

The PRESSbyterian

September 2011

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 7:** GTF: Spray Park
Sept. 11: Youth Handbells begin
Sept. 14: Mother Goose begins
Sept. 20: Prime Time Lunch
Oct. 2: Communion
Oct. 30: Community Fellowship
Service: New Mt. Zion

From the Pastor

Friends,

There is no way to ease into this news so permit me to be direct. As of the second week of August, I have a 90% possibility of deploying with the South Carolina Army National Guard, effective January 12, 2012. I assume this 90% possibility will become 100% sometime mid November / first of December. The deployment will last through all of 2012 with an anticipated return to the church around late December 2012. As a result, the Session has begun contingency planning. Because I plan to return to First Presbyterian as the called pastor, our ecclesiastical government dictates that we do not have to go through the formal pastor search process but that the Session has the authority to call an interim pastor for the necessary time period.

As for the deployment, I will be deploying as part of a special two man team. This team is called the 59th Chaplain Team and consists of a senior chaplain (me) and a senior NCO (sergeant first class). The two of us will be headquartered in Kuwait and we will float, as needed, throughout Southeast Asia. Our main areas of operation will be Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan, although the US Army has soldiers all over the region. I will still be available to communicate via Skype, email, Facebook and other mediums. I also plan to stay in contact with the church, allowing FPC be a part of this ministry to our troops. I plan to send pictures, personal videos and conduct Skype communications to you from the other side of the world.

Cathy and I are at peace with this. We are as strong as ever. Although not ideal, we do recognize that one year goes by fast. It seems like just yesterday that Cathy and I arrived at First Pres and we are now in year four. The hardest part and greatest challenge of this deployment will be separating from Spencer, my six-year-old boy, and Maddie, my four-year-old girl. The consolation I have in this is that I will be busy during this time which makes the time go by faster.

Cathy and I thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers. We are fortunate to be a part of such a strong and vibrant church. One of the amazing characteristics of FPC is its ability to persevere through anything. The interim period just four years ago between called pastors is just a small testament to the resiliency of this particular Body of Christ. We look forward to talking more about this in the future and how you can be a part of this military ministry. God bless.

In Christ,
Jud

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

Psalm 100:2-3

Church Office
Congregational Care
Prayer Chain
534-0088

Church/Fellowship Hall
533-1235

FAX
534-1242

Choir Rehearsals Begin

Cherub Choir

Ages 3-5 (age 3 by Sept. 1)
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Begins September 14 in the downstairs choir room

Carol Choir

Grades 1-3
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Begins September 14 in the adult choir room

Crusader Choir

Grades 4-6
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Begins September 14 in the Orff room



Youth I Handbell Choir

Grades 9-12
 Sundays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 Begins September 11 in the handbell room

Youth II Handbell Choir

Grades 6-8
 Sundays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 Begins September 11 in the handbell room

Adult Handbell Choir

All Adults
 Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Begins September 8 in the handbell room



Chancel Choir

All adults and Senior High Youth
 Wednesdays, 7:40-9:00 p.m.
 Meets in the choir room following G.T.F.

Children and Youth

The Youth and Children of First Presbyterian have experienced a busy, fun summer and are gearing up for an exciting Fall. The Youth enjoyed summer trips to Carowinds and a ghost tour in Charleston, as well as the mission trip to Charlotte. The Children also had a fun day at Carowinds and enjoyed the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston. I am so thankful for all of the parents who volunteered as chaperones and bus drivers on these trips! You are so vital to our Youth and Children's programs at First Presbyterian.

On August 21, the Youth enjoyed the Fall Kick-Off at the Guthrie's pond house. We had a great afternoon of swimming, fishing, playing games, fellowship, and eating.

This Fall we will be having Bible studies, participating in service projects, as well as fellowship opportunities. I also hope to see everyone at our Tuesday morning Bible studies at McDonalds, which begin on September 13 at 7:15 a.m. Stay tuned to the church calendar and the Facebook calendar for upcoming details of Youth events!

Also, be looking at our bulletin and church website for more information about King's Kids, which will begin later this Fall.

Important Youth Dates

September 13	Youth Prayer breakfast begins
October 30	Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
November 18-20	Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Bethelwoods
November 20	Rake and Run
December 18	Zoo Lights

Sarah Coggins

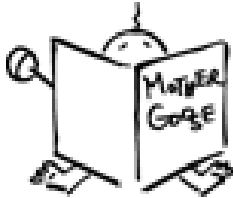


Growing Through Fellowship
 First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

GTF kicks off on Wednesday, September 7, at the Orangeburg City Spray Park; the park opens at 5:30. We will serve our barbecue picnic at 6:20. Come have a great time of fellowship and delicious food.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mother Goose on the Loose is a thirty-minute nursery rhyme program created by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen for children from birth to age three. Although everything is age-appropriate, a specific structure is followed for each lesson. All children attending participate with a parent or other caregiver.



The benefits of this program aid speech development and motor coordination, develop attention span, provide exposure to musical instruments, and encourage a love of books and music.

Julianne Shuler and Cheryl Smith would like to offer Mother Goose on the Loose to our First Presbyterian families and also to our community, beginning September 14. The program will be meeting every Wednesday at 11:00 in the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School room in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall.

There is no cost to the participants.

Sarah Coggins

Meals For Our Members



Thank you very much to all of you who have been serving on the Bereavement Reception and Meal Teams. Your comfort and concern for our members who have lost family members is greatly appreciated and cherished. Unless we hear from you, we will assume that you will continue your wonderful service to our church family and you will be called when needed.

We could certainly use the help of some other members who may be interested in this special work. Please contact Jane Shuler (jfjcs@bellsouth.net or 536-2995) for information if you are interested. We know that we have new members and continuing members who might find that helping with our receptions and meals would be a place where they can serve.

Thank you to Carol Farnum for her work with the meal teams and to Lessie Gayle Dickson who will now be assuming that role.

Jane Shuler

All Aboard



"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20-21(NIV) Our prayer as we begin is, "God go ahead of us on our trip." Our journey on First Presbyterian's Heaven Express begins with a celebration breakfast on September 11, 2011, at 9:30 in the Centre. For our train to reach our destination, we need every member of our church family on board or otherwise we will have a break in our track and some cars may derail. Good food, good fellowship, and an exciting train ride. Come and bring a friend. For more information, see if you can find some train cars and some track scattered around our campus.

Kaye Borgstedt

Presbyterian Women

September Circle Meetings Tuesday, September 13

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| Circle 1: | 11:30 a.m. | Presbyterian Centre |
| Circle 2: | 10:00 a.m. | Conference Room
Presbyterian Centre |
| Circle 3: | 6:00 p.m. | TBA |
| Circle 4: | 7:00 p.m. | TBA |



Volunteers for Habitat

Habitat for Humanity needs mid-week volunteers and Saturday volunteers to help build homes in the Orangeburg community. As you are probably aware, the homes are sold to families in need of decent housing, utilizing no-interest loans, which are paid back over a 25-year period of time. Families are required to work 350 hours on their own home and other families' homes, and are also required to attend homeowner and budgeting classes.

Habitat for Humanity is committed to eliminating poverty housing in the Orangeburg area. The donations of time, talent, and money by our local churches have been directly responsible for helping 54 Orangeburg families who really needed that "hand up" to have simple, decent homes.

To volunteer, call JoAnn Sheler, volunteer coordinator, at 536-9646, or for more information call the *Habitat* office (536-2300).

Excerpted from a letter from
Edisto Habitat for Humanity

Help Needed For An Orangeburg Mission Opportunity

First Presbyterian supports and staffs an after-school Christian program, *The Good News Club*, at Mellichamp Elementary. We are in desperate need of volunteers to keep this program going. Clubs begin the first week in October and meet once a week from 2:30 until 4:30. Last year the club met on Wednesdays but other days are an option and we will serve students in grades 1-3. The children attending the club are very enthusiastic about learning and participating.

To become a volunteer, you need to complete some forms, have a \$7.00 background check, listen to a 10 minute child protection phone recording, and attend a one time training. Most importantly, you must love children and teaching them about the Bible and a Christian world view. It takes a little effort, but the rewards are well worth it.

Please consider joining us. The two times training is offered are: August 27 at Barnwell Baptist Church or Southern Methodist College on September 24. Both are from 8:45-12:30. The training is fun and educational. You only need to attend one.

Please call GENI GILLESPIE (531-1321) as soon as possible if interested and she will get the forms to you and answer your questions.

Geni Gillespie

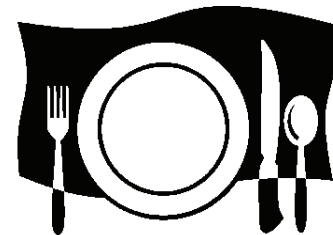
September Birthdays

9/01 Jane Jeffords	9/15 Earl Whalen
9/02 Robert Moe	Beth Gillespie
Elaine Strong	9/17 Bob Crane
9/04 Marty Bramblett	Benjamin Ridgeway
9/05 Janet Whitaker	9/18 Bill Welch
Sallie Covington	Stuart Marcus
9/06 Mac Bradshaw	Kate Edwards
Susan Berry	9/19 Michelé Crane
9/07 Tim Mobley	Kevin Bronson
Copeland Reed	9/20 George Weathers
Spencer Jordan	Becky Covington
9/08 Rocky Cassone	Grace Weigle
9/09 Eddie Byrd	Lauren Bramblett
9/10 Paul Strickland	Walter Mims
Andy Branan	9/21 Dwight Frierson
Elizabeth Shuler	9/25 Jackson Miller
Montgomery Richardson	Isabella Reed
9/12 Jamie Bozardt	9/26 Betty Pooser
Andy Robertson	Annabelle Hunter
Ryan Keener	9/27 Stephen Ferry
Sarah Frierson	Emilie Sanders
9/14 Kim Payne	9/28 Will Frierson
Sarah Paige Bozardt	Harrison Miller
Zane Gregory	9/29 Kathy Bradley
	9/30 Trudy Frierson

Prime Time Lunch

September 20, 2011

Primetimers will meet at the church on September 20th to go to a lunch outing at Gerald and Elise Myers' pond house. The bus will leave from the church at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up for lunch by calling the office (534-0088).



Nancy Runager

Christian Education

When you enter our sanctuary, do you sense God's presence? Do you begin worshipping by thanking God for His gift of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit? Are you satisfied with singing songs of praise or do you remember that the "hosannas" of Holy week did not satisfy Jesus? Jesus preached reform and change in behavior, not just singing.

Praising and singing alone are not all Jesus wants from us. As you pray your silent confession and pray the prayer of confession with your church family, is it rote or are you experiencing God's presence? Is your offering given freely or grudgingly? Is God speaking to you through the scripture? During the sermons are you listening to the pastor or for what God is saying to you through the sermon? If we enter to worship, do we leave to serve? Or do we leave God behind and go about living as we want? Worship on Sunday is not really practicing the life of Jesus. Worship on Sunday renews and refreshes so we CAN practice the life of Jesus.

Do we actually want to take the time and patience to change and become new people in Christ? Do we really want to grow and be authentic disciples? If we do, we cannot become complacent in our lives or in our worship. If we become too comfortable spiritually, we tend to depend on ourselves and our own abilities rather than maintain our dependence on God. We may find ourselves doing more and praying less. If we want to be authentic and use the power given to us by the Holy Spirit, we have to constantly depend on God — clinging as if our life depends on it because it does. To help me become more authentic, I have been daily praying the following prayer from the R12 Bible study: Father, help me not to let the world squeeze me into its mold, but transform me from the inside out as I meditate and apply your Word to my life." Would you join me with this prayer?

We can use the means of grace God has given us to enhance our spiritual growth while clinging to God. These channels God has given us to help us develop our Chris-

tian life include: Bible study, Holy Communion, personal and community prayer, fasting, fellowship with other Christians, a spiritual trainer, etc.

SOME THOUGHTS:

- ❖ If we are the mirror image of God, that means we are the mirror. What does one who looks in our mirrors see?
- ❖ The most important task God has for us today may not be on our to do list.
- ❖ What seems to us like an end can be God's door into a new beginning.
- ❖ No matter how loud the noise around us, God always hears our cries.

UPDATE: Last month, I asked for comments and suggestions on the list of characteristics to describe a Christian. Only one more suggestion has been received so far--have own Bible in Sunday School, worship and other relevant activities.

CHALLENGE: I have challenged you to learn the books of the Bible with me. I have to admit, I am still mixing up the last 6 or 7 books of the Old Testament so I am constantly reviewing. However, we need to add the last books of the New Testament. By the next newsletter, we should be able to repeat all 66 books of the Bible in order.

NEW CHALLENGE: Call and let me know if you would be willing to get up 20 minutes early and spend that time with Bible study and prayer. At the conclusion of that time, ask "God, what do you have planned for me today, or God, What can I do for you today?" Then joyously go out and live for Him. Let me know what happens.

God Bless,
Kaye Borgstedt

PRESSbyterian Deadline

October Issue: September 15, 2011

Community of Character

September trait: Sportsmanship

Memorials

Given in Memory of:

Mrs. Corinne Clayton
Mr. John Murphy
Mrs. Doris S. Bennett

Given by:

Mrs. Allen E. Dominick	Mrs. Jewell R. Davis
Steve and Venis Holstad	Mrs. Sherry Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin	Katrina M. Way
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison	Elizabeth Stewart
Tom and Resa Murphy	Mrs. Frances Lytch



Notes of Thanks

❖ Dear Friends,

When I was hospitalized on March 29 for pneumonia, I could never have imagined that it would become such a prolonged illness and recovery. Thankfully, I am slowly returning to my normal routine. Your many acts of kindness and Christian love during this period have been truly uplifting to me and to Carol. Thank you for being such a caring congregation.

Sincerely,
Frank Farnum

❖ Dear fellow church members,

Kathy and I took great comfort from your prayers and concerns during my recent illness. Having such wonderful friends certainly speeds one's recovery.

In Christ,
Jack and Kathy Johnson

Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. William (Beth) Kuck, Sr.
Anna Kate
2286 Hoffman Dr., 29118
535-9588

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Gaye) Lanier
1129 Moore Rd., 29118
536-1199



College Students



The church would love to stay in touch during your exciting years in college! Please share your US Postal Service address and email address with Karen Schweizer-Nagle.

ksbagel@aol.com
803-534-2225

Family Fun Day and BBQ Cookoff

Child Evangelism Fellowship invites all families to the Orangeburg County fairground on September 10, 2011, from 11:00-4:00 for a day of Christian fellowship, fun and food. There will be games for the children—circus slide, kiddiepillar, rock wall, rock slide, and fair-type swing. In addition to the BBQ cookoff there will be hotdogs, nachos and cheese, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, lemonade, and sweets. Many county agencies will have demonstrations (ex. Helicopter ambulance, piggly wiggly pig, etc.) Free face painting, free Similac and clothes are available. Best of all this food and fun is in a Christian atmosphere, so join the fun on September 10.

Kaye Borgstedt

Growing Through Fellowship



Wednesdays @ the Presbyterian Centre
First Presbyterian Church

Supper @ 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Something special for all ages ...

Nursery	Youth
Children's Choirs	Adult

Growing Through Fellowship, or GTF, was begun to strengthen the bond of friendship and fellowship within the members of First Presbyterian Church. It's more than a meal or hearing an interesting topic ... it's being a part of a community of believers, **our family**.

“A night to dine, to fellowship and to grow in Spirit.”



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**I WILL SING ALOUD
OF YOUR STEADFAST LOVE
IN THE MORNING.**

PSALM 59:16



September 2011

Children's Church and Nursery Schedules

Infant Nursery

Sept. 4 Lauren Bramblett
Sept. 11 Sarah Paige Bozardt
Sept. 18 Logan Miler
Sept. 25 Erin Richardson

Two-to-Four Nursery

Cindy and Morgan Clark
Leslie and Maggie Robertson
Ashton and Thomas Gue
Amy and Michael Delaney

Children's Church

Andy and Tiffany Hunter
Paul and Lisa Banish
Wallace and Harry Mims
Earl and Lillian Whalen