

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Gabriella Griffin
Debra Wallace | 7 Michelle Blackburn
Mason Friesenhahn
Pete Johnson
Tyler Lineberger | 11 Kathy Lineberger |
| 2 Landon Abernathy
Phyllis Ribbeck | 8 Suzanne Hutchins
Vicki Murphy
Jeff Redding | 12 Barbara Wallace |
| 3 Buddy Cavin | 10 Olivia Fox
Anna Friesenhahn
Mason Hamrick
Wayne Kerley | 13 Hannah Black
Teresa Neely |
| 4 Ashleigh Fox | 15 Ann Davis
Cory Fox
John Hill
Johnny Smith | 14 Sue Homesley |

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The holiday season is fast approaching.

As you make your plans, remember to include these special dates on your calendar:



Community Thanksgiving Service
 Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm
 Community Pentecostal Center



Children's Christmas Program
 Sunday, December 11, 6:30 pm



Christmas Scenes
 Wed., December 14 - Fri., December 16

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Friends,

Missions is squarely in the center of all we do at First Presbyterian Church and that's a good thing. However, we are not perfect. Therefore, we always have room to grow and mature beyond where we are at present. Below are some areas to spur our thinking toward greater missionary endeavor...

Family

First of all, a missional community is a group of believers who live and experience life together like a family. They see God as their Father because of their faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ and the new regeneration brought about by the Holy Spirit. This means they have and know of a divine love that leads them to love one another as brothers and sisters. They treat one another as children of God deeply loved by the Father in everything — sharing their money, time, resources, needs, hurts, successes, etc..

Missionaries

A missional community is made up of Spirit-led and Spirit-filled people who radically reorient their lives together for the mission of making disciples of a particular people and place where there is a gospel gap (no consistent gospel witness). This means people's schedule, resources and decisions are now collectively built around reaching people together.

Servants

Jesus is Lord and we are his Servants. A missional community serves those around them as though they are serving Jesus. In doing so, they give a foretaste of what life will be like under the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. A missional community serves in such a way that it demands a Gospel explanation — lives that cannot be explained in any other way than by the Gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus.

Disciples

We are all learners. Jesus gave us his Spirit to teach us all that is true about Himself and enable us to live out his commands. Jesus commanded us to make disciples who believe the gospel, are established in a new identity and are able to obey all of his commands.

The missional community is the best context in which this can happen. Disciples are made and developed:

1. through life on life, where there is visibility and accessibility
2. in community, where they can practice the one another, and on mission where they learn how to proclaim the gospel and make disciples.

May God give us the grace to magnify Him in more complete and higher ways!

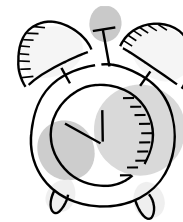
Grace,
Scott

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jean Robinson is at the Stanley Total Living Center for rehab following her recent hip replacement surgery. **Harrison Revels** is doing well after his latest angioplasty earlier this month. **Jacob Rhyne** is back in Carolinas Medical Center with ongoing complications.

Condolences go out to **Chris and Brianne Baity** for the death of Chris's grandmother, Erma Burgess, October 8. We also extend our sympathy to **Cathy and Kevin Rhyne** on the death of Cathy's father, Peter Mooney who died October 12. Former First Presbyterian member and ruling elder, **Frank Clifford** died October 14. We express our sympathy to his family.

Thanks to the children in our children's Missions Conference and our Child Development Center for giving \$297.77 for the Churette Orphanage in Haiti. Last week during the tropical storm, Churette was flooded. The children had to be removed from the site because there was water in both the church and the orphanage.



Fall Back

Remember that Daylight Savings Time ends November 6.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT	
Needed monthly for budget	57,413.11
Received in September for budget.....	55,450.94
Needed to date for budget.....	516,717.95
Received to date for budget	551,993.09
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	11,050.00
Received in September for Faith Promise	7,543.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	99,450.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	88,636.79

NOVEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Nov. 6:** 8:30 AM Angie Killian and girls; Cathy and Kevin Rhyne
 11:00 AM Joyce Burt and Hope Levasseur
 5:45 PM Teague Care Group
- Nov. 13:** 8:30 AM Judy Billings and family; David and Donna Hill
 11:00 AM Paul and Holly Seufert
 5:45 PM Mitchell Care Group
- Nov. 20:** 8:30 AM Julianne Griffin, Barbara Graham, Deanna Beatty, Alyssa Lowery
 11:00 AM Rhonda Prather and girls
 5:45 PM Beatty Care Group
- Nov. 27:** 8:30 AM Monnie and Bobby Blackman,
 11:00 AM Sharon Herd, Josh and Stacey Hall
 5:45 PM Tilley Care Group



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

- Nov. 6:** No children's message **Nov. 20:** Reid Evans
Nov. 13: Rick Herd **Nov. 27:** Jimmie Mitchell

TAKING THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL TO THE HEART OF THE WORLD

What a great mission conference! The Mission to the World Committee thanks the many, many people who came alongside them to help with housing, food, music, decorating, set-up and planning.

We are off to a good start with our Faith Promise and Prayer Goals for 2012:

Faith Promise to date: \$114,055

In order to support new missionaries we need to reach our top goal of \$145,000.

Prayer Commitments to date: 161

Our goal is to have at least 385 people praying regularly (you define regularly!) for a missionary.

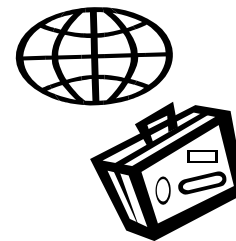
We will be receiving Faith Promise and Prayer cards for the next several weeks. You may mail yours in, drop them in the offering plate on Sunday or place them in the basket on the prayer display table. Additional cards and lists of our missionary family are available in the church office.

By the way, mark these dates on your calendars for next year.
The 2012 Mission Conference is scheduled for October 17 – 21.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP?

Sign up in the Global Outreach office for:



- Haiti ⇒ March 3 - 10
- Peru ⇒ June 28 - July 7
- New York ⇒ June 30 - July 7
- Paraguay ⇒ July 17 - 27
- Palmer Home ⇒ July 22 - 28

CDC NEWS



We are now into our 2nd month of this Preschool/After-school year. God has blessed us so much. The children have been very busy with many activities. We visited the Pumpkin Patch on October 3rd. During the Missions Conference week, we talked with the preschoolers about the missionaries we support here at our church. Each child donated \$1.00 to give to the church for a special offering for the Haiti mission. This summer, the school aged children made two lap quilts which were donated to our church members Mike Abernathy and Kathleen Ottinger, both living at the TLC.



We have several openings in our Preschool and After-school programs. Contact the CDC office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Many of you have asked how you can help out the Child Development Center Ministry:

1. **You can pray!** Your prayers are very important to us. Please pray that God will fill our ministry with the children He wants to place here. Pray for the staff as we love and teach these children about God and His love for them. You can also pray for the children here and their families. We have several who have listed that they do not attend church.
2. **You can donate snacks!** We can always use donations for snacks. This is a great help to our budget. We love any type of simple snack including goldfish, cheez its, graham crackers, etc.

We are very thankful for the many blessings that God has given to this ministry and appreciate the love, prayers and support that many of you show to us every day!


May God Bless You!
Child Development Center and Staff

COLLEGE BOXES

It's time again to treat our undergrad college students with a box of goodies. Boxes will be sent to each undergrad student who is living away from home. We need snacks, toiletries, and special treats to fill these boxes. Items should be placed in the bins in the main hallway. The deadline for bringing in items is November 18.




If you have not given us your child's 2011/12 college address, please be sure to contact the church office right away. We certainly want to include all undergrad students who are away at college.



Dear Church Family,

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to my wonderful church family here at First Presbyterian during the loss of my Grandmother! Your prayers, cards and support were uplifting and helped me through a difficult time. I thank God when I pray for you, because I see your faith in Christ Jesus, the love you have for all the saints, and the joy which springs from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the Word of Truth, the Gospel, that has come to you. (Colossians 1:3-5)

*Sincerely,
Chris Baity*



Thank you to all who participated in the recent Crisis Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life. At last count, the total raised was \$48,629.92! God is faithful!



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, November 7

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

Readers Circle meets at the home of Freida Robinson at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish meal.

Ruth Circle meets in the at the home of Kathy Lineberger at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish meal and ornament exchange.

Tuesday, November 8

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Tommi Rust at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish meal and ornament exchange.

REMINDER

If you have not already done so, remember to sign up and pay for the trip to the Green Room Playhouse by Monday, October 23. Cost of the trip is \$13.00 for Adults and \$11.00 for Seniors and Students. Money should be given to your circle chairman or to Sandra in the church office.

The next WIC Council meeting will be Sunday, October 30th at 4:30 pm.

MERCY MINISTRIES

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



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

May God bless your generosity!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

Here are some opportunities to use your spiritual gifts at First Presbyterian:

Sunday night nursery teacher: Take care of our little ones from 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. We would like to have two people who would delight in doing this on a regular basis rather than changing personnel each week.) – *Gifts of Encouragement and/or Helps*

Table cloth steward: Keep track of and take care of our table cloths. – *Gift of Helps*

Missionary board sponsor: Post current news from a missionary as we give it to you. – *Gifts of Helps and/or Creative Communication*

Each believer has one or more spiritual gifts and each believer has a place to serve in the church, the body of Christ. To volunteer for one of these opportunities listed above, call Martha Sue Mitchell, C. E. Committee chairman, at 704 263-2617.

Coming on Tuesday evening, February 28!
A Marriage Conference
with Dr. Gary Chapman, renowned author and speaker

We are once again participating in the Samaritan's Purse






OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Pick up a brochure near Pastor Scott's office that explains the program and offers suggestions of items to purchase in addition to listing items that are not allowed in the shoe boxes.

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 13th.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. 6:30 AHG Leadership Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	4 Preschool closed	5
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends.</i>	7 1:45 Esther Circle 6:30 Readers Circle Ruth Circle	8 6:30 Elizabeth Circle	9	10 6:30 MTW Committee Mtg. 6:30 AHG Troop Mtgs.	11 5:00 WIC trip to Green Room Playhouse	12 7:00 Deacons' Meeting
13 5:00 Choir Group III 5:45 Choir Group II	14 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Children's Min. Team	15	16	17 6:30 AHG Troop Mtgs. 7:00 Session Meeting	18	19 Basketball/Cheer Finale 
20 5:00 Choir Group III 5:45 Choir Group II	21	22 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service 	23 <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CDC Closed</div>	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 5px;">Thanksgiving Day</div>  <i>Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise... Psalm 100:4</i> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;">Church Office & CDC Closed</div>	25	26
27 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:00 Choir Group III 5:45 Choir Group II	28	29	30			

Remember these dates...

Sunday, October 23, 2:00 - 4:00
Baby Shower for Melissa (and Josh) Clevenger

Gift registries are at Babies R Us and Target.

Friday, October 28, 6:30 - 10:00
Cookout and Fall Fun for the Middle School girls Sunday School class at the home of Kathy Lineberger.

Fri.-Sat., October 28 - 29
Hiking/Camping Trip at South Mountain—see sign up sheet on youth bulletin board

Sunday, October 30
Youth Cookout at the Jessens'