

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

This week we are moving our daughter Miriam back to college for her Senior year! We will certainly miss her; she brings such joy into our home, but at the same time we are excited for all that God has in store for her in the year to come.

The words “back to school” elicit many distinct emotions. For most students it is a mixture of dejection (the care free days of summer are gone), and excitement (being reunited with school friends and showing off your new Scooby-Doo lunchbox). Parents and Grandparents may miss having the kids around and family vacation time, but we are also grateful for the structure that the school schedule brings.

In the rhythm of our church life we have times of “vacation,” but the day comes when it is time to go “back to school.” The Christian Education Committee is challenging all of us to make sure that we don’t stop learning. The apostle Paul says: *“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”* Romans 15:4 (ESV)

This fall there are many opportunities to learn and grow in your understanding of the triune God and His Holy Word. In this newsletter you will find important information about Sunday School classes and Care Groups. Please take advantage of these educational offerings so that you may *“move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.”* Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)

But Christian Education is not just for our benefit, it equips us to change the world. In the Great Commission, given by Jesus to His disciples, we sometimes overlook the second half of the challenge that says, *“teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* Matthew 28:20 (ESV) We learn, mature and grow in the faith, so that we can in turn teach others what it means to follow Jesus.

You have two homework assignments as we all go “back to school”:

- 1) If you haven’t already done so, get involved in a Sunday School class and sign up for a care group. If you have any questions please contact our CE Director Lauren Henderson and she will point you in the right direction.
- 2) Please be in prayer for all of our Christian Educators, those teaching in our church as well as our church members who teach in area schools. In addition, lift up in prayer all the students, including those in college, and all our church families in these “back to school” days.

Still Learning,

*Steve*



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 26**



8:45 - Continental Breakfast for all!  
9:20 - Promotion Service in the Sanctuary  
10:15 - Morning Worship



### **OFFICER NOMINATIONS will be accepted until AUGUST 26.**

Nomination forms and the submission box are in the main hallway. As we near the end of the nomination period, continue to be in prayer for the process and the men that God would have serve here at FPC!

### **WIC NEWS**

#### **UPCOMING CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

##### **Monday, September 10:**

Elizabeth Circle meets at the lake home of Linda Faggart.  
Readers Circle meets in the Church Parlor, hosted by Missy Smith.  
Ruth Circle meets at the home of Kathy Lineberger.

##### **Tuesday, September 11:**

Denver Circle meets at the home of Sarah Robinson.

WIC Council meets  
Sunday, August 26

**There is  
still  
time to  
sign-up!**

**CAPTAIN'S CHOICE  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday, Sept. 8  
9am Shot Gun Start  
Westport Golf Course, Denver  
Contact Rick Herd or the  
church office for information.



It is time for Image Bearers to return! Our first meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. Image Bearers is our Sunday evening children's program for ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. If you wish to participate in our Christmas program please make sure to attend on September 9<sup>th</sup>!

## CARE GROUPS

It's time to begin our adult care groups! All groups will begin meeting the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Select a topic, teacher, or host that interests you and go for a visit. All are welcome.

### **SUNDAY EVENING GROUPS (6:00 PM):**

**Leader:** James Teague **Topic:** TBD  
**Hosts:** Ron & Karen Enlsey – 619 Killian Road, Stanley, NC

**Leader:** Pastor Steve Jessen **Topic:** “Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes teaches us to live in light of the end.”  
**Hosts:** Steve & Julie Jessen – 1522 Kelly's Landing Drive, Mount Holly, NC

**Leader:** Mark Beatty **Topic:** Gospel of John  
**Hosts:** Dan & Carol King – 1014 Stanley-Lucia Road, Mount Holly, NC

**Leaders:** Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell **Topic:** TBD  
**Hosts:** Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell – 408 Thompson St., Stanley, NC

### **TUESDAY GROUPS:**

@ 6:30 PM

**Leader:** Tommy Barton **Topic:** Ephesians by JD Greear  
**Hosts:** Tommy & Janice Barton – 1735 Barton Family Lane, Iron Station, NC

@ 7:00 PM

**Leader:** Lennie Burrell **Topic:** “The World May Know” series  
**Hosts:** Lynn & Lennie Burrell at the CHURCH

### **WEDNESDAY GROUPS:**

@ 10:30 AM

**Leader:** Renee Abernathy **Topic:** The Book of Matthew  
**Host:** Renee Abernathy at the CHURCH

@ 6:30 PM

**Leader:** Kevin Rhyne **Topic:** The Truth Project  
**Hosts:** Brian & Anne Abernathy – 604 Highway 27, Stanley, NC

## CHURCH-WIDE FAMILY CAMPING TRIP

At Briar Bottom Group Camping Area  
in Black Mountain Campground

Friday through Monday, August 31 - September 3



**FREE!!!**

**Sign up by this Sunday, August 26 !**

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



## WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

**Ellen Barnett**, our MTW missionary in **Mexico**, is back at home in Acapulco after her time of HMA (Home Ministry Assignment) in the USA. She writes: Home again! You know you're in Acapulco when a cold shower at 7 am feels wonderful! When meals are really Mexican and are accompanied by delicious drinks made of watermelon, papaya, guava, cucumbers and lemon with mint, jamaica (dried hibiscus flowers), plus other assorted flavors and combinations. When you have to rethink your driving style. And think in Spanish, of course. It does feel very good to be home!!

**Mark Casson**, Director of **Metanoia** Ministries with MNA, says: Won't you please join us in giving thanks for the work that God is doing and continues to do through Metanoia? Many lives are being touched, both in our churches and in the prisons. Hundreds of new student requests for mentoring are coming in.

**Michael and Lindie Wadhams**, serving with MTW among the Lummi Indians in the state of **Washington**, report a tremendous summer of receiving new short-term teams from around the country. The Lummi tribal council and many tribal members expressed gratitude for what MTW and these teams have been willing to endure for the sake of building cross cultural bridges.

Here is a note written by **Rachel Bynum** about her experience as a member of the **Palmer Home Mission Team**: Our trip to Mississippi once or twice a year is not the extent of our ministry with Palmer Home. The friendships we make last year after year and we keep in touch throughout the year. We send cards, letters, and pictures, and receive letters back from them. Many of the students at Palmer Home get our phone numbers and call us throughout the year. Many of the staff often tell us how excited the kids get when they hear that the Stanley team is coming. We look forward to serving our Lord and also spending time with our friends we have made through this ministry.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

11 – Rebecca Schweitzer (2011)  
18 – Foard Hunt (2009)  
David Jones  
Anna Schweitzer (2005)

20 – Kevin Bentley  
27 – Abby Piteo (2005)  
30 – Nelson Ayllon  
Paul Clark  
Mary Ladson McLaughen (2011)

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2:00 Men's Basketball ← Church-wide Camping trip →
2 No Sunday School  ← Church-wide Camping trip →  No Evening Activities	3 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>  Church Office and CDC closed	4  6:30 Preschool Orientation	5  Preschool begins	6  6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	7	8 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 9:00 Golf Tournament  2:00 Men's Basketball
9 AM Communion  6:00 Sunday Evening Schedule Resumes	10  6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg 7:00 Elizabeth, Readers & Ruth Circle Meetings Adult Open Volleyball	11  6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group 7:00 Denver Circle Mtg.	12 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp.  6:30 Abernathy Care Grp Children's Min Team Mtg. Tech Team Meeting	13  6:30 AHG Unit Meetings	14	15  2:00 Men's Basketball
16  6:00 Children's Ministry, Youth, Care Groups	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 Facilities Comm Mtg CDC Committee Mtg Adult Open Volleyball	18  6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	19 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp.  6:30 Abernathy Care Grp.	20  6:30 AHG Leaders Mtg. 7:00 Session Meeting	21	22  2:00 Men's Basketball 5:00 - 9:00 Best Years Country Fair
23  4:00 WIC Council Mtg.  6:00 Children's Ministry, Youth, Care Groups	24  7:00 Adult Open Volleyball	25  6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	26 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp.  6:30 Abernathy Care Grp. SOAR Comm. Mtg	27  6:30 AHG Unit Meetings	28	29  2:00 Men's Basketball
30  6:00 Children's Ministry, Youth, Care Groups						

## SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES



### NURSERY

- September 2:** 10:15 AM - Lauren Henderson, Olivia and Ashleigh Fox  
**September 9:** 10:15 AM - Greg and Amanda Huss, Maelin & Emery; Lee and Kristen Henderson  
**September 16:** 10:15 AM - Angel and Brittany Ross; Mark and Deanna Beatty; Alyssa Lowery  
**September 23:** 10:15 AM - Mark and Deanna Beatty; Alyssa Lowery; Ashley Abernathy  
**September 30:** 10:15 AM - Debbie, Emma and Lauren Harper; Ashley Abernathy

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- September 2:** Steve Jessen  
**September 9:** Ron Smith/Communion  
**September 16:** Ryan Abernathy  
**September 23:** Chris Baker  
**September 30:** Tommy Barton

*Train a child in the way he should go, and  
when he is old he will not turn from it.  
Proverbs 22:6*

### SPECIAL NOTE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2...

Due to the church-wide family camping trip and other Labor Day weekend travels, we will not have Sunday School on 9/2. You are encouraged to join us at 10:15 am for an exciting time of worship!

## WITH LOVING THANKS

*Thanks to the church family for all the comforting prayers and caring through the loss of my dad and Heather and Ryan's granddad. Your kindness and concern for our family means so much to us.*

*Linda Abernathy and family*

*Dear church family,*

*I want to thank each and everyone for all the food, cards, flowers, visits and prayers [following my surgery to repair 2 broken wrists]. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this church family. Prayer does work.*

*God bless,  
Sharon Bryant*

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We want to give a big FPC welcome to the **Greenly family**. **Adam and Jennifer** officially joined our church family this past Sunday. Their son **Jacob** was also baptized on this special day.

## A NOTE ABOUT NEWBORN ETIQUETTE

With the recent baby boom that has taken place in our church family, we thought it might be wise to provide some tips on “newborn etiquette.” Ours is a very loving church, one that strives to nurture and protect each and every child of God. We hope these suggestions taken from various online parenting resources will prove helpful and beneficial as we welcome these newest lambs into our fold at First Pres.

To begin, bear in mind that our new mommies (and daddies) are already exhausted and overwhelmed. Should they decide to venture out with their new little bundle of joy, avoid swarming them upon entering the church. Try to use a soft, gentle voice when approaching them. Who doesn’t love the dewy pink skin and pudgy little fingers of a new baby? It can be hard to resist the urge to reach out and touch! Although meant to be a loving gesture, it can cause much anxiety for a new mom who is simply trying to protect her little one. It’s never a good idea to touch a newborn’s face or hands, as the immune system is immature making it more susceptible to illnesses. Instead, smile, compliment mom on a job well done but please don’t touch unless given permission. Then it’s ok to gently touch the baby’s foot. Don’t expect to hold the baby, especially if the baby is sleeping. Wait until mom offers and then run to the nearest sink or hand sanitizer before scooping up her baby. She will greatly appreciate this courteous gesture. If you are or have been recently sick, please keep your distance from the baby until you are well.

Most importantly, remember to congratulate, encourage and support the new parents. Although well intended, refrain from offering unsolicited advice. Instead offer to bring them a meal. Use disposable containers to deliver meals for simplicity and convenience. Feel free to include a little gift for baby or flowers for mom. Some of our new parents may not have the benefit of grandparents or other family members close by to help, so this act of kindness is sure to be a blessing!

Psalm 127:3 says, “Children are a gift from God, they are His reward.” We praise Him for His many “gifts” to us at FPCS!

## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	65,149.24
Received in July for budget .....	79,119.17
Needed to date for budget .....	456,044.68
Received to date for budget .....	493,903.28
Needed monthly for Faith Promise .....	13,156.67
Received in July for Faith Promise .....	15,094.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise .....	92,096.69
Received to date for Faith Promise .....	97,373.00

## *Birthdays to Celebrate in August*

*\*These birthdays were inadvertently left out of the August 1 edition. We apologize for this omission.*

17 Don Hamilton Tenley Lawson	21 Scott Deneen Mike Gamage Leah Treat	24 Randy Cole Mike Dixon Nancy Raleigh	30 Chuck Bynum Doug Gladden Eloise Hamilton David Hill
18 Bill Robinson	22 Rick Herd	27 Tommy Barton	
19 Jerry Barton Ken Dake	23 Carly Klutz	28 Katie Saine	31 Shirley Chucci

## *Birthdays to Celebrate in September*

1 Clay Harper	4 Adam Greenly	10 Julie Jessen
2 Dicky Franks	5 Martha Sue Mitchell Roy Redding	11 Will Mosely
3 Emma Harper Lauren Harper Hudson Rick	7 Chelsea Abernathy Parke Sweigart Jacob Treat	12 Angel Ross 15 Ann Holcomb Marianne Magill

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# ARMORBEARER

**Prayer Calendar – September 2018**  
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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)

## A Prayer Prompter from God’s Word for September

<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy...when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>Let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

<sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom...ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given...

<sup>6</sup>But...ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

<sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. [James 1:2-6]

## Pray for Pastor Steve and Pastor Dan

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 the 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 Our Ministry Leaders and Staff

As the Holy Spirit guides you, think about our ministry staff and pray for them as they serve among us:

**Monday:** Debbie Smith, Director, Child Development Center

**Tuesday:** Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell, Global Outreach

**Wednesday:** Lauren Henderson, Director of Christian Education and Children’s Ministry

**Thursday:** Lisa Revels, SOAR Director

**Friday:** Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant

**Saturday:** Eric Beam, Music Director

## Prayer for Our Elders and Deacons

- 1 **Ronnie Smith:** Please pray for our Sunday School and Care group teachers as we begin a new year.
- 2 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for my upcoming knee surgery.
- 3 **Ryan Abernathy:** Pray for a successful outreach in the SOAR Soccer season this fall.
- 4 **Chris Baker:** Pray for the schedule adjustments in transition from summer to school days for the families of FPC.
- 5 **Tommy Barton:** Pray that God would help me use my time wisely for his glory.
- 6 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray for my father recovering from a recent UT infection.
- 7 **Lynn Burrell:** Pray for our teachers and especially our students, that they will adjust quickly to a new school year.
- 8 **Dean Chaney:** Pray for God's Spirit to guide us in electing new elders to lead us in God's way.
- 9 **Ken Dake:** Pray for our youth ministry volunteers and God's clear direction for this important ministry to the youth of our church.
- 10 **Andrew Deese:** Please pray that I would use everything GOD has given me wisely.
- 11 **Ron Ensley:** Pray that I will be diligent in my personal quiet time with God.
- 12 **Ed Faggart:** Pray that I talk as the Lord would have me, speaking words of kindness, being slow to speak, avoiding needless quarrels, and build-up friends and family rather than hurt them.
- 13 **Mason Friesenhahn:** Pray for Anna and me as we resume fall schedules and responsibilities.
- 14 **Mike Gamage:** Pray for God's work in the players, families, and volunteers during the fall SOAR soccer season.
- 15 **Chris Graham:** For each care group to grow in the word, be strengthened, and bond in fellowship.
- 16 **Mark Harper:** Please pray for my mother who is having issues with her leg related to a fall.
- 17 **Rick Herd:** Pray for the planning and recruiting of personnel for the Christmas scenes.
- 18 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that God would help me to love my wife as Christ loves the church.
- 19 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for the new officer training.
- 20 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for my mom, that Lord willing, she can remain at home the rest of her life.
- 21 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for strength to do God's work as pleases him at home and church.
- 22 **Kevin Rhyne:** Wisdom and love for my leadership of the Abernathy Care Group on Wed. evenings.
- 23 **Robert Rhyne:** Prayer to correctly prioritize each day between family life, church life, personal time and work life.
- 24 **Will Robinson:** Pray for those working with our children and youth.
- 25 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray for our Christian Education Committee as they oversee our CE ministries.
- 26 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for our keynote speaker and his preparation for our Missions Conference.
- 27 **Ryan Abernathy:** Pray for the CDC staff and children as the fall semester begins.
- 28 **Chris Baker:** Pray for those who are teaching and leading our children in the ministries of our church.
- 29 **Tommy Barton:** Pray for the town of Rebalsito in Mexico, our Summer mission trip, that the good news of Jesus would spread in that place.
- 30 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that I will grow in my walk with the Lord and serve Him with joy.

### Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise for a good team trip to Rebalsito, Mexico. Thank God for the 14 who served and that many would come to Christ in that new mission.  
Jimmie Mitchell
- Praise that the sore on my Mom's leg has healed.  
Jerry Ratchford

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

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

Room 11

Teacher: Joel Jessen

Theme: Attributes of God

Christians are called to be in a relationship with God. In order to grow in that relationship, we need to have a better understanding of who He is and what He is like. This class will look through the Scriptures to better understand and delight in the glory of God.

### **EQUIPPING MEN FOR SERVICE**

Activity Building

Teachers: Scott Deneen & Ronnie Smith

Theme: The Minor Prophets:

God Still Speaks

Be honest. When did you last read a book like Obadiah? The Minor Prophets form the last twelve books of the Old Testament. Theologian James Montgomery Boice comments on how the Minor Prophets dramatize the character of God as few other books do: "They highlight God's sovereignty....holiness...(and) love...in the Minor Prophets, we will hear the voice of God speaking to us in a fresh way....as individuals and as a spiritual fellowship in the Church."

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Founders Hall

Teachers: Ron Ensley, Rick Herd,

Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell

Theme: Gospel of John

Join us as we study the Gospel of John – the marvelous facts of Christ's life, death and resurrection; stories of God's grace in the lives of ordinary people; reminders of how God is working in our own lives.

### **JOURNEY**

Room 12

Teacher: Dan King

Theme: When Sorry Isn't Enough: Making

Things Right with Those You Love"

What would it be like if we all learned to apologize biblically and effectively? Join us as we explore what it means to be truly sorry – and to move toward true forgiveness.

### **NEW EVE**

Room 15

Teachers: S. Deneen, T. Neely, C. Rhyne, S. Wagstaff

Theme: Judges

The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver. In this video series, pastor and author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light into the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen.

### **OPEN BIBLE**

Conference Room

Teachers: Don Hensley & Robert Rhyne

Theme: Gospel of John

There is much to learn in the gospel of John. Come, read and study the great truths found there.

### **BIBLE**

Room 119

Teacher: Chuck Jessen

Theme: Joy in an Anxious Age: Philippians

What does Paul tell the Philippians and us about having joy in the anxieties of the age in which we live? Come and learn.

# Sunday School

## Fall Quarter 2018

### September, October, November

**Superintendents:**

**Sandy Lasley and Freida Robinson**



### No Sunday School on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Children's Ministry Director: Lauren Henderson

### **NURSERY** (Ages 0-17 months)

Room 112

Teachers: David & Donna Hill, Brent & Lisa Grice

We seek to provide a safe environment for our smallest members. As they experience God's love through play, song, and rest when needed!



### **TODDLERS** (Ages 18 months – 2 years)

Room 114

Teacher: Sherry Teague

Theme: God's Family

At these ages, there is a beginning awareness of what it means to be in a family. This quarter they will be introduced to the basic facts of the creation of the world by God. They will also be learning how to be a part of a Sunday School class through consistent schedules, different dynamics and a loving teacher.

### **PRE-SCHOOL/Kindergarten** (Ages 3, 4, 5)

Room 106

Teachers: Ellen Deese, Julie Jessen

Theme: God's Family

This quarter covers the book of Genesis including creation, Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, Esau & Jacob, and Joseph! We will learn how all of these folks were part of God's plan of salvation.

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

Room 10

Teachers: Amanda Huss & Taylor Mundy

Theme: Obeying God

Our children will be studying prophets and kings from the Old Testament. They will be exploring their lives and learning what it means to obey God. Taking a peek in to King Saul's willfulness, King David's heartfelt repentance for his sin, and the courageous obedience of prophets like Elijah and Daniel. They will all help our children learn to obey and have the proper responses to the Lord's leading.

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

Room 18

Teachers: Stacey Hall & Lauren Henderson

Theme: God's Grace in the Law

Most of our attention this quarter will be directed to the Ten Commandments and its special use for believers. Our aim is to show covenant children, to whom God has made promises of salvation, how God wants them to live. They will discover that the law is not the enemy but the friend of those who are redeemed by Christ and united to him by faith. Students will be taught simultaneously that we must rely on Christ for our salvation and not our own works.

Welcome to Sunday School



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

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

Room 16-17

Teachers: Ken & Heather Dake

Theme: Great Expectations

This curriculum focuses on the divided kingdom – a period of biblical history that has been often ignored or mythologized. Some Christians are baffled by the quick succession of kings, their hard to pronounce names and confusing geography. Others are captivated by the intrigue and politics of this part of Israel's history that they ignore its application to the New Testament and their own lives. This curriculum invites you to see this biblical period as a time in which God was preparing minds, hearts and kingdoms for the coming Christ the Messiah.

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

Room 14

Teacher: Kristen Henderson & Lisa Revels

Theme: Awaken, Control, Identity!

Three different four-week video courses:

**Awaken:** D.A. Horton will unpack what the Bible says about the life-giving, soul-awakening message of the gospel and how prayer, study of God's Word, and service equip and empower followers of Christ to overcome sin.

**Control:** Teenagers stand at the top of the list of those who dislike authority. But from the very first pages of the Bible, God has a lot to say about the topic. We'll look at biblical teaching on the nature of authority—where did it come from and why should we pay attention? We'll dig into the messy way that authority muscles into the lives of youth.

**Identity:** Eric Mason compares the message the world constantly tells teens about their identity with the truths found in Scripture.