

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

There is a perfect correlation between the theme of our Mission Conference: “Testify to the Truth” and the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. The reformers were seeking to *testify to the truth* of the Holy Scriptures. They proclaimed, at great risk to their own lives, that the Bible, was the supreme authority over matters of faith. One problem that existed in that time period was that the Bible was written in Latin and most common folk could not read or understand Latin. They were therefore dependent on the priests to interpret the scriptures for them.

William Tyndale was born around 1485 in England. He became convinced of the importance of having the Bible accurately translated into English from the Hebrew and Greek original languages. He wrote: “It was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth, except the Scripture were laid before their eyes in their mother tongue.” Tyndale was convicted of heresy and executed in 1536, burned at the stake for his efforts. But his work was not in vain. In 1611 the King James Bible was put together drawing largely from Tyndale’s translations. He is considered the Father of the English Bible.

It is so important that people can read God’s Word in their heart language for: *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16-17* Having the Bible in a language that we understand allows us to be complete, equipped for every good work.

Some of the missionaries that we support as a church, are involved in Bible translation. Doing what Tyndale did 500 years ago, translating the precious Word of God into languages that allow distant cultures to hear the gospel message. I encourage you to be a part of our Missions Conference October 18-22 as we celebrate God’s Word being proclaimed around the world, not only in English but in a multitude of languages. I am thankful for men like William Tyndale whose groundbreaking work translating the Bible into English allows us, 500 years later, to *testify to the truth*.

Steve



**WORLD MISSIONS
CONFERENCE**
OCTOBER 18 - 22, 2017
See pages 2 – 4 for details.

2017 MISSIONS CONFERENCE



“You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” John 18:37

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night, October 18

6:00 pm Congregational Meal* - Chili/Baked Potato
7:00 pm Prayer Service; Children’s Conference

Thursday Night, October 19

5:30 pm Congregational Meal* - BBQ
7:00 pm Opening Ceremony; Worship Service with Keynote Speaker; Children’s Conference
8:15 pm Missionary Booth Visitation

Friday Morning, October 20

9:00 am Best Years Country Breakfast* with Missionary Guests (Founders Hall)

Friday Night, October 20

5:30 pm Congregational Meal* - Italian Night
7:00 pm Worship Service with Keynote Speaker; Children’s Conference
8:15 pm Missionary Booth Visitation

Saturday, October 21

7:00 pm Harvest Church Missions Conference, Lincolnton, NC
Our church is providing the Keynote Speaker and music. Please make plans to attend and support our sister church family.

Sunday, October 22

8:30 am Fellowship and Coffee
9:00 am Sunday School with Missionary Guests
10:15 am Worship Service with Keynote Speaker

***Sign up sheets for all meals are located just outside of the church office. Be sure to stop by and sign up. You can also call Sandra in the church office to sign up!**



CHILDREN'S MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Children's Sessions: Ages 4-11

Nursery: Ages 0-3

Wednesday, October 18th

7 pm - Prayer Service

*Children will dismiss from service.

Thursday, October 19th

7 pm - Peru Session #1

*Children will dismiss from service.

Friday, October 20th

7 pm - Peru Session #2

*Children will meet in IB room.

Come on an adventure with us to the beautiful country of Peru! The children will learn how missionaries are spreading the light of Christ to this country. They will also learn how to share Christ with their own friends here at home. We are asking that the children bring an offering each night to help purchase clean drinking water for Peruvians. Spare change is encouraged! We will discuss and promote this during our IB sessions.

Special Note: On October 19th and 20th we will be PAINTING our craft. Please wear old clothes. Also, on the 20th we will have our hayride so you may want to bring a coat.

2017 MISSIONS CONFERENCE GOALS

Prayer Goal

380

people praying regularly
for a missionary.

Faith Promise Goals

\$170,000 Level One

\$175,000 Level Two

\$180,000 Level Three

Attendance Goal

Make plans to **attend each night**. Be sure to get your card punched each night for a chance at one of five \$100 Trip Scholarships to be given away Friday night!

2017 MISSIONS CONFERENCE DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

Pray daily in the weeks before and during our conference

“For this cause was I born and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.” John 18:37

Monday: That visiting missionaries will have good health, spiritual strength, and safe travel as they come to FPC. Pray for: Ellen Barnett (MTW, Mexico), Shaun/Beckie Hurrie (Candidates Africa).

Tuesday: That God will give us glad and joyful hearts that his “witness to the truth” is going to the world. Pray for participants: Arklie Hooten (MNA Disaster Dir.), Gaston County Crisis Pregnancy Ministry (Ancil Overbey).

Wednesday: That God will help and guide Lauren Henderson and those assisting in the Children’s Conference. Pray for: Jimmie/Martha Sue Mitchell (Global Outreach), the Kings Daughter’s (Sheryl Dorsey).

Thursday: That God uses keynote speaker Dr. Lloyd Kim (MTW Coordinator) to help us be a vital part of Christ’s “witness to the truth” in the World. Pray for: Kevin/Alisa Bentley (Cru City, Raleigh), Jim/Wanda Ramsey (PEF Romania/Gaston County Prison Ministry).

Friday: That God will use FPC to bless and be blessed as we encourage our guests through music, worship, meal preparation, hospitality and prayer. That 380 persons will commit to pray for our missionaries in the next year. Pray for: Harold/Brenda Bracken (Equip NC).

Saturday: That our church will give cheerfully and generously in order to reach our top tier mission support goal of \$180,000. Pray for: Rev Tyler Dirks/Rev. Jason Piteo (East Charlotte Pres.), Rev. Bill Troutman (McBrayer Springs, Shelby), the Gideons (Bible Distribution).

Sunday: That God will bless speakers in our Sunday School and every word of our speaker, Dr. Lloyd Kim, that we will be witnesses to the truth of Jesus. Pray for safe travel and renewed strength for all of our visiting guests as they leave us and return to their places of service.

“Testify to the Truth”

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY



We have a new baby in our missionary family! Congratulations to **Pedro and Jaris Pollorena** on the birth of **Zoe Daniela** on Saturday, September 30, in Charlotte, NC where Pedro is a student at Reformed Theological Seminary preparing for future ministry in Mexico. The happy grandparents are **Ricardo and Ana Santana**, who serve in Mérida, Mexico.

Have you missed the **MNA Shower Trailer** from its usual parking spot? We sent it to Florida last week to be used in the Hurricane Irma relief work.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to **Josh and Melissa Clevenger** on the birth of their daughter, **Kaylyn Avery** born September 22. Kaylyn's proud big sister is **Peyton** and equally proud grandparents are **Ron and Karen Ensley**.

James Teague is glad to be rid of a kidney stone that's been causing him a lot of pain. He had outpatient surgery on September 28.

LADIES' HOLIDAY EVENT

"The Homecoming: A Christmas Story"
(The original pilot for TV's "The Waltons")

November 4, 7:30 pm
Joy Performance Center, Kings Mountain



Tickets are \$10 each
(We have 30 tickets available on a first come first serve basis.)

Buy your ticket today!

The bus will leave the church at 5:00 pm.
We will eat (Dutch treat) at Dino's Italian Pizzeria
in Bessemer City on the way.



Additional information including a sign-up
sheet and payment box is at the
WIC bulletin board in the main hallway.



CHRISTMAS SCENES THURSDAY, DEC. 14 - SATURDAY, DEC. 16

There are numerous ways in
which you can participate.

Stop by the bulletin board
in the main hallway to sign up.

Birthdays to Celebrate in October

16 Amanda Huss
Martha Murphy

17 Grover Rodgers
Vickie Smith

19 Debbie Boggess
Jeromy Rumpfelt

20 Art Cozart

21 Ryan Henderson
Gary Neely



22 Brian Abernathy
Joel Jessen

24 Ailene Friday
Alan Saine
Heather Wurster

27 Chris Graham

29 Caleb Hinshaw

30 Barbara Rhyne

31 Catherine Mosely

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