

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

Our family just returned from the Cooke Family Reunion. Julie's Mom and her sisters started this tradition many years ago, and every three years the various family units gather from all over the country to reconnect. This year we met in Galveston, Texas for a cruise across the Gulf of Mexico with a couple stops on the Yucatan Peninsula. Everyone had a wonderful time eating, relaxing, spending precious time together and more eating.

There are several parallels with our church family that I would like to highlight. First, did you realize that every Sunday is essentially a family reunion?! It is so important that our church family gather on a regular basis from our various locations and life situations to join our hearts together as one. The importance of this is captured in Hebrews 10:24-25 which says: *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."* The joy, encouragement and rejuvenation of reconnecting with our loved ones should be a weekly experience for the members of God's family.

The second parallel is that families grow. Julie's extended family has grown over the years through birth and marriage. This was the first Cooke Reunion for our son-in-law Pierce who was meeting many family members for the first time. This is an amazing process, that someone who several years ago was a complete stranger is now fully accepted into the family. This is true of us in the Family of God. Ephesians 2:19 states this: *"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,"* In our sinful condition we are strangers from God and from His people. But through Jesus we are brought into the family, but not just any family, the royal family. We are engrafted as royalty in the glorious Kingdom of God.

My desire is that this process will take place over and over again in our church family; that people who come into our church as "strangers and foreigners" will, by God's grace, quickly become part of God's Kingdom and members of our church family. Let us pray that this happens for the participants of our Newcomers Class, as they meet with the Session and make decisions about officially joining our family. And let us boldly ask the Spirit of God to empower our church family reunions to grow in number, to be more diverse, and to spur us all to *"love and good works."*

Glad to be in the Family,

Steve



Reminders for Saturday, July 28

MAN DAY will begin at 8:00 am! If you are able to help us work on projects, contact Pastor Steve to sign up by Monday, July 23! All skill levels are welcome!



20-SOMETHINGS LAKE ADVENTURE will begin at 3:00 pm at the home of Kelsey Smith, 8179 Tranquil Harbor Lane, Denver! Be sure to bring your bathing suit and a towel!!

YOUTH NEWS



Join us
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
5:00 - 8:00 pm
for a
POOL PARTY and BURGER BLAST
at the home of Ryan and Allie Grice,
2016 Lee Ellen Court, Stanley.



WIC NEWS

UPCOMING CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Monday, July 30:

Readers Circle meets at the home of Martha Sue Mitchell.

Monday, August 6:

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Sherry Teague.

Ruth Circle meets at the home of Kathy Lineberger.

Tuesday, August 7:

Denver Circle meets at the home of Becky Hensley.

REMINDER: There will NOT be a WIC Council Meeting as originally scheduled for July 22.

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:00 Children's Narnia Adventure	<div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Preschool Summer Program ends</div> 8:45 Children to ride the Catawba Queen 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg.		Man Day! 2:00 Men's Basketball <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">Mexico Mission Trip</div>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AM Communion <i>*Officer Nominations Open*</i>						7:00 Deacons' Meeting
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">Mexico Mission Trip</div>						
5:00 Youth Pool Party	7:00 Elizabeth, Readers & Ruth Circle Meetings 7:00 Adult Open Volleyball	6:30 Safety/Security Mtg 7:00 Denver Circle Mtg.	6:30 Tech Team Meeting	6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg.		2:00 Men's Basketball
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>No evening activities.</i>	6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg 7:00 Adult Open Volleyball			12:00 Best Years Lunch 7:00 Session Meeting		Soccer Skills Evaluations 2:00 Men's Basketball
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
6:00 Youth	Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Facilities Comm Mtg			6:00 AHG Founders Hall		2:00 Men's Basketball
26	27	28	29	30	31	
SS Promotion Sunday and Breakfast <i>*Officer Nominations End*</i> 4:00 WIC Council Mtg. <i>No evening activities.</i>	7:00 Adult Open Volleyball				<div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Church-wide Camping trip</div>	



OFFICER NOMINATIONS will be accepted AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 26.

If you haven't already done so, talk to anyone you feel would be a good candidate to be sure they are willing to serve. Starting August 5, place your nomination form(s) in the nomination box in the main hallway. In the meantime, be in prayer for this process and the men that God would have serve here at FPC!

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Sid Druen writes: On June 27th I went to Greenville, SC to see an eye specialist I had been referred to for some "floaters" I have had in my left eye for a few months. It was a long, uncomfortable appointment. And the news was bad: ocular melanoma (cancer of the eye). I didn't expect it. Thankfully, there's a good success rate for treatment, but the road ahead is still a bit overwhelming. I begin a weeklong direct radiation treatment on July 19 – 26. **Please pray for the success of the treatment, my family's peace in this time of uncertainty, and for God's strength and comfort for any fears and pain.**

Andy and Karen Weaver are back in **Papua New Guinea** with their youngest daughter **Amanda** after their home ministry assignment in the states. **Pray for a smooth adjustment and a fruitful ministry.** They write: The reason we are willing to make the sacrifices of leaving family, going through another major life transition, and facing uncertainties in many areas is to see people understanding God's Word, allowing it to transform their lives, and sharing it with others.

Please pray for our Mexico Team who will be serving in Rebalcito, Mexico on August 4 – 11. Team members are: Anne Abernathy, Ashley Abernathy, Tommy and Janice Barton, Anna Friesenhahn, Rick Herd, Steve Jessen, Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell (team leaders), Teresa Neely, Caroline Neil, Tami Piercy, Missy Smith and Sherry Wagstaff.

Happy Birthday in August

03 – Jill Piteo	17 – Raylene Casson
04 – Cody Janicek	18 – Joel McCall
06 – Brenda Bracken	20 – Eliza Hunt (2012)
Adriana Wood	26 – Carol Druen (2010)
07 – Millie Druen (2012)	William Druen (2010)
10 – Ken Cross	Amanda Weaver (2003)
12 – Laura Cochran	30 – Michael Lee
14 – Bill Scott	

SOAR NEWS



Who: Boys and Girls ages 4-11

When: Deadline to register is August 18 or until divisions reach their player limit. Skills evaluations will be on this day.

Practices begin August 20 and will continue until August 31.

Games begin September 4 with the season ending October 26. Games will take place on Tuesdays or Fridays from 6:30-7:30 pm.

****We are looking for members who love children and would be willing to serve as a skills coach, shepherd coach, or referee for the fall soccer season. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Revels at lisa@fpcstanley.org or 704-263-4275.**

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Sept. 8 9am Shot Gun Start

Westport Golf Course, Denver

Cost is only \$40.
(Cash only!)

This includes golf, cart,
food for breakfast and
lunch, and prizes!

RSVP
to the church office
no later than Sept. 4:
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AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES



NURSERY

August 5: 10:15 AM - Suzy & Emma Deneen; Leslie Smith & girls

August 12: 10:15 AM - Angel & Britany Ross; Lee & Kristen Henderson

August 19: 10:15 AM - Greg & Amanda Huss & girls; Ashley Abernathy

August 26: 10:15 AM - Josh, Stacey & Sam Hall; Jonan & Rachel Bynum

*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

August 5: Communion

August 12: Matt Ormsby

August 19: Kevin Rhyne

August 26: Robert Rhyne



OFFICE RENOVATIONS UPDATE

By now, you have probably seen our mess. With the staff and all our belongings out of place, we are still muddling our way through each day. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this process. Since we are at the mercy of multiple contractors, we do not have a definite completion date. We are *hoping* it will be within the next few weeks.

MERCY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Most weeks at FPC, we are very busy with Mercy Ministry requests. Many times people come in for food, but often they need assistance with utilities or some other household expense. For help with those requests for assistance other than food, we call on our Mercy Ministry Committee. The committee consists of: Renee Abernathy, Mark Beatty, Mike Gamage, Julianne Griffin, Gary Neely, Jerry Ratchford and Tracy Withers.

Thank you to all of you who bring in items to our food pantry. We try to keep the pantry stocked with basics such as rice, beans, soups, green beans, corn, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats and fruits, pastas and pasta sauce. Between the food and cash donations that come in without us asking, we have been pretty well stocked for some time.

What a blessing it is for us to show Christ's love to the community through this ministry!

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Buddy Cavin spent one night in the hospital following surgery on July 11 for a coronary stent.

Alyssa Lowery is recovering from outpatient knee surgery on July 12.

Following some heart irregularities this past Sunday, **Roxi Rutledge** stayed overnight in the hospital for tests and observation.

Tim Featherstone has been hospitalized at Caromont Regional Medical Center this week.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT RECAP

If you missed Family Fun Night at the end of June, you missed a treat! We had a large crowd of people attend despite the extreme heat!

We had a total of 215 known attendees. Out of that number, we had 70 non-FPC attendees with 15 of them indicating they had no church home. What a great outreach opportunity!

A huge thanks goes out to the 45+ FPC members who worked in some capacity during the evening. This event could not have been successful without each and everyone of you! We also want to thank Hotsy for use of a large water-cooled fan to keep the temperature in the big tent comfortable.



BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

WOW...A total of **\$79,787.72** was collected during the **Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County's** Baby Bottle Blessings project.

Thank you to those at FPC who contributed. \$1,891.81 was given through our efforts.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	65,149.24
Received in June for budget.....	54,746.18
Needed to date for budget.....	390,895.44
Received to date for budget	414,784.11
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	13,156.67
Received in June for Faith Promise	6,043.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	78,940.02
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	82,279.00

Birthdays to Celebrate in August

2 Chris Baker
Claire Kopka
Tommi Rust

3 Zack Bedford
Cora Belle Stewart

5 Chris Black

6 Maddie Jessen



7 Dean Chaney

8 Frankie Henderson

11 Deanna Beatty
Heather Roberts

12 Averly Deese
Barbara Graham

13 Kristen Henderson

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