

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

Our church has a heart for outreach both locally and globally that has impacted literally thousands of lives. Many of our events over the years have been large scale projects that have given us opportunities to invite people to an activity at our church. For decades Christmas Scenes and Sports Outreach (SOAR) have been effective methods of reaching our community with the Gospel. We recently had a wonderful VBS program that concluded with a Family Fun Night, and many people from outside our church participated.

While the large group events are important, they are only one aspect of reaching our community. Another way to reach our friends and neighbors is through affinity groups, that is gathering people who have something in common to introduce them to Jesus. There is a very clear illustration of this found in Luke 5:27-29: *"After this he [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, 'Follow me.' And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them."* Levi (aka Matthew) threw a party for the people with whom he had natural association, his fellow tax collectors.

In that same spirit I want to share a unique approach for our church to reach our community with the love of Christ. We are calling this a "Fill in the _____ Outreach." What is the outreach? That is up to you! The Outreach Team is calling everyone in the church to pray about filling in the blank and creating your own outreach. It really is quite simple: think about what you enjoy doing, pick a date and invite other people to come join you in that activity. Let me give you an example: I enjoy mountain biking and I know there are some men in the church who do as well. I will talk to them, pick a date and a location and we will plan a bike trip. Then we can invite our friends outside the church to come mountain bike with us. There are countless other possibilities, and I look forward to hearing your ideas. There will be a two-fold blessing in this. First it will be a natural way to reach out to our friends, and second it will build up relationships in our church both old and new.

On Sunday July 28 we will provide some more details and have an insert in the bulletin that will give you an opportunity to put down your ideas. In the meantime, be praying about what group of "tax collectors" you can gather to meet Jesus.

_____ for Jesus!

Steve



FREEDOM TO BE STILL

by Pastor Thad

Recently, I was training with the North Carolina Air National Guard in Alaska. While the scenery was breath-taking, the training beneficial, and the time to interact with my airmen fruitful, there was one detail that caught me off guard. On every military installation, there are certain times during the day when the loudspeakers blare different sounds, sometimes reveille or taps, sometimes weather warnings or emergency tests. But at 1700 (5pm) every evening, our national anthem is played. If you have ever witnessed this daily event, it should cause you to pause. For those of you that have served in our military, you have participated in this daily tribute to our nation's peace. For those 72 seconds (duration of the official version), everything on base pauses. People stand at attention and salute the flag, cars pull over and everyone and everything respects the moment of patriotic stillness.

Many years ago, while serving in the Marine Corps, I heard this thousands of times. I've stood at attention to listen to this hymn to our nation in freezing cold and boiling heat, in stormy wind and rain. But this week, in the mild Alaskan summer sun, I stood at attention and gave thanks. It hit me though, how many of us intentionally build time into our day to give thanks? How many of us spend even 72 uninterrupted seconds with God? Do I desire to know God more and take time listen to Him through His Word and prayer? How much more anchored would our hearts be if we had time set aside for God and his Word as the intentional focus on our lives?

Psalm 46:8-10 calls us to remember this truth and then urges us to respond with stillness and awe:

*Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.*

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.*

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*



HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR?



**SUNDAY, JULY 28
4:00 PM**

We want you to join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship! We are meeting at The Gathering Place, 467 Dover Rd, in Kings Mountain. Directions are available on the “picnic” bulletin board in the main hallway. We will have some activities and games for all but we’d like your help! If you have a game or activity you really enjoy please share it with us. Remember to pack a picnic supper for your family and bring chairs for fellowshiping outside. We will have tables and chairs for eating indoors. All ages are encouraged to join us on this outing!



BEST YEARS “HATS OFF TO TOMATOES” THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 12:00 NOON



Join us for lunch in Founders Hall. We will have fried chicken, tomato sandwiches and pie.

We are having a hat contest! Get creative and start decorating your hat. Make it as elaborate and crazy as you can!

If you have tomatoes from the plants you were given at the spring event, we’d love for you to bring some in to share!





**OFFICER NOMINATIONS
will be accepted
AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 25**

Now is the time to be praying about men you would like to nominate to serve as a deacon or an elder. Talk to anyone you feel would be a good candidate to be sure they are willing to serve. Starting August 4, place your nomination form(s) in the nomination box in the main hallway. In the meantime, be in prayer for this process and the men that God would have serve here at FPC!



Remember the
**BRIDAL SHOWER FOR
LINDSEY GREESON**
is THIS
SUNDAY, JULY 21
2:00 - 3:30 PM.



WIC News

The WIC Council meeting for July was rescheduled to Sunday, July 21 at 4:30! It will be held in the Parlor.

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> Preschool Summer Program ends 6:00 AHG Leaders Mtg-FoH 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg. 7:00 Budget & Finance Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 2:00 Men's Basketball
<i>4</i> AM Communion *Officer Nominations Open* 11:30 SS Teacher Training No evening activities.	<i>5</i> 6:30 Ruth Circle 7:00 Elizabeth, Martha & Readers Circle Mtg. 7:00 Adult Open Volleyball	<i>6</i> 7:00 Denver Circle Mtg.	<i>7</i> Children to Discovery Place and Imax 6:30 Children's Min Team	<i>8</i> 12:00 Best Years Lunch	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 2:00 Men's Basketball
<i>11</i> 11:30 Youth Parents Lunch No evening activities.	<i>12</i> 6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg 7:00 Adult Open Volleyball	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 6:30 Tech Team Meeting	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 2:00 Men's Basketball
<i>18</i> 5:30 Life Group Leaders & Hosts Training Supper No evening activities.	<i>19</i> Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Facilities Comm Mtg	<i>20</i> 6:30 Safety & Security Team Meeting	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg-FoH	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 2:00 Men's Basketball
<i>25</i> SS Promotion Sunday and Breakfast *Officer Nominations End* 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. No evening activities.	<i>26</i> 7:00 Adult Open Volleyball	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Church-wide camping trip 8/30 - 9/2	<i>31</i> 2:00 Men's Basketball

AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES



NURSERY (Volunteers should be in place at 10:00 am.)

- August 4:** **Babies:** Josh, Stacey and Samantha Hall
Toddlers: Craig, Susan, Kaitlyn and Caroline Mesimer
- August 11:** **Babies:** Lauren Henderson; Olivia and Ashleigh Fox
Toddlers: Stacy, Natalie and Devon Helms
- August 18:** **Babies:** Josh, Melissa and Peyton Clevenger; Karen Ensley
Toddlers: Lisa and Emily Revels
- August 25:** **Babies:** Lauren Henderson; Olivia and Ashleigh Fox
Toddlers: Stacy, Natalie and Devon Helms

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

- August 4:** Communion
- August 11:** Chris Baker
- August 18:** Ed Faggart
- August 25:** Mike Gamage

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

Aaron Zapata who serves in El Paso, Texas writes: Please keep praying for the complex and fluctuating situation about immigration at the US/Mexico border. We need loving hearts, heavenly wisdom and the right resources to help those churches and individuals that are involved in the immigration ministry on both sides of the border.

A recent highlight and blessing for **Kevin and Alisa Bentley**: We recently welcomed a new grandson into our family! **James "Paxton" Creagh** was born June 27th weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. We love him so much already and can't wait to see what God has in store for him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST TO OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 03 – Jill Piteo | 17 – Raylene Casson |
| 04 – Cody Janicek | David K. |
| 06 – Brenda Bracken | 18 – Joel McCall |
| Micaiah K. (2003) | 20 – Amina F. |
| Adriana Wood | Eliza Hunt (2012) |
| 10 – Ken Cross | 26 – Amanda Weaver (2003) |
| 12 – Laura Cochran | 30 – Michael Lee |
| 14 – Bill S. | |

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Heather Ormsby underwent gall bladder surgery on July 5. She has experienced a lot of post-surgery pain but otherwise is doing well.

Arm surgery didn't keep **Scott Deneen** down for long. He had surgery on July 8 to repair a torn muscle in his arm and was in the office visiting the next day!

Charleen Schrum has been experiencing some health issues in the recent weeks. She was admitted to Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia during this past week.

Congratulations to the Hill family! **Hannah Annette** was born to **John and Camelia Hill** on July 4. She is the first granddaughter of **David and Donna Hill**.

We join friends of this congregation, **Doug and Cindy Stelzig**, in celebrating their newest call to ministry. Doug was installed Sunday, July 7, as pastor of Grace Community, a PCA congregation in Asheboro, NC. The Stelzigs were part of our church family for a number of years, as they served in Romania and later in South Africa with Mission to the World. Doug and Cindy spent the last two years in inner-city Montgomery, Alabama, with the House to House mentoring ministry.

WITH LOVING THANKS

Dear Church Family,

For every prayer, visit, card, gift and words of encouragement so many have given me I am thankful! Please keep me on your prayer list that I will continue to improve.

Ailene Friday

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,059.06
Received in June for budget.....	69,733.83
Needed to date for budget.....	360,354.38
Received to date for budget	363,057.92
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	14,091.25
Received in June for Faith Promise	12,943.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	84,547.50
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	104,278.53

Birthdays to Celebrate in August

2 Chris Baker
Claire Kopka
Tommi Rust

3 Zack Bedford
Cora Stewart

5 Chris Black
Lilli Davis

6 Madeline Jessen

7 Dean Chaney



8 Frankie Henderson

10 Bruton Beatty

11 Deanna Beatty
Heather Roberts

12 Averly Deese
Barbara Graham

13 Kristen Henderson

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