



# FPC News

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February 1, 2009

## MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING!

Babbs and I want to thank you---the members of this congregational family, including David and the Choir---for making the January 18th worship experience and Service of Installation a wonderful, enriching experience of faith!

And what a party followed! We thank all of the persons who planned, sponsored, funded, arranged, decorated, set-up, baked, brought, served, attended, partook, conversed, proclaimed, celebrated, broke-down, cleaned-up, turned out the lights and locked the doors. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to meet everyone, with handshakes and hugs, as well as with words of fellowship and fun. We feel deeply blessed to have been a part of such a delicious and delightful day!

God has, indeed, brought us together for good: to create new, positive history. Thus, we taste the goodness of the Lord as we live and move and have our being within our overarching aim. This aim is that goal we learned about ever since we were knee-high to a grasshopper: our chief end is the *glorify and enjoy God forever!*

On Sunday January 25th, the concluding Hymn of our eleven o'clock service was # 430, *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* We sang the refrain in the presence of God and in the presence of one another. May we continue to sing it in our spirit and express it in our practice. As we continue to follow the Holy Spirit, its marvelous meaning will be for us a unifying and uplifting theme:

**IN BOLD ACCORD  
COME CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY NOW  
AND  
PRAISE THE LORD!**

## 20 Things You Can Do For Peace In Your World

10. *Pray for yourself to know peace, safety, and courage under God's care.*

*A wheelchair is now permanently located in the hall between the Narthex and colonnade.*

## Covered Dish Luncheon

There will be a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, February 15th following the 11am worship service.

The luncheon is to honor and express our gratitude to Kathryn Dudley for her faithful service during our time of transition.

Please plan to attend and bring enough food for your family.



Valentine's Banquet - Please purchase your tickets for the Valentine's Banquet that will be held Saturday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m. The tickets are \$8/each or \$15/couple. All proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip. Please purchase tickets by Feb. 1st.

Children of all ages are invited to meet in the Harper Center on Sunday, February 8th from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. to make Valentine goody bags for our shut-ins. We will deliver the bags to the shut-ins after we make them. We will not have a regular youth meeting that evening, February 8th.

The Middle School and Sr. High Youth will go skiing at Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia the weekend of Feb. 20 - 22. The cost per child is \$120 and includes lodging, ski rental, lift tickets, and snow tubing. Please call Rhonda in the church office, 775-5216, if you have any questions or would like to join us on the trip. This will be lots of fun!

The Sr. High Youth group is planning a yard sale Sat., March 14th in the Harper Center. You may bring your donations to the Sr. High Sunday School room now until the sale. If you have large or heavy items that need to be picked up, please call Rhonda at 775-5216.

**February Birthdays**

Feb. 2 - David Vann  
 Feb. 3 - Suzanne Mills, Christopher Dymond  
 Feb. 5 - Herb Hardisty, Cari Hobson  
 Feb. 6 - Joan Wagoner  
 Feb. 7 - Sidney Boaz, Susan Norris, Donna Goodwin  
 Feb. 8 - Charles LaRue  
 Feb. 9 - Mildred Johnson, Jordan Leigh Childress  
 Feb. 10 - Billy McDonald, Wanda Wazenegger  
 Feb. 11 - Nancy Mason, Vicki Quick  
 Feb. 13 - Maxine Auman  
 Feb. 14 - John Kelly, Gladys Weaver, Margaret Poe, Belva Oelrich, Vann Gibson, Rhonda Woodell, Ricardo Silva  
 Feb. 16 - Russ Knight  
 Feb. 17 - Larry Palmer, Caroline Wilson  
 Feb. 18 - Pat Hickey  
 Feb. 19 - Frank Mills  
 Feb. 20 - Gloria Martin, Olivia Foushee  
 Feb. 22 - Johnny C. Miller, Jr., Peggy Womble  
 Feb. 24 - William Cooper, III  
 Feb. 25 - Marlene Miller  
 Feb. 26 - John Burrus  
 Feb. 27 - Allison Burrus  
 Feb. 28 - Dean Wilkinson

**Breadbasket News**

Thanks to our willing volunteers Helen Ogburn, Joanna Dempsey, Emily Kelly, Genie Martin and William Wagoner who helped to provide a warm hearty meal on a cold day for over 173 hungry folks.

The menu included spaghetti and meatballs, cheesy fries, assorted salads, desserts and garlic bread.

We couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, notify Joanna Dempsey - 718-5969 or Sue Miller - 776-4719. Let us continue to remember the hungry and less fortunate in our community.

Martha McGee

Sue Miller

**GRATITUDE & BLESSING**

*As a professional courtesy, Kathryn Dudley offered me her letter of resignation on my first day of work at the office. I understood and thanked her for her respectful offer, which is often customary practice in the church upon the arrival of a new Senior Pastor. However, I did not accept it. Three weeks latter, I did.*

*I am confident that Kathryn offered her resignation because she believed it may be best for the congregation. Subsequently, I discerned*

*it was best. I join everyone in thanksgiving for Kathryn's service to this congregation.*

*With deep gratitude, the session has decided to give Kathryn a love-gift and a special reception, celebrating her ministry among us.*

*We pray God's abundant blessing continue to be with her, her family, and her next season of ministry!*

*In Christian Love,*

*Stuart*

**THE FAMILY PLAN**

This church's Manse is beautiful, and it would be a privilege for our family to live there. However, its surrounding property is not currently zoned for equestrian pets. Our family is grateful for your understanding, as well as for those caring and energetic Christian workers who graced the Manse with additional furniture, comfort and charm!

The initial plan was for Babbs and Hannah and Ethan temporarily to move into the Manse until our house in Wadesboro sold. It has become clear that this hope---while well-intentioned---is logistically impractical, if not impossible for us.

Therefore, in order to make one, practical and realistic move, Babbs and the children will continue to live in Wadesboro until our house there is sold.

Our family enjoys being a part of FPC's Sunday morning worship. Babbs drives up to Sanford on Sunday mornings. Hannah and Ethan ordinarily come back with me on Saturday and stay through our Sunday evening Youth Group. They are so excited about being active Youth Group participants.

We are praying about and looking forward to completing "The Family Plan": selling our house in Wadesboro, purchasing a home in Sanford, and being together, in ministry and in life, with you---our new spiritual family!

In Christian Love,

*Stuart*

**Men of the Church**

As Uncle Sam says, "I need you" I now say on behalf of the Men of the Church, "we need you." Your MOC make vital contributions to the life of our church. We can do even more! We meet once per month on the third Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for a hot breakfast followed by a moment for devotion and a short program of current interest. We adjourn in time for you to attend the 9:00 a.m. worship service if that be your choice. If you need transportation all you need do is to let me know. We can even arrange for a wake up call. I hope to see you at our next meeting on Feb. 15, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center.

David Riddle, Jr., President M.O.C., 919-776-3797

**Ushers for February**

- Carolyn Washburn - Captain**
- John Burrus**
- Lisa Burrus**
- Philip Giles**
- Cindy Pijpers**
- Jennifer Tyndall**

**SINGLES' LUNCHEON**

Please come and invite a friend to hear the music of Dewayne Williams. He sings beautifully familiar songs and accompanies himself on the piano. Because of his work schedule, his singing will be first on the program from 12 - 12:30pm, then a very fine luncheon will follow. You will really enjoy this.

Call the church office, 775-5216, by Mon., Feb. 16th, and make reservations for the February 18th Singles' Luncheon.

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:  
The Family of Mark Coleman,  
The Family of Sally Suther,  
The Family of Ida Trout,  
Sharon Linney & Alyce Clark  
and Families in the death of their brother,  
Dot McNeill and Family in the death of Jack.*

- February Meals on Wheels**
- Circle # 2**
- Church Flowers**
- Circle # 2**

- February Door Greeters**
- Betty Womble
- Harold James
- Lucille Cameron
- Russ Knight

**Circles Meet on February 9th at:**

- #1- Lou VanBruggen, 720 Chelsea Drive
- # 2 - Flora Perry, 611 McLeod Drive
- # 3 - Church Parlor
- # 4 - Church Library
- # 5 - Jean Perry, 1605 Spring Lane
- # 6 - Peggy Hendley, 1601 Columbine Road
- # 7 - Church Parlor, Martha McGee, hostess
- # 8 - Meet Sunday, Feb. 15th at 9:45am in the gathering area in the Harper Center. Kristen Lagenor will be hostess.



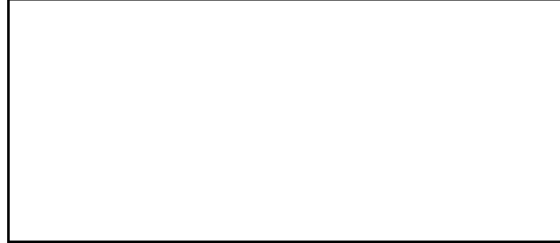
Prayer Requests  
Louise Berndt (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Emily Blue; Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Ashwood Estates); Doris Gibson; Herb Hardisty (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Kelly Holt; Mildred Johnson; Joyce Kelly; Rexine Lloyd; Charlotte Lutton; Bert McCracken; Dot McNeill (Pinelake); Todd Bailey; Micah Boggs and Family; Bob Davis' father - Willie Davis; Rusty Hodges; Betsy

Kramer; Donna McClune's mother - Rosalie Scott (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Bill & Marlene McDonald's daughter - Tara Ruffin Knight; Mary Sue Riddle's sister - Betty McNally; Burton & Betty Sherrod's son - Marc Sherrod; Lucretia Sperry's grandmother - Mildred Frady; Sally Suther's niece - Amanda Mager; Jennifer Tyndall's mother - Joanne Tucker; Cameron Wandzilak; Gladys Weaver's daughter - Mary Jon Herman; Doug Wilkinson

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## What's Happening in February???

- Sun., Feb. 1** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 3pm Bible Moderators; 4pm Stewardship/Budget Comm.; 5pm Administrative Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm Property Comm.
- Mon., Feb. 2** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 5:45pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet
- Tues. Feb. 3** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Feb. 4** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Feb. 5** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sat., Feb. 6** - 6:30pm Valentine's Dinner
- Sun., Feb. 8** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship/Communion; 12pm Covered Dish Luncheon; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm Youth
- Mon., Feb. 9** - Circles Meet; 9:30pm Staff Meeting
- Tues., Feb. 10** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Feb. 11** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Feb. 12** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Sun., Feb. 15** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service/Communion; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship/Communion; 12pm Covered Dish Luncheon; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm Youth
- Mon., Feb. 16** - 9:30am Staff Meeting
- Tues., Feb. 17** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Feb. 18** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Feb. 19** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Fri., Feb. 20** - Youth leave for ski trip
- Sun., Feb. 22** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm Congregational Care Comm.; Witness Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; Youth return from ski trip
- Mon., Feb. 23** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10am Bible Study
- Tues., Feb. 24** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Feb. 25** - Ash Wednesday
- Thurs., Feb. 26** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Fri., Feb. 27** - 6:45pm Celebration Concert
- Sat., Feb. 28** - 6:45pm Celebration Concert