

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Scott Deneen

What a great blessing to see seventeen men ordained/installed as church Officers this past Sunday and to hear the positive affirmations of their vows. This new “class” of men will join those continuing in their service and will bring the total number of officers to twenty-eight. From a pastoral perspective my heart is over-joyed.

But what makes me the most excited is the opportunity God is giving us to undertake Kingdom initiatives through the leadership of these competent, Godly men. I am fully convinced that God didn’t raise them up merely to look good in front of the congregation on Sunday but in order to move us forward with the Great Commission – declaring the Gospel, helping the needy, befriending the outcast, comforting the sick, making disciples.

Every one of these guys is intent on being used by God for the glory of Christ and is interested in serving you and Christ’s Church. Be looking for, and praying for, God to lead us in new and meaningful endeavors so that Christ’s Kingdom may advance and He might be celebrated as our Supreme Commander and Powerful Savior.

Therefore, let us join our hearts, minds, wills, and prayers together as we move into 2017 ready to respond to the Lord’s Call upon our individual and congregational lives.

To God Alone Be Glory,

Scott

Spring Conference – “Christianity in the Secular Age” Sunday, February 26th

Guest Speaker: Sid Druen, RUF Campus Minister at Davidson College

There will be a combined Sunday School class (Middle School - Adults). The topic will be *LOOKING FORWARD: The coming post-Christian culture and actions we can take now in preparation.*

Worship will begin at normal time. The topic for worship will be *LOOKING BACK: Our country has a poor history with race relations. What can we do to repent and heal our land?*

PASTOR STEVE'S CORNER

INTERESTED IN REACHING OUR COMMUNITY FOR JESUS?

Here are two ways you can get involved in reaching out to the people right here on our doorstep.

1. Join our **Outreach Committee**. We meet the second Monday of every month to work on the goal of sharing the gospel in the Stanley area.
2. Join our **Hospitality team**. Shake a hand, give a fist bump, smile and make a difference for the Kingdom! Even if it's just once a month, you can make a difference welcoming all those coming through the doors of our church.

For more information contact Pastor Steve at the church or email: Steve@fpcstanley.org.

MEN'S OUTREACH AND CHILI COOKOFF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

It's time again for our quarterly work day. We will work Saturday, February 4 from 8am-12:30pm at various sites. This will be followed by a CHILI cook-off in Founder's Hall!!! Come and **taste** the various chili samples and cast your vote. Come see who will be crowned Chili Champion of First Presbyterian!

1. Sign up on the bulletin board or email if you can come on the 4th or to enter contest.
2. Sign up to bring a pot of your famous chili (or your wife's famous chili).
3. Let us know if there is someone in need who could use help around their house.

*Anyone can enter
the chili contest
and bless our men!!*

Email Pastor Steve: Steve@fpcstanley.org to sign up or to suggest a work site.

MEN'S MISSION TRIP – FLOOD RELIEF IN MULLINS SC

Details are still being worked out. Email Pastor Steve at Steve@fpcstanley.org if you are interested and he will contact you when more information is available.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Youth Group got off to a great start this past Sunday. If your child missed our 2017 kick-off, no problem. Be sure they make plans to join us at 6:00 pm on the 22nd.

Also, a new Snack Supper sign up is on the Youth Bulletin Board across from the church office. Sign up for the opportunity to feed our youth one Sunday!



Children's Ministry Pajama & Movie Night!

**This Sunday, Jan. 22
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

All children/ages welcome.
Bring your own blanket/pillow.

WIC NEWS

February Circle meetings are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 6:

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Robin Mundy.
Grace Circle meets at the home of Wendy Ham. (6:00 pm)
Readers Circle meets at the home of Martha Sue Mitchell.
Ruth Circle meets at the home of Kathy Lineberger.

Tuesday, Feb. 7:

Denver Circle meets at the home of Karen Ensley.

All circles meet at 7:00 pm except Grace which meets at 6:00 pm.



**BEST YEARS
VALENTINE PARTY
FEBRUARY 11
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Founders Hall**

Join us for soup, sandwiches
AND
tons of fun and fellowship!

We will observe
Communion
during the morning worship service



Sunday, February 5

MISSIONS NEWS

Pray for **Garry and Anita Chambers** as they transition into a new area of missionary service, moving from Belize to the USA. Garry's new role is MTW'S coordinator of ministry in the **Caribbean**. Right now they are on a six-month Home Ministry Assignment and are living with their daughter and son-in-law Timothy and Caryann Barton in Georgia. Anita is in Trinidad this week with a medical team. Both will go to Cuba on February 9 – 13 and Garry travels to Haiti on February 16 – 25 with the added privilege of having Caryann go with him.

We welcome the newest members of our missionary family – **Michael and Laura Cochran** and their son **Fox** – planning to serve in **Wales**. Many of you will remember the Cochrans who were guest missionary candidates at our conference in 2015 and have been on our approved support list since then.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MISSIONARIES!

2/04 – Krista Babel	2/21 – Diane Bakelaar
2/10 – Steve Hill	2/23 – Emanuel Lepadatu (2004)
2/13 – Charles Davidson	2/24 – Anita Chambers
2/20 – Vicki Barton	2/26 – Katelynn Comer (2010)
Eden Wadhams (2000)	2/27 – Kenton Wood



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES
will begin
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 12 NOON
at Commonground
5481 Hickory Grove Road

Pastor Steve Jessen will be presenting the message.
A light lunch will follow the service.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp.	2 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg. 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	3	4 8:00 Men's Work Day 12:00 Chili Cookoff 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
5 AM Communion	6 6:00 Grace Circle Meeting 7:00 Elizabeth, Readers & Ruth Circle Meetings	7 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group 7:00 Denver Circle Mtg.	8 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG	9 6:30 AHG Unit Meetings 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	10	11 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 11:00 Best Years Valentine Party 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
12 Children's SS Teacher Training	13 6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg	14 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	15 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG	16 6:30 AHG Leaders Mtg. 7:00 Session Meeting 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	17	18 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
19 6:00 Image Bearers, Youth, Care Groups	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	22 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Youth, Abernathy CG	23 6:30 AHG Unit Meetings 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	24	25 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
26 Spring Conference 4:00 WIC Council Mtg. 6:00 Image Bearers, Youth, Care Groups	27 6:30 SOAR Committee Mtg.	28 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group				

FEBRUARY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY

- February 5:** 10:15 AM - Deanna Beatty
6:00 PM - Donna Hill
- February 12:** 10:15 AM - Angel and Brittany Ross
6:00 PM - Taylor Mundy
- February 19:** 10:15 AM - Julianne and Gabriella Griffin
6:00 PM - Taylor Mundy
- February 26:** 10:15 AM - Angel and Brittany Ross
6:00 PM - Taylor Mundy



*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn
from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- February 5:** Communion
- February 12:** Tommy Barton
- February 19:** Ken Dake
- February 26:** Scott Deneen



Our church family **mailboxes** have now been updated for the new year. If you are a Sunday School teacher, Care Group leader, elder, deacon, committee chair, circle leader or staff member you should have a mailbox. If you are supposed to have a mailbox and do not, contact Sandra in the office. Please be sure to check your mailbox each week to collect your correspondence.

Special items to notes:

- ◇ The staffs' mailboxes are now located on the top 2 rows.
- ◇ Names are listed below the mailboxes. When placing mail in a box, be sure to place it **ABOVE** the name.

WITH LOVING THANKS

Dear Church Family,

So many lovely cards, so many caring words. Thank you to my church family for your friendship and expressions of sympathy and also concern after the death of my brother and my shoulder injury. Michael was well loved by his family, friends and his business clients. And he loved our Lord.

Judy Dixon

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to **Chris and Sallie McAllister** on the birth of their first child **Rhys Christopher** born December 29. Proud grandparents are **Tommy and Janice Barton** and **Tracy and Phyllis Withers**. **Tom and Jerry Barton** and **Ann R. Smith** are the equally proud great-grandparents.

SaDara Tilley is recovering nicely from the outpatient surgery she had on January 5 to repair her rotator cuff.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Remember to submit updates and/or corrections for the Church Directory no later than Sunday, Jan. 22nd. New directories will be available by the end of January.



YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS

are now available for pick-up. Thank you for stopping by the table in the main hallway to retrieve yours!

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW?



The Stanley Total Living Center has a need that involves sewing. They have a need for oversized body pillow cases and catheter bags that hang on the back of wheelchairs for their patients.

The cost of the fabric can be reimbursed for these projects. Also, they have samples of each item if you would like to see them.

If you or someone you know would be interested in assisting in the project, please contact the TLC Activity Director Jennifer Benton, (704) 263-1986 ext: 189.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,397.79
Received in December for budget	93,670.69
Needed to date for budget	724,773.46
Received to date for budget	760,636.03
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	16,517.75
Received in December for Faith Promise	19,607.50
Needed to date for Faith Promise	198,213.00
Received to date for Faith Promise	172,111.60

Birthdays to Celebrate in February

1 Jake Fox

3 Chris Ham
Justin Jurina

5 Isaac Jessen
Dan Ormsby

6 Grace Kopka
Leslie Smith



7 Jack Revels

8 Dawn Edwards

10 Maria Bailey
Howard Graham

12 Thea Friesenhahn
Naomi Treat

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Worship 10:15 AM ♦ Sunday School 9:00 AM



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ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar –February 2017

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There is a book by Richard Pratt, Jr. titled “Pray with Your Eyes Open.” The book explores opening up our spiritual eyes as we pray. Psalm 23:2 says “*Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.*” As you pray for our leaders and our church, turn your prayer eyes to heaven and ask God to protect, guide and empower. The other aspect of open eyed prayer is that you can do it all day long. “Pray without ceasing” is a command from I Thess. 5:17. Since we don’t go through the day with our eyes closed, the only way to fulfill this is to pray with our eyes open. Pray in your car, pray at work, pray at the store, pray at school...when you realize you can pray with your eyes open, there is no limit to your prayer life. When? Anytime. Where? Anywhere. How long? Long prayers, short prayers, one word prayers are all appropriate. When you think of our church, when our leaders come to mind, pray at that very moment, even if your eyes happen to be open!

Pastor Steve

The Armorbearer Intercession

Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain who accompanied him in dangerous missions; they held huge shields sometimes surrounding their leader to protect him. **Intercessory prayers** by church members’ can **protect** their leaders from “the flaming arrows of the evil one” and uphold them “that words may be given to me [Paul] in opening my mouth boldly to **proclaim** the mystery of the gospel” (Eph 6:16, 19).

AWARE PRAYER for Ministry Leaders and Staff

Pray daily as the Holy Spirit guides you in thinking about, and praying for, our ministry leaders and staff: Areas of prayer may include special ministries you may be aware of that they are doing in a particular week, or special concerns about their health/strength, families/relationships, etc. You may pray for the fruits of the Spirit in their lives and for fruit from their labors. You may be led to pray for vision, wisdom, grace and protection from enemy attacks that would discourage or hinder their service of the Lord. Pray for them as God may bring things to mind and lay them on your heart. The Holy Spirit is our helper as we pray for those who serve him.

Monday: Pastor Scott Deneen, Senior Pastor
Pastor Steve Jessen, Assistant Pastor

Tuesday: Lauren Henderson, Children’s Ministry
Debbie Smith, Director, Child Development Center

Wednesday: Global Outreach, Adult Ed/Care Groups
Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell

Thursday: Eric Beam, Music Director
Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant

Friday: Pastor Dan King, Ministry to Seniors

Saturday: Pray for those who preach, teach, and lead at FPC on Sunday.

Daily Requests for Elders and Deacons

- 1 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for my three children and two spouses to trust Jesus to guide their lives.
- 2 **Robert Rhyne:** Thanks for my wife Marcia and help me love her as Christ loves the church.
- 3 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for both the new and old officers and that I recognize any needs that may arise in my new assignments.
- 4 **George Ross:** Please pray that the Lord gives me patience and clarity in this very busy time of year.
- 5 **Charlie Stewart:** Pray that I will use this new role as Deacon for God's glory and that it will strengthen my relationship with Him.
- 6 **James Teague:** Pray that I will continue to ask God first, then act.
- 7 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that I will show God's love and follow His direction as I help with our Mercy Ministry outreach.
- 8 **Ryan Abernathy:** Pray that God will guide me to be a good Christian example to those who interact with me everyday.
- 9 **Chris Baker:** Pray for the Children's Sunday School teacher training program this weekend.
- 10 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that my grandchildren will know God all their days.
- 11 **Tommy Barton:** Pray that I will learn to pray within the will of God.
- 12 **Dean Chaney:** Pray that God will help me in serving on the Session Personnel & Insurance Committee for the first time.
- 13 **Ken Dake:** For my Deacon assignment in the sports outreach and recreation ministry of FPC.
- 14 **Andrew Deese:** Pray that I would do a better job of meditating on God's word and not just reading it.
- 15 **Ed Faggart:** That God guard and protect Sarah as she works and lives in Chicago and that he would bless her with good Christian friends, and that God would also protect me against Satan's attacks
- 16 **Chris Graham:** Pray for Godly wisdom as I coach youth volleyball, and that I would exemplify Christ in all of my actions and words.
- 17 **Clyde Haley:** Pray for our country, that our leaders would look to God for His guidance and for the new leaders in our church to seek God's will making all of our decisions.
- 18 **Mark Harper:** That I will work for the Lord and not for men and remain positive and productive in all that I do, and be the husband and father that God wants me to be.
- 19 **Rick Herd:** That I make sure to keep my priorities in line and look for opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ.
- 20 **Joel Jessen:** Pray that I would have greater boldness in speaking about my faith and be more effective in communicating with my wife.
- 21 **Pete Johnson:** Pray that I will be able to fulfill my work as a Deacon with ushering/hospitality.
- 22 **Leon Lineberger:** Pray for our family as we make preparations for Anna-Kathryn's wedding.
- 23 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I would love what is good, be self-controlled, upright and disciplined in all I do.
- 24 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray for God's blessing and work in us during the Spring Conference.
- 25 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for Outreach Committee for fresh volunteers and ideas for 2017 and that I will be a more effective spiritual leader for my family.
- 26 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for Janet's mom, she has been very weak these last few weeks, and for our church and new officers.
- 27 **Percy Raleigh:** Please pray that God will continue to guide me as I learn more about living as a good Christian everyday.
- 28 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray for my wisdom in working with the Christian Education at FPC.

Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise God for a possibly more godly and Christian-friendly presidential administration.
Kevin Rhyne
- Give God praise for our new grandson, Rhys McAllister.
Tracy Withers
- Praise our LORD for all the things happening in our church and the strength of our leaders.
Percy Raleigh