

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

The Psalms of Ascent are an interesting section of God's Word. Psalms 120-134 were traditionally sung by the ancient Jewish pilgrims as they "ascended" to Jerusalem. Several weeks ago we considered the familiar Psalm 121, with the comforting theme that God watches over us. That is good news worth repeating over and over. Our God is for us, He is our help in times of trouble, He has delivered us, He has redeemed us from our captivity to sin and death, He has brought us home where we belong. That leads us to this question: what then is our response to God's amazing work? Part of the answer to that question is found in Psalm 126, which beautifully articulates the nature of our response.

- 1 - When the Lord brought back the captive ones of Zion,
We were like those who dream.
- 2 - Then our mouth was filled with laughter
And our tongue with joyful shouting;
Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 3 - The Lord has done great things for us;
We are glad.

What emotions should we feel as we reflect on all that God has done for us? It should feel like a dream, v.1 (pinch me, can this really be true?), it should evoke laughter, v. 2 (not just a chuckle, but an all-out belly laugh), it should result in joy filled shouts, v. 2 (it's okay for Presbyterians to get loud!). Our final response or better said "response-ibility" is to say to the world: "The Lord has done great things for us." When we share the testimony of God's work in our lives with others, it gives God glory and "we are glad."

Steve



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY **Sunday, August 27**

Breakfast in Founders Hall – 8:45 a.m.
Come enjoy a big country breakfast!

Special Program in the Sanctuary – 9:30 a.m.

All classes will meet together to recognize students being promoted and to introduce the Christian Education staff – S.S. teachers, Youth and Children's Ministry leaders, Care Group leaders and hosts for 2017-2018.



SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY TRAINING



If you are interested in working with children or youth at our church during the 2017-2018 year (in any capacity), you are encouraged to attend our Safety and Security Policy training session on **Sunday, August 13th**, immediately following the worship service. Lunch and a coffee bar will be provided! During this session, you will be provided with the information you need to serve in our ministries. We will explore the policy and what it means for your area of service, sign your Code of Conduct forms, and prepare for a new year!

Please email Lauren if you plan to attend – lauren@fpcstanley.org.



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our Sr. Pastor Search Committee was confirmed at the Congregational Meeting last Sunday. The committee members are: Ryan Abernathy, Ron Ensley, Amanda Huss, Teresa Neely and Dan Ormsby. Lennie Burrell will be the alternate. Remember to keep these committee members along with our church family in constant prayer as we go through this process.

NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our Sunday evening Children's Ministry summer session continues for 2 more weeks!

Children ages 4 - 11 are invited
to join us on our trip to Narnia...

August 6 & 13
6:00-7:30 PM



The Youth

will wrap up their summer schedule

August 2 and 9!

6:00 – 7:30 PM

All middle school and high school
youth are encouraged to attend!



CHURCH-WIDE CAMPING TRIP

at

Briar Bottom Group Camping Area
in Black Mountain Campground
**Friday through Monday,
September 1 - 4**

FREE!!!

Sign up by August 27 !

Visit our website for more information and to sign up. You can also sign up at the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Parking is limited. Carpooling is highly encouraged. New Safety and Security policy will apply.



OFFICER NOMINATIONS

are being accepted through August 20.

Nomination forms and a collection box are located in the main hallway.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
A BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING
KAYLEE COLEMAN (JOE DEESE)**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
2:00 - 3:30 PM
IN FOUNDERS HALL**

Kaylee and Joe are registered at: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Belk and Target.



FALL EVENING ACTIVITY SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10!

Sunday evening children's ministry and youth activities will begin September 10. For adults, our new season of care groups will begin that week. Look for details and sign ups in the very near future for the new care groups being offered.



GOLF OUTREACH

Invite a friend or three to hit the links. This is great way to connect with folks in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. We will play Captain's Choice in foursomes and gather at the end for lunch and a brief testimony/devotion time. Ladies as well as gentlemen are welcome.

Saturday, September 16, 2017
Westport Golf Course
7494 Golf Course Dr. S, Denver NC
9am Shotgun Start

Cost is \$35 and includes golf, cart, food for breakfast and lunch, and prizes! RSVP to church office or sign up on bulletin board in hallway.

Church Directories

Be sure to pick up an updated Church Directory or two from the Literature Display. There have been many changes since the last one was published. Remember to throw out your old copy.

DRYING TOWELS ARE MISSING



It has been discovered that our drying towels are missing from the Founders Hall kitchen. Did you take them home to wash them? Please check to see if you have towels belonging to the church and return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.

2nd Quarter Giving Statements

2nd quarter giving statements have been printed and are on the Literature Display. Please stop by and retrieve your statement. If you find any discrepancies, contact our Treasurer Gary Neely.



Community Back Pack Mission

The local Stanley churches are joining forces to collect items for children in our area. Many of them are unable to purchase basic school supplies. We will have a collection box in the main hallway through Wednesday, August 16.

Items needed: generic back packs, composition books, pencils and pens.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ellen Beam was back in the hospital for several nights due to severe pain and infection from her recent surgery. At the time of this printing, she planned to be transferred to the TLC for some rehab.

Congratulations are in order for **Andrew and Hailey Deese** on the birth of **Addison Miriam**. Addison was born on July 30. Proud grandparents are **Tommy and Ellen Deese** along with equally proud **Uncle Joe, Uncle Daniel and Aunt Chelsea**.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY



Christian sympathy is expressed to **Charles and Bonita Davidson** on the death of Bonita's father in April. We rejoice with them on the expected arrival of a granddaughter in mid-August. The Davidsons serve with MTW in **Mexico**.

Michael and Tricia Lee ask for prayer as they focus on the growing Venezuelan refugee community in **Panama** where they are MTW missionaries.

Bill and Pam Schweitzer and their children are headed to the USA from **England** for a year's Home Ministry Assignment with MTW. Bill will serve as chaplain for the Marine Special Operations School in Camp Lejeune while they are in the states.

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER UPDATE



A **BIG THANKS** to FPC from the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County. The **Baby Bottle** offerings from our church totaled **\$1,715.54!!!!**. To date the **overall collection for CPC** has added up to **\$66,656** with more churches still reporting.

*Walk
for
Life
2017*



AND—The **27TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE** will be held **September 8, 2017, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the CPC main campus. 700 Robinson Road, Gastonia.

Would you like to walk...or support someone who will? It is for young and old, family oriented with fun things for kids...inflatables, hot air balloon, hot dogs, drinks and pop corn. For more information: contact the CPC Office (704)867-3706 or Alice Jessen (704) 263-4983.

Birthdays to Celebrate in August

17 Don Hamilton
Tenley Lawson

18 Bill Robinson
Cameron Rodgers

19 Jerry Barton
Ken Dake

21 Scott Deneen
Mike Gamage
Leah Treat

22 Rick Herd

23 Carly Klutz

24 Randy Cole
Mike Dixon
Nancy Raleigh



25 Daniel Williams

27 Tommy Barton

28 Katie Saine

30 Chuck Bynum
Doug Gladden
Eloise Hamilton
David Hill

31 Shirley Chucci

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