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October 2010

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3: World Communion
Oct. 19: Primetimer Lunch
Oct. 24: Fall Festival/
Trunk or Treat
Oct. 31: Reformation Sunday

From the Pastor

JUSTIFIED

Romans 3:22-25 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Friends,

Over the past month we have been talking about the gospel, that is, the good news of what God has done for us in and through Jesus Christ. This gospel message begins with a key theological truth known as “justification.” On the surface the term may seem overwhelming, but if we truly understand it and let it descend deep into our hearts, we begin to truly experience the gospel as good news. To understand this truth better, let us pick apart the above scripture. Justification has 2 parts.

“*There is no difference for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” Paul is making a claim. No matter how “good” we may think we are, in regards to sin, there is no difference between Christians and non - Christians. We all do it. None of us can obtain the glory that comes with being sinless like Jesus Christ. (If you do not believe me, read James 3:3-12 and simply try to control your tongue for the next week. If you are successful, call me.) Because we have sin in us and our holy God cannot have anything sinful in His presence, the sin must be eradicated and punished. Romans 6:23 gives us this punishment. Paul states, “the wages of sin is death.” Paul is claiming that we all, Christians and non-Christians alike, have a death penalty placed upon us as a result of the sin in us.

But God does not want this for you. You are his child. Because of His love for you, He is pained by the death penalty that He must pronounce on the sin in you. So He did something about it. That something is “justification.” As the scripture states, we are “*justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.*” In the Old Testament, the Israelites brought their best animal to the temple so the priest could sacrifice the animal on behalf of the individual (see the Chapters 1-5 of Leviticus). By sacrificing the animal, the death penalty that the individual incurred was transferred from them to the animal. This process was known as atonement. If we fast forward to Jesus’ time, Paul declares that Jesus was the unblemished lamb who atoned for our sin. For us, this means that God took the death penalty pronounced on you and transferred it to Jesus on the cross. God did this, not because we impressed him with our desire to do good or our good works, but because He freely chose to do so. He showed grace. So, the first part of justification is recognizing that God transferred your death penalty from you to Jesus.

That is not all. Paul states, “*this righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ.*” Righteousness in this context means to be declared right, holy, good and sacred in God’s presence. The only human who was ever truly righteous in God’s presence was Jesus. So when Paul is talking about righteousness coming from God, he means the righteousness of Jesus

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From the Pastor (continued)

Christ. On the cross, God transfers the righteousness of Jesus to us. In doing so, God now looks at us through Jesus' righteousness. This is the only way He can look at us for we still sin and will not be freed of this sin until the next life. So, the second part of justification is the transference of righteousness from Jesus to us.

When we put those two things together, we get justification. Justification is a God initiated action. It is the transferring of sin's death penalty from you to Jesus and His righteousness from Him to you. In doing so, we become acceptable in His presence, both now and in the future. God did this because He loves you. He did this by His own choice. He wants you to have life, both eternal and present. The question we must ask now is does this change anything for you?

In Christ,
Jud

From Our Director of Music

I am sure that no other church anywhere treats its music director with the kind of love and support that you have shown toward me for the last twenty years. The dinner and celebration that you pulled off on September 8th was almost more than my heart could handle. I deeply appreciate the kind words, the humor, the guests, and the generous love offering. Mark and I are planning a spring trip to New York City. He has never been, and I haven't been since I was a teenager, so it will be a fun adventure.

Thank you for inspiring me to be a better musician and a better person. I look forward to many more years of Christian ministry together.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Trimmier



Growing Through Fellowship
First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

October 6

Rev. Alan Quarles
Southern Gospel Music

October 13 and 20

Rev. Jud Jordan
Over the next two weeks we will discuss prayer, prayer hindrances, and prayer techniques.

October 27

TBA

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

October 31, 2010



Reformation Sunday is October 31. This special service, designed to emphasize and remind us of our Scottish roots within the Presbyterian Church, will again include the "Kirkin' o' the Tartans."

As in past years, family members or someone of their choosing will carry the tartans. Those families which have their tartans at home should return them to the church by **October 15th**, so that they can be attached to the poles and placed in the line-up.

Please make plans now to celebrate this special service with your church family - "Scot or Not" - you may even be asked to carry a tartan!

The Tartan Team

Primetimer Lunch

October 19, 2010 ■ Noon in the Centre

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

will be observed on

World Communion Sunday,
October 3, 2010.

Presbyterian Women

In Loving Memory of

Adina Allen

Faithful servant and

PW Correspondent for many years



October Circle Schedule

October 12, 2010

Circle 1:	11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Centre
Circle 2:	10:00 a.m.	Conference Room Presbyterian Centre
Circle 3:	6:00 p.m.	Beth Rickenbaker 1221 Gin Bay Rd.
Circle 4:	7:00 p.m.	Jewell Booth 4425 Ramsgate Dr.

October Mission Project:

coats for men, women and children

Christian Education

The Mission Statement: Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church provides educational and spiritual opportunities that energize and equip believers as we grow in our faith. This must be a joint endeavor between the home and the church. It is Biblically based, theologically sound and undergirds all church ministries/activities and first and foremost teaches an understanding of God's love.

The Christian Education Task Force Report, approved by the Session, updated the scope and sequencing for our CE programs. These learning goals are age appropriate and sequential. We strive to reinforce learning from one level to the next as students add to their knowledge while using previous learning. Remember this is a joint endeavor at home and at church. The church will provide resources for you at home if requested. Also children will get material at Sunday School to take home.

I. Let's begin with **Sunday School** – each class has the following topics: People to Know, Bible Study Skills, Knowledge of our Worship Services, Prayers, Tithing, Songs, and some scriptural memorization. All learning takes place in a loving, safe environment and is presented in a fun and challenging way. Public recognition will be accompanying learning.

Nursery & Toddlers: Children will learn they are loved at church.

Two and 3 Year Olds will learn that God is love and they are important to God, that God loves them, will care for

them and created all things including them; that God is good, that Jesus loves them and is their friend. They also learn that they are a part of God's family and are a part of the church family.

4-5K: At this age the children will begin distinguishing between Old and New Testament people and stories. They will learn several Bible verses and prayers. An emphasis is begun on their praying. We sing, learn more about our worship service and learn the Bible is the Holy Word of God.

First and Second Grade: Children will be learning more about Jesus, His miracles and parables, people in the Old and New Testaments, worship service and terms. They will be memorizing Bible verses and begin developing Bible study skills. Children are encouraged to develop their prayer life and learn new sacred songs.

Third thru Fourth Grade: Students learn additional information about Jesus, His miracles and parables. They will be encouraged to pray daily as they learn to compose prayers by studying Hezekiah's prayer and reading other

Christian Education (continued)

Biblical prayers and praying aloud. They will learn more about the Bible, learn and be able to locate the Books of the Bible and begin using Bible references and maps. They will learn about some Old and New Testament people, understand more about our worship services, memorize scripture and sing.

Fifth and Sixth Grades: Students continue learning about Jesus' life and other important New and Old Testament people. There is an emphasis on developing Bible study skills, learning the historical development and sections of the Bible (Psalms, letters, gospels, etc.), beginning of the church, Presbyterian history and the importance of scheduling a regular daily time for devotions. Memorizing Biblical passages, singing and more fully understanding God's love, and ways of responding to His love are included. The importance of personal, intercessory-oral prayer is emphasized as students learn one of David's prayers, a prayer from Psalms, and study special occasion prayers in the hymn book.

Middle School: During these years, youth will deepen their knowledge of the Bible, learn about the Christian church according to Acts, begin studying the leaders of the Reformation, explain the Trinity, explore salvation, church membership responsibilities, the Creed and Confession. Presbyterian form of government is discussed as well as comparing different versions of events in the gospels. Youth will be encouraged to be active in church and communion activities and mission trips. Journaling, prayer life and devotions are encouraged while also memorizing certain scripture passages.

Senior High: During these four years students are guided to study and explore great theological themes, make decisions using Christian values, be involved in church activities and intense Bible studies, explore questions and respond based on the Christian faith in their daily lives and become familiar with Bible translations. Memorizing scripture, singing, using talents to glorify God, praying – personal, intercessory and orally - and becoming involved in leadership roles in church ministries are encouraged.



Adults: Goals include learning activities that enhance Biblical and theological knowledge and encourage a deeper walk with Christ. Sharing faith journeys, learning different

formats for praying, tithing and active involvement in church activities are encouraged.

II. Bible Study

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study: *The Kuckery*
 Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Centre
 Thursday: 10:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Centre
 Friday: Women's Bible Study - Centre
 short term (6/8 weeks)

Home Bible Study

Monday: 6:00 – 7:30 Home of Sherrill and Sherry Newnam R-12 (Romans 12), video based
 Began September 20 (six weeks)

III. Other ministries where Christian Education needs are met:

Worship	PW Circles
Mission Trips	VBS
Choirs	Church Library
PW	Men's Ministry
Confirmation Classes	Kings Kids
Tweens	Youth Programs

Wednesday Night Fellowship
 Evangelism Opportunities

As you can see there are many opportunities available for enhancing our spiritual journey. To paraphrase Paul in Philippians 1:9-11: Our prayer is that our love for each other may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure, blameless until the day of Christ filled with the fruits of righteousness that comes thru Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

Remember this is a partnership between the home and the church.

God Bless,
 Kaye Borgstedt
 CE Coordinator

Memorials

Given in Memory of:

Mr. Sheldon Salley
Ms. Adina Allen

Mr. Ed Schweizer
Mrs. Emily Shuler
Mr. Roger Cordell

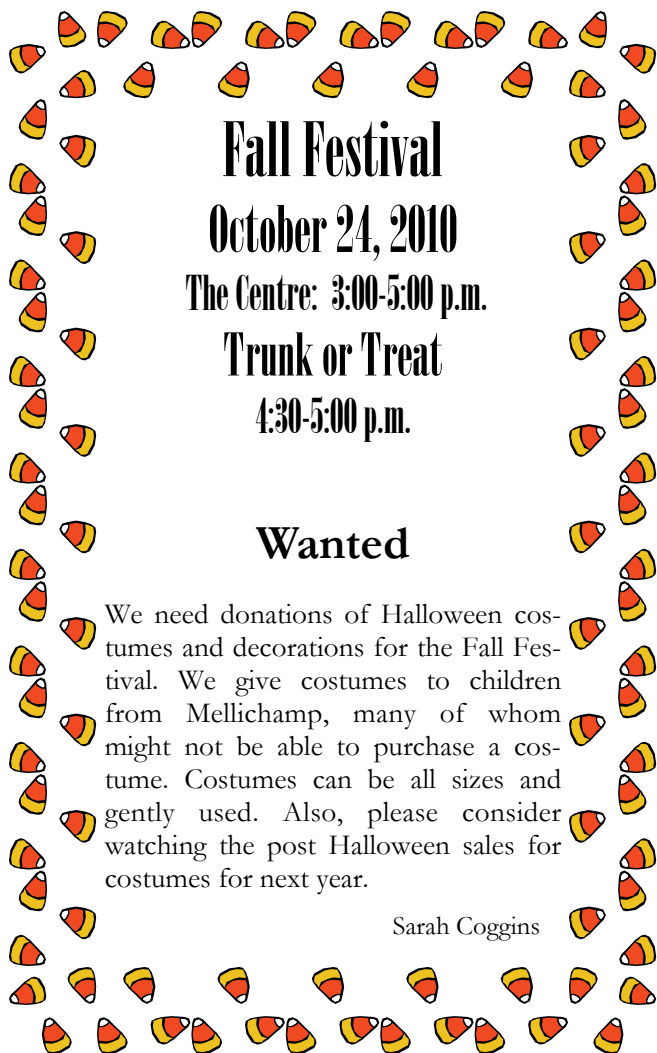
Mrs. Helen "Billie" Feagans
Mrs. Dorothy Harper

Given by:

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Dr. and Mrs. James Brunson
Mr. Frank Poole
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Huddleston
Mrs. Helen Culler

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson
Mrs. Frances Lytch
Dr. and Mrs. Olin Whitener, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson
Presbyterian Women Circle 2

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baerrels
John Knox Sunday School Class
Sharon and Charles Poole
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Utsey
Presbyterian Women Circle 4



Fall Festival
October 24, 2010
The Centre: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Trunk or Treat
4:30-5:00 p.m.

Wanted

We need donations of Halloween costumes and decorations for the Fall Festival. We give costumes to children from Mellichamp, many of whom might not be able to purchase a costume. Costumes can be all sizes and gently used. Also, please consider watching the post Halloween sales for costumes for next year.

Sarah Coggins

Notes of Thanks

- ❖ I would like to issue a belated thank you to all of my church family and friends. I would especially like to thank the John Knox Sunday School Class and my choir family. Your prayers and words of encouragement have meant a lot to me during my latest round of procedures. I was so comfortable during this time knowing your prayers and help were ever at hand.

Arnie Smith

- ❖ Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers, and inquiries during my surgery at MUSC and my recuperation. Your kindness and concern are greatly appreciated.

Paul Cantley

Youth and Children at First Presbyterian

September has been an exciting month for the Youth of First Presbyterian. On September 12, the Youth enjoyed listening to True Vine, a local Christian band, play a concert in the Centre. Youth from Trinity Presbyterian and Northside Baptist also joined us for the show, and it was a good time of fun and fellowship, while listening to great music.

One of my desires for this year is that our Youth have gatherings and events with other Youth groups from around Orangeburg. I have been meeting monthly with other Youth leaders in a group known as Youth Net. Our goal is to combine our resources and talents for periodic events that will benefit our groups. The Youth of our church have expressed to me that they enjoy spending time with other young people from around Orangeburg. I am hopeful that Youth Net events will allow them to spend time with their friends that might attend other Youth groups, while giving them the opportunity to make new friends.

- One such Youth Net event occurred on September 17 in the Centre. We hosted a 5th Quarter event in the Centre after the OP football game. Youth from our church and other churches gathered for a few hours of games, food, music, and drama. It was an exciting event, and we hope to plan more 5th Quarters later this year.
- On Sunday nights, we also began a series on the parables of Jesus, using the 36 Parables videos produced by Youth Specialties. Each lesson focuses on a different parable and gives them a modern slant. We will also be using the Bible to see the parables in their true form. My hope is that our Youth will learn more about Jesus' teachings and also learn how they apply to their lives.
- The Tuesday morning Bible study at McDonald's resumed on September 14. We will meet every Tuesday at 7:15 to begin the day with prayer and a short Bible study, and I hope to see everyone there. This is an excellent way to get focused and centered before beginning a hectic day at school. Also, if you are unable to drive, we will make sure that you have a ride to school!

Important Youth Dates:

October 17	Presbytery Mid High event (6 th – 8 th grade)
October 24	Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
October 31	Youth Net Halloween Event
November 12-14	Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Bethelwoods
November 20	Presbyterian College Youth Day
November 21	Rake and Run
December 19	Zoo Lights

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mother Goose on the Loose began on September 8, and was a special time for the babies and toddlers, as well as their caregivers. The children have the opportunity to read books, sing songs, and play with musical instruments. Through play, they learn valuable skills, such as taking turns, following directions, and manners. They also learn new vocabulary through the repetitive songs and motions. We are so thankful to Cheryl Smith and Julianne Shuler who had the vision to get this program started at First Presbyterian, and we appreciate their leadership each week. Mother Goose is open to all children ages three and under and meets each Wednesday from 11:00 – 11:30 in the lower floor of the Fellowship Hall building.

Sarah Coggins



October Birthdays

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| 10/01 Salley Johnson
Freddy Felder
Melinda Shepherd
Peggy Pooser | 10/08 Laura Weathers
Paul Banish | 10/22 Dot Dudley
Bert Shuler, III |
| 10/02 Bonnie Jordan | 10/09 Terri Rash
Alex Kuck | 10/23 Margie Cantley
Renee Roberts |
| 10/03 Bess Hill
Tom Hollingsworth
Emily Cook | 10/10 Marlene Welch | 10/24 Harriet Gillespie
Geb Runager
Allyn Price
Cathy Jordan |
| 10/04 Henry Frierson
Neal Branan
Salley Gillespie | 10/11 Harold Clinge | 10/26 Tracey Hughes
Sandra Borgstedt |
| 10/05 Brad Williams
Jim Shepherd | 10/13 Ted Evans
Lewis Fogle
Gaye Irick | 10/27 Madeline Salley
George Welsh
Rick Spell |
| 10/06 Jim Turner
Virginia McCully | 10/14 Emilie Cox
Cyndi Johnson | 10/28 Gari von Besser |
| 10/07 Allen Dominick
Paul Cantley
Bob Horger | 10/15 Anna Frierson | 10/29 John Cruise
Chalmers Mikell |
| | 10/16 Geraldine Miggins
Beldon Langford | 10/31 Sandy Bryant
Preston Sanders
Cameron Panitt |
| | 10/17 Alan Johnstone
Elizabeth Allen Brailsford | |
| | 10/18 Donna Rigden
Connie Belcher | |
| | 10/19 Hilary Daniels | |
| | 10/20 Mike Clayton
Tatum Rose Bronson | |

PRESSbyterian Deadline

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United in Marriage

Mickey Stanton
and
Bob Sharpton

August 12, 2010



Congratulations!

Alexander Dixon Richardson

August 21, 2010

son of

Robert and Erin Richardson

Community of Character

October Character Trait: Patriotism

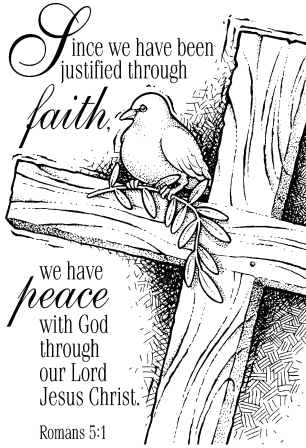
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