



FPC News

First Presbyterian
Church

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January 15, 2008

Children's Sunday School

The Christian Education committee and the Sunday School teachers are working hard to provide quality programming and instruction for our children. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. and concludes at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. We will continue singing between 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as part of the Sunday School worship. All classes from age 3 to 5th grade are invited. Emmett Windham, Vicki Register, David Almond and Wanda Wazenegger are working with the children to teach them classic Bible songs. It is not just a time of singing, but also a time of fellowship and learning of names and faces of various age groups for both children and adults. The teachers then take the children to their Sunday School classes for instruction and learning for the morning. Even if your child does not enjoy singing, please encourage them to come for the fellowship. *Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come into his presence with singing.*

Psalm 100

Children's Church

Children's Church restarted on January 6th and all Kindergarten or 1st grade children are welcome! The purpose of children's church is to familiarize and teach the kids about the traditional church service. It starts after the children's moment during the 11am service. The leaders will accompany the children to their classroom, K-1st Sunday School room, where you can find them after the service. We are currently looking for volunteers to lead Children's Church and encourage members of all ages to sign up! If you are interested, please contact Becky in the church office.

Christmas Program

The Christmas Program was on Dec. 16th and it was a great success. There were several people of all ages who gave their time and talents and for that we are truly grateful. It was a wonderful program and a big Thank You goes out to everyone involved!

Christian Education Committee

Treasurer's Report

January - December 2007

	<u>Jan-Dec 07</u>	<u>Jan-Oct 06</u>
Income		
Operating Income	<u>495,539</u>	<u>597,761</u>
Total Income	495,539	597,761
Expense		
Witness	27,484	29,532
Administration	233,881	265,571
Property	152,121	156,509
Worship	7,544	4,016
Christian Education	30,421	29,537
Congregational Care	2,809	1,604
New Membership	114	0
Stewardship	1,858	491
Building Loan Payment	<u>78,372</u>	<u>97,920</u>
Total Expenses	534,604	585,181
Net Income	(39,065)	12,580

Financial Update

- "It's Time to be Mortgage Free" - through 12-31-07

Pledged	\$270,413.56
Collected	\$328,289.64
Match Received	\$245,100.68
Paid on Loan Principal	\$659,000.00
Mortgage Balance	\$627,675.08
- Benevolence Offerings This Year

Bangladesh	\$2,770.13
One Great Hour	\$1,420.34
Pentecost	\$526.00
PW Birthday	\$436.63
Joy Gift	\$921.00

Please note the differences between the two giving envelopes for 2008. The info. on each differentiates between their purposes. They are also color-coded with the Current Expenses envelope being green and the Mortgage Reduction envelope being white.

Wendell McGee, Treasurer



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

FPC has been invited by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Raleigh to join them in a mission trip to Gautier, Miss. The trip will be March 9th - 15th. The cost is \$200 per person and scholarship assistance is available. Adults 18 and older in good physical condition who are able to assist (or willing to learn) in home restoration and who are interested in this mission trip may contact Art or Lori in the church office for more information.

Lee Co. Centennial Plates with Picture of First Presbyterian Church

The Carson S.S. Class will be taking orders for a commemorative plate with a picture of FPC, that will be available by the Lee Co. Centennial Commission. These plates will be locally hand-made heavy china plates in two styles, one with a blue/gray border and one with a tan border. Samples of these plates (with other churches pictured) will be on display Sundays in the colonnade between church services, Sunday School and after church and in the church office during the week. An initial order of 25 plates of each style is required by the manufacturer before the plates are made. Additional orders of 10 plates may be made after the initial order. Plates are \$50 each. If you would like to have a plate or plates, please sign up. Payment will not be necessary, initially, when signing up. If you receive enough requests for an initial order, you then will be contacted for payment. Please make the checks payable to FPC with "centennial plate" written on the message line.

On February 4, 2007, First Presbyterian participated in Souper Bowl Sunday for the first time in several years - \$334.00 and 138 cans of non-perishable food items were given. The money and the food items were taken to CUOC, the local food pantry.

Souper Bowl of Caring was started in the early 90's when Brad Smith, a Presbyterian pastoral intern was troubled by the amount and hunger and poverty in the community where he lived. A youth group in Columbia, SC acted on a prayer - "As we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Inspired to create a fun way to reach out to those in need on Super Bowl weekend, the youth invited their friends at 21 other area churches to join them in collecting donations in soup pots. Their effort raised \$5,700 which was donated to local charities. That sim-

ple act, begun by one person and his youth group, has become an annual event in all 50 states. Since 1990 \$41 million has been raised for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities.

With the Session's approval the Witness Committee and the youth of the church are joining to promote "Souper Bowl of Caring 2008" at First Presbyterian. Non-perishable canned goods as well as monetary donations are requested on Sunday, February 3. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on February 3 the youth will be hosting a homemade Soup-Sandwich Luncheon in the Harper Center - donations may be made for the meal. All of the canned goods and funds collected, including the luncheon, will be given to CUOC.

Let us who have so much remember those who have so little.

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, Jan. 20th at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center. Susan Conlin of Habitat for Humanity and a recipient of a Habitat home will be our guests.

Don't miss the delicious breakfast (\$3.00) and wonderful fellowship!

I wish to express with deep appreciation all the care and attention that I received during my long illness. Thanks to your prayers (and there were many), I feel that a miracle has happened in that my cancer at the present seems to be dormant, and I am suffering no ill effects from it. (Only oxygen at night) I'm mighty thankful to all those who faithfully visited, brought food, sent cards, and again prayed for me. God bless you all.

Prayerfully,
Dutch Bristow

Equipping the Saints

Workshops Promoting Christian Education and Stewardship

Sponsored by the Committee for Christian Education & Stewardship Development, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

February 16, 2008

Highland Presbyterian Church, 111 Highland Ave.,

Fayetteville NC 28305

Cost \$10

If you are interested in finding out more information about this event, contact Lori in the church office.



CUOC has been serving approximately 700 families a month. Due to the steadily increasing number of families

needing help the shelves at **CUOC** are getting bare. Could you please help by bringing some canned vegetables, small packages of spaghetti (for single person households), spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned pork and beans, peanut butter, or any other non-perishable food items to the church. The Witness Committee asks that you bring items the first Sunday of the month, along with your Pennies for Hunger. Of course, food items may be left at any time.

Wanted

A person is needed to be the representative of First Presbyterian to Hand-in-Hand.

Hand-in-Hand is an organization that supports the teachers at Lee Senior High School by serving as prayer partners and by purchasing some items needed for which funds are not available. Also, once each month treats are provided for the students during their lunch period. Please call Helen Lynde (777-9111) for additional information.



Dewey Averitt (Parkview); Ann Barkley; Louise Berndt (Parkview); Eloise Berryman; Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Ashwood Estates); Doris Gibson; Mary Gibson; Dean Hollingsworth; Mildred Johnson; Charlotte Lutton; Dot McNeill (Pinelake); Jerrie Parker; Raymond Blakeley; Jerry Campbell's mother, Clarene Campbell; Bob Davis's father, Willie Davis; Donna Edwards; Ray Hunter (Liberty Commons); Sylvia Johnson; Lo Keith's brother-in-law, John Westmoreland; Kelly Lilly; Wanda Perry; Chi Peterson; William N. Smith; Sally Suther's niece, Amanda Mager; Lucretia Sperry's grandmother, Mildred Frady; Frances Warner; Don Wazenegger's brother, Ron Wazenegger

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What's Happening in January??

- Tues., Jan. 15** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Jan. 16** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Jan. 17** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sat., Jan. 19** - Youth leave for ski trip
- Sun., Jan. 20** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm Witness Comm.
- Mon., Jan. 21** - mittees Meet; Youth return from ski trip
- Tues. Jan. 22** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Jan. 23** - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Jan. 24** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sun., Jan. 27** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm Congregational Care Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm.; 7:30pm Com-
- Mon., Jan. 28** - 10am Bible Study
- Tues., Jan. 29** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Jan. 30** - 5:30pm Worship Comm. Meets; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Jan. 31** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Mark Your Calendars!
The Sr. High Youth Yard Sale will be held Sat., Feb. 9th in the Harper Center. Donations may be brought to the Harper Center beginning Mon., Feb. 4th.