



FPC News

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Pastor's Corner

While at one time or another, I have picked up and read those "power of positive thinking" type books written by Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller, I never can quite figure out the popularity of them. I've never found them to be particularly engaging or insightful. In fact, they seem to reiterate what most of us already know. Perhaps therein lies their appeal – maybe we need to be constantly reminded of the importance of our attitudes. While I would not agree that a positive attitude is a panacea, a healthy perspective on life can be very helpful! I recall a certain rags to riches story in which the now wealthy man was asked, "What would you say are the three greatest factors in your success?" He replied, "Attitude, attitude, and attitude."

Probably all of us at one time or another have found ourselves needing a major attitude adjustment. Maybe it started with a severe case of the "blues." Maybe you have heard that inner voice saying things like these: "I'm so lonely." "Nobody cares about me!" "I must not be worth much." "I'm such a failure." Et cetera, ad infinitum, and on and on. Soon those negative thoughts take hold, and...voila! Attitude trouble!! We begin having a bad attitude about ourselves, and it can turn outward toward others, until we have become angry and bitter toward everything and everybody! Even if you've never walked in those shoes, it's likely that you know someone who HAS...but please note where it all started – with ourselves! All too easily, we get wrapped up in ourselves – attitudes completely focused on, entirely centered on the big ME! Warning! Warning! Attitude adjustment overdue!!!

The best way to overcome that self-centered attitude is to...do something for someone else. It's time to shift that focus from self to others. Somewhere in my reading, I came across this bit of advice: "Ten rules for getting rid of the blues: Go out and do something for someone else, and repeat it nine times." Pretty good advice, really. Just about everyone can do this. Even if you cannot get out, you can write a note of encouragement to someone. You can get involved in a prayer chain and pray for our church, our community, our world. You can phone someone and tell them you're thinking about them. There are always people to whom we can reach out – virtually an endless supply of "attitude adjusters." So...let's start looking beyond ourselves!

Just thinking out loud,
Philip

Vacation Bible School

June 24th is right around the corner and Vacation Bible School will begin! If you have not registered you or your child, please contact the church office. Final supplies need to be ordered and we want to make sure we order enough for everyone!

Church Clean Up Day

There will be a church clean up day on
Sat., June 2nd from 7am - 12pm.

Everyone is invited for mostly inside
cleaning!!

ATTENTION!

If you are 17, at least 110 pounds, in good health and would like to help 3 people at one time without leaving the church, the Deacons at First Presbyterian NEED YOU!

As a community & outreach program the Deacons would like to sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive using the Harper Center as our donation center.

We are 'testing the waters' to determine the success of promoting such a drive. Sign up sheets are in the colonnade (near the coffee), and in the McIver Hall at the desk. If you prefer, you may print your name, phone number, Blood Drive on a blank piece of paper, give it to a Deacon OR just call me. We want to have many opportunities to sign up.

We need to have numbers before we schedule & commit. This is not an activity limited to church members. Encourage your healthy friends to join in. Any questions, call me or I can provide you with a Red Cross number. Keep in mind, by giving a unit of blood, the life you save just might be your own!

Check out your newsletter & bulletins the next few months for 'Fascinating Facts' about your blood!

Joanne Hamilton - 776-2541

June Birthdays

June 1 - Jill Anderson, Mike Matson
 June 2 - Dot Boaz
 June 3 - Lynn Knight, Dowe Smith, Wanda Perry
 June 4 - Skylar Whitton
 June 5 - Danny Sewell, Ann Milstead
 June 6 - Irma Autrey, Chris Register, Susan B. Patterson
 June 7 - Marshall Quick
 June 8 - Don Angell Sr., Ronnie Lemon, Katie Childress
 June 10 - Mary Lewis Johnson, Annie Brewer
 June 13 - Jackie Sechler, Joyce Kelly
 June 14 - Susan Silva
 June 15 - Kelly Holt, Randy Robertson
 June 16 - Tommy Mann Sr., Robert Birney, Steve Gunter, Peter Gaidosh, Andrew West
 June 17 - Lynn Angell, Katy Suther
 June 18 - Avery Garris
 June 19 - Melissa Woddell, Sharon Linney
 June 20 - Sarah Mann, Bob Law, Hayden Taylor, Pat Humphries
 June 22 - Joanne Hamilton, Ryan Childress
 June 23 - Gary Walker, Jane LaRue
 June 24 - Elizabeth Suther
 June 25 - Jimmy Washburn, Marge Thomas
 June 26 - Bucky Payne
 June 27 - Chan Heins, Lauren McCormack
 June 28 - June Gunter
 June 30 - Sally Chapin, Harrison Riddle

I am truly grateful to friends at FPC for their kindness and concern for me during my recovery from an accident. The cards, telephone calls, food and prayers were a lovely expression of your thoughtfulness and we appreciate both more than we can tell.

Jenny Lou &
Virginia McLeod

May I thank each and every one of you at First Presbyterian Church who so kindly remembered me during my recent illness. Your sharing with me the warmth of your Christian love was truly appreciated.

Gratefully,
Mary Gibson

Breadbasket News

On a chilly morning in May, 147 hungry folks were served by our volunteers at the Breadbasket. Those who came were very appreciative for their meal of baked pork chops, parsley potatoes, vegetable medley, applesauce, rolls and assorted desserts. Our faithful helpers

this month were: Pat McCracken, Helen Lynde, Helen Ogburn and Rexine Lloyd.

Thank you so much for your help. Pat, you were great in the kitchen!

May Chefs,
Martha McGee & Sue Miller

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday is June 3rd. This is the first year we have held Graduation Sunday during the 9am service! Our seniors are Zachary Lynn Angell, Stephanie Janice Morgan, Sarah Marie Almond and Abby Elizabeth Palmer. Take time to congratulate these students on their accomplishments!

Disciple

Are you interested in a short-term Disciple class on John? The Christian Ed. Committee is excited to offer this class! We just need to know the days and times to schedule the class. Would you prefer a morning or evening class? Contact Susan in the church office with your preference! No previous Disciple classes needed! The cost of the student book is \$9.00.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday was May 27th. Taylor Davenport, Jefferson Phillips and Logan Woodell met with the Session for their examination during breakfast. We are thrilled to have them join First Presbyterian Church and publicly professing their faith to the Session. Confirmation is a 3 year process at FPC. This year Peggy Golden and David Riddle Jr. taught the 8th grade class. Peggy and David had 2 mentors working with them, Katy Brewer and Katherine Holt. Thank you to all of you for sharing your faith experiences with our newest members! Please welcome these young people in the coming days and weeks.

Session Report - May

- Acolyte training is being planned.
- The Pentecost Offering was collected on May 27th.
- \$120,000 has been paid on the church mortgage.
- An Elder Conference will be held Aug. 29 - 31st in Nashville, TN.

Exploris Museum

The trip to Exploris has been re-scheduled for July 21st. We will meet in the Harper Center parking lot at 9:45am. Wear your FPC t-shirt, if you do not have one yet, contact Susan in the church office. Bring a bag lunch to eat in the park close to Exploris. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Call Susan to register.

June Door Greeters

Bill McClelland
Joan Wagoner
Leah Terrell
Flora Perry

All women are invited to the annual Spring Gathering of PW on Monday, June 18th at 3:45 p.m. in the Harper Center. Election of 2008 officers will be held. Come enjoy the fellowship and refreshments.

June Meals on Wheels

Circle # 8

Church Flowers

Circle # 6

Circles Meet on June 11th at:

- # 1 - Dot Boaz, 2324 Radius Drive
- # 2 - Meet at church at 11:00 a.m.
- # 3 - Pat VanderHoek, 3119 Chipping Wedge
- # 4 - Dottie Gall, 1720 Margarita Lane
Tuesday, June 12th
- # 5 - Mary Alice Holmes, 1802 Cool Springs Road
- # 6 - Church Parlor
- # 7 - Emily Kelly, 604 Thomas Williams Road
- # 8 -

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:
The Family of Margaret Seymore, Alice Heins and Family in the death of her aunt,
The Family of Helen Dyer.*



Ann Barkley; Phyllis Bennett & Family; Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dutch Bristow (CCH); Boyd Childress (Moore Reg.); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Oakhaven); Doris Gibson; June Harrington (Liberty Commons); Dean Hollingsworth; Merlee McDonald (Pinelake); Janelle & Savanna Phelps; Betty Sherrod; Don Suddarth; Matthew Arnold (UNC); Joan Bland's stepfather, DC Holler; Jessica Brewer's mother, Linda Brewer and father, Winslow Brewer; Jerry Campbell's mother, Clarene Campbell; Betty Chatellier; Ann Cook; Bob Davis's father, Willie Davis; Rudine Miller's mother, Callie Pace; Wanda Perry; Wilson Proctor's sister, Elizabeth Lecroy; Taylor Ridal; Anne Smith Seymour's mother, Naomi Smith; Sally Suther's niece, Amanda Mager; Lucretia Sperry's grandmother, Mildred Frady; Karen Tatum's father, Wesley Spence; Jennifer Tyndall's brother, Brian Tucker; Don Wazenegger's brother, Ron Wazenegger

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What's Happening in June???

Sat., June 2 - 7am Church Clean Up Day; 5pm Young Ladies of Christ Debutant Program - Harper Center

Sun., June 3 - Communion; 8:45am Middle School Youth - Carowinds; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; Sr. High Youth - Emerald Point; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 4:30pm Witness Comm.; 5pm Administrative Comm.; 7pm New Member Comm.

Mon., June 4 - 5:30pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet

Tues., June 5 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., June 6 - 6pm Child Care Provider appreciation dinner - Harper

Center; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., June 7 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sun., June 10 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm PW Coordinating Team; 6pm Youth

Mon., June 11 - Circles Meet; 6pm CDC Board Meets

Tues., June 12 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., June 13 - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., June 14 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sun., June 17 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 6pm Youth

Mon., June 18 - 3:45pm PW Spring Meeting

Tues., June 19 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., June 20 - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., June 21 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sun., June 24 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 5:30pm Vacation Bible School

Mon., June 25 - 5:30pm Vacation Bible School

Tues., June 26 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 5:30pm Vacation Bible School

Wed., June 27 - 5:30pm Vacation Bible School; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., June 28 - 5:30pm Vacation Bible 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! The sign-up board is in the colonnade or you may call Susan in the church office to volunteer.