

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Janet Devir
Clay Harper
Rebekah Leonard
Debbie Moss | 3 Beau Friday
Emma Harper
Lauren Harper
Hudson Rick | 15 Kara Evans
Marianne Magill |
| 2 Jeremy Addington
Doris Bynum
Dicky Franks
Mike Smith | 5 Martha Sue Mitchell
Roy Redding | |
| | 6 Roger Wagstaff | |
| | 7 Parke Sweigart | |



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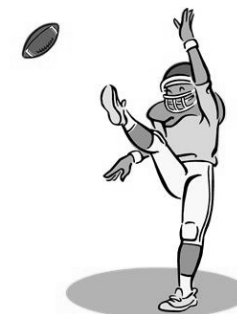
THE CHURCH FAMILY
*Presenting Everyone
Complete in Christ*

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PROMOTION DAY

Sunday, August 28

We kick off our new Christian education season with....



9:30 a.m. – Breakfast in Founders Hall
10:10 a.m. – Special program in the sanctuary

Presentation by our children’s classes, promotion, highlights of our youth and adult Sunday School ministry and introduction of our Christian education staff for 2011-2012 (Sunday School teachers, Image Bearer and youth leaders, care group facilitators)

NOTE: All classes with the exception of the infant nursery will meet together for this.....NO regular Sunday School classes

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

It is truly an extraordinary gift the Session has granted me in my upcoming sabbatical, September 11 through December 31. Carol and I are humbled and deeply grateful. I don't work any harder than most of you, and not as hard as many; so I know this extended time away from daily responsibilities of ministry is not a right but a privilege. Like you, we are praying it will serve to revitalize and reinvigorate us for at least a few more good years in my pastoral role here.

As the Session explained in their earlier letter to you, the idea of a sabbatical for me has been under discussion since 2005 when then-Elder Kevin Yoder formalized the proposal. A number of factors caused us to delay until now; but it means a lot to me that the Session didn't forget, but persisted in their urgings until we came to a time when it seemed workable. I am sincerely thankful for their on-going concern and care for me.

Carol and I do not have any grand plans for this time, just simple stuff. I expect to sleep late, drink coffee, catch up on my gardening and home repairs, enjoy some extra time with my children and grandchildren, have more uninterrupted time for Bible study, prayer, and conversations with my wife. We have arranged to spend the month of November in the mountains. We would like to do some other travel, perhaps to visit some of the missionaries and church planters we support, but that is still in the discussion stage.

Although this sabbatical, by its very nature, will take us away from you for these months, please do not feel we are abandoning you. We're not. Quite the contrary is true. Our relationships with you are extremely important to us. The change of routine and sometimes the change of locale which will separate us are just the necessary elements of rest and renewal. Our absence is intended only to refresh and fortify us so that we come back to serve you again, hopefully with renewed vigor and effectiveness.

Until January 1, then, pray for us, as we will continue to pray for you.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Memoriam



Nancy Diane Howe Rhyne
September 9, 1942 – August 19, 2011

Welcome to the **Fox Family**, now officially members of FPC. **Cory, Lauren and Olivia** appeared before the Session to join our membership by reaffirmation of faith. **Jake** and **Ashleigh** come into our fellowship formally as non-communing members by virtue of their parents' membership.

Greg and **Amanda Huss** presented their daughter, **Emery Clayton**, for covenant baptism on Sunday, August 14. **Maelin** is Emery's big sister. And on Sunday, August 21, **Aiden Michael Friesenhahn** was baptized. Aiden is the son of **Mason** and **Anna Friesenhahn** and grandson of **Bill** and **Freida Robinson**. Aiden is Mason and Anna's first child.

Ryan Abernathy and **Elizabeth Dameron** were married here on Saturday, August 20, in a 5:00 PM ceremony and are honeymooning in the Caribbean.

We're glad to report **Parke Sweigart, Martha Tadlock, and Carol King** are recovering well after recent same-day surgeries. **Jacob Rhyne** is recovering at GMH after being admitted early Tuesday for emergency gall bladder surgery.

Mark and **Deanna Beatty** are grandparents again! Mark's son and wife, **Chip** and **Shara Beatty**, became first-time parents on August 10 with the birth of **Bruton Levi**. Congratulations all 'round.

Kevin Chucci, son of **Henry** and **Shirley Chucci**, is at Basic Training for the United States Air Force. Here is his address for the next few weeks:

AB Chucci, Kevin J.
321 TRS/FLT 660 Dorm A-2
1320 Truemper St. Unit 364044
Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-6431

The oldest living member of our church family, **Kathleen Ottinger**, 96, has transferred to the Stanley Total Living Center from her previous care facility in Mullins, SC.

We are concerned for **Tina Kasper**, daughter of **Ed** and **Onie Kasper**, who has been critically ill with cranial bleeding. Tina was transferred from Rock Hill to Carolinas Medical Center as an emergency case, and underwent surgery. She has made good progress, but has additional surgery ahead.

SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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| <u>8:30 AM</u> | <u>11:00 AM</u> |
| Sept. 4: Monnie and Bobby Blackman | Tommi and HoustonRust |
| <i>No evening services.</i> | |
| Sept. 11: Dean and Libby Chaney | Jonan and Rachel Bynum |
| <u>5:45 PM</u> - David and Donna Hill | |
| Sept. 18: Andy and Gina Tinsley | Paul and Holly Seufert |
| <u>5:45 PM</u> - Jerry and Janet Ratchford | |
| Sept. 25: Robert and Marcia Rhyne | Julie Black and girls |
| <u>5:45 PM</u> - Sharon Morton | |



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

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| Sept. 4: Communion | Sept. 18: Scott Deneen |
| Sept. 11: Scott Burgess | Sept. 25: Reid Evans |

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	57,413.11
Received in July for budget	56,840.15
Needed to date for budget	401,891.74
Received to date for budget	444,734.79
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	11,050.00
Received in July for Faith Promise	10,967.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	77,350.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	74,008.00



We will be observing the
 Lord's Supper
 Sunday, September 4th
 during both morning worship services.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, September 12

Esther Circle meets in the Church Parlor - 1:45 p.m.
 Readers Circle meets at the home of Lennie Burrell – 7:00 p.m.
 Ruth Circle meets in the Church Parlor, Jonan Bynum hosting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Cookie Wilkinson – 7:00 p.m.

FALL OUTING

Sign up now to attend a play at the Green Room Playhouse in Newton, NC on Friday evening November 11. We know you will love “Steel Magnolias”! The tickets are \$13.00 for adults and \$11.00 for children under 12 and seniors. The bus will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. with a stop for “Dutch Treat” dinner. The play begins at 8:00. We should be back in Stanley before 11:00 p.m. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 16. Please see the WIC bulletin board for a sign-up sheet.



YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

Carowinds – Sat., Aug. 27th 8:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., \$35.00

Camping Trip – Fri., Sept. 2nd – Mon., Sept. 5th
Briar Bottom Campground

Birkdale Village Night on the Town - Fri., Sept. 23rd

Country Fest - Sat., Oct. 1st



Family Camping Trip

at

Briar Bottom Group Camp
near Burnsville, NC

Friday through Monday,
September 2 - 5

See bulletin board in main hall-
way to sign-up.



**Summer vacations have ended...
days at the pool are now days in school and
new opportunities for worship and fellowship at FPC!**

The month of September brings schedule changes here at FPC.

Care Groups begin meeting again. If you have not been in a care group at FPC in the past, prayerfully consider joining one now! See sign-ups across from the church office.

We are also gearing up for **Image Bearers** (ages pre-school - 5th grade) and **Youth Meetings** (grades 6 - 12) resuming September 11.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE—EAST GASTON 2011 WRAP-UP AND 2012 KICKOFF CELEBRATION



Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

at

First Baptist Church of Stanley

Call 704-616-6889 by September 12th to RSVP.

MERCY MINISTRIES

Thank you to those who have brought in items as requested for our **Food Pantry**. As you are able, below are some suggested items needed:



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

Thank you for your continued support!

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

Pick up your free copy of **Our Daily Bread** for September, October and November on the literature table in the hall. It is a helpful tool to use in your personal or family devotional times.



CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

A CPR/First Aid training will be held at FPC Saturday, Sept. 24 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Anyone interested in being certified is invited to participate. The cost is \$65.00. Please contact Leslie Davis at 704-806-3776.



SOAR NEWS

Youth Basketball/Cheerleading

Registration Day for our Youth Basketball/Cheerleading is Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Church members and Church Staff can pre-register now. Registration forms can be found on the literature display in the main hallway or online (www.fpc.stanley.org). Turn these in to the church office or give to Chris Baity by Friday, Sept. 9.

****New this year...***

Adult Co-ed Soccer

We are looking for adults to play on our co-ed soccer team. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 10 in N. Belmont. See Chris Baity for more information.

It's time again to create an address list for college students and verify those in the military.



Please place this completed form on Sandra's desk or call the church office.*



Name _____

Address _____

**Please respond even if the address has not changed to ensure our list is accurate and complete.*

FROM YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

by Lauren Fox



When Olivia was three years old, my Dad was her hero. They did as much as they could together—simply enjoying each other's presence. One rainy afternoon at my parents' home, I pulled out their wedding album and begin to flip through pictures from 1971. I showed Olivia the picture of Mom and Dad standing at the altar. She picked out Mom easily, but my Dad was wearing these thick military-issue glasses (and also had a head of dark hair). I pointed to him and said, "This is your Poppy." She shook her head and said, "That's not my Poppy." I laughed and turned the page to another photograph. I pointed him out again and insisted this was her Poppy. She vehemently shook her head again and said, "That's NOT my Poppy." I turned to the next photograph which included only their hands (accompanied by shiny new wedding bands). Before I could say anything about the picture, Olivia jumped up excitedly, pointed at my Dad's hand and said, "THAT'S my Poppy!"

Perhaps my Dad had changed over the last 30 years. His hair had acquired some gray. His face and body had acquired some weight. His glasses had changed. This mattered not, when it came to his hands. Olivia had watched those hands work in his building. She had watched those hands wash dishes after supper. Those hands of his had scooped her up to give her a great big kiss. Dad's hands had tickled her and fed her. These same hands could become firm when keeping her away from danger. The hands she recognized.

I think of this often when I look for my heavenly Father. I have never seen His face, but I know what His hands look like. I see my God provide food for my family. I have seen the storms that He has created, and the beautiful blue sky. Each time I gaze in to the face of a newborn child, I see God's hands. I feel His hands comfort me when I am frightened. I feel their protection and guidance. I feel their discipline and their love.

"See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides Me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of My hand." Deuteronomy 32:39.

The difference between my dad's hands and God's hands? God's hands are perfect. He doesn't make mistakes. Look for His hand in every situation. If I can pray with you about anything in your life, please contact me anytime. It would be my pleasure to watch God reveal His hand to you!

Lauren

ON THE HORIZON IN MISSIONS

Reports from our Summer Mission Teams



Sunday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Come hear and see what our teams to New York, Paraguay and Palmer Home did this summer.

Annual Missions Conference

October 12 - 16

Taking the Heart of the Gospel to the Heart of the World

Mark these dates on your calendar now!

Keynote speaker Kenton Wood, missionary guests from around the world, and much more!



Shower Trailer

"Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success." This was an ad placed by Sir Ernest Shackleton in search for a crew to reach the South Pole.



We are in search for a crew to serve in relief efforts coordinated by Mission to North America. To learn more of this adventure and about an opportunity to serve, a meeting will be held on Sunday, September 4th during the Sunday School hour in the Activity Building. Contact Percy Raleigh or Ron Smith for more information.

LOOKING FOR A MINISTRY? A MINISTRY LOOKING FOR YOU?

There is always a need for handymen (handywomen?) with skills for light jobs around the church.



Can you change a light switch, replace a ballast, repair a leaky faucet, paint a wall, hang a door, pressure-wash a walkway, poison fireants? Then we've got a job for you! Please speak to Facilities Chairman Percy Raleigh or any other Deacon.




Another opportunity: Need a person or couple to prepare elements for Evening Communion services. These come up only occasionally, and the time required is minimal. Contact Pastor Dan.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FALL EVENT!

The children's ministry department will be heading to Windy Hill Apple Orchard on Saturday, September 24th. The bus will leave at 10:00 AM and return at 1:30 PM. The cost is \$6 (pay to Lauren Fox to reserve your bus spot). Please bring a bag lunch and a drink. Families are welcome to attend together!



Dear First Presbyterian,


Thank you for helping with the cost for my CIT camp! I am so glad I got to go and I probably would not have been able to if you did not help with the cost. I learned a lot over the two weeks I was there and made lots of good Christian friends that want to serve the Lord. These two weeks were probably the best two weeks of my life! Thank you again!

Anna Prather



It's almost time for Image Bearers to begin! On Sunday evenings, children who are preschool age through 5th Grade will participate in this weekly discipleship program. We will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit as given to us in the book of Galatians. There will also be a special few minutes of each IB time set aside to rehearse for our upcoming Christmas Play. First Sunday evening for Image Bearers is September 11th!

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. 6:30 AHG Leadership Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	2	3 7:00 Officer Training ← Church-wide Camping Trip → 
4 AM Communion ← Church-wide Camping Trip →	5  Labor Day Church Office and CDC closed	6 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Preschool Orientation	7 Preschool begins	8	9	10 7:00 Officer Training 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 8:30 Basketball/Cheer  Coaches Training 10:00-12:00 Basketball/ Cheer Registration
11 5:00 Choir Group III Sunday Evening Schedule Resumes	12 1:45 Esther Circle 6:30 Basketball/Cheer Orientation 7:00 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	13 7:00 Elizabeth Circle	14	15 7:00 Session Meeting	16	17 7:00 Officer Training
18 5:00 Choir Group III	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Children's Min. Team Mtg.	20	21	22	23	24 7:00 Officer Training 9:00 CPR Training 10:00 Children to Windy Hill Apple Orchard
25 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:00 Choir Group III	26	27	28 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	29 6:30 MTW Committee Meeting	30	