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THE LORD'S SUPPER



will be observed during both
morning services on Sunday, Nov. 7th

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

A significant reorganization of our church staff is underway at FPC. In an effort to anticipate our future needs and to respond to recent staff changes, the Session has approved a reorganization plan which I will try to sketch out for you here.

Step one is creation of a part-time position of Children's Ministry Director. A search committee has been appointed to find the best candidate to lead our ministry to children up to middle school age. This work, estimated to require 25 hours per week, includes supervision of children's Sunday School, Sunday evening programs, VBS, Summer Day Camp, and other children's ministries. This new staffer will work closely with our Children's Ministry Team and the Christian Education Committee, which will continue their important functions.

Step two is creation (or perhaps, "renewal") of a full-time position for Outreach and Assimilation. This staff position has not been filled since the departure nearly 10 years ago of Pastor Tim Barton. A second search committee is beginning its work to identify the right person to oversee our evangelism and "enfolding" ministries. The job description for this position has been written to allow for selection of the best candidate, whether clergy or lay. So the position title will be either "Pastor" or "Director" of Outreach and Assimilation. Duties will include coordination of our Sports Outreach and Recreation Ministry (the part-time position being vacated by the pending resignation of Debbie Harper), evangelism training and mobilization, outreach events (now overseen by Pastor Scott Deneen), and care groups (an important part of our assimilation effort).

Scott Deneen will continue as our Associate Pastor with primary responsibility for Youth and Families. But in addition, he will now provide staff supervision for the Adult Sunday School.

My role will remain mostly the same, with emphasis on preaching, vision, pastoral care, and staff supervision.

This arrangement will provide staff support for all the major areas of the rather diverse ministry we have offered over the years, as well as attempting to re-balance the church's twin emphases of evangelism and edification, that is, influencing people for Christ and building them up in the faith.

Details on these plans are available for the asking from any elder or staff member.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sincere condolences are extended to **Donna and David Hill, Sandra, John and Crystal** in the death of Donna's mother. Mrs. **Carol Rhames Turner**, 71, died at her home in Blacksburg, SC, October 29.

We note with sorrow the passing of a friend of our congregation, **Robert Miller, Sr.** Robert and wife **Esther** worshipped frequently with us and were also regular participants in our Wednesday Morning Care Group. He died at home in Mt. Holly October 29 at age 85.

Thank you for your prayers on behalf of **Harrison Revels**. Harrison, who will be 11-months-old this week, received a new liver Monday at Carolinas Medical Center. The transplant surgery went very well, and while the little fellow has a long way to go in recovery, his doctors and family are optimistic.

Roxi Smith was hospitalized again this week and scheduled for additional surgery at Carolinas Medical Center, and **Jean Robinson** was hospitalized last week at Presbyterian-Huntersville.

Welcome to our newest church members! **Charlie and Jamie Stewart** joined FPC on reaffirmation of faith and were welcomed into the congregation on October 24. On that same day they presented their three daughters for covenant baptism: **Adelee, Brooklyn, and Cora Belle**. Jamie's parents are **Tommy and Janice Barton** who became members here recently themselves. Among other family members attending the happy occasion were Charlie's parents, **Dennis and Laurie Stewart**.

Congratulations to **Chris and Danielle Abernathy** on the birth of their third child. **Landon Tyler** was born at Carolinas Medical Center on November 2. Landon's *big sister* is **Kirsten**, and his *big brother* is **Austin**. Proud great-grandparents are **John and Betty Ann Abernathy**.

Art Cozart's Styrofoam coffee cup art is creating quite a stir. He was to be featured on "Charlotte Today" Thursday morning at 11 AM in a live interview (NBC Channel 36), and "Our State" Magazine has requested interviews for an article planned for next year. Much of this attention was sparked by Art's display at the new Mint Museum last month during its grand opening. So many have asked to see Art's creations that he's put up a new website, well worth the visit. See his work at www.thecupguy.com.

MERCY MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to bring in items for the Food Pantry as you are able. Thanks to your generosity our pantry is in pretty good shape. We are however low are the following items:



crackers
peanut butter
vegetables

rice
pasta
beans

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



Thank you for your continued support!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Thursday, Nov. 4: 7:30 pm - Officers' Prayer
- Saturday, Nov. 6: 4:30 pm - Women's Fall Outing to Dinner and Greenroom Playhouse
- Sunday, Nov. 7: 3:00 pm - Gathering of the Saints Community Choir at FPC
- Monday, Nov. 8: 10:00 am - Esther Circle meets in the Church Parlor
6:30 pm - Reader's Circle meets at the home of Freida Robinson
Ruth Circle meets at the home of Kathy Lineberger
- Tuesday, Nov. 9: 6:30 pm - Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of SaDara Tilley
- Saturday, Nov. 13: 7:00 am - Deacon's Meeting
10:00 am - Sewing Party for Haiti dresses
- Sunday, Nov. 14: 12:15 pm - 20-Somethings Lunch
2:00 pm - Shower for Melissa Ensley
3:30 pm - MTW Committee Meeting
- Monday, Nov. 15: 7:00 pm - Children's Ministry Team Meeting



We are once again participating in the Samaritan's Purse

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

See the display table inside Pastor Scott's office for a brochure that explains the program and offers suggestions of items to purchase in addition to listing items that are not allowed in the shoe boxes.

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 14th.

You are invited to a
Wedding Shower

honoring

Melissa Ensley

Sunday, November 14

2:00 - 4:00 PM

in Founders Hall

The bride-to-be is registered at Belk and Bed, Bath & Beyond

Hostesses: Annette Rodgers, Melissa Smith, and Lisa Stowe.

20-SOMETHINGS LUNCHEON

at the home of Ron and Debbie Smith

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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



FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

“Salvation comes from the LORD.” Jonah uttered these words from inside the belly of a great fish. Jonah knew that if he was going to be saved, it was up to someone else to accomplish it. Jonah had disobeyed the Word of the Lord to go to Nineveh and preach against that great city. Instead he headed for Tarshish (in the opposite direction). God intervened to stop him and when Jonah knew that his rebellion was causing calamity for his shipmates, he had them throw him overboard. God, however, was not through with Jonah. Therefore, He sent a great fish to swallow Jonah.

God’s saving activity is amazing! Even with people like rebellious Jonah, God Almighty shows compassion, mercy, and grace. Even with people – like us – who make vows to “do better” one day and then falter immediately the next, grace flows to us. Why? How?

God’s mercy comes to us because Jesus Christ so fully and completely satisfied God for us that God is now absolutely free to show us His kindness and mercy. What a great salvation! God initiating and bringing to pass blessings for His people due to his own efforts in Christ. Wow! What a mighty God we serve.

He is certainly a God we can trust... worship... love.

May God bless you with the knowledge of His salvation today,



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Dec. 5th: **Christmas Party** – We will play our “Gift Exchange” Game!
2. Dec. 15-17th: **LIVE Christmas Scenes** – Come join in the re-telling of Christ’s L i f e through the LIVE Christmas Scenes. A GREAT outreach for the entire family!!
3. Feb. 4-5th : **SKI RETREAT** – Hit the slopes with all your friends as we ski at WinterPlace, WVa!

Born in Chester, SC, **Andy Tinsley** has lived in our area for 18 years. Andy and Gina, married for 32 years, are parents to Virginia, 30, and Amanda (Macky) 27. With a Biology degree, Andy works at Duke Energy for Carolinas Waste Export. He also attended Reformed Theological Seminary for a year and a half. The Tinsleys have been members of FPC for 18 years.

- *During the summer of my 12th birthday – 1966 – I noticed my twin brother reading his Bible while we were getting ready for the beach. Because of his influence as well as Mom’s and Dad’s biblical living, and our involvement with the church, I accepted Christ as Lord and Savior later that year.*
- *If called to serve as elder of FPC-Stanley by God’s divine plan, I will do so humbly, understanding the enormity of the task. By the Holy Spirit molding me to his will from a very early age, I strive for “perfection” of those qualifications listed in 1 Timothy and Titus, and desire to express those qualifications by love and oversight for the FPC-Stanley flock.*

STANLEY TOWN NEWS



The Stanley Parks and Recreation Department and the Stanley Revitalization Committee are seeking to improve our community with the development of Harper Park. This new public recreation site to be built on Black Snake Road near the Fire Department will offer ball fields, picnic shelters, walking track, playground, basketball court and other features. Inscribed walkway paver bricks are being sold to help fund the park, with prices beginning at \$125. Or your gift in any amount would be welcomed. To donate or receive more information, stop by Town Hall, 114 S. Main St., Stanley, NC, 28164, or write Stanley Dept. of Parks and Rec. at that address.

A life-long resident of Gaston County, **Grady Rhyne** has been married to Diane 49 years. Their children are Laura, 47, Jessica, 29 and Rebecca, 23; and great-grandchildren Nathan, 5 and Clara, 4. Grady is a Freightliner retiree and has been a member of FPC for 24 years.

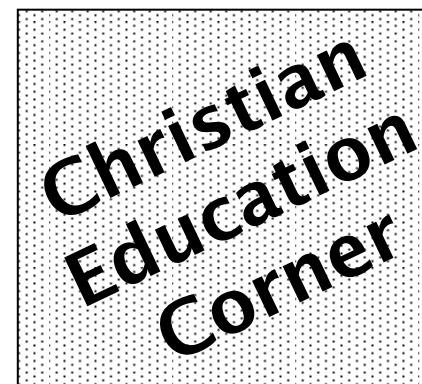
- *I don't remember a time when I didn't believe Jesus to be my savior, although my faith was quite thin through my teen and young adult life. I still retained a desire to read the Bible and often spent time doing so alone in hotel rooms, when my work associates were about other things. When I started attending Goshen Presbyterian under the tutoring and persuasion of Pastor Al Saleeby I realized I need Christ much more.*
- *Because it seems to be my duty to offer my years of experience and Christian growth through study and service to help by meager means to further the Kingdom of God and its benefits to others.*

Allen Stowe was born in Charlotte and has been a resident of this area for 51 years. He and his wife of 23 years, Lisa, are parents to Samantha, 18, and Josh, 14. Allen holds two bachelor's degrees from UNC-Charlotte, in Industrial Psychology and Chemistry. He works as an environmental scientist for Duke Energy. He and his family have been members of FPC for 16 years.

- *Blessed by the faithful witness of my grandmother, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 13. Since that time, I have matured spiritually, although not as steadily as I would have liked.*
- *I believe that the Lord has called me to humbly use my gifts to nurture and support his works and his people, both within and outside the church, to the advancement and glorification of his kingdom.*

Jim Tilley, a native of Massillon, OH, has been a resident of the Stanley area for 20 years. Jim and SaDara have been married 48 years. Their children are Bruce, 47, and Angela, 43. Jim attended Franklin University in Columbus OH, and is retired from his work as Electronics Supervisor/Analyst with the Timken Co. He has been a member of this church for 15 years.

- *Raised in church and church schools, I thought I was good enough to get into heaven. God used a co-worker to show me I needed a personal relationship with Him through Jesus. He then used SaDara to get me into a church where I heard the gospel. In June of 1962 a friend of SaDara's family answered my questions and I joyfully received Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord.*
- *God has given me a love for His people, along with a desire to serve and grow with them.*



MEET THE PRIMARY CLASS

Look at the bulletin board just outside the Christian Education office. This month it features the teachers and students in our **Primary Sunday School class** (Grades 1 & 2)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Coming under the broad umbrella of Christian education is our ministry to women through Women Joined in Heart. A new circle year (small groups of women who meet monthly) begins in January. Women of all ages are invited to participate. It's a great place to make new friends. Think about it!!

DRESS A GIRL IN HAITI

Remember our

SEWING PARTY

to make pillowcase dresses

Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 am to 12 pm
in Founders Hall



For those of you who don't sew, you can participate by donating items needed below:

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

You may drop off donations in the box outside the missions office. Please see one of our Event Coordinators (Marcia Rhyne, Debbie Boggess, and Sally Ormsby) if you need more detail.

MISSIONS NEWS

GOING Into All the World

Sign up for one of these Short-Term Mission Trips in 2011:

- HAITI: March 19 – 26
- PALMER HOME in Mississippi: April 17 – 23 and July 24 - 30
- NEW YORK CITY: July 2 – 9
- PARAGUAY: July 6 – 16

Additional opportunities include teams going to McBrayer Springs Mission in Shelby to help with construction on their new building and to New Orleans for the continuing Katrina relief effort. Dates will be announced as people indicate a willingness to go. We are also recruiting members for a team sponsored by Hickory Grove Baptist Church going to Peru on June 23 – July 3. You may contact Jimmie Mitchell for more information about any of these trips.

PRAYING for Those Who Go

Our missionary family is made up of **52 families** serving in **17 countries**. Each of them tells us over and over again that their biggest need is prayer. Our goal at First Presbyterian is to have at least **380** people praying regularly for one or more of these missionary families in 2011. We believe that is something everyone – young or old – can do. As we go to print, **232** of you have already made commitments to pray. Would you add your name to the list? Call the church office (704 263-4275) to register your prayer commitment or fill out one of the Prayer Commitment Cards when you are here. To help you know how to pray we send out news from your missionary as it comes to us.

GIVING That They May Go

We support these missionaries through Faith Promise giving – trusting God to enable you to give more than you thought you could give, and, at the same time, to meet all your personal needs. As you make a Faith Promise commitment you begin to look for ways that God will provide for you to fulfill it. It may come in an unexpected, dramatic way, through creative ways of earning extra money or by reordering your priorities.

Our three-tiered goal for 2011 is:

- \$155,000 – to maintain current level of support
- \$160,000 – to enhance support of current missionaries
- \$165,000 – to expand support to new missionaries

As of November 3, we have **\$126,587** committed toward our goal. There is still time to turn in your Faith Promise commitment.

ELDER

Ed Faggart has been a member of First Presbyterian since 2000. He is a native of Charlotte who has resided in Lincolnton since marrying his wife, Linda, in December 1982. Ed and Linda have two children. Sarah joined FPC along with her parents and is currently a senior at Ole Miss. An adopted son, David, is ten years Sarah's senior and lives in Lincolnton. Ed attended NC State and has been employed at McGuire Nuclear Station since 1978.

- *I was raised in a family which attended church every Sunday but where joining was based on age and successful completion of classroom instruction. However, I began to realize at an early age that what was actually required was the accepting of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. While dating Linda, she became concerned about my spiritual condition and made it a priority. Due in part to her efforts, I accepted Christ as my personal savior in the summer of '82.*
- *I am willing to be an elder simply to contribute to God's work by performing the duties of that office here at FPC.*

Clyde Haley, originally from Jackson, OH, has lived in the Stanley area for 20 years. He and Ginny, married 57 years, are parents to three children: Mike, Sandra, and Beverly. Clyde is retired from management with a surety company. The Haleys have been part of FPC for 13 years.

- *I was led to Christ in 1954 by the minister of my wife's church where she had been a member most of her life. I had attended there since before we were married with her and her family.*
- *I have done my best to serve the Lord and follow his will. I promised Him years ago I would go where He asked me to. I feel He has called me once again to serve Him in the role of elder.*

Dan Ormsby was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and has been a resident of this area for 27 years. He and Sally have been married 29 years and have three adult children, Dawn, 28, Jeff, 26 and Matt, 24. Dan studied photography in the U.S. Navy and has made his living as a professional photographer ever since. He has been a member of FPC for 24 years.

- *I grew up in a Christian home believing in God, and through his grace I continue to grow in my walk with him.*
- *I feel that God has given me a heart for serving him and his people.*

DEACON AND ELDER CANDIDATES

The following men have been examined by the Session and approved as candidates. The congregation will vote on December 5. Please be in prayer in this matter until then. The brief biographies below include (italicized) each man's Christian testimony and sense of call to office.

DEACON

Scott Burgess was born in Wisconsin and has lived in this area 43 years. He and his wife of 20 years, Pam, are parents to Jessica, 22, and Trevor, 18. Scott holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Gardner-Webb and an M.B.A. from Pfeiffer University. He is retired from the NC Highway Patrol and works now in trucking regulation. He has been a member at FPC for 11 years.

- *I grew up knowing who Christ was when I was a child. Coming to this church and my willingness to learn about his teachings and love for us has helped me mature as a Christian.*
- *Someone saw something in me many years ago to nominate me for the office. I believe that to be the Lord's will. Serving God's church is a privilege. I receive many blessings from serving, and I also feel that I have a few talents to give to the church.*

Born in near-by McAdenville, **Garry Lucas** has lived in Stanley 34 years. He and wife Judy have been married for 34 years. Their adult children are both married – Brianne (Mrs. Chris) Baity and Brent Lucas. Garry, a high school graduate employed by Freightliner, has been a member of FPC for 30 years.

- *At the age of 24, I had been married about three years. I met with former pastor Ted Smith and realized I needed Christ in my life to be a godly man to lead my family.*
- *I believe when you are a member of the church, you should be involved and serve God, your church, and church family.*

Johnny Smith, a native of Lincolnton, has lived in the area 46 years. He and his wife of 19 years, Leslie, have two daughters, Kelsey, 12, and Kaliagh, 8. Johnny holds an Associate Degree in Business and is owner and designer for AmeriCraft Cabinets. He has been a member of FPC for 16 years.

- *Coming from godly parents, I have known Christ since a very young age, and I accepted him as my savior during communicants class at a young age.*
- *I have a strong desire to serve God and to use the gift he has given me to further his kingdom.*

SOAR News

Attention SOAR Prayer Partners

We are in the last 3 weeks of the season. These are critical weeks for Basketball & Cheerleading.

Pray for:

- Our players - that God would continue to keep them safe and that He would open their hearts and minds to learn about Jesus.
- Our coaches - that God would bless them by guiding their thoughts and actions so that both are glorifying to Him. Pray also that the focus of this ministry would remain in the forefront of their minds and that God would hinder the devil from attacking them.
- Our referees and scorekeepers - that God would bless their volunteer efforts, as well. That, through them, His light would shine for the gym to see.

Thank you for your prayers!

Adult Volleyball

We had a very successful CCSL Adult Volleyball season. God was glorified in our relationship building, game devotions and friendly rivalry this season. Our two teams finished #1 and #2 in the regular season matches and then fought very hard in the tournament to finish #2 and #3. Congratulations to both teams and many thanks to the fans who came out and cheered for us. Go GrayJays and BlueSquirrels!



SOAR Sunday

is

November 21!
