

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Group

Middle & High School

Sunday Night

Bible Study
6:00 - 7:30pm

Wednesday Night

Open Gym, Dining Out, etc.
6:30 - 8:00pm

Ski Retreat

Winterplace
February 8 - 9

Charlotte Bobcats

Bobcats Arena
February 22

Sr. High Beach Retreat

Panama City Beach, Fl.
July 7 - 12

Children's Ministry

Imagebearers

1st - 5th grade
Sundays 6:00 - 7:30pm

Kids Night Out (Pajama Party)

Infant to 5th grade
February 22
6:30 - 9:30pm

Scott's Thoughts by Scott Deneen, Pastor to Youth and Families

A mess. We're all just a big mess. Strange way to begin a newsletter, huh? Especially if this is your first exposure to First Presbyterian Church or our Sports League. Well, let me (Pastor Scott) try to explain what I mean and why I've made this statement at the beginning of our Volleyball Season.

God says we're all sinners. That is, we have fallen short of God's standard for us. We have rebelled against Him, His Laws, and His divine order. We are blind spiritually and corrupt morally... every last one of us (me, you, our kids, everyone). We've all blown it.

So why start the season by pointing out this *very* unflattering truth? Well, it's not to point the finger at you necessarily. Actually, it's just the opposite. I want to point the finger at myself. I, as a minister, want you to know that I'm guilty of breaking all God's Laws. I've never kept one of them... ever. Sin corrupts every thing I've ever done or ever will do. I can't stand before God with my righteousness and be accepted. I can't because I don't have any righteousness. That's right, in and of myself I'm bankrupt when it comes to the very thing God requires of me. *Therefore, I've got no reason to look down on anyone, stand in judgment of anyone, or believe myself better than anyone. I've got no right to accuse, malign, or boast.* I, and all of us here at First Presbyterian, stand before you as needy and flawed. But... God's not done with us!

Because Jesus isn't a mess, because He didn't blow it, there is a marvelous deliverance in Him. *He has fully satisfied God for me* (us). He has kept God's Law completely and now offers Himself to *anyone* who needs Him. That's why I've started the Newsletter this season with an unusual topic... to make sure everyone knows who's great (God) and who's not (me).

I, and everyone else around here, want you to know that we're no better than anyone else. We're all on level ground, but we have received from God forgiveness, life, reconciliation, peace, and hope from an all-Sufficient and gracious God in Christ. And we sincerely hope God shares this with you, too!

As a church, we want you to experience the joy of knowing a God who "does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities" but "who forgives all our sins" through Jesus Christ. What great joy accompanies this news!

So, as you mingle with members (or pastors) from First Presbyterian Church, we hope to share the love of God in Christ with you. We want parents and players alike to enjoy the surpassing greatness of God's saving power and infinite wisdom. We want people to marvel at who God is and what He has done in Christ. We want people to boast and brag about God's love, compassion, and mercy. We want to "get out of the way" and let you see Jesus.

We sinners are nothing to behold, but our Savior is. We hope to stand together with you - shoulder to shoulder - and gaze upon the beauty of our God... won't you join us?

By Grace,
Pastor Scott



Meet the Deneens! (L-R) Suzy, Emma, Micah & Scott

Thank You!

THANK YOU for participating with us this season!

Since 1991, First Presbyterian SOAR has enjoyed serving Christ through sports in our community. Today, it is our privilege to host youth volleyball, soccer, baseball/softball & basketball. For more info, including 2008 dates,

check out our website www.fpcstanley.org or call the church office.

Our team of volunteers are dedicated to improving your child's skill level... and self-esteem. We hope that through 1-on-1 instruction and encouragement, your child will have a great experience!



- Fire zone in front of the gym
- Stanley Total Living Center parking spaces

Thank You!



Mike Gamage, Youth Volleyball Chairman, leading a team devotion.

Volleyball News

We follow the guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

- The best 2 of 3 games will determine the match winner.
- To win a game, one team must reach 25 points with a two-point margin over the opposing team. There is a cap of 27 points.
 - 25-23 Game over
 - 26-24 Game over
 - 27-25 Game over
 - 27-26 Game over
- Rally scoring - every fault (side-out) will generate a point for the opposing team.
- A "Let" serve is when the served ball touches and goes over the net. This is permissible.
- Games times are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. To ensure we start on time, players should arrive at the gym 15 minutes prior to game time.
- For your safety & for the safety of the players, crossing the gym during game time is not permitted. To access the far end of the gym (Court 2), please follow the sidewalk to the rear entrance

Important Dates

Team Pictures

Tues, 2/12
Teams 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 - 13

Fri, 2/15
Teams 3, 6, 9

Ice Cream Social

Save room for a banana split on *Friday, February 15th!*

Ages 10-12 (after 6:30 game)
Ages 13-14 (after 7:30 game)
Ages 15-HS (after 8:30 game)

Colossians 3:23

**Whatever you
do, work at it
with all your
heart, as
working for the
Lord, not men.**

SOAR League Verse

Photos

You may notice action photos included in the SOARING newsletter or posted on our website. We hope these pictures capture true emotion and illustrate the fun the kids are having.

We want to assure you that we do not include names or other personal information with these photos. If you would rather we did not post your picture or your child's, please let us know by calling the church office.



Inclement Weather

A broadcast message will be posted on the church telephone system by 5:00pm on game days with inclement weather. After these hours, your coach will contact you directly for cancellations.

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Morning Service

8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Evening Service

6:00 Care Groups
Image Bearers
6:30 Youth Group

Call us at 704.263.4275

Visit us online at

www.fpcstanley.org

Team Rosters

Game Schedule