

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16 Forrest McGinnis	22 Josh Abernathy Hunter Chappell	27 Erin Evans
17 Andy Murphy Kathleen Ottinger	Rebecca Humphries Tracy Withers	28 Crystal Hill Abigail Jessen George Robinson
18 Claudia Forbes-Robinson Dillon Lamb	23 Judy Dixon Ann Featherstone Gracie Hager Mark Harper	29 Patricia Ellis
19 Kary Kopka	25 Austin Abernathy Darlene Sweigart	30 Tim Humphries Jim Tilley

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Complete in Christ*

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We have been going in all  
different directions this  
summer and now it's time to

**GET BACK TO CHURCH AND  
SUNDAY SCHOOL, CARE GROUPS  
AND ACTIVITIES FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

Our full schedule of Sunday evening activities  
begins on Sunday, September 11th.

We're looking forward to a great year  
serving the Lord together!

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”** - Jesus

*NOTE TO SELF: Let this wonderful offer set the direction for your sabbatical.*

Interesting, I think, that this amazing invitation to rest is tucked into Matthew’s Gospel right between Jesus’ pronouncement of woe on unrepentant cities and his demonstration of true Sabbath keeping.

The cities weren’t paying attention to Jesus and were bringing grief on themselves because of it. They needed to repent – to repent of their indifference, their block-headed inattentiveness and pay attention to Jesus.

*NOTE TO SELF: On sabbatical, repent and pay attention to Jesus.*

Then in the later passage, when the Pharisees condemned Jesus for breaking their rules and not keeping the Sabbath the way they thought he should, Jesus, referring to himself, told them, **“For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”** “You religious professionals think you know all about Sabbath keeping so as to make you the experts, qualified to tell everyone else how to do it,” Jesus was saying. “Well, you really don’t know beans. Here, let me teach you; I’m in charge of the whole thing.”

*NOTE TO SELF: On sabbatical, let Jesus teach you about holy resting. It was His idea in the first place.*

And then, as I said, sandwiched right in the middle of all this, Jesus calls to anyone who cares to listen and says, “Weary? Burdened? Come to me. I will give you rest. Your rest will ultimately be found in me.”

*NOTE TO SELF: On sabbatical, your best hope for finding rest will be in going to Jesus.*

*NOTE TO FPC: Be back soon. I love you.*

Dan

# WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathies go out to **Eloise and Bud Murphy** and members of their family including **David, Vicki and Ashley Murphy** in the death of Eloise’s sister, **Vergie Nosil**, of Marion, NC. Vergie who, with her husband **Bud**, were former members of FPC, died September 1 of complications from liver disease. She was also the aunt of **Rick Haithcox** of our church family.

Sincere condolences are extended to **Chris, Jody and Kate Graham**. Chris’ brother **Joe Graham** succumbed to cancer in Virginia. Their mother **Claire Graham** of Charlotte also survives.

**Jacob Rhyne** has transferred from Gaston Memorial to Carolinas Medical Center after complications arose following gall bladder surgery. He expects to be hospitalized for at least two more weeks. And **Claira Childers** was in CMC over the weekend.

More than **forty members** of our church family enjoyed a weekend of camping over the Labor Day holiday. The group, led by **Pastor Scott Deneen**, camped in tents at the Briar Bottom Family Campground near Mt. Mitchell. A group of **twenty-five FPCers** spent the day at Carowinds amusement park on August 27, also accompanied by Pastor Scott. (When it comes to youth and family activities, that Pastor Scott really gets around!)

## WITH LOVING THANKS

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you all so much for your prayers before, during and after my throat surgery. The Lord was gracious to hear and to answer, and I had an incredible sense of peace for the entire process. Please continue to pray for my voice to be restored, at least to some extent, in the near future.*

*Much love,  
Carol King*

## NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

**Earl, Rosie and Carla Adams** are back in Bolivia after a time of Home Ministry Assignment in the States.

**Salatiel Chuc** is busy with classes at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte as well as ministry to Hispanics in Locust, NC.

**Paul and Marty Clark** write that Scripture Union has opened their 7<sup>th</sup> Street Boys Home in Iquitos, Peru.

**David and Beth Knott** are living in Greensboro during their few months of Home Ministry Assignment. They plan to be at our Missions Conference in October!

**Steve and Rita Williams** ask for prayer for a new church plant in Auckland, New Zealand.

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## WANTED: OLD COUCHES AND CHAIRS

The high school Sunday school room has been under construction this past week and is beginning to look great; come by and take a look! But, we need a few more comfy places to sit. Would you like to donate an old couch or chair--any color, size, or shape? If you have anything that needs put to good use, please call the church office and let Sandra know. We'll be glad to pick it up and give it a good home.



## SOAR REMINDER

**Basketball/Cheer registration is this Saturday, 9/10, 10:00 - 12:00.**

Church members and staff can submit early registrations through Friday at 2:00. If you would like to assist as a coach/assistant coach,



referee, score keeper or spiritual coach please contact Chris Baity in the church office. We are excited about the upcoming season and hope your family will be a part of it!



A wedding shower  
will be held for  
**Matthew Ormsby and Heather Simpson**  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00 - 4:00  
in Founders Hall

The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Hostesses are: Anne Abernathy, Debbie Harper, Donna Hill, Teresa Neely,  
Marcia Rhyne and Sherry Wagstaff.

# FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

As we get started on another year of Youth Groups, Sunday School, retreats, service projects, mission trips, prayer times, movie nights, Bible studies, let me ask each of you to pray for our Youth Leadership Team. Each adult has a heart for our young people and a desire to see them grow and prosper in their faith; a desire to give time, effort, and resources to show our young people Jesus, and a willingness to sacrifice for our covenant youth so that Christ is exalted and our youth sanctified.

Keep these volunteers in your prayers each week and tell them how much you appreciate their ministry!

Anne Abernathy	Kim Jessen	Stewart Neely
Sarah Faggart	Kathy Lineberger	Will Robinson
Chris Graham	Wes Marsh	Annette Rodgers
Sandra Hill	Betsey Neely	Grover Rodgers
Joel Jessen		

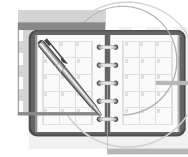
Blessings,



## Upcoming Events

1. Sun., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Night Youth begins... 6:00 -7:30 PM
2. Wed., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday Night Youth begins... 6:30 - 8:00 PM
3. Fri., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Birkdale Village "Night on the Town"... 5:00 - 9:30 PM
4. Sat., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: Country Fest
5. Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 13-16<sup>th</sup>: Mission Conference
6. Fri.-Sat., Oct. 21-22<sup>nd</sup>: Hiking/Camping Trip to South Mountain
7. Sun., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: Cookout at the Jessens'

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Our annual Missions Conference is just a little over one month away!**  
**October 12 - 16**

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## ATTENTION LADIES!

Check out the information on the WIC bulletin board just outside the Global Outreach office to sign up for the fall outing to the Green Room Playhouse in Newton on Friday, November 11.



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## MERCY MINISTRIES

WOW...Thank you to those who have responded generously to our recent requests for food when our pantry was low. To keep the pantry stocked, below are some suggestions based on our current needs:

canned fruit	instant potatoes	vegetables
crackers	canned meat/fish	boxed dinners



Thank you for your continued support!