



# FPC News

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## FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Cor. 3:17-18)

For the continued spiritual growth of our church family, our Session is sponsoring a “Healthy Congregations” workshop in our Harper Center on Friday evening and Saturday **October 21-22**. Please place this on your calendar and plan to participate.

All members are invited to attend. Furthermore, it is especially important for all of our current serving and officers-elect to be a part of this transformational process.

There will be no charge for the workshop or its workbook. All expenses of this conference will be paid for from an appropriate memorial fund. This way the door is wide open and welcoming for everyone to attend.

However, there is one necessity. All persons who wish to participate in the “Healthy Congregations” workshop need to “register” by contacting Lori no later than Wed., Oct. 12th. She will be compiling the list of persons signing up to attend. When the list is complete, we will order the correct number of Workbooks, so that

each person will have his or her own Workbook. (All persons who attend need to have—and will be given—their own Workbook)

The insert in our September newsletter outlines the workshop’s schedule, highlights its topics, documents its conceptual sources, and introduces the leader of our conference: Bob Williamson. Bob’s website is [www.BeliefsChart.org](http://www.BeliefsChart.org).

Our October conference is a ministry of The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, which has for years conducted “Healthy Congregations” workshops and other seminars throughout the United States—and some even in Italy and Switzerland. Away on Continuing Education this past May in Dubuque, I had the privilege of meeting and learning from the Center’s Executive Director, Richard Blackburn, who conducted the “Mediation Skills Institute for Church Leaders”. You are invited to visit and explore their website: [www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org).

With the help of the Holy Spirit through this relationally empowering event, together we can take another significant spiritual step forward. Thus, we are further enabled to experience the healthy future to which God is calling us all!

In Christian love,  
Stuart



Please join us in the Harper Center for a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, September 11th** at 9:00 a.m.

(combined worship service at 10am) to kickoff the new Sunday School year. The children will be promoted to their new classes and meet their Sunday School teachers!

## Catered Stewardship Luncheon

**Sunday, September 25th at noon in the Harper Center.** Guest speaker will be John Hewett from Cargill Associates. Make plans to be in attendance to hear this dynamic speaker and enjoy a wonderful meal.

The lunch is going to be catered, so we need an accurate count of people planning to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the colonnade, McIver Hall or you may call Lori, 775-5216. Bring a dessert to share! Help us in this endeavor by signing up and participating. The future of your church belongs to you!



Sept. 2 - Lewis Yow, Catherine Moessner

Sept. 5 - Elinor Ankrom

Sept. 6 - Mindy Beebe, Martha McGee, Bill Faucette

Sept. 7 - Joan Suddarth, Janelle Miles

Sept. 8 - Dave Martin, David Riddle III

Sept. 9 - Marissa Silva, Kathy Hollid, Jean Kenerly, Anne Seymour

Sept. 10 - Wilton Giles

Sept. 11 - David Riddle, Jr., Wilson Proctor, Jennifer Tatum, Justin Angell

Sept. 12 - Olivia Norris, Katherine Holt, Bonnie Walker

Sept. 14 - Katie Nipper, Sarah Patterson, Dan Harrington

Sept. 15 - Barry Bristow

Sept. 17 - Becky Cobb, Matthew Phillips

Sept. 18 - Stephen Brewer, Jr.

Sept. 19 - Ruth Cashion, Mary Proctor

Sept. 22 - Leah Terrell

Sept. 24 - JoAnne Shea

Sept. 25 - Vivian Dull, Lo Keith

Sept. 26 - Jacqueline Wilson, Brooke Byrd

Sept. 27 - Bill McClelland

Sept. 28 - Jared Koury, Sherri Harrell, Michael Davenport, Jonathan Mills

Sept. 29 - Kristen Lagenor, Dorothy Foushee

Sept. 30 - Luke Kiser, Laura Murphy, J.C. Perry, Renea Phillips

### Breadbasket News

On August 9th, FPC volunteers served 147 plates to eager recipients at the Breadbasket. The meal consisted of sliced pork, green beans, mac and cheese, fruit cups, bread, sodas and varied desserts.

Those volunteering were Lynn Knight, Flora Perry, Joanna Dempsey, Joanne Hamilton, Hope Knight and Mary

Alice Holmes.

Anyone who would like to help on Sept. 13th, please call Hope Knight, 775-5110 or Mary Alice Holmes, 775-3678.

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A new 5 ton air conditioning unit has been added so it was nice and cool!

### CUOC News

YOU received the call and YOU responded with an abundance of food items! Two truckloads have been deliv-

ered from First Presbyterian. This food makes such a difference in so many lives. Our next CUOC offering will be Sunday, September 18th.

Pray for our Shut-Ins



Emily Buchanan-Parkview; Dorothy Foushee-Parkview; Doris Gibson; Herb Hardisty-Sanford Health & Rehab.; Mary Jon Herman-Lee Co. Nursing; Lo Keith; Barbara McDermott; Ralph & Vivian Monger-Parkview; Margaret Poe-Parkview; Sallie Tatum-Parkview

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Members:** Our Pastor & His Family, Babbs, Hannah & Ethan for the sale of their home & their move to Sanford; Steve Brewer's wife, Kathy; Janelle Miles

**Friends:** Jessica Brewer's mother, Linda Brewer; Debbie Campbell's mother, Joan Jones; Andrew Darroch; Fred Fehr; Pat Gurley; Lisa McClelland's sister, Leslie Barrera; Bill

Miles; Debbie Nigro; Pam Patterson's father, Perry White; Vicki Register's mother, Grace Fuquay; Randy Robertson's father, Walter Robertson; Paul Sehorne; Griff Sperry's father, C.B. Sperry; Paula Spivey; Elizabeth Suther's cousin, Amanda Mager; Monty Terrell's father, John Terrell; Anne Thompson; Jennifer Tyndall's father, Jim Tucker and uncle, Johnny Holder; Mary Waters; Rhonda Woodell's uncle, Doug Chrisley; Helen Yarborough

**Men of the Church**

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, Sept. 18th at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center.

Don't miss the delicious breakfast , great program and wonderful fellowship!

**Ushers for September**

Captain - Susan Silva

**9am:**

Pete & Kristen Lagenor

**11am:**

Monte Cunningham

Nancy Cunningham

Philip Giles

Marissa Silva

Elizabeth Terrell

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment for a Sunday, please find a replacement.

**Singles' Luncheon**

Let's have fun!! On Wednesday, Sept. 21st at noon in the Harper Center, Terry Sharpe - president of the Hearts and Hands Quilters will come and display some quilts, and also explain new methods and patterns. Don't miss the entertaining program and wonderful food!

Please invite a friend and make your reservation (775-5216) by Monday, Sept. 19th.

**September Door**

**Greeters**

Sanctuary

Flora Perry

Roy Cashion

Mclver Hall

Joe Brewer

**September Meals on Wheels**

**Circle # 6**

**Church Flowers**

**Circle # 6**

**Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**

**LEADERSHIP SCHOOL/**

**LEARNING FAIR**

Saturday, September 17th, 8am-2:30pm

Sampson Community College

Clinton, NC

Watch for bulletin insert, Sun., Sept. 11th.

Registration packets available in the church office.

**Presbyterian Women Circles**

For the year 2011, all Circles will gather at the church for their meeting. Each month everyone will meet together and watch a video then split and go to their regular Circle groups (locations listed below.) Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12th. Circles 1 - 5 will meet at 10am in the Sr. High Room.

**Circle 1:** Parlor: **Circle 2:** Library

**Circle 3:** Sr. High Room:

**Circle 4:** Hobson Class Room:

**Circle 5:** Conference Room

**Circles 6 & 7:** Sr. High Room (7pm)

**Circle 8:** 3rd Sunday each month in the Library during Sunday School.

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## What's Happening in September???

- Sun., Sept. 4** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship
- Mon., Sept. 5** - Church Office Closed
- Tues., Sept. 6** - 5:45pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet
- Wed., Sept. 7** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Sept. 8** - 7pm PW Bible Moderators
- Sun., Sept. 11** - 9am Rally Day Pancake
- Breakfast; 10am Combined Worship Service/Congregational Meeting; 11am PW Coordinating Team Meets; 5pm Sr. High & Middle School Youth
- Mon., Sept. 12** - Circles Meet; 9:30am Staff Meeting
- Wed., Sept. 14** - 3:15pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Sat., Sept. 17** - 8am Leadership School/Learning Fair - Clinton, NC
- Sun., Sept. 18** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4:30pm Committees Meet; 5pm Sr. High & Middle School Youth
- Mon., Sept. 19** - 9:30am Staff Meeting
- Tues., Sept. 20** - 10am Bible Study; 7pm Bible Study
- Wed., Sept. 21** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Sun., Sept. 25** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Adult Sunday School; 10am Children's Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm Stewardship Luncheon; 5pm Sr. High & Middle School Youth
- Mon., Sept. 26** - 9:30am Staff Meeting
- Tues., Sept. 27** - 10am Bible Study; 7pm Bible Study
- Wed., Sept. 28** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice