

The PRESSbyterian

July/August 2011

Dates to Remember

July 2-9: Peru Mission Trip
July 10-15: Youth Mission Trip
July 17: Communion
August 21: Wholeness and Healing

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

In June I preached about the Holy Spirit. We have seen how the Spirit draws us, helps us witness, sanctifies and guides us. In this article, I would like to dig a little deeper into how the Holy Spirit guides us. How to be guided by the Spirit can be challenging for many of us and so I would like to provide 4 ways to help. I have shared these with you before and would like to reiterate them. Like all things, these 4 ways take practice but if you continue trying, hearing God's voice will become easier. The 4 ways we are guided by the Holy Spirit are through prayer, scripture, people, and circumstances. These 4 ways are essential in going deeper in our relationship with Jesus.

PRAYER

Unhurried prayer is so important in encountering God. Unhurried prayer is more listening than speaking, filtering out distractions and being receptive to hearing and sensing His movement within us. Often this is where the Spirit will move in us usually by bringing something to our mind.

Here are some practical things you can do. Pick a time and place where you will not be distracted or rushed. Sit quietly. Prepare your mind by listening to Christian music, a hymn or just read the lyrics of the hymn. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Slowly read a passage of scripture. Read it again letting the words make an impression on you. Then sit and reflect on the scripture asking the Holy Spirit to speak. Listen. Let the thoughts of the day and other thoughts come and go. Don't force them out, just let them go. Lift any concerns to God you may have and listen, waiting on God to speak.

SCRIPTURE

The Holy Spirit speaks to us through scripture. He inspired the writing of scripture so it is only natural that He would speak through them. As we read scripture, take note of what grabs your attention for that is where the Spirit is probably saying something to you. You can ask, "Why is this jumping out at me?" "What is Jesus trying to tell me?" Asking reflective questions helps us discern what He is saying. If you are reading scripture and nothing jumps out, that is ok. By regularly reading scripture, we are allowing our minds and characters to be shaped by the thoughts of God. Plus, there will be events and circumstances that occur in our lives where the Spirit will bring these passages to mind in order to speak to us.

PEOPLE

Often the Holy Spirit will use other people, particularly other believers, to speak to you. If you have a regular diet of scripture reading, prayer and putting your problems before the Lord, often another person will say something that confirms or challenges either what you have read or sensed. This is why it is important to be an active, participating member of church. It is at church that we come into contact with other believers. Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." If Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit where His believers gather then it is only natural for Him to speak and guide them while gathered.

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533-1235

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534-0041

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534-1353

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Upcoming Youth Events

July

- July 6** 10:00–11:30 a.m. **Youth Bible Study**
(Youth Room)
Bring your Bible!
- July 10-15** **Youth Mission Trip**
- July 19** 4:00–5:00 p.m. **Boys' Bible Study with Jud** (Jud's office)
Bring your Bible!
- July 20** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Youth Mission Trip Follow Up and Lunch**
(Youth Room)
We'll eat lunch and debrief about our trip.
- July 27** 10:00–11:30 a.m. **Girls' Bible Study**
(Youth Room)
Bring your Bible!
- July 29** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Beading**
(Fellowship Hall)
- July 28** **Lock-In**
More details will follow.

August

- August 9** 4:00–5:00 p.m. **Boys' Bible Study with Jud** (Jud's office)
Bring your Bible!
- August 9** 6:00-7:30 p.m. **Youth Mission Trip Supper**
(Centre)



On July 10-15, the Youth of First Presbyterian will be participating in the CROSS mission through Myers Park in Charlotte. We will be working in a variety of mission sites through the city of Charlotte. We would appreciate your prayers during our trip. **If you have bought stock in the mission trip, please mark your calendar for August 9 for the Youth Mission Trip Supper.** It will be held in the Centre from 6:00-7:30. We look forward to telling you about our trip!

Sarah Coggins

S.T.E.P.S. Event

August 27, 2011

Studying ▪ Teaching ▪ Equipping ▪ Praying ▪ Serving

This year's program is on Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church from 8:30 until 5:00. Featured speakers are Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer who teaches courses on the New Testament at the Interdenomination Theological Seminary in Atlanta; and Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Director of the Presbyterian Church USA Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.

Workshops from which you may choose three are designed for parents, teachers, leaders, church officers, worship leaders, YOUTH, administrators, mission leadership, Presbyterian Women/Presbyterian Men and "something for everyone." Registration booklets and extra registration forms are

in the Centre lobby and the McLees Gallery. Please register using the extra forms and leave some booklets for others.

ATTENTION: Sunday school teachers and Youth leaders. We will pay early bird registration fee for you if we have your completed form in the church office by July 28 or the early bird fee of \$25 toward your registration if your form and the additional \$10 is received by August 11. Also, registration is available at the door for \$40 and on-line at www.capresbytery.org/STEPS.

Let's fill our bus and enjoy the fellowship and partake of the education from this wonderful resource.

Kaye Borgstedt

Upcoming Events for Children

Rising 5K and Under

July

July 19 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m. **Water Play Day**
(Playground)
We'll have pools, slides, sprinklers, and snacks. Bring a towel, bathing suit, and sun-screen.



July 26 11 a.m. -1:00 p.m. **Picnic**
(Playground)
Bring your own picnic and blanket.

August

August 2 10:00- 11:30 a.m. **Craft and story time**
(Fellowship Hall)

Children are asked to bring a parent or caregiver with them to events.

Rising 1st -5th Grades

July

July 6 10:00-11:30 a.m. **Craft and story time**
(Fellowship Hall)

July 20 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Water Fun Day**
(Church lawn)
We'll have pools, slides, sprinklers, and snacks. Bring a towel, bathing suit, and sun screen.

A trip to the SC Aquarium in Charleston will also be scheduled for late July. Please stay tuned for details.

August

August 8 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Water Fun Day**
Church lawn)
We'll have pools, slides, sprinklers, and snacks. Bring a towel, bathing suit, and sunscreen.



Sarah Coggins

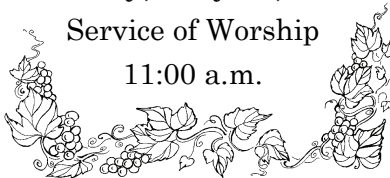


Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, July 17, 2011

Service of Worship

11:00 a.m.



Service of Wholeness and Healing

August 21, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flower calendar has open dates on August 14 and August 28. If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these Sundays, please contact Katherine Patterson (536-5340).

United In Marriage

Allison Marie Nagle
and

Aaron Joseph Kramer

June 4, 2011

July Birthdays

7/01	Stacey Walter	7/18	John Arant
7/05	John Kammerer	7/19	Pearl Langford
7/06	Helen Culler		Michelle Arant
7/07	Karen Ferry	7/20	Tracy Myers
	Mikee Johnson	7/21	Annette Jones
7/08	Arnie Smith		Elise Myers
	Marji Albergotti		Harry Mims
	Nick Johnston	7/22	Nancy Hudson
7/09	Ann Edwards		Cindy Clark
	Weston Bull	7/24	Sloan Moore
7/13	Bob Sharpton		Kaitlin Nagle
	Marcia Wood	7/25	John Shuler
	Julianne Shuler		Wendy Dudley
	Emily Wofford	7/26	Sherry Newnam
7/14	Sylvia Trimmier		Carol Cassone
	Logan Miller		Andrew Hunter
7/15	Shirley Westbrook	7/27	Aaron Kramer
	Nancy Nance	7/28	Evelynn Myers
	Robin Mims	7/29	Peggy Clanton
7/16	Donna Roberts	7/30	Sandy Price
7/17	Steven Patterson		
	Katherine Patterson		
	Ryan Welsh		

From the Pastor *(continued)*

CIRCUMSTANCES

If the Spirit has spoken to you, watch for His activity in your life. Take a hard look at the experiences that occur in your world. That chance encounter with someone at work, the unexpected email or letter, the unexpected phone call, may be God guiding you. What we often attribute to circumstances is often the Spirit working in our lives, something we Presbyterians call Providence. It is important to recognize, however, that circumstances are to *confirm* what the Spirit has said in our prayer and through scripture. Circumstances do not determine what the Spirit says to us. So watch what is happening in your life carefully and see where the Spirit is guiding you.

I pray these 4 ways are helpful to you. The Spirit will not always speak through these 4 ways so don't use them as a checklist. Use them, pray over them, and may the Spirit bless you!

In Christ,
Jud

August Birthdays

8/01	Mary Ann Cannon	8/17	Phyllis Buie
	Gene Wilkes		Jason Gregory
	Cole Price		Tanner Whalen
8/02	Ryan Cuttino	8/18	Ches Wood
8/04	Preston Walter	8/19	Mark Trimmier
8/05	Estelle Dominick		Laura Kammerer
	Spencer Dixon	8/20	Joyce Wannamaker
	Bowen Turner		Rebekkah Brailsford
8/07	Judy Shroads	8/21	Gordon Huddleston
	Tripp Plummer		Beck Robertson
8/08	Vivian Stamps		Alexander Richardson
	Olivia Strickland	8/23	Sandra Smoak
8/09	Luna Cuttino		Billie Alexander
	Curt Campbell	8/25	Sarah Johnstone
	Adam Clayton		Walker Whalen
8/10	Robbie Myers	8/26	Ed Dickson
8/11	Jill Davis	8/27	Robbie Gillespie
8/13	Erin Richardson	8/28	George Johnston
8/15	David Bull		Gerald Myers
8/16	Cheryl Laing		Bill Clark
	Florie Brailsford		
	Laura Hewitt		
	Parker Kuck		

Notes of Thanks

❖ Dear Church Family,

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." You have shown just that by wrapping your arms around us with prayers, food, phone calls and cards during my recent treatments. We have felt your love and support all the way. Now as I enter my second phase of treatment, we are so comforted knowing that you are there with your prayers and support. We feel so blessed to be part of such a loving church. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Love,
Jeneal Huddleston

❖ Dear sweet people of First Presbyterian Church,

This week as I celebrate and give thanks for the completion of my chemotherapy regimen, I also give thanks to and for you. The many, many, "cups of cold water" given to me and my family during this uncertain time have been humbling. Whether a card, a call, or a homemade pie, each was a boost to our spirits. You are a wonderful church body.

Most sincerely,
Gaye Lanier

Christian Education

Have you ever heard someone say they want a closer walk with Christ and wondered what they meant? I have. Then I started trying to come up with a definition/description of what this closer walk means and decided to start with defining a Christian.

We all know what the Bible tells us. As a Christian I acknowledge being a sinner, recognize the sacrifice Jesus made by dying for me to atone for my sins and that He rose again to prepare a place for me in eternity with Him. Asking for forgiveness for my sins and accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior happened a long time ago. Is that all I need? To be saved, yes. However, to grow as a Christian and to have a closer walk with Jesus, I need more.

Recognizing that salvation is free for me and I cannot earn it and realizing the love of Jesus for me, gives me great joy and passion for witnessing for Him. With the Holy Spirit as my guide to help me have a closer relationship with Christ, I have come up with the following list of characteristics to describe a Christian:

- daily personal prayer, Bible study and worship
- corporate prayer, Bible study and worship
- pray continually throughout my waking hours
- try to go to God and His scripture to guide my actions and decisions
- attend/participate in worship and other Christian ministries at FPC and other churches, etc.
- tithe in thankful appreciation for all God has given me
- accept others (agape love) as children of God and gently

rebuke when needed

- recognize my own sinful nature and accept responsibility for my wrong doings asking God's forgiveness and His help in seeking forgiveness from others
- learn and use the gifts God gave me to glorify His kingdom and not me
- live a Christian life of a servant without expecting accolades from others
- reach out to others
- be passionate for Christ
- practice other spiritual disciplines such as fasting
- actions glorify God
- witnesses and evangelizes
- Recognize that going deeper or having a closer walk with Christ is a never ending process, a journey not a destination

I am going to stop here and ask for feedback from you. What is your reaction to my list? What is on your list? What is your definition of a Christian and a closer walk?

A closer walk means striving to be like Christ. Being created in His image means that we are the mirror. What do you see in your mirror?

The hymn, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," keeps coming to my mind. Let me close with the chorus as a prayer: "Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus is my plea (some have 'if you please'), Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be." Amen.

Kaye Borgstedt

Memorials

Given in Memory of:

Mrs. Anna Maria Whalen	Mrs. Joanne Philips
Mr. Russell Turner	Dr. Max Culp
Mrs. Corinne Adams Clayton	Mrs. Myrtle Wolfe

Given by:

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson	Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Bryant
Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Smith	Lynn, Bill and Jordan Huffstetler
Mrs. Frances Lytch	Mrs. Jewell Booth
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Flansburg	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dudley
Dr. and Mrs. David Gillespie	Cynthia M. Lewis and Family

Sacrament of Baptism

Camzron Taylor Gramling

son of

Christopher and Deborah Gramling

June 5, 2011

Welcome New Member

Mr. Christopher Gramling
111 Gramling Rd.
Cameron, SC 29030
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Children's Church and Nursery Schedules

	Infant Nursery	Two-to-Four Nursery	Children's Church
July 3	Erin Richardson	Jason and Sheila Gregory	Earl and Lillian Whalen
July 10	Maggie Robertson	Jamie and Sarah Paige Bozardt	Andy and Tiffany Hunter
July 17	Adison Walter	Erin Bowers and Ginger Weigle	Paul and Lisa Banish
July 24	Lauren Bramblett	Laura and John Kammerer	Wallace and Harry Mims
August 7	Julie Bruner	Dee Anne and Logan Miller	Marji Albergotti and Lexa Johnson
August 14	Morgan Clark	Janet Brailsford and Matt Coggins	Chris and Debbie Gramling
August 21	Maggie Robertson	Ashton and Thomas Gue	Erin and Robert Richardson
August 28	Virginia McCully	Amy and Michael Delaney	Erin Bowers and Ginger Weigle

Community of Character

July Character Trait: Cheerfulness

August Character Trait: Patience

PRESSbyterian Deadline

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