

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Jessica Rhyne | 7 Zac Rust
Christina Weaver | 13 Elizabeth McGinnis
James Teague |
| 4 Wanda Elliott | 8 Sabrina Shroyer | 14 Joyce Burt
Nancy Cozart
Sandra Hill
Anna-Kathryn Lineberger
Josh McGinnis |
| 5 Heather Rumpfelt
Jennifer Cavin
Gary Shroyer | 11 Danielle Abernathy
Tim Featherstone
Ed Kasper
Kindyll Killian | 15 Bill Madzia |
| 6 Paul Abernathy
Rockie Boggess
Dolores Johnson
Kelly Johnson | 12 Will Hager |  |

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THE CHURCH FAMILY
*Presenting Everyone
 Complete in Christ*

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Come to our
MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET
Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m.
in Founders Hall

**Bring a friend, an aunt, a cousin, a niece, a mother, a daughter,
 a granddaughter, a mother-in-law.....or just come by yourself.**

Covered Dish Meal

Our guest speaker is Denise Price Thomas, a homegrown and nationally known inspirational speaker as well as a comedienne.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead....”

1 Corinthians 15:20

Another Easter. Another proclamation of the astounding fact of the Resurrection. But “so what”? Many of us have lived through a good many Easters. And the repetition of the story threatens to dull our sense of wonder and amazement. We need to fight against this dullness with all we’ve got. There is no aspect of the Christian faith more important than the fact that Jesus who died, is now alive. As the Apostle Paul bluntly concludes: **“... if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”**

Lee Strobel, in a fascinating book I recommend, *The Case for Christ*, suggests these answers to our “so what’s” of Easter.

- If Jesus did rise from the dead, he’s still alive today and available for me to encounter on a personal basis.
- If Jesus conquered death, he can open the door of eternal life for me, too.
- If Jesus has divine power, he has the supernatural ability to guide me and help me and transform me as I follow him.
- If Jesus is who he claims to be (and remember, no leader of any other major religion has even pretended to be God), as my Creator he rightfully deserves my allegiance, obedience and worship.

And to this list, I add my own answer to the “so what” of Easter. If Jesus has lived for me, died for me, and risen again for me, he has done everything necessary for my acceptance before God. There is nothing left for me to do except to receive: **“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God....”** John 1:12

Happy Easter!

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Christian sympathies are expressed to **Vicki and Tim Barton, Timothy and Allison and families.** Vicki’s father, **Eugene (Gene) Wallace**, 82, of Denver NC, died in his Mooresville nursing home on April 16. Father and son pastors – Tim and Timothy – officiated the memorial service Monday at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church.

Chris and Danielle Abernathy presented their infant son **Landon Tyler** for covenant baptism on Sunday, April 17. The older Abernathy children are **Kirsten** and **Austin**.

Roger Wagstaff is hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center after extensive back surgery on Tuesday. Roger is struggling with the advance of a serious neurological disorder, Primary Lateral Sclerosis.

Several of our church members are at home in various stages of recovery following recent surgery: **Madeline Jessen, Doris Bynum, Mary Rankin, Roxi Smith, and Harrison Revels.** We wish them all well.

Congratulations to **Dawn Ormsby and Ben Edwards** who were married in a beautiful evening ceremony here on April 16. The couple will be living at 225 Cedar Lane, Mount Holly.

An even **two dozen members** of our church family enjoyed a day of hiking in the South Mountains State Park on April 9 under the sure-footed leadership of **Pastor Scott Deneen.**

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	57,413.11
Received in March for budget	72,247.57
Needed to date for budget	172,239.32
Received to date for budget	195,705.11
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	11,050.00
Received in March for Faith Promise	17,153.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	33,150.00
Received to date for Faith Promise	34,488.00

MAY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

May 1: Sally Ormsby and Dawn Edwards Craig and Susan Mesimer

5:45 PM - Sherry Teague

May 8: Robert and Marcia Rhyne Charleen Schrum and Rebecca Lasley

No evening services.

May 15: Leslie Smith and girls Julie Black and girls

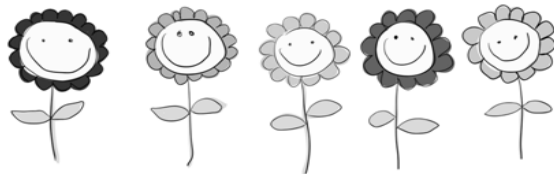
5:45 PM - Jerry and Janet Ratchford

May 22: Ron and Karen Ensley Ed and Onie Kasper

5:45 PM - Sharon Morton

May 29: Ann Davis and Julianne Griffin Jennifer Cavin and girls

No evening services.



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

May 1: Communion

May 22: Scott Deneen

May 8: Andy Tinsley

May 29: Reid Evans

May 15: Scott Burgess

Easter Egg Hunt!



Saturday, April 23rd
2:00 PM

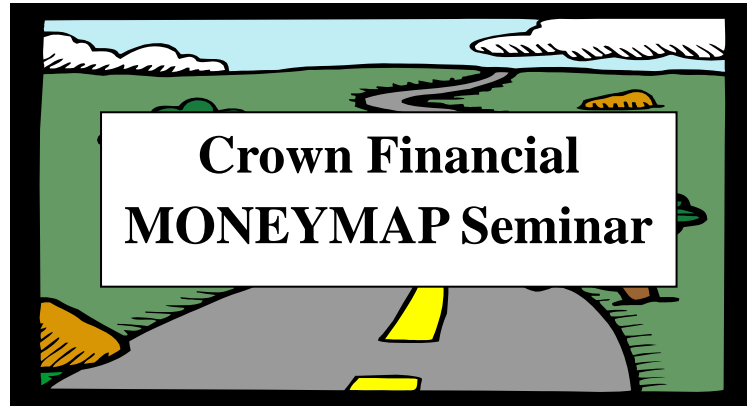
Children from birth - 5th grade

It's a boy!

You are invited to attend a
Baby Shower
honoring
Anna Friesenhahn
Sunday, May 1st
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Founders Hall

Anna is registered at:
Target, Walmart and Babies R Us

We are hosting a



on Saturday, May 21

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost \$25 Lunch Provided

Who should attend? Adults and teens

Whether your finances are a mess or you already have a handle on your spending, a clear, personalized roadmap will help keep you on track to meet your unique goals.

At the seminar you will....

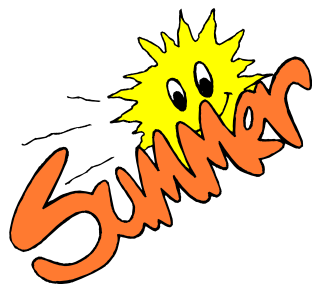
Learn biblical principles of money management and tips for practical application

Learn practical steps for eliminating debt

Develop confidence in your financial decisions

End the day with a personalized plan for managing your finances and your life

Registration begins this Sunday, April 24. Scholarships are available.



Watch for schedule details for our

2011 SUMMER SUNDAY EVENINGS

coming very soon!

With Loving Thanks

Dear Friends,


Thank you so much for your concern during my recent illness and hospitalization. It meant a great deal to Dan and me to know that you were praying for us. Thanks too for the many calls, cards, gifts, and meals you have sent to us. It's wonderful to be surrounded by so many ministering spirits; we feel truly loved and blessed.

*With deep gratitude,
Dan and Carol King*

Dear FPC,

Thank you so much for the college care package! As usual, it was such an excitement to get a package, especially when I know it's from the church. I live in the sorority house, so not only did I enjoy the goodies, but a bunch of my friends snuck in and out of my room to "go fish" in the box. I think it's safe to say that I am going to miss these boxes when I graduate in May. Maybe I'll give you my post-college address? Just kidding ... thanks again!!

*God Bless,
Sarah Faggart*



**Graduate
Recognition**
will be
Sunday, May 29.

We would like anyone graduating to call the church office with the info below or simply leave the information on the Sandra's desk.

Name: _____

Graduating from: _____

Degree: _____

Plans: _____

Jordan Journal - from Tim and Vicki Barton

April 11, 2011

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

In my last update I began by saying that God is always good. Well, He is actually VERY good.

As many of you are aware we have been trying to refinance our building loan. We were able by God's grace and the generosity of His people to get into a building after being here only four years. So we have had a mortgage for the past three and a half years. It isn't huge by church standards, but it was huge to us. It is \$535,000 dollars at 8.25 percent interest.

We were declined by bank after bank but we still had a few in the works. At the same time I had been talking with several donors about the outside possibility of a personal loan. One of our donors made the following offer. He said, “If you will take \$200,000 which you have in savings and pay toward your mortgage, I will give you the other \$335,000 as a gift. We accepted! **This will make us debt free.** We announced this yesterday in our worship service and it sounded like a Boston bar when the Red Sox won the World Series.

I am personally humbled and happy to be reminded that we have never been alone in this work. Thank you.

Let me tell you something else. On Saturday night we had a Passover Seder. We had a Jewish man from California (that sounds like the start of a bad joke) who came and took us through the Passover meal. Our sanctuary was packed out and half of the people were guests and most of those were members of the LDS church. They heard the gospel as clearly as it can possibly be presented. Then we reset the sanctuary for Sunday morning when we worshipped God and afterwards had a record number of adults in Sunday school in that same room. I taught for 45 minutes about the Reformation and Reformed Theology, again presenting the gospel as it is revealed in the historic doctrines of grace. In the other rooms there was Sunday school for all ages and a small group of deaf persons meeting for worship.

That is typical of how we are using this building. I thought you would like to know that. It is a wonderful tool.

Please pray as always that God will protect our hearts from fear and pride and will continue to open a door for our message. I will write more soon.



Women in the Church
International Conference

Amazing Grace 360

October 7 – 9

at the Cobb Galleria in Atlanta, Georgia

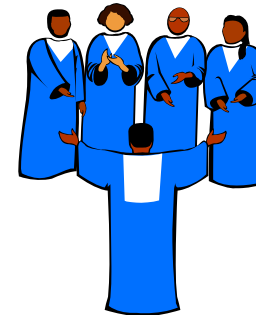
Ladies, turn in your reservations by May 1. Call the church office if you have questions.

You are invited to the

6TH ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 3:00 PM

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



This program is presented by the “Gathering of the Saints” Community Choir and honors all “Saints” aged 70 years and older. Make plans to come help recognize the wisdom God has placed in our midst.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the celebration.

First United Methodist Stanley is reaching out to embrace those experiencing the painful effects of losses such as divorce, suicides, chronic illnesses and death just to name a few.

“NOW WHAT”

a four session series will start

Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 6:30 PM

at First United Methodist Family Life Center, 5481 Hickory Grove Road

For more information please contact the FUMC office at 704-263-2691.

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 AM Communion ← MS Youth Retreat 2:00 Baby Shower for Anna Friesenhahn 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II, Care Grps, IB, Youth</p>	<p>2 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 TLC Board Meeting 6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet</p>	<p>3 7:00 Burrell Care Group</p>	<p>4 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Group 6:30 Youth</p>	<p>5 12:00 National Day of Prayer - 1st United Methodist</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8  Mother's Day</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7:00 Burrell Care Group</p>	<p>11 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Group 6:30 Youth</p>	<p>12 7:00 MTW Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>13 6:00 Paraguay Mission Team at the Bartons'</p>	<p>14 7:00 Deacons' Meeting ← High School Youth Ridgehaven Retreat →</p>
<p>15 ← HS Youth Retreat 3:00 Celebration of the Saints Spring Concert 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II, Care Grps, IB, Youth</p>	<p>16 7:00 Children's Ministry Team Mtg.</p>	<p>17 6:00 Burrell Care Group Outing</p>	<p>18 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Group 6:30 Youth</p>	<p>19 <i>Last day of Preschool</i> 7:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>20 9:00 Preschool Graduation</p>	<p>21 9:00 - 4:00 Crown Financial MONEYP Seminar</p>
<p>22 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II <i>Care Groups, Image Bearers and Youth end</i></p>	<p>23 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Group 6:30 Youth 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 1:00 Tinsley Wedding</p>
<p>29 Graduate Recognition <i>No evening activities</i></p>	<p>30  Memorial Day <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Church Office and CDC closed</div></p>	<p>31</p>				