Capital Campaign Update

What an exciting time to be part of the First Presbyterian Family. On April 10th in a combined service of worship, members were asked to come forward and make a three year commitment to our “Celebrating our Past – Building our Future” campaign. As of this writing, we have exceeded 2.8 million dollars pledged and over $600,000 of that has already been given to the Church. We believe there are still a number of people who will be making a pledge commitment but have not yet done so. We encourage everyone to be part of this campaign as we build for the future of our Church.

You are aware that our campaign goal was $5 million dollars. If we do not reach this goal, then the Session will, of course, work to present you with a modified set of plans that will help us build for our future within the commitments that you have made to our campaign. Someone asked me the other day, “What if we only receive $3 million dollars?” My answer was, “Then we will have a $3 million dollar better campus.” If we do not receive our goal, then my friends, this is NOT a failure. I know of no church that would not be thrilled to be in a building and renovation project of this magnitude.

Whatever the final dollar commitment is, our campus will be greatly improved and our ministries enriched as a result of your commitments. God is at work in our Church!

We shared with you recently that one of our members funded the hiring of an outside consultant, who specializes in church facilities and renovation, to review our current facilities and offer suggestions as we move forward with our building/renovation program. Members of the Session interviewed possible consultants and were most impressed with Tim Cool, of Comperio C3. He will soon be on our campus to assist us with this ministry need.

I want to, again, thank all of you who worked on the Steering Team of our Campaign, those of you who helped prepare for special events and of course all of you who have given so generously to our campaign as we seek to position our Church for outstanding ministry for the next 150 years. We will keep you posted on our progress and will bring revised plans to you for approval, hopefully, in the not too distant future.

God Bless,

from the pastor

Mother’s Day is
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011

To honor your Mother, please wear a RED flower from your garden if you can still speak with her. If your thoughts go upstairs (heaven), please wear a WHITE flower from your garden. This is the day to stop, remember, and pray for that special person in our lives we call Mother.
A Thought or Two  Challenging You Toward Discipleship

from the associate pastor

The City Project  June 5-17, 2011

Next month we have the opportunity to bless our community during a special time of ministry we are calling the City Project (June 5th-17th). Instead of a Mission Project, where we go to some far off land (Peru, Haiti, India etc.), we are trying to bless our community, thus the name “City Project”. This time of ministry is modeled in some sense after other programs that are cropping up around the nation. One such project is called “Love Week” in Charlotte, North Carolina http://loveweekcharlotte.com/. You can go out to this link to become familiar with it. My desire is that this idea would catch on in Florence and a number of churches would band together to become a blessing to our community during a special season each year. This year could be the inaugural event of something that will have a significant impact for Christ on our community for years to come!!

There will be several ways for us to bring a blessing to our community that are already planned. You could participate in serving meals at Manna House on Jarrett Street, donate blood to American Red Cross here on campus on June 8th, help paint the church building at Ebenezer International Outreach Ministry Church off Palmetto Street (in the Celebration area) or assist in hooking up their water source to the city system; or fix the flower bed at the P.A.D.D. house just to name a few. I have even dreamed that we would bless our public servants (fireman, police officers) with a meal or some other gesture of kindness during this time. Other projects/service opportunities may become evident as our days of ministry emphasis draw near. Contact me if you have an idea. But just know that if you like to cook, paint, garden, do carpentry, pray, write letters, donate money, etc. we will figure out how you can be a blessing to our community.

The only thing holding us back at being a blessing to our community is time and money. Prayerfully consider how you can participate.

Sign up for City Project has begun. Contact the church office to join the team. We will offer child care upon request for members of the team during this two week period. And service could be rendered during work hours or after. It would be great if 100 people would sign up. Any donations will be accepted to help fund this project.

Stacey Severance, our youth director, has organized a youth track for the City Project and they will be working at the East Florence Mission every day of the first week of June as well as some other tasks noted by Stacey in his Reminder article. Let’s spur one another on to love and good deeds for the sake of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 10:24). See you in the City! How is this for Challenging You Toward Discipleship!!??

Chris

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Join Our Prayer Chain

We need more praying hands for church prayer requests.

Praying for one another allows us to love and encourage each other in a powerful way. Please contact Shirley Cruickshank at 662-6768 to volunteer or with questions.
2011 Amazon Mission Trip
Machetes and Mosquito Nets

Our Amazon mission team is excited about our upcoming trip, June 4th - 12th. Last year many of you donated $25 to purchase two mosquito nets and a machete which we were able to give to every family we visited in four jungle villages. We would love to be able to do this again on our upcoming trip. If you would like to furnish these items for a family in the jungle, please make the donation by May 22nd and identify the donation “Amazon mission project”. On behalf of the recipients of these items, we thank you.

This year’s team consists of Barry and Susan Jenkins, Debbie and Emily Jackson, Joe Koenig, David and Christy Douglas, Jeremy Emert, Ashley Bratton, Tallon and Meg Temple, Stan and Lana Lehmans, and Carolyn Caudle.

Music Ministry

Spring Handbell Concert
May 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM
Sanctuary

Don’t miss out on this beautiful performance!

Presbyterian Women’s Circles

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Thank you for your Contributions and Gifts to First Presbyterian Church.

Keep Us Posted
We need your help: In order to communicate to the membership of First Presbyterian Church about an immediate need for prayer or support due to sudden events in your life, we ask you to notify Shelby in the Church office at 662-2583. When you do this, it helps the staff stay informed and allows us to inform the membership and prayer chain.

Wednesday Night Suppers
Giving a note of thanks to all the cooking ministry teams that did such an outstanding job in preparing for our Wednesday night suppers. Better food, home cooking and well under budget; now that’s what I’m talking about.

Vehicles
When you use church vehicles, please fill up with gas before returning. The next group may be leaving late that afternoon. Please leave a note in my box if you detect something wrong, so we can get it to the dealer for repair. If you wish to use any vehicle, be sure to fill out the appropriate paperwork to get it reserved for your group.

Utilities
Just a reminder, before you leave lock it up, switch it off and turn down the Heat/Air. Every dollar we save on utilities helps.

Capital Campaign
Please indicate on your check the amount designated for the Capital campaign, otherwise, the amount will be automatically posted to the General Fund. If you so desire, you may write a separate check to the Capital Campaign.

Serving Christ while serving others,
Christian Life Conference 2011
The Joy of the Lord is My Strength
July 2-5, 2011

Give the Lord three days of your summer and He'll meet you through meaningful worship, great preaching, Bible teaching and more.

Stuart and Jill Briscoe will be our key leaders.

Register online at www.pfrenewal.org

Conference Costs
(Meals not included)
Before May 31st:
Adult ($125)
Child/Youth ($70)
College: ($90)
Family Max ($325)

Lodging Costs
For houses that First. Pres has reserved: $95 per person.
There is also lodging available through Montreat.

Church Housing
Check with Chris to see if there are any spaces available to stay in the houses we have rented at Montreat.

Volunteer to help with the Conference
First Pres will host again this year in Montreat, NC. Please consider joining our team. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you want to get involved!

Some opportunities are:
Prayer
Registration Table
Set up Signs
Piano
Childcare

Dessert and Concert Evening for House of Hope
May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church in the CLC

Mark your calendars! Please join us for the 3rd Annual Dessert and Concert Evening benefitting the House of Hope of the Pee Dee. The House of Hope has been serving as a homeless shelter for men, women and their children in the Pee Dee for more than 20 years. The event will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church.

You will be blessed and encouraged by performances from Robin, Shaw and Rebecca Thompson, S & E Concert Choir, and The Church at Sandhurst Worship Team. Testimonies by current and former residents will be shared.

Tickets are $15 each or two for $25.
You may purchase tickets by calling Michelle Poston or Jane Tuttle at House of Hope (667-9000).

House of Hope - A ministry where God's plan and purpose begin for the least of these.
Family Dinner at 5:30 PM

Hamburger Cookout

Talent Show at 6:30 PM

It’s not too late!
We will celebrate our last Wednesday night with a talent show in May. In preparation, we need to line up some talent! If you are interested in performing, please contact Chris Handley now.

Singing, synchronized hula hooping, tap dancing, whatever your talent may be, come entertain us!

The Presbyterian Community Report

The five South Carolina Communities gather every spring on the Columbia Campus to have Senior Olympics. They all arrive by buses, however we had to go in cars. Our bus had indigestion.

We had been training for months and it paid off. We won two medals. One reason our psychologist gives for us not winning more is that we are not used to loud cheering and he prescribed that we drink more Cheerwine. We would have won one more if our head cheerleader, Sadie Brockington had not been disqualified for using a step stool to perform her backflips. Her comment, “I need more height. The Lord built me too close to the ground.”

Tom Kellam
Foreign Correspondent
Did we miss your birthday? Please contact Shelby Coker at 662-2583 or scoker@florencefirst.org so we can correct our records.

Staff Birthdays
05 Ann Rodgers Chandler

A Special Thank You

Dear Ones,

Words cannot convey Jay’s and my thanks to you for your many kindnesses during this heartbreaking time. The sudden loss of my dear sister, Claudia, has been very difficult, but your hugs, cards, delicious meals, calls, and - most of all- your prayers have sustained us. The deacons, my circle, and my Sunday school class have ministered to me by carrying my responsibilities for me. Thank you with all my heart for being the Body of Christ. Jay and I are blessed to be a part of the family of First Presbyterian Church.

Love in Christ,

Ellen and Jay Pearson
### Calendar of Events

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**

**COMMUNION & MANNA HOUSE SUNDAY**
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

**Monday, May 2, 2011**
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery: Price CR
- 6:30 PM Perspectives Course in CLC
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Shin’s Home

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011**
- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Grace & Truth Rm
- 9:30 AM Women’s Prayer Group in Parlor
- 9:45 AM PW Coordinating Team Grace & Truth Rm
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 11:00 AM PW Bible Moderators
- 12:00 PM Circle #5: Grace & Truth Rm
- 12:00 PM Keenagers: Lynches River :BUS
- 4:30 PM Girl’s Ensemble

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 5:30 PM Family Supper: CLC
- 6:15 PM Talent Show
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 5, 2011**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
- 7:15 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Price CR
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

**Friday, May 6, 2011**

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

**Sunday, May 8, 2011**

**MOTHER’S DAY**
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:40 AM Congregational Meeting to elect New Officers
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

**Monday, May 9, 2011**
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery: Price CR
- 6:30 PM Perspectives Course in CLC
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Shin’s Home

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**
- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Grace & Truth Rm
- 9:30 AM Women’s Prayer Group in Parlor
- 10:00 AM Circle #6: Grace & Truth Rm
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 12:00 PM Circle #5: Grace & Truth Rm
- 3:00 PM Circle #8: Price CR
- 3:00 PM Circle #9: Grace & Truth Rm
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- 4:30 PM Girl’s Ensemble
- 6:30 PM Circle #10: Grace & Truth Rm

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 6:00 PM Confirmation Banquet: CLC
- 6:30 PM Circle #7: ZA Parlor
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 12, 2011**

**Keenagers to Lake City Concert: BUS**
- 7:15 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Price CR
- 3:00 PM Christian Learning Center: CLC
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

**Friday, May 13, 2011**
- 7:30 PM Handbell Concert: Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 14, 2011**

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Hospitals

**METHODIST MANOR**
Mary Heer

**SOUTHLAND**
Jimmy Bridgers

**ELMCROFT**
Alfred Hopkins

**LAUREL GARDENS**
Doris Newsome
Joy Tedder

*Due to confidentiality rules, our pastors do not receive information regarding a patient’s hospitalization. Please call the church office if you or a fellow member is admitted to the hospital.*

Extended Care Residents

**PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE**
Vera Graham
Shirley Davis
Mary Booth
Janis Smith
Jane Bell

Extended Care refers to church members who are residing in a skilled nursing or assisted living facility.

Special Requests

- John Banks
- Givens Young
- Kaye Abramson
- Ann Cash
- Bertha Frederick

Recovering

- Arlene Gore
- Bill Gore
- Marion Howard
- Jake Ervin
- Jim Dameron
- Mary Lou Arnold
- Nancy Jones
- Anna Spivey
- Mary Jane Holland
- Butch Turner

Homebound

- Billie Shaw
- Cora Long
- Charles Trifiletti
- Alice Lee Bryan
- Jean Jones
- Charlie Knapp
- Shirley Baird
- Clara Maxwell

Remember In Prayer This Month

**ELDERS**
Zip Vassy/Richie Wilhoit

**DEACONS**
Bruce Crawford/Danny Jones

**MISSIONARIES**
Dr. Caleb & Louise King
Mike & Susie Dempsey

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**
Lola Faye Craig/Ellen Wilhoit

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**
Amy Brown/Elizabeth Blanton

**STAFF**
Willie Davis/Alexis Morris

**HOUSEHOLDS**
- Mr. Malcolm Rogers, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Mary Courtney Rogers, Powers & Thomas
- Mr. Henry Rose
- Ms. Diane Rouse

**MEMBERS EXPECTING**
- Rhett & Farrah Hughes: May
- Tom & Michele Lewis: July
- James & Erin Johnson: August
- Chris & Paige Alexander: September
- Weave & Emily Whitehead: September

**FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST**
- Adam Eason Chapman - nephew of David and Diane Chapman
- Lt. Colonel Butch Welch (Afghanistan) - son of the late Al & Lib Welch

**Memorials**
- Howard Fox
- John Handley
- Susan Jordan
- Albert Stiefel

**Sympathy**
- Family of Mary Katherine Ervin
- Jean Lavespere - loss of Father
- Van Ervin - loss of Mother
- Frank Rackley - loss of Brother

If you would like to place memorial flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Betty Bell at 662-1330.
**A Special Thank You**

Thanks for all the phone calls and cards that I received while I have been out for my shoulder surgery. Being loved on by the congregation really made me feel special and meant more than words can say. I hope to be back soon!

*Shelby Coker*

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**City Project**

**June 5-17, 2011**

This summer, we are doing something called the City Project where we hope to love Florence in the name of Christ. We offer several opportunities to go overseas annually and work in a cross cultural setting to demonstrate the love of Christ. We call these a Mission Project. But this year we are trying to offer a local event where we demonstrate the love of Christ to someone in our community. We have several opportunities already lined up where members (youth and adults alike) of First will be able to demonstrate God’s love to others. Save some portion of the dates June 5th-17th.

*Watch for more details about the City Project.*

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**DeadLine**

**NEXT MONTH’S ISSUE**

The deadline for the June newsletter will be **Friday, May 20, 2011**. Submissions may be sent to Stephanie Jones via email at sjones@florencefirst.org.

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**Head Usher for May**

Chris Baker

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**Keenagers Picnic**

**May 3, 2011**

Lynches River State Park

Meet in the church parking lot in front of the offices a little before 11:30 AM. We have plenty of rides available and will leave promptly at 11:30 AM. Rain or Shine. Wear casual clothes and good walking shoes! There will be lots to do with safe, even walking trails and indoor activities as we end our year with fun and fellowship. The meal will be our usual cost of $7.
**About Camp Pee Dee**

**May 1st**

Not sure about your children going away to camp this summer? Don’t know much about Camp Pee Dee? May 1st will be your chance to find out. Ashley Latimer, the interim director at Camp Pee Dee, will be here to give a presentation to children and their parents on what the camp offers for the summer and other times of the year. She will be in the Fellowship Hall Sunday morning.

**Confirmation Sunday is May 15th**

On this day, the sixth graders who have participated in the class and learned the catechism will become members of First Presbyterian Church.

The Session meeting and Confirmation Banquet will be held on May 11th at 6:00 pm.

**Mission Camp 2011**

July 25-29 1st-5th completed

We will be joining forces with children from Central & Highland Park United Methodist to serve our local community.

In Matthew West’s words:

"What if there’s a bigger picture
what if I’m missing out
What if there’s a greater purpose
I could be living right now
outside my own little world".

Any adults who are interested in being a part of this should contact Alexis.
City on A Hill
"Jesus' Awesome Love"
Vacation Bible School
June 13-16, 2011

Travel back in time with your disciple tribe to experience Jesus' love like never before!

Worship, Tribal Time, Storytelling, Synagogue, Crafts & Games

Register online at firstpres.org, call the church office, fill out a form at the church.

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14

Junior Church Dates for June
June 12th & 26th

Gracie (guest), Vica Fuller, Seth Crawford, Jessica Franco, Joshua Franco, Aubrey Crawford, Mary Watts, Zane Morris, Ivan Morris.

Our trip to the Humane Society!

Clockwise: Mary Frances Moore, Ivan Morris, Zane Morris, Seth Crawford (behind), Joshua Franco, Jessica Franco, Gracie (guest), Vica Fuller.
Sunday, May 22\textsuperscript{nd} is Graduate Sunday at both services.

We will recognize both high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please send their name, school and degree to sjones@florencefirst.org.

*Graduates, please make every effort to attend both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Services. You will be introduced at the 8:30 worship service (sit together near the front) and process in cap and gown at the 11:00 service (meet in the narthex at 10:50). You will be presented with a small gift in recognition of your achievement. Congratulations!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

\textit{Proverbs 3:5-6}

**High School**

Preston Bruce Bankson - West Florence High School  
Carter Anthony Brand - The Kings Academy  
Kaleb Ryan Griffin - South Florence High School  
Samuel McDonald Jones - West Florence High School  
William Lawrence McLean - West Florence High School  
Robert Hunter Moore - Wilson Hall  
Daniel Dusenbury Snow - West Florence High School  
Anna Watt - Wilson High School  
Gordon Joseph Weatherford - Grace Home School  
Richmond Thomas Wilhoit - The King's Academy

**College Graduates**

Alice Parrish Bankson - Clemson University  
Sarah Johnson - Wofford College, Pre-Law  
Davis Griffin - Clemson University, Finance & Accounting  
Mary Marshall Grace - Clemson University, Sociology/Psychology/Sign Language  
Andy Shin - Furman University, Political Science/Economics

**Congratulations Graduates!**
Upcoming Events
May 15th: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our students get to serve our volunteers!
May 20th: Underground Church, 8:00-10:30pm. Snacks provided.
May 22th: Graduate Sunday. We will also honor our graduating high school seniors at Sunday Morning Groups.

Prayer Requests
For an encouraging transition for the rising 7th graders
For our students to love purity, honesty, and integrity
For our students, parents, and leaders to understand what it means to be led by the Holy Spirit and what we must do (or not do) in order to be led by the Spirit
That “The City Project” would be an encouraging and life-changing time for us as well as the people whom we serve
That our summer trips would be times where we grow in our relationship with God and our relationships with each other

New Website
Our youth ministry has a new website!
www.firstpresyouth.cc
Check out this site to find out what’s going on with our youth ministry!

Weekly Gatherings
Sunday Morning Groups
9:45-10:45am in the Garage
We will have our final four SMGs in May.
• May 1st: Romans 9 and 10
• May 8th: Romans 11 and 12
• May 15th: Romans 13 and 14
• May 22nd: Last SMG/Honor seniors

“MOVE” on Wed. nights
We will take a break from our normal gathering until after the summer when Wednesday nights resume for the entire church.

Sign Up for The City Project
Please sign up to attend by May 15th. The total cost per student will be $45 ($15 for lunch and materials on Mon-Thurs and $30 for the ticket to Carowinds on Friday). Students will also need to bring money for lunch and dinner on the trip to Carowinds on Friday.
Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered church committed to proclaiming the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ so that people may come to a personal faith in Him through the power of the Holy Spirit, discipling one another in that faith, and reaching out with God’s love to all.