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We will observe
The Lord's Supper
during both morning
worship services
Sunday, Nov. 13th

On this occasion, both the 8:30 AM and the 11:00 AM services will be in traditional style.



Daylight savings time ends this Saturday night, November 5. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

While reading on CPYU.org, I came across this article dealing with 8-14 year olds and thought the information might be helpful to you as you raise your children in today's environment. "Tweens," as they are affectionately named, are an estimated 27 million strong. CPYU highlights some of the main characteristics of the emerging Tween age group.

- **Tweens are developing** - As children approach and progress through puberty they are changing mentally, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.
- **Tweens are vulnerable** - As a result of the many changes going on in their lives, tweens are increasingly vulnerable to exploitive and manipulative marketing strategies as they are exposed to increasingly mature media content, while lacking (but learning) critical thinking, discernment skills.
- **Tweens are powerful** - Tweens exert considerable purchasing power influence. One recent report says tweens control \$39 billion in spending and influence far more (MarketResearch.com). *BRANDchild* author Martin Lindstrom estimates tweens spend \$150 billion a year and influence another \$150 billion per year.
- **Tweens are transitioning** - The nuclear family exerts less influence. A Harris Interactive YouthPulse reports that 74% of tweens said mom was their role model, compared to 44% of teens; while 48% of tweens and 38% of teens said dad was their role model. Some 59% of tweens regularly play cards or board games with parents, versus 25% of teens. More than three-quarters of tweens (77%) regularly do homework with their parents, compared to 14% of teens. And 84% of tweens said they can freely talk to their parents, as opposed to 49% of teens.
- **Tweens are technological** - Computers, the Internet, chat rooms, e-mail, Instant Messaging, cell phones and text messaging are, for the most part, staples for tweens.
- **Tweens are media saturated** - One needs only to scan the cultural landscape to easily confirm this fact, or look at a tween's room, peruse the movie theatre and television listings, and video game and magazine racks. Nickelodeon's "Kid's Choice Awards" caters to the tween category as it highlights the most popular media.
- **Tweens are sexual** - Teen Pregnancy Web-site reports that nearly 20% of 12-14 year old youth have had sex (teenpregnancy.org).

As you can see, there is more happening with our young people than what we realize. Therefore, it is imperative that we intentionally impress upon them the supremacy of Christ from an early age so that they (together with us) can navigate – in a God-honoring way – an increasingly complex world.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Several of our members have been hospitalized recently. **Charlie Davis** was admitted to GMH last week for some tests. **Cookie Wilkinson** had outpatient gall bladder surgery on Oct. 26. **Tommi Rust** remains at Presbyterian Huntersville for observation and medication following an emergency appendectomy early in the morning Oct. 25.

Kevin Chucci graduated on October 14 from Air Force BMT in San Antonio, TX. He will remain in San Antonio for studying until the spring. The family appreciates your continued prayers.

Twelve of our ladies reported a great time at the 2011 PCA Women's Conference - Amazing Grace - in Atlanta. Thanks to **Kathy Lineberger** for her leadership and to **Jimmie Mitchell** for driving the bus.

With Loving Thanks

Thanks to everyone who prayed, called, sent cards, or brought food during and after my gall bladder surgery. It is truly a blessing to have a wonderful, caring church family.

*God bless you all,
Cookie Wilkinson*

A HEALTHY YOU

by Chris Baity, Director of Outreach and Assimilation

Couch to 5K! Ever said to yourself, "I would like to run a 5K"! Truthfully, probably not, but here's something that might encourage you. Only 3% of Americans are considered healthy. In addition, an unhealthy life style is the leading cause of death. Join us as we come together as brothers and sister in Christ with the goal of conquering a healthy life style and a 5K. For more information contact Mark Beatty at 704-340-2128 or Charles Hamrick at 704-263-8387.

Rick Herd was born in Newark, NJ and has lived in Stanley for 25 years. He and his wife Sharon have been married for 32 years. They have 2 married children: Jason and Stacey. Rick and Sharon enjoy 2 granddaughters. Rick holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with accounting curriculum. He has been a member at FPC for 24 years.

- *I grew up in church and learned about God and people of the Bible. I went through communicants' class and joined church. The first time I really understood what a Christian was I was 19 years old. A girl encouraged me and explained how to become a Christian. 35 years later, I'm still with her!*
- *I have a heart for others to know Jesus Christ and encourage them. I feel that He has called me to this office to glorify Him.*

Mike Prather was born in Mt. Home AFB, ID and has lived in this area for 23 years. Married 22 years, Mike and wife Rhonda have 5 children: Elizabeth, 18; Anna, 17; Michael, 15; Elijah, 13; and Nathanael, 8. Mike earned a BS in Secondary Education and works as an Estimator for Gerdan-Charlotte Reinforcing. He has been a member of FPC for 14 years.

- *The faithful lives and steady prayers of my parents and the gracious work of God brought me to know Christ as my Savior at age 12.*
- *God is developing in me a zeal for His name and a love for the people called by His name.*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christmas program rehearsal
Friday, December 9, 5:30 - 7:30

Dinner included!!

HAVE YOU SEEN...?



We are still missing 2 of our long, round white tablecloths and 1 brocade rectangular tablecloth. If you have them or know of their whereabouts, please contact the church office. We need them for an upcoming event.

❖3rd quarter contribution statements are on the literature display in main hallway!❖

**You
still
have
time!**

There is still time to turn in your Faith Promise and Prayer Commitments for 2012. Cards are available in the church office and on the prayer display table in the sanctuary.

FAITH PROMISE GOAL

Level One: \$ 135,000
Level Two: \$ 140,000
Level Three: \$ 145,000

Current Amount Promised: \$ 125,859

PRAYER GOAL: 385

Current Number: 250

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Congratulations to **Ian and Heather Jones** on the birth of a baby daughter on Monday, October 31. They hope to leave for **Burkina Faso** around the first of the year.

Amber Rhyne is home from **Belize** for a short visit. We enjoyed hearing her report on Sunday about missionary life there.

Steve and Rita Williams write from **New Zealand**: As many of you know, our church is located in an area of Auckland where many different nationalities are represented. Serving in this type of community has its many challenges as so many people bring their particular cultural identities, understandings, and values to the church. Ministry opportunities seem to be ever before us. Please pray that the church leadership and those in the congregation will be wise and faithful as they try to be a witness for Christ in such a diverse environment.

COLLEGE BOXES

It's time again to treat our undergrad college students with a box of goodies. Boxes will be sent to our 16 undergrad students who are living away from home. We need snacks, toiletries, and special treats to fill these boxes. Items should be placed in the bin in the main hallway by November 18.



DEACON AND ELDER CANDIDATES

The following men have been examined by the Session and approved as candidates. The congregation will vote on December 4. Please be in prayer in this matter until then. The brief biographies below include (italicized) each man's Christian testimony and sense of call to office.

DEACON

Born in Gastonia and currently residing in Dallas, **Leon Lineberger** has lived in Gaston County for 59 years. He and wife Kathy have been married for 35 years. They have 3 children: Kyle, 28, Tyler, 21, and Anna Kathryn, 18. Leon, a high school graduate and self employed as a plumber, has been a member of FPC for 3 years.

- *I grew up in church, but really came to know the Lord in the early 70's. My wife Kathy has been a great influence in my life and my walk with the Lord.*
- *I enjoy working in the church and helping others.*

Born in Kingsport, TN **Paul Seufert** has lived in the Charlotte area for 6 years. He and his wife of 6 years, Holly, are parents to 2 felines, Friskie and Honey. Paul attended Clemson University where he received a BS and Masters in Professional Accountancy. He is a Tax Manager and CPA with Deloitte Tax LLP. He has been a member of FPC for nearly 2 years.

- *I was born and raised in a covenant family by the grace of God. I grew up in the Presbyterian church and cannot remember a day when I did not know the Lord Jesus as my Savior and King.*
- *I believe that the Lord has called me to the office of deacon so that I may better serve His people and help to nurture and strengthen His church.*

Graham Smith has lived most of his life in this area. Married 39 years, Graham and his wife Shirley have 2 adult children, Eric and Charlotte. Graham is a high school graduate and a Graphic Artist by trade. He has been a member of FPC for approximately 20 years.

- *I joined the Baptist church when I was 12 years old. A short time later, I accepted Christ as my Savior at a revival. I asked Him to live in my heart and He has always been with me.*
- *I feel as though the Lord is asking me to serve as Deacon. He would not take no for an answer.*

Rodney Wilkinson was born in Lincolnton and has remained in this area all of his life. He has been married to Cookie for 7 years. Rodney graduated from Gaston College with a Nursing degree. He has been a member of FPC for 7 years.

- *I came to know Christ and was baptized at the age of 13 while attending Community Baptist in Dallas.*
- *I have been a deacon for 3 years. When asked if I would consider another 3 years, I agreed so I could continue to grow and better serve.*

Tracy Withers lived most of his life in this area. He and Phyllis have been married 13 years, and between them have 3 grown sons: Maxton and Mason Withers and Chris McAllister. Tracy has worked as a Maintenance Technician with Duke Energy for 32 years. He has been a member of our church for 11 years.

- *I came to Christ as an adult through a series of life-changing events. The Lord has saved me and nothing delights me more than serving Him. I know that someday I'll be able to worship Him in heaven and enjoy His full glory.*
- *I believe God's gifts to me are service and outreach. I would like to serve God as a Deacon at First Pres.*

ELDER

Tommy Barton was born in Charlotte and has lived in Lincoln County since 1970. He and his wife of 33 years, Janice, have 3 children: Jamie (Stewart), Thomas, and Sallie. They are also proud grandparents of 3 granddaughters. Tommy holds an Associate Degree in Business Administration/Management from Gaston College and is the Branch Manager of Hotsy Equipment Company. He became a member at FPC in 2010 after attending since 2002.

- *I have attended church since I was in the 6th grade and I understood that Jesus died for my sins. When I was 20 years old I began to learn more about God's Word. One night I became burdened and knelt beside my bed at home and surrendered to Jesus. By God's grace He changed me inwardly. 2 Corinthians 5:17*
- *I am very humbled to be asked to serve as elder. I believe God has equipped me with a heart to serve others in this office and I want to obey Him.*