

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ashley Ellis
Shanna Griffin
Chuck Jessen
Wanda Throneburg | 5 Sylvia Forbes-Robinson | 14 Cindy Clemmer
Kim Jessen
Kasey Rhyne |
| 2 Julianne Griffin
Angie Killian | 7 Graham Smith | 15 Allen Chappell |
| 3 Ivan Davis | 8 Bobby Blackman | |
| 4 Kathy Paramore | 9 Meredith Hager | |
| | 10 Carolyn Rutledge
Morgan Smith | |
| | 12 Chloe Billings | |



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THE CHURCH FAMILY
*Presenting Everyone
Complete in Christ*

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Our special
Summer Sunday Evenings
kick off
June 5
with a

Covered Dish Dinner at 5:30



and



Communion at 6:30



Dinner on the Grounds

Sat., June 11th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

The Deacons invite everyone to
come, relax and enjoy Barton's
BBQ, Bluegrass and fellowship.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

He was in our homes, in our hospital rooms, and certainly in our hearts. Pastor Eulice Thomas graced us with his presence and kindness and caring ministry over a good many years. He served as a part-time member of our pastoral staff for a time, but for much longer, we were blessed to know him as a friend, fellow worshipper and fatherly influence for good in our church family.

The earliest memory I have of Pastor Eulice involves my fascination with that lovely lilt in his speaking voice. It was bred into him, a native of Tangier Island in Virginia's Chesapeake Bay. Eulice's family goes back generations there – at least as far as the War of 1812. His childhood ambition had been to follow in his father's footsteps and captain the island boat which carried the mail, freight and passengers to and from Tangier.

He got some boat time alright, but not what he had envisioned. At age 18, he was drafted into the Navy and assigned to a World War II destroyer escort in the Pacific. By his own testimony, he was miserable, homesick and fearful of death. He could get no peace of mind until the Christmas season of 1944. As he desperately sought some assurance that if he died that night he would go to heaven, the Holy Spirit opened his eyes. The Gospel he had heard back in Sunday School on the island now registered. He understood that Jesus had died for *his* sins and that he needed to receive Him alone as Savior.

After the war, Pastor Eulice felt the Lord calling him into full-time Christian service. Completing college and seminary, he and his bride set out for nine years' service in Jamaica, West Indies where three of their four children were born. Later, Eulice, Juanita always at his side, would pastor churches in Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Pastor Eulice continued to serve churches in our Presbytery after retirement (ours being the last), until Alzheimer's Disease robbed him of the ability.

On May 12, he left us. His family watched him go. He went much like a ship sailing away - (I think Eulice would have liked the analogy) – disappearing on our horizon, only to arrive immediately on the other shore.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Memoriam



Eulice Douglas Thomas
February 11, 1926 – May 12, 2011

Our Christian sympathies are extended to **Johnny and Jane Robinson** in the death of Johnny's youngest brother, **Ralph Robinson**. Mr. Robinson, 75, of Greer, SC, passed away May 7.

Condolences are also expressed to **Mike and Sandy Lasley, Brian and Rebecca**. Sandy's brother **Rick Shull**, 45, passed away in Pennsylvania May 11.

Jane Robinson had an extended stay at Gaston Memorial Hospital last week when she encountered complications from the implanting of a pacemaker. She is home now completing her recovery.

Harrison Revels also had a return to the hospital last week. But concerns over his liver function were eliminated, and he is back home showing good progress.

Vicka Cavin is the newest communing member of our congregation. Vicka, daughter of **Steve and Jennifer Cavin**, completed our spring Communicants Class. She made her public profession of faith on May 8.

Ed Wallace and daughter **Heather** have works on display in a new exhibit at the Gaston County Museum. The show, which opened May 21, features fourteen folk artists from North Carolina. They are all self-taught artists working in the fields of traditional Catawba Valley pottery, modern sculpture, or unique painting.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	57,413.11
Received in April for budget	53,011.79
Needed to date for budget.....	229,652.42
Received to date for budget	248,716.90
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	11,050.00
Received in April for Faith Promise	10,393.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	44,200.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	44,881.00

JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

June 5: Ron, Debbie and Morgan Smith

11:00 AM

Paul and Holly Seufert

6:15 PM - David and Donna Hill

June 12: Deanna Beatty and Alyssa Lowery

Sharon and Leah Bryant

6:15 PM - Tommi Rust

June 19: Chuck and Alice Jessen

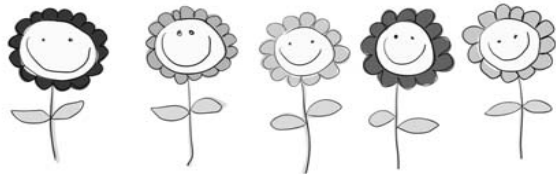
Sharon Herd and Marsha Skidmore

No evening services.

June 26: Debbie Harper, Lauren & Emma

Brent and Lisa Grice

6:15 PM - Josh and Melissa Clevenger



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

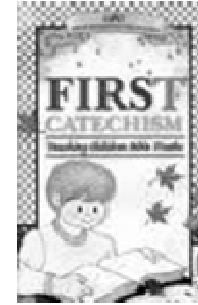
June 5: Ed Faggart

June 19: Robert Rhyne

June 12: Chris Graham

June 26: Don Hensley

WAY TO GO!!!!



The following children recited questions 58-108 of the catechism on Sunday, May 15th: Rachel Bynum, Kaitlyn Mesimer, Caroline Mesimer, Nathanael Prather and Emma Deneen.

Also acknowledged were four children who faithfully recited their catechism questions each week: Mason Hamrick, Ryan Grice, Allie Grice and Nathan Chitwood

Every child attending Image Bearers this year made a valiant effort and were rewarded with not only doctrinal knowledge but a participation certificate as well.

**It's a
BOY**

You're invited to a baby shower
honoring Shara (and Chip) Beatty

Sunday, June 5, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
in Founders Hall

Gift Registries can be found at Target and Babies R us.

Hostesses are Caroline Beatty, Deanna Beatty, Sandra Hill and Annette Rodgers.

? **ASK THE PASTOR**

Each month during our Summer Family Worship services we will have an *Ask the Pastor* night. Have you got a question for the pastor? Please help us make this a worshipful experience by providing questions that are meaningful to you in the box provided in the main hallway.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

According to a recent article in the Washington post, Americans who get married are staying together longer than they have in years. Three in four couples who married after 1990 celebrated a 10-year anniversary - a rise of three percentage points compared with couples who married in the early 1980s, when the nation's divorce rate was at its highest.

Researchers increasingly are finding a connection between marriage and education. In 2009, 31 percent of brides had a college degree, up from 21 percent in 1996. Marriage has become a much more selective institution in today's society," said W. Bradford Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia. "People who are college-educated, more affluent or more religious are more likely to get married and stay married. People who are not are less likely to get married in the first place, and if they do marry, they're more likely to divorce."

So as Christians, what part do we have? How about *Christian education*? How about educating our young people with Biblical standards and norms? How about teaching them the gospel, teaching them ways of relating to each other, teaching them how to work through differences and grievances, and demonstrating to them our own fidelity and faithfulness in marriage? Therefore telling and showing them that marriages can and do last!

So blessings to all who are married! And grace to all who are getting married or want to be married. May each of us strive, in the power of God's Spirit, to live and love according to God's righteous standards and may the gospel of peace energize and motivate us accordingly.

To God Alone Be Glory,

Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth End of Year Party at the Deneens' on Friday, June 3 from 6:30-8:30 PM.

MISSIONARY NEWS

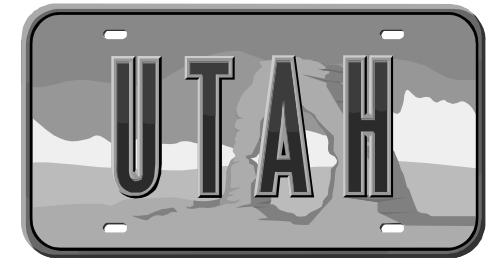
Chaplain **Chuck Williams** and his wife **Celia** visited with us this past Sunday. They are in transition moving from North Carolina to Hawaii where he will be stationed for the next three years. After being there for six months, Chuck is scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

A note from **Jim Ramsey** written on May 24 says: "I thought I would let you know what I am doing these days – Evangelism Explosion in the afternoons and a lot of studying to preach. Tomorrow I go with the two pastors to two cities in the east - Petrosan and Tirgu Jiu to meet with two other pastors, one of which wants to go on board with the International Presbyterian church. Pray for us since the old Dacia they have here is a rolling junk pile and not sure we will get there without a breakdown. I had some stomach problems when I first got here but I am doing better now. I got a phone call yesterday from our Hungarian friends. I leave for Tirgu Mures for a week Saturday, a long train ride from here but worth it. They told me they have a lot of things for me to do there. Trust all are well at First Pres. Praying for you!"

MISSION TRIP TO UTAH

AUGUST 12 – 19

*Sign up on the Mission Trip
bulletin board. See Jimmie
Mitchell for more information.*



Where: West End PCA in Salt Lake City with our missionaries Daniel and Stephanie McKinney

What: "Paint Your Heart Out" – one day when many paint to improve conditions in the community; all week - painting, landscaping, working on houses in community around the church and ministry with the West End congregation

Cost: \$750 (approximately)

ATTENTION SOAR SOCCER PRAYER PARTNERS

The Soccer Committee is excited to announce that Lauren Fox (our Director of Children's Ministry) will be the Guest Speaker at the Finale on June 4th. Lauren will be presenting the Gospel message to ~160 players and their families. Please pray for her with us and pray that God will open hearts to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ! Thanks so much for your continued support through prayer this season. It is evident God has heard you!

With Loving Thanks

I want to thank my church family for the cards, visits and phones calls following my surgery. It's great to know I have your spiritual support and love.

*May God bless you all,
Charleen Schrum*

There are no words to express our gratitude to our church family. We are overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support since Bob's homecoming. Thank you for the delicious food, flowers, cards, visits, calls, kind words and especially your prayers. We want to say a special thank you to Dan, Scott, Eric and our choir for helping us celebrate Bob. Life is difficult, but we rest in the assurance that we will be together in eternity.

Missy, Sarah Jane, Tyler, Katie and Rob

DID YOU KNOW?

"In the Book" Group of **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at our church on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. These meetings are open to anyone! If you feel that you have a problem with alcohol or you know of someone struggling with this addiction, please join them in Room 13 downstairs.

LOST AND FOUND... A cell phone was found at the church.

A DVD titled "The Business of Being Born" and a light blue roasting pan are missing. If you know anything about these items, please contact Sandra in the church office.



VBS PROPS NEEDED

Church...we need your help! If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to loan us for the week of VBS (June 20-24), we would be forever grateful. We need: 2 wheelbarrows (clean and in good shape), statues for decoration, baskets, fake pottery, rugs, fake greenery (trees, bushes, etc.)

You can bring them to Lauren Fox's office any time. Please make sure to label them with your name.

ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS: Training session June 1st at 7:00 pm. See page 7 for more details.



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

Monday, June 6

Esther Circle meets in the church parlor – 1:45 p.m.

Readers Circle meets at the home of Lisa Grice – 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle meets at the home of Frankie Henderson – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Deanna Beatty – 7:00 p.m.



Have you noticed the addition of a **Trash Dumpster** next to the bus? The deacons switched to the dumpster service based on the continued problem of animals getting into the trash cans.

If you are involved with any event on the church property, the deacons ask that you take all trash bags from the buildings and/or grounds and dispose of them in the dumpster.

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 VBS Teachers' Train'g	2 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	3 6:30 Youth Year End Party	4 9:00 Called Session Mtg. Paraguay Team Mtg. Soccer Finales 9:00 Division I 10:30 Divisions II & III 2:00 Men's Basketball
5 2:00 - 4:00 Baby Shower for Shara Beatty <i>Summer PM schedule begins</i> 5:00 Choir Group III 5:30 Covered Dish Dinner 6:30 Communion	6 Newsletter Deadline 1:45 Esther Circle 7:00 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	7 7:00 Elizabeth Circle	8	9 6:30 MTW Committee Mtg.	10	11 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 2:00 Men's Basketball 6:00 Dinner on the Grounds/ Bluegrass concert
12 5:15 Choir Group III 6:30 Family Worship	13 CDC Summer Program begins	14	15	16 7:00 Session Meeting	17	18 2:00 Men's Basketball
19 Father's Day <i>No evening activities.</i>	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Preschool Summer Program begins	22 Vacation Bible School 6:30 each evening	23	24	25 8:30 Baseball Coaches' Training 10:30-12:00 Youth Baseball Registration 2:00 Men's Basketball
26 5:15 Choir Group III 6:30 Family Worship	27 6:30 Baseball Orientation	28	29 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	30		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Sat., 5/28, 1:00 PM:
Tinsley/Newman Wedding

Sun., 5/29:
Graduate Recognition Sunday
Stewart Neely will be preaching.

Mon., 5/30: Church Office and CDC closed for Memorial Day.

Wed., 6/1, 7:00 pm:

**VBS TRAINING
EVENT!**



All VBS volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Egyptians will be making their first appearance, Egyptian cuisine will be served, costume help and important information will be shared.

Sun., 6/5, AM Worship Services:
Rev. Tim Barton, pastor of Jordan Presbyterian Church, will be preaching.

Sun., 6/5:
5:30 PM Covered Dish Dinner
6:30 PM Communion

Sat., 6/11, 6:00 PM:
Summer Concert and Dinner on the Grounds - See bulletin board across from church office to sign-up.