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MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2010

OCTOBER 13 - 17



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

Missionaries from all over the world will gather here next week for our 2010 World Missions Conference. I want you to make plans to gather with them as we learn what God is doing to bring the nations to himself, and as we investigate exciting ways to have a part in it.

This five-day event is a highlight of our entire church year, and it's meant for everybody at FPC – members, friends, adults, youth and children. Whether you're interested in foreign missions (Europe, South America, the Caribbean, for instance) or ministry closer to home (the urban poor, crisis pregnancies, prisons, local church planting) there will be something (and someone) for you.

You can visit first-hand with missionaries – veteran and beginner. There will be preaching from our conference keynoter, Dr. Rich Wolfe; lots of music and pageantry; a customized Children's Conference; terrific food; and glimpses into fascinating ministries going on around the globe.

Missions is central to who we are and what we do at FPC. If you are a newcomer here, you can probably catch the heartbeat and vision of this church more quickly at next week's conference than through any other single experience.

But the conference is not just for your information. It's also for your greater personal involvement. You will be challenged to pray, give, and go in obedience to Jesus' command: "Make disciples of all nations."

You'll be called on to pray regularly for missionaries in the coming year. (We'll show you how and give you materials to remind and encourage you.)

Our missionary funding is done through Faith Promise giving. Faith Promise goes above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. It looks to God in faith to enable us to give gladly and generously as He supplies our needs. Everyone will be asked to consider a Faith Promise for 2011.

And many opportunities for going in missions service will also be presented at the conference – from short-term missions of a few days to long-term and career possibilities.

See the complete schedule across the page and make definite plans now to be on hand. It's great fun, and you'll be blessed beyond your expectations.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Evelyn Ingle** who died in Gastonia September 28 at age 73. Mrs. Ingle was the step-mother of our members **Stephanie Youngblood** and **Sharon Morton**, the step-grandmother of **Selena Farmer** and **Lisa Revels**, and the aunt of **Gary Neely**.

Roger Wagstaff will undergo additional surgery this week at Carolinas Medical Center. Roger continues to experience degeneration of his spine as a consequence of Primary Lateral Sclerosis.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Nancy Franks** who is undergoing rehabilitation for a fractured hip. Nancy is receiving her therapy at the Stanley Total Living Center.

Ellen Beam is recovering at home from recent outpatient surgery, and we look forward to seeing her back at church soon.

As we went to press, **Mae Belle Glenn** was being evaluated at Gaston Memorial Hospital Emergency Room for a blood clot in her leg. She was expecting to be admitted for treatment.

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS

Deadline for requests to be included in the 2011 church budget is Sunday, October 17. Written requests need to be submitted to Church Treasurer Gary Neely by that date.



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
peanut butter
canned fruit
vegetables

soups
rice
pasta
beans

canned meat/fish
macaroni & cheese
pasta sauce
cereals (hot and cold)



Thank you for your continued support!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Thursday, Oct. 7: 6:30 pm - CE Committee Meeting
7:30 pm - Officers' Prayer

Saturday, Oct. 9: 7:00 am - Officer Training

Sunday, Oct. 10: 3:00 pm - Officer Exams
4:30 pm - Choir Group III

Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Sunday, Oct. 17: World Mission Conference



MISSION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



Wednesday, October 13

6:00 Fellowship meal for ALL
7:00 Pre-conference Prayer Meeting

Thursday, October 14

7:00 Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speaker
7:30 Children (ages 4 through 3rd grade) dismissed for Children's Conference
8:15 Missionary booth visitation / Refreshments

Friday, October 15

9:30 Prayer and fellowship breakfast for our Best Years Club. Entertainment will be provided by our CDC. A brief missionary report will be presented.
6:00 Barton's BBQ for ALL
7:00 Keynote Speaker / Children's Conference
8:15 Missionary booth visitation / Refreshments
We will announce the booth winner, cake decoration winner and trip voucher winners.

Saturday, October 16

7:00 Youth Spaghetti Supper at the Deneens'

Sunday, October 18

8:30 Worship Service: Keynote Speaker and Missionary Reports
9:30 Booth visitation and refreshments
10:00 Sunday School: Missionary Reports
11:00 Worship Service: Keynote Speaker and Missionary Reports

Conference Goals

380 **Praying** Regularly for the Missionaries

Giving

- Level 1 - \$155,000 - To maintain current level of support
- Level 2 - \$160,000 - To enhance support of current missionaries
- Level 3 - \$165,000 - To expand support to new missionaries

MISSION CONFERENCE MESSAGES BY KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. RICHARD WOLFE

Thursday: Isaiah 42:6-8 "Light to the Gentiles - God's Covenant Mission"

Friday: John 8:12 "I Am the Light of the World"

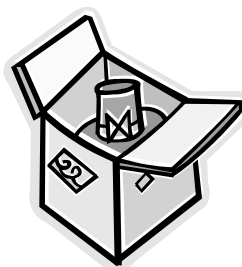
Sunday: Matthew 5:14-16 "You Are the Light of the World"



WIC NEWS

Fall College Boxes

Remember to bring in items for our colleges boxes. We will be filling a box for each undergrad student who is living away from home. We need snacks, toiletries, and special treats to fill these boxes. A list of suggestions is posted on the WIC bulletin board in the main hallway. Items should be placed in the bins in the main hallway by October 31.



Fall Outing



Have you signed up for the WIC Fall Outing to Green Room Community Theatre for "Welcome to Mitford"? This trip is planned for Saturday, November 6th. The bus will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. with a stop for supper at the Western Steer in Newton. Your cost would be \$4.99 for soup 'n salad or \$8.99 for the buffet plus beverage and tip. The 2 hour play begins at 8:00. We should be back in Stanley before 11:00 p.m. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 17. A sign-up box is located on the WIC bulletin board in the main hallway.

DRESS A GIRL IN HAITI

It's a SEWING PARTY!!
Will you come help?
If you don't sew, there is still a job for you!



Event : Make Pillowcase dresses

Date: November 13, 10 am to 12 pm

Where: Founders Hall

Donation Needs:

- New or gently used pillowcases
- 1/4" to 1/2" elastic
- 1/2" double folded bias tape
- 7 1/2" x 8" pocket material



Be sure to stop by our booth at the Missions Conference.
You may also drop off donations in the box outside the missions office.

Event coordinators: Marcia Rhyne, Debbie Boggess, Sally Ormsby

SOAR News

Adult Volleyball

FPC has 2 teams in the Adult Volleyball league sponsored by First Baptist, Stanley. We are having a great time! Next Monday, October 11 our 2 teams will have a chance to play each other. The game will begin at 6:15 pm at First Baptist. This would be the perfect time for you to come out and watch a game!



SOAR Sunday
November 21

Look for more information in the near future!

JORDAN JOURNAL FROM TIM AND VICKI BARTON

September 20, 2010

Greetings,

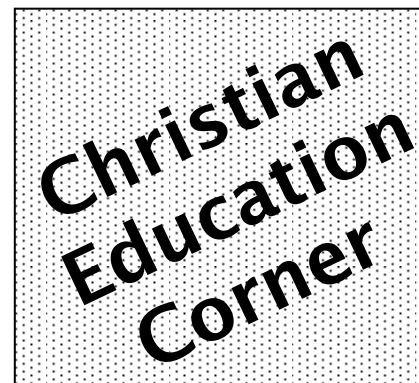
The last time I updated you I was considering an offer from the Board of Mission Utah to become the permanent part-time coordinator for Mission Utah. I prayerfully considered this for over a month. I can honestly say that I have never prayed more about anything in my life. In the end I decided to decline the offer. The demands at Jordan Presbyterian as well as the challenges are just too great to divide myself. The fact is that I would have been involved in two open-ended jobs and just didn't feel I could take that responsibility.

I am, however, staying involved and in fact until the end of the year plan to remain as the interim coordinator. We have representatives from Mission to North America scheduled to come and meet with all the ministers and elders in Utah who wish to attend in late October and guide a discussion on where we are, what we need and the best way to get there. We may restructure things or we may leave them as they are and just look for a coordinator. But we are still actively trying to plant churches. Our new apprentice Reid Jones is really the cream of the crop.

Jordan Presbyterian had a congregational meeting yesterday that was very encouraging. It was to inform and explain our situation as it is as well as some of the adjustments we are going to be making in order to move closer to living within our means. We have a cushion in the bank that has truly been a God-send. But we need to move to "self-supporting" as soon as possible.


The adjustments we made took four months of discussions. The short version is this. Until we become self-supporting we are going to be re-directing all of our Faith Promise Missions giving to Utah missions. (God has wonderfully answered our prayers for laborers in Utah and they all need support) We are moving to a volunteer secretary and I am taking a \$10,000 reduction in pay. These, along with other adjustments gets us about \$25,000 closer to self-supporting and at least puts it within reach. Join us in praying for the long haul health and growth of Jordan Presbyterian as well as the effort to help plant a PCA presbytery here.

If you have any questions let me know. But again thank you for your prayers and support for us here.



CHURCH LIBRARY

The library is located just across from the nursery. Drop by on Sunday or during the week and check out a book. Some good reads for younger children are:

There's a Duck in my Closet 

Mud Pie Annie

God Knows My Name



Berries for the Queen

SPOTLIGHT ON THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Have you noticed the bulletin board just outside the Christian education office? This month it features the teachers and students in our Kindergarten Sunday School class.

Learning the Catechism

Our Image Bearers are busy learning the Catechism for Young Children. The catechism puts great Biblical doctrines into language comprehensible to children. Encourage our kindergarten through 5th graders and their leaders in this.

Sunday, October 17, is missionary day in our Sunday School. Each class (except for the Nursery and Toddlers) will hear from two of our missionary guests. Don't miss it!!



MISSIONARIES
IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL

MISSIONARY BULLETIN BOARDS

You may read news from our missionaries on the individual boards in the hallway representing each family. We have just updated the boards in preparation for the Missions Conference. If you would be willing to post information from one or more of our missionaries as it becomes available (we will send it to you), please sign the list at the Global Outreach booth during the conference. We are recruiting volunteers!

