

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Jennings Black
Jim Ramsey | 7 Kaden Baity
Zane Billings | 11 Henry Chucci |
| 3 Emma Deneen
Darwin Paramore | 8 Wanda Ramsey | 12 Jonan Bynum
Grady Rhyne |
| 4 Norman Levasseur | 9 Ryan Grice
Maxton Withers | 15 Tracy McMinn |
| 5 Mike Prather | 10 Sydney Heffner | |



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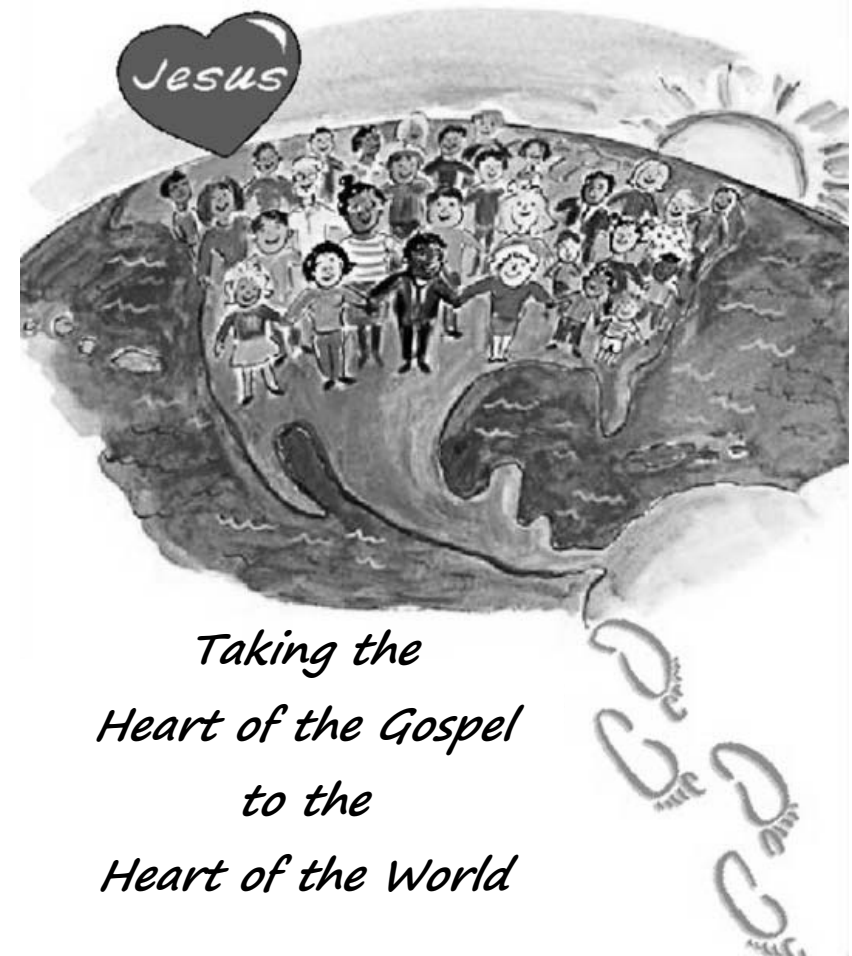


THE CHURCH FAMILY
*Presenting Everyone
Complete in Christ*

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2011 Missions Conference October 12 - 16



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

MISSIONS CONFERENCE NEWS

Read all about it!



Wednesday, October 12

- 6:00 – Snack Supper in Founders Hall
- 7:00 – Pre-Conference Prayer Meeting

Thursday, October 13

- 7:00 – Opening Ceremony with keynote speaker Kenton Wood
Children’s Conference for ages 3 – 5th grade

Friday, October 14

- 8:30 – Best Years Breakfast
- 5:30 – Barton BBQ
- 7:00 – Evening Service with Kenton Wood; Children’s Conference

Saturday, October 15

- 9:30 – 11:30 Missions activity for all – special events for children

Sunday, October 16

- 8:30 – Morning Service, Kenton Wood speaking
- 9:30 – Coffee and pastries
- 10:00 – Sunday School with the missionaries
- 11:00 – Morning Service, Kenton Wood speaking

Sign up for the meals on the sheets located just outside the church offices.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Several members of our church family have been hospitalized recently but are now back at home. **Jacob Rhyne** faces a 3 to 6 month recovery period after his two surgeries. **Bud Murphy** is feeling stronger after his bout with respiratory problems which kept him in Gaston Memorial for a week. **Janet Devir** was hospitalized for a couple of days recently for surgery on her nose.

Ellen Beam had cataract surgery last week.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of **Jimmy Davis**. Jimmy, a former member, died on Sunday, September 11, at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Family members include children **Karissa and Adam Davis**, grandson **Bailey**, parents **Frank and Mae Davis**, sister **Judy Lucas** and husband **Garry** along with extended family members **Brent, Chrissy and Kalib Lucas** and **Chris, Brianne, Kale and Kaden Baity**. We also express our condolences to the **Friesenhahn family – Blain, Thea, Christiana and Audra, Mason, Anna and Aiden** – on the death of Blain and Mason’s grandfather Tony Friesenhahn in Texas last week.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	57,413.11
Received in August for budget	51,807.36
Needed to date for budget	459,304.85
Received to date for budget	496,542.15
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	11,050.00
Received in August for Faith Promise	7,085.79
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	88,400.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	81,093.79

OCTOBER RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Oct. 2: | Ron and Karen Ensley, Ashley Abenrathy, Renee Abernathy | Oct. 2: | Jennifer Cavin & girls |
| | <u>5:45 PM</u> - Josh and Melissa Clevenger | | |
| Oct. 9: | Dawn Edwards, Sally Ormsby, Ginny Haley, Julianne Griffin | Oct. 9: | Josh and Stacey Hall |
| | <u>5:45 PM</u> - Tommi Rust | | |
| Oct. 16: | Kevin and Kathy Rhyne, Ron, Debbie and Morgan Smith | Oct. 16: | Leah Bryant, Sharon Bryant |
| | <u>5:45 PM</u> - Sherry Teague | | |
| Oct. 23: | Debbie, Emma, and Lauren Harper, Angie, Kindyll and Jayda Killian | Oct. 23: | Julie Black and girls |
| | <u>5:45 PM</u> - Sandy Lasley | | |
| Oct. 30: | Kim and Annalise Jessen, Mary Ruth and Sydney Heffner | Oct. 30: | Rhonda Prather and girls |
| | <u>5:45 PM</u> - Sharon Morton | | |



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

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|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Oct. 2: | Communion | Oct. 23: | Clyde Haley |
| Oct. 9: | Chris Graham | Oct. 30: | Don Hensley |
| Oct. 16: | Mission Conference | | |



DAILY PRAYER GUIDE – 2011 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

“Taking the Heart of the Gospel to the Heart of the World”

Pray each weekday before and during our conference:

Monday: That visiting missionaries will have good physical health, spiritual strength, and safe travel as they come to us. Pray for participating missionaries David and Beth Knott (Indonesia) and Ancil Overby (Gaston County Crisis Pregnancy Centers).

Tuesday: That God will open our hearts to the heart of the Word so we will have hearts for the world. Pray for participants Harold and Brenda Bracken (Equip, Inc) and Jim and Carin Frederic (awaiting new assignment).

Wednesday: That God will bless and guide Lauren Fox and those helping in the children’s ministry. Pray for guests Bill and Sherry Day (ESL), Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell (Global Outreach) and Bill Troutman (Shelby Mission Church).

Thursday: That God will use keynote speaker Rev. Kenton Wood (wife Karen, Mexico) to touch and renew our hearts for Gospel witness. Pray for missionary participants Liviu Lepadatu (Timisoara, Romania) and Jim and Wanda Ramsey (PEF Romania/Gaston Cty. Prison Ministry).

Friday: That God will bless every conference helper to show the heart of the Gospel through music, worship, meals, and hospitality. Pray for guests Ian Jones (Africa) and Tim and Helen Anderson (Palmer Home, Miss).

Saturday: That 385 persons will have a heart for the world by praying for our missionaries for the next year. Pray today for visiting missionaries Joel and Sarah McCall (Africa/Israel) and Guercy Meme and wife (Haiti).

Sunday: That God’s heart for the world will touch our hearts to give toward the mission support goal of \$145,000. Pray that God will bless every word of our speaker, Kenton Wood, so that our hearts will be compelled by God’s love for the world. Pray for safe travel and renewed strength for our missionary guests as they depart.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Youth and Families,

How wonderful to be in ministry with you! How blessed and encouraged I am to watch you work, serve, and give for the glory of Christ and the building up of His people here at First Presbyterian Church and around the world.

We truly have fellowship in the gospel and share in the grace of God together. And because Christ is our point of unity and peace, we can live together in harmony and unity.

So as Paul prays in Philippians 1:9: may we all grow in our sacrificial love for one another through a growing, deepening knowledge of God and His love for us in Christ. For the more we understand about the depths of God's love for us, the more we apprehend the width and depth and height and breadth of God's affection for us, the more empowered we will be to love and serve others. Let us become more truly the people God has made us to be in Christ!

How glad I am to be 'yoked' together with you in this endeavor!


Blessings,
Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Fri., Sept. 23rd: Birkdale Village "Night on the Town"... 5-9:30PM
2. Fri., Sept 30th: Middle School Boys Sunday School Campout
3. Sat., Oct. 1st: Country Fest
4. Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 13-16th: Missions Conference
5. Fri.-Sat., Oct. 28-29th: Hiking/Camping Trip to South Mountain [note date change]
6. Sun., Oct. 30th: Cookout at the Jessens'



We will be observing the
Lord's Supper
Sunday, October 2nd
during both morning worship services.



Dear Church Family,

Words can not express the love and kindness you have shown me and my family. Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during Vergie's long sickness before God called her home.

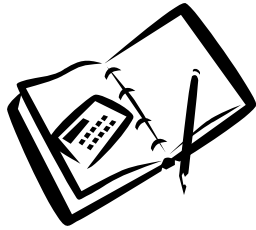
Thank you also for the love, visits, and calls during Bud's stay in the hospital. He is home now, doing better.

*Love,
Eloise and Bud Murphy & family*

Dear FPC family,

Thank you for all your love and support during Diane's sickness and death. We were showered with lots of love through your cards, calls, visits, food and prayers. Thank you for the words of encouragement that continue to be a help to me during this adjustment time.

*Love,
Grady Rhyne & family*



ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS

Deadline for requests to be included in the **2012 church budget** is **October 16**. Please submit written requests to Church Treasurer Gary Neely by that date.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Our Child Development Center has enjoyed a great start to a new year. Please pray for our staff, the 48 preschoolers and 15 afterschoolers that are here each week.



SOAR NEWS

Our basketball/cheer season is underway. Teams are practicing and getting ready for their first game. Games will begin the first week of October. Check the SOAR bulletin board for the game schedule and come out to watch some games!



MERCY MINISTRIES

Thank you for your continued support of our **Food Pantry** ministry. As you are able, below are some suggested items:



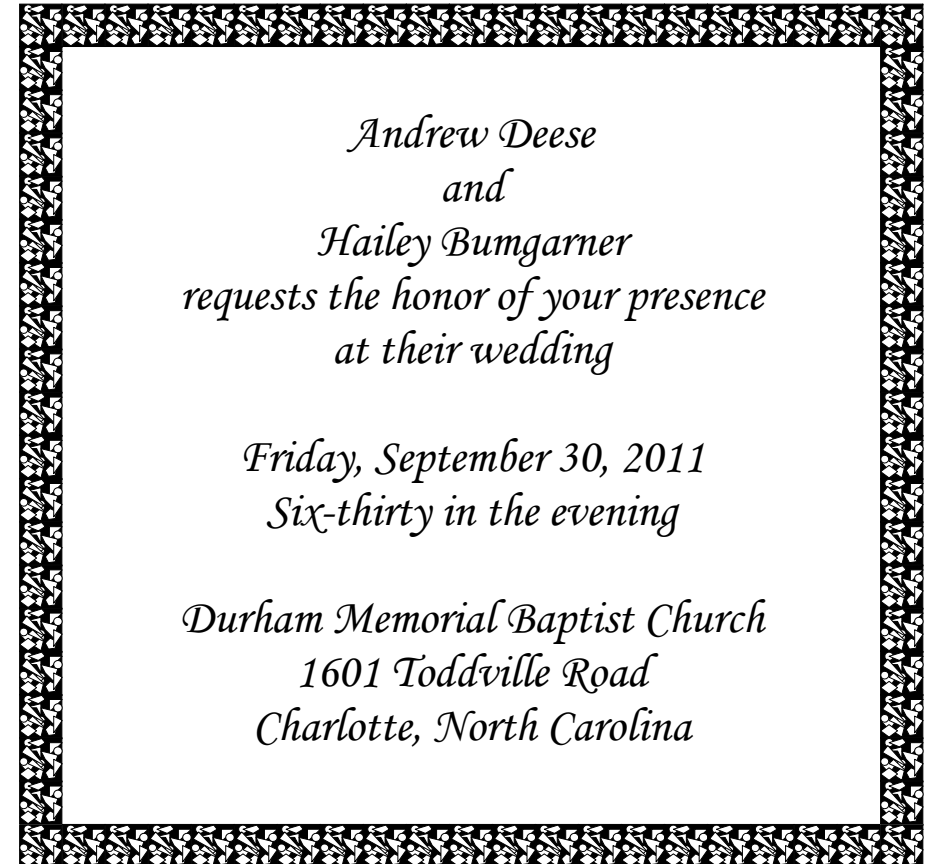
pasta
pasta sauce

peanut butter
canned meat/fish

crackers
rice

macaroni & cheese
canned vegetables

May God bless your generosity!



*Andrew Deese
and
Hailey Bumgarner
requests the honor of your presence
at their wedding*

*Friday, September 30, 2011
Six-thirty in the evening*

*Durham Memorial Baptist Church
1601 Toddville Road
Charlotte, North Carolina*

REMINDER...

Sunday, October 2, 2:00 - 4:00
Wedding Shower for Matthew Ormsby and Heather Simpson

The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY



Did you know that First Presbyterian Church had its beginning on Sunday, November 27, 1891 with 16 members? For some time services were held one Sunday a month in the Lutheran Church while a building was being constructed. The first services in the new building took place on February 5, 1893 before it was quite completed. The cost for the building was \$1,000. It was used for 36 years until it was torn down to be replaced by a new and more modern building. This second building cost \$6,000.

If you are interested in tracing the history and growth of First Presbyterian, stop by the work room near the church offices and read the yearly reports in the notebooks labeled “History of First Presbyterian Church.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first Sunday School at First Presbyterian started in April 1893! 118 years later we are still going strong!! Join the number of adults, youth and children who are here each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. to study God’s Word in our 19 classes.



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eyed beautiful young mother who loves Christ, her family and her church. Of course I could tell you negative stories too. But God is doing some really good things because we came here. We couldn’t have come and stayed without your prayers and financial support.

I really wrote this update today because I need reminding that it is worth it. One final thing I want to share with you is an email from one of the women in our church. She manages to keep a great sense of humor as we all do living in this culture. If you can’t laugh at some of the stuff you’ll lose your mind. She titled the email, “Only in Utah”

Only in Utah...One of the kids on our girls softball team said to me "Coach Fran, I won't be at tomorrow night's game, I have to go to the temple and help baptize the dead." Kris (the other coach) just nods and says, "ok" like this is normal conversation. Kris's nephew is marrying a girl in Feb. that comes from a polygamist family. You'd never know because they don't dress like typical polygamists. The girl's name is Kim and she told Kris "I don't even know how to braid hair." Her dad played ball with us last night. He's in his 50's, her mom is close to 50 and is pregnant. I have felt like I'm in a twilight zone the last couple of days.

As always, please pray that God will protect our hearts from fear and pride and that He will open doors for our message.



SEPTEMBER JORDAN JOURNAL

from Tim and Vicki Barton

We have been blessed beyond belief in our eight years here. It is hard for me to believe that it has been that long but it was September 5, 2003 when we first rolled into the Salt Lake Valley to stay. This summer our attendance for worship has remained very steady (between 70 and 80) and we have had a number of new guests. One very encouraging thing is that 2/3 of our congregation stays for Sunday School each week. (We do Sunday School after worship.) Our finances remain solid and steady. Since the building mortgage was paid off we have continued to see our internal giving grow like the congregation itself, little by little.

We have had some disappointments with people walking away from Christ. That always breaks my heart. But it is the parable of the Sower in real life. We have also seen wonderful examples of the Spirit of God applying the Word of God and growing people in their faith. We meet at 6:30am and 7:00pm for prayer each Wednesday. The numbers vary but the emphasis doesn't. And each week Christ has come. God is working in me too. Maybe I should say especially. I am realizing more clearly where I need to spend my time. It really is with people who want to know Christ. I don't mean just Christians but Christians and those who aren't Christians but who really do want to know what Christ and the Bible have to say. I feel I have expended way too much energy trying to get people to listen rather than ministering to those who are listening. It seems to me that this is more how Jesus spent His time. Anyway, at age 51 I am growing.

I want to tell you about 3 women all different ages and in vastly different situations but with something beautiful in common. I will refer to them by their initials. J – She and her husband had been married 59 years when he was diagnosed with cancer last October. She cared for him at home and had a heart attack herself. He died early this year. She writes me a note nearly every week. I put them in a file titled, “the healing of a broken heart.” Her heart is healing and it is healing with the gospel. C – In the middle of a nasty divorce and custody battle. I really didn't think she would last. But each week whether it is a good week or horrible one she reminds me that she is trusting God to provide and help her and her children. H – Raised LDS she became a Christian just a few years ago. Her husband is not a believer and works out of town. She used to be very “iffy” in attendance. One day she decided, “I am going to pursue Christ whether my husband does or not.” She has been growing ever since. We have seen a transformation from a tired, worn down woman barely making it through the day to a vibrant, bright-



Women Joined in Heart

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, October 3

Esther Circle meets in the Church Parlor - 1:45 p.m.

Readers Circle meets in the Church Parlor, Brianne Baity hosting – 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle meets in the at the home of Susan Mesimer – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember to sign up for the *November 11th Fall Outing* to the Green Room Playhouse if you have not already done so.

The **Amazing Grace 360 Women's Conference** is just around the corner. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 am on October 7th.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Country Fest is Saturday, October 1. We need volunteers to help out that day. Sign up to greet people or hand out waters. Those with *crafty skills* can assist with crafts or do face paintings. We'll also need some able bodies to help set-up and tear-down. See bulletin board in main hallway for sign-ups or contact Chris Baity in the church office.



The **20-Somethings** are looking for a lunch opportunity in October. Scheduled date is October 16th, but another date may be possible. Contact Stewart Neely if you are interested in hosting this group for lunch.

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						7:00 Officer Training Country Fest
2 AM Communion 2:00 - 4:00 Shower for Matthew Ormsby and Heather Simpson 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II; Care Grps; Image Bearers; Youth	3 Newsletter Deadline 1:45 Esther Circle 7:00 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	4 7:00 Elizabeth Circle Burrell Care Group	5 10:30 Wednesday Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth; Abernathy Care Grp.	6 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. AHG Leadership Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	7 ← PCA Women's Conference →	8 7:00 Officer Training Atlanta, GA
9 ← PCA Women's Conf. 3:00 Officer Examinations 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II; Care Grps; Image Bearers; Youth	10 Preschool closed	11 7:00 Burrell Care Group	12 10:30 Wednesday Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth; Abernathy Care Grp.	13 6:30 AHG Troop Meetings	14 ← WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE →	15
16 ← MISSIONS CONF.	17 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Children's Min. Team Mtg.	18 7:00 Burrell Care Group	19 10:30 Wednesday Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth; Abernathy Care Grp.	20 7:00 Joint Officers' Mtg.	21	22
23 Baby Shower for Melissa Clevenger 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II; Care Grps; Image Bearers; Youth	24	25 7:00 Burrell Care Group	26 10:30 Wednesday Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth; Abernathy Care Grp. 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	27 6:30 AHG Troop Meetings	28 ← Hiking/Camping Trip at South Mountain →	29
30 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Choir Group II; Care Grps; Image Bearers; Youth	31 Newsletter Deadline					