

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

In our training for short term mission projects this principle is always emphasized: “you have to be flexible!” The reality of 2020 is that we are bending and adapting like never before, including a change in format to our annual Missions Conference. The good news is that our missions focus will be multiplied this year from one weekend to a month long “Missions Festival.” Every Sunday in October our worship time will challenge us to participate in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. (See details in this newsletter.)

Our theme this year is “The Heartbeat of God” based on Ezekiel 36:26: *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”* God transplants our stony, sin-filled heart and replaces it with a heart of love. Our new heart enables us to have compassion for those who don’t know Jesus and motivates us to participate in bringing the hope of the gospel to them.

Furthermore, our new heart should begin beating in rhythm with God’s heartbeat. Our “Missions Festival” will help us answer the question: What is God’s heartbeat for missions? Simply put, His heart beats globally.

In the Old Testament when God placed His special favor on the nation of Israel, it was for a global reason. God told Abraham that through his offspring (specifically Jesus) *“all the nations of the earth will be blessed.”* Genesis 22:18

In the New Testament the global heartbeat of Jesus is evident when he says to His disciples: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Acts 1:8 And in Matthew 28:19 we hear His desire for us *“to make disciples of all nations.”*

Finally, we see the global heartbeat of God evidenced in days to come: *“And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.”* Mark 13:27; *“...by Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”* Rev. 5:9; *“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...”* Rev.7:9. It is clear that God’s heart beats for all those He chooses to draw unto Himself, no matter what their language, culture or country of origin.

May our heart beat with a great mission, a “co-mission” where our hearts “co-beat” in perfect rhythm with God’s heart compelling us to join what He is doing, not only in Stanley but to the farthest corners of the globe.

With a global heartbeat,

Steve

Options
for Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship - 10:15 AM ✠ Pre-service - 10:00 AM

- ⇒ **Attend in person**
- ⇒ **Tune in online - www.fpcstanley.org**
- ⇒ **Listen in by phone - Call 339-207-7653**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**JOIN US FOR A PUMPKIN PATCH MEET-UP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 11:30 AM
Lineberger Farm - 906 Dallas Stanley Hwy, Dallas**

Cost: FREE but your spot must be reserved by September 28.

The trip will include all outdoor events. They are running their hayrides at 50% capacity. Each child will receive a pumpkin and hayride. Due to social distancing requirements I **MUST** purchase tickets ahead of time. **The deadline to sign your family up for this event is Monday, September 28.**



ATTN: PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you have a child in college and have not already done so, please contact us with their address. We need to get a complete list of college students that live at home or away at college. **Be sure to get your information to us no later than October 15.**

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Circle Meetings for October are as follows:

Monday, October 5, 6:30 pm:

Ruth Circle will meet in the Parlor.

Monday, October 5, 7:00 pm:

Elizabeth Circle will meet at the home of Tommi Rust.

Martha Circle will meet at the home of Amanda Huss.

Readers Circle will meet in Founders Hall.

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 pm:

Denver Circle will meet at the home of Leslie Smith.

**WIC Council
will meet
Sunday, October 25
at 4:00 pm
in the Parlor.**

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Congratulations to Garry and Anita Chambers on the safe arrival of their seventh grandchild. Lydia Susan was born to Rebecca and Stephen Spalding on August 25. She joins big sister June Ellen who is two-and-a-half. The Chamberses were able to be on hand for the birth in San Jose, CA.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Luque, Paraguay where we have been sending short-term teams since 2008. Pastor Roberto Moreira is recovering from a heart attack and several of the El Renuevo Presbyterian Church members there have been diagnosed with Covid 19.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MISSIONARIES IN OCTOBER

02 - Lynn Cross	12 - Olive Janicek	20 - Jaris Pollorena
Jim Ramsey	Aaron Zapata	29 - Phil F.
07 - Henry Dirks (2008)	17 - Ian J.	31 - Amy J. (2011)
08 - Wanda Ramsey	18 - Becky Hurrie	Heather J.



VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:00 PM STANLEY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH



Celebrations will include special prominent guests and guest speakers, patriotic music, surprise recognitions and a gift for ALL veterans in attendance.

ATTN: Veterans: The event coordinators would love to know you are coming. If you are able, please RSVP to Sandra in the church office at 704-263-4275 or info@fpcestanley.org.

Donations are being accepted to offset costs for the celebration. Any money remaining after expenses will pay for ongoing support for the non-profit Ancestry Fund's cemetery maintenance expenses. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone if you so desire. A special Celebration Bulletin will be printed and will include these donations IF received by 10/9/20. Checks should be payable to the *Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund*. You may mail them to *Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund, c/o Thomas Deese, Treasurer, PO Box 772, Stanley, NC 28164* or drop them off to Sandra in the church office.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, has seasonal job opportunities for qualified, dependable and committed individuals. This will require a commitment to work the duration of the processing season, from mid-November until the project is complete (generally around mid/end-December).

Positions are temporary, full-time (40+ hours per week including Saturdays), with both first and second shifts available. Requirements include clean background along with professional and church references. Positions available include: data entry, mail processors, team coaches, forklift operators, dock/warehouse workers.

Visit their website, <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/our-ministry/processing-center-seasonal-employment/>, for more information or to apply. You may also apply in-person at the Charlotte Processing Center beginning September 28.

*****Stay tuned for information on donating shoe boxes.*****

WITH LOVING THANKS

Thanks so much for the wonderful meal that was given to our family after the funeral of Geraldine (Jerry) Barton. Thanks for the special treats just for the children. They enjoyed them very much. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

*Sincerely,
The Barton family*

I would really like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayed for me and my family during the loss of my father. I felt the comforting prayers and am so thankful to be part of such a caring church family.

Sissie Kilby

Thank you everyone for all the prayers, texts, calls, and meals for us while we were going back and forth to the hospital when Eleanor was born prematurely. We have never been a part of a church family like this one and it has been overwhelming and very humbling. Eleanor is doing very well now. We cannot wait to bring her to meet everyone once she is cleared to do so.

*Thank you,
The Greenly Family*

You are a great, supportive church family! Jimmie and I thank you for your prayers, cards and calls following my surprise visit to the hospital for an appendectomy on August 24. Yes, it can happen at any age!

*Yours in Christ,
Martha Sue Mitchell*

You will never know how much your cards, notes, expressions of love, but most of all your many prayers, have meant to us since my surgery in August. It has been a time of realizing how much our family, our church family, and our friends near and far mean to us. Continue to pray for us as we still have some hurdles ahead and need God's wisdom and strength.

*So glad we're a part of the family of God,
Alice (& Chuck) Jessen*



TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS



As things are starting to pick up around the church, we have expanded our office hours slightly. The office hours are now Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am - 12:30pm. Many of these days you will find multiple staff members in the office even beyond these hours. If you are comfortable in getting out, we welcome you to stop by the office! We are not wearing masks but we ARE practicing social distancing and have plenty of hand sanitizer around the church. As always, you can contact one of our pastors or a staff member by phone if you have a need outside of these hours.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Martha Sue Mitchell is doing well after a sudden trip to the hospital for an appendectomy on August 24.

We extend our Christian sympathies to **Sissie Kilby** on the death of her father. **John Humphries**, of Charlottesville, VA, passed away on August 20.

Alice Jessen is continuing her recovery at home following surgery on August 10 to remove a tumor from her common bile duct.

Harrison Revels recently spent a week in Ohio where he was hospitalized briefly at Cincinnati Children's Hospital for a planned procedure as well as testing and visits with his complex care team. He is now home recovering and doing well.

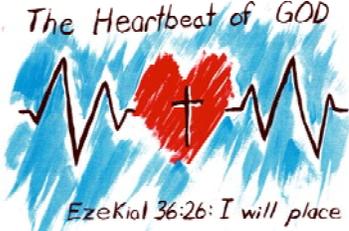
We are glad to report that **Lynn Burrell** is doing well after having *another* back surgery on September 18.

After a short stay in the hospital recently, **Roxi Rutledge** is in the Brian Center for rehab.

Congratulations to **David and Theresa Pitts** on the birth of their daughter **Ellie Rose** born September 17. First-time parents and baby Ellie are all doing great!

What can make a beautiful Sunday morning worship service even better? Welcoming new members into the Kingdom and our church family. That's exactly what we did at our special outdoor worship service on September 20! We are excited to welcome our newest members: **Rachel Baker, Trell and Jennifer Brooks, Dan and Lindsey Deneve, and Tim and Marilyn Lineberger**. Trell, Jennifer and Lindsey were baptized upon their professions of faith.

The Heartbeat of GOD



*Ezekial 36:26: I will place
a new heart in you*

**2020 MISSIONS
FESTIVAL**

**EACH SUNDAY
IN OCTOBER!!**

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,967.16
Received in August for budget	67,545.26
Needed to date for budget	487,737.28
Received to date for budget	468,483.83
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	13,750.00
Received in August for Faith Promise	6,548.25
Needed to date for Faith Promise	110,000.00
Received to date for Faith Promise	124,064.79

Birthdays to Celebrate in October

2 Jennings Black Jim Ramsey	9 Ryan Grice Sawyer Theodossiou	16 Amanda Huss Martha Murphy Dave Robinson	22 Brian Abernathy Joel Jessen
3 Emma Deneen Darwin Paramore	10 Sydney Kirksey	17 Laura Davis Vickie Smith	24 Ailene Friday Alan Saine Heather Wurster
4 Sissie Kilby	11 Henry Chucci Jolee Lawson	19 Debbie Boggess Jeromy Rumfelt	27 Chris Graham
6 Chelsea Deese	12 Jonan Bynum Grady Rhyne	20 Art Cozart	29 Caleb Hinshaw
7 Zane Billings	15 Tracy McMinn	21 Ryan Henderson Gary Neely	30 Barbara Rhyne

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Senior Pastor, Steve Jessen • Pastoral Care, Dan King
Sunday Worship 10:15 AM (in-person, online and phone)



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