

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 16 Samantha Strickler               | 24 Mike Dixon<br>Nancy Raleigh   | 28 Ron Bays   |
| 17 Don Hamilton                     | 26 Dorothy Jones                 | 29 Allen Stowe  |
| 18 Bill Robinson<br>Cameron Rodgers | 27 Tommy Barton<br>Shirley Smith | 30 Cody Blackburn<br>Chuck Bynum<br>Doug Gladden<br>Eloise Hamilton<br>David Hill |
| 19 Jerry Barton                     | 31 Shirley Chucci                |   |
| 21 Scott Deneen<br>Mike Gamage      |                                  |   |
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Officer Nominations will  
be accepted Sunday, 8/8  
through Sunday, 8/22.



Promotion Sunday and  
Sunday School Breakfast  
will be Sunday, 8/29.

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Beginning this Sunday we enter a two-week period for the nomination of elders and deacons to serve our congregation. Any communing member of the congregation may place a man's name into nomination. I encourage you to take this responsibility very seriously.

The best place to begin – as always – is in prayer. Ask the Lord to guide you in the process and to put it in the hearts of qualified leaders to serve. It's also essential that you familiarize yourself with the biblical qualifications for office. Classic texts on this are 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9.

We ask that you check in advance with any man whom you are considering for nomination to learn if he is willing to serve. We don't twist arms, but sometimes early reluctance needs to be overcome by challenging a qualified man to offer himself for service. Highly qualified candidates may, in their modesty, actually be unaware of their abilities, and some encouragement may be in order.

Nominations close on August 22. Once they are complete, willing candidates will be trained during the remainder of August, through September and into early October. Then they will be examined by the Session as our denominational procedure requires. Names of those found qualified will be forwarded to you the congregation for consideration and more prayer.

We will give you at least a month after the slate of candidates is announced to prepare for the election. In that time you'll be given biographical sketches of the candidates and as much help as we can give otherwise in order that you may get to know the prospective elders and deacons. We want you to vote on December 5 in an informed and conscientious manner.

Officers are normally elected for three-year terms. If re-elected, a man may serve two consecutive three-year terms, after which a one-year sabbatical is required. All elders and deacons whose terms expire this year are eligible for re-election, except Deacon Jan Williams who is due a sabbatical. A complete slate of presently-serving officers appears on the nomination forms which will be available beginning Sunday.

Affectionately,

*Dan*

# WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Charles Ottinger**, the oldest living member of our congregation at age 97, passed away August 3 in Mullins, SC. Charles and wife **Kathleen** moved to Mullins from Stanley to be cared for by their son, but have retained their membership here. Charles died from pneumonia and other complications arising from hospitalization for an arm broken two weeks ago. Kathleen is confined to a nursing home in Mullins. The Ottingers' daughter, **Charlene Hager** and husband **Roland**, are also members of our church family.

Christian sympathies are extended to the family of **Buddy and Jean Cavin**. Buddy's sister, **Margaret (Peggy) Cavin Clark**, 82, passed away July 26 in Fayetteville, NC. She was a member of FPC in her youth, and taught elementary school in eastern North Carolina for 49 years.

**Barbara Graham** has asked for prayer in connection with the eye surgery which she will undergo on Thursday of this week.

Congratulations are in order for **Charlie and Jamie Stewart** in the birth of their 3rd daughter, **Cora Belle** born August 3 at Gaston Memorial. Cora Belle's *big sisters* are **Adelee** and **Brooklyn**. Proud grandparents are **Tommy and Janice Barton**. Proud great-grandparents are **Tom and Jerry Barton**.

Updates from **Roger Wagstaff and family** are available on-line at [CaringBridge.org](http://CaringBridge.org). Roger, who suffers from Primary Lateral Sclerosis, a rare neuromuscular disease, and wife **Sherry** journal there regularly. There is also a guestbook where you can leave your own messages for them. All that is needed is for you to navigate to [CaringBridge.org](http://CaringBridge.org) and when asked to identify the website you want, enter **RogerWagstaff** (no space and not case sensitive).

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## A Note of Thanks

*I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food and visits during my recent operation and hospital stay. Most of all I want to thank you for your prayers. God is so good and has answered our prayers. The tumor was removed without spreading to other organs in my body, so no further treatment is necessary!*

*Clyde Haley*

## NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

Come this Sunday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. to hear **Sarah Faggart** and **Betsey Neely** give a report on their summer mission trip to Ethiopia.

**Paul and Marty Clark** have much going on in the Scripture Union ministry in Peru. After much prayerful study they have decided to rebuild the boys' home in Cusco that was washed away by the floods on the same land, but higher up, using cement instead of adobe. They want to build another boys' home in Chivay which is at the entrance of the world famous Colca Canyon. Their deaf program has grown and the Peruvian government has finally approved Signing as an official language. Marty is teaching in a Community Bible Study and Paul continues as General Director of Scripture Union.

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### MERCY MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Many families are helped through our **Food Pantry** ministry each month. Please continue to bring in items for the Food Pantry as you are able. The following are suggestions of items we could use:

crackers	soups	peanut butter	canned meat/fish
rice	pasta	pasta sauce	macaroni & cheese
vegetables	beans	canned fruit	cereals (hot and cold)

Thank you for your continued support!

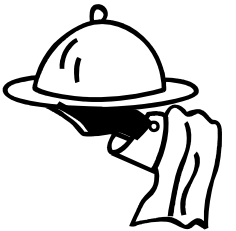
### CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

**Crisis Pregnancy Center** is in need of maternity clothes, particularly summer maternity clothes. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them by the CPC office at 800 Robinson Rd, Gastonia. For questions, you can reach them at 704-868-4636 or [cpcgasto@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpcgasto@bellsouth.net).

## 20-SOMETHINGS LUNCH

This month our 20-Somethings Lunch will be hosted by Tracy and Phyllis Withers. It will be held this Sunday, August 8.

If you haven't attended a prior lunch, we encourage you to join us this Sunday. It's a great time of fellowship...not to mention delicious food!




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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### Saddle Ridge Ranch in August!

Our Saddle Ridge Ranch Kids Camp will come to a close this month! Be sure to join in the fun for these last events.



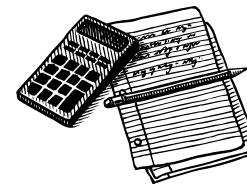
**Thursday, August 5** – Trip to Kid Sense Museum in Rutherfordton, NC.  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (\$5 Kids - \$1 Parent)

**Thursday, August 12** – Saddle Ridge Ranch – Founders Hall  
Preschool Kids (Ages 3 – entering Kindergarten)  
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (snack included)  
School-Age Kids (entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (light lunch will be included)

**Thursday, August 19** – Saddle Ridge Ranch Pool Party at Stanley Rec. 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2<sup>nd</sup> quarter contribution statements are ready and available for pick-up next to the literature display in the main hallway. Be sure to pick up your copy!

# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Church Family,

As I mentioned Sunday in worship, the Session has set aside Thursday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> as a “Day of Prayer and Fasting” in order to call on the Name the Lord, admit our need/dependence on Him for congregational/Sessional matters, and ask Him to guide/direct us for His glory.

We all know what prayer is but what is fasting? A Biblically informed definition of fasting is “a Christian’s *voluntary* abstinence from food for spiritual purposes.” In other words, we give up food to concentrate on prayer. We say to God, “as much as I need food for nourishment, health, and life, I need You more.” What are some spiritual reasons for fasting to accompany prayer?

1. to strengthen prayer – **Ezra 8:22- 23**
2. to seek God’s guidance – **Judges 20:26-28**
3. to express grief – **2 Samuel 1:11-12**
4. to seek deliverance or protection – **2 Chronicles 20:3-4; or Esther 4:16**
5. to express repentance and a return to the Lord – **1 Samuel 7:6: or Joel 2:12**
6. to humble oneself before God – **1 Kings 21:27-29**
7. to express concern for the work of God – **Nehemiah 1:3-4**
8. to minister to the needs of others – **Isaiah 58:6-7**
9. to oversee temptation and dedicate yourself to God – **Matthew 4:1-4**
10. to express love, worship, and devotion to God – **Luke 2:36-37**

You’ll see from the above passages that fasting was a common spiritual discipline for God’s people (and still should be). So if the Lord leads you to fast along with your praying, that would be great. Either way, your prayers are asked for and appreciated.

Remember, you can come to the church to pray between 8 AM and 4 PM, or you can pray at home, the office, etc. any time the Spirit leads. Thank you for your prayers!

Grace and Peace,



## Youth News

1. Cheesecake Factory dessert run – Fri., Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. [\$5] Meet at the church at 10:45 AM.
2. Carowinds Amusement Park – Sat., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. [\$35] Meet at the church at 8:30 AM
3. Parents Planning Meeting – Sun., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in Founders Hall
4. Church-wide Camping Trip – Fri., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mon., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. [FREE] Briar Bottom Camp Ground near Mt. Mitchell.

Please see Pastor Scott for more details on any/all events!

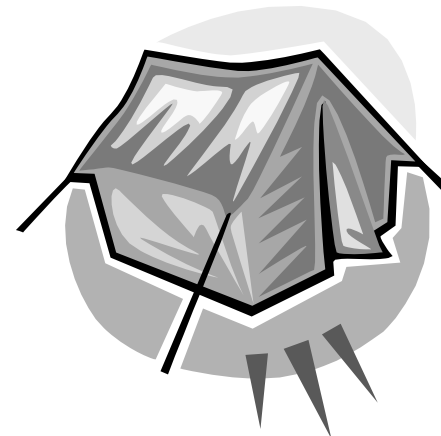
Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston Co., Inc.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life Friday, September 10, 2010

Location: Crisis Pregnancy Center, 800 Robinson Road

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

Contact Thea Friesenhahn for more details!  
704-263-7259 or [tskf427@hotmail.com](mailto:tskf427@hotmail.com)



## Church-wide Camp-Out

Briar Bottom Group Camp  
near Burnsville, North Carolina

Friday through Monday,  
September 3 - 6, 2010

Contact Scott or Suzy Deneen at  
263-6059 for more information.

# THANK YOU FOR A GREAT WEEK OF VBS

by David Nelson

Last week, some wonderful kingdom ministry happened on our campus! More volunteers than I can name came together in a coordinated effort to offer our community and our church children a wonderful *High Seas Expedition*.

Children learned songs and scripture which celebrate the wonder and power of God's Word. Namely, God's Word is true, God's Word is comforting, God's Word is surprising, God's Word is life-changing, and God's Word is for everyone! They also learned about Paul's adventure-filled journey to Rome by sea from Acts 27 and 28.

In their Bible lessons kids saw God's provision and protection of Paul and everyone with him through a storm, a shipwreck, hunger, and poisonous snakes. They also saw how God's Word and witness through Paul went out with power to change people's hearts and minds. It's our hope and prayer that God's Word and our witness did and will continue to do the same for them!

Praise God and thank you to everyone who helped! I don't dare name everyone for fear and almost certainty of leaving someone out... the planning for this began in the winter with our Children's Ministry Team reviewing curricula we might use and before that at budget approval in late Fall when the session allotted money to hire a temporary summer children's ministry coordinator.

Beyond that there was planning, buying (decorations, crafts, teaching materials, set materials, game supplies, food, etc. etc.), recruiting, construction, decorating, food preparation, training, ministry & room use coordination, financial accounting, set ups, tear downs, sound board operation, registration management, promotion, leading children, teaching, acting, audio-video operation, and much, much more!

More work goes into a week such as this than what meets the eye... and it couldn't have happened without the generous and gracious help of each one of you who lent a hand or two!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Special thanks are due to our summer Children's Ministry Coordinator, Lauren Fox (and her husband, Cory - he did most of the set building & decoration just the week prior to going with our short term mission to Paraguay)!! It's amazing to pull off a week like we had at all, it's near miracle status to have it happen as smoothly as it did! Lauren made it look easy - especially with two kids and one helpful young lady in tow... but it isn't!

Thank you Lauren, Cory & Fox family for giving above and beyond...

Believing and growing with you,

*David*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY REMINDERS...

Thursday, August 5: 9:00 am - Saddle Ridge Ranch Kids Camp to Kids Sense Museum  
7:30 pm - Officers' Prayer

Sunday, August 8: 3:30 pm - MTW Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm - Evening Worship

Monday, August 9: 7:00 pm - CDC Committee Meeting

Wed., August 11: 7:00 pm - Young Adult Care Group meets at the Jessens'

Thursday, August 12: Saddle Ridge Kids Camp 9:00 Ages 3 - rising K5  
11:30 Rising 1st - 6th grade

Saturday, August 14: 7:00 am - Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, August 15: 6:30 pm - Ask the Pastors

Monday, August 16: 7:00 pm - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Wed., August 18: 7:00 pm - Young Adult Care Group meets at the Jessens'

Thursday, August 19: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Children's Pool Party at Stanley Rec  
7:30 pm - Session Meeting

Baseball Finale:

Friday, Aug. 20: 7:00 pm - Softball Teams

Saturday, Aug. 21: 9:00 am - T-Ball Teams

11:00 am - Machine Pitch Teams

*\*Prayer Partners—Please be in prayer for these upcoming Finale events.*

