

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|--|
| 1 Debbie Harper<br>Jason Herd<br>Marcia Rhyne<br>Paul Seufert | 6 Kristen Cozart<br>Dee Hager<br>Adelee Stewart | 13 Jimmy Abernathy<br>Garry Lucas<br>Kim Tyler |
| 2 Tom Barton<br>Wayne Friday<br>Sandy Lasley                  | 7 Dan King                                      | 15 Jeff Skidmore                               |
| 3 Lyndsey Greeson   | 11 Junior Bryant                                | 16 Kathy Black<br>Kim Strickler                |
| 4 Wes Marsh   | 12 Michael Prather<br>Bryn Smith                |  |



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**THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
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Make plans to attend these special events  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

**Christian Education Celebration**  
 Breakfast for everyone!  
 9:45 A.M. in Founders Hall

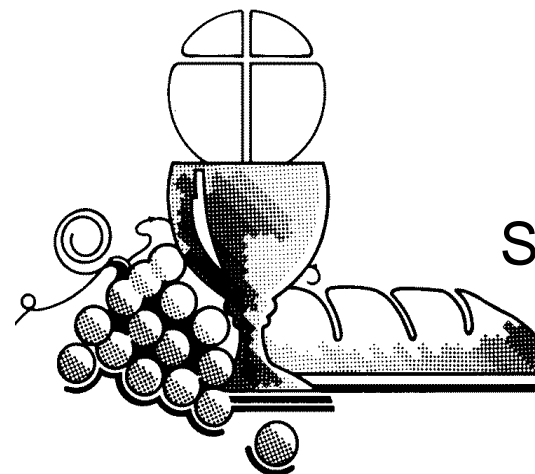
\*See Sunday School insert for more info.



We will observe  
**The Lord's Supper**  
 at 6:30 P.M.

**Sanctuary Worship Service**

No meal preceding. All other evening activities suspended (care groups, youth, children) to allow congregation-wide participation.



# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

I was struck this week with how extraordinarily blessed we are to be able to hire from within in the filling of recent vacancies on our church staff.

First came Lauren Fox as our Children’s Ministry Director. While her actual church membership was elsewhere, I consider her “one of us” by virtue of her growing up at FPC and her ministry here in recent years.

And now with the calling of Chris Baity it has happened again. Chris will become our Director of Outreach and Assimilation in June. Chris and his family have been members here for the better part of a year; and as most of you know, his wife Brianne grew up in our church family. (She is the daughter of Garry and Judy Lucas.)

Chris’ very substantial duties will include moving us ahead as a congregation in our dedication to the spread of the gospel. He will equip and motivate and lead us in fulfilling the church’s evangelism mandate. He’ll help train us in personal evangelism, provide staff leadership in our outreach events, and become the staff resource for our Sports Outreach And Recreation (SOAR) ministry. Chris will successfully fulfill his duties if he helps us instill an appropriate evangelistic component in every aspect of our church’s ministry.

In addition, Chris will lead in developing effective means of enfolding newcomers into the life of our church. One aspect of this assimilation ministry will be his supervision of our Care Groups.

Chris, who is originally from Dallas, NC, holds a Bachelor of Science in Church Leadership from Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. His ministry experience includes volunteer and staff positions at a large (3000-member) church in Lakeland beginning in 2002. Chris has served as a youth leader, sports program director, Christian school physical education teacher, Athletic Director and coach. For the past four years he has been on the faculty of East Gaston High School as algebra teacher and coach for football, softball and soccer.

We welcome Chris and Brianne and their boys Kale and Kaden, not into the church – they’re already here – but into their new roles and responsibilities of leadership.

Affectionately,  
*Dan*

# WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sincere condolences to the **Hamrick Family – Lorie and Charles, Jared and Mason** – in the death of Lorie’s grandmother, **Lillian Abernathy**. Mrs. Abernathy of Mt. Holly died February 12. She was 86.

We’re glad to report that **Nancy Franks** is back home after several weeks of rehabilitation in Gastonia.

Welcome to the newest members of our church family! **Greg and Amanda Huss** and their two-year-old daughter **Maelin** were received into membership on transfer from Pisgah ARP Church in Gastonia. They were welcomed by the congregation on Sunday, February 20.

Our FPC Deacons surprised **Sandra Houser** recently in expressing appreciation for her excellent work as our Administrative Assistant. Deacons **Mark Beatty** and **Graham Smith**, representing the entire board, called in members of the church staff for a special presentation to Sandra that included flowers, a note of appreciation and a cash gift. Sandra has been serving with us here since August of 2006, bringing great gifts, skills and dedication to her work. She lives in Lincolnton with her husband **Robin** and their son **Brandon**. The deacons spoke for all of us in saying “We love you, Sandra, and count you a blessing from God!”

Congratulations to **Dan and Carol King!** They were crowned King and Queen of Hearts at the Best Years Valentine Party recently.

<b>JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	
Needed monthly for budget .....	57,413.11
Received in January for budget .....	68,938.06
Needed to date for budget.....	57,413.11
Received to date for budget .....	68,938.06
Needed monthly for Faith Promise.....	11,050.00
Received in January for Faith Promise .....	8,236.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise .....	11,050.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	8,236.00

# MARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**8:30 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**Mar. 6:** Monnie Blackman & Bobby Jr.      Helen Lieurance and Ann Davis

**6:15 PM** - Sharon Morton

**Mar. 13:** Kim and Annalise Jessen      Ellen and Joseph Deese

**5:45 PM** - Tommi Rust

**Mar. 20:** Mary Ruth and Sydney Heffner      Paul and Holly Seufert

**5:45 PM** - Sherry Teague

**Mar. 27:** Julie Ann Griffin and Heather Rick      Rhonda Prather and girls

**5:45 PM** - Tommi Rust

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## CHILDREN'S SERMONS

**Mar. 6:** Rick Herd

**Mar. 20:** Kevin Rhyne

**Mar. 13:** Dan King

**Mar. 27:** Dan Ormsby

# 20-SOMETHINGS LUNCHES

The 20-Somethings Lunch gatherings have been well attended and enjoyed by everyone involved! We would love to continue these lunches on a monthly basis. In order to do this, **we need hostesses**. The hostess is simply responsible for providing the meal and place to eat it....the 20-Somethings guests will take care of the discussion.

Prayerfully consider hosting a 20-Somethings lunch in the near future. A sign-up sheet is on a bulletin board in the main hallway.

You are invited to a  
**Wedding Shower**  
 honoring  
**Dawn Ormsby**  
**Sunday, March 20**  
**2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
 in Founders Hall

The bride-to-be is registered at:  
 Bed, Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel, and Dillard's  
 Hostesses: Deanna Beatty, Debbie Harper, Donna Hill, Sandra Hill,  
 Marcia Rhyne, Annette Rodgers, and Sherry Wagstaff.

# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Parents/High Schoolers,

Our High School students have a wonderful ministry opportunity with the Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC). On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the CPC will host their annual fundraiser and have asked our students to help serve the banquet meal.

The CPC gives FREE pregnancy tests and ultra sounds to pregnant/potentially pregnant women in order to share Christ's love with them during those anxious moments/days. And to do it free of charge requires them to raise their own funds – hence a Fundraising Banquet!

To make this special for attendees, the Crisis Pregnancy Center recruits Youth Volunteers from various churches to serve the meal as waiters and waitresses. That's where our students come in.

We would love to send a host of able bodied young ladies/gents to bless both the CPC and the banquet attendees. So please consider this a wonderful opportunity to help a very worthy cause.

A few details: Students are asked to arrive at Bethlehem Church in Gastonia at 4:45 PM on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>. They are to wear black pants/skirts and a white button down shirt. They will be shown how to serve a table and be given their assignments. A free pizza supper will be provided them after the banquet is over. They should be free to leave by 8 PM.

There is also a sign-up sheet on my bulletin board. If you have further questions, please call or email me!

Blessings,



## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Hiking Trip – Sat., April 9<sup>th</sup>      Location: South Mountain
2. Middle School Retreat – April 29 – May 1<sup>st</sup> to Ridge Haven
3. High School Retreat – May 13-15<sup>th</sup> to Ridge Haven

# WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Word comes from **Kenton and Karen Wood**, MTW missionaries in **Guadalajara, Mexico**, that the aggressive breast cancer Karen had two years ago has metastasized into her left shoulder bones, common for this kind of cancer. She has entered a program at the Oasis of Hope Hospital in Tijuana, Mexico which takes a holistic view of cancer and includes both conventional and natural treatments. One of their concerns has been the severe numbness in Karen's hand which may or may not be caused by the cancer. The Woods ask that we pray:

- That God reveal the cause of Karen's numbness and pain in her hand as she is practically unable to use that hand nor relax or sleep soundly;
- That this treatment will contain and eliminate the cancer;
- That they will not waste this experience that God has permitted into their lives;
- That God would heal Karen so that she may fully serve the Lord again through her various ministries.

This note comes from **Steve and Rita Williams**, our missionaries in **New Zealand**: Dear Friends and Family, Many of you have contacted us regarding the recent earthquake in New Zealand. Thank you for your concern. We are fine since we live in Auckland. Our daughter, April, lives in Christchurch and is safe but the city looks like a war zone. The present death toll is 65 but is expected to rise and over 200 people are still trapped under rubble and in buildings. Please pray for all those having to work through this tragedy. Aftershocks are still taking place.

## With Loving Thanks

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits during George's recent health issues. It means a lot to have the support of our church family.*

*George and Jean Robinson*

## SOAR NEWS

### Adult Softball

Yes, Spring is around the corner and that means it's time for Adult Softball. Both the Co-ed team and the Men's team will play at Poston Park in Lowell. Practice will begin mid-March. If you're interested in playing, please contact one of the coaches below. It's great fun AND fellowship!

Co-Ed: Chris Graham (coach) 704.263.0979 [Chris.Graham@espn.com](mailto:Chris.Graham@espn.com)  
Co-Ed will play on Mondays beginning Apr 11<sup>th</sup>.

Men: Jamie Revels (coach) 704.607.3972 [Jamie.Revels@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Jamie.Revels@wellsfargo.com)  
Men's team will play twice weekly beginning in April.

### Youth Soccer

Spring Soccer is just around the corner! Registration will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider if you'd like to volunteer as a coach or referee. For more info, contact Mark Harper (soccer chairman) or anyone on the soccer committee (Judy Billings, Bobby & Monnie Blackman, and Charles Hamrick).

## PRINCESS PARTY

for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls

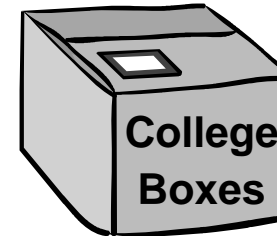
Saturday, Feb. 26 - 2:00 p.m.

(Look for the balloons to enter downstairs.)



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Check out these opportunities for women!*



Two times a year we collect goodies to send to our 17 away-from-home undergraduate college students and now is one of those times. There is a big bin in the hallway to collect the goodies. Help us fill the boxes by dropping off your contributions by March 11.

### Circles

All women in the church are invited to participate in one of our monthly circle meetings. The schedule for March is:

#### Monday, March 7

Esther Circle meets in the church parlor at 1:30 p.m.

Readers Circle meets at the home of Anna Friesenhahn at 7 p.m.

Book for March: *Safely Home* by Randy Alcorn

Ruth Circle meets in the church parlor at 7 p.m. with Teresa Neely, hostess.

#### Tuesday, March 8

Elizabeth Circle meets at 7 p.m. at Sherry Teague's

### Prayer Chain



A Prayer Chain is a way to unite in prayer quickly for those who have special needs. Volunteers from our Women Joined in Heart make up four groups (two for daytime, two for evenings). To activate any one of the prayer chains, call Martha Sue Mitchell (263-2617 or 263-4275). If she cannot be reached, call the church office (263-4275) or the first person on any one of the chains: Day Chain 1: Ellen Beam (263-4183); Day Chain 2: Ginny Haley (263-5310); Evening Chain 1: Anne Abernathy (263-8178); Evening Chain 2: Marcia Rhyne (263-8846).

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp.	3 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	4	5
6 SS Breakfast  2:30 Paraguay Team Mtg. 5:00 Communicants Class 5:15 Choir Group III 6:30 Communion	7 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  1:45 Esther Circle  7:00 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	8  7:00 Elizabeth Circle Burrell Care Group	9 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 12:00 Lenten Service/Lunch- Christ's Lutheran  6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG	10  6:30 MTW Committee Mtg. 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	11	12 7:00 Deacons' Meeting  Volleyball Finale  2:00 Men's Basketball
13. <i>Daylight Savings Time begins.</i>  5:00 Communicants Class 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II, Care Grps, IB, Youth	14  7:00 Children's Min. Team	15  7:00 Burrell Care Group	16 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 12:00 Lenten Service/Lunch- First Presbyterian  6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG	17  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Session Meeting	18  Preschool Closed	19
20  2:00 Wedding Shower for Dawn Ormsby 5:00 Communicants Class 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II, Care Grps, IB, Youth	21 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	22  7:00 Burrell Care Group	23 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 12:00 Lenten Service/Lunch- Community Pentecostal  6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	24  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	25	26 8:30 Soccer Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Soccer  Registration
27 CDC Sunday  4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:00 Communicants Class 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II, Care Grps, IB, Youth	28  6:30 Soccer Orientation	29  7:00 Burrell Care Group	30 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 12:00 Lenten Service/Lunch- Mt. Pleasant UMC  6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG	31  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball		

## 2011 Stanley Community Lenten Series

Each Wednesday at 12 noon



**The half-hour worship service  
will be followed by a light lunch  
at the host church.**



### Lenten Service/Lunch Locations

**Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - Christ's Lutheran**  
*Preacher: Scott Deneen*

**Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> - First Presbyterian**  
*Preacher: Robert Gittens*

**Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Community Pentecostal**  
*Preacher: Theodore Armstrong*

**Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> - Mt. Pleasant UMC**  
*Preacher: Billy Shaw*

**Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - First Baptist**  
*Preacher: Eddie McGinnis*

**Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> - Springfield Baptist**  
*Preacher: Danny Penny*



**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Good Friday March - 12N  
Begin at Stanley Pentecostal**