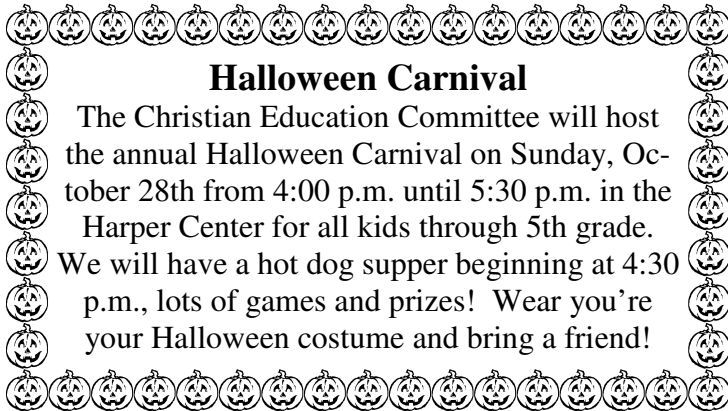




# FPC News

First Presbyterian  
Church

October 15, 2007



## Halloween Carnival

The Christian Education Committee will host the annual Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 28th from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Harper Center for all kids through 5th grade. We will have a hot dog supper beginning at 4:30 p.m., lots of games and prizes! Wear your Halloween costume and bring a friend!

## Church in the Park October 21st at 10:30 a.m. Kiwanis Park (Wicker Street)

Please join us for our annual Church in the Park! The service begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Dress casually and bring a chair! In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Harper Center.

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

**Attention Stephen Ministers**  
No meeting on Sunday, October 21st  
Our meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the church library.** Melanie Rodgers from the Enrichment Center of Lee County will be our guest speaker, answer questions and provide hand outs.

	September 2007	
	<u>Jan-Sept 07</u>	<u>Jan-Sept 06</u>
Income		
Operating Income	342,150	381,493
Total Income	342,150	381,493
Expense		
Witness	20,310	22,011
Administration	182,325	201,718
Property	103,346	119,849
Worship	4,728	2,137
Christian Education	13,387	13,626
Congregational Care	1,186	986
New Membership	86	0
Stewardship	1,212	0
Building Loan Payment	<u>62,677</u>	<u>72,796</u>

Total Expenses 389,257 433,124  
Net Income (47,108) (51,631)

### Financial Update

- "It's Time to be Mortgage Free" Status - through 8-31-07
  - Pledged \$270,413.56
  - Collected \$181,703.66
  - Match Received \$135,100.68
  - Paid on Loan Principal \$306,100.68
  - Mortgage Balance \$981,175.08
- Benevolence Offerings This Year
  - Bangladesh \$1,662.37
  - One Great Hour \$1,420.34
  - Pentecost \$526.00
  - PW Birthday \$436.63

## Interim Pastor Search Committee

Your Search Committee was formed on Sept. 4th. Our initial meetings were organizational with election of Gloria Martin and John Stevens as Co-Chairmen. Susan Norris is Secretary. Other members are Scott Kimble, Steve Morgan, J.C. Perry and Leah Terrell.

Progress has been slow but active. Since Sept. 18th, the committee has contacted 10 potential candidates. Eight of the ten have not been available for a variety of reasons, most of which have already taken other interim positions, one who is actively seeking a Head of Staff position and one who simply wants some time off after serving as an interim for an extended period of time.

We are currently actively in discussion with a candidate who has expressed serious interest. He is well qualified. We also have an appointment with an interim pastor in the Charlotte area. We will meet with him on Nov. 1st. We hope to have some positive results within the next month.

The committee appreciates the patience of the congregation and we ask for your continued prayers as we continue the search process. You may be assured that your committee is hard at work to bring our search to a conclusion for the benefit of all.

John C. Stevens  
Co-Chairman

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**The Witness and Benevolence Comm., with the support of the Session, is asking members and friends at First Presbyterian to bring non-perishable food items for the community food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Of course, any time you bring food items the containers at the back of the sanctuary and McIver Hall will be in place to accept your donation! The Committee members thought that bringing food pantry items the same Sunday as we bring 'Pennies for Hunger' could help us all remember. Thank you for helping those who are having special difficulties at this time.**

A container has been placed in the church office area where items requested for HAVEN house can be placed. Items especially needed are: full sized bottles of hand/body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes & combs, deodorant, hair spray, bars of soap, lip balm, new ladies underwear (all sizes), razors, emery boards, or anything else that might be needed when leaving your home with only the clothes you are wearing. This is a project sponsored by the Witness & Benevolence Committee with the support of the Session.

## What's Happening in October??

**Mon., Oct. 15** - 6:30am Bus trip to Lancaster, PA

**Tues., Oct. 16** - 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Oct. 17** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 5:30pm Meal & Adult Fellowship, Children's Programs; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir Practice; 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Thurs., Oct. 18** - Return from Lancaster, PA trip; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., Oct. 21** - 10:30am Church in the Park

**Tues., Oct. 23** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Thurs., Oct. 25** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun. Oct. 28** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship/Children's Church; 4pm Halloween Carnival; 4pm Congregational Care Comm., Witness Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm.; 7:30pm Committees Meet

**Mon., Oct. 29** - 10am Bible Study

**Tues., Oct. 30** - 9am Flu Shot Clinic - Harper Ctr., Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting