

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 17 Andy Murphy<br>Kathleen Ottinger       | 23 Judy Dixon<br>Ann Featherstone<br>Gracie Hager                          | 29 Patricia Ellis                                    |
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## MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2010

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For with you is the fountain of life; in  
 your light, we see light. Psalms 36:9

An opportunity to challenge all  
 of God's people to carry the light by  
 sharing the good news of the gospel,  
 in all walks of life.

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Here at the beginning of a new school year and Sunday School year I am thankful for teachers. I hope you are, too.

What is it that you remember the most about going to church or attending school? It may be an event, lesson or activity. But I'm willing to bet that the memory most of us have is of a person – someone who taught valuable life lessons, whether in or out of the classroom.

Ask me my story and I would tell you about Brother Pierce, a retired Methodist preacher who wore a straw hat and carried a pocket watch on a gold chain and loved Pepsi Colas, and with his wife Cleo gave me my first picture book about Jesus and smiled at me. He taught me the power of kindness.

And Miss Mary Emma Coachman who sat on the same spot in the same pew every Sunday – I mean *every* Sunday – even though she had to milk cows and deliver the milk before she came to church. And Mammy Smith, another elderly lady, who knelt on the sanctuary floor to pray, even though she was the only one doing so. They taught me devotion to worship.

And Miss Gertie Dismuke who taught children's Sunday School and had us bring our nickels and dimes and put them into a little plastic box made in the shape of a grand piano, because we were saving money to buy a real piano for our first-grade Sunday School class. She taught me about hope and costly commitment.

As a little test I wanted to see whether I could name all my grade school teachers, kindergarten up to high school. I'm 61 years old now, but I got every one – first name and last. That's the kind of impression my teachers made.

My life is full of people who invested something valuable in me, people who gave me something that has become a part of who I am. Today I am grateful. So, God bless our teachers – in the church and in the school. Give them a good year; let them know their work matters; help us show them they are appreciated – and remembered.

Affectionately,

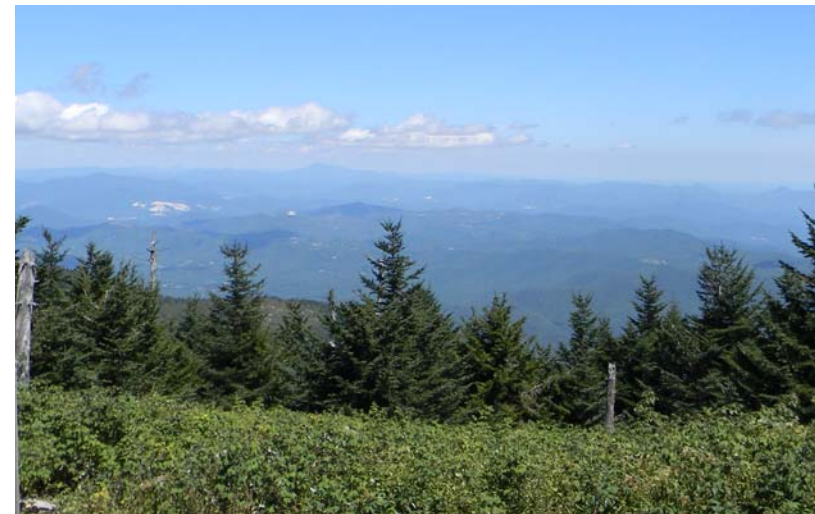
*Dan*

# WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We are glad to be able to report that **Richard Rhyne** has returned home after hospitalization at Gaston Memorial and a period of rehabilitation at the Stanley Total Living Center.

**Roxi Smith** and **Junior Bryant** are also recovering at home after recent back surgeries.

Upwards of 40 members of our church family went camping together over the Labor Day weekend. Children, youth, families and singles enjoyed the beauty of God's creation and one another's company at the Briar Bottom Campground on Mt. Mitchell. We are grateful to **Pastor Scott and Suzy Deneen** for coordinating this annual outing.



## DO YOU KNOW...

Do you know of anyone who has a furnished living space available? Since moving away a couple of years ago, Bill and Leona Digges have really missed being near their FPC family. They would like to move back to this area to live for approximately 6 months. If you know of any living arrangements that might meet their need, please call the church office with details.



# MERCY MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to bring in items for the Food Pantry as you are able. Our pantry is getting low and the following are suggestions of items we could really 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!

## WITH LOVING THANKS

*Dear Women in the Church,*

*Thank you for the engraved Bibles that you gave to us after the birth of our daughters. This will be something they can always keep.*

*The Hall and Herd families*

This thank you note came from a family in our community that received some help through our Mercy Ministry Assistance.

*A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. As I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” John 13:34 KJV*

*Thank you for the Christ-like love you have shown us. We don't have anything to give to you but only a prayer that God blesses you and keeps you on the straight and narrow way. My wife and I would like to express many thanks to your church. Times are hard and even the most unexpected people are in need of help. If it was not for this church, me and my wife and our 5 month old might be sitting in the dark today. Thank you for the power bill and the meds.*

## The Elizabeth Circle invites the Best Years Club to a Country Dinner

(Pinto Beans, Greens, Cornbread, Dessert, Beverage)

**When: Tuesday, September 21, 5:30 pm**

**Where: Founders Hall**

**Guest Speakers: Leon and Kathy Lineberger**

Come and learn lots of interesting information about Gaston County's "Cotton Ginning Days" being held next month.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS RIGHT NOW**

Sign Up Sheets are in your SS Rooms

## SOAR NEWS

### Prayer Partners' Baseball Finale Update

<u>Team</u>	<u>Today I asked Jesus into my heart</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
All Stars	1	Grover Rodgers, Robert Lewis
Battitude	2	Chris Graham, Steve Adams, Wayne Helms
Fireants	4	James & Michelle Magill
Titans	2	Mike & Rachel Gamage
Champions	2	Khris Helms
Mountaineers	1	Brent Grice, Steve Burr

*God is always  
available to hear the  
Prayer of his child.*

### Youth Basketball / Cheer Registration This Weekend!

There are still volunteer opportunities available. Contact Grover (Basketball) or Melodie (Cheer) for more information:

Grover Rodgers	704.747.4923	gtr4@carolina.rr.com
Melodie Garrison	704.661.9354	melodie.garrison@yahoo.com

Church members and Church Staff can pre-register now. Registration forms can be found on the literature display or online ([www.fpcstanley.org](http://www.fpcstanley.org)). Turn these in to the church office or give to Debbie Harper.

# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

Please take notice of our upcoming events!

1. Sun., **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday Night Youth Group begins - 6 PM. Music, games, food, small groups are all part of the mix. Making disciples is the objective. First semester Lessons include: Creation - God Saw that it was Good; the Fall of Man, Redemption - The World Can be Fixed; New Creation - A New Life has Begun; and Who I Am.
2. Wed., **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Wed. Night Youth Group begins - 6:30 PM Wednesday Nights are a relaxed, game filled evening in the gym. We also spend time in prayer and enjoying a Bible Lesson from the Book of Luke.
3. Fri., **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** - Birkdale Village Youth "Night on the Town." Meet at 1st Pres. at 5:15 PM Return by 9:45 PM Bring money for supper! Kids and adults enjoy a meal at the restaurant of their choice; ice cream; STARBUCKS!; Barnes and Noble Book-store for those Friday night readers; and shopping.
4. Sat., **Oct. 2** - Country Fest Outreach Event. Sign up for crafts, water distribution, etc. at the time of your choice! Country Fest lasts from 9 AM - 4 PM This year we'd like to add Face Painting to our offerings so if you have some artistic ability, sign up to help for an hour or two!
5. Wed. - Sun., Oct. **13-17<sup>th</sup>** - Missions Conference (various activities). Join the entire church for worship, prayer, and Great Commission teaching during our annual Missions Conference.
6. Sat., **Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Leaf and Lunch Day. The Youth will be involved in a service project ministering to a person in our church who needs their leaves raked. Our plan is to start late morning and rake until completion. A hearty lunch will be provided!! BYOR! (**B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **R**ake)

If you have questions or would like to be more involved, please call me!

Blessings,



# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| Saturday, Sept. 11: | 7:00 am - Deacons' Meeting; Officers' Training<br>10:30 am - Basketball/Cheerleading Registration<br><i>Church members and staff - remember to pre-register!</i>           |
| Sunday, Sept. 12:   | 12:15 pm - 20-Somethings Luncheon at the Mitchells'<br>3:30 pm - MTW Committee Meeting<br>6:00 pm - Sunday Evening Schedule resumes with Care Groups, Youth, Image Bearers |
| Monday, Sept. 13:   | 9:00 am - Esther Circle meets in the Parlor<br>7:00 pm - Readers' Circle meets at Lennie Burrell's<br>Ruth Circle meets in the Parlor                                      |
| Tuesday, Sept. 14:  | 7:00 pm - Elizabeth Circle meets at Sherry Teague's<br>Burrell Care Group  |
| Wed., Sept. 15:     | 10:30 am - Wednesday Morning Care Group meets in the Parlor<br>6:30 pm - Youth; Abernathy Care Group<br>7:00 pm - Young Adult Care Group meets at the Jessens'             |
| Thursday, Sept. 16: | 7:30 pm - Session Meeting  |
| Saturday, Sept. 18: | 7:00 am - Officers' Training<br>8:00 am - Golf Tournament at Woodbridge Golf Club<br><i>There's still time to sign up! Call the church office!</i>                         |
| Monday, Sept. 20:   | 7:00 pm - Children's Ministry Team Meeting   |



## Tim and Caryann's BARTON BROADCAST August 24, 2010

When I sent our most recent ministry update in June, my intention was to let that be the last until we had completed the formal process of evaluation we are to undergo, which is up-coming at our denominations' church planting assessment September 20th – 23rd. However, after our family vacation a few weeks ago, we felt a great burden and weight of ministry as we flew back into Utah. Anytime we experience this, I believe God is reminding us that no matter how excited or prepared we think we are to do this, or how overwhelming the task may seem, we must remain completely and wholly dependent upon Him to accomplish this work.

For the past few days I have been speaking to different churches in North and South Carolina which has been a great encouragement to my heart. I have been encouraged for several reasons. One is that I get to talk about what I love...1. The Truth about Jesus and 2. Telling people how we are trying to share the Truth about Jesus with people in and outside the Christian church in Utah.

I have also been encouraged to hear little children and adults alike asking questions about how God is using us in ministry to the people of Utah. Several of the children from these churches went home and told their parents about our ministry and have already begun to pray for our work in Utah. Some adults have committed to pray for us as well and we are grateful to have these additional people support God's ministry through us.

It is very exciting and refreshing to be reminded through this process that we in Utah are not alone in our ministry to the culture here. We are very grateful to each of you for your support from the beginning until now and ask your directed prayers in the coming weeks and months regarding our assessment, our plans, and our fundraising.

### *Prayer Requests*

- That God would remind the pastors, their families, and the other Christians in Utah that we are not alone in our ministry here.
- That God would continue to guide us in the evaluation and plans for church planting
- That God would provide all the support we need for the next phase of the work He has for us

## Christian Education

### Something for Everyone!!! *Children, Youth, Adults*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Is Sunday School a part of your Sundays? If not, now is a good time to start. There are classes for all ages. **Attention parents – have you completed and dropped off the informational sheet about your child and the spiritual goal you want to set for him/her for this year?** This will help us as we seek every opportunity to help your child grow spiritually.

**CARE GROUPS:** 10 Care Groups (small groups of 8 to 12 people) meet weekly – 6 meet on Sunday evening, 1 on Tuesday evening, 1 on Wednesday morning and 2 on Wednesday evening - for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. You are invited to be a part of one of these. See the lists on the bulletin board near the church offices.

**YOUTH:** Attention, all middle and high school students! Come this Sunday, September 12, at 6 p.m. for the kick-off to a new season of youth ministry.

**IMAGE BEARERS:** This is our Sunday evening ministry for children. Leaders for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are Chuck and Jonan Bynum, Linda Faggart, Lisa Grice, Susan Mesimer and Rhonda Prather. Leaders for 3 and 4 years olds are Ellen Deese and Michaela Lamb. **Parents of K-5 are asked to come this Sunday, September 12, at 5:30 p.m. for a brief informational meeting in Fellowship Hall while the children (all ages 3 years olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) enjoy a pizza supper in Founders Hall.** Then the children will have a full evening of Image Bearers until pick-up time at 7:30 p.m.

