

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM PASTOR STEVE by Steve Jessen

This is wedding week at our house. There will be a lot of activity as out of town family and friends arrive, last minute arrangements and alterations are made, special meals are prepared and enjoyed, all culminating in the wedding ceremony of our daughter Hannah and her fiancé Pierce. Weddings are exciting and emotional times that cause you to ponder matters of love, relationships, and marriage.

I have been preaching recently on the book of Psalms and I wondered what verses I could find that would be a good challenge for a young couple starting out on this adventure we call “holy matrimony.” I came across this interesting verse from Psalm 85:10 that says “Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.” There is a fancy theological term that summarizes the secret to a long and healthy marriage, the word “sticktuitiveness.” In other words will you love your spouse “in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and health, as long as you both shall live?” The wedding vows illustrate the meeting of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Now this is not just sticking it out, like something you have to endure, but the second part of the verse shows that it is so much more. Your marriage is a place where God’s righteousness is displayed and His “Shalom” (peace) come together in a kiss. As the bride and groom kiss during the wedding ceremony, it is a picture of the righteousness and justice of God “kissing” with peace and mercy toward sinners, and that kiss happens at the cross! God’s responsibility to judge sin, and His mercy toward sinners is reconciled perfectly through Jesus and His sacrifice. At Calvary, He satisfied His Father’s wrath on our behalf which allows sinners like us to be at peace with a holy God.

The wedding ceremony that our family will celebrate this weekend illustrates in a beautiful way the love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace of God that come when we unite our hearts to Jesus.

Steve



Remember to
take God with you
when you are
away on vacation!

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



JULY 26, 9:15 am

Our Children's Ministry department will be taking a trip to the Schiele Museum on Wednesday, July 26th. We will depart the church at 9:15 AM and return around 2:00 PM. The children will be exploring the museum, Catawba Indian village and planetarium. They will also have the opportunity to gem mine! Cost is \$5 per person and all ages and parent chaperones are welcome. Please let me know if you want to attend so that I can save a spot on the bus for you! Don't forget your lunch!

Email: lauren@fpcstanley.org

Our Sunday evening Children's Ministry summer session continues!

Come to Narnia with us and discover
God's presence with His people!

**Sunday evenings: July 9, 23, 30
and August 6 & 13
6:00-7:30 PM
Ages 4-11**



Youth Group

continues to meet on Sunday evenings
in the month of July through August 13
6:00 – 7:30 PM

YOU'RE INVITED!

The children of **Johnny Robinson** would like to invite the church family to the celebration of his **90th birthday**.

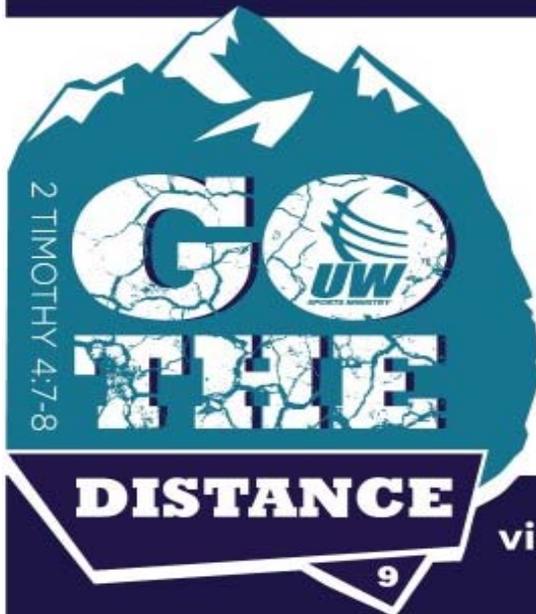
Sunday, July 9
2:00 - 4:00 pm (drop-in)

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JULY 10-14
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SOCCER · BASKETBALL ·
CHEER · ULTIMATE FRISBEE

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information and to register

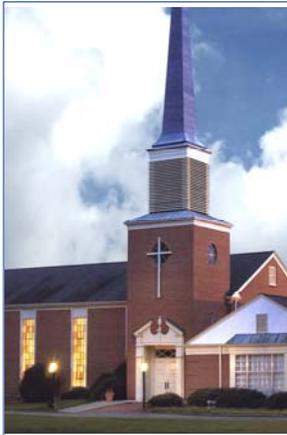
Be in prayer for our camp attendees and volunteers this week!

MMOOS



Our next quarterly Man Day will be August 5. We have many projects to work on and we can use ALL skill levels! Be sure to sign up today at the bulletin board in the main hallway. See Pastor Steve if questions.

August 5



UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES

We are in the process of updating the church directory. Help us be sure all the information is up-to-date. Please look over your listing in the Church Family Directory to verify it is accurate. Maybe you no longer have the land line phone number listed. Maybe you would like to add an email address or cell phone number. Whatever the change, let us know. You can call the church office or email Sandra at info@fpstanley.org by Monday, July 24. Updated directories should be available by the end of July.

ITEMS FOR PICK-UP IN FOUNDERS HALL

During a recent cleaning of the Founders Hall kitchen and storage closet, several items were found that do not belong to the church. Please stop by the table in Founders Hall to retrieve items that belong to you.



All items not picked up
by July 31 will be donated.



WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We would like to welcome **Caitlin Bungardner** into our church family. She was received into membership by reaffirmation of faith at the June 1 Session meeting.

Chuck Jessen stayed overnight at Caromont Regional recently for severe vertigo. Several tests were given that ruled out any other issues that could have caused the symptoms.

Christian sympathies are extended to **Debbie Smith** and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Tommy Morrow, on June 29. He was 89 years old.

Harrison Revels underwent surgery this week at a Cincinnati hospital. A vein having to do with his liver function needed to be opened with a balloon procedure. All seems to have gone well, although he was kept in ICU overnight as a precaution. Harrison is the son of **Jamie and Lisa Revels**.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Becky White and her parents David and Barbara White will be in the states most of the month of July in order to visit family and friends, reconnect with many supporters, report on Christ's College Taipei, **Taiwan** and raise a little additional support.

Congratulations to **Victoria Weaver**, daughter of **Andy and Karen Weaver**, who graduated from Ukarumpa International School in **Papua New Guinea** in June. Pray for her as she starts classes at Daytona State College in August.



Ricardo and Ana Santana, part of our missionary family in **Mexico**, send their greetings to First Presbyterian and their thanks for sending a team to work with them at the Corpus Christi and Monte Horeb Churches this past week.

We welcome **Jim Ramsey** back from another time of missionary service in **Romania** where he worked alongside Pastor **Liviu Lepadatu** in his church planting efforts through the International Presbyterian Church, founded by the late Francis Schaffer. Jim injured his back/hip while in Romania and is having difficulty standing or walking. Pray for his healing.

Birthdays to Celebrate in July

18 Hailey Deese
19 Liz Johnstone
 Juanita Thomas
20 Susan Herd
21 Josh Hall
22 Ann R. Smith
23 Sharon Bryant
 Carolyn Rhyne

24 Pam Burgess
 Clyde Haley
 Liz Johnson
 Sally Ormsby
 Brittany Ross



25 Kirsten Abernathy
 Suzy Deneen
26 Luke Bynum
27 Jayda Killian
 Sherry Teague
 Michael Youngblood
28 Margaret Gladden
 Paul Marsh
 Martha Tadlock
29 Samuel Ormsby
30 Sarah Faggart

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