

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR by Scott Deneen

God is a giving God. He is not stingy, greedy, or covetous; nor is He a hoarder (Eph. 1:3; Rom. 8:32; James 1:17). His heart overflows with kindness and His blessings overflow on Creation in general and His people in particular. He has withheld no good thing from us. In fact, the giving of His only Begotten Son is the highest and greatest gift that could be given, so we know He is a beneficent God.

God's personal giving attitude, then, makes our giving/sharing easy to do, because we have received from His hand blessing upon blessing. And there's more... as believers we have been given the Holy Spirit, so Christ, who lives in us by His Spirit, desires to be Himself – a Giver – through us. Yearning within a Christian's heart is the heart of Christ desiring, urging grace to be shown to others. It is when we release ourselves to Christ in this manner that we exhibit true Christian giving.

In fact, when we give graciously, generously, and cheerfully, we act out of who we were created to be – those reflecting the image of God. And if God is a giver then it follows we will be too.

So what happens when we become cheerful, generous givers? Do we miss out on pleasure? joy? blessing? No, rather our joy is increased because we become more of who we were meant to be – those bearing the image of God and experiencing the joy of God (Matt. 25:23b).

May God continue to bless you richly and may His blessings cultivate in you (and me) a heart of giving.

Grace and Peace,

Scott

**The Lord's Supper will be observed this
Sunday, February 7 during morning worship.**

COMMUNICANTS CLASS



We have eight 5th graders participating in our upcoming Communicants Class beginning February 21st at 4:30 pm. Please be in prayer for them as they explore what it means to be a member of Christ's church as well as First Presbyterian!

Kirsten Abernathy, Christiana Friesenhahn, Gabriella Griffin, Brenner McMinn, Caroline Mesimer, Nathan Chitwood, Jake Fox and Clay Harper.



**BEST YEARS
VALENTINE PARTY
FEBRUARY 13
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Founders Hall**

Make plans to come for
great food, fun and games!!



**BURRELL CARE GROUP'S
HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**



Attention Church Family: Do you need help with small jobs around the house or yard? The Burrell Care Group will help with minor home repairs, transportation, running errands, attic storage, moving furniture, small painting jobs or other things you might need. Let us know your need and we will determine if we are able to help with it.

Is there something you have been putting off because you didn't have help? Call HELPING HANDS (Lennie Burrell, contact person) at 704-263-8055 and share your need. It will be presented to members of our Care Group to determine who would best be equipped to handle it for you. You will then be contacted and details will be worked out at your convenience. Let us help you! The only charges would be for any materials that might need to be purchased. If you want to pay for services, a donation to Faith Promise would be accepted but is NOT necessary.

NURSERY PAGER REMINDER

Just a reminder to nursery workers that pagers 9 and 10 are used by Deacons on Sunday mornings. In the event of an emergency, you may page one of them for assistance.

INVITATION REMINDER

**Anniversary Celebration Lunch
In honor of Jake and Carolyn Rhyne**

**Saturday, February 6
12 Noon
Founders Hall**

(Hosted by their granddaughter, Angel Ross.)

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathies are extended to **Wanda Elliott**. Wanda's sister, Jean Bynum passed away January 27.

Ellie Abernathy has returned to the Stanley Total Living Center following hip surgery last week. She has been experiencing severe pain which the doctor determined was coming from infection in her hip joint.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Tyler Dirks is the senior pastor at East Charlotte Presbyterian Church. Tyler was born in The Wild Wild West (Dodge City, KS). After graduating from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS he voyaged to the east coast to marry his beautiful bride (Carrie). Tyler obtained his Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte NC in 2007, and then took a call to shepherd students and faculty members at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte as the RUF Campus Minister from 2007-2013. Tyler then took a call to plant a PCA church on the East Side of Charlotte in June of 2013. Tyler and Carrie have 4 lovely and rambunctious children --- > Maggie, Henry, Haven, and Phinehas (and a dog named Bella, and a cat named Nugget).

A specific prayer request is that he would harbor supernatural hope for the flock of Jesus Christ, and all who He is irresistibly drawing to Himself, even those who are still far off!

Joel McCall received his education at Columbia International University, Moody Bible Institute, Jerusalem University, and Westminster Theological Seminary. He completed his D. Min at Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his wife Sarah have three children and they are grandparents. Dr. McCall was pastor of Lakeshore PCA on Lake Norman for 17 years before responding to a call to serve with Equipping Leaders International. The Lord has given him a passion for missions and it is his prayer that he will be used by the Lord in world evangelization and international discipleship for Jesus Christ.

A specific prayer request is for God to go before him and his fellow partners in ministry as they teach and disciple pastors and leaders in Costa Rica and East Africa (Uganda, DR Congo Border, Rwanda).



CHILDREN'S TEACHER TRAINING

Our Children's Ministry Sunday School Teacher Training Meeting will be Sunday, February 14th at 9:00 AM in the Activity Building. Substitutes for the children's classes have already been arranged.

Birthdays to Celebrate in February

16 Jeremy Burrell
Lee Henderson
Brooklyn Stewart
Josh Stowe
Jake Teague

20 Jared Hamrick
Matt Ormsby
21 Tamara Burrell
Kaitlyn Mesimer

22 Clara Childers

23 Julie Black
Charlie Davis

24 Anita Chambers
Blain Friesenhahn

17 Will Robinson

18 Andrew Deese
Moe Sanderson

Happy
Birthday

25 Janet Redding

26 Steve Jessen

19 Alice Jessen
Max Rust
Samantha Stowe

28 Kelsey Smith

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