

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Leah Bryant  
Micah Deneen

3 Andrew Elliott  
Robbie Smith

4 Madison Black

5 Donna Hill

6 Don Hensley  
Kenlee Herd

7 Johnny Robinson  
Annette Rodgers

8 Samantha Hall

9 Amber Rhyne

10 Brian Lasley

11 Macky Newman

13 Kevin Chucci

15 Allie Grice  
Anna Hamrick  
Tanner McMinn  
Holly Seufert



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Fellowship

Fun

New Friends

Biblical Truths



Food

Old Friends

Relaxed Atmosphere

Special Children's Services

These are just of the few things you'll find at our Sunday Evening services. Join us at 6:30 pm for a blessing.

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

As we come to the end of June we also come to the end of Debbie Harper’s employment as our SOAR Coordinator. Debbie gave notice last September that she needed to step away from her duties with our Sports Outreach and Recreation Ministry, but she kindly agreed to stay until June 30 to allow us to call and train a successor.

Debbie came into her role by stages. First, she was a participant in the sports ministry as an adult player and children’s coach. Then about ten years ago, she agreed to serve as Chairman of our SOAR Committee on a volunteer basis. As the make-up of our staff changed with the departure of Pastor Tim Barton, I asked her to take a more substantial leadership role as a paid part-time staff member. That’s when she was hired as SOAR Coordinator.

She has served with excellence, bringing unique gifts and abilities to SOAR, which has blossomed and flourished under her dedicated leadership.

Last year alone, we had 688 registrants participating in our Youth Sports Ministry. That represents an enormous responsibility. We needed someone who could keep kids safe, organize a huge ministry, recruit volunteers, oversee training and equipping, work well with others, keep the vision clear, and maintain a strong personal spiritual life. Debbie has done it all. And more.

She has consistently brought dedication, energy and creativity to the work, and always demonstrated a deep personal concern for the spiritual and physical welfare of our players, their families and our volunteers. The lives she has touched in positive ways over these ten years are numbered literally in the thousands. Hundreds of commitments to Christ have been registered through this ministry in the decade of Debbie Harper’s leadership. And I am convinced the mature fruit of this work will not fully emerge for years to come.

Debbie will not like this article, because she doesn’t like to be made over publicly. But our gratitude to God for her good work demands it. Her usefulness to the Lord in his Kingdom work through SOAR is something we must celebrate.

Affectionately,  
*Dan*

# WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathies are expressed to **Bill and Freida Robinson, Anna Friesemhahn and Will Robinson** following the death of Freida’s mother. **Mrs. Lelia Long**, age 91, died at the Stanley Total Living Center on June 17. Her funeral was conducted at her home church in Alexis, Mt. Zion Baptist, on Monday.

We extend sincere condolences to **Hayley Black and family** in the death of Hayley’s boyfriend of five years, **Lance Corporal Nic O’Brien**. The 21-year-old Marine from Mt. Holly was killed while on patrol in Afghanistan earlier this month.

**Jason and Leah Bryant** presented their son **Grayson Luke** for the sacrament of covenant baptism on Sunday, June 19. Luke’s grandparents, **Junior and Sharon Bryant**, are also members of our congregation.

We are delighted to welcome **Ashley Abernathy** into the membership of the church. Ashley made her public profession of faith in Jesus Christ here Sunday, June 19. She is married to **Jeremy Abernathy**, and they are parents of one-year-old **Madison Grace**.

**Janet Redding** is expecting a rather lengthy recovery at home following extensive foot surgery last Friday. She will not be able to bear weight on the affected foot for several weeks.

Members of our church family who are residents of nursing homes: **Mike Smith** at Brian Center in Gastonia, **Mike Abernathy** at Stanley Total Living Center and **Kathleen Ottinger** in Mullins, SC.

## MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	57,413.11
Received in May for budget.....	65,472.05
Needed to date for budget.....	287,065.53
Received to date for budget .....	314,188.95
Needed monthly for Faith Promise .....	11,050.00
Received in May for Faith Promise .....	8,542.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise .....	55,250.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	53,423.00

# JULY RESPONSIBILITIES

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**8:30 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**July 3:** Suzy Deneen, Micah & Emma

Lisa and Brent Grice

*No evening services.*

**July 10:** Angie Killian and girls

Joseph and Ellen Deese

**6:15 PM** - Sherry Teague

**July 17:** Judy Billings, Zane & Chloe

Josh and Stacey Hall

**6:15 PM** - Tommi Rust

**July 24:** Mary Ruth and Sydney Heffner

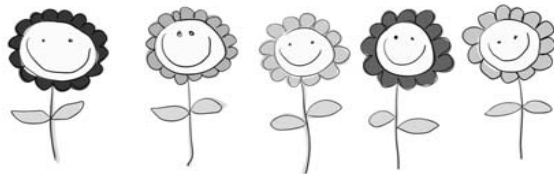
Laura Evans and Charleen Schrum

**6:15 PM** - Jerry and Janet Ratchford

**July 31:** Barbara Graham and Julianne Griffin

Rhonda Prather and girls

**6:15 PM** - Sharon Morton



## CHILDREN'S SERMONS

**July 3:** Rick Herd

**July 24:** Jimmie Mitchell

**July 10:** Communion

**July 31:** Dan Ormsby

**July 17:** Scott Burgess

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



We appreciate each and every person who volunteered a week of evenings out of their summer to participate in VBS. The smiles on the children's faces at the end of each evening let us know that everything we did worked for the glory of Jesus Christ!

Now it's on to planning for VBS 2012!



We've had our mining experience. Now it's time to begin our Wednesday weekly sessions at the church. Gold Rush is free to all children. Preschoolers will meet here at the church from 10:00 AM until Noon (snack included) and our School-age session (entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. First Session: June 29<sup>th</sup>!

Register your child as soon as possible.

## With Loving Thanks

Dear Friends,

*You have been such a source of support for Eulice and me during his declining health over the past few years. Thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers. We have sensed your love as it was expressed in so many ways. Most recently during his stay in skilled care and his home-going, we have been assured of your concern through cards, food, and phone calls. God will not forget your labor of love in your ministry to the saints. We love you all and count it a privilege to be a part of God's family here at First Presbyterian Church.*

*Juanita Thomas and family*

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Dear Church family,

*Thank you to our church family for the concern you have shown for Jane during and after her hospital stay. We really appreciated your visits at the hospital as well as home. We felt your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for Jane as she will have a slow recovery.*

*Johnny and Jane Robinson*

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First Presbyterian,

*Thank you so much for the card and marriage book. The book was a great idea for a gift since I've been told it's never too early to educate myself about marriage. It's hard to believe college is over, but I'm excited to see what the future holds. I'm blessed to have such a loving church family.*

*Thanks again,  
Sarah Faggart*

## 20-SOMETHINGS NEWS



- Remember the **luncheon** on Sunday, **June 26<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Percy and Nancy Raleigh.
  - A **Beach Getaway** is being planned for **August 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more details to follow very soon.
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We will be observing the  
**Lord's Supper**  
Sunday, July 10th  
during both morning worship services.

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## MERCY MINISTRIES

Thank you to those who have brought in items as requested for our **Food Pantry**. We can still use the following:



pasta  
pasta sauce

peanut butter  
canned meat/fish

crackers  
rice

Thank you for your continued support!



Our **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER** assistance efforts are going well.

Thank you for your support of the baby bottle project. Many of you brought in bottles filled with lots of loose change. If you forgot to turn your bottle in this past Sunday, you may still bring it to the church office and we'll be sure it gets to the CPC office.



Remember we are also collecting baby lotion for the center.

Thank you for your faithfulness in reaching out to those that are less fortunate.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

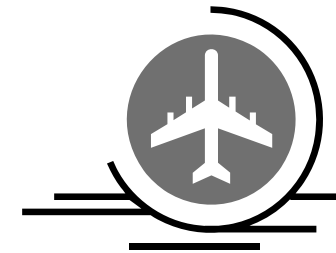
We are working on an updated directory. We know there have been many changes in addresses and/or phone numbers. If you have not notified us of recent changes in your information, please call the church office by June 30th. This will help us to make our directory as accurate as possible.

## WIC NEWS

The **Elizabeth Circle** will have a cookout at the home of Tommi Rust on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

The other circles will not be meeting during July.

## SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES




Our **New York** team leaves on July 2 for a week's ministry in inner-city New York. Team members include: Hannah Black, Mary Madeline Black, Scott Deneen (team leader), Courtney Greeson, Lindsey Greeson, Annalise Jessen, Anna-Kathryn Lineberger, Leon Lineberger, Anna Prather, Linda Queen, Debbie Smith and Kristen Waters. They will be commissioned during the 8:30 worship service on June 26.

Our **Paraguay** team leaves for a ten-day mission on July 5, destination Luque just outside the capital city of Asunción. Team members are: Tommy and Janice Barton (team leaders), Caroline Beatty, Cory Fox, Sandra Hill, Chris McAllister, Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell, Stewart Neely, Teresa Neely, Matt Ormsby, Percy Raleigh, Will Robinson, Melissa Smith, and Tracy and Phyllis Withers. They will be commissioned during the 8:30 worship service on July 3.

Our **Palmer Home** team will be commissioned during the 8:30 worship service on July 24 just before they board the church bus for a weeklong mission in Columbus, Mississippi. They are: Kathryn Cavin, Micah Deneen, Suzy Deneen, Julianne Griffin, Shanna Griffin, Joel (team leader) and Kim Jessen, Annalise Jessen, Isaac Jessen, Miriam Jessen, Rebecca Lasley, Kelsey Smith and Ronnie Smith.

*Thank you for your prayers and support!*

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 NY City Mission Trip →
3	4  <b>Independence Day</b> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Church Office and CDC closed</div>	5 Newsletter Deadline	6 10:00 Gold Rush Camp - Preschool ages 3 - 6	7	8	9
←		← New York City Mission Trip →		← Paraguay Mission Trip →		
<i>No evening activities.</i>			6:30 Gold Rush Camp - rising 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> graders	6:30 CE Committee Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer.		
10 AM Communion	11	12	13	14	15	16
←		← Paraguay Mission Trip →			→	
5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Family Worship		5:00 Children Skating at Kate's				
17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21	22	23
←		← Sports Camp: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer & Volleyball →			→	
5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Family Worship	7:00 Children's Min. Team Mtg.			6:30 American Heritage Girls Sign-up Meeting 7:00 Joint Officers' Meeting		
24	25	26	27 Palmer Home Mission Trip	28	29	30
←		← 10:00 Gold Rush Camp - Preschool ages 3 - 6 →			→	
5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Family Worship			6:30 Gold Rush Camp - rising 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> graders 7:00 SOAR Committee Meeting			
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4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Ask the Pastor						