

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM PASTOR STEVE

by Steve Jessen

This past Sunday we joined together to sing the powerful hymn “The Solid Rock.” The chorus keeps playing in my mind: “On Christ the Solid Rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.” This runs parallel with the parable that Jesus told about the wise and foolish builder. The wise man built his house on the rock, the foolish on the sand. They both built houses, they both faced tremendous storms, but only one had a house standing when the storm passed. So, what was the point of the parable? Jesus compared the one who built on the rock to someone who hears His words and actually puts them into practice. The foolish man can hear the exact same message, but it does not change how he lives. (See Luke 6:47-49) With my construction background, this has always been one of my favorite parables.

The challenge of this parable is that when we hear the life-changing words of Jesus, and it actually changes how we live, then and only then, can we be assured that our lives are built on the Rock. What is the evidence that our foundation is built on Jesus? It is how we live our lives.

The way we approach our families, our friendships, our work, our decisions, our free time, our church can be based on the teachings of Jesus, or can be determined by the false teachings of this world. It takes some work, it takes some study, it takes some thought, but when we truly seek to apply the teachings of Jesus in our everyday life, our foundation is sure.

The Christian life is not easy. We are not promised a care free life. We face tremendous storms like everyone else. But when we take a minute and truly listen to Jesus, and do what He says, we find ourselves on solid ground.

Resting on the Rock,

*Steve*



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
**JUNE 23, 6:00 PM**

Mark your calendar to join us for  
an evening of great fellowship  
complete with food, fun and games!



## WIC NEWS

### JUNE CIRCLE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Monday, June 5:

Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of SaDara Tilley.  
Readers Circle meets at the home of Freida Robinson.  
Ruth Circle meets at the home of Amanda Huss.

#### Tuesday, June 6:

Grace Circle meets at the home of Wendy Ham. (6:00 pm)  
Denver Circle meets at the home of Elizabeth Abernathy.

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



**NOTE:** The WIC Council Meeting for May has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is June 25.

**SOAR**  
SPORTS OUTREACH AND RECREATION



“Whatever you do,  
work at it with  
all your heart, as  
working for the  
Lord, not for men.”  
Colossians 3:23



Our **SOAR Summer Camp** will be held July 10-14, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. We are offering more options to choose from this year: Cheer (ages 6-12), Soccer (ages 6-12), Basketball (ages 7-12), Volleyball (ages 9-12), Ultimate Frisbee (ages 8-12), and Team 45 (ages 4-5). Registration will be open online from June 1 - July 6.

There are many opportunities for you to assist with our camp. We are looking for volunteers of any age, high school and up.

As in some years past, we have interns from UW Sports Ministry assist in the leadership of our camp. They come from various areas and require housing for the duration of the camp. Do you have a spare room at your house? Please consider opening up a room or two for these interns.

If you are interested in volunteering in *any* capacity, contact Luke Bynum by emailing him at [lukebynum@fpcstanleysoar.org](mailto:lukebynum@fpcstanleysoar.org). Luke can provide more detail and answer any questions you may have.

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 AHG Planning Mtg. 6:30 CE Committee Mtg.; MTW Committee Mtg 7:00 Session Meeting Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	2 6:30 Soccer Finale for U12 and U 15 divisions	3 9:30 Soccer Finale for U7 and U9 divisions  2:00 Men's Open Basketball
4 <b>Graduate Sunday</b> 1:00 Mexico Team Mtg 3:00-5:00 Bridal Shower for Annalise Jessen  No Evening Activities	5 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 Elizabeth, Grace, Readers & Ruth Circles	6  7:00 Denver Circle Mtg.	7	8 <i>Gaston Co. schools end</i>  7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:00 AHG Awards Rehearsal	9  7:00 AHG Awards Ceremony	10 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 10:00-11:30 Youth Baseball Registration  2:00 Men's Open Basketball
11 <b>AM Communion</b>  No Evening Activities	12 <b>CDC Summer Program begins</b>  6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg 6:30 Baseball Orientation	13 <b>Preschool Summer Program begins</b>	14  6:30 Tech Team Mtg.	15	16	17  2:00 Men's Open Basketball
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 40%; border-top: 1px solid blue; border-bottom: 1px solid blue; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center; color: red;">Palmer Home Mission Trip</div> <div style="width: 40%; border-top: 1px solid blue; border-bottom: 1px solid blue; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20%; border-top: 1px solid blue; border-bottom: 1px solid blue; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 60%; text-align: center; color: red;">General Assembly</div> <div style="width: 20%; border-top: 1px solid blue; border-bottom: 1px solid blue; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> </div>						
18 <b>Father's Day</b>  No Evening Activities	19 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	20	21	22	23  6:00 Church-wide Family Fun Night!!	24  2:00 Men's Open Basketball  <div style="text-align: right; color: red;">Mexico Mission Trip →</div>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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4:00 WIC Council Mtg.  No Evening Activities	6:30 SOAR Comm. Mtg.		5:30 Children's Movie Night			

## JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES



### NURSERY

**June 4:** 10:15 AM - Susan, Kaitlyn and Caroline Mesimer

**June 11:** 10:15 AM - David & Tommi Rust

**June 18:** 10:15 AM - Deana Lamb

**June 25:** 10:15 AM - Lee and Kristen Henderson

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**June 4:** Matt Ormsby

**June 11:** Communion

**June 18:** Kevin Rhyne

**June 25:** VBS Commencement

## MISSIONS NEWS

Pray for **Michael and Laura Cochran** as they are in cross-cultural ministry training this month in Union Mills, SC where **Harold and Brenda Bracken** are part of the training team.

**Archie Parrish** asks that we pray for “the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” and that He will use **Serve International** to equip them.

Pray for our second mission team going to **Palmer Home** in Columbus, MS June 11 – 17. They are: Zack Bedford, Luke Bynum, Rachel Bynum, Micah Deneen, Sheryl Dorsey, Debbie Harper, Emma Harper, Lauren Harper, Cheyanne Hotchkiss, Grace Kopka, Sarah Langford, Aubrey Meyers, Ann Smith, Kaleigh Smith, Kelsey Smith, Jake Teague, Tracy and Phyllis Withers.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### TO THOSE IN OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE!

- |                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 – Marcia Jones           | 17 – Bethany Schweitzer (2001) |
| 2 – Heath McLaughen        | 19 – Jason Piteo               |
| 3 – Mark Schweitzer (1999) | 20 – Jennifer Comer            |
| 6 – Ellen Barnett          | Tere Druen                     |
| 10 – Laura Dye             | 21 – Ema Lepadatu (2001)       |
| 12 – Sid Druen             | 24 – Tricia Lee                |
| 13 – Pedro Polloreña       | Debbie Saenz                   |
| Pam Schweitzer             | 29 – Carin Fredere             |

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome new members **Lynn and Ann Holcomb**. The Holcombs united with our church family by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, May 7.

**Milton Shelby** is doing well as he continues to recover from surgery on May 15.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to several of our members who have lost loved ones in the recent weeks. **Tamara Burrell's** father, **John Dixon**, passed away suddenly on May 3. After suffering a major stroke, **Sherry Teagues's** grandmother died on May 12. **Ann Griffin** was 101 years old! Also on May 12, **Don Hensley's** brother, **Tommy Hensley**, passed away. Most recently, **Marianne Magill's** father, **Josef Hofwimmer**, passed away May 14 in Sweden at the age of 85 .

## WITH LOVING THANKS

*I cannot express how much I appreciated the food, cards, letters and prayers that were sent by all of my wonderful church friends.*

*You made Charlie feel at home and he admired and loved you all.*

*Cindy Davis*



- **Graduate's Sunday is June 4!** Be sure to call with your graduates information by Sunday, May 28 if you have not already done so.
- **Camp Scholarship requests are due by June 4.** Contact Ronnie Smith or the church office if you have any questions.
- Our next **Communion Service** will be **June 11!**

## APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	63,544.35
Received in April for budget .....	77,882.92
Needed to date for budget .....	254,177.39
Received to date for budget .....	246,249.02
Needed monthly for Faith Promise .....	16,517.75
Received in April for Faith Promise .....	13,909.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise .....	66,071.00
Received to date for Faith Promise .....	77,858.00

## *Birthdays to Celebrate in June*

1 Shanna Griffin  
Chuck Jessen

2 Julianne Griffin  
Angie Killian

3 Ivan Davis

4 Kathy Paramore

5 Sylvia Forbes-Robinson  
Aiden Friesenhahn

7 Graham Smith

8 Bobby Blackman  
Tim Cloninger

9 Meredith Hager



10 Carolyn Rutledge  
Morgan Smith

12 Rebecca Baker  
Chloe Billings

13 Jasey Herd

14 Kim Jessen  
Kasey Rhyne

15 Elizabeth Abernathy  
Maelin Treat

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# **ARMORBEARER**

**Prayer Calendar – June 2017**  
*First Presbyterian Church • Stanley, NC*

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).

## **Prayer Thoughts From God’s Word for the Month:**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

## **Prayer for Our Pastors**

Pray daily as the Holy Spirit guides you in thinking about and praying for our pastors. Some suggestions for prayer are included, but pray also as you are aware of other particular needs and concerns they may have.

- Monday:** To love God with all their heart, and to love others as themselves. (Matt. 27:37-39)
- Tuesday:** To trust the Lord completely for their wisdom, so that he will direct their daily path. (Prov. 3:5,6)
- Wednesday:** To pray always, putting on the armor of Lord to stand against the wiles of the Devil. (Eph. 6:11ff)
- Thursday:** To love their wives and manage their family in ways that honor Christ. (Eph. 5:25, I Tim. 3:4,5)
- Friday:** That God’s word will be their reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. (II Tim 3:16)
- Saturday:** To care faithfully for the flock and have compassion for lost sheep. (John 10:16, Lk. 15:4)
- Sunday:** To empower them to preach and teach the Gospel in the power of the Spirit. (Matt. 4:23, Rom. 10:15)

## **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:

- Monday:** Debbie Smith, Director, Child Development Center
- Tuesday:** Global Outreach, Adult Ed/Care Groups  
Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell (Mexico Mission Trip June 24-July 1)
- Wednesday:** Lauren Henderson, Children’s Ministry (VBS—June 19-23)
- Thursday:** Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant
- Friday:** Eric Beam, Music Director
- Saturday:** Pray that **all** who preach, teach and lead on the Lord’s Day at FPC will bring God’s word in the power of the Spirit to bless his people and glorify Jesus Christ.

## Prayer for Elders and Deacons

- 1 **Ryan Abernathy:** Pray for God's peace and guidance in my daily life.
- 2 **Chris Baker:** Pray that I maintain a good balance between work and home life. June will be a busy time for me at work.
- 3 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that as church leaders we will seek God's will in all areas of our life.
- 4 **Tommy Barton:** Pray that our recent graduates will be eager to seek God's direction and purpose.
- 5 **Dean Chaney:** Pray for our country, our leaders, and our military as we celebrate upcoming holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th July
- 6 **Ken Dake:** Continue to pray for the youth ministry, and the youth pastor selection process.
- 7 **Andrew Deese:** Pray for people vacationing in the summer that it would be a time for renewal and a good time to be with family.
- 8 **Ed Faggart:** Pray that I will be the same person Monday through Saturday that I am on Sunday.
- 9 **Chris Graham:** Pray for our youth to grow and strengthen their faith, to resist gossip, and show Christ's love.
- 10 **Clyde Haley:** Pray for me, that I will be able to fulfill my term as Elder and follow God's will in my decisions.
- 11 **Mark Harper:** Please pray that I can be more positive at my job and remind myself that I am working for the Lord, not just my employer.
- 12 **Rick Herd:** My prayer is to keep my priorities in line knowing that God's love and grace is enough.
- 13 **Joel Jessen:** Pray for Annalise Jessen and Angel Sotela, that they would honor the Lord in their upcoming marriage.
- 14 **Pete Johnson:** Pray as Deacons we can keep on top of all the ongoing care of our church facilities.
- 15 **Leon Lineberger:** Pray for newlyweds in our church as they begin their lives together.
- 16 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I might be temperate and self-controlled.
- 17 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray that the lives of all involved in the baseball ministry this season will be changed for Christ.
- 18 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for unity within our church congregation over this next year.
- 19 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray that our VBS will bless all those involved including leaders, staff, and kids.
- 20 **Jerry Ratchford:** For the Lord to protect our youth and give them strength as they face great pressure growing up in a world becoming more and more hostile to believers and the Gospel.
- 21 **Kevin Rhyne:** For love, peace, and unity among our church family during this stressful time.
- 22 **Robert Rhyne:** May I be able to pray as Jesus instructed: "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Mark 6:6
- 23 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for our session as we work through these difficult times of testing to make the right decisions for FPC and in our own lives.
- 24 **George Ross:** Pray that the Lord gives me the direction and strength to make tough choices in order to fulfill his will.
- 25 **Ronnie Smith:** Praise for a great year for the Child Development Center. Give thanks for a wonderful group of teachers that have a heart to share the love of Jesus with these little ones.
- 26 **Charlie Stewart:** Pray for the youth and leaders of the SOAR sports camp in July.
- 27 **James Teague:** That I can get everything in order and that we get rain for the fields, only after cutting hay.
- 28 **Tracy Withers:** Please pray for Phyllis and me as we drive the bus for the Palmer Home mission trip
- 29 **Ryan Abernathy:** That God blesses our SOAR summer baseball season and that he opens peoples minds and hearts to hear His message.
- 30 **Chris Baker:** For our leaders to look to the Lord for guidance and direction and they work together for the benefit of all the citizens of this country.

## Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise for the great SOAR soccer season and for all those who participated in it.
- Praise for the many youth and their adult leaders who were a part of the Ridge Haven Retreat in May.
- Thanks for the MAN DAY witness in our church and community.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

### 20 SOMETHINGS (anyone post high school to 29)

Room 11

Teachers: Chris McAllister, Joel Jessen, Andrew Elliott

Theme: Disciplines of the Christian Life

The class will continue to study the disciplines of the Christian life and explore how these can help us grow in our relationship with God.

### BIBLE

Room 119

Teachers: Chuck Jessen

Theme: 1 John: True Fellowship

Continuing their study in 1 John, the class will explore the facts, the faith and the finality of true fellowship.

### EQUIPPING MEN FOR SERVICE

Activity Building

Teachers: Chris Baker, Steve Jessen,  
Kevin Rhyne, Ronnie Smith

Theme: I AM N (Followers of Jesus the Nazarene)  
Christians around the world are being persecuted. How do we best respond spiritually and practically? This powerful video curriculum takes you into the true stories of Christians living in Muslim countries. We will explore the themes of forgiveness, sacrifice, faithfulness, joy, perseverance, and courage

### FELLOWSHIP

Founders Hall

Teacher: Ron Ensley, Rick Herd,  
Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell

Theme: If You Want to Walk on Water,  
You've Got to Get Out of the Boat

Using scripture along with John Ortburg's book, each person will be challenged to face their fears and "get out of the boat." Discover and embrace the unique calling of God on your life. Experience God's power to do something you would not be capable of doing on your own. Join us on this great adventure!

### JOURNEY

Room 12

Teacher: Dan King

Theme: Judges

Judges is about a time when "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Moral standards were thrown out. Truth was relative. Each man created his own god. Sound familiar? There are striking parallels between Judges and our own day. Where did such a view of life lead? What did God do about it? We'll discover through these stories of "despicable people doing deplorable things" the God of mercy and long-suffering, and trace the shadow of the One whom God would send finally to lead us.

### NEW EVE

Room 15

Teachers: Suzy Deneen, Nancy Raleigh,  
Cathy Rhyne, Sherry Wagstaff

Theme: Women Helping Women

Using Paul Tripp's book, the ladies in the New Eve Class will learn to live as an ambassador for Christ in their everyday lives. Hear the challenge to examine the sinful tendencies of your heart and learn why it is a struggle to live every day as an ambassador. Women, don't miss out on the life God has called you to!

### OPEN BIBLE

Conference Room

Teachers: Don Hensley, Robert Rhyne

Theme: Daniel

The Open Bible Class will conclude their in-depth look at the prophet Daniel and then move into a study of a New Testament book.

You are invited to attend  
the class of your choice.



# Sunday School

Summer 2017

June, July, August



Superintendents

Sandy Lasley and Freida Robinson

**Sunday, August 27**  
**Christian Education Sunday**

- All classes will meet together for a
- Sunday School Breakfast
  - Promotion Day
  - Special Recognition of Our Teachers

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Children's Ministry Director: Lauren Henderson

### **NURSERY** (Birth to 18 months)

Room 112

Teachers: Rotating Teachers

Judy Billings, Heather Ormsby, Heather Roberts, and Jamie Stewart and are among the fine ladies who will rotate staying with the youngest members of our church family as they experience God's love.

### **TODDLERS** (18 months to 3 years)

Room 114

Teacher: Sherry Teague

Theme: **God's People**

Our children in the Toddlers class will learn about God's guidance and deliverance of His people in the Old Testament. They will begin with a study of Adam and Eve and travel through time to Joseph and God's protection and provision for him.

### **4's and 5's:** (Older 4's – currently in kindergarten)

Room 106

Teachers: Ellen Deese, Julie Jessen

Theme: **Serving the Savior**

The summer quarter is divided into three sections. In lessons 1 – 4 the children will learn that before they can serve the Savior, they must repent of their sins and follow Jesus. Lessons 5 – 9 will help the children explore ways they can serve one another in love. The last three lessons emphasize what it means to serve Jesus all over the world!



### **PRIMARY BOYS/GIRLS** (Grades 1, 2)

Room 10

Teachers: Stacey Hall, Sandy Lasley

Theme: **Pleasing God**

During these thirteen weeks your children will be studying the Ten Commandments. They will focus on their relationship to God and how the commandments point us to Jesus. Another relationship dealt with will be between the children and their neighbors (discovering that the last six commandments teach us how to live with each other!). Finally, they will learn that we will never keep these commandments perfectly, but with the Lord's help we are challenged to put Him first in our lives and give it our best shot!

### **GRADE SCHOOL BOYS/GIRLS:** (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Room 18

Teacher: Lauren Henderson

Theme: **God's Servants**

God uses all kinds of people. Have you ever heard of Deborah? Barzillai? Asaph? Titus? Onesimus? Some of these names will be new to you, but your children will learn them well this quarter. All of these names belong to people whom the Lord used to work His plan on this earth (and whose stories are told in scripture). Ephesians 2:10 says: *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* Exploring this and many more passages will help your children understand what kind of servants the Lord desires them to be.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS** (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Room 17

Teachers: Dana Baker, Lorie Hamrick

Theme: **God's Word in Today's World**

This quarter our Middle Schoolers will study foundational truths from God's word and work on applying these truths to the issues they wrestle with privately. They will learn we are not left to ourselves to figure out life. God is our Creator and cares deeply for the choices we make and the emotions we experience. There will be a focus on Paul's letters to the Philippians during the second half of the quarter. The students will learn to observe, interpret, and apply God's holy word to their lives.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS** (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Room 16

Teachers: Ken and Heather Dake

Theme: **God's Word in Today's World**

See description for Middle School Girls.

### **HIGH SCHOOL** (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Room 14

Teachers: Chris Graham, Charles Hamrick

Theme: **Old Testament Journey**

Sometimes we view the Old Testament as one story and the New Testament as another. However, God has only ever been telling ONE story! Most believers understand Jesus and the New Testament better than they do the Old Testament. Students will experience Jesus—and their own faith—more fully with a better understanding of the Old Testament. We're going to talk covenants, tent pegs, and roller coasters....all biblical and pointing to Jesus!