

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Group

Middle & High School

Sunday Night

Bible Study
6:00 - 7:30pm

Wednesday Night

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

Children's Ministry

Infant - 5th grade

Sunday Nights

Nursery

Infant - 2 yrs.
6:00 - 7:30pm

Preschool Age

3 yrs. - Kindergarten
6:00 - 7:30pm

Imagebearers

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

Summer Happenings

Youth Baseball / Softball

June 13 - August 16, 2009
Ages 5 - 16, evenings

Summer Sports Camp

June 22 - June 26, 2009
Ages 6 - 12
9:00am - 12:15pm
Soccer, Basketball & Cheer

Vacation Bible School

July 26 - July 30, 2009
Ages 3 - 5th grade
Mark your calendars!

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

What do you want most of all? If God appeared to you, for what would you ask? In Luke 18:35-43, Jesus encountered a blind man, and asked him what he wanted. From the gospel of Mark, we know his name to be Bartimaeus (meaning son of Timaeus). Bartimaeus lived in a favorite beggars' location - Jericho - because Pilgrims passed through Jericho on their way to Jerusalem. So, beggars capitalized on their generous spirits.

Upon hearing that Jesus was passing through Jericho, Bartimaeus began to yell for help, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Although the crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet, he yelled all the more, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Bartimaeus displayed several commendable virtues:

- 1) single-mindedness - Although told to be quiet, Bartimaeus was intent on gaining Jesus' assistance. In the Old Testament, God's people continually cried out to Him for mercy, and Bartimaeus, like his countrymen before him, cried out to Jesus for mercy because he knew no one else could help him. Jesus alone had the power to rescue, deliver, and restore. Therefore, when Jesus passed by, Bartimaeus seized the opportunity to make his needs known to Jesus and no one was going to stop him.
- 2) praise - Bartimaeus called Jesus the "Son of David." In Jesus' lifetime, this term was synonymous with "Messiah." Bartimaeus, therefore, honored Jesus by calling Him 'God's Anointed One' and the 'rightful King of Israel'.
- 3) faith - After being brought to Jesus, Jesus asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" OK, Bartimaeus is a beggar... and beggars beg... so when asked what beggars want, they say, "money!"

Not Bartimaeus. He asks for his sight! DUH! But we miss the point because we are so conditioned by Jesus' ability to do the miraculous. But Bartimaeus risked his one chance of monetary gain by asking for something amazing - restoration/shalom. Rather than asking for money or security or material blessing, Bartimaeus puts all his hope on Jesus ability & willingness to heal. If Bartimaeus is wrong, he spends the rest of his life in mockery, ridicule, and shame for blowing his only chance for help.

"If God appeared to you, for what would you ask?"

But Bartimaeus' faith trusted Jesus to do for him what he needed/wanted. Do you? When given the chance to stand before the presence of Jesus and submit prayer requests, are you courageous enough to ask for the **deepest** needs of your heart? Do you trust Jesus' ability & compassion enough to ask for something truly amazing? Do you consider Him capable of your request? [And I'm not really talking about worldly items (because they pass away); rather, I'm talking about better, spiritual things (things that last forever).]

Take heart because Bartimaeus gives each of us the courage to cry out to God in Christ to restore and heal us, to take away our sins, to cleanse us, to make us right with God, to open our spiritual eyes, and give us the faith to desire eternal blessing (life with God forever) rather than mere earthly bliss. Won't you dream that big?! Why not answer his inquiry, "What do you want me to do for you?" today?

Kids ask tough questions...

At a recent skills clinic, players were given an "Open Mike" opportunity to ask our pastors a question. Here's one answered by Pastor Dave.



Q. How do you show someone that God exists?

This might sound strange - but all I do is ask someone to look at and think about their own hand... the human hand is amazing and it couldn't have just come about by random 'natural' forces. In each person's heart of hearts, we know that. You could just as easily ask a person to think about a mountain, the ocean, a sunset, a tree, their dog or cat - you name it.

We find *the bottom line* in Romans 1:19-20 - *what may be known about God is plain to them [men & women], because God has made it plain to them.²⁰ ... since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— His eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

Soccer News

Prevent Dehydration

Experts at the Mayo Clinic say children don't adapt as well as adults do to exercise in hot, humid weather. They produce more heat, sweat less and may be less likely to drink enough fluids during exercise — all of which increase the risk of dehydration. Get young athletes to drink plenty of fluids before practice & during regular beverage breaks — even if they do not feel thirsty.

REMEMBER: WATER BOTTLE



Child
Development
Center

Summer Child Care

Pre-School
Ages 2 - 4
June 23rd - August 13th
8:30am - 12:00pm
Tues, Wed & Thurs

AfterSchool Care
Ages 5 - 12
7:00am - 6:00pm (M-F)

Pre-School 2009-10

Classes begin Sept. 1, 2009

Mother's Morning Out
1 year-olds 8:30am - 11:30am

Pre-School
Ages 2-4 8:30am - 12:30pm

Choose what works best for you

M/T/W/Th/F M/W/F T/Th

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The Corner Kick

Adapted from [The Official Soccer Site](#)

A Corner Kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, only against the opposing team.

A Corner Kick is awarded when the whole ball, having last touched a player of the defending team, passes over the goal line, and a goal is not scored.



Procedure:

- the ball is placed inside the corner arc at the nearest corner flagpost
- the corner flagpost is not moved
- opponents remain at least 9.15 m (10 yds) from the ball until it is in play
- the ball is kicked by a player of the attacking team
- the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves
- the kicker does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player



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Psalm 22:6

Train up a child
in the way he
should go and
when he is old,
he will not
depart from it.

First
Presbyterian
Church
Stanley, North Carolina

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

Morning Service

8:30 Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

Evening Service

6:00 Care Groups

Image Bearers

6:00 Youth Group

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Team Rosters

Game Schedule