

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

17 Hope Levasseur
Kyle Lineberger
Will Robinson

20 Jared Hamrick
Matt Ormsby

24 Anita Chambers
Blain Friesenhahn

18 Andrew Deese
Moe Sanderson

21 Tamara Burrell
Kaitlyn Mesimer
Harrison Mueller

25 Janet Redding

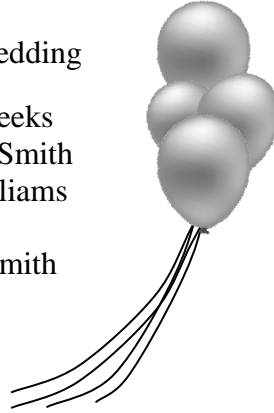
19 Steve Cavin
Alice Jessen
Alfred Rhyne
Jean Robinson
Max Rust
Samantha Stowe

22 Chase Blackburn

23 Julie Black
Charlie Davis
Laura Evans

28 Kate Meeks
Kelsey Smith
Jan Williams

29 Sarah Smith



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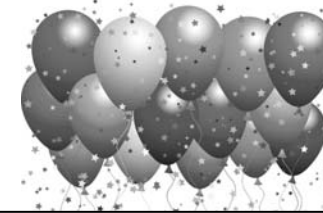


THE CHURCH FAMILY
*Presenting Everyone
Complete in Christ*

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Christian Education Sunday March 6



Celebrate with us at a big
Sunday School Breakfast in
Founders Hall at 9:45 a.m.



We will be hosting a
Christian Financial Concepts
Seminar on
Saturday, May 21

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

The commitment to biblical giving continues to grow here at FPC. We've just been through our annual stewardship season and the results thus far are very encouraging.

For a number of years, we've been issuing the "10% Challenge" – taking God seriously when He says "Test me" in this matter of tithes and offerings. The challenge is for our members to commit to a plan of Kingdom giving that is proportional, systematic and sacrificial. The suggestion is to make the tithe – 10% – the starting point.

Those who are already giving the tithe are encouraged to move higher and make an "Over 10%" commitment.

The proposition is that you try it for ninety days and see what God will do. God is the one who says, "**Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.... Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.**" (Malachi 3:10) If God makes it possible for you to continue at this more generous level of giving, that's what we want you to do.

God has said repeatedly that He will provide for us so that we can be generous to others. Increasing numbers of our members and friends are believing Him for that, and the growth in our stewardship is impressive. Here is the way our congregation responded when the 10% Challenge was made last month. (The figures represent the number of cards turned in for each category.)

Already give 10% - 28

Will start giving 10% - 12

Already give over 10% - 20

Will start giving over 10% - 8

Will increase percent over 10% - 13

It's a joy as your pastor to see you excel in giving as you excel in so many other things.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Memoriam



William Fred Haithcox

September 12, 1923 – January 24, 2011

Our sympathies are extended to **Rick Haithcox, Meghan and Malorie**, and **Pam and Rich Eggleston** in the death of Rick and Pam's father, **Fred Haithcox**. Fred died in Washington state where he had moved to be cared for by his daughter. The funeral was held here in our sanctuary on January 29 with burial in the Stanley Cemetery.

Jack Durham Revels arrived safe and sound on February 7, first seeing the light of day at Carolinas Medical Center. Jack is the son of **Jamie and Lisa Revels** and the grandson of **Jim and Terri Fowler**. He has big sister **Emily** and big brother **Harrison** to round out the welcoming committee in the Revels household. We rejoice with them all.

After an extended stay at Gaston Memorial Hospital, **Mike Smith** is in rehabilitation at Brian Center in Gastonia.

Jan Williams underwent surgery recently in Winston-Salem for a recurrence of the melanoma which was first detected in the Spring of last year. We are praying that this most recent surgery might have cleared Jan of this threat to his health.

A number of other members of our church family have had outpatient surgery or brief hospital stays recently. Included among them were **Wes Marsh** and **Bob Smith** at Carolinas Medical Center, and **Andy Murphy** at Gaston Memorial. **Alice Jessen** and **Grady Rhyne** have both had successful cataract surgery.

Congratulations to **Jessica Burgess** who has ascended to membership in The Law Review of Campbell University. The honor was extended to Jessica and seven other members of the Campbell Law Class of 2013 in recognition of their academic achievement. They earned membership in The Law Review by ranking in the top five percent of their class. Jessica's parents are **Scott and Pam Burgess**. Her younger brother, **Trevor**, obviously the key to his sister's academic success, modestly declines to accept any credit publicly.

When **twenty-seven FPC members and friends** converged on Winter Place Ski Resort in Ghent, West Virginia, last weekend, the Lord graced them with good travel, good snow and good times. Thanks to all who accompanied the youth on their trip, directed by **Pastor Scott ("Hotdog") Deneen**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Another one of our Image Bearers recited the first 57 questions of the Catechism.
Congratulations to **Lauren Harper!**

With Loving Thanks

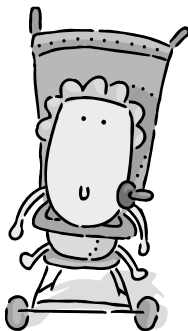
We are so blessed to be part of a loving Christian family. All the calls, cards and words and expressions of kindness after Bob's mother's death were greatly appreciated. We are comforted by the assurance that we will see her again in eternity. We thank God that she is no longer suffering. Thank you for all of your support.

Bob & Melissa Smith, Sarah Jane Griffin

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the heart felt care package I received recently. I'm so thankful to have a family in Christ that takes the time to acknowledge their college students. I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season! God Bless!

*Love Always,
Courtney Greeson*



If you are not involved in a Sunday evening Care Group, our youth, Image Bearers, or Mission Minded Kids...

consider volunteering
on a rotation basis
in the Sunday evening nursery.

You and the children will be blessed!



HAVE YOU SEEN THEM...??

2 brocade tablecloths are missing from our closet. If you have them, please return them promptly to the church office.

Something for our Senior Citizens



Members of the Readers Circle will host a Valentine Party for the Best Years Club (50 years +) on Saturday, February 19, from 2 – 4 p.m. in Founders Hall. Refreshments, games, King and Queen of Hearts, fun – Don't miss it!!!

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

Attention Parents!

Children approximately 10 to 12 years of age are invited to attend The Communicants Class. This six-session series will equip spiritually-ready children to make personal professions of faith in Jesus Christ and be examined for admission to The Lord's Table.

One-hour classes will be offered on Sundays at 5:00 PM weekly beginning March 6, and will be taught by Pastor Dan. If you wish your child to participate, please call the church office at 704-263-4275.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

We have several social events planned for the coming months so that our church family, as well as individual families, can get together for fun times together. Our desire is to create opportunities for fellowship and 'togetherness' that will lead to deeper friendships and community within our body.

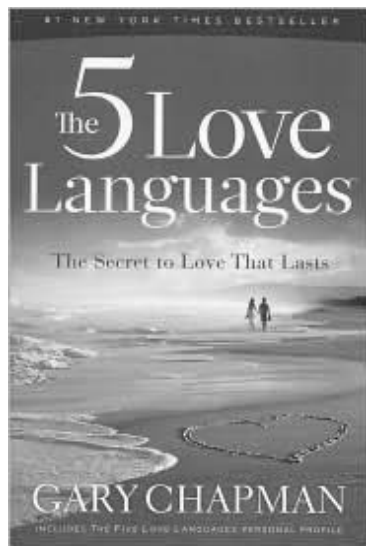
Some events are geared for adults and some for youth and families, so we hope that through a variety of offerings, you and you family will find several that both appeal to you as well as fit your schedule. Shared life is what we're after and through these – and all our ministries – we hope to grow together more deeply and meaningfully.

Blessings to all!



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Women's IKEA trip – Sat. Feb. 12th 9 AM – 2 PM
2. Youth Valentine Party – Sun., Feb. 13th 1st Pres. [very nice attire!!]
3. Men's Bowling – Sat., Feb. 19th 5-9 PM Huntersville
4. Hiking Trip – Sat., April 9th [location TBA]



You are invited to a
FREE
Marriage Enrichment Seminar
with Dr. Gary Chapman, Guest Speaker

Monday, March 7
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Covenant Bible Church, Lincolnton

Contact Sandra in the church office for more information or directions.

Child Care will be provided for children up to age 3.

MISSIONARY NEWS

David Speakman writes from Davidson College: For over a year I have been meeting with unbelieving students who are processing the claims of Christ in the context of RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) without the fear of being marginalized and with the expectation of honest answers for their honest questions. I am tremendously encouraged not only that RUF has the reputation and credibility among Christians and non-Christians alike, but also that our students seek out and engage their friends with the free grace of Christ. I can't wait to see where these conversations lead.

Our **Haiti** mission trip has been postponed. Please pray for God's wisdom in determining future plans to go. Teams are preparing for trips to **Paraguay, New York and Palmer Home** in 2011.

CDC NEWS

by Debbie Smith, Director

It is **Registration Time** for the Preschool year 2011-2012. If you are interested in registering your child or know of someone else who is interested, please contact the Daycare Office. We offer the spots to the church family first. We will open the spots up outside of the church the middle of February.

Mother's Morning Out: **One year olds** (8:30 – 12:00)

Pre School ages: **Two-Three-Four year olds** (8:30 – 12:30)



We still have spots available for the remainder of this year in our Preschool as well as our After-school programs.

Thank you to those who recycled your Christmas cards with the Preschool. The children always enjoy using these in the classrooms.

We are in need of Computers for the After-school program if any one has one that they no longer need and would like to donate it to our After-school we would appreciate it.

Please continue to pray for God's will and that He will be Glorified in this ministry.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.
CDC Staff and Children



Interested in knowing more about First Presbyterian Church? Or considering membership here?

Then the **Newcomers Class** is for you!

This Sunday School class elective begins Sunday, March 6 and continues weekly at 9:45 AM through the month of May.

You'll learn about Presbyterian beliefs, history and government and be presented with our vision for the life and ministry of this congregation. Pastor Dan King is the lead teacher for this class and is assisted by key leaders from our congregation and church staff.

The Newcomers Class is a prerequisite for church membership, but attendees are under no obligation to join.

“Gathering of the Saints” Community Choir
is preparing for their upcoming

Spring Celebration of the Saints

to be held

Sunday, May 15, 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian—Stanley



Anyone interested in singing or playing with the community choir should plan to join them as they begin practicing on Monday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist church.

You can contact Myra Thornton for more information: tryanother24hrs@aol.com or 704-689-0967.

It's A Girl!

You are invited to a
Baby Shower
for

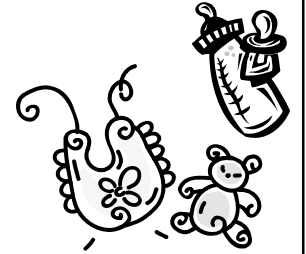
Jennifer Friday Brooks

Saturday, February 26th

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Founders Hall

Jennifer is registered at Target.



"Let's finish our sewing project"

DRESS A GIRL IN HAITI

Saturday Feb 19th

10 am until.....

Fellowship Hall

Bring: a bag lunch, ironing boards and irons, scissors

Can you write a sweet letter to a child or draw a picture?
We would like to put a letter in the pockets of each dress.
It can be very simple. We need 104 letters.



There will be a box at the Missions office to drop off letters and/or pictures.

Any questions call Marcia Rhyne 704-263-8846