

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR by Scott Deneen

Dear Friends,

Theologian and professor Dr. J. I. Packer once wrote, "...we are cruel to ourselves if we try to live in this world without knowing the God whose world it is and who runs it. The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business. Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you waste your life and lose your soul." (*Knowing God*, InterVarsity Press)

Packer makes it sound like the study of God has a lot to do with joy and meaning in this life. And we know him to be right. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 1:21, "for to me, to live is Christ..." Both Dr. Packer and the Apostle Paul encourage us to be purposeful and consistent in our study of God.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our every need is satisfied in Christ. Paul, while sitting in prison, wrote to his Philippian children, "my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

So, if you are lonely, weary, bored, apathetic, dissatisfied, or disillusioned, Christ is the answer for you. In Him you will be energized, amazed, steadied, renewed, and satisfied. And when we are satisfied with Christ, we bring Him honor and glory. Therefore, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Grace and Peace,

Scott



WIC NEWS

WIC Council
meets
Sunday, September 25
at 4:00 pm

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

Monday, October 3:

6:00 pm - Grace Circle will meet at the home of Wendy Ham

7:00 pm - Elizabeth Circle will meet at the home of Robin Mundy

Readers Circle will meet at the home of Melissa Smith

Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Susan Mesimer

Tuesday, October 4:

7:00 pm - Denver Circle will meet at the home of Becky Hensley

MISSIONS NEWS



It's time to begin thinking about which of our missionary families you want to pray for regularly in 2017. To get a picture of who they are and what they are doing, look at the missionary bulletin boards lining the hallway up to Founders Hall.

*“Happy Birthday” to our Missionaries
celebrating birthdays in October!!*

2 – Lynn Cross

Jim Ramsey

8 – Wanda Ramsey

12 – Aaron Zapata

23 – Maria Chuc

29 – Phil Fiol

Let the nations be glad....



**2016
MISSIONS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 12-16**



You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
Sunday, October 23
2:00 - 3:30 pm
 honoring
Michaela Lamb

The bride-to-be is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Hostesses are: Debbie Boggess, Ellen Deese, Anna-Kathryn Lineberger
 and Katie Saine.

Christmas Scenes 2016 Service Opportunities!

We are looking for folks to be a part of the **exciting new vision** for Christmas Scenes 2016! Many of you have already signed up and we thank you!! Whether you can serve a little or a lot, everyone is needed to participate this fall in a dynamic outreach of our church.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

Production:

Construction
 Lighting

Special Effects
 Technology

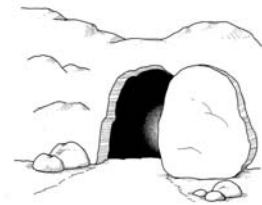
Audio

Creative:

Art
 Painting

Drama
 Writing

Costumes
 Music



Logistics:

Promotion
 Advertising

Security
 Greeters

Parking/Traffic Control
 Food

Prayer:

Prayer Team
 I commit to regular prayer for this outreach.

Please see the bulletin board outside of the church office for more information and to sign up!

REMINDERS...

- ❖ WIC Card Making Workshop is this Saturday, September 24, at 9:00 am.
- ❖ SOAR Alumni Event is this Saturday, September 24, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for games! Then, Sunday morning, all SOAR alumni are asked to wear a SOAR jersey to church. Following the morning worship, we will have a covered dish lunch. Remember to bring enough food for your family plus one.
- ❖ Our ladies have planned a Cleaning Day at the church on Saturday, October 1, starting at 9:00 am. Come on over and help if you are available.
- ❖ The Lord's Supper will be observed during the morning worship service on Sunday, October 2. Review these questions in preparation for this service:
 1. Do I really acknowledge myself to be a sinner?
 2. Do I recognize that it was my sin which caused Christ's death?
 3. Do I understand that I cannot contribute one thing to my salvation, that it is all God's free gift to me?
 4. Do I believe that Christ's work--and it alone--is what saves me?
 5. Have I believed in Christ Jesus to the extent that I have put my full trust and reliance in him as my only assurance of salvation?
 6. Have I committed myself to show true thankfulness to God in my whole life?
 7. Am I sincerely trying to walk faithfully with him?
 8. Am I honestly endeavoring to live an upright life and to live in love and peace with my neighbor – especially those other members of the church, the “body of Christ”?
 9. Do I earnestly desire to follow Christ and leave my sin behind? In other words, am I living a life marked by true repentance?



COUNTRY FEST IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

We have many opportunities for you to participate.

Stop by the bulletin board in the main hallway or call Pastor Steve for details.

Sign up today!

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30 Officer Training 9:00 Ladies' Cleaning Day Country Fest 2:00 Men's Basketball
2 AM Communion 11:30 Hospitality Team Mtg	3 Newsletter Deadline	4	5 10:30 Wednesday AM CG	6	7	8 8:30 Officer Training 2:00 Men's Basketball
6:00 Care Groups, Youth, Image Bearers	6:00 Grace Circle Meeting 7:00 Elizabeth, Readers & Ruth Circle Meetings	6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group Denver Circle Mtg.	6:30 Abernathy Care Grp Youth	6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg 7:30 Officers' Prayer		
9 3:00 Officers' Exams	10	11	12	13	14	15 2:00 Men's Basketball
6:00 Care Groups, Youth, Image Bearers		6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	← WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE →			
16 ← MISSIONS CONFERENCE	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19 10:30 Wednesday AM CG	20	21	22 2:00 Men's Basketball
		6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	6:30 Abernathy Care Grp Youth	6:00 AHG Unit Meetings 7:00 Joint Officers' Mtg		
23 2:00 - 3:30 Bridal Shower for Michaela Lamb 4:00 WIC Council Mtg 6:00 Care Groups, Youth, Image Bearers	24	25	26 10:30 Wednesday AM CG	27	28	29 2:00 Men's Basketball
	7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	6:30 Abernathy Care Grp Youth	6:00 AHG Unit Mtgs.		
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OCTOBER RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY

October 2: 10:15 AM - Angel and Brittany Ross

October 9: 10:15 AM - Suzy Deneen

October 16: 10:15 AM - Stacey Hall

October 23: 10:15 AM - Lisa Grice

October 30: 10:15 AM - Susan Mesimer

*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

October 2: Communion

October 9: Chris Graham

October 16: Missions Conference

October 23: Steve Jessen

October 30: Joel Jessen

With Loving Thanks

Dear Steve,

Thank you so much for all you did for our family prior to Betty's passing. Your visits meant a great deal to everyone as did the visits of Rev. Deneen and Rev. King. The wings Rev. King brought by were delicious, as was the meal provided to the family on Monday. Please be sure to thank everyone at First Presbyterian.

*Best Regards,
Family of Betty Shelby*

HELP US FIND OUR MISSING TABLECLOTHS



Have you seen our blue and white oil cloth tablecloths? They were removed from the Founders Hall closet recently. We need to have them returned to the church as soon as possible.

Please remember that the tablecloths are for church use. If you need them for a special event, please be sure to request use through the church office. This helps us to keep up with items and to be sure they are not missing when a church event is planned.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Frankie Henderson was hospitalized for a few days when it was discovered she had a Deep Vein Thrombosis in her leg in addition to some clots in her lung. She is now doing well with medications and decreased activities.

Daniel and Catherine Mosely welcomed **William Mark** into the world on September 11. Will remains in the hospital as his lungs become fully functional with hopes of going home by the weekend.

Mott Murphy had a short stay in the hospital for a Heart Catheterization. She received a good report, showing improvement from the same procedure a couple of years ago!

Kristen Henderson began experiencing early contractions this past weekend. After an overnight stay in the hospital she was released for bed rest at home. Please pray that baby **Ryan** can hold on for at least a few more weeks!

John and Betty Ann Abernathy have taken up residence at Carillon Assisted Living in Lincolnton. Their new address is 440 Salem Church Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

The oldest member of our church family celebrated her 102nd birthday on Saturday, September 17. The family of **Kathleen Ottinger** honored her with a party at the Stanley Total Living Center. Her brother, **Oscar Norris**, also has a birthday this month. He is turning 99. Kathleen is the mother of **Charlene Hager (Mrs. Roland)** of our congregation.



AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,397.79
Received in August for budget	50,041.00
Needed to date for budget	483,182.31
Received to date for budget	483,052.81
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	16,517.75
Received in August for Faith Promise	23,600.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	132,142.00
Received to date for Faith Promise	117,498.00

Birthdays to Celebrate in October

2 Jennings Black
Jim Ramsey

3 Emma Deneen
Darwin Paramore

5 Mike Prather

7 Kaden Baity
Zane Billings

8 Wanda Ramsey



9 Ryan Grice
Maxton Withers

10 Sydney Heffner

11 Henry Chucci
Jolee Lawson

12 Jonan Bynum
Grady Rhyne

15 Tracy McMinn

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ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar – October 2016
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Paul wrote to the Colossian Christians saying, “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints.” Of note is that Paul says “we,” meaning not only was he praying and thanking God for the Colossian Christians but his companions were as well. It was a corporate. So as we pray for our leaders we do so together. We pray and thank God as individual believers AND we pray and thank God as a church. OUR prayers coupled together with God’s – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So it’s individual believers, the church-wide community, and God Himself – what a glorious communion of pray-ers! And we give *thanks* for our Leaders’ faith. Are you glad your Leaders are converted? You should be! Too many churches today have leaders who do not even believe in Jesus Christ. Give God thanks for converting and installing true believers over this church for the glory of His Son and the preservation of this congregation. And then be glad for the overflowing love He cultivates among us. God gives us reason upon reason to pray and give thanks, let us do so together.

Pastor Scott

The Armorbearer Intercession

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).

AWARE 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: Areas of prayer may include special ministries you may be aware of that they are doing in a particular week, or special concerns about their health/strength, families/relationships, etc. You may pray for the fruits of the Spirit in their lives and for fruit from their labors. You may be led to pray for vision, wisdom, grace and protection from enemy attacks that would discourage or hinder their service of the Lord. Pray for them as God may bring things to mind and lay them on your heart. The Holy Spirit is our helper as we pray for those who serve him.

Monday: Pastor Scott Deneen, Senior Pastor
Pastor Steve Jessen: Assistant Pastor

Tuesday: Lauren Henderson, Children’s Ministry
Chris Baity: Youth/Sports

Wednesday: Global Outreach, Adult Ed/Care Groups
Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell

Thursday: Debbie Smith, Director, Child Development Center
Pastor Dan King: Ministry to Seniors

Friday: Eric Beam, Music Director
Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant

Saturday: Pray for those who preach, teach, and lead at FPC on Sunday.

Daily Prayer Requests

- 1 **Mark Harper:** Pray for Clay as he continues with Boy Scouts; that having fun and good times with a friend he will share his faith and grow in the Lord.
- 2 **Joel Jessen:** Pray for all involved in the Missions Conference planning, that we might have wisdom in promoting the work of the Gospel.
- 3 **Mark Johnson:** Pray for God's guidance and direction in my life.
- 4 **Leon Lineberger:** Praise and prayer for Anna-Kathryn and Dillon Lamb's engagement and their planning for marriage next year.
- 5 **Garry Lucas:** Pray for the ongoing work of the deacons and our hospitality team.
- 6 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that God would use the Missions Conference to help us all share Christ here in Stanley and to the ends of the earth.
- 7 **Dan Ormsby:** Please Pray for God's guidance in preparing the Christmas scenes and that God will provide all the volunteers that are needed.
- 8 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for God's work in our lives during the Missions Conference October 12-16.
- 9 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray that my mother will be able to remain in her home as she is recovering from a recent stroke.
- 10 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray for safe travel for guests who are coming to the Missions Conference.
- 11 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for the Missions Conference keynote speaker Paul Clark from Peru.
- 12 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray that God will lead and direct my prayer time.
- 13 **Johnny Smith:** Pray for our children's ministry during the Missions Conference.
- 14 **Chris Baity:** Pray for Bri and I as we start a new season with the youth: that the Lord would move in them and use us to help them in their sanctification.
- 15 **Chris Baker:** Pray for Missions Conference prayer and faith promise commitments to be Spirit led.
- 16 **Tommy Barton:** Pray that God would strengthen our church and other churches in our communities to teach His word.
- 17 **Clyde Haley:** Thanks be to God for a good start in our new year of study and worship at FPC. May He receive the glory and honor due Him.
- 18 **Charles Hamrick:** Pray for the upcoming elections and pray for the Christmas Scenes preparation and planning.
- 19 **Mark Harper:** Pray for Scott as he leads the new officer training and be with them all in their time of study and service.
- 20 **Joel Jessen:** Pray that I would put on the whole armor of God so that I would be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
- 21 **Mark Johnson:** Pray that our children and youth ministries will help them be strong in their faith.
- 22 **Leon Lineberger:** Pray for our Mercy Ministry to give help and show the hope that is in Christ.
- 23 **Garry Lucas:** Pray for the new officers as they prepare to serve and bring glory to God.
- 24 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I would be thankful to God for every opportunity to serve here at FPC and in our community
- 25 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray for my Dad and his ongoing medical challenges.
- 26 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for the preparation teams working on the Christmas Scenes.
- 27 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray that my brother's cancer treatment is effective.
- 28 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray that all Christians will do their duty and vote wisely.
- 29 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for our country and the upcoming elections.
- 30 **Robert Rhyne:** That the Lord helps me recognize the things I say and do that break His heart.
- 31 **Johnny Smith:** Pray for our college students to maintain strong Christian friendships while away from home.

Praise and Thanksgivings

- Continued praise for Janet as she bears the load for caring for our mothers.
Jerry Ratchford
- A praise for those going through the Elder and Deacon leadership training.
Mark Harper