

FEbruary BIRTHDAYS

3 Alex Cavin
Chris Ham

5 Dustin Davis
Isaac Jessen
Dan Ormsby

6 Grace Kopka
Leslie Smith

7 Micah Nelson

8 Dawn Ormsby

10 Howard Graham

11 Eulice Thomas

12 Thea Friesenhahn

13 Luke Bryant
Andy Madzia

16 Anna Bumgarner
Jeremy Burrell
Lee Henderson
Danielle Levasseur
Brooklyn Stewart
Joshua Stowe
Jake Teague



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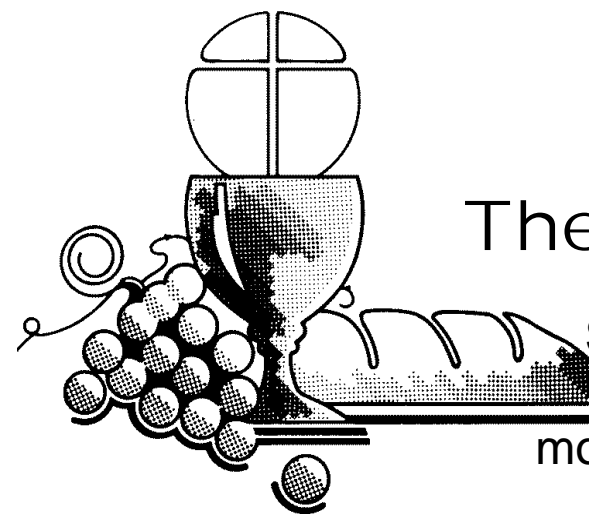
THE CHURCH FAMILY
*Presenting Everyone
Complete in Christ*

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BIG EVENT
For Children and
Those Who Teach Them
Sunday, January 23 – 9:45 a.m.

See page 3 for details.



We will observe
The Lord's Supper
Sunday, February 6
during both
morning worship services

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

Ministry to children has long held a prominent place in the life of First Presbyterian Church. I'm confident the strength of that ministry will continue and possibly even increase with the addition of **Lauren Fox** to our church staff.

The Session hired Lauren as Children's Ministry Director last week, acting on the unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee. She will begin her new duties February 7.

Many of you know Lauren, who grew up in this congregation as Lauren Henderson, daughter of Mrs. Frankie Henderson and our late elder Mike Henderson. Others will have become acquainted with her through her temporary assignments as Summer Children's Director the past several years. Lauren's brother, Lee Henderson, is a lifelong member of FPC and participates here regularly.

The new position of Children's Ministry Director will engage Lauren year-round in a ministry to children of the church and community from newborns through fifth grade. This will include coordination of Sunday School and Sunday night children's programs as well as Summer Vacation Bible School and special children's events. Training and encouragement of our volunteer children's ministry workers will also be a big part of her job.

Lauren graduated from Montreat College with a degree in Christian Education and has shown a special heart for children's ministry since that time. She is married to Cory Fox, a former officer with the Belmont Police Department who now works in corporate security at Duke Energy's McGuire Nuclear Station. Cory is widely known in our congregation as a faithful hands-on supporter of Lauren in her previous ministry here and as a regular member of short-term mission teams going out from FPC. Cory and Lauren have three children, Olivia, Jake and Ashley Kate. We look forward to the Foxes becoming part of our church family.

Thanks are due to members of our Children's Ministry Director Search Committee who served us so well the past few months. Elder Kevin Rhyne was chairman, leading the other members Lennie Burrell, Reid Evans, Freida Robinson, and Debbie Smith.

Another search committee continues its work seeking the best candidate for the other newly-created position on our church staff, Director/Pastor of Outreach and Assimilation.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Funeral services were held January 7 for **Roger Wagstaff's** father **Frank Wagstaff** of Mt. Holly who succumbed to cancer. Our Christian love goes out to **Roger and Sherry, Wanda, Melody, Jill and families.**

Many were shocked by the sudden death of former FPC member **Roger Brown**, who died of a heart attack at age 53. Condolences are extended to wife **Keitha** and the Browns' children, **Zach, Rachel and Rebecca.**

George Robinson was overnight at Gaston Memorial Hospital January 4. He's recovering at home, but not as fast as we would like.

It's good to see **Alfred Rhyne** and **Janet Devir** getting out a bit more after their confinement with a variety of ailments.

Joyce Burt is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Thursday at Mercy Hip and Knee Hospital in Charlotte.

A happy troupe of **thirty-two FPC members and friends** enjoyed an ice skating outing Saturday in Pineville. The trip was coordinated by Pastor Scott Deneen as a family fun day.



The **Church Mailboxes** have been updated for 2011. Mailboxes are provided for staff, elders, deacons, Sunday School teachers, and WIC Circle Chairs. Please remember to check your mailbox at least once a week for news and updates.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	59,246.32
Received in December for budget	66,377.73
Needed to date for budget.....	710,955.79
Received to date for budget	702,319.38
Needed monthly for Faith Promise.....	13,806.50
Received in December for Faith Promise	24,624.60
Needed to date for Faith Promise	165,678.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	155,426.25

FEBRUARY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Feb. 6: Deanna Beatty and Alyssa Lowery Susan and Craig Mesimer

5:45 PM - Janet and Jerry Ratchford

Feb. 13: Debbie Harper, Emma and Lauren Lisa and Brent Grice

5:45 PM - Martha Sue Mitchell

Feb. 20: Angie Killian and girls Charlene Schrum and Laura Evans

5:45 PM - Sandy Lasley

Feb. 27: Debbie and Ronnie Smith, Morgan Sharon and Leah Bryant

5:45 PM - Tommi Rust

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CHILDREN'S SERMONS

Feb. 6: Communion

Feb. 20: Clyde Haley

Feb. 13: Chris Graham

Feb. 27: Don Hensley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT

Those who teach children (preschool through 5th grade), those who are interested in teaching children, and parents of young children are invited to come to Fellowship Hall this **Sunday, January 23, at 9:45 a.m.** Helen Holbrook, an experienced children's ministry leader in the PCA, will teach us ways to share the gospel with our covenant children. **NOTE:** The children should go to their regular classrooms where youth helpers will meet them and take them to the gym for an event designed especially for them. You may pick them up back in their classrooms.

GRADE SCHOOL GIRLS

Meet our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls on the bulletin board outside the C. E. office. Thanks, Anne, for the great photos!

CONGRATULATIONS

We commend all of our Image Bearers for their work in memorizing the catechism. Special congratulations to the nine who recited the first 57 questions this past Sunday evening: **Rachel Bynum, Nathan Chitwood, Emma Deneen, Allie Grice, Ryan Grice, Mason Hamrick, Caroline Mesimer, Kaitlyn Mesimer, Nathanael Prather.** Keep up the good work!

20-SOMETHINGS LUNCHEON



at the home of Scott and Suzy Deneen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD

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

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Friends & Families,

There are many doctrines that sound odd to begin with but after thinking them through, they shine like stars in the darkness – beautiful and wonderful. One of those doctrines is God’s self-centeredness, i.e., that God seeks His own glory. Normally when we encounter self-centeredness in others we think, “Gross!!!” because vanity isn’t a positive character trait. Therefore, since God is perfect, wonderful, and holy, there is no way He could be self-centered.

However, in God’s desire to bless others to the greatest measure, He must give them the highest, greatest, most supreme object. And what is that? God. Therefore, in directing people to see and value the most beautiful, awe-inspiring object, He must direct them to Himself. Otherwise, He would only be giving people second best – and He’s far too serious about His glory and our good to do that!

What implications does that have? Well, God is determined to magnify His glorious grace. But for us that means He will not allow any of those for whom Christ died to be lost. A wonderful result! Jesus said in John 10, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” God glorifying AND people saving.

Therefore, what seemed like an odd doctrine really turns out to be something wonderfully glorious and helpful. Isn’t our God amazing?! God’s ways may appear odd at times but He is always great and good! Rest in Him and His plans for you.

Blessings,


UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Ski Retreat – Feb. 4-5, Winter Place, WV
2. Super Bowl Party – Sun., Feb. 6th
3. Valentine Party – Sun., Feb. 13th

BARTON BROADCAST

Tim and Caryann Barton

January 2011

Psalm 27:14 says, “Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

As most of you already know, the end of 2010 brought some unique challenges to our family. We continue to ask God to give us the strength to live this verse out and we are thankful to God for His faithfulness during this time both spiritually and financially.

After prayerful consideration, we asked our landlord to place our townhome up for rent so that we were not stuck with a buyout when the time came for us to move; much to our surprise, the landlords found a renter in a few days. Over Thanksgiving weekend, we moved to South Jordan and are living with Tim’s parents while we continue to search for the place God has prepared for us to minister next. We are currently attending Jordan and Tim has had the opportunity to preach at Jordan as well as a church plant in the Salt Lake City area.

We are also very excited about an opportunity to go to Belize for three weeks from January 25th to February 16th. We will be visiting Caryann’s parents and Amber Rhyne who is serving in Belize as a Pharmacist. We will also have opportunity to minister while we are there. Tim is planning to preach, teach, lead devotion of the local Presbyterian high school, and administer the sacraments of the Lord’s Supper and Baptism. Caryann is planning to be a tutor to local students and work with the local church on Sunday School curriculum. We are going with a flexible attitude and will help wherever we are needed whether in ministry related activities or other areas.

Prayer Requests

Please pray that we would be an encouragement and help on this trip and would joyfully do whatever is needed. Please also continue to pray that God would prepare our hearts for our next place of ministry and that He would prepare that place for us. Pray that God would protect our family from discouragement, and ask that He would give us faith to wait upon Him and to minister where we are. We praise God each day for your ministry with us, thank you!

*Please let us know how we can be praying for you in your life.



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

Monday, February 7

Esther Circle meets in the church parlor – 10 a.m.

Readers Circle meets at the home of Martha Sue Mitchell – 7 p.m.

Ruth Circle meets at the home of Anne Abernathy – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8:

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Judy Dixon – 7 p.m.

****If you have not already picked up your 2011 Study book, they are available in the CE office for a cost of \$7.55.**



With loving thanks.....

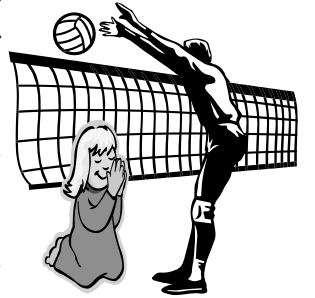
Dear Church family,

I would like to say a big thank you to the church and so many of the members for their acts of kindness during the holidays. May the Lord bless each of you for all the prayers for my family.

*Thank you,
Ailene Friday*

SOAR NEWS

You, too, can have an impact though SOAR! Simply partner with us in prayer this season for the dedicated coaches and their teams. Prayer Partner magnets will be distributed in the SS classes -- sign up and let's pray together for God to work wonders. Did you know it's been proven that sports ministries see the most impact when the congregation prays? God seems to bless sports ministries in mighty ways when the congregation supports the ministry in prayer. It's true -- YOU are extremely vital to the success of the ministry!



CALLING ALL COFFEE LOVERS

We need volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings in Founders Hall for May and October. You can volunteer for the entire month or partner with someone and split the Sundays. All coffee supplies are in the kitchen and we will help you get going. Please contact Ann Featherstone or the church office if you are willing to help.



Someone has given us a One Touch UltraSmart Blood Glucose Monitoring System. If you have a need for this, please contact the church office. (This is a free item...no cost involved.)

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 AM Communion 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II, Care Grps, IB, Youth	7 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	8 7:00 Elizabeth Circle Burrell Care Group	9 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG 7:00 Young Adult Care Grp.	10 6:30 MTW Committee Mtg. 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	11	12 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 2:00 Men's Basketball
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