



# FPC News

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May 1, 2007

## Pastor's Corner

Throughout the centuries, poets, authors, and musicians have waxed poetry about motherly love. In their striving to describe it and explain it, many have given touching portraits of the wonders of such love. Evident in those portrayals is the reality that those writers have been on the receiving end of that kind of love. I suppose it should offer us a good bit of hope that despite the efforts of some who would ridicule such sentimentality or point out that not all mothers are so loving, nonetheless we persist in our high regard and gratitude for motherly love. I have no doubt that the vast majority of us in the church could share not just one but numerous stories from our own lives that point to the poignancy and power of a mother's love. Part of that power lies in the very memories of our mothers through the years. Our memories of loving moments and self-sacrificing love can touch us deeply, at a level that inspires us to love as we have been loved. Thus, the love that was first given to us, we then pass along to another. That is the nature of love's power – the power to perpetuate tenderness, kindness, gentleness – the power to change us and lift us to a higher place, and even to lift others alongside us. Whenever we experience the kind of love that inspires us to become better human beings, I believe that is a reflection of God's love at work. In this way, I believe that celebrating Mother's Day elevates us all. It can become a memory maker in which we give thanks to God for the love we have received through the ones who have mothered us in Godly ways. I know that I am everlastingly thankful for the love that has been given me through the years by my mother, and for the love I have seen my wife pass along to our children. Such people are truly inspirational to me, and challenge me to love likewise. From them I have learned much about true Godly love.

May your celebration of Mother's Day become a day to remember and to express gratitude for the love you have received – a love that you can now give unto others.

Yours in Christ,

*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!**

Congratulations to Paul Shields who graduated from Union/PSCE, Charlotte on Saturday, April 21st. Paul received his Master of Divinity degree. Please congratulate Paul and his family on this milestone.

"The Hills are Alive"  
Best of Broadway & Gospel  
Festival Singers of Lee County  
Sunday, May 6th at 3pm - Harper Center

## 2007 Pentecost Offering

### For Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults

**Through the Pentecost Offering, we express a shared commitment to provide hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service options for young adults.**

- **40% of the offering will be used in our community for children at risk.**
- **25% for General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults.**
- **10% for advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk.**
- **25% PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer opportunities.**

**Please give generously on May 27th.**



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.

**May Birthdays**

May 1 - Paul Shields  
 May 2 - Danny Sloan  
 May 4 - Connie Currents, Ben Ciliberto, Sloane Payne, Jennifer Marano  
 May 6 - David Lloyd III  
 May 7 - Sydney Michael, Jean Perry  
 May 8 - Gary Edson  
 May 9 - Bessie Griffith  
 May 10 - Lucille Cameron, Eric Douglass, Alston Miller, Harrison Miller  
 May 11 - Vivian Monger, Barbara Dymond  
 May 12 - Matthew Davenport  
 May 13 - Barbara McDermott, Monty Milstead  
 May 14 - Sallie Tatum, Bryson McAdams, Don Sechler, Tyler James  
 May 16 - Isabel Everett, Todd Sloan  
 May 17 - Brock Gibson  
 May 18 - Guy York  
 May 20 - Bert McCracken, Julianna Silva, Rachel Lanning  
 May 21 - Brad Wilkinson, Vic Gustavson  
 May 22 - Clawson Ellis, Michael McCracken, Pete Lagenor, Steve Morgan  
 May 25 - Hilda Carson, Dot McNeill  
 May 26 - Emily Kelly, Terri Kittrell, Scott Morgan  
 May 28 - Stan Lemon  
 May 30 - Pauline Collins, Burton Sherrrod

Thank you to everyone for your kind expressions of care following my recent foot surgery. Your calls, cards, and prayers have genuinely been appreciated and deeply felt. I am humbled and touched by the outpouring of your compassion.

Gratefully,  
 Philip

The children of FPC would like to thank Lois Moffett for donating her book, The Birds of the Bible. For those of you who have not seen it, Lois painted a mural of the birds of the Bible on tiles. This mural, based on Matthew 6:26, was donated to White Memorial Pres. Church where her late husband, Polk, was an Associate Pastor for 16 years. The book shows her paintings and gives the scripture references of the birds of the Bible. The KICKS kids will study the different birds of the Bible based on her book this Spring! **San-Lee Park will be bringing a barn owl and a hawk on Wed., May 16th.** Thank you again for this wonderful addition to our library.

**Confirmation Sunday**

Confirmation Sunday (8th graders) is scheduled for May 27th at 8am in the Harper Center. The Elders will provide breakfast for the confirmands followed by their examination. Parents are asked to attend with their child. If you have any questions, please contact Susan in the church office.

**Exploris Museum**

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a day at the Exploris Museum in Raleigh. Exploris is an interactive museum about the world. There you can discover connections between the people of the world through hands-on exhibits, cultural performances, programs and a 3D IMAX Theater. We will share the wonder of the world around us together!

We will meet on Saturday, May 19th at 9:45am in the Harper Center. Tickets are \$5 each for ages 4 - adult and children 3 and under are free. Don't forget to wear your FPC shirt. Call Susan in the church office no later than May 1st to sign up and give your shirt size if you did not go to the zoo.

**Graduate Sunday**

Sunday, June 3rd will be our Graduate Sunday for our Senior High Youth. Please wear your cap and gown to the 11am service. We will meet in the colonnade at 10:45am. If you have a graduating senior, please contact Susan in the church office. Thanks!

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

A report from the church treasurer indicates that \$1,420.34 has been received for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The Witness & Benevolence Committee and the Session would like to thank the congregation for your generosity. This money will be added to that of thousands of other Presbyterian Church U.S.A. congregations to be used for disaster assistance, hunger and the self-development of people. For any of you who were away Palm or Easter Sundays it is not too late to make a contribution. A check can be made to First Presbyterian Church with OGHs and your offering envelope number in the memo section.

**Shepherd's Corner**

**Shepherds Dinner**

Shepherds, join us for a dinner on Monday, May 21st at 6pm in the Harper Center.

**May Ushers**

**Bryson McAdams - Captain**  
**Joe Brewer**  
**Jerry Campbell**  
**Pam Patterson**  
**Carolyn Washburn**  
**Jimmy Washburn**

**May Door Greeters**

Lynn Angell  
 Elinor Ankrom  
 David Lloyd  
 Wanda Wazenegger

**May Meals on Wheels**

**Circle # 6**  
**Church Flowers**  
**Circle # 5**

**Singles' Luncheon**

The Singles' Luncheon will be held Wed., May 16th at 12pm in the Harper Center. Dr. West will present the program this month. He will give an overview of his recent Bible study of Islam. Bring a friend!

Please call the church office no later than Monday, May 14th to make your reservation.

**Session Report - April**

- Elder McGee will represent FPC at the Region 5 Presbytery meeting on April 21st.
- A Shepherd's dinner will be held Monday, May 21st at 6pm in the Harper Center.
- Any church member may attend any committee meeting that interests them.

**Coordinating Team**

The coordinating team will not meet this month (Mother's Day). Please pick up materials in the coordinating team meeting room following the 11am service on May 13th. If you have any questions, please call Sue Miller at 776-4719.

**Women's Circles**

Some women have expressed a desire to be assigned to a morning circle that meets at the church. Reasons:

- To utilize and enjoy our wonderful facility.
- To have a meeting location known to all members.

If you desire to be placed in a circle of this kind, please call Pat VanderHoek at 499-6489 or

Donna Robertson at 919-542-1354.



Phyllis Bennett & Family; Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Oakhaven); Doris Gibson; Dean Hollingsworth; Emily Kelly; Charlotte Lutton; Merlee McDonald (Pinelake); Virginia McLeod; Rudine Miller; Janelle & Savannah Phelps; Betty Sherrod; Joan Bland's stepfather - D.C. Holler; Jessica Brewer's mother - Linda Brewer and father - Winslow Brewer; Don Buie; Jerry Campbell's mother - Clarene Campbell; Carol Carlson; Ann Cook; Bob Davis's father - Willie Davis; Rudine Miller's mother - Callie Pace; Wanda Perry; Wilson Proctor's sister - 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; Raymond Womble's brother - Wayne Womble

**Circles Meet on May 14th at:**

- #1 - Elinor Ankrom, 907 Hawkins Avenue
- # 2 - Lou VanBruggen, 720 Chelsea Drive
- # 3 - Bea Fields, 2119 Carthage Street
- # 4 - Betty Womble, 320 Westport Place
- # 5 - Mary Lynn Ingram, 1519 Stoneridge Road
- # 6 - Betty Hart, 313 Acorn Drive
- # 7 - Church Parlor - Martha McGee, hostess
- # 8 - Harper Center at 6:30pm, salad supper, bring your favorite salad

**Men of the Church**

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, May 20th at 8am in the Harper Center. Join us for a delicious breakfast and a great program!



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## What's Happening in May???

**Tues., May 1** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 2** - 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., May 3** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Fri., May 4** - Sr. High Youth leave for Oriental

**Sun., May 6** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation; 11am Worship; 3pm Festival Singers Concert - Harper Center; 5pm Admin. Committee meets; 6pm Middle School Youth

**Mon., May 7** - 5:30pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers Supper; 7pm Elders Meet

**Tues., May 8** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 9** - 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., May 10** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., May 13** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation; 11am Worship

**Mon., May 14** - Circles Meet

**Tues., May 15** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 16** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study;

6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., May 17** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sat., May 19** - 9:45am Exploris Museum

**Sun., May 20** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation; 11am Worship; 4pm Congregational Care Comm., Witness Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm., 7:30pm Committees Meet

**Mon., May 21** - 6pm CDC Board Meets; 6pm Shepherd's Dinner

**Tues., May 22** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 23** - 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study;

6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., May 24** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., May 27** - 8am Confirmation Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 6pm Youth

**Mon., May 28** - Memorial Day; Church Office Closed; CDC Closed

**Tues., May 29** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 30** - 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7pm CDC Graduation - Mclver Hall; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., May 31** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting