



FPC News

First Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2007

Wednesday Night Series Begins April 18th

Another 7 week series is planned for Wednesday evenings in the Spring, and will run through May. This series will focus on a study of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the centuries, the Holy Spirit has been the subject of much speculation and misunderstanding. As a result, people have often avoided dealing with this subject, out of fear and uncertainty. Join us as we explore the scriptural references to the Holy Spirit, and seek to unravel its mysteries. Come and join us for supper at 5:30pm and the study from 6 - 7pm in the Harper Center. This series will include all the wonderful children's activities as well, so let's all get together this Spring on Wednesdays!

Zoo Trip

The zoo trip has been rescheduled due to the weather. We will be meeting at the church on Sat., April 21st at 9am to go to the zoo. This date gives us an additional opportunity! Families and zoo travelers can come to church EARLIER to support the Men of the Church Outreach Mission Fundraiser breakfast.

If you have not ordered your t-shirt, please contact Susan in the church office, 775-5216 ext. 235.

Oriental, NC

This year, both youth groups will be going to Oriental! The Middle School Youth will be going April 27th - 29th and the Senior High Youth is going May 4th - 6th. The cost of the trip is \$20.00. If you have not signed up, please call Susan in the church office at 775-5216, ext. 235.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will begin Sun., April 15th for our Middle School Youth. The 8th graders will meet with Peggy Golden and David Riddle, Jr. in the Middle School room and the 6th and 7th graders will meet in the gathering area with Susan Patterson. If you have not registered, please call Susan in the church office at 775-5216, ext. 235.

Vacation Bible School

The Christian Ed. Comm. hopes you have marked your calendars for VBS on June 24th - 28th. The curriculum this year is Lift Up My Soul and it is for ALL ages! Valerie Davenport and Lisa Kimble are co-chairing VBS and are looking for a few additional helpers and lots of participants! Please call the church office (775-5216) or Valerie Davenport (774-1408) or Lisa Kimble (708-7349) to volunteer or register! We are having an organizational meeting Monday, April 30th at 6:30pm in the church Library.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt was a huge success! More than 35 children and their families attended. (Look for pictures in the Harper Center.) Susan Silva coordinated activities such as the hunt, an Easter Story (read by David Miller), decorating sugar cookies, bunny mobile activity and an Easter Cross activity, all led by the Middle School Youth. Thanks to the After School children from the CDC for making the goodie bags. Scott Kimble and Randy Robertson served a hot dog supper afterwards. In addition to these activities, the children and Middle School Youth made and delivered baskets to some of our shut-in members. This was a very meaningful experience for the children and their families.

Young Adult Class

The Young Adult Class will be studying 'The 10 Building Blocks for a Happy Family' by Jim Burns beginning in May. If you would like to participate in this study, please call Susan to register. The cost of the book is \$12.

??? Trip Interest ???

The Congregational Care Comm. would like to sponsor a 3night/4day trip to Lancaster, PA in October to see a new play at the Sight and Sound Theater entitled "In the Beginning." For those of you who have seen past performances you know how wonderful they are! Other interesting attractions would also be included.

Please call the church office as soon as possible if you might be interested. This is not a commitment - we just need to know at this point whether to continue the planning process.

Treasurer's Report March 2007

	<u>Jan-Mar 07</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 06</u>
Income		
Operating Income	<u>119,367</u>	<u>129,573</u>
Total Income	119,367	129,573
Expense		
Witness	6,475	7,446
Administration	61,881	64,034
Property	36,263	42,871
Worship	1,028	1,526
Christian Education	(2,327)	6,015
Congregational Care	841	371
New Membership	71	0
Stewardship	1,212	0
Building Loan Payment	<u>22,947</u>	<u>23,384</u>
Total Expenses	128,392	145,646
Net Income	(9,025)	(16,072)

Financial Update

- "It's Time to be Mortgage Free" Status - through 4-10-07
Pledged: \$239,141.46
Collected: \$112,345.31
- A good way to contribute to the mortgage retirement campaign is with a gift of stock. If you have stock that has appreciated over time, you may transfer it directly to the church account and not be required to pay tax on the gain.
- There is a special opportunity in 2007 to give to the church from your IRA that is tax-advantaged for you. There is a greater advantage for you if you do not itemize on your tax return. Contact Wendell McGee if you would like further information.
- **Please help your Treasurer!** When you charge a purchase to the church, please remember to turn in the receipt with the reason for the purchase so that it can be charged to the correct account. In fact, we have a Payment Request Voucher which can be used to furnish this information to the Treasurer. This voucher can also be used along with a receipt when you are requesting reimbursement for something you bought for the church and paid for yourself.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the members of First Presbyterian Church for their prayers, flowers, visits and cards during Joan's illness and death. We especially thank Dr. West for his numerous visits to the nursing home to see her. The church family meant so much to her. Thank you and may God bless each of you.

Boyd Childress and
Daughter Kim

Summer Sunday School
Summer is almost here and our Sunday School teachers have been faithful and dedicated all school year long in teaching our children! We would like to give them a well-deserved break this summer and are asking for volunteers to teach. Prayerfully consider teaching a week, 2 weeks or even a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children and youth in our church! A sign up board is located in the colonnade. Thanks!

If you or someone you know needs transportation to church, please call the church office, 775-5216.

**Join the Habitat Building Crew for
Approximately 12 Saturdays per Year
Strong backs needed for framing stage
Sheetrock and insulation stage
Finishing stage - windows and cabinets
Painting stage (women welcome)
Starting house #30 in July. Lunch will be
served. If interested, call Lori in the church
office at 775-5216.**

The Food Pantry of Sanford closed as of March 31st. Any foods that were left and some equipment was given to CUOC (Christian United Outreach Center of Lee Co.) at 301 E. Trade St. in Jonesboro.

Our church has contributed to the Food Pantry for some time and will now support CUOC with food and funds. Please continue to bring food to the church or to CUOC on Trade St. to help the hunger problem in Sanford.

What's Happening in April??

Sun., April 15 - MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Family Sunday School/ Confirmation Classes; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 12pm PW Coordinating Team; 4:45pm Middle School Youth; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders meet; 6pm Sr. High Youth

Mon., April 16 - Circles Meet

Tues., April 17 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.; 6pm CDC Board Meets

Wed., April 18 - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 5:30pm Meal (Admin. Comm.); 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., April 19 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sat., April 21 - 7am - 10am Benefit Breakfast; 9am Family Zoo Trip

Sun., April 22 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation Classes; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 4pm Congregational Care Comm., Witness

Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; 5:30pm Sr. High Youth Advisors meet; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm., 7:30pm Committees Meet

Mon., April 23 - 10am Bible Study

Tues., April 24 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio/Sculpting

Wed., April 25 - 5:30pm Meal (Christian Ed. Comm.); 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

Thurs., April 26 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Fri., April 27 - 6pm Dietrick Class party; Middle School Youth leave for Oriental NC

Sun., April 29 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm New Member Ice Cream Social - Parlor; 6pm Sr. High Youth

Mon., April 30 - 6:30pm VBS Meeting