

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Scott Deneen

After preaching on “Idol Thoughts” this past Sunday I began to think of the Gospel message and how we are to encourage one another with it. Normally we try to encourage people with things like, “hope you get that raise!” or “you look great! Have you lost weight?” or “keep studying, you’ll eventually get into grad school,” etc... you know, things of the world. Now don’t get me wrong, there’s nothing inherently wrong with these things or with encouraging others with them but are they the highest and most soul-satisfying things with which to encourage someone?

That’s what got me thinking about the *content* of encouragement. I’m sure we’d all agree we’re supposed to say nice things to people but rarely do we ask, “what should the content of my encouragement be?”

A clarifying question might be, “with what does God encourage me?” Cars? Boats? Homes? Vacations? Raises? No. God encourages me with Christ? And is Christ not the greatest “thing” any of us could have? Yes. And so God speaks kind, gracious words to us with Christ-filled content.

Hebrews 10:19-22 tells us (paraphrased): we can have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, because we have a great High Priest who has completely cleansed us; therefore, encourage one another. In other words, the reason and the content of our encouragement is the Person and work of Christ.

So as we seek to build each other up in the Lord, let’s make sure Jesus Christ is the subject of our discussion and delight.

Grace,

Scott

*Memorial
Day*

*The church office and CDC will
be closed on Monday, May 30.*



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

PASTOR STEVE'S CORNER

I think King David would have liked to participate in our Man Night on June 4. (See details below) Listen to what he wrote in Psalm 133:1. *“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”* He understood the simple pleasure and value of guys getting together to “dwell” or in modern terms “hang out.” It is good and healthy for us to be outside eating food cooked over a fire, playing games, guffawing, grunting and shooting things (David was quite a marksman himself)!

But this is an experience we want to share with others. Listen to what David says in Psalm 145:10-12. *“All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.”* Part of our role is to share with others the glory of God’s kingdom, His power, His mighty deeds, His glorious splendor. So bring a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, and introduce them to the glorious kingdom of God. Pray that they will see in us the love of Jesus in a very manly way!

Your servant in Christ,

Steve

FPC MAN NIGHT 2016 SATURDAY, JUNE 4 6:00 PM UNTIL

FREE

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All men (high school & up)
are invited to join us for an evening
of fun and fellowship at the
Dixon Ranch, 1940 Rhyne Road, Dallas

Bring a buddy or two!
Bring a chair!

Eat meat

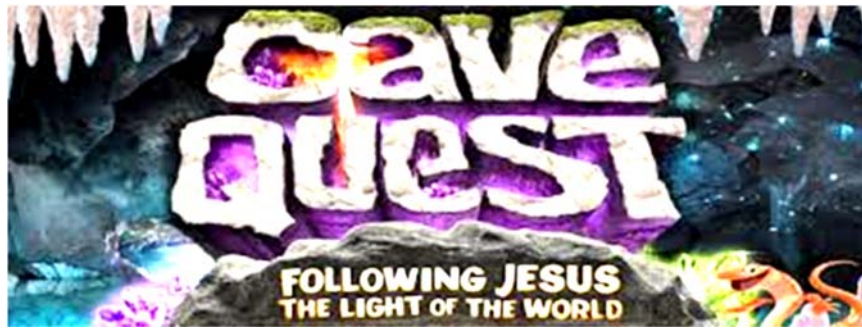


Shoot things



Please sign-up at the Men’s Ministry bulletin board
in the main hallway, by calling the church office or
by emailing Steve Jessen at steve@fpcstanley.org.

~~Share our feelings~~ **aaargh!**



Vacation Bible School
June 27-30
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Children ages 3-11!
Invite your friends!

WIC NEWS

The WIC Circles will meet as follows for the month of June:

Monday, June 6: 6:00 pm - Grace Circle will meet at the home of Wendy Ham
7:00 pm - Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of SaDara Tilley
Readers Circle will meet at the home of Lisa Grice.
Tuesday, June 7: 6:30 pm - Denver Circle will meet at the home of Elizabeth Abernathy.

REMINDER...

WIC Council meets
Sunday, 5/22 at
4:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Once again this year we are offering **scholarships** to those of our church family who will be going to a **Church camp** this summer.

Requests with a copy of the registration form should be turned in to Ronnie Smith or placed in his church mailbox on or before June 5.

Amount of scholarship aid will be determined by the number of applicants.

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 5:30 Tech Team Mtg. 5:30 AHG Camp Mtg. 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg 7:00 Adult Rec Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	3	4 9:00 Soccer Finale at Common Ground 2:00 Men's Basketball 6:00 FPC Man Night
5 6:00 Youth	6 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Grace Circle 7:00 Elizabeth, Ruth and Readers Circles	7 6:30 Denver Circle	8 11:30 Newsletter Crew Lunch	9 CDC Summer Camp begins 6:00 AHG Unit Meetings-	10	11 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 10-11:30 Baseball/Softball Registration 2:00 Men's Basketball
12 AM Communion	13 6:30 Baseball Orientation	14 Summer Preschool begins	15 6:00 Sports Camp Mtg.	16 7:00 Session Meeting	17	18 <u>Mexico Mission Trip →</u> 2:00 Men's Basketball
19  Father's Day	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22 11:30 Newsletter Crew Lunch	23	24	25
←————— Mexico Mission Trip: 6/18 - 6/25 —————→						
6:00 Youth	7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	←————— General Assembly in Mobile, AL —————→				2:00 Men's Basketball
26 4:00 WIC Council Mtg. 6:00 Youth	27	28	29	30		
←————— Children's Vacation Bible School 6:30 - 8:30 pm each night —————→						

JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- June 5:** 10:15 AM - Mary Ruth Heffner
June 12: 10:15 AM - Stacey Hall
June 19: 10:15 AM - Heather Ormsby
June 26: 10:15 AM - Julie Jessen



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- June 5:** Tommy Barton
June 12: Communion
June 19: Chris Graham
June 26: Charles Hamrick



The following are some items currently needed:

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| Corn | Canned fruit | Soups | Green beans |
| Pastas | Pasta Sauces | Rice | Macaroni & cheese |

As you are able, place donations in the designated bin in the main hallway. Thank you for helping to keep our Food Pantry well stocked!!



SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar for these up-coming events. Everyone is invited! More details will be available in the coming weeks!

July 1: Family Night

July 30: Pool Party at Stanley Rec pool

August 20: Outing to South Mountain

MISSIONARY NEWS



Good reports are coming from our grandfather and granddaughter mission team in **Romania!** Continue to pray for **Jim Ramsey and Michaela Lamb.**

One of our missionaries recently wrote: I am often asked, “What is the hardest struggle of being a missionary?” My reply is always, “Being far away from my family, our children and grandchildren!” Consider this as you pray regularly for our missionary families.

We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to those in our missionary family celebrating birthdays in **June!!**

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| 1 – Marcia Jones | 11 – Sid Druen | 21 – Ema Lepadatu (2001) |
| 2 – Heath McLaughen | 12 – Pam Schweitzer | 24 – Tricia Lee |
| 3 – Mark Schweitzer (1999) | 17 – Bethany Schweitzer (2001) | Debbie Saenz |
| 6 – Ellen Barnett | 20 – Jennifer Comer | 29 – Carin Fredere |
| 10 – Laura Dye | Tere Druen | |



Remember to bring in your filled baby bottles for the **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER’S *BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS*** campaign. Filled bottles should be left in the church office or given to Chuck or Alice Jessen. We still have baby bottles available if you did not already get one or if you would like another one. They are on the literature display in the main hallway.



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being accepted on our website (fpcstanley.org) for the upcoming Baseball/Softball season. Register online and then attend Registration Day on Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am - 11:30 am to secure your child’s spot on a team..

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Kathy Lineberger is recovering nicely following knee replacement surgery earlier this month. She continues with physical therapy to help in her recovery.

A couple of weeks ago, **Kay Heffner** was admitted to the Robin Johnson House in order to receive the care she needs.

Kevin Rhyne stayed in the hospital overnight following surgery last week. He is doing well!

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,397.79
Received in April for budget	48,649.94
Needed to date for budget.....	241,591.15
Received to date for budget	240,349.90
Needed monthly for Faith Promise.....	16,517.75
Received in April for Faith Promise.....	15,785.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	66,071.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	60,109.00



We would like to recognize those in our church family that are Class of 2016 Graduates. Please complete the following and leave on Sandra's desk or call the church office no later than May 31.

Name of graduate: _____

Graduating from: _____

Future Plans: _____

Sunday, June 5, 10:15 am

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

You are invited to attend the class of your choice.

BIBLE

Room 119

Teachers: Joel Jessen, Chuck Jessen

Theme: Galatians

The Bible Class is continuing their study in the book of Galatians. Come join them as they explore the life changing and challenging truths in Paul's letter to the Galatians and to us.

EQUIPPING MEN FOR SERVICE

Activity Building

Teachers: Chris Baker, Kevin Rhyne, Ronnie Smith

Theme: All the Places to Go

Are you ready for an adventure? Using the book by John Ortberg, the men will explore the countless open doors that God places before us, learn how to recognize them and be encouraged to step out in faith to embrace the many opportunities that await.

FELLOWSHIP

Founders Hall

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

Theme: The Fruitful Life

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Love....Joy....Peace....Patience....Kindness....Goodness.
Faithfulness....Gentleness....Self-Control. What does the Bible say about the fruit of the Spirit and what are they to look like in our lives? Come learn with us as we study Galatians 5:22-23 and other related passages to see how we can better practice these Christian qualities in the midst of the world today.

JOURNEY

Church Parlor

Teachers: Chris Baity, Jim Tilley

Theme: Romans

The Journey Class will continue their study in the book of Romans. This is the premier document of Christian theology. Learn how coming to grips with its meaning can transform hearts and lives today.

NEW EVE

Room 15

Teachers: Suzy Deneen, Kim Jessen, Nancy Raleigh, Cathy Rhyne

Theme: 50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

The central issue of Jesus' death is not the cause, but the meaning. This book by John Piper explores that truth as he answers the most important question that each of us must face: What did God achieve for sinners like us in sending his Son to die? Join the women for this study.

OPEN BIBLE

Conference Room

Teachers: Don Hensley, Robert Rhyne

Theme: 2 Corinthians, Daniel

The class will finish the last chapters of 2 Corinthians during the first few Sundays of June and then move into a study of the Old Testament book of Daniel. See how the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith and how he confronted temptations and threats.

20 SOMETHINGS (anyone post high school to 29)

Room 11

Teachers: Andrew Elliott, Chris McAllister

Theme: The Daniel Plan

This study looks at faith, food, fitness, focus and friends from a biblical viewpoint. It is designed to help you make healthy choices in all of those areas.

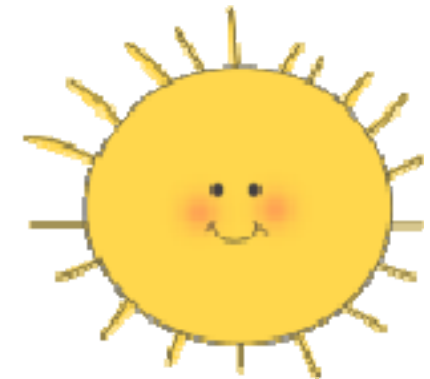
Sunday School

Summer Quarter

June - August 2016

Superintendents

Sandy Lasley and Freida Robinson



Sunday, August 28

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: Judy Billings, Robin Mundy, Leslie Smith, Jamie Stewart

The youngest members of our church family experience God's love as they are cared for each Sunday.

PRESCHOOL (2's and 3's)

Room 114

Teacher: Sherry Teague

Theme: God's People

This quarter will be filled with lots of classic stories from the Bible: Moses, the Battle of Jericho, David & Goliath, Daniel and much more! These little ones love to sing and hear music, so studying the songs of David will be another fun adventure. "God is with us as we go. Jesus loves us this we know." (Fingerplay).

4's- 6's (4's – currently in kindergarten)

Room 106

Teachers: Selena Farmer, Stacey Hall

Theme: God Keeps His Promises

God's promises of redemption, blessing, faithfulness, deliverance and a Savior will be taught. Students will be presented the glorious truth that God always keeps his promises.



PRIMARY BOYS/GIRLS (Grades 1, 2)

Room 10

Teachers: Sherry Jurina, Angie Killian

Theme: Growing in God

Three units will be taught during this summer quarter. 1) Learning about our heavenly Father. 2) Trusting God for the power to live for him. 3) Listening to God's Word. They will learn that God is loving, merciful and powerful. Secondly, we want them to know they can trust God to care for and guide them. In the third section they will be learning to trust in God's promises. We must acknowledge our need for the Lord. He is the one who God sent to the cross to deal with the matter of our disobedience and our faithlessness.

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

Rooms 18/19

Teachers: Lauren Fox, Kristen Henderson

Theme: Job to Malachi

We will continue our study through the Old Testament where the scarlet thread of God's redemptive plan through Jesus Christ is always central. The studies begin this quarter with Job and learning to trust in God's plan and end in Malachi – putting God first! These Old Testament book studies will help each child grasp God's redemptive work in His people's lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Room 17

Teachers: Jonan Bynum, Debbie Harper

Theme: Wise Up

Using the poetical books in the Old Testament, our Middle Schoolers will discover some important truths such as these. The Bible is more valuable because it is God's communication with us. Life not centered on God is meaningless. Words are powerful so the wise person controls his speech. A true friend is faithful, honest, helpful and sensitive. The outcome of a lazy life is bleak.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Room 12

Teachers: David and Tommi Rust

Theme: Wise Up

See description for Middle School Girls.

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

Room 14

Teachers: Chris Graham, Charles Hamrick

Theme: Exodus

End of an era, challenging authority, wondering if we have the right leader, needing a miracle (or seven) just to survive.....what high school seniors say in the month of May? Well maybe...but it also describes the book of Exodus. "Israelites" and "high school" are often in the same sentence... well, maybe not, but let's see what this great book can tell us about how to flourish this summer!



ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar – June 2016

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“The Holy Spirit, Our Helper”

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought...” (Ro. 8:26). How good it is to know that the Spirit “helps” us, literally “takes hold together” with us in our weakness...Why do we have this Spirit? The Spirit is God’s own breath by which we live and pray, our Helper and Guide. The Spirit is God suffering with us in the worst of times, praying from our hearts when we can barely groan. That’s who he is. How shall we honor the Spirit in our praying and respond to his work? See if this sounds to you like a fitting resolve: in my every prayer I will seek to depend on the Spirit. Let me remember how living prayer comes from him; let me wait on him for quickening and direction; and let me trust that he is there, on my side, pulling for me, when I’m too weary or weak even to cry, “Help!”

Dr. William Brownson, “Courage to Pray,” p. 43,4

“I will ask the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you forever...the Spirit of truth. When the Helper comes, whom I will send, he will bear witness about me...It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you...when he comes he will convict...he will guide you into all truth...he will glorify me...he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” John 14,15,16 (Selected vs. ESV)

The Armorbearer Intercession

Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain who accompanied him in dangerous missions. Armorbearers holding huge shields sometimes surrounded their leader to protect him from attack. As the Armorbearers protected the warrior chief from the enemy’s arrows, so church members’ intercessory prayers can protect their pastor from “the flaming arrows of the evil one” (Ephesians 6:16).

Prayer Notes from Pastor Steve

Today was a big day for me as I appeared before Presbytery to be examined. This was the next step in transferring my ordination into the PCA. I am truly grateful for the prayers of God’s people on my behalf. I felt the power of your prayers and they were effective as God blessed my time in front of Presbytery. The good news is that they approved me to be a Teaching Elder (Pastor) in the Catawba Valley Presbytery. I am so excited about the next step in the process, which is my installation to the gospel ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Stanley! This will take place during the Sunday morning service on July 10th. I am honored that Pastor Dan King will be preaching at the installation service.

As I reflect on the way God has directed this entire process, the words of Paul in Philippians 1:3-6 came to mind. Paul writes “*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*”

I do thank God for all of you. I am also very excited about the phrase “partnership in the gospel.” This is a team effort...I need your prayers and I will pray for you. God has begun a good work in us, and I am confident He will complete all that He has purposed to do in and through us until the day of Christ Jesus.

Thanks again for partnering with me in prayer, I truly appreciate it!

June Daily Prayer Requests

- 1 **Leon Lineberger:** Pray for Kathy's continued recovery from knee surgery.
- 2 **Chris Baity:** Pray for opportunity and wisdom in presenting the good and saving message of the Gospel as SOAR Soccer closes (6/4/16) and for Baseball/Softball as it begins.
- 3 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray for me to be humble and not think more of myself than I should.
- 4 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray that the "Man Night" tonight will bring men closer to God and to each other.
- 5 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray that those who are graduating will be guided by the Lord in the next part of their life journey.
- 6 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray that my brother's treatment choice for cancer will be effective and cause minimal damage to surrounding tissue.
- 7 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray that our Deacons will have wisdom in overseeing the many plans and projects that require our attention at FPC.
- 8 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for healing and perseverance for friends dealing with physical problems and those who have lost loved ones.
- 9 **Robert Rhyne:** For strength to passionately, and with Christian love, share Christ with a world that "spins" God's Word to meet their earthly desires.
- 10 **Johnny Smith:** Pray that our graduates and our young people will find work, and enjoy the summer months as they enjoy vacation and work.
- 11 **Garry Lucas:** Pray help and healing for issues related to ongoing back pain.
- 12 **Chris Baker:** Pray for those registered to play baseball and softball during the summer at FPC.
- 13 **Tommy Barton:** Pray for PCA sister churches at McBrayer Springs, Shelby, and E. Belmont Christ Church at River's Edge, that they would grow and have a strong witness for Christ.
- 14 **Clyde Haley:** Pray for the Elders of First Pres. as we lead our Church of believers, that the will of God will be done in all things.
- 15 **Charles Hamrick:** Prayer for my co-workers and for FPC Vacation Bible School (6/27-6/30).
- 16 **Mark Harper:** Please continue to pray for our daughter Emma as the doctors perform tests to diagnose the cause and treat her migraines.
- 17 **Joel Jessen:** That God would incline my heart to his testimonies and not to selfish gain, and that I have integrity and a Christ-like witness at work.
- 18 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that God would use me and all of our Mexico Mission Team this week (6/18-25) to humbly reflect Christ in all things.
- 19 **Leon Lineberger:** Pray for Kathy and her family as they deal with matters of her father's estate.
- 20 **Garry Lucas:** Pray for the workers at Freightliner that may be experiencing lay-offs.
- 21 **Mark Johnson:** Pray for our youth who are seeking direction as they enter their senior year and plan for college, work, military, etc.
- 22 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray that I would follow God's will as a shepherd at FPC.
- 23 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for summer sports ministries to be a strong witness in connecting with those outside of our church.
- 24 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for our state governor and his supporters as they face great pressure in trying to do the right thing.
- 25 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray for the Mexico team's safe return and for renewed ties to the ministry there that will continue to bless them and us.
- 26 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for me as a father and grandfather to be a faithful help and witness.
- 27 **Robert Rhyne:** For our church to always be aware of the devil's sneaky antics, asking that the Holy Spirit protect our thoughts, words and deeds.
- 28 **Johnny Smith:** Pray for God's work through our Mission team in New York City from July 2-9.
- 29 **Chris Baity:** That God will oversee the plans and participants of our Sports Camp, July 11-15.
- 30 **Chris Baker:** Pray that the finish of VBS will bring ongoing glory to Christ in children's lives.

Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise for my new job as I converted from contractor to employee and prayer for wisdom and ability to be a contributing and valuable employee.
Jerry Ratchford
- Praise for the strong ministry with our children especially VBS and for Lauren Henderson's leadership.