

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| Oops...Our last newsletter listed July 23 as Sharon Herd's birthday. It should have been Sharon Bryant! | 4 Ashley Murphy | 8 Nancy Franks
Frankie Henderson
Ron Hutchins
Chris Lewis |
| 2 Claire Kopka
Tommi Rust | 5 Chris Black
Adam Davis
Kay Heffner | 11 Deanna Beatty
Heather Rick |
| 3 Zack Bedford
Brent Lucas
Cora Belle Stewart | 6 Maddie Jessen
David Murphy | 12 Barbara Graham |
| | 7 Dean Chaney
Paul Clemmer | 13 Kristen Waters |

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GETTING CHURCH RIGHT



For the remainder of July and August, Sunday morning preaching will focus on Ecclesiology—the doctrine of the church. What is the church? Why is the church important? Why should I value the church?

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| July 24 | “Quality Workmanship” | 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 |
| July 31 | “God’s Temple in Stanley” | 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 |
| August 7 | “Judgment That Matters” | 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 |
| August 14 | “The Theology of the Cross” | 1 Corinthians 4:6-13 |
| August 21 | “A Minister’s Example” | 1 Corinthians 4:14-21 |
| August 28 | “Loving Correction” | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 |

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

“But each one should be careful how he builds. ...If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is....” – 1 Corinthians 3:10, 12

There is an old bluegrass spiritual associated with The Carter Family all about “working on a building for my Lord, a Holy Ghost building for my Lord.” The song, like the Bible passage, speaks of life as an on-going construction project. By our good deeds, our godly actions we’re raising a building.

The reference in the song, I think, is to the verses above which speak of building with various materials – gold, silver, and costly stones which endure, or wood, hay and straw which perish. When we honor Christ and serve him well, we are building with the good stuff; when we do otherwise, we’re not. The warning of the passage is that each builder’s work will eventually be tested and, in the end, will be shown for what it truly is.

I’ve been impressed today as I’ve considered the quality of building going on in the lives of so many of our fellow members here at FPC. Many are honoring Christ, serving Him well, in a multitude of ways.

At one point this morning our CDC staff was lovingly caring for pre-schoolers in our main building, roughly twenty-five volunteers were leading youngsters at various sites on our campus in our SOAR Sports Camp, and our CDC Day Camp staff was accompanying another busload of children on a field trip. When I left the office for supper this evening, coaches and umpires were piling in to oversee a schedule of baseball games in our Youth Sports Ministry.

Besides this, dozens of members are coming and going on summer mission teams. Various local ministries continue week by week. Individuals are caring for family and friends in a multitude of ways.

There’s a lot of building being done, a vast quantity of “gold, silver and costly stones” being incorporated. I feel privileged just to be able to watch and cheer you on: “Keep the good work going! Keep working on that building for our Lord!”

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Harrison Revels was in the hospital a couple of days when some fever and abdominal troubles arose. But testing showed nothing seriously wrong, and he returned home at mid-week.

Congratulations are in order for **Don and Becky Hensley** on the birth of their first grandchild. Their daughter **Rachel** and her husband **Dustin Stamey** of Denver, NC presented them with a granddaughter, **Hensleigh Ann**, born on July 17.

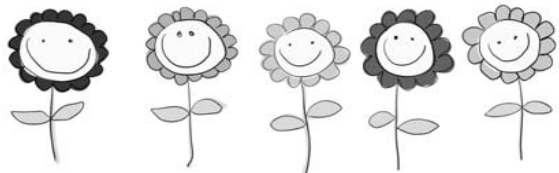
JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	57,413.11
Received in June for budget.....	73,705.69
Needed to date for budget	344,478.64
Received to date for budget	387,894.64
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	11,050.00
Received in June for Faith Promise	9,618.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	66,300.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	63,041.00

AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- August 7:** 8:30 AM Tommi and Houston Rust 11:00 AM Joyce Burt and Hope Levasseur
6:15 PM - Josh and Melissa Clevenger
- August 14:** Kim and Annalise Jessen Craig and Susan Mesimer
6:15 PM - Sandy Lasley
- August 21:** Kevin and Kathy Rhyne Ed and One Kasper
6:15 PM - Ann Davis
- August 28:** Ginny Haley Julie Black and girls
6:15 PM - Tommi Rust



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

- August 7:** Kevin Rhyne **August 21:** Allen Stowe
August 14: Clyde Haley **August 28:** Andy Tinsley

FAMILY FUN OPPORTUNITIES

Family Pool Party
at
Stanley Rec
Saturday, August 6
6:00 - 8:00 PM



Family Camping Trip
at
Briar Bottom Group Camp
near Burnsville, NC
Friday through Monday,
September 2 - 5



Contact Scott or Suzy Deneen
at
263-6059 for more info.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

I hope your summer is going GREAT! As I think through everything that's going on, I'm amazed at how busy we can get so fast... New York City Mission Trip, Paraguay Mission trip, Palmer Home Mission trip, ministry at Crisis Pregnancy Center, SOAR Sports Camp, Baseball/softball ministry, Youth Video game nights, summer camp, etc..

Whew!

But there's more... we will be meeting on Wednesday nights through the summer for prayer, bible Study, and fellowship; we are planning a Cheesecake Factory trip to South Park Mall as well as a Carowinds trip for later in the summer. Also on the docket is a Pool Party on Saturday, August 6th from 6-8 PM.

Not to mention the Church-wide camping trip to Briar Bottom September 2nd - 5th.

So take a deep breath and continue on... haha!!

Love you guys!



AT A GLANCE

1. Cheesecake Factory/South Park Mall – TBA
2. Pool Party – Sat., Aug. 6th 6-8PM
3. Carowinds – Sat., Aug. 27th
4. Camping Trip – Fri., Sept. 2nd – Mon., Sept. 5th

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA

From Joel McCall – July 15

In a couple of days I will be bouncing along a very dusty African road filled with pot-holes headed toward the very remote and hot area of Adjumani, Uganda (just 5 miles below the Sudan border). This will be the first of 4 long weeks of pastor conferences I will be teaching in Uganda and Rwanda. Your prayers are needed and appreciated! I leave tomorrow (Sat., July 16) from Charlotte and return on Sat., Aug. 13. The first two weeks I will be in Uganda and then I will fly to Rwanda for the last two weeks. All praise to our God that all money has been provided for this trip. He is so faithful and yet, I am still always amazed!

When I get home in August, I will only be home a little over two weeks before I leave again for Nigeria for two more weeks of teaching on Disciplemaking. **I am still in need of approximately \$3,400 for this trip** (this includes airfare).

These are some specific prayer requests:

- Pray for safety in all travel, for me and the teams that will be joining me. Don't just think of air travel, because riding in a car in Africa can be even more dangerous! Also, please pray all luggage arrives with us and intact.
- Pray that all of us will stay healthy so we can minister effectively.
- Pray for all of our families left here in the States, especially for Sarah who will be without me for a month.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us as we teach and that lives will be changed and pastors equipped to share our message to others.
- Pray for wisdom as we present some difficult and sensitive content in the conferences on marriage, esp. in Rwanda where we will address the subject of rape and abuse.
- Pray that the funds needed for the Nigeria trip will be supplied before I leave Sept. 2.



PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES IN UTAH

From Timothy Barton – July 14

“Garrison, I think it is about to start raining!” “Daddy, stop joking around, this is the desert, it doesn’t rain in the desert!” This was a brief exchange Garrison and I had on the way to church in St. George, UT on Sunday evening. Our family moved here 3 weeks ago for the purpose of supporting John and Diana McNicoll and Christ the King Presbyterian Church, a church plant of the PCA which had its first service on June 26, 2011. We have come here short term (2-3 months) to learn, encourage, support, share the gospel, and help to gather people to this new church.

The exchange above demonstrates the literal climate here and we are coming to learn that this represents the spiritual climate as well. Recently, I met a man named Justin who is going through a divorce because his wife says he is not spiritual. His was formerly LDS and came into our conversation asking the difference between Presbyterian and Christian. I presented the gospel as the thing that all Christian churches have in common and he replied, “That is not what the Mormons believe!” This is very common in Utah and seems to be particularly common among people who have lived most or all of their lives in St. George.

In three weeks since joining this work we have felt the weight of impossibility in this task, returned to the Lord in prayer, and seen Him remind us that this is His work and He will give showers of blessing on the work here. Several examples of these blessings are as follows:

- The first few services have been a great joy as neighbors, contacts and others who have come to respect the McNicolls and the truth they share came to worship together.
- God is giving us opportunity to share the Gospel with people and invite them to church.
- God has given Caryann the opportunity to minister to an LDS lady (Laura) who is going through a divorce.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES IN MISSISSIPPI

Our Palmer Home team leaves this Sunday, July 24, for a week of ministry at Palmer Home for Children in Columbus, Mississippi. Please pray for safe travel and fruitful service for: Kathryn Cavin, Suzy and Micah Deneen, Julianne and Shanna Griffin, Joel (team leader), Kim, Annalise and Isaac Jessen, Miriam Jessen, Rebecca Lasley, Kelsey Smith and Ronnie Smith.

With Loving Thanks

We would like to thank you for the love and support that you gave us during the tragic death of Nic (Hayley's boyfriend of 5 1/2 yrs.) The prayers, visits, cards and phone calls make us appreciate being a part of such a loving church family. We ask that you continue to pray for our family and Nic's and especially Hayley as she tries to understand and move forward in her life without him.

In Christ,

Chris, Jane, Whitney and Hayley Black

Dear friends,

Thank you for your care and concern shown to us during the past couple of weeks. We have appreciated the cards, food, visits, and phone calls. Your love means so much to us. Please continue to pray as Janet completes her recovery.

Love,

Janet & Roy Redding



Thanks to all who participated in the special offering to Gideon's International last Sunday. This gift goes entirely to the purchase of Bibles for free distribution around the world. Use the attractive cards on our literature display anytime to make a gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend.



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

Monday, August 8

Readers Circle meets at the home of Martha Sue Mitchell – 7:00 p.m.
Ruth Circle meets in the Church Parlor, Janet Redding hosting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 9

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Judy Dixon – 7:00 p.m.

Esther Circle will not meet this month.

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Updated Church Directories are available on the literature display in the main hallway. This includes many changes so be sure to replace your old copy with the updated version.

MERCY MINISTRIES

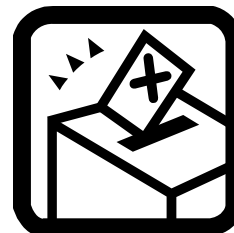
Thank you to those who have brought in items as requested for our **Food Pantry**. We can still use the following:



pasta peanut butter crackers rice
pasta sauce canned meat/fish macaroni & cheese

Thank you for your continued support!

OFFICER NOMINATIONS



It's that time again. Time to begin preparing for the new year by selecting officers to fill vacancies left by officers who have completed their terms. The nomination period will begin Sunday, August 7 and will end Sunday, August 21. Begin praying for guidance on this selection process. Nomination forms will be available beginning August 7.

CURRENT OFFICERS

THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Dan King
Clerk: Jim Tilley
Teaching Elder: Rev. Scott Deneen

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Kevin Rhyne

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Andy Tinsley

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Johnny Smith