

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR by Scott Deneen

We are currently in a sermon series called “Trophies of Grace.” A trophy is a prize rewarding a dramatic performance, accomplish, or victory. Some “trophies” are tall, statue-like figurines in the shape of the participant or sport, others medallions or medals (think the Olympic Gold Medal). But no matter the form, the significance is unmistakable – glory!

And to be a Trophy of Grace means that the Lord God has performed in a glorious fashion thus earning for Himself a prize – His people. Thus far we have looked at Saul (Apostle Paul) of Tarsus, Zacchaeus, and Simon (Peter) son of John. In the next two weeks we’ll look at the Samaritan Woman (John 4) and Naaman the Aramean (2 Kings 5).

All these famous people (and some not so famous) have come under God’s compassionate mercy and saving purposes in Jesus Christ. In other words, they are saved by God’s free, unmerited favor. So when God saves a sinner, He does so through the Person and work of His Son, Jesus Christ – who, through His sinless life and atoning death, earned for Himself Trophies of Grace – us.

Therefore let us continually celebrate and herald all those Jesus saves through His life, death, and resurrection; and let us continually proclaim Him as Savior and Lord so that even more people may come under His delivering power; so that God adds more “trophies of grace” to His Heavenly display case.

All Joy and Blessing be Yours in Christ,

Scott



Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, **March 12**. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday.

This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke/fire alarms!



PASTOR STEVE'S CORNER

In I Corinthians 13 Paul writes this: "Love always protects." This is my prayer and my desire: that our church is known as a place of protection, where all who come on to our campus feel they are in a safe and loving environment.

Did you know there is a committee working hard to ensure that this mission is carried out in our church? The Safety and Security Committee is in the process of developing policies and practices that will help create and maintain a safe and inviting environment. In the coming months they will be presenting their recommendations and ideas.

The work of this committee is critical as we seek to reach this community with the gospel. When people feel protected, when they know that we care about their well-being, when they are assured that we have the safety of their children and youth as our top priority, then they will be able to relax and experience the love of Jesus in and through this church.

If you have experience in the medical field, law enforcement, fire safety, child protection, or policy development then we have a place for you to use your gifts and experience! You can join this committee or at least make yourself available to be a part of the team that will carry out this mission.

I look forward to seeing how our God of loving protection will be reflected in the life of this church!

In His grip,



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRIDAL SHOWER
HONORING
SELENA FARMER
MARCH 19, 2017, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
IN FOUNDERS HALL**

Selena and Darin do not have a gift registry. Instead, they are requesting gift cards from: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Belk, Hobby Lobby, Kirkland's, Kohl's, Lowes, Michael's, Pier One and Target. If you prefer to get them a gift, they are using these colors in their new home: aqua, browns, coral, creams, taupe and teal.

Hostesses: Lennie Burrell, Lisa Grice, Martha Sue Mitchell, Teresa Neely, Janet Redding and Freida Robinson.

WITH LOVING THANKS

At this late day in my life, I never thought I would get so many cards of good will at one time. When I opened the care group's card, it felt like God's Words were pouring out of the big basket the cards were in. God bless you each and all.

Love, Ed and Onie Kasper

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SaDara Tilley suffered a fall at her home on February 26. She has a compression fracture in her back. She was having an MRI at the time of this publication to determine what treatments might be available to give her some relief.

Christian sympathy is extended to **Steve and Vickie Smith** and **Lee and Kristen Henderson** and families on the death of Vickie's mother and Kristen's Nanny. **Nancy Lou Carroll**, age 78, passed away Saturday, March 4 after a long battle with cancer. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Newton.

Christian sympathy is also extended to **Ed and Debra Wallace** in the death of Ed's brother in Spartanburg. **Glenn Wallace** passed away March 7 having lingered two weeks after suffering a stroke. He was 69. Glenn is survived by his wife Doris, a son Gregory, and three grandchildren. Funeral services are planned tentatively for Saturday afternoon at Woodlawn Funeral Home.



SOAR NEWS

Volleyball season is coming to an end this weekend. We had a great season with over 160 players ages 10-18 involved. About 40 volunteers gave their time to minister to and coach the children.

SOAR Soccer is just around the corner. Registration is open online and the season starts Saturday, March 18th with evaluations. We appreciate all of our volunteers and ask the church to keep SOAR in your prayers as we minister to and interact with an average of 500 people per week. We have an opportunity for soccer ministry that does not involve coaching. We are looking for volunteers to help paint the soccer fields. It's easy and only takes about an hour each week. Contact Luke Bynum for more information... lukebynum@fpestanleysoar.org.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Congratulations to **Jason and Jill Piteo** on the safe arrival of Zoe on February 3. Zoe was welcomed by brother Anthony and sisters Abby, Lucy, and Kara. Jason is the associate pastor at **East Charlotte Presbyterian Church**.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar serve in **Japan** with MTW. They request prayer for:

- Wisdom and faith-filled focus on what is important for each day
- Development of a ministry through Peter's gifts and abilities in art to help them further connect with the Japanese community
- Their four children who are all in the States, that they might grow in their faith.

Birthdays to Celebrate in March

16 Samantha Ashley

17 Mae Davis
Audra Friesenhahn
Jimmie Mitchell

18 Anne Abernathy
Greg Huss

19 Stacey Hall
Rhonda Prather

21 Roland Hager
Carl Klutz
Connor McMinn
Cindy Sanderson

22 Rachel Gamage

23 Brody Heffner
Julie Marsh
Ed Wallace



24 Cindy Davis
Casey Paramore

26 Whitney Black
Jamie Williams

29 Linda Faggart
Helen Lieurance

30 Amanda Marsh
Chrissy Teague

31 Elijah Prather
Havanah Roberts

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