

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM YOUR PASTOR by Scott Deneen

The story of David and Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9 is one of those Old Testament gems where God blesses someone immensely (David – 2 Samuel 7) and in turn they seek to bless others (Mephibosheth).

In 2 Samuel 7 God promised to send the Messiah through David's line. David was so overwhelmed with gratitude for God's kindness, mercy, and grace that he sought someone – "anyone" – with whom to share that blessing.

*<sup>1</sup>David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" <sup>3</sup>The king asked, "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"*

David knew God had chosen him unconditionally, so David chose someone else from Saul's household in the same manner – unconditionally.

God had included David in His privileged company and bestowed upon him honor and favor, so David bestowed favor and honor on Mephibosheth by including him at the King's table for life.

Mephibosheth's blessing was done in honor of another – Jonathan (Saul's son and David's best friend who had died in battle years earlier) – and as a demonstration of God's kindness. So Mephibosheth experienced the king's generosity and kindness based on someone else's worthiness and desire.

We have received the same grace and kindness from God David did – compassion, mercy, provision, honor... and this all for Jesus' sake. So now we get to reflect that grace to others. Looking for someone (anyone!) to bless, to honor, to favor, to provide... all as a demonstration of God's kindness to us in Christ. How exciting to walk in the same footsteps of David, a man after God's own heart.

God bless you as you make God's grace known to those around you,

*Scott*

Happy  
Fathers  
Day! 

**To All  
Our  
Dads!**

## PASTOR STEVE'S CORNER

I am praising God for an amazing Man Night last Saturday, with men of all ages present. We had a great time of fellowship, food and firing shotguns at clay pigeons. We also had a very competitive corn hole tournament with some of the finest corn throwers around. God's protective hand was on the event as a big thunder storm came up, but skirted around us leaving a nice cool evening to enjoy. God is good to His children, and heard our prayers to move the storm! A big thanks to our hosts the Dixons, our grillmasters the Bartons, our firearms guru Lynn Burrell, my Sam's team Matt and Sam Ormsby and Jeff Redding, our dessert ladies led by Freida Robinson, and our set up crew/clean up crew!

I shared with the men the verse from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 that says: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"*

God designed us to be together, to encourage each other and to lift each other up. This is the environment we want to promote at First Presbyterian. A place where people inside and outside our church are encouraged and lifted up. Please join us as we imitate Christ in serving each other. The opportunities are many, but here are a few that we are working on where you can partner with us in Kingdom work.

- 1) We need a team of Greeters/Welcomers on Sundays before church. If you love the Lord, can shake a hand, and like to smile - you qualify.
- 2) If you enjoy the Country Fest in Stanley, our church will have a booth and we need a team to plan that time. It is October 1.
- 3) If you have a heart for the Christmas Scenes in December, we are in the process of planning how we can more effectively reach our community through this event.
- 4) We are planning quarterly events called MMOOS, Men's Ministry Outreach On Saturday. A day to work on home repairs, and yard work for shut-ins, widows, and single Moms in our community.

Pray about signing up to serve, once a month, once a quarter or once a year, others will be blessed and so will you!

Please email me at [steve@fpcstanley.org](mailto:steve@fpcstanley.org) or call me at the church if you are ready to make a difference!

Your servant in Christ,



Our pantry is currently very low on most items. Children are out of school and families will need more groceries during these summer months. The following are some items currently needed:

Soups	Pasta	Pasta sauces	Mac and cheese
Green beans	Corn	Rice	Pasta side packets

Donations can be placed in the designated bin in the main hallway. Thank you for helping to restock our Food Pantry!!



We are currently accepting online registrations for our Youth Baseball/Softball League and our Sports Camp.

Youth Baseball/Softball is for ages 5 - 16. Skills evaluations will be this Saturday, June 11.

The Sports Camp will be held July 11 - 15. We will offer cheer-leading, soccer, basketball and volleyball. Ages vary by sport. Deadline for registration is July 1.

Visit our website ([fpcstanleysoar.org](http://fpcstanleysoar.org)) for more information on these registrations.

## YOUTH NEWS

In honor of Father's Day, we are having a Father/Youth Outing to see the Charlotte Knights play on June 17. See Chris Baity for more details!



### Vacation Bible School

June 27-30

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Children ages 3-11!

Invite your friends!



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY, JULY 1 EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Join us for a night of fun and games starting at 6:00 pm. We will have a hot dog supper, inflatables, games and a movie! The movie will begin around 8:45 or as soon as it is dark enough to show. It's all FREE!!



Bring your family! Bring a friend!  
Bring a chair!

**The Heffner family wanted to share this  
Poem written by Kay Heffner in March, 2003**

As you provide for my daily cares,  
I turn on the tap and Water appears.  
These things I depend on can certainly fail,  
But the Living Water you offer me will always be there.

So Lord, let me never forget that the lifeline you offer  
In your Water so pure,  
Will always be there, and that is for sure  
And depending on you without a doubt  
Will enable me to always get Water from the spout.

**BEHIND THE “SCENES”:  
DEALING WITH STRESS/ANXIETY IN KIDS AND TEENS  
June 25, 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

Those “scenes”...You know them. One minute your kid is fine and then the littlest request or comment makes them overreact. They are aggressive or biting in their remarks or teary and completely withdrawn. When parents gain a better understanding of what is happening in the brain and the body when our kids experience stress or anxiety, they can learn to respond in ways that actually shape their kids’ brain while strengthening their relationship with them.

This very informative seminar led by Mrs. Jackie Perry integrates biblical principles with neuroscience findings to help parents better address those anxious, angry and stress filled moments.

**This seminar is FREE and will be held at:**

Christ Church at the River’s Edge  
901 Catawba Street  
Belmont, NC 28012  
704-461-8614

**BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS**

We are still collecting coin filled bottles for the Crisis Pregnancy Center’s Baby Bottle Blessings Project. If you need a bottle, you may pick one up from the literature display in the main hallway. Filled bottles can be turned into the church office or to Chuck or Alice Jessen. Thank you for helping with this project.



## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*In Memoriam*



**Barbara Kay Dameron Heffner**

**August 5, 1936 - May 27, 2016**

Christian sympathies are extended to the family of **Kay Heffner**. Kay passed away May 27 after battling cancer for several months. Kay's surviving family who are also a part of our FPC family include son **Rick** and wife **Mary Ruth Heffner**, grandson **Brody** and wife **Jessica**, and granddaughter **Sydney**.

**Heather Wallace** was recently hospitalized for observation and tests. She is now resting at home.

Congratulations to **Seth and Chelsea Abernathy** who were united in marriage Saturday, May 21.

We would also like to congratulate our 2016 graduates. Our high school graduates are: **Zane Billings, Madi Black, Kelsey Smith, Chrissy Teague** and **Ashlin Treat**. We have 3 college graduates: **Joe Deese, Alyssa Lowery** and **Patrick Rhyne**. We wish them all the best!!

## WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

### Mexico Mission Team

A team from First Presbyterian goes to serve in **Mérida, Mexico** from June 18 – 25. They will be doing construction work at the Monte Horeb Presbyterian Church and leading a Vacation Bible School for the children. Team members are: Mark and Josiah Andrews (from Northcross PCA), Lennie Burrell, Luke Bynum, Steve Jessen, Rob, Connor and Tanner McMinn, Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell, Dan Ormsby and Matt Ormsby.

### Meet Our Missionary Family

**Jason Piteo** is the associate pastor of East Charlotte PCA. Jason was born and raised in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Purdue University in 2000 with a focus on Computer Information Systems. Jason met his wife Jill at Purdue and they were married six days after Jason's graduation. He worked in the IT industry for ten years and then sensed a call to the ministry. The Piteos moved to Charlotte in 2010 for Jason to attend Reformed Theological Seminary in preparation for pastoral ministry. Jason was ordained as a PCA pastor in September 2013. He served on the staff of Uptown PCA Church until the birth of the East Charlotte church plant in summer 2014. Jason and Jill have four children: Anthony, Abby, Lucy, and Kara. Ask Jason about this fun fact: their daughter Lucy was born on their kitchen floor in Mint Hill (thus her nickname: "Linoleum Lucy")! Having learned their lesson, they made it to the hospital for Kara's birth with two hours to spare!

# Birthdays to Celebrate in June

17 Miriam Jessen

18 Dalton Lawson  
Anna Prather

19 Seth Abernathy  
Kavin Garrison

21 Ruth Kerley

25 Ethan Dake  
Heather Ormsby



26 Geoff Dixon

28 Malorie Haithcox  
Meghan Haithcox  
Brandon Lawson  
Lisa Revels

29 Mary Ruth Heffner  
Robin Mundy

30 Melissa Clevenger

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