ranch in August!

Preschool Kids (Ages 3 – entering Kindergarten)

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (snack included)

School-Age Kids (entering 1st-6th Grade)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (light lunch will be included)

Thursday, August 5 – Trip to Kid Sense Museum in Rutherfordton, NC.

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (\$5 Kids - \$1 Parent)

Thursday, August 12 – Saddle Ridge Ranch – Founders Hall

Thursday, August 19 – Pool Party at Stanley Rec. Pool

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

With Loving Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support, food, cards and all the love shown to us during the difficult time of the loss of my brother.

Carolyn Rutledge

NEWS FROM THE CDC

We have had a wonderful year! God is so good! Our Preschool class of 2010 had graduation on Friday, May 22nd. Those graduating from our church and headed to "Big School" are:

Kirsten Abernathy: daughter of Chris and Danielle Abernathy, great granddaughter of John and Betty Ann Abernathy

Christiana Friesenhahn: daughter of Blain and Thea Friesenhahn, granddaughter of Pastor Dan and Carol King

Gabriella Griffin: daughter of David and Julianne Griffin, granddaughter of Ronnie and Debbie Smith

Clayton Harper: son of Mark and Debbie Harper

Lydia Nelson: daughter of David and Laureen Nelson

Brenner McMinn: daughter of Rob and Tracy McMinn

Caroline Mesimer: daughter of Craig and Susan Mesimer, granddaughter of Tony and Ellen Beam

Related to someone in our church are:

Parker Davis: niece of Jane and Chris Black

Jake Fox: grandson of Frankie Henderson

Harrison Rowland: nephew of Tim and Ann Featherstone

Benjamin Summey: great grandson of Bud and Eloise Murphy

Houston Summey: great grandson of Bud and Eloise Murphy

We are now in the middle of the summer with an afterschool program and preschool summer camp! We have a few openings left in our afterschool program for the summer and fall. We also have openings in our 1, 3 and 4 year old preschool classrooms for the fall. Contact the daycare office at 263-4274 if you are interested in enrolling your child into these programs.

Thank you for your love and Prayers!!
Child Development Staff and Children

SOAR UPDATES

Adult Volleyball

Looking for a recreation and fellowship? Get your knee pads out and come join the FPC Adult Volleyball team! Sign up on the SOAR bulletin board across from Jimmie Mitchell's office or contact Reid Evans (reidevans@carolina.rr.com) if you'd like to play. We play across the street with the First Baptist league (CCSL) and the season is set to start late August and run through October.

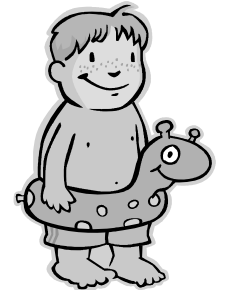


Attn: SOAR Prayer Partners



We are half-way through the season and our coaches, umpires, groundskeepers, players and their families are all being blessed through your prayers! Please continue to pray that lasting relationships are being established for God's glory. Your prayers are critical to the success of this ministry -- keep it up!!

Church-wide Pool Party
Friday, July 23
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Stanley Rec. Pool



The next

20-SOMETHINGS LUNCHEON

will be

SUNDAY, JULY 25

at the home of Brian and Anne Abernathy.

Make plans to enjoy a great meal and time of fellowship!



AUGUST 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 5:00 Choir Group II 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Fellowship Meal 7:00 Communion	2 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Readers' Circle Ruth Circle	3 7:00 Elizabeth Circle	4	5 9:00 Saddle Ridge Campers to Kids Sense Museum 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	6	7 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
8 3:30 MTW Committee Mtg. 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Worship Service	9 7:00 CDC Committee Mtg.	10	11	12 Preschool Summer Program ends Saddle Ridge Ranch 9:00 Ages 3 - rising K5 11:30 Rising 1 st - 6 th grade	13	14 7:00 Deacons' Mtg. 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
15 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Ask the Pastors	16 7:00 Children's Min. Team	17	18	19 6:00 Children's Pool Party 7:30 Session Meeting	20	21 Baseball Finale 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
22 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Worship Service	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25 7:00 SOAR Comm. Mtg.	26	27	28 7:00 Officer Training 2:00 Gym - Men's Open Basketball
29 SS Promotion Sunday and breakfast 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Mission Team Reports	30	31				