The REMINDER

OCTOBER 2010

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Growing UPWARD

Growing INWARD Growing OUTWARD

from the pastor

Christianity is not a Spectator Sport

I read an article the other day that referenced the Battle of Bull Run in July of 1861. Historians have written much about this important battle during a difficult time in our nation's history, but what caught my attention was a reference to the "spectators" who came out from Washington to watch the battle. Apparently, there was a clear assumption by those in Washington that the Union forces would make quick defeat of these "rebels". I can imagine families coming from Church that Sunday morning, laying out their tablecloths, passing the fried chicken, and watching the drama unfold in the valley below. While men on both sides were dying, these spectators sat in their carriages and watched. This image got me thinking about those who are content to sit on the side lines watching others fight the battle.

This sounds very familiar to a story we read in Numbers 32. Here we find God's people about to enter the Promised Land which God had promised to them. But as they camped by the Jordan River preparing for battle, the tribes of Reuben and Gad, whom the Bible says had "very large herds and stocks" (another way of saying they were wealthy), came to Moses and said (if I may loosely paraphrase) "Look, the land that we are now on is good for our livestock, let us just stay here. You guys cross the Jordan, you guys fight the battle, you guys

take the Promised Land and we will stay here and support you anyway we can." Moses' response cut to the core. He said, "Shall your countrymen go to war while you sit here?" (v.6) In other words, "shall others fight the battle and you reap the rewards?"

The Bible speaks often about the spiritual battle that rages all around us. We know from the book of Revelation that the final battle has been won and those who belong to Christ will be victorious. But we live in that in between time of struggle. Every day we are faced with temptations that would turn us from God: excuses for not sharing the Gospel with a friend, struggling with personal attitudes that are not glorifying to God, seeing others sacrificing to spread the Gospel while we justify our lack of commitment by saying "we are just too busy". Christianity is not, however, a spectator sport. God has called you to be a part of His Kingdom. He has given you gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ. He has given His Son, so we might have victory over even the final enemy of death. May we never say, like Reuben and Gad, "Lord just let me stay where I am for I am content with who I am."

Think about your relationship with Christ and ask yourself, "Am I content to be a spectator, or will I serve Christ and share my gifts for the building of the Kingdom?"



First Presbyterian

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October 31, 2010

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM **COMBINED WORSHIP**

Kirkin' O' the Tartan

12:15 PM Reformation Lunch





A Thought Or Two Challenging You Toward Discipleship

from the associate

We are so easily distracted!

If you are currently in the work force or a student, you are most likely using a computer. Computers are a great time saving device. Right? Well...it depends. When you sit down to do one task at your computer, it is so very easy to be distracted to do something else. My intent for the last hour has been to write an article for the Reminder using my trusty laptop. But...because I have access to my email and the internet on this computer...I have been DISTRACTED. So, now I am getting back on track.

What is true personally about distraction can be true of the whole church. We can get distracted as a church from our goal. What is the goal? To do what Jesus has given his disciples to do. Which is? He says in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (ESV) As I was praying this morning, I became aware again of the great invitation we have to draw people into the family of God so that they can also experience his grace and mercy given

through his Son Jesus Christ. Now, is that an easy task? No! Everything in the world, in the heart of men and women is naturally bent away from knowing and loving God. But that is our primary goal.

This month there is an event happening that I want you to be aware of and its purpose is to reorient the church back toward this goal. It will help the church become undistracted! It is called the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa Oct. 16th-25th. http://www.lausanne.org/cape-town-2010.

Personally, I feel every elder, Sunday school teacher, deacon should become part of the Lausanne community online and read the helpful essays written to challenge us toward this goal. Actually, I would like to see every member of our church take advantage of the thoughts that are being generated by this Christian think tank. When you do...you most certainly will be challenged to discipleship.

Chris

THE KING'S HANDYMEN

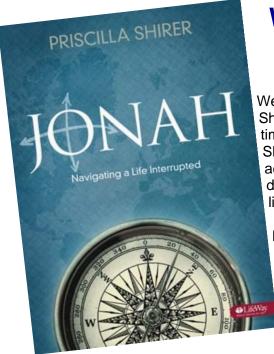
As a new ministry team of First Presbyterian Church under the Service Ministry Unit, we are called to serve others in both "word and deed" when needs arise in our Congregation. Our goal is to reach out and help our sick and/or elderly church members with minor household chores that can be done within our group such as minor repairs or yard service. If you have a need or would like to join this ministry, please contact Julian Price at 662-6647.

Welcome New Members

Who joined our church family on September 26, 2010

Who joined our church

Chuck Dennis
David & Christy Douglas
Howard Fox
Jerry & Sherrill Fussell
Carolyn Holland (Wendell)
Rich Wagner



Women's Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, October 6th at 9:15 AM Room E-209

We will study *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. "What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla Shirer redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city."

Books can be purchased at the first class. To sign up, please email Kristi Bash at Kristi@kristibash.com or Jennie O'Bryan at job29501@aol.com.



Schedule your Church Directory Photos!

Thursday evening, October 7th **beginning at 6:00 PM.** If you haven't had your picture made yet, please call Shelby at the church office to make an appointment to have your family photo taken by Butch Carroll for our online pictorial directory. This directory is secured in the member's login area of our website. Butch has kindly offered to be available for photos on October 7th, so please take advantage of his willingness to serve!

Presbyterian Women's Circles

Circle 1	Monthly	Oct. 12	10:00 AM		Presbyterian Home
Circle 2	Monthly	Oct. 12	10:00 AM	Alice Nickles	1026 Wentworth Dr.
Circle 3	Monthly	Oct. 12	10:00 AM	Mary Lou Arnold Ginger Owen	929 Wrenwood Dr.
Circle 4	Weekly	Mondays	10:00 AM		Price Classroom
Circle 5	Weekly	Tuesdays	12:00 PM	Bring a bag lunch	Grace & Truth Room
Circle 6	Monthly	Oct. 12	10:00 AM		Grace & Truth Room
Circle 7	Monthly	Oct. 13	6:30 PM		Zoulean-Anderson Plr
Circle 8	Monthly	Oct. 12	3:00 PM	Margaret Baroody	517 Jaunita Drive
Circle 9	Monthly	Oct. 12	3:00 PM		Grace & Truth Room
Circle 10	Monthly	Oct. 12	7:00 PM		Grace & Truth Room

from the administrator

month of August and Year to Date 2010: analysis

		This year 2010	Last year 2009
Total Income	August	\$128,233.50	\$115,580.00
Total Expenses	August	\$96,014.30	\$122,579.00
Month of July	Gain/Loss	\$32,219.20	\$6,999.00
Year to Date	Operational Loss	\$57,865.94	\$69,474.00

Thank you for your continued contributions and gifts to First Presbyterian Church.

facility repair and/or maintenance

When you are in the Church and see an issue that needs to be repaired/replaced, please leave a note in my mailbox if you cannot get in touch with me or one of the custodial staff. Thanks for your help in this area as it will help keep our facilities in order. Also, please let me know if you come to the building and find it unlocked or the lights left on with no one here. We need to conserve energy and keep our operating costs down.

Mt. Hope cemetery plots

We currently have 6 cemetery plots in Mt. Hope Cemetery on National Cemetery Road available to the members of First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to purchase one of these plots, please call or drop by to see me at the Church office. If you wish to reach me by phone, the number is 662-2583.

use of facilities

We know that First Presbyterian Church has many activities going on during the course of the week. When you wish to use the facilities please fill out the appropriate form so we can

know who will be in the building and approximately what time you will be there. The custodial staff has entered the building many mornings during the week and the building has been left open with the HVAC system running and many lights left on. Please help us control our expenses and the possibility of vandalism in our Church. Thanks for you help on this issue.

Serving Christ while serving others,





PEDAL for PADD PADD

Please join FPC cyclists on Sunday, October 10th at P.A.D.D.'s Wren House adjacent to the Presbyterian Community of Florence (formerly the Presbyterian Home) at 2:00, for a 10 mile fun ride and 25 mile road bike charity ride to support P.A.D.D. (Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled). This board provides care to young adult women living in a group home. Ride proceeds will assist PADD in their effort to provide for this faithbased group home. Get a great workout in and

help a worthy local cause at the same time! For a good will donation... all participants will receive a gift bag, snacks and beverages after. Our goal will be to raise \$1,500.00 (or more) with the

hopes that this ride may turn into an

annual event. The agency depends on private/ charitable donations to supplement the monetary needs necessary to keep the program running.

Not interested in riding? Then help us as a volunteer and/or sponsor someone. RSVP to Janet Brand at Janet81661@aol.com, if you know in advance that you will be able to ride. Not sure if you will be in town? You may register the day of the race.

Registration starts at 12:30 PM

We are looking for sponsors in the church who are willing to donate \$100 or more. Please include your name or business name you would like printed with your check.

Thank you for your support!

The abernacle xperience

Save the date! The Tabernacle Experience is back in

action and will be set up on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church from October 16th – October 23rd. We're gearing up to recruit volunteers to operate the Tabernacle in four hour shifts, and to assist with the setup and takedown on October 15th and October 24th.

Please pray about this opportunity to help spread God's Word in our community! If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact Billy McNair by sending an email to Tabernacle@florencefirst.org.



The days and times of the Tabernacle are as follows:

FRIDAY, October 15th: Set-up 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Volunteer Training 6 - 8 PM Pastor's Preview 7 - 8 PM

SATURDAY, October 16th and SUNDAY, October 17th 9 AM - 8 PM

MONDAY, October 18th through WEDNESDAY, October 20th 4 - 8 PM

THURSDAY, October 21st through

SATURDAY, October 23rd 9 AM - 8 PM



Also, please visit our Facebook page by typing in The Tabernacle Experience (East Coast) for relevant information and updates. SUNDAY, October 24th Takedown 1 - 6 PM



Register by October 24th
November 12-14, 2010 in beautiful Flat Rock, NC

Growing Up Together

Come away to hear God speak to you through Paul's letter and let its truth sink into the deep places of your heart.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..."
- Ephesians 1:18



\$25 deposit per person with registration form.

Rooms
Single Occupancy \$164
Double \$82
Triple \$55
Quad (Max) \$41
Most rooms have 2 Queen Beds

Meals
Kids (Age 0-3) Free
Kids (Age 4-10) \$21
Adults (11+) \$34.50
(Meal cost includes 3 meals Saturday & 1 breakfast Sunday.)





FAIR

Wednesday, October 6th When:

First Presbyterian Church CLC Where:

Time: 4:30-7:00 PM

\$25.00 Flu Shot (Cash, Check or Credit) Cost:

> The Flu Shot will be available for \$25 and will protect against the flu and the H1N1 viruses...in one shot!

> > Free Diabetes Screening Free Blood Pressure Checks **CPR Education**

Children must be 4 or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

*The only insurance we can bill is Medicare Part B (Please bring your Medicare card and ID).

Brought to you by the Healing Hands Congregational Health Ministry Team

Sign Up for Food Ministry Teams for Wednesday Nights!

Our Fellowship Ministry Unit is looking for volunteers to sign up for our Wednesday Night Meals. We need volunteers for Food Prep, Cooking, Serving, Cashier, Attendance Takers, Clean up

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. We hope to have enough volunteers so that each volunteer would only serve once a month. We also encourage groups such as Sunday School Classes or Small groups to volunteer for an evening.

EDNESDAY NIGHT MENU



Oct. 6th Team Leader

Joyce Dalsbo

Spaghetti Salad Texas Toast Dessert

Oct. 13th Team Leader Judy Fuller

Pork Tenderloin Green Beans Baked Sweet Potatoes Biscuit Dessert

Oct. 20th Team Leader **Ed Turner**

Old Time Chicken Stew Yeast Rolls Apple Pie

Oct. 27th

Team Leader Cynthia Knudsen

Baked Potato w/ Chili

Supper begins at 5:30 PM in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Adults \$5

Youth \$5

Children (under 12) \$3

Family Max \$15

Please volunteer to assist on our Food Ministry Teams by calling the church office.

october Birthdays

01	Lillian Kunz	07	Billy Patrick	16	John Hofler, Jr.	25	Quincy Kennedy
01	Susan Jordan	08	Bruce Hubbs	18	Frances Jones	25	Bob McLean
01	Tammy Epps	09	Amy Scott	18	Anna Grace Hubbs	25	Mona Zakhour
02	Sarah Dozier	09	Ann Collins Josey	18	Lily Scheeler	26	Roy Burch
02	Harriett Hindman	10	Berry Monroe	19	Sam Floyd	27	Jeannie Brodie
02	Terry Floyd	10	Cindy Collins	19	Alison Thompson	27	Andrew Stanley
03	Andy Wise	11	Alfred Hopkins	19	Ruth McMaster	27	Richard Shurman
03	Theressa Garris	11	Ruth Watts	19	Mike Purvis	27	Stephen Thompson
03	Parker Roycroft	12	Rod Arnold	19	Cooper Wallace	28	Julie Thomas
04	Elizabeth Stover	12	Carson Harwell	20	Edith Hicks	28	Alice Nickles
04	Marlene Pantos	13	Helen Sillman	20	Leonard Hoogenboon	n 28	David Hubbs
04	Roseanne Saunders	13	Alicia Fischer	22	Frances Wallace	28	William Weishuhn, III
04	Diane Rouse	13	Caroline Ashworth	22	Myrna Simmonds	29	Jayne Boswell
04	Julie Tyler	13	Vica Fuller	22	Richard Granger	29	Chip Henry
04	Wendell Jones	14	Casey Taylor, Jr.	22	Sarah Wheeler	29	Maggie Westmoreland
04	Caden McKay	14	Danny Jones	22	John Lovensheimer	29	RJ Lee
05	Shand Josey	14	Nancy Poston	23	Carolyn Wolfe	29	Scott Munn
06	Ralph Bratcher	14	Kate Hofler	23	Yong Shin	30	Christopher Warner
06	Erin Johnson	14	Casey Heath	23	Jennifer Ervin	31	Randi Ryan
06	Hugh Ervin	14	Lucas Morgan	23	Traci Bash	31	Anna Shurman
06	Anna Lee Rhea	15	Bob Silver	24	Adelaide Moss	31	Eliza Drayton Wilhoit
06	Blake Frew	15	Carey Hindman	24	Jeffrey Skinner, Jr.	31	Hugh Whitehead
07	Josh Funk	16	Henry Rose	25	Zane Morris	4 V	<i>Birthdays</i> Vanda Mouzon helby Coker

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



Sunday, August 8, 2010, 11:00 a.m. FRIEDRICH WELLS MURPHY (FRITZ) born January 27, 2010 son of Scott & Minnemie Murphy

Sunday, August 15, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

Norah Ashley Lowry

born February 24, 2010

daughter of Kent & Ashley Lowry

Sunday, August 22 2010, 11:00 a.m. CANNON COVINGTON COKER born March 20, 2010 son of Jason & Casey Coker

Sunday, September 19, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

MEREDTIH ELLISON BANNER
born February 8, 2009
daughter of David & Meredith Banner

Friday, October 1, 2010

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Sunday, October 3, 2010 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

5:00 PM Wholeness & Healing Service

Monday, October 4, 2010

10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR

6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery: Price 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room

7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Shin's Home

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

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: Library

11:00 AM Just for Women Ministries Lunch: CLC

11:00 AM Lady's Ensemble

12:00 PM Circle #5: Grace & Truth Rm

12:00 PM Keenager's Luncheon

4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble

5:30 PM Instrumental Ensemble

6:00 PM Just for Women Ministries Supper: CLC

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study: E209

4:30 PM Youth Handbells

4:30 PM Health Fair

5:00 PM Adult Handbells

5:30 PM Family Supper: CLC

6:15 PM Adult Electives

6:15 PM Children's Program

6:15 PM Youth Small Groups

6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 7, 2010

7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home

12:00 PM Women's Bible Study: LR

6:00 PM Church Directory Photos: FH

7:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

Friday, October 8, 2010

Sunday, October 10, 2010

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service

9:45 AM Sunday School

Traditional Worship Service 11:00 AM

Pedal for PADD 2:00 PM

4:00 PM CrossTrainers (6th grd) Ebenezer Climbing Wall

4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

Monday, October 11, 2010 COLUMBUS DAY

10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR

5:45 PM Children's Subcommittee

6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery: Price

7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Shin's Home

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

11:00 AM Just for Women Ministries Lunch: CLC

11:00 AM Lady's Ensemble

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

12:00 PM Circle #5: Grace & Truth Rm

3:00 PM Circle #9: Grace & Truth Rm

3:00 PM Girl Scouts: Scout Room

4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble

5:30 PM Instrumental Ensemble

6:00 PM Just for Women Ministries Supper: CLC

6:30 PM Letters From Dad Session 3: LR

7:00 PM Circle #10: Grace & Truth Rm

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study: E209

12:00 PM Presbytery Retirement Luncheon: LR

4:30 PM Youth Handbells

5:00 PM Adult Handbells

5:30 PM Family Supper: CLC

6:15 PM Adult Electives

6:15 PM Children's Program

6:15 PM Youth Small Groups

Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM

6:30 PM Circle #7:ZA Parlor

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 14, 2010

7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home

12:00 PM Women's Bible Study: LR

7:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

Friday, October 15, 2010

Saturday, October 16, 2010

9:00 AM The Tabernacle Experience



Sunday, C	October 17, 2010	Sunday, O	ctober 24, 2010
	Contemporary Worship Service	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	The Tabernacle Experience	9:45 AM	Sunday School
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	Traditional Worship Service		Volleyball in CLC
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			Circle #4: Price CR
Monday (October 18, 2010 WEEK IN PRAYER		Celebrate Recovery
	Morning Prayer: Sanctuary		Boy Scouts in Scout Room
	Circle #4: Price CR		Korean Bible Study: Shin's Home
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	Morning Prayer: Sanctuary		Circle #5: Grace & Truth Rm
	Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Grace & Truth Rm		Young Men's Lunch: Lui's
	Women's Prayer Group in Parlor		Girl Scouts: Scout Room
	Manna House Lunch Crew		Girl's Ensemble
	Just for Women Ministries Lunch: CLC		Instrumental Ensemble
	Lady's Ensemble		Just for Women Ministries Supper: CLC
12:00 PM	Circle #5: Grace & Truth Rm	7:00 PM	Session: LR Chapel
4:00 PM	The Tabernacle Experience		4
4:30 PM	Girl's Ensemble		
5:30 PM	Instrumental Ensemble		y, October 27, 2010 Newsletter Crew
6:00 PM	Just for Women Ministries Supper: CLC	9:15 AM	Women's Bible Study: E209
6:30 PM	Board of Deacons: LR Chapel		Youth Handbells
		5:00 PM	Adult Handbells
		5:30 PM	Family Supper: CLC
Wednesda	ay, October 20 ,2010	6:15 PM	Adult Electives
	Morning Prayer: Sanctuary	6:15 PM	Children's Program
	Women's Bible Study: E209	6:15 PM	Youth Small Groups
	The Tabernacle Experience	6:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
	Youth Handbells	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
	Adult Handbells		
	Family Supper: CLC		
	Adult Electives	Thursday.	October 28, 2010
	Children's Program		Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
	Youth Small Groups		Women's Bible Study: LR
	Praise Team Rehearsal		Keenagers' Tour
	Chancel Choir Practice		Cub Scouts in Scout Room
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6:00 AM		Saturday,	October 30, 2010
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	The Tabernacle Experience		
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9:45 AM Sunday School

4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

12:15 PM

Reformation Lunch

11:00 AM Combined Worship Service: Kirkin' O' the Tartan

Friday, October 22, 2010 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

6:00 AM Morning Prayer: Sanctuary 9:00 AM The Tabernacle Experience

7:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

Saturday, October 23, 2010

9:00 AM The Tabernacle Experience

3:00 PM Fall Festival & Pumpkin Decorating: FH

Hospitals

McLEOD Nancy Jones

CAROLINAS REHAB 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

METHODIST MANOR
Mary Heer
Mary Catherine
Ervin

PRESBYTERIAN
COMMUNITY
HEALTHCARE
Vera Graham
Shirley Davis
Mary Booth

ELMCROFT Alfred Hopkins **SOUTHLAND** Jimmy Bridgers

LAUREL GARDENSDoris Newsome

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

Special Requests

Jack Maffett John Banks Ann Rodgers Chandler Eleanor Sparrow

Recovering

John D. Bankson Suzanne Smith Diane Chapman Jack Williams

Homebound

Billie Shaw
Cora Long
Charles Trifiletti
Alice Lee Bryan
Arlene Gore
Jean Jones
Kaye Abramson
Dorothy Wright
Susan Jordan
Givens Young
Charlie Knapp
Bob Olsen

The Power of



Remember In Prayer This Month

ELDERS
Dudley Saleeby/Yong Shin

DEACONS
Andy McInville/Kent Caudle

MISSIONARIES
Rev. Dr. Michael & Irene Sivalee
Dr. Slvadore & Irma de la Torre

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Tammy Moore/Nancy Harwell

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS Lynn Porter/Shelley Gandy

STAFF Alton Spivey Alexis Morris



Households

- Mrs. Eileen Parker
- Mr. & Mrs. Billy & Cathy Patrick
- · Mr. & Mrs. James & Wendy Paul
- Mr. & Mrs. Rocky & Carolyn Pearce, Jr.

MEMBERS EXPECTING

Stephen & Alison Thompson

FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Captain Neil Penttila (Iraq) son-in-law of James & Wendy Paul
- Adam Eason Chapman nephew of David and Diane Chapman
- Charles P. Macdonald, Jr. (Afghanistan) nephew of Doug Macdonald

Memorials

Sarah Montgomery Desree Lightle

Sympathy

Rudy Lee, loss of Mother

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

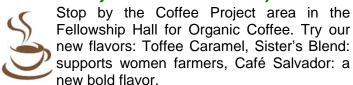


The deadline for the November newsletter will be Friday, October 22, 2010. Submissions may be sent to Stephanie Jones via email at sjones@florencefirst.org.

Scouting Ministry Update

Camping and canoeing are the October outings. Scouts are working on the new Scouting Heritage merit badge as our 100th year celebration continues. Preparations for next month's backpacking trip in the mountains are also taking place. If you are not in scouts - you are missing out!

Presbyterian Coffee Project



The Presbyterian Coffee Project is an innovative way to reach out to small-scale farmers in the developing world while enjoying fellowship and an excellent cup of coffee.

Parents of College Students

McInville will Rita corresponding with our college students this year and would like for parents to send her children's their email and address information. It would be great if they could also list what year they are in and what college/tech they are attending. Rita's email address RMcInville@aol.com home telephone number is 843-292-8403.



Pastor Elgin's spiritual retreat brought him closer to God than he ever expected.

Encounter with God Devotionals

October/November/December editions are available in the Fellowship Hall. *Encounter with God* takes you through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in five years, reading 10-20 verses per day. \$3.00

Letters from Dad

A national men's ministry, Letters from Dad is helping fathers learn to leave a legacy by saying the things they've always wanted to say but just didn't know how. Letters from Dad teaches men to open up their hearts and put into words their love for their wives, children and parents. **6:30 PM on Tuesdays:** October 12th and November 9th

Memorial Flowers

Flowers can be placed in the sanctuary as a memorial to loved ones or given in honor of a friend. Please contact Betty Bell at 662-1330, if you are interested in providing an arrangement for our worship services.

Wholeness & Healing Service Sunday, October 3rd at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. This special service is an opportunity to gather for healing prayer and Communion. Anyone who would like to come forward for private prayer is invited to receive anointing with oil and the laying on of hands with the pastors and elders. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

Week in Prayer

October 18-22, 2010
Each month, a week is designated for early morning devotion and the public reading of scripture. In October, the sanctuary will be open from 6:00 - 8:00 AM, Monday, October 18th through Friday, October 22nd.

Head Usher for October

Stephen Jones



Children's Halloween Costumes Needed

Alexis will be collecting gently used, clean costumes to give to local elementary schools. We specifically need costumes for 5k- 2nd grade, (sizes XS, 4/5 through M, 8/10). If

you have costumes at home or wish to donate one, please place it in the box in the CLC beginning on October 3rd. Please contact Alexis at the church office or by email should you have any questions, amorris@florencefirst.org

CROSS TRAINERS

October 10th 4:00-6:00 PM

This is the new name for our energetic 6th graders who meet on Sunday afternoons. Our first official event will be October 10th at the Ebenezer Climbing Wall. Meet there at 4:00 and be picked up at 6:00. The cost is \$5. A release form will be coming to your house and needs to be turned in by October 6th. Please contact Alexis at amorris@florencefirst.org if you have any questions.

Fall Festival & Pumpkin

Decorating

October 23, 2010 3:00-4:30 PM



It's time to think about your design for the annual pumpkin decorating event. It will be October 23rd from 3:00- 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will plenty of other activities including a few games, craft making, cookie decorating and a cupcake walk.

Don't forget your costume! Prizes will be awarded for "Best Homemade Costume" and "Best Family Costume".

A cozy spot will be set up for a photo op so bring your camera.

Mark your calendars and come out for Pumpkins, Playtime and Pictures!

Reformation Sunday

Don't forget that Reformation Sunday is October 31st with a combined 11:00 AM service, followed by a family lunch.

Teachers, please note that children may leave Sunday School early to participate in the Kirkin' O' the Tartan procession.

Do you have an old couch, arm chair, or futon that needs a new home? Alexis has just the place-the recently moved 6th grade Confirmation class! If you have one, please contact Alexis so pick up can be arranged.

Junior Church Dates for October

October 10 & 14

Following the Message for Young Disciples in the 8:30 Service, 2nd-4th Grades are invited to Junior Church where they continue worship through age appropriate participation in liturgy, offerings, prayers, teaching from and response to the Word.

Children in Worship Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010 8:30 AM - 3k-5k - Jeremy & Amy Williams 11:00 AM - 3k-5k - Jeremy & Amy Williams

<u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010</u> 8:30 AM - 3k-5k - tba 11:00 AM - 3k-5k - Jennifer Floyd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 8:30 AM - 3k-5k - DeAnn Tiller 11:00 AM - 3k-5k - Shawn & Ashley Bulliner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010 8:30 AM - 3k-5k - Tara Newton 11:00 AM - 3k-5k - Johnette Touchberry

<u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010</u> *Combined 11:00 AM - 3k-5k -* tba

The Children in Worship team is looking for a few more volunteers

to assist the lead teacher during the lesson. Godly Play is a quiet, meditative, slow moving form of worship used to enable our youngest members to have a more meaningful experience when they come into the sanctuary for worship. As a volunteer, your role would be to gently shepherd children to be good listeners and be still during the story time. If you are curious about this, I encourage you to contact Charissa Canfield about helping with this valuable ministry, charissa@candesignonline.com or 621-0940.



Join a Choir!

Tuesdays

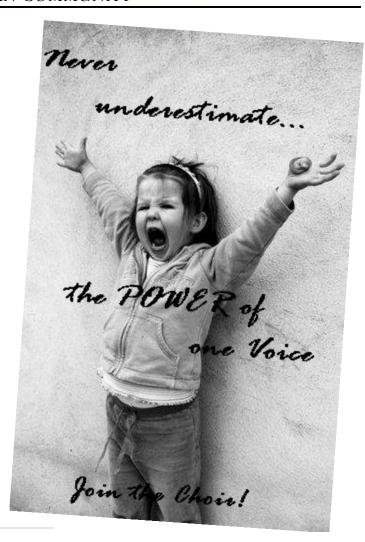
- 11:00 Lady's Ensemble
- 4:30 Girl's Ensemble
- 5:30 Instrumental Ensemble

Wednesdays

- 4:30 Youth Handbells
- 5:00 Adult Handbells
- 6:15 Presbyterian Playhouse Choir (grd 3-5)
- 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:50 Presbyterian Playhouse Choir (grd 1-2)
- 7:00 Cherub Choir (3-5K)
- 7:30 Chancel Choir



Previously planned for Oct. 24th, this event will be rescheduled Chancel Choir & Guest Musicians



KEENAGERS

October 5, 2010 at Noon in Fellowship Hall

Join us as the Peru Team will be at our luncheon and Dr. Jenkins has prepared a slideshow along with testimonials from the team. Lunch will be catered by Carol Hall. The meal is \$7.

The Presbyterian Community Report

Foreign Correspondent - Tom Kellam

A long hot September has produced a lot of after lunch nappers on our twelve rocking chair porch. After an everyday delicious meal that includes a full salad bar and yogurt machine, there is a rush

for the front porch. For about four sisters, it takes only ten minutes for the snoring to begin. It is really nice when our snoring quartet sits in the same section because it gives us a "free" community concert.

Another interesting thing: last spring, two rare for this area, Ringneck Doves arrived on campus. We named them Zechariah and Elizabeth. Now we have two old birds and four younglings. We believe this is a parallel to a similar biblical story in Luke Chapter 1.

Last week, a group took a charter cruise. Yes, they sailed up the upper Santee Lake. No one got lake sick because there was no wind. Life is good - Thank you, God!

FOUTH AT FIRST

UPCOMING EVENTS

- o October 15-16: Middle School Overnighters: Boys
 - are going Deep Sea Fishing in North Myrtle Beach. Girls are getting pedicures and going out for dinner, then spending the night at the Tyson lake house in Lake Wateree. **Cost** is \$50 due by Sunday, Oct. 3rd
- October 24th: Final day to register for **Church-wide Fall Weekend Retreat** to Bonclarken Conference
 Center in Flat Rock, NC. (November 12-14)
- October 20th: "Create Your Own Superhero" Social: Come to "MOVE" dressed up as a superhero OF YOUR OWN INVENTION! We
 - will take a break from our normal Wednesday night activities to play games, eat snacks, and have fun together. You can even team up with others to form a "duo" or a team of original superheroes. Be creative! This should be funny!
 - November 1st: Day trip to **Lynches River State Park** (no school)





WEEKLY GATHERINGS

- Sunday Shift: Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 AM in the Garage for a warm, welcoming, and worshipful time that includes breakfast food, fellowship, Bible study, worship through singing, and prayer.
- "MOVE" on Wednesday nights: 5:45-7:30
 PM. Come hang out with us in the CLC upstairs in the Lounge at 5:45PM and then head over to the Garage at 6:15 PM for our exciting mid-week gathering where we play games, sing, and then break discussion groups to learn from God's Word.

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

I have begun to pray from Ephesians 1 for our students and

youth leaders and volunteers. Please join me in prayer for the following:

- Ratiour hearts will be flooded with light so that we can understand the confident hope God has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance.
- That we will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

SUMMER 20II Go ahead and get these BIG events on your calendar!

- June 6-10: **The City Project:** This will be our mission experience for the summer of 2011. "The City Project" is a week-long event being developed by Chris Handley and Stacey Severance for both **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL** students **AND ADULTS** involving opportunities to serve others in the city of Florence, short sessions for ministry training and spiritual growth, great fellowship, and a fun out-of-town trip for the students at the end of the week
- ONLY, The Great Escape: For MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY, The Great Escape is a great conference/camp done by Youth Conference Ministries. We will be heading up to Lee University in Cleveland, TN for the week. We went last summer and it was a home run for us!
 - The Son: This is a HIGH SCHOOL ONLY trip. It is kind of like The Great Escape's even-more-awesome older brother! We will be at Jekyll Island, off the coast of Georgia.





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Reformation Sunday Lunch

Join us after the combined 11:00 Kirkin' O' the Tartan Service for a special meal to celebrate our Scottish Heritage! Please RSVP by October 27th by calling the church office or emailing scoker@florencefirst.org.

Prepared by Steve & Angie Tedder

Grilled Pork Chops
Au Gratin Potatoes
Carrots & Peas
Pumpkin Pie



Adults \$5 - Children under 12 \$3 - Family Max \$15

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