



# FPC News

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May 1, 2009

## Pastor's Corner

### THROWING THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER

Even though the hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers* can be interpreted to be politically incorrect, socially exclusive, and theologically unbalanced, does that mean we need to throw the baby out with the bath water?

Prior to singing this selection as our final hymn on May 3rd, I will share with you what I believe is a proper preface that recaptures the heart of the hymn.

Below is the lens through which I interpret this hymn.

Onward Christian soldiers - Christians are not stationary. Onward they go and grow.

A Christian soldier - A Christian soldier is equipped, disciplined, and led by Christ the royal Master.

Marching as to war, into battle, against the foe - There is a war, which battles against the foe of evil and sin.

Like a mighty army - An army is a group that is armed. The Church of God is a spiritual army, armed with the promise of Christ, the purpose of Christ, and the presence of Christ.

The words Brothers and Men, let's signify and sing them as being representative of both brothers and sisters, men and women.

Lastly, let's remember that following the cross of Jesus does not mean triumph according to *our way*, or according to the American way, or according to the way of the world. The cross of Jesus is a symbol of triumph according to God's way. God's way is victory by way of dying to self and sin, and by living in liberating love with God and neighbor!

Let's look up & see His banners go!

In Christian Love,

*Stuart*



## VBS 2009

June 14th - 18th

We are in need of camping gear to use as props for Vacation Bible School (tent,

sleeping bag, cooking utensils, etc.) If you have anything we can borrow, please call Rhonda in the church office, 775-5216.

Community Hymn Sing

Edgewood Presbyterian Church invites you to a community hymn sing on Sunday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m. at Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Woodland Ave. Refreshments will be served!

### ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before; Christ the royal Master leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, His banners go!

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God; brothers we are treading where the saints have trod; we are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the Church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell

can never 'gainst that church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song; glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King; this through countless ages men and angels sing.

### REFRAIN

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Amen.

**May Birthdays**

May 2 - Danny Sloan, Jr.  
 May 4 - Connie Currens, Ben Ciliberto, Sloane Payne  
 May 6 - David Lloyd III  
 May 7 - Sydney Michael, Jean Perry  
 May 8 - Gary Edson  
 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, Marsha Koury, Tyler James  
 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, Pete Lagenor, Steve Morgan, John Garris  
 May 24 - Jayden Gerstmyer  
 May 25 - Dot McNeill  
 May 26 - Emily Kelly, Terri Kittrell, Scott Morgan, Philip Giles  
 May 28 - Stan Lemon  
 May 30 - Pauline Collins

**Breadbasket News**

On Tuesday, April 14th, First Presbyterian women served their day at the Breadbasket.

Our lunch menu included beef noodles, English peas, candied yams, deviled eggs, tossed salad, rolls and iced tea.

Our special thanks to the following "super" volunteer helpers who helped to serve 150 plates. Those volunteers were Joanna

Dempsey, Emily Kelly, Jan LaRue, Ginny Martin, Helen Ogburn and Renea Phillips.

If you wish to witness in our community, please consider serving at the Breadbasket. Our church serves on the second Tuesday every month.

Martha McGee & Sue Miller  
April Volunteers

**Inquirers' Class**

We would again like to thank the congregation for your support of our Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate sales. Just recently, we were able to contribute another \$100 to Heifer International.

**Habitat for Humanity**

There is a serious need for volunteers to work at the Habitat for Birds Store. If you could work one or two half days a month, please contact Gloria Martin at 499-4446. Shifts are 11-2 and 2-5 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards and prayers. Your continued thoughts and prayers for my family and me will be greatly appreciated.

Love,  
Kelly Holt

**From the Music Room**

**Halleluiah! He is Risen!**  
**What a glorious Easter Sunday.** My thanks go out to all who participated in this historic Sunday. For the first time both our contemporary and traditional congregations came together as one with a blending of both styles of worship. Thanks to the youth, the contemporary en-

semble and the 11:00 a.m. adult choir. Thanks to Bobby Johnson, Daryl Perry and Sarah Almond for blending their talents into our service. What a day of music, preaching and most of all coming together at First Presbyterian Church. Together We Can!!!

*David*

20 Things You Can Do For Peace In Your World

13. Organize or join a neighborhood watch.

**Men of the Church**

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, May 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center.

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

**SINGLES' LUNCHEON**

On May 20th the Singles' Luncheon will have an interesting program presented by Reinette Seaman. Last October she was in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with the "Eight Days of Hope" missionary group as they were helping clean up after a devastating flood.

The ladies of Circle # 4 will prepare a delicious lunch for us.

Invite a friend and call the church office by Monday, May 18th to make your reservation!

**May  
Meals on Wheels**

**Circle # 8**

**Church Flowers**

**Circle # 3**

**May Door**

**Greeters**

Mclver Hall

Wanda Wazenegger

Sanctuary

Gloria Martin

Betty Womble

Colonnade

Reggie Miller

**College kids** home for the summer are invited to join us in the young adults Sunday School class that meets in the old library. We would love to have you!



Barbara McDermott

Fox Hollow

190 Fox Hollow Rd., Room 103

Pinehurst NC 28374

**Attention Circle Chairmen**

**It has been requested that we hold our May Coordinating Team meeting in the Carson classroom instead of the old library. Please make note of this new meeting place!**

**Circles Meet on  
May 11th at:**

- #1- Church Parlor
- # 2 - Dottie Gall, 1720 Margarita Lane
- # 3 - Joan Wagoner, 2015 Plantation Drive
- # 4 - Church Library
- # 5 - Frances Smith, 2210 Lakeland Drive
- # 6 - Church Library
- # 7 - Church Parlor
- # 8 - Meet Sunday, May 17th at 9:45am on the patio, weather permitting, for a brunch. Please bring a brunch dish to share. There will be a combined Sunday School for preschool - 5th grades.

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:  
The Family of Emily Blue,  
Clyde Womble and Family in the death of his brother-in-law,  
Raymond Womble and Family in the death of his uncle.*



Irma Autrey, Louise Berndt (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Ashwood Estates); Doris Gibson; Herb Hardisty (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Kelly Holt; Mildred Johnson; Charlotte Lutton; Bert McCracken; Dot McNeill (Pinelake); Kenan Williams (Baptist Hospital - Winston Salem); Lewis Yow; Brady Burnett; Bob Davis' father

- Willie Davis; Ashley Kelly Lind; Bill & Lisa McClelland's nephew - Jacob Biewer; Donna McClune's mother - Rosalie Scott; Bill & Marlene McDonald's daughter - Tara Ruffin Knight; Mary Sue Riddle's sister - Betty McNally and brother-in-law - Howard Caudle; Burton & Betty Sherrod's son - Marc Sherrod; Gladys Weaver's daughter - Mary Jon Herman

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**What's Happening in May???**

**Fri., May 1** - Youth leave for Oriental, NC

**Sat., May 2** - 7am MOC Fundraiser Breakfast

**Sun., May 3** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm Administrative Comm. meets; 4pm PW Bible Moderators; Youth return from Oriental, NC

**Mon., May 4** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 5:45pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet

**Tues., May 5** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 6** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., May 7** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., May 10** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm PW Coordinating Team meets; 6pm Youth

**Mon., May 11** - Circles Meet; 9:30am Staff Meeting

**Tues., May 12** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 13** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., May 14** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., May 17** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4:30pm Committees Meet; 5pm Community Hymn Sing - Edgewood Pres-

byterian Church; 6pm Youth

**Mon., May 18** - 9:30am Staff Meeting

**Tues., May 19** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 20** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., May 21** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., May 24** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship

**Mon., May 25** - Memorial Day; Church Office Closed

**Tues., May 26** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., May 27** - 4pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders meet; 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., May 28** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., May 31** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm Administrative Comm. meets; 3pm Festival Singers concert - Harper Center; 6pm Youth